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RESTS WITH THE STUDENTS

HONOR A PART OF EDUCATION AS WELL AS GRADES.

"HONOR SYSTEM" IS DISCUSSED

DEAN BESSEY AND DR. FLING SPEAK AT CONVOCATION.

"Movement Cannot Come From the Faculty," Declares Dr. Fling. "A Matter of Am I My Brother's Keeper," Says the Dean.

Perhaps at no time during the year has the question of student honor been more squarely put before the student body than at the convocation Thursday morning, when a program was given in the interest of the "Honor System" movement. Memorial hall was filled with enthusiastic students who followed intently and earnestly the well presented pleas of Dean Bessey and Dr. Fling, who had been selected to discuss the matter. They had prepared themselves for the occasion, and for the most part their remarks were such as would warrant the student's approbation.

Dealing with the subject from its broadest aspect, Dean Bessey considered honor a matter of community interest, and not mere personal concern. "Assuming that we are in general honest," he said, "we must not let the matter drop there, but consider the case of the other fellow, who, on account of circumstances perhaps, is not so blessed with moral stamina. We have among us those who are poor in their moral make-up, just as we have those who are poor in worldly attainments. Dishonesty is sometimes temperamental.

A Temptation.

"The man who comes from a well-fed meal is not naturally tempted by the sight of the grocer's stock, but take the man who suffers from hunger, and the same situation would create a temptation too strong to resist. So in the affairs of the student, he who in the small and mechanical sense is hungry for knowledge is tempted to secure it by dishonest means as a final alternative. The 'Honor System' derives its greatest commendation from the fact that it imposes on us all the duty of caring for and working for our weaker brothers.

"The students have it within their power to enforce canons of honor. But they must first have the desire to do so. As soon as it becomes to be generally believed that a cheat is an odium in the community, then the student has made his greatest advance in preventing dishonesty. There is nothing stronger than public opinion, and when once it is aroused, there is no force which it can not quell."

Dr. Fling bemoaned the fact that so many students displayed indifference toward this movement. He noticed many leaving the campus as soon as classes were dismissed, apparently unaware that a moral movement was trying to gain some recognition from the student body as a whole.

Above Physical Existence.

"Honor," he said in part, "is above physical existence. It is more important than life itself. It is a part of character, and of man's best person-

AT IT AGAIN! POETRY IS CAUSE OF MORE DISCUSSION

We might ha' been a poet, but we "ain't." We may be a poet yet, who knows? We are really very much grieved, and not a little peeved, to receive such a call-down from the leader of the gray cap brigade. Truly we had not considered ourselves to be a poet, and we had the good sense to even then call ourselves a "would-be poet."

Did we know we were a bum poet? Well, we should guess yes; we have been guessing for some four years in college, and we guess we guessed just about right. But oh, good "Gil," alias "Shake Speare," who ever guessed that you would become a literary critic? Who ever dreamed that you would see the imperfections in that beautiful little ballad which we dedicated to your own dear self? Oh! Oh! now we know! You might ha' been a poet, but you "ain't."

Why last year, in 1910, we put away childish habits and forgot that we had ever attempted to write poetry. We know full well that we are a poetical "fissil," and that is why, in the year 1911, we have resorted to the use of prose. We do not expect you to understand all of our thoughts when thus expressed. But if we cannot write in rhyme, we'll write in prose this time. We hope that "Gil" will understand, for if he does 'twill be so grand.

We are not a poet and we know it. But we stoop to listen what

cometh from the pen of the modern "Shake Speare" see the issue of Wednesday, January 4th). Hark! How egotistical is "Shake Speare"! Here is what he says:

"Now, the President is Irish,
The kind you cannot kill;
Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
And just like truth is 'Gil.'

"SHAKE SPEARE."
"P. S.—This is absolutely our last appearance."

We are almost tempted to write a poem when we read this bit of verse. We note with pleasure that Shake Speare writes in rhyme.

Now the president is Irish,
But we are Irish too;
The proxy stoops to criticise,
But we have else to do.

