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MADISON, WIS., STURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1894.

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THE BANKS OF BONNIE DOON

HISTORIC LANDS OF BURNS AND SCOTT.

INTERESTINGLY DESCRIBED BY MR. PYRE.

Through Scotland on Bicycles—Lecture Largely Attended.

Yesterday Mr. Pyre's lecture room was filled to hear his first lecture on his travels in Scotland and England. His remarks were confined principally to Scotland.

Glasgow was the first stop in Great Britain. Here the rush of the crowd in getting ashore, and of hasty sight seeing in the city, which is the routine of the foreigner, was first experienced. After visiting the university and other points of interest wheels were obtained and a start was made for the Clyde.

Passing through Scotch villages, and skirting Loch Lomond, we come upon the ground made historic by the Lady of the Lake. Here Ben Lomond stood out in all its beauty, surrounded by abrupt, massive crags and barren hills that Scott portrays with peculiar vigor. The path which the noble stag pursued and the spot where he stepped and fell was passed over by the wheelmen. They took a steamer on Ben Lomond to Ellen's Isle.

Leaving for Edinburgh, they passed the row of lakes in sight of the falls of Bannockburn.

Edinburgh is called the seat of letters. Princess street is built up with fine structures on one side and has dedicated the other side to great men. Whatever we may think of Scotmen from an American point of view, we admire their honor for their great men. Old Haly Rude castle is point out, and the long list of tragedies is enumerated with peculiar awe by the guide. After coasting down hill some thirty miles, toward the Tweed Melrose was reached. The beauty and interest of Melrose is due much to the old abbeys, which were erected by David I. of Scotland.

Scott's home at Abbotsford was the next point of interest. Scott had rare taste for old relics such as guns, swords, and various weapons. He was opposed to farm labor but loved to beautify nature and set out trees and shrubbery. He built a huge castle, the result of his novel writing. This was one of the few places that gave a good return for what it cost.

The fair at one of the towns was well worth seeing, giving a good example of the lower class. About 400 horses of every description were led about, the merry-go-round was overloaded, and everything seemed to be confusion.

The next place of interest was the home of Burns in Ayr by the sea. Everything tells of the poet and the topic of the Scotchman's conversation is Burns. It seems strange that the poet lived by the sea and did not write a line upon this subject. There seems to be no mark of advancement here

since the time of Burns, still twice as many tourists visit here as visit the home of Shakespeare, annually.

ORCHESTRA ORGANIZED.

Flattering Outlook—Twelve Violins and Many Other Instruments.

At the call of Professor Parker a meeting was held in Library hall this forenoon for the purpose of organizing a university orchestra. The meeting was well attended but no rehearsal was held, owing to the non-arrival of the music sent for. As organized the members and the instrumentation so far is as follows:

Violins—Dr. A. P. Saunders, leader; Maud Thorp, Grace Green, B. G. Heyn, E. A. Iverson, H. Clancey, W. M. Munsell, W. O. Thomas, J. T. Drought, C. F. Mitchell, O. E. Crooker.

Viola—Walter Sutherland.

Cello—Guy L. Foster.

Bass—Mr. Pelleage.

Flutes—Ralph P. Daniells, B. J. Ochsner.

Cornets—E. C. May, F. W. Lucas. Bassoon—D. C. Smith.

Trombone—A. W. Mill.

The design is to have an orchestra complete in all its parts and it is hoped that a clarionet and French horn will be furnished and perhaps some students may take up the oboe and one or two other instruments. The lists are not yet closed and players of stringed instruments or unusual instruments, who are familiar with orchestral music are requested to appear at the next meeting. Rehearsals will be held once a week, the first occurring next Saturday at 11:30 o'clock.

CHORAL UNION.

The Choral Union will meet for rehearsal again next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Two more rehearsals will be held this term, next Monday and the Monday following. There will be no rehearsals during vacation and the next will be on the first Monday of next term. The management has decided to take in no new members after next Monday evening, so all who expect to take part in the performance of the Creation must be on hand then. All members are urged to be prompt and regular in rehearsals.

GYM NOTES.

