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The Y. M. C. A. deserves congratulations for the energy and push it has shown this year. Not only has the membership roll been largely increased, but its measure of enthusiasm is much more than in proportion. The new quarters in the basement are an evidence of its prosperity and activity.

The oratorical contest is over and the university's representative to the state contest has been chosen. The next step in the series is the winning of the first place at the contest to be held at Bellevue preparatory to the greater contest to be held in Lincoln in May. Why not send a three delegation to Bellevue? It is only a short distance and good rates can be secured.

The Century Magazine this year offers to the members of the classes of '97, '98, '99 and 1900 in American colleges three prizes of \$250 each. These are to be given, one for the best poem, one of the best essays and the third for the best story submitted to the judges in the competition. Here is a rare opportunity for some of the members of these classes who have literary aspirations, and should be taken advantage of.

The prospects for a good base ball team are exceedingly bright. A large number are practicing for the team and for nearly every position there are several candidates. A good schedule, too, is being arranged, which includes games with Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, and provides for an eastern trip. It seems likely that those who like to see good base ball will have an excellent opportunity this year.

The number of matriculates for this year has passed 700, a larger number than has ever been reached before in one year. This does not mean, of course, that there have been exactly 700 new students registered, for some of these are old students re-entering for graduate work. Nevertheless there is conclusive proof in this that the university is still growing and the work required of each professor and instructor is consequently increasing. In view of this fact, if there were no other arguments, it would seem that the legislature should think seriously before reducing the already low appropriation for the salaries of the university's teaching force. The university can most easily be crippled in this way, and especially just at this critical period of its development.

The breadth of the university's work for the state is extending. As a part of the educational system the university is endeavoring to meet the needs of teachers. Thirty-nine teachers' certificates have been issued to graduates of the university taking the A. B. or B. Sc. degrees, and in addition thereto successfully completing the requirements of the university teachers' course, consisting of two years of special and professional study. The last legislature empowered the regents to issue these certificates. The number taken and the spread of the idea through the university that teaching is a profession indicate that the law will prove beneficial. The legislation is paralleled to that in many other states and enables graduates of the university to gain proper recognition outside the state. The graduates of normal schools, although enjoying similar privileges, are stimulated to add university training to their previous requirements. The university reaches out to help the teachers of the state immediately in its summer school, which has so prospered during the biennium that the regents for the first time in '98 made it a summer session of the university, extending the time to a term of six weeks. This will enable teachers to gain credit in the university and to have more thorough work done for them.

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DR. WARD'S REPORT.

Dr. H. B. Ward, as chairman of the zoological sub-committee of the science committee of sixty, National Educational association, has just prepared and sent out the final letter to the committee with reference to the report to be made this year to the general association on the subject of teaching zoology in secondary schools. The correspondence which has been going on for a couple of years in this matter will be concluded this year with the presentation of the report to the general association. The report will be written by Dr. Ward in accordance with the correspondence from the various members of the sub-committee.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Regents have established within the biennium university county scholarships to benefit the poor, but deserving boys and girls in the schools desiring a higher education. The scheme is an adaptation of one that has worked well in other states, notably New York and Illinois. A scholarship is offered in each county maintaining a first class three or four year high school. The scholarship will be awarded to students passing the best competitive examination provided the candidates meet the requirements for admission to the lowest work carried at the university. A scholarship may be with or without privileges. If the candidate has pecuniary need, the scholarship will carry with it the privilege of dispensing with the payment of any fee or deposit of any kind at the university, except the matriculation fee required by the statute. The university county scholarships are but one of the many means by which the university encourages needy students. The genuinely democratic spirit of the university makes it possible for a large number of the best students to help themselves by outside work.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC NOTES.

The Hagenow stringed quartet were in Denison and Manning, Iowa, last week. While there they arranged for a return next year.

Miss Caxe and Reynolds and the mandolin club furnished the music at the oratorical contest Friday evening.

John Randolph is giving a course of illustrated lectures on historical subjects on Monday afternoon before the vocal department. Henry Eames is giving a similar course before the pupils of the pianoforte department.

Henry Eames furnished the music at chapel last week during the absence of Director Kimball in Omaha.

The following new students entered last week: Sarah Bertram, Tudie Kinkaid, Mrs. John Ord, Jessie Byvo, Helen Fitzgerald, Frank Vletery.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Lincoln, Neb., March 10, 1899. To the Editor of The Nebraskan: I beg leave to announce through your columns that I am a candidate for the nomination for mayor, subject to the decision of the republican primaries to be held on Tuesday, March 14. This is an educational center, and all who are interested in the educational institutions of this city should have a special interest in securing good city government. The faculty and students of the state university are, many of them, voters, and all have means of influencing voters which they should not neglect. It is to be hoped, therefore, that all interested in the university and the city of Lincoln, will not consider it a sacrifice but a duty to go to the polls on the 14th and cast a vote, and use their influence in nominating such candidates as in their judgment, will be for the best interests of the university and the city. During the two years I have been a member of the city council I have tried, with others, to remove classes, in the municipal administration, to conduct the city business in an efficient and economical manner.

In my present candidacy I have not sought the support of any special interest or class, but I do solicit the support of everyone who stands for a clean and impartial administration of city affairs. H. J. WINSETT.

The total registration for the physical training classes has reached ninety-three. This is exclusive of base ball candidates and athletic classes.

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