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## DR. BENTON TALKS

First Chancellor of the University Addresses a Large Crowd.

Yesterday morning at convocation University students and many residents of Lincoln had the pleasure of listening to A. R. Benton, the first chancellor of the University. The speaker was introduced by Professor Fossler with the following well selected words:

"On the 15th day of February, 1869, scarcely two years after having been admitted into the Union, the legislature of Nebraska passed the fundamental law by and under which the University lives. The state had then barely 100,000 inhabitants. Nevertheless, the founders set themselves resolutely to the task of providing a home for a University—old University hall is still the trusting place for many of us—and of finding a faculty that should lay the cornerstone and the foundations of Nebraska's chief educational structure broad and deep. A few high minded and devoted idealists began in the autumn of '71 the process of cultivating and quickening young Nebraska minds, of leading them into a knowledge of the arts and the sciences, into language and literature, into history and philosophy.

"The regents in their wisdom chose as their chief counsellor and master-workman a man whom all of us, who knew him in those formative years, loved as a father, both for his devotion and his love, whom all of us revered for his wisdom and farsightedness, a man whose head and heart were ever in the right, and whose sympathy with and for the best things was never questioned, a man who is still young and lithe despite the four score years and more that set upon him; a man whose entire number of days, sixty-two years and more, has been given to the upbuilding of the highest life in others; a man whom we, today, gladly and joyously welcome to our midst, and whom I now take special satisfaction and pride in presenting to you as the first chancellor of the University of Nebraska—ex-Chancellor A. R. Benton."

The University yell was given by way of greeting.

Dr. Benton addressed the students as follows:

"Members of the University of Nebraska, it is indeed a great pleasure to meet with you. As well stated by your presiding officer for more than fifty years it has been my privilege to deal with young lives. I wish to greet you today for your abundant success in making this institution what it now is. It seems a long time since being here to inaugurate the work, thirty-two years ago, and a great many events of interest have occurred during that time. The opening scene was in the old chapel of the main building, with 100 students on the roll a number which to us meant a promising opening. The Scriptural thought, "Where anything shall end well shall be a small beginning" is to the point.

"At the first inaugural I indulged in prophecy somewhat and am glad to say my two prophesies have been fully realized. I said that it will be found, with the growth of the University that the campus will become inadequate. Also that the time was coming when the state of Nebraska would take more pride in its University than in any other state institution. The citizens of this state are proud and they have a right to be. This institution has a most glorious record, not only within the state's own borders and in neighboring states, but abroad. You are the

true benefactors of this institution. However, with all your advantages and opportunities, I wish to warn you against mistakes. We have two sources from which to derive our education. First, the world of life, and second, from books. The tendency among students is to say that the first, the school of life, has very little to give to them. In this we are apt to err. We should come in touch and keep in touch with the great world movements that are going on to broaden out life, not in paying attention to frivolities and worthless exercises, but in seeing what men are doing; what is going on in India, China, Russia and Japan; who are the actors in the great drama of human life, and human society. These are the most excellent studies that can be pursued. Another thing is to come in touch with the best thoughts and the best minds of the world. This was the ancient method of education. It was the course Socrates pursued. He went into all kinds of assemblies and counselled with all classes of men. Then he constantly tested himself to see where he stood in wisdom and in morals, and he was perhaps the wisest man of his day. The Socrates method, that of coming in touch with the highest, loftiest, noblest and purest minds is highly commendable.

"Your personal contact with one another also is highly valuable in moulding your educational ideal, but you should not fail to cultivate the closest contact with your professors, and thus profit by their knowledge, their inspirations and influence. But to know the world is not the only thing. To know and understand human life is equally important, as also the knowledge from books. Neither must be neglected. You are all beneficiaries here and I can not impress upon you too strongly my sincere hope you will make the best out of your opportunities, and as you go out from these walls to give the world the very best that is in you."

### New Courses in Greek.

The attention of students is called to the following new courses in the department of Greek history and literature:

Courses 42a, 44a, 46a, and 58. These courses are each two hours a week. There are two lectures a week and two hours credit. These are new courses, offered for the first time during the coming semester. They are open to students of all the colleges and do not presuppose a knowledge of the Greek language. Course 42a includes a general survey of Greek history; course 44a, studies in Homeric life and literature and the entire Iliad read in the English translation; course 46a is a study of the complete works of Herodotus in translation with collateral library readings and lectures; course 58 is a literary study of the Greek dramatists, historians and orators, with selected masterpieces from each writer studied in the best English translations.

Although the above mentioned courses do not presume a knowledge of the Greek language—and in fact such a knowledge is not absolutely necessary for these courses—yet it is strongly recommended for those who can possibly arrange their program of studies that in connection with any

of these courses at least one semester of the study of the Greek language be taken. Such a course for beginners is offered during the second semester, three hours a week.

