

If you are a scientist read the fiction to which scientific men and interest have given birth. Biography of scientific men is very interesting and valuable reading.

Besides utilizing your spare moments in reading it is necessary to methodically digest and converse. Many people who read vastly have little to show for it because they trust to interest and memory to retain what ought to stay with them, using no assistance. Mechanical apparatus is necessary to supplement pure memory work. We must learn then to assort as we read, picking out what has meaning for us and skipping over the rest. Thus we may acquire the knack of reading at a gallop. Take notes in reading to help you to recall in general and to make fast for future consultation the matters which most forcibly impress you.

It is proper to warn against writing too many memoranda as it may interrupt interest and dim the impression made by the authors thought. Make your notes legibly with careful reference to book, chapter, paragraph or page so they will be quickly available when you have need of them.

The reader must also make notes. You must not be satisfied by thinking the authors thoughts over after him but you should jot down the fertile reflections of your own which his suggestions have called forth. The books that arouse your own thought thus, are the best kind and are precisely the ones you need. We conserve mental stores by digesting them. All these thought gems of your own should be as carefully preserved as the gems called from the author himself.

In so far as you can manage it confine your notes to one subject and leave a page to that subject. Do not spend too much labor as it will disgust you with the plan.

Some day when you look them over you will be surprised at their richness. Each item more or less original will sweep your thought on and the ideas of others will produce more of your own. New thoughts will come and you will whip out your fountain pen and place them down. Thus your notes will grow in value. For when you need certain thoughts all you will have to do is to refer to those already compiled. Thus you will feel the difference between methodical and desultory reading and not be sorry to have listened to this paper.

#### THE UNION PLAY.

The Union society gave a very successful entertainment in the old chapel on Saturday evening February 9. The program consisted of a couple of songs and a one-act farce entitled "A Regular Fix." The title of the play had reference to the situation of Mr. Hugh De Brass who found himself in a strangers house after a night's spree at the High Flyer Club.

The program and cast of characters was as follows:

Song and chorus—The Dutchess of Central Park—Miss Prey.

The Rollicking Farce "A Regular Fix."

Cast of characters—Mr. Hugh De Brass (of the High Flyer Club) E. N. Robertson; Mr. Surplus, a lawyer, J. F. Boomer; Charles Surplus, his nephew, W. W. Jones; Abel Quick, clerk to Surplus, Willis Warner; Smiler, a sheriffs officer, Mr. E. G. Spafford; Porter, Mr. Milek; Mrs. Surplus, Miss Minnie Wilkinson; Emily, Miss Beulah Livesay; Mrs. Deborah, housekeeper, Miss Van Camp; Matilda Jane, Miss Margaret McGuire.

Comic Song with Chorus "When Reuben Comes To Town."

#### A LETTER FROM DR. HASTINGS.

When the parting gift was presented to me by the students of the University of Nebraska a very great injustice was done to the young women of the institution in the matter of recognition of their part in the gift. This omission was very unfortunate. I had no notification, however, as to the donors, was simply requested to come to chapel, had previously understood that a gift was to be presented by the "gymnasium boys" and made my response accordingly.

I regret this exceedingly in that my apology will not reach all my friends even through this medium; but it is especially unfortunate because the whole tenor of my reply would have been changed by the knowledge that the gift was representative, and not from any particular class or element. This handsome cane now means infinitely more to me since it commemorates a principle for which it has been my constant effort to stand. With me there were no classes and conditions, no factions, no politics,—only one University which demanded my entire loyalty and yours as to scholarship, oratory, athletics, all things. The most gratifying parting impression of the university which I carry away with me is that Nebraska students are making splendid advance in shaking off the petty prejudices and self-seeking which often clings to members of a small or a young institution, and are developing a genuine university pride and fealty.

There is some compensation in this necessity for begging the sincere pardon of the young ladies for apparent ingratitude, and it is to be found in the fact that I now have an opportunity of thanking you all as a body for the gift itself. In my anxiety not to exceed the time allotted to me, the beauty of the gift and the good taste displayed in its selection, and the spirit behind it all touched me. I had no words for anything besides. In its elegance I recognize the influence of the taste of you young ladies; in its intrinsic value I see some personal sacrifice inspired by the generous spirit of the sacred season; but most of all, as I have already told you, I recognize in it the "real hire" for my labor among you.

The world is crying out for the earnestness and genuineness which many of you possess. It is seeking everywhere for men and women who have concentration of energy and consecration to noble ideals. I feel sure therefore of greeting several of you young men soon here at the International Y. M. C. A. Training School, and I am confident also that I shall have the pleasure of meeting many others of you in the future, both women and men, in positions of responsibility.

Sincerely,

Wm. W. Hastings.

Springfield, Mass.

#### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

Welcome, St. Valentine! beloved of youth!

No common guest we hail with joy so great.

Thou comest, like the white and glistening snow,

To cheer, make purer, lovelier, elevate.

Thou' bards of old the song of love have sung,

'Tis ever to the golden age a new.

Then let those tender tokens be exchanged

That pledge the heart to heart forever true.

W. M. Darlington, '04.

A big track meet is being planned between Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri to be held at Kansas City.

## SOCIETY

Delta Upsilon gave a sleighing party in honor of Kappa Alpha Theta last Monday evening. After doing the town they repaired to the D. U. house where oysters were served, and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

Alpha Tau Omega gave an informal dancing party at the chapter house on Monday evening the 4th. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Lacey; Misses Griggs, Tukey, Daniels, McHenry, Agnew, Hammond, Anna Hammond, Robinson, Grimson, Bishop, Robinson, Montgomery, Marshall, Bignell, Davenport, Kenney, Paine of Hastings, and Sullivan of Hiawatha, Kansas.

A jolly crowd of university young people enjoyed dancing at L. L. I. hall last Friday evening. The excitement of the evening was Nielsen's narrow call with the seniors. Those present were, Misses Reeves, Gulle, Mabel Gulle, Chapell, Briggs, Woodruff, Hull, Druse, Deily, Brown, Hartsough, Hunt, Taylor, Hess, Anthony, White, Erlisman, Ledwith; Messrs. Barry, Norris, Langer, McMasters, Brooks, Klino, Hanlon, Jouvenat, Peters, Hunt, Brackett, Mercer, Swain, Griffin, Childs, Shock, Sturdevant, Ledwith, and Nielsen.

Fred C. Williams '00 visited his Beta brothers and others Saturday and Sunday.



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