

Mr. Hodgman wishes in this public way, to thank the members of his freshmen division for the honest, hard, and enthusiastic work that they have done in trigonometry. With few exceptions the members have responded willingly to every demand and it is with pride and gratitude that he pronounces them the banner class in mathematics.

On Tuesday evening, February 23, Professor Hussey gave the first of his series of lectures on Greek archaeology. In spite of the rainy weather, the professor had a good-sized audience. After reading a short paper, he illustrated Homeric art and costumes with stereoptical views. We hope that the students, especially classics, will take an interest in these lectures and attend all of them.

On the evenings of the 26th and 27th, Professor Barber delivered two lectures at Grand Island. His first lecture was entitled, "Our Neighbors across the Sea," in which he told what he heard and saw while in Europe. His second lecture was entitled "Pompeii and Vesuvius." Professor Barber collected much valuable information while abroad and his lectures are of the most interesting and instructive type.

The second meeting of the Carroll club was held Tuesday evening, February 14. After listening to a paper on the "Portmanteau Theory," and reading and discussing several new poems, refreshments were served in true Carroll style. The members of the club are understood to be Louise Pound, Rose Higgins, Minnie DePue, Eugenia Getner, Willa Cather, Olivia Pound, G. L. Sheldon, Roscoe Pound, C. C. Marlay, C. F. Stroman, George Whaley, and D. N. Lehmer.

A new arrangement has been made by which the battalion drills but twice a week, half drilling Monday, half drilling Wednesday, and the whole drilling Friday. The main purpose of this is to have room enough in the armory on Monday and Wednesdays to drill the cadets in the bayonet exercises. Drill of this kind the battalion has never had before. This is another step towards the accomplishment of the plan of giving the battalion instruction in every branch of military science.

At a meeting of the board of regents held on Charter Day, Miss Clara Conklin, now of De Pauw university, was elected assistant in modern languages. She comes to the university very highly recommended. Miss Conklin is a teacher of large experience, basing her work of instruction upon prolonged study in this country and abroad. Professors Fossler and Wightman consider themselves very fortunate in obtaining such an able assistant. Miss Conklin will begin work next September.

Arrangements have been completed, by the senior class, by which Horace E. Scudder, of Cambridge, Mass., will deliver the commencement oration on June 15. He has been long and well known as the editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*. He is also editor-in-chief of all matter published by Houghton, Mifflin and Co., of Boston, one of the most successful firms in high class literature in the United States. As an orator he is direct and forcible and sure to hold the attention of the largest audience. The appointment is a happy one and completes the appointments for this year.

At the state oratorical convention recently held at this place, several changes were made in the constitution. It was arranged that the officers should rotate. Next year Corner university will get the president, the state university the delegate, Doane college the secretary, and the Wesleyan university the vice-president. Henceforth, instead of allowing the winning orator to be a delegate, one delegate at large will be elected. \$50. will be given to the winning orator and \$25. for training. After an orator has won one state contest he

will be debarred from entering another. Hereafter, the association will pay its secretary the enormous sum of \$10 per year.

"Yes, I called last evening, but I will never do so again," remarked Clarence Woods, '93, as a large tear stole down his pale cheek and fell with a loud report on the shiny surface of his well shod foot. "Why, the first thing she did was to place her sister's baby in my arms for my admiration; a baby whose causeless but constant cries would pierce the remotest depths of miasmatic oblivion; it was a beastly baby. Yes," continued he with a sigh, "I am more than ready to withdraw from that society, even if I was only the second one to be initiated."

A meeting of the Haydon art club was held in the university chapel on the evening of the 16th. It was devoted to the consideration of Flemish, Dutch, and German art. Papers were read by Professors Barbour and Fling. The subjects treated were illustrated by lantern slides which added much to the interest and effectiveness of the discussion. Professor Barbour had an interesting and instructive paper on Dutch art, beginning with the birth of art in the Netherlands. Professor Fling discussed German art, giving a rapid sketch of the principal painters, and showing samples of some of the leading products of each. As a finale, Professor Barbour took up a German story for children, reading it rapidly and illustrating it with a quickly flowing series of cartoons done in various colors.

An interesting meeting of the engineering club was held on the evening of February 24, in room 4. Reviews of the latest periodicals were given by J. Albers and O. R. Bowman. An interesting paper on "The Work of a Construction Party," was presented by J. H. Smith. Chancellor Canfield then gave an interesting talk on "Railway Construction Twenty-five Years Ago." At that time it was "Superintendent Canfield," he having general supervision of the work of a large contracting firm in several states. He told the members of the club many of the things that he learned in his three years of experience. Only a small part of the club were in attendance, but they felt very well repaid in listening to the chancellor's talk which was given in his own entertaining and instructive manner.

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