

STRUGGLE FOR ELEVATION OF THE DRAMA

PROF. SCOTT TELLS OF THE ATTEMPTS AT CONVOCAION.

THE NEW THEATRE A FAILURE

Has Been Closed Down, but Served in Keeping the Great Idea Before the Public.

On account of the inability of the convocation committee to announce the speaker for yesterday until a short time in advance of the hour, only a small crowd was present to hear Prof. R. D. Scott on the "New Theater." Mr. Scott said the elevation of the theater and the drama was not a new idea. Actors and patrons for a long time had been urging it, but not until late years have they been able to interest the public in it.

The New Theater.

The interest in the matter led to the subscribing by New York millionaires to a fund to create a theater which was to produce only the better dramas. It was to be open to the public, the plays were to have only short runs, no attempt being made to make money from them, and the greatest artistic excellence possible was to be given the plays. The New theater was built outside of the theater district and was the finest playhouse ever erected. It had an enormous seating capacity. The company chosen were among the best of actors. A literary director was selected to choose the plays.

Proves a Failure.

The first performance was practically a failure. Out of five plays the first season but one seemed to meet the approval of the audience. The New theater has recently been forced to close. During this, its second season, the plays have not been successful. The reason for its close was that its donors refused to contribute further.

Several reasons have been given for the closing. It is said that the chief fault lies with the audiences. They are principally millionaires, who come as to a social function rather than for a love of the drama. There is talk of moving the theater to the downtown district. Professor Scott said that if it began to having long runs and catering too much to the taste of the people it would lose its usefulness. But it has been a success so far in one thing, if in nothing else, it has kept the idea of an advanced drama before the public.

VESPER SERVICE TODAY.

A Solo by Professor Miller—One More Friday Meeting.

Only two more vesper services will be held this season. One will occur this afternoon and the last one on next Friday, April 28. The program for this afternoon is as follows:

"Hosanna" Granier
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Solo by Charles H. Miller.
Andante" Edgar

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Mr. Miller is supervisor of music in the Lincoln city schools.

Course in Spanish 1.

A course in Spanish 1 will be given at the summer school this year, if a sufficient number signify their intention to take the course. Those desiring to enroll should report at the registrar's office as soon as possible.

Field Geology 21.

Class will meet in U7 next Saturday at 8 a. m. for a trip to exposures in South Lincoln and Burnham. Bring Lincoln topographic map.

N. A. BENGTSON.

Field Geography 10.

Class will meet in U7 at 9 a. m. next Saturday, April 22, for museum studies. The museum trip will be followed by an excursion to Pleasant Dale, leaving Burlington station at 11 a. m.

G. E. CONDRA.

Baseball Game.

Freshman-sophomore game at 10 a. m. Saturday. All freshmen out, practice every day at 4 p. m.

NOTICE.

A meeting of all the members of the four Ivy day committees will be held Tuesday morning, April 25, at 11:30 in Memorial hall. It is very important that each committee member be present. This means senior, junior, sophomore and freshman committees.

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