The bowling alleys at the gymnasium will be opened for use on Monday and a boy has been hired to set up ten pins. Persons wishing to use the alleys will first have to secure a ticket at the director's office and show them to the boy. Tickets will be five cents for each player. It is expected soon that commutation tickets will be issued at the rate of 25 rolls for one dollar.

The swimming tank will probably not be open before the first of the winter term. Considerable trouble has been experienced with the heating apparatus and this has delayed the completion.

—Dr. Alice J. Goetsh, whose card appears in another column, is now located at the corner of King and Pinckney streets, where she may be found at the usual hours.

MODERN ELECTRIC STATIONS

TALKED ABOUT BY MR. L. A. FERGUSON.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VARIOUS METHODS IN USE.

Illustrated by Sketches, Slides and Photographs.

An enthusiastic audience of engineering students listened to the lecture by Mr. Louis A. Ferguson, of the Edison Illuminating company, of Chicago, on Modern Electric Power Stations. Mr. Ferguson described the evolution of the modern central stations, employing large units of power, from the small stations which were operated by single expansion engines connected to the dynamos by belts and shafts. He confined his lecture to direct current systems, since at present the direct current system is the only one practically available for both lighting and power. Of the large generators of the General Electric company there are two types, one having a smooth core armature in which the armature conductors are insulated bars of a U-shape and the brushes, of which there are several sets, take the current directly from the bars. The other, or iron-clad type has a slotted armature and the conductors are placed in the slots. The conductors have the ordinary commutator connection.

Three methods of field excitation were described. In the self-exciting method there is often a very annoying delay in a machine's picking up, and accidents sometimes arise which reverse the polarity of the fields; in the bus-exciting method these disadvantages are obviated, but when a machine is shut down it is necessary to discharge the current in the field-coils through a high resistance, usually a bank of lamps, or a carbon resistance; the third method is independent excitation, which is unsatisfactory on account of the multiplicity of details and increased liability to accident, with the inevitable result that the large generator would be burnt out. The Donshea method provides an auxiliary switch by means of which the dynamo is excited from the bus bars until it has been cut into the circuit, when it becomes self-excited, thus obviating the disadvantages of both methods.

The regulation of feeder systems was described and illustrated by sketches. In the case of feeders connected in at very long distances from the station and where most of the load is near the end of the line, boosters are used. A booster consists of a series dynamo through which the feeder current passes just before it is led into the mains. A motor, taking current from the feeder, drives the dynamo fast enough to raise the potential of the feeder current. In the three wire system of distribution two boosters must be used, one on either side of the neutral wire. The underground currents were explained and a coupling box was exhibited for inspection. These conduits consist of

iron pipes in which the wires, previously wound with jute, are placed; then asphaltum is pressed in until the pipe is full. This insulates the wires and makes them waterproof. These pipes are in twenty-foot lengths and are laid two or three feet underground, being connected by coupling boxes in which the ends of the wires are connected by means of a stranded cable with soldered joints.

The lecture was illustrated by sketches, slides and photographs of the Harrison street station which at present is the largest in the world, containing twelve 400 kilowatt and eight 200 kilowatt generators, or about 8,500 horse power in all.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

There were only a few persons who joined in the cross country run yesterday, owing to its not being sufficiently advertised. Six students started from the gymnasium and took a short run to the fair grounds and return. The last few hundred yards were finished with a fast sprint, Benson leading and Bell coming in second.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Congregational Church—Rev. E. G. Updike will preach in the morning on the next in the series on Evolution and Christianity. Topic, "Social Evolution." In the evening the topic will be "God's Hand in History." Special music. Service under the auspices of the Young Men's Club. Sunday School and University Bible class at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

Unitarian Church—Rev. W. D. Simonds, pastor. Morning service at 10:30. Last sermon in the series upon Great Questions, subject being—"The Great Question Personal." Evening lecture at 7:30. Subject, "The American Church." Sunday school and Students Bible class at 12 m. Students class will consider the interesting question, "What foundation is there in the New Testament for the theology of Milton's Paradise Lost."

