

THE HESPERIAN

THE BOYS OF THE SECOND REGIMENT.

The writer has been asked to give a brief sketch of camp life at Chickamauga and how our boys fared while there. It is presumed that no one and especially our University men went into the service without a great deal of thought and debate perhaps, in some cases it lasted two or three weeks, so when the question was once decided it was a great relief. Most of our boys felt more free than while in school and settled down to army life quite contented and without any false notions as to the life in the army.

It was a happy day in one way when we were ordered to Chickamauga—it was a long step toward the front. Very few were not disappointed with the first glimpses of Chickamauga, but no dissatisfaction was apparent until the men began to get sick.

The Second Nebraska reached Camp Thomas on Sunday morning, after a long march over the dusty roads. The men were called to a halt, just on the edge of a piece of woodland. It was in these woods that the camp was finally located. We were located on a small hill, with the Chickamauga creek about a quarter of a mile to the east. The Second Nebraska was very fortunate in the selection of a camping ground, having a well drained camp and one that was neither too shady nor too sunny, while the creek afforded an excellent place for bathing. Sergeant Charles Weeks laid out the camp and it is needless to say that our camp was excelled by none in arrangement and beauty. Sergeant Weeks, or as we know him at the University, Major Weeks arranged and carried out his work so well that when Stenberg hospital was being planned, he was called on to take charge of the work.

The days at Camp Thomas were all the same and were well filled up with drills and work. The men arose at 5:20 a. m. and to bed at 9:15 p. m. Drill was of course the important part of the day's work. They came from 7:15 to 9:30 a. m.; from 10 to 11:30 a. m. and from 3 to 4:30 p. m., with dress parade at 6 p. m. This schedule was only carried out first month—the drill from 10 to 11:30 was discontinued after that time, much to the delight of the men.

A fat German voiced the sentiment when he said, as he mopped his brow after drill, "Mein Gott! This life will kill me yet."

Two men were given passes every day. This gave every man a chance to visit places of historical interest such as Lookout mountain, the national cemetery, Orchard Knob and Missionary Ridge. Passes were quite a curiosity at first, they were written on long slips of paper and were signed by the captain, colonel, brigadier general and division commander, and it took just a half day for one to make the rounds and get back to the applicant. Chattanooga was twelve miles away and there was but one railroad from it to camp. The camp depot was guarded so that no soldier without a pass could board the train, so the necessity of a pass becomes very apparent.

Many questions have been asked whether we were properly rationed and whether the camp was a healthy place. In our regiment enough rations were issued to more than feed the men. Many of the quartermasters didn't have the business ability to manage well; sell their fat pork and extra coffee and use the proceeds to get other articles of food; and it was in companies who had such quartermasters that the men suffered for food. In many companies the men subscribed 50 cents per month and lived in royal style. As far as Camp Thomas being a healthy place, I think every one knows that it was unhealthy, besides this, was a bad year in the south and there was much more malaria than usual. At Camp Thomas there are a number of large sinks—these in some cases cover a large area—they are funnel-shaped, the land sloping to a common center. There is never any water in these, even after the hardest rains, and it is probable that such a place is not very healthy. Most of the men were careful of themselves, slept on cots and many had board floors in their tents, so that the sickness cannot be traced to negligence of the individual.

Most of the men feel that their experience was a good one to have and would not part with it, yet none have any desire for another at Chickamauga.

THE Y. W. AND Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

The annual Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. reception to the new students and faculty was given last Thursday night.

The first part of the evening was spent in the chapel, listening to an enjoyable program. The meeting was to have been led by Mrs. H. H. Wilson, the Dean of Women, but owing to some misarrangement she was not there and Miss Bouton presided. In honor of the return of some of the soldier boys the meeting was opened by the song "America," in which all heartily participated.

Miss Bouton then made a few appropriate remarks in which she emphasized the importance of honesty and character-building in the coming school year.

Chancellor MacLean then made a very impressive talk of welcome to the new students. He closed with the very appropriate thought of "Loyalty to the University." He was well received.

Mr. Martin of the Conservatory School of Music then rendered a very pleasant solo. Mr. John H. Boose in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. then made an eloquent talk and appeal to the new students.

Prof. Hodgman, (on account of his good looks and imposing stature) was selected to give the address of welcome in behalf of the faculty. After giving a detailed code of procedure as how best to approach or salute the different members of the faculty, he made a statement which is worthy to be remembered and much thought of, namely: "As you conduct yourself during these four years of University life so you will invariably be in after life."

Dr. Rowlands, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lincoln in behalf of the city churches, then gave a very warm invitation to the students, new and old, to attend the denomination of their own choice and persuasion, but attend some church, and give its members a chance to get acquainted with you.

This ended the program and all were invited to proceed to the Conservatory where the reception proper took place, and where light refreshments were served. There was a big turn out and all seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. This was the first public gathering of the student body, and we feel that it was quite a success.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

The Young Men's Christian Association of the University has brighter prospects this year than ever before. At the first meeting forty-three applications were made for membership. The membership committee has set as their mark for the week one hundred names. But as twenty-two men volunteered to secure two more, each together with the earnest efforts of the committee it is very reasonable to suppose that the hundred mark will be passed before Saturday evening. The committee intends to ask personally, each man in the institution to become a member of the association. However, students are urged to see Mr. Garrett or some member of his committee at once, as it may be some time before they can reach all the men now enrolled.

Next Saturday evening a men's social will be given. Members and friends are invited to be present. Refreshments will be served. Last

Sunday, C. L. Gates of St. Louis addressed about 250 of our young men on "The First Thing in Life." His clear, earnest discourse left its impression on the minds of many present. Next Sunday Rev. Manss has been secured to address the association at 4 p. m. All young men are cordially invited to be present.

DEBATING NOTES.

The Union boys' debating club held a lively session at its first meeting last Saturday night. Five new men signed the constitution. The following men were elected as officers for the first time: President, Henry A. Meier; vice president, Fred Kuhlman; secretary, H. D. Landis; attorneys, Clint Barr and John Plowhead; sergeant at arms, Mr. Dasebuech.

The chairman was empowered to appoint two committees of three each on arrangements for joint debates during the year. One for debates with local University clubs and one for debates with clubs of other colleges. The question for next Saturday night is, Resolved, That an alliance with England would be for the best interests of the United States.

The debating clubs of the University will undoubtedly do good work this year, judging from the interest that has already been manifested. The Union boys debating club last Saturday evening discussed the question, "Resolved, That the United States would be justified in forming a protectorate over the Philippines?" The Palladian boys debated the subject, "Resolved, That the United States would be justified in adopting a policy of territorial expansion." The Deilian club discussed the topic, "Resolved, That the United States and England should form an alliance for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining colonies for commercial gain." Each club had a good attendance composed of old and new students.

It looks as though the University is to have a splendid band this year. The band, as well as all other music in the University, has been placed under the direction of the school of music. Mr. Earle Weber, the well known young cornetist will lead the band, which will contain about thirty-five pieces. There were many applicants for places in the band, but only experienced players were chosen. The boys met for practice last Monday night and the way they went at new music was surprising. If they do good work this year, the Uni. will have the best band in the state by next June.

Prof. Stout of the department of civil engineering is engaged in irrigation engineering for a mining company in Colorado. He will not take charge of his work in the department before October 1.

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