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Editorial

WITH this number of the SCARLET AND BLACK the girls of Iowa College hope to establish a custom already followed by many co-educational schools, that of issuing an annual Woman's Edition of the college news-sheet. In things literary the young women of Grinnell have always had a prominent share, but journalistic work, in its narrower limits, has not been open to them. For several years the SCARLET AND BLACK has been entirely in the hands of the men of the institution and it is at their suggestion that this opportunity was given to publish a woman's number, edited by women and containing matters of special interest to them.

As a record of the history and conditions of "co-ed" life at Grinnell it is sadly incomplete and the board of editors, while not apologizing for this unpretentious beginning, has visions of the appearance some years hence, of a Woman's Edition of forty pages, properly illustrated—and containing enough advertisements to cover all expenses.

Each class and the alumnae body are represented among the editors who have tried to present a fair view of the student life among the young women of Grinnell.

The Board wishes to acknowledge its indebtedness to the many students and alumnae who have been so generous with their assistance and to the merchants of Grinnell who have made this publication possible. And if it should prove uninteresting to the men, remember that the girls are not to monopolize the attention of the reading public oftener than once a year, and we promise not to force ourselves and our doings upon you for another twelve months.

There are two hundred and thirty-four women in the college and School of Music and the combined membership of the two literary societies, Ellis and Calocagathia, is limited to one hundred. This means that there is absolutely no place in the societies for one hundred and thirty-four girls, who may be willing and anxious to do work of this sort.

The benefits of society work are real and lasting—no one questions that. Should they not be free to every woman in school? There are no Freshmen in Calocagathia this year and but very few in Ellis, while a large number of Sophomores and Juniors are not members of either society.

It has seemed, therefore, that there is an urgent need for a third literary organization for the women of the college. When we see Cornell and State Normal, each with enough societies to accommodate all its girls, we realize that something ought to be done here at Grinnell towards furnishing an opportunity for every young woman to become a member of a society if she wishes. This need is genuine and as such it should receive the careful consideration of faculty and of the students who are really interested in the progress of the school.

IS the poor girl lonely in Iowa College? The answer to this question determines the social spirit of our institution. If she is, she cannot blame the student body. We do not have a commercial standard according to which we estimate human worth; there is no property requisite for office-holding. The popular student is the one who deserves to be popular, and experience has proved that no amount of money or social position can command undeserved popularity.

Our literary societies do not narrowly limit their membership lists. For the most part they are open to any who wish to join, differing widely from the sororities of our sister colleges in that respect. The possessors of sororities may consider it bad taste on our part to depreciate fraternal organizations, but we cannot help feeling that their presence in Iowa College would detract considerably from the spirit of social equality which prevails. The only aristocracy we encourage is an aristocracy of character, and social position or money are minor considerations.

TRIBUTE TO DR. STEINER.

What His Work Has Meant to Marshalltown People.

"Dr. Steiner has been a religious and secular aid in Marshalltown and it is with keen regret that our people see the bonds loosened that have bound him to this city. His sermons and lectures have attracted and pleased all who have attended them. More than they have aided and inspired a deeper religious sentiment and a heightened civic feeling. Marshalltown owes much to Dr. Steiner and is glad to acknowledge her debt."—*Times-Republican.*

Coming Events

March 2, DuBois Lecture.
March 4, Institute-Chresto Debate.
March 10, Debate, Cornell vs. Grinnell at Grinnell.
March 25, Junior Freshman party.
March 31, Glee Club Concert.

THE CHAPEL AND CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING.

Since the beginning of the student campaign, started in December, to raise \$10,000 for the Chapel and Association Building project, \$5,700 have been pledged or paid. At the same rate, with this month and April in which to accomplish the work, the whole amount ought to be easily secured. If the *general body* of students will take the matter to heart as earnestly as *some* of the students have, this month ought to score a victory for the enterprise. Pledges and cash have come in of all sizes, from fifty cents to one thousand dollars. Many of the smaller gifts are the concrete symbol of a great sacrifice. Some students have done what is the most difficult thing for them to do, ask others for money. Other students have developed wonderful powers as solicitors.