First M. E. Church—Rev. E. J. Baskerville will preach in the morning at 10:30 on "Three Certain Ties in Religion." After the sermon reception of members and Sacrament of Lord's Supper. In the evening the first of a series of three will be preached on "How to Be Promoted." Special music prepared. Prof. Chas. Nitschke will play two violin solos. Also chorus and solo music. General Lovefeast at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior league 4 p. m. Epworth league 6:30 p. m. General prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30. Students' classes in English and Greek in connection with Sunday school taught by Professors Van Vleck and Smith.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

The council on athletic and military affairs met last night. Several students were excused and new rules were made in regard to athletic affairs; those rules when completed will be printed.

—Leon Torbe, '97, has decided to give up his work on the hill and enter the law school.

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HOMER'S ILIAD.

A large and appreciative audience was present yesterday afternoon at the opening lecture of the course in Greek literature. The lecture was delivered by Prof. C. F. Smith, his subject being The Iliad of Homer. He first spoke of the length of the Homeric poems and their division into books. Both the Iliad and the Odyssey contain twenty-four books. This division is entirely arbitrary, the chief reason being that the Greek alphabet has twenty-four letters and these were employed in dividing the work. The number of lines in the accepted Iliad is 15,625 and in the Odyssey 12,110.

The Homeric poems were to the Greeks more than national poems have ever been to any people. Homer was made the basis of all public education. His verses were the first a young Athenian heard, and after learning his letters, the study of these great masterpieces was taken up in earnest. The Iliad and the Odyssey indeed became a treasure-house of general information and advice. Here was found complete the beautiful structure of the Olympian religion, here were maxims for all times and places; statesmen could find there the shrewdest arguments, noble houses the title deeds to their fame, and even the duties and pleasures of the hearth and home received due mention. In a word, Homer was looked upon as the type of Hellenistic sentiment.

Nor have the Greeks alone been the admirers of Homer; even to this day he has his followers, and the great men of all time have borne testimony to his greatness. Every one can turn to Homer for friendship and sympathy, and he has been called the fountain-head of enjoyment. His charm lies in the perfect simplicity with which he paints a world which he saw, and a people which were real. And this is wherein Homer's works differ so widely from other purely literary epics, as Virgil's Aeneid or Milton's Paradise Lost. It is as Gladstone says, "Homer walks in the brightness of the day, while Virgil wanders about by lamp light." Homer is the eternal type of the poet.

The genial treatment of the gods is another attractive feature of the Iliad. Though immortal and possessed of superhuman power and beauty, they are intensely human and reflect all men's passions, evil as well as good. The gods take an active interest in the affairs of men, being intensely partisan and often engaging personally in the strife. Another marked feature of Homer's work is the power of oratory and debate which is displayed. Specimens of repartee and argument are given which modern speakers may well take as examples. The Greeks were a race of orators and the importance of oratory for perfect manhood is well brought out in the Iliad, for Homer makes his greatest hero also the best orator.

Prof. Smith closed his address with character sketches of Achilles and Hector. Achilles is the foremost figure, the love and anger in his heart are the chief axes on which the Iliad turns. In this the Iliad differs from all other epics, as it has the life and passions of one man as the chief source of interest. "Achilles' irresistible might and splendor in war, his stormy human passions, his fine sense, fitting in the son of a goddess, his love passing the love of women, his foresight of an early death, even when life was most dazzling, made him glow before the Greek imagination with an immortal youth, as the very type of chivalry in their race."

—C. R. Wyckoff, quarter back on the Cornell team, has been elected captain for next year.

The Madison High School football team had their pictures taken this forenoon.

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DEBATING SOCIETIES.

Philomathia's meeting last night was one of the most important and certainly the liveliest of the term. Excellent preparation had been made for the debates and the efforts of the debaters were well appreciated. The attendance was very good. The first debate was on the question, "Resolved, that Hawaii should be annexed to the United States." Lucas put up a thoughtful debate for the affirmative and Jackman, '97, argued effectively for the negative. Both leaders were well supported; the question was decided 2 to 1 in favor of the affirmative.