### Palladian Program.

The Palladian Literary society will meet this evening and the following program will be given:

Music, Selected  
Paper, Mr. Wm. H. Smith.  
Recitation, Miss Boose.  
Paper, Miss Balsley.  
Piano solo, Miss McWhinnie.  
Reading, Miss Nellie Miller.  
Essay, Mr. John Clark.

Judging from the list of members who will participate in the above program, its quality will be beyond question.

### Affairs in Athletics.

There is little doing in athletics at present. The basket ball schedule is still hanging fire, and it will probably be some little time before it is closed up. The Freshmen are busy practicing and have gained the start of the other classes, although the others will soon have organizations completed. Most of their men practice daily and will be well seasoned and able to start in advantageously when the class teams are organized. The girls are expecting to be active soon. If negotiations can be closed with Minnesota they will journey to Minneapolis to try their prowess there.

A number of promising baseball candidates have shown up for cage work. Most of these men have good experience on good teams, and some have excellent records behind them. However, the full number of good men in battery positions have not yet come out, but as spring approaches they will probably drift around for practice.

Wisconsin and Illinois have severed athletic relations, official correspondence having been exchanged on the subject and a mutual understanding arrived at.

### Well Attended Concert.

One of the largest audiences that has gathered in Memorial Hall during the present year listened to the presentation of the Faculty Recital of the School of Music. The program was substantially as printed in Wednesday's Nebraskan, and was composed of original compositions by members of the Conservatory.

The recital was a thorough success in every way and its contributors are to be congratulated on the excellent entertainment presented.

No girl in the University can afford to miss Dr. Wharton's talk to the Y. W. C. A. Sunday at 3 p. m., room 106, University hall. Come and make this meeting the largest one of the year.

Chapin Bros., Florists, 127 So. 13th.

Wright Drug Co., 117 No. 11th.

Don Cameron's lunch counter for good service.

"Heads in Pastel" by Howard Chandler Christy. Six ideal heads in color, each \$1.00. The Lincoln Book Store.

## THE FINAL MEETING

A Stockholder's Rally and Reception in Art Gallery.

A big Stockholders' Rally and Reception is planned for tomorrow evening in the Art Gallery. This meeting will mark the culmination of the exhibit and will be open to the public. The usual admission fee will be charged. Addresses will be made by Attorney F. M. Hall, President of the Art Association; C. H. Geere of the State Journal Dr. F. M. Fling, Prof. T. H. Hodgman, Miss Sarah S. Hayden, Prof. Lawrence Fossler and City Superintendent W. L. Stevens.

An informal reception will be held at the beginning of the meeting at 8 p. m. The reception will be followed by felicitations over the Association having money enough to buy a picture. It has been the custom in the past to put the profits resulting from the exhibits to such a use, and in this way a small nucleus has been acquired for a larger collection. It seems probable that the profits this year will be sufficiently large to purchase a picture of value and one that the association may be proud to possess.

The condition of the finances will be fully discussed and it will be definitely determined what grade of a picture may be furnished. It is also quite likely that an actual selection will be made as a number of subjects will be presented for consideration. The members of the association will decide the matter, although it is not known whether the choice will be made by vote or otherwise. A meeting of the executive committee was held Wednesday evening to arrange the program for the meeting and to take measures for urging all of the hundred stockholders to be present.

The association now owns a respectable number of pictures, some of them being of exceptionally high value and excellence. Tomorrow evening they will all be hung in one place with a placard suspended above bearing the sign, "Association Pictures." As is well known the Art Association loans these pictures to the University Regents until the time shall come when the state establishes a free art gallery.

Some discussion has been started in regard to an effort being made to secure an appropriation from the state legislature at its next session. For this purpose about \$5,000 would be necessary. This project is worthy of agitation and an attempt might well be made, considering the highly desirable end in view. This subject will be discussed tomorrow night at the meeting.

This will be the final session of the Art Exhibit for this year, and it should be favored with an especially good attendance. This exhibit has been out-ranked by no former one, and all who attended are willing to testify to its excellence and urge others to go. A large number of school children have attended this week, taking advantage of the reduced rate and the educational privilege offered. Tomorrow night is expected to round up the session with a rousing meeting which all University people are urged to attend.

The "Bully" the students' favorite cigar, at Wohlenberger's.

Lincoln Local Express, 11th and N. Tel. 787. Baggage hauled.

Chris' Bath Parlors, 11th and P Sts.

Board \$2.50 per week at the Good Health Cafe.

Swell up-to-date shoes, big discount. Sanderson's Sale.