As an example of what students can do when they set about it, Miss Ruth Reed and Mr. Harold Hutchins determined that their home church at Algona should give \$150 to the chapel fund. They wrote home and arranged with Rev. O. H. Holmes, the wide-awake pastor, to have President Bradley visit the church February 20th. While home on his vacation, Mr. Hutchins addressed the congregation. During the week preceding President Bradley's visit they sent personal letters to the members of the church. The result was that though a fierce snow storm was scheduled for that date, a large congregation assembled, pledges were taken and \$146.25 secured, a sum which will doubtless be increased.

At Webster City the way had been prepared by the student delegation from that goodly town, and on the coldest Sunday of the year Dr. Douglas and President Bradley secured an offering from the Web City church of \$91.46.

Such co-operation is bound to make not only the chapel project successful but to cultivate for Iowa College a deeper sympathy among the substantial people of the state.

No complete list of the actual amount of pledges and gifts made by the women of Iowa College has been compiled, but they have been most zealous in their efforts to make the dreamed-of building a reality. It was solely through the efforts of the girls that Mr. Goodnow was persuaded to make his gift of \$1,000 and the \$140, the amount realized from the benefit recital given by Mrs. Tinnin can honestly be credited to the girls.

Mrs. C. A. Rawson and Miss Eleanor Lowden have made contributions of \$25 each and Miss Kate Smith '01 one of \$10. Of the girls in school at present the following deserve special mention. They have not only made generous pledges but have actually raised the amounts stated below:

Helen Clark.....	\$45 00
Margaret Buckley.....	25 00
Grace Hill.....	25 00
Agnes and Mildred Warburton.....	25 00
Ruth Roberts.....	20 00
Ada and Ethel Thomas.....	15 50
Esther Seaman.....	15 00
Katherine Lane.....	10 00
Miriam Low.....	10 00
Neva Armstrong.....	10 00

ORDER IN CHAPEL.

Mention of the new chapel always brings the thought of the added attention and reverence which a room, worthy of use for sacred purposes, shall inspire. There is much in the size, the shape and the decoration of a room which effects the senses and, indirectly, the emotions. And yet, even when we acknowledge the influence of appropriate surroundings, we must admit that the right sort of a spirit makes any room set apart for worship, sacred.

Dr. Steiner once described our chapel as "unspeakably ugly," but he showed us how it is the spirit of the worshipper and not the architecture of the building which makes it a sacred place. Somehow the students this year have not seemed to realize that the chapel is the one place in our college life where we ought to get away from the little annoyances and temptations which come to the students every day and get something of an inspiration for our better selves. There has been a marked lack of reverence, both in upper and lower classmen, which did not pass away after the first few days of school, as is usually the case. But talking, laughing and disorder in passing out have marred many of our services.

Much of this irreverence is due to thoughtlessness, but there is no excuse for being thoughtless about a matter which has been brought to the attention so often as this one. Some care in regard to our conduct will help to maintain the sacredness which in the past has generally characterized our chapel service.

AN attempt to present a view of the conditions surrounding young women in their college life here must necessarily include mention of the work of the Principal for Women, a position by no means easy to fill. Mrs. Berry, possessing as she does the culture and refinement of an eastern bred woman and a strong desire to help the girls solve the many problems which confront them make her eminently fitted for her position. Iowa College women are made to realize the value of a "gentlewomanly" manner and are encouraged to practice the principles of true courtesy. The farther a girl gets in her college course the more fully does she appreciate the importance of these things and the more highly does she value the informal talks which form so large a share of Mrs. Berry's work. The talks given this year have been especially interesting and many wishes have been expressed that a regular program of such informal meetings might be given each year.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

As we go to press Manager Fisher reports that the final championship basketball game will be played Monday afternoon or evening. On that date the final championship among the colleges of the state will be decided.