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Editorial Remarks

Under the caption "The Trait of the Serpent," the World-Herald undertakes to point out the bitter experience of other institutions that have received aid from Mr. Rockefeller, and advises our regents to take warning therefrom. Two instances are cited as practical examples—the reported falling off of attendance at Brown and Chicago. In referring to the former instance, it says:

"Several weeks ago the World-Herald printed a letter from a graduate of Brown University, showing a large falling off in the number of students since the Rockefeller influence was fastened upon that institution."

During the school year of 1899-1900, when the first Rockefeller gift of \$250,000 to Brown University was announced, the attendance at that institution was 868. In 1900-01 it was 872. And during the past two years it was 920 and 940 respectively. These figures are official and not the statement of any "graduate." They can be found in the Brown University calendar for the years mentioned. Furthermore, the attendance has been lessened by the cutting out of special and unclassified students and the requirements for entrance being raised, and still there has been a steady increase. So the showing for these years can hardly be regarded as a "large falling off."

To show that the attendance is falling off at Chicago, the World-Herald says that the enrollment at that institution was 1,560 this year as against 2,120 last year. The calendar of the University of Chicago will show that the total enrollment of that institution was 4,463 last year, which is a somewhat larger number than the World-Herald gives.

By these facts it is shown how barefaced and illogical is the action of the World-Herald in attempting to show that the influence of Rockefeller donations has had a detrimental effect upon the attendance of the institutions receiving them. The insincerity of the whole article is thus made plain, in the attempt at a bridged-over relation between cause and effect. In fact the whole force of the World-Herald's argument is lost through the inaccuracy of the information upon which it was based.

After several weeks of practice it is now possible to draw a line upon the men who will be the most likely candidates for our baseball team. Of course the weeding out process is still to come, and when it occurs we hope to see the best qualified men chosen as members of the regular squad. There is no special indication that favoritism in the selection of players will be allowed to enter in, and it is for the good of the game that it ever be precluded.

The task of picking a team entails a great deal of responsibility and a man of good judgment as to the style and qualities of a player is alone fit to make the selection. We have some good material and we hope to see the best possible use made of it.

Although the basket ball season has been closed for our first team, the game will continue to be played here yet for a limited time at least. The girls' teams will be active for some time yet, as they have some interesting games in view. Saturday the Academy team and the "Midgets" will meet and settle the question of superiority. The first team will also try conclusions with the second team, and this game promises much of interest. Girls' basket ball has come into vogue in most of our high schools and is regarded as one of the best forms of physical exercise. It has certainly gained a place in the University that it will continue to occupy for some time to come, having already taken a position along side of men's basket ball.

Because Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews favors the acceptance by the University of Nebraska of a substantial donation from that rare old Baptist elder, Mr. Rockefeller, the Grand Army post of Kearney, Neb., demands that the educator "be fired bodily" from the state. Dr. Andrews' experience, it is to be hoped, will never reach so dramatic a climax. But one thing is sure—they can never scare him, even in Nebraska.—Springfield Republican.

A Successful Educator.

Professor Luckey just received a letter from Supt. J. K. Stapleton, of Bloomington, Ill., in which he says: "Since you recommended me to the people of Bloomington, you will probably be pleased to know that I have just been unanimously re-elected city superintendent, for another year, with an increase in salary of \$500, making my salary for the coming year, \$3,000."

Many students will remember Mr. Stapleton as superintendent at Lexington, Neb. He was very successful in this state, and seems to be equally so in Illinois. While in Nebraska he did considerable work with Professor Luckey in Education.

PROF. BARBER AT CHAPEL.

"The Coliseum and the Triumphal Arches."

Professor Barber gave an interesting lecture on the architecture of Rome during convocation period yesterday morning. He started the slides by showing up the physical character of the country on which Rome was built, and then proceeded to explain the magnificence of those mighty structures which were built in the imperial city. Among the ancient buildings that were shown and fully explained were the Roman Forum, the Arch of Titus, the ruins of the large temple in which Cicero delivered his famous oration that exposed the conspiracy of Cataline, the Arch of the Silversmith at the cattle market, completed in 204 B. C., the Arch of Constantine, which was the last of the great structures built, and which marked the destruction of the Roman empire, near which stood the fountain where the gladiators quenched their thirst, and greatest of all, the plan and the wonderful magnificence of the Roman amphitheatre, with its Ionic and Doric finish, which seated 87,000 people, and which could be vacated in ten minutes.

The lecture was well illustrated and the suggestions by a good word description were highly commendable.

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