

The Minstrels a Success.

A very large and appreciative audience greeted the first appearance of the Ladies' Minstrels at the Armory, Friday evening. To say it was a success is putting it very mildly. It was successful both from a financial standpoint and as an entertainment. In the west end of the armory a large stage had been built provided with footlights and appropriate curtains. The floor of the armory was provided with chairs, closely seated to accommodate the large number present. The gallery was crowded to its utmost capacity with minstrel enthusiasts.

When the curtain rose at 8 o'clock the girls confronted the audience with faces blacked so as to be beyond all recognition and were arranged in a crescent shape around Miss Olive Latta, the interlocutor. To describe the ladies' dress would take an artist of great ability as nearly all colors were exhibited, from the black of their faces to the white of their slippers. The "end men" with their rattle-bones and tambourines showed what ladies could do with these instruments as well as with jokes.

The crowd listened, (while not laughing), to the appropriate "gags" on our professors and students. The jokes were new and up to date. They proved a great hit.

The songs were new and well rendered. The fact that each singer had to respond to an encore shows the appreciation by the audience.

The special song of the evening was "The Topical Song" by Misses Black and White. It abounded in fun and catchy jokes. The second part of the program was fully as good as the first. Songs and banjo music together with a fancy dance by Miss Harris made up this part. Miss Treat sang "Gold Poppies," which was followed by an encore. The program closed with an instrumental selection by the Johnsing Sisters, which was also followed by an encore. Too much praise cannot be given those who had this entertainment in charge. It was good from start to finish and will long be remembered as the University event of '98. The base ball boys could not have found a better way to raise money than the one adopted. All went away feeling that they had received enough for their money.

Student Comment.

It is a deplorable fact that the societies have not enough pie to pass around to all its members. If the supply were only greater, a disappointed member might now and then be pacified. There are always those, even in a society, who get there by mistake, and who are ambitious for mere personal honors. The supply of pie is easily exhausted. The demand for presidential timber in the societies is limited to three seniors per year, and when this demand is supplied, there sometimes comes along a supposed pillar of loyalty, proud and sensitive though he may be in nature, yet with that ever outward semblance of fidelity, who now declares down in the deepest recesses of his outward countenance, in unmistakable tones of secession, "I would rather be president than right." And so this would-have-been president now becomes a would-be frat, or what in the outward world would be called a sore-head. This sudden change from a howling barbarian to a cultured Greek is something marvelous. It baffles the theory of evolution little less than did the missing link. It is always a mystery. It grows up in a night.

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The Delian Boys Debating Society have arranged a joint debate with Wesleyan University. The debate will occur on the 16th of April. The question will be stated to read:—Resolved, That the annexation of Hawaii would be beneficial to the United States. The debaters for the Delians are E. F. Warner, J. T. Adams and H. J. Theobald. The Delian debating club elected as officers for the spring term: E. G. Woodruff, president; S. P. Griffith, vice-president; E. A. Dunaway, secretary. F. E. Edgerton and J. T. Adams were elected attorneys, E. F. Warner sergeant-at-arms. E. G. Woodruff, J. H. Sayer and R. B. Payne were continued as committee on joint debates.

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