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Editorial Remarks

Facts vs. Irrelevancy.

The World Herald insults the intelligence of "Old Man Nebraska," when it represents him in a cartoon as saying to our board of regents:

"The attendance at Chicago University, a recipient of Rockefeller money, for this year is 1,560, as against 2,120 last year. The attendance at Brown, another Rockefeller institution, has decreased 8 per cent in five years."

The attendance at Chicago University last year was 4,163 instead of 2,120, as is stated above. The figures of the World-Herald are inexact, and since it has shown itself unreliable in this instance, it is apt to do so in others. It has given a part instead of the whole, and that alone is sufficient to refute any argument that it makes upon this assumption.

And now turning our attention to the figures given, which represent only a part of the attendance of the University of Chicago, let us analyze the facts of the case. Apparently the University of Chicago proper, independent of the affiliated schools is referred to by the World-Herald, and we are given to understand that the attendance has decreased by 560 since last year. Professor Hale of the Latin department of the University of Chicago is authority for the statement that there has been no decrease in attendance there, such as has been reported. For the year of 1902-03 the attendance at Chicago University proper, independent of the affiliated schools, was 2,120, including the summer school. The attendance for the present regular school year is 1,560. This does not include the summer school, as it is still to be held. Chicago has one of the largest and best attended summer schools in the west, and it is not improbable that the total attendance at Chicago for the year 1903-04, will exceed that of last year.

In saying that the attendance at Brown has decreased 8 per cent in the past five years, the World-Herald is in error. Against its misstatements we can quote the official figures that have been given out for each year since Mr. Rockefeller made his first donation to that institution. For the school year of 1899-1900, the attendance was 863. For 1900-1901 it was 872; for 1901-02 it was 920, and for 1903-04 it was 940. These figures can be found in the Brown University calendar for the years mentioned.

Any paper that will use false statistics to excite the prejudice of the people of Nebraska against a great and honorable man, will bear watching. Its insincerity is made plain by the fact that it intended to adjust the facts to suit its case, but it had the misfortune to use fallacies instead of facts to start with, which makes its showing still worse. Hence its whole argument

that Chicago and Brown have suffered in attendance through the blight cast by the Rockefeller influence and that Nebraska would suffer the same experience if the Temple Building is erected, is proven false, as it hasn't a single fact to support it.

The tribute paid by our student body to Chancellor Andrews was one that was highly deserved, and no doubt highly appreciated. It was the spontaneous outburst of the ever swelling affection that we have for our Chancellor, and we rejoiced at our opportunity to do him honor. When we consider the work that he has done and the personal sacrifices he has made to remain at the head of our institution, we feel the falseness of the attempts that have been made to injure him. Nebraska needs a man of his stamp to attain to a fuller development, and under his wise administration we are confident that her opportunities will all be realized.

BRYAN AT MICHIGAN.

Scheduled for an Address There Saturday Evening.

W. J. Bryan was the guest of the University of Michigan last Saturday, and from the appearance of the Michigan Daily of that date he was given a warm reception. The Daily prints a large cut of Mr. Bryan and devotes the great part of its columns to the exercises in his honor. The following extracts will be of interest to University people here, on account of the warm interest Mr. Bryan has always shown in our affairs.

"Mr. Bryan is expected to arrive here at 3:30 this afternoon and will commence his address in University Hall at 4. While in Ann Arbor he will be entertained by the Delta Chi fraternity, who have reserved a section of seats at the meet and will have Mr. Bryan and the officers of the Good Government club as their guests. At 6 p. m. the fraternity will give a dinner in honor of Mr. Bryan at their house on State street.

"After the meet the distinguished guest will be taken in hand by the University Democratic club which has arranged a banquet in his honor at Oyster Bay, a notice of which appears in another column of today's issue.

"It can not now be determined how long Mr. Bryan will remain in the city. If he does not leave Sunday morning it is quite possible that an informal reception will be arranged for some time during the day, when such students and citizens as may care to call upon him may have an opportunity of doing so. Definite notice of this will appear later."

Will Visit Y. M. C. A. Banquet.

Word was received yesterday from John S. Moore, saying that he would be present on the 29th of this month to attend the big annual Y. M. C. A. banquet at the Lindell hotel. A great many men will remember Mr. Moore as having served as the general secretary of the University association from 1899 to 1901, and they will be glad of an opportunity to hear him and meet him personally. Mr. Moore has been student secretary of Missouri during the past three years, and has met with unusual success. He says that his interest in the local association and his friends here is the only thing which would induce him to make the sacrifice necessary for this trip.

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