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A WORD TO FRESHMEN.

There is one feature connected with University life that should be brought to the notice of all students, and Freshmen particularly, at the beginning of every year. We refer to the Convocation Periods, occurring at 11 a. m. on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the school year.

The first two periods in each week are devoted to carefully prepared addresses on subjects of unusual interest, delivered by members of the Faculty and such prominent speakers as can be secured. Combined with these talks are devotional exercises of short duration and of a strictly non-sectarian nature, led by various members of the Faculty or by clergymen of Lincoln.

To new students especially, for whom the unusual freedom of University life offers some temptation to relax their interest in matters religious, these Convocation Periods should afford a welcome chance to combine a wholesome influence and a wider knowledge of current events and modern thought.

On Friday of each week the entire Convocation Period is devoted to the best music that Lincoln affords. Under the competent direction of Mrs. Raymond, programs are rendered that would command good prices if offered to the general public. At Christmas, selections from The Messiah are given by soloists of considerable reputation, and by the University Chorus, with a full orchestra led by Mrs. Raymond.

Taking everything into consideration, the Convocation Periods are a part of the University that you can not afford to miss. Make a "new (school) year's resolution" to attend them all and stick to it.

Department of Chemistry.

The classes marked on the schedule "To be arranged" will meet for organization at the times and places indicated below:

- Course 15, Tuesday, September 25, 11:30 a. m. in department library.
- Course 23, Wednesday, September 26, 1 p. m., in large lecture room.
- Course 29, Wednesday, September 26, 5 p. m., large lecture room.
- Course 41, Tuesday, September 25, 11:30 a. m., Miss Fossler's office.
- Courses 27, 31, 39 and 43. Registration in these should be reported to Dr. Dales as soon as possible.

Many Need Advice.

The number of old students that consulted the advisory board this year greatly exceeded that of last year. General satisfaction seemed to be expressed with the method now inaugurated of aiding the students in their attempt to arrange a sane, consistent schedule.

Dean Bessey at Convocation.

"How Plants Travel" was the subject of a very interesting address by Dean Charles E. Bessey of the Industrial College Monday morning. Some plants, said he, move bodily in air and in water. Air is the medium through which plants manage to fly, in one way or another. Such plants are, of course, microscopic. One mode of traveling is by seeds which are really little plants. Early in life plants exhibit the desire to wander. Like some people, seed-bearing plants do not like to travel when they get old.

Seeds move through three principle media: by winds which pick up seeds and blow them about; by water, which floats them, and by animals, often the small boys, who scatter them around. The pine tree, one of the oldest of seed-bearing plants, travels many miles by means of its seeds, which are provided with whorls or little wings. Thus the seed of maples and box elders travel with the wind. Moving only a little at a time, pine trees travel, then settle down for a while, as did our ancestors who first came to the shores of our country.

Another device which the plant employs is the fluffy mass of hair, like thistle down, by which the wind readily carries the seed. In the dandelion and cottonwood tree also each cottony mass starts with a little seed.

The sycamore seeds are in a tight, round ball, which, as it rolls and bounds along, drops seeds here and there. The Russian thistle and tumbleweeds use the same plan.

One of Nature's interesting methods is to put a little flesh around the seed, as in the apple, watermelon and cherry. When one throws away the stones one scatters the seeds very effectually. Still more interesting are the edible nuts and seeds, as the hickory, walnut and chestnut, which are hardshelled. Other plants, like the Spanish needles and burdocks, fasten themselves to us like parasites.

Prof. Alice Howell of the Department of Rhetoric is detained at Sedro-Wooley, Washington, by the serious illness of her mother. Until her return the courses in elocution and public speaking will be conducted by Miss Bessie Brown, '03, an instructor in Hastings College.

Mr. C. L. Waldron, who was a reader in the Department of Rhetoric last year, will hold a fellowship in Economics at Wisconsin this year.

Glee Club.

Twenty-five new men will be selected for the Glee Club. Tryouts are to be held next week.

All students registered for Physics 9 are requested to report some time Wednesday, September 26, Brace Hall, Room 119, to arrange laboratory periods.

Miss Sarah Muir, assistant in English Literature last year, is teaching in the Hastings High School.

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Miss Leta Stetter, '06, Chi Omega, is principal at De Witt.

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