

Dr. Scott Talks.

Dr. Scott of Princeton, the noted author of a work in Geology, spoke for a few moments in chapel Wednesday morning.

He thought there could be no hatred between institutions of learning for they all have the one common purpose—the upbuilding of mankind. "Patriotism," said Dr. Scott, "does not consist in waving the flag and making the eagle scream." He thought it rather meant bettering humanity. Dr. Scott condemned the idea that a college or university is a place to prepare people to earn their living. He thought a university should prepare them for something higher. "Fidelity to Duty" was the key note of his talk.

Those Improvements.

The regents took advantage of the vacation to make some long needed improvements on the grounds and the buildings of the university. Old students, returning, at once remarked that the campus in general had been better taken care of than heretofore. The grass looks better, the trees are better trimmed and new flower beds have been put in, all of which add to the beauty of the campus.

Improvements were not confined to the grounds. University Hall shows marked improvements. A fresh coat of bright red paint has caused it to lose its resemblance to "Ft. Sumpter—after the attack." Perhaps the most striking improvements are noticeable on the interior. The floors and stairways were repaired, the recitation rooms painted and repapered. The chapel underwent some very beneficial changes—it no longer reminds one of a "cold storage room" for the new changes make it a handsome, airy room—so much so that even the "special" can not now resist the temptation to attend chapel.

Hastings Will Lecture Next Week.

Dr. Wm. H. Hastings, physical director, will address the student body some time next week. While Dr. Hastings will speak especially of "What Constitutes a College Amateur," his talk will be of general interest to the student body. Dr. Hastings is a scholar and a pleasant man to meet. He is rapidly making friends among the student body and a large audience is sure to greet him.

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Prof. Bruner still in Argentina.

Prof. Bruner is still in Argentine. How successful he has been in accomplishing his mission—that of exterminating the grasshopper—it is difficult to say. By the authorities who sent for him he has received cordial treatment; by the natives he has been looked upon with suspicion. Some of the Argentine papers have extended a welcome to the Nebraska professor and wished him success in his undertaking; others have severely attacked him, denominating him a "foreign intruder."

During Prof. Bruner's short stay in Argentine he has travelled nearly 5,000 miles and has visited nearly every province in the country. He has seen the Andes, crossed the great pampas and viewed such things as wild ostriches and llamas from the trains as he passed from point to point. "Bird life," writes Prof. Bruner, "is especially attractive here. And this of course interests me. For insects I can not say so much as it is now winter and there are few insects about."

In speaking of the insect pest Prof. Bruner says: "Aside from the destructive locusts the country is greatly overrun by other insect enemies that might be readily handled if the people only knew how and then would do it."

Prof. Bruner likes the Argentine country better now than he did when he first went there. But he looks with a longing to the time when he can return to his native land.

Debating Club News.

The Palladian Boys' debating club held no meeting last Saturday evening. The club will meet as usual tomorrow evening.

Both the Union Boys' and the Delian Boys' debating clubs met last Saturday evening, but adjourned on account of the Y. M. C. A. reception.

The first preliminary debate to the Kansas-Nebraska contest will not be held until about the middle of December. This will give time for new material to develop.

Some students think that they get the same training in public speaking classes that they would in debating clubs. But it is generally conceded that they are mistaken. The best speakers in the university come from the debating clubs. Debating club men invariably represent the university in the Kansas-Nebraska contests. The training in debating clubs is more natural; its benefit more marked.