

The Ottumwas.

The audience that greeted the Ottumwa Male Quartette Friday evening was rather small, consisting mainly of the members of the literary societies which had adjourned for the occasion. But this was to be expected as Sol Smith Russell, the Pershing Rifles "hop" and the Y. M. C. A. convention were competitors.

All who attended were well pleased with the entertainment. Their selections were plentiful and well varied. The two most pleasing numbers perhaps were "Sunset," and "Mammy's Lil'e Boy," in which the Quartette was assisted by their elocutionist and accompanist Miss Haynes. And, by the way, Miss Haynes was quite a feature. She gave several small readings which were most pleasing. "Little Dead Tat," and "The Errand Girl" were most enjoyed.

The Ottumwas are old college boys themselves and Mr. Muse, their big, good-natured manager said upon leaving that they would like to sing to college crowds all of the time. They are soon to leave for the South for a winter tour, and the good wishes of the University goes with them.

Miss Rosa Bouton gave a talk before the Woman's Club last Wednesday evening on "The Sugar Beet Industry." Miss Bouton illustrated her talk by exhibiting specimens of beets in the different stages from the time they are brought to the factory until they are converted into sugar.

Make up your mind now to attend the final debate, a week from next Saturday evening. The debaters have read everything that even remotely bears on the subject and they will crowd a vast amount of information, philosophy and eloquence into their brief speeches. The speakers are evenly matched and there are no certainties in this contest. Baker and Barr are perhaps the favorites but all the others have friends who are certain they will win.

Regents' Meeting.

The Regents adjourned to-day at noon after several day's session. Resolutions were passed on the death of Regent Knight and the retirement of Regent Rosewater. Dr. Ward was advanced to a full professorship. A committee on legislation was appointed which will present a bill granting life certificates to University graduates and possibly to establish a state board of education.

The degree of B. A. was conferred on L. B. Pilsbury and W. R. Hart; B. Sc. on C. B. Lyman and Chas. Fordyce.

Charter Day will this year be on Feb. 16, the 15th falling on Monday. President Carter of Williams will be the Charter Day orator. Edward Everett Hale will be invited to deliver the Commencement oration for the Academic College and Judge Woolworth of Omaha for the College of Law.

The Chancellor's message referred to the association of College Presidents of the Middle West in which our University took the initiative. The main object of the association is to secure uniform standards of admission; it will also consider other matters of inter-collegiate interest, such as college athletics.

The Budget for next biennium was the most important matter that came before the board. Two years ago the appropriation was \$320,448. For the coming two years the University asks \$309,500 reduction of over \$10,000. It must be remembered that the former appropriation is far less than the University then asked and was granted in a year of hard times and famine. The appropriation now asked is the least the University can get along with without crippling its usefulness.

There is some difference of opinion in the College Settlement Committee as to the advisability of paying a head instructor for his time and work. As it happens the line of cleavage is between the student and faculty members of the committee.