

the theatre phase of University culture, it is certainly one of the most hopeful and encouraging.

Prof. Barbour has gone to Chicago for a visit of some length. He will remain until after the closing of the World's Fair, and will endeavor to secure some valuable additions to our Museum from the collections of the Fair. There is no doubt that he will get what he goes after. It is his way.

Prof. Wolf left last Saturday for California in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his little son. At Salt Lake City he received a telegram stating that the little boy was dead. It is not yet known when the professor will return. During his absence the work in his department will be carried on by instructors Bentley and Hart.

The Freshmen and Sophmores entertained themselves and their friends on Saturday evening. The reception was well attended and was on the whole a most enjoyable affair. The kind of receptions that the Freshman and Sophmores gave each other in our day was very different, and we generally returned from them with little hair and many bruises.

On Friday evening the Palladian society held its first "special program" of the year. It was a Faculty program, and was one of the most successful entertainments of the season. The hall was crowded, while scores of people were turned away from the door on account of lack of room. Every number on the program was enjoyed by the audience, especially the playing of the Tuxedo Mandolin club.

The first additions to the collections in the Museum since the beginning of the college year came from Prof. Lawrence Bruner. During the summer, while on an expedition in Colorado and Wyoming for the Department of Agriculture at Washington, he collected many specimens of great interest. Among them are lizards, reptiles, frogs, etc.

With his usual generosity, he turned them all over to the University Museum.

The junior class will issue their annual May 1. The board of editors are getting down to hard work, and are determined that Vol. III of the *Sombrero* shall be a credit to their class and to the University. One feature of the annual promises to be of unusual interest. February 13, next, is charter day, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the University. It is proposed to devote considerable space to showing the evolution of our alma mater during the first quarter of a century of its existence. This will consist in general of write-ups of different phases of University life, alumni reminiscences, cuts illustrating the changes that have taken place in buildings, laboratories, etc.

The HESPERIAN was somewhat surprised to learn of the large number of students in the Latin department of the University. There are eighty-seven, strictly speaking, doing college work under Prof. Barber. These have studies in Suetonius, Plautus, Horace and Cicero's *De Senectute*. In the preparatory work there are three hundred and seventy-seven students. These include those who are reading Virgil, Cicero's orations and Cæsar, and also those just beginning with the grammar. This year marks an epoch in the method of studying Latin here, since Mr. Wilson teaches the inductive mode, or with interlinear texts which are thought to remove some of the "deadness" of the language.

Although the University debating club still rests in innocuous oblivion, the other clubs have begun their work. The Union Boys' Debating club has been having successful meetings for some time. It has now made a bold move by challenging the mighty intellects of the Maxwell club, of the law school, to a joint debate. The challenge has been accepted and the date set for Saturday evening, November 4. The question, to be forever settled, is: "Resolved, that the