So we hasten to our lessons
To while away the time.
A poet never will we be,
But—may we write in rhyme?
P. S.—This is not our last appearance.

Now, gentlemen of the jury, since we have been assured by "Shake Speare" that he has positively made his last appearance (as he stated on the first page of Vol. X, No. 60 of "The Daily Nebraskan"), we shall assume that in the future we may be able to write poetry without fear of criticism. We therefore claim a victory for

"A WOULD NOT BE POET."

DR. LAWRENCE TO SPEAK.

Will Address University Women Next Sunday.

Dr. W. W. Lawrence will address the women of the University of Nebraska next Sunday, January 8, at 4 p. m. Dr. Lawrence has been prominent in the religious circles of Lincoln, and promises to give a very interesting address to the women Sunday. It is urged that every University women, whether Y. W. C. A. member or not, make an effort to hear this address. The meeting will be held in the Y. W. C. A. rooms.

BEING COMPLETED.

Dean Richards Working on Program for January 18.

The program for the dedication of the new mechanical engineering laboratories is being rapidly completed by Dean Richards of the college of engineering. At the present time all arrangements have not been completed. The entire program will be announced in a few days. An informal meeting of the board of regents will probably be held the same day of the ceremonies or the day previous. The ceremonies will be marked by the conferring of a number of honorary degrees upon a number of the prominent engineers who have been graduated from the state institution.

Notice.

A meeting of the Tegner society will be held Saturday evening in Science hall in the Temple. A program will be given. Topic: Selma Lagerlof.

COTNER TO BE HERE TONIGHT

COACH GIVES ASSURANCE THAT GAME WILL NOT BE FARCE.

TEAM MEMBERS DESIGNATED

SEVEN "OPENERS" NAMED FOR SATURDAY CONTEST.

Dr. Clapp, Who Has Been Visiting in Eastern Points, Will Return to the University Today.

What will probably constitute the line-up of the University varsity basket-ball team Saturday in the opening game with Cotner university was yesterday announced by Coach Field. Although an attempt will be made to try out every varsity squad member in this initial contest, the five "openers" have been decided upon and are as follows: W. C. Hutchinson (captain), forward; A. H. Hiltner, center; S. Carrier, forward; J. P. Gibson, guard; O. Frank, guard. R. Owens, forward, and G. Kidoo, guard, were also specified as probable team members. The other members of the squad that will be given an opportunity to show their condition are Minor and Waters. Whether or not White and Elliott will be allowed to do any "shooting" will not be known until Saturday evening, but the coach has declared definitely that if given the least possible opportunity these men will be played and be allowed to display their ability. Both have worked hard for a position on the squad, and will undoubtedly be carried through the season as regular squad members.

Squad Condition Good.

The varsity-freshman scrimmage Thursday night proved one of the most advantageous "work-outs" of the pre-season's practice. The varsity men showed the best work of the year, obtained a better knowledge of each other's abilities and handled the ball better than previously. Their weakest defect in the freshman game was poor "shooting," but side-line remarks are that this fault will be overcome easily by Saturday night in time to run some of the "Cotnerites" ragged."

"I think it will be one of the closest games of the year," is the reply given by Coach Field when asked concerning the "dope" on the Cotner game. "Some of the University students think it will be a farce or fake, but I can assure them that Cotner's record alone is enough to make them a formidable opponent." Cotner won fifteen consecutive games last year, and has a spotless record, even so far as Nebraska is concerned.

Coming Today.

Dr. Clapp, the University physical director, will return to Lincoln today. He remained in Des Moines yesterday, attending the Missouri Valley Conference, the principal business of which was to decide whether collegiate varsity baseball players should be permitted to play professional ball during the summer months. This question has been the cause of many disputes and some hard feeling in the past and its definite decision is looked forward to by many Nebraska athletes. Dr. Clapp is returning from an extended trip through many of the large eastern points and is expected to have many things of interest to tell when he arrives.