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many changes. Streets, lined with sidewalks, shaded with maples and box elders in front of business blocks and dwellings, extended where I had seen corn and wheat fields before. On the corner where the little rusty wooden building known as the First National bank of Minona had stood, I saw a splendid brick with lettered front. I stepped inside and saw at the teller's window the dark eyes and manly smile that have been like a pleasant dream for ten years.

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### FIRST CHAPEL EXERCISES.

Great Enthusiasm Among the Students—Chancellor MacLean Explains the Courses of Study and Makes a Short Address.

Old and new students flocked into chapel in great numbers last Saturday to witness the formal opening of the University and hear the Chancellor's opening address. The faculty turned out well and the seating capacity of the stage was nearly all taken up. Each professor, as he entered and took his seat was enthusiastically cheered by the students. Prof. Candy was the first to appear and the loud applause sounded so sweet in his ears that he went out and came in again and received still louder applause than before.

Exercises began with an eloquent prayer by the Chancellor. After the singing of a hymn the notices were read and then the Chancellor proceeded to introduce the new members of the faculty. Some of them made short remarks while others merely bowed their acknowledgments of the favor showed them. The new instructors introduced were:

Dean Wilson, Dean of Women.  
Miss Bouton, Director of School of Domestic Science.  
Miss Herron, successor to Mrs. Langworthy Taylor in the Pol. Economy Department.  
Prof Brooks, chair of Electrical Engineering.  
J. I. Wyer, the new librarian.  
C. W. Weeks, acting Commandant.  
Prof. Moritz, assistant professor in Mathematics.  $\frac{1}{4}$   
Mr. Pryce, assistant in physical training.  
Jackson C. Hitchman, Department of Mechanical Training.  
Miss Davis, assistant in Department of English.

When introducing the librarian, the Chancellor took occasion to mention the wholesale stealing of books that took place in the library last year. He said that he had always been pleased at the wide open policy of the University. He was glad that the stack rooms were absolutely free, but that these privileges had been outrageously abused. This stealing of books has caused honest students much trouble, and has hindered the work of the professors. The regents had discussed the policy of shutting off the stack rooms, but had decided to leave it this year in the hands of the student body, on probation, as it were. Mr. Wyer responded in a few earnest emphatic words that received the approbation of the student body. Mr. Wyer is a young man, smooth shaven and has an air of push and energy about him that is refreshing. He is a genuine western man and has had a splendid training for the place that he will occupy. The Hesperian believes that the library will be conducted this year in a very able and efficient manner.

The Chancellor announced that the new building will probably be formally opened about October 15, and he hoped that there might be held a grand University rally at that time. The address will be given by President Chaplin of Washington University of St. Louis.

Chancellor MacLean then took up the subject of the grouping of studies. He said that no arrangement of curriculum in these progressive times can be permanent. The faculty does not claim that this one is perfect. It had been formulated by an exhaustive study of the curricula of other Universities and of the registration cards of students in the University of Nebraska for the last six years. Thus the demands of local students were taken into consideration. This work was done by a committee of the faculty and the result of their labors was submitted to the faculty for revision. The final result was the present course of study. There are two great sub-divisions made: 1. General courses. 2. Special courses. It had been found that the majority of students were calling for some great general group—one that would fill their education in all lines and that some were calling for special groups that would especially fit them for some one line of work. The principle of freedom of choice, (Lehr-freiheit as the Germans call it), has been conserved by the present courses. There are now twenty-eight different courses of study to choose from and besides this there is a proportion of electrical work. Great Universities like Harvard and Leland Stanford that announce entire liberty of choice, do not have as great freedom as it seems. In order to take certain studies, you must have had certain other studies hitherto. In other institutions, the student is forced to take the advice of professors.

The present system is not a revolution, but is an evolution. The groups have been mapped out in the natural sequence of studies.

Since much time had been consumed in the preliminaries, the Chancellor did not make a formal address as has been the tradition in the University. He spoke briefly on the Higher or Spiritual Life of the University. He said, in substance: "We pride ourselves on our equipment, our numbers—things that are material. If the University is to be true to its ideals; if it is to be true to the idea of a great state University, we must cultivate the spiritual life of the college man.

"The evolution of the University today has been remarkable. The first Universities were founded in the bosom of the church. The second received the spiritual and material assistance of the church. And now, we find the state carrying on the education of its citizen endeavoring to fit them physically, mentally and spiritually to become useful members of society. As human beings, we need to cultivate the deeper life. God, in his providence, in the great civil war brought America to a new realization of her deeper principles. In the present war for humanity, patriotism, not Fourth of July patriotism, but genuine patriotism that can suffer untold hardships, sickness and death, has shown us that the American people have a deeper spiritual life.

We lose ourselves in our contemplation of our successes. We have lost the power of adoration; of seeing the beauty of nature; of faith in the Great Father of All. The inner life must be active—active in a divine sympathy for every one we meet. This means self-denial. Unless we keep up an inner love for our fellowman, this inner life goes out. Scholarship may come but the divine manhood taught by a lowly nazarine does not. Let us keep the higher life in the University that it may continue to grow.

### REVISED SCHEDULE OF FOOT BALL.

Manager Bischof authorizes us to state that the following games are absolutely decided upon:

October 1.—U. of N. vs. Hastings at Lincoln.  
October 8.—U. of N. vs Ames College at Lincoln.  
October 22.—U. of N. vs. Wm. Jewell College at Kansas City.  
October 24.—U. of N. vs. State Uni. of Missouri at Columbia, Mo.  
October 29.—U. of N. vs. Grinnell College at Lincoln.  
November 5.—U. of N. vs. Kansas State Uni. at Lawrence.  
November 7.—U. of N. vs. Kansas City Medics at Kansas City.  
November 24.—U. of N. vs Iowa State University at Omaha or Lincoln.

There will be a game with the Kansas City Medics at Kansas City, October 5, during the Carnival if Kansas State Uni. does not accept it. The manager of the Medics has written asking if Nebraska will accept if Kansas backs out and an affirmative reply was sent him. However, this game is not absolutely certain.

Work on the field is now beginning in dead earnest. Coach Yost is taking well with the players and all classes of students. He is a very jovial man and is absolutely impartial in his friendship. No one will get on the team this year unless he earns the place.

### ITEMS FROM S. U. I.

Iowa May Not Play Foot Ball—May Not Drill.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Faculty of Iowa State University on September 16, 1898:

Whereas, The student body of the State University of Iowa did, two years ago, promise to pay by June, 1898, a debt of \$900, incurred in the interests of athletics; and

Whereas, The said debt of \$900 has not yet been paid

Be it unanimously resolved by the Faculty of the State University of Iowa, that no game of football or other athletic contest be permitted until at least \$400 of the above mentioned debt shall have been paid.

It is an evident trait in human nature that we want what we cannot have. In past years therey has gone up that drill ought to be dispensed with at the University. The majority of the cadets joined in wishing the military department abolished, but, lo—the order has gone forth that there will probably be no drill, and the students denounce the move, some rejoice at being free from the task, others—prospective office holders—regret the move, making it hard to ascertain definitely the position of the students. It seems, however, that the vast majority would prefer personally, not to have drill, but from the standpoint of the student interested only in the welfare of the University, they regret the absence of the battalion.

As the subject is not irrevocably settled we may soon see the blue coats once more marching in line. If it were possible to ascertain the attitude of the student body, and take their wishes into consideration the result would be much more satisfactory whichever way it is settled.—Vivette Reporter, Sept. 17, 1898.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THEM—1036 REGENTS' \$3.50 UNI. \$3.00 SHOES. O STREET.