After the recess, the question, "Resolved, that the English House of Lords should be abolished," was debated, Bolton leading the affirmative and Malony the negative. The jury decided in favor of the negative. What was true of the first debate was true in the second. The leaders were well supported, especially by the freshmen.

After the critic's report by Burgess and the initiation of Smith, '98, it was voted to put its cut in the Badger instead of the picture of the members as it had done last year. Manet, '97, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy of orator on the sophomore semi-public.

The society may well congratulate itself on the excellent new material it has secured this term, many of them having done literary society work before. There are twenty freshman members. The next meeting will be the final one of the term.

The regular meeting of the Hesperian society was held in their hall last night, and some very interesting debates were listened to. The first question, "Resolved, that the president and vice president of the United States should be elected by direct popular vote," was decided two to one in favor of the negative, led by Amazeen. A good declamation was given by Noyes, after which the second debate on the question, "Resolved, that labor organizations are for the best interests of society," was argued and also won by the negative under Doyon.

The resignations of Leon Torbe and J. A. Marlowe were received and their places on the semi-public, respectively, as president and orator, were filled by the selection of F. F. Parsons and Robert Wild.

A generous "kick" was recorded by some of the freshmen against the program for their blowout, and the matter will be settled by a meeting of all

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the freshmen some time next week, when a new program will be adopted.

Though the program at Athena hall was somewhat shorter than usual, yet it was presented with no less spirit and enthusiasm than ever characterizes her debates. The first question was upon the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, and resulted in an acquittal of the charges against him. Lockney on the negative won from Shong.

After recess the debate was impromptu upon the question, "Resolved that the present final examination system should be abolished. The debate was quite full of interest as it was something which just at the present time is pertinent to every student. The debate was led by Lynch on the affirmative against Sawyer on the negative, the decision of the jury being for the negative and in favor of our present system of examination.

Laurea was called to order by the vice president, Miss Craig, but as she intended to take part in the program Miss McMynn was called on to preside over the meeting. After roll call the program was opened with a solo ably rendered by Miss Church. The presiding officer announced the absence of members who were appointed to debate. A motion was made that there be an impromptu debate but it was not carried. A recitation by Miss Maine followed, then a farce in which the following young ladies took part: Misses Knight, Hart, Maine, Steenberg, King, Church, Heughton, Craig, Shepherd, Jones, and Rosenstengel. Miss King then favored the society with instrumental music and Miss Steenberg delivered a recitation. After the critic's report the meeting was adjourned.

In the absence of President Congdon, Mr. Billings took the chair at the meeting of the Pharmaceutical society last evening. Although there were three deserters, the program was upheld to its proper standard of length and interest by the volunteer services of Miss Miller and Messrs. Schempf and Melzner. Little Miss Miller, a girl of about twelve years and a visitor for the evening, gave two very pleasing recitation which were highly appreciated. Miss Sepha Bennett also gave a recitation which, though not of the vivacious type, was well rendered. Doctors McConnell and Montgomery each favored the society with a short address on subjects of interest to pharmacists. J. A. Anderson gave a biography of Maisch. The musical part of the program consisted of piano solos by J. W. Schempf and E. J. Melzner. The program closed with some practical druggist work by Washington Correll. After a short business meeting in which the names of Col. A. H. Hollister and Dr. L. B. Hilborn were placed upon the honorary list of members, the society adjourned.

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Teacher—What is God?
Pupil—We cannot tell.

Teacher—Do you acknowledge a superior or controlling Being?

Pupil—Why should we? Prove to us the necessity, and show Him to us.

Teacher—It cannot be proved that such a Being is indispensable.

Pupil—Then it is a waste of time to talk about the matter.

"What yoh done whup de boy foh?" asked Uncle Eben, as he came into the cabin with a sable youngster whimpering at his side.

"I whup 'im 'ca'se he done stole er mushmillion fom de freight train," replied Aunt Chloe, with a glance of indignation.

"He done stole er mushmillion."

"Dat's whut he done. It's scan'lous ter fink ob dat boy whut we raise so keerful stealin' mushmillions! An'" she asked, with increasing feeling, "dah wus watahmillions in de nex' kyah!"—Washington Star.

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