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THE FOUNDING OF THE S. C. A.

An Interesting Article by President Adams, of Cornell.

The following article from Pres. C. K. Adams, of Cornell, gives some interesting historical reminiscences concerning the founding of the S. C. A. The article appears in the present number of the Intercollegian and is here very much abbreviated and condensed.

It was in the autumn of 1857 that I entered the University. At that time there was in existence an organization, established some years before for the encouragement of foreign missions and the propagation of information concerning their work. It was, I believe, called "The Society of Religious Inquiry." This organization confined its efforts chiefly to the taking of a few periodicals, and the holding of occasional meetings for reading and the discussion of missionary affairs.

It was not long after the beginning of the academic year 1857 that a disposition was manifested to modify the character of this organization. I cannot recall the date when the reorganization took place, but it can hardly have been long after the holiday recess in 1857, probably it was in February of 1858.

I cannot, of course, give the names of all or nearly all of those associated in the early organization of that institution; but some of the prominent ones I remember very well. First and foremost was Mr. Adam K. Spence, who, after receiving the baccalaureate degree in 1858, was for several years instructor and Assistant Professor in the University. He then went to the University of Nashville, where he occupied a prominent position until the present time. He was the first president, and to no other person does the Association owe so much. Mr. Henry A. Humphrey was one of the members of the same class who identified himself with the Association at its beginning. After receiving his first degree, he took a theological course in Princeton Theological Seminary, and having preached for a time at Salem, Ind., died in Wisconsin in 1865. Another member of the same class was Mr. Daniel Klosz, who afterwards took a theological course in Union Theological Seminary and became pastor of a Lutheran church at New Berlin, Penn., and afterwards at Lykens, in the same state. A member of the next class whom I remember very well was Mr. Payette Hurd, [at present a candidate for Ph. D. in the University,] who afterwards took a course in the Andover Theological Seminary, graduating, I think, in 1863. He became a pastor in one of the Congregational churches of Michigan, I believe, and a few years later edited an excellent volume known as "Treasures from Milton's Prose." Another valuable member was Mr. E. A. Spence, brother of Prof. A. K. Spence, mentioned above. Of the class of 1860 a very active and valuable member was Simon Cornelius Guild, who became principal of the High School at Flint, Mich., where he resided from 1860 to 1861.

Of my class, that of 1861, I remember the following as perhaps the most active members: Martin L. D'Ooge, who has since not only entered the Congregational pulpit, but has distinguished himself as Professor of Greek in the University of Michigan, and done so much for the beautiful new Association building at Ann Arbor; Mr. John Kelland, who took a theological course in Auburn Theological Seminary, and subsequently occupied a number of pulpits in the Presbyterian denomination, among others one at Lawton and one at Flushing, Wis.; Mr. Eben Laugdon Little, who completed a theological course in the Baptist Theological Seminary at Rochester, and afterwards preached at Clifton and Fairport, N. Y., and still later at Alpena, Mich.; Mr. Sidney Goodman Morse, who came to the University from Vermont.

During the subsequent history of the Association very prominent members of my own class were Mr. Robert H. Tripp, who afterwards became an instructor in Greek at Kalamazoo College, and Professor of Latin at the University of Minnesota; and Mr. Byron M. Cutcheon, who, in 1875, became Regent of the University, and, a few years later, was elected by the Ninth district of Michigan member of Congress, where he has continued to exert a strong influence down to the present time. Whether all these members were associated in the initial movement leading to the organization, I cannot now remember; but I believe that all of them, with the possible exception of Mr. D'Ooge, were connected with the Association before the June commencement in 1858.

The organization of the Association at Ann Arbor was very largely due to the powerful Christian influence of the class of 1861. It was not only an unusually large class, but for some reason which it is not easy to understand, it contained an unusually large, earnest and influential religious element.

Little, Kelland, Tripp, and especially Morse, were always faithful in their attendance and earnest in their labors. Associated with them in the same class were some twelve or fifteen others of the same religious purpose, and similar, if not equal, religious zeal. The nature of the work in those early days was somewhat different from that of similar associations at a later time. They were largely devotional; but at almost every meeting a paper was read on some religious subject believed to be of more or less vital importance to Christian living and working. It was not until after my graduation from the University that the methods adopted became those that are more prevalent in associations of a similar kind at the present day.

Hon. Carroll D. Wright's Lecture on Statistics.

Hon. Carroll D. Wright, statistician of the Bureau of Labor at Washington, gave his first lecture on Statistics yesterday. He will give, while here, six regular lectures, and a special lecture Thursday evening, in the law lecture room. These lectures are delivered Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, at 2 o'clock, in room 24.

Mr. Wright's lecture yesterday was of an introductory character. Statistics were first called political arithmetic. There has been much discussion as to whether it was a science or a method. In this country it is generally considered a science; in England, a method. The chief use of statistics is to correct the general impressions regarding the ordinary affairs of life. The chief features of statistical work are the collection, preparation and analysis of statistics. There are two ways of presenting the results of statistics; by the tabular and graphical methods.

Almost all governments collect statistics. European governments do not collect many statistics. The productions of England are all estimated. Italy is the most advanced of all nations in the collection of statistics, and, in many respects, surpasses the United States. In the United States much of the work of collecting statistics is done through bureaux.

Three Year Course at Columbia.

The reforms which President Seth Low is instituting at Columbia seem to mean practically the establishment of a three year course there. By these reforms he has extended the privilege of the senior in the choice of his studies. Formerly a senior was compelled to choose all of his work from the department in which he was registered, now he can choose his work in any department of the University. Thus if a senior in the School of Arts inteuds to study law he can save an entire year by devoting his senior year to courses in the Law School. This, one of the New York papers says, means the same thing as a three year course, and the liberal policy which it indicates has caused much rejoicing among the students at Columbia.—Ex.

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Quite a number of students are laid up with la grippe.

James S. Duffy, '90, lit., has entered the law department.

Prof. Knowlton has been busy attending court so far this week.

W. W. Bishop, '93 lit., in confined to his room with tonsilitis.

Miss Katherine Sumner, '91, is entertaining her mother from Toledo.

There are five contestants for the honor of class poet of the senior law class.

E. A. Blakeslee, of Galien, formerly '91 law, visited friends here, yesterday.

The first number of The Inlander will be placed on sale Thursday, March 12th.

Dr. Belser is in quarantine, on account of the illness of his child with scarlet fever.

A large photograph of the late Professor Wells has been placed in the law lecture room.

Mr. J. W. Babcock, of Kalamazoo, is the guest of Dr. A. S. Rowley at the University hospital.

Prof. Griffin commenced his lectures upon "Federal Jurisprudence" to the seniors, this morning.

James L. Bevans, formerly a '92 lit., is now a student in the medical department of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

The class of '93 will hold a social next Saturday evening, at 4 N. Ingalls, under the auspices of the sophomores of the S. C. A.

The Glee and Banjo clubs have been given a four days' leave of absence for their western trip. This is in addition to the spring vacation.

Mr. Carriage read a very interesting essay yesterday before the Advanced Constitutional History class on "The Development of the Kingship."

Richardson, Morgan & Co., have sent in a bill of $100 to the A. A. for heating apparatus which was placed in the rink during the winter of 1887.

F. A. Henry, law '91, returned last night from Columbus, Ohio, where he passed a sucressful examination before the Supreme Court of Ohio.

The '93-'94 foot-ball trouble has been settled. A meeting was held at the D. K. E. house, this afternoon, and it was agreed that games should be played in order to settle the contest.

"The Special Telegraph Line," a local line operated by students, is assuming quite large proportions. Two miles of wire are already strung. There are eight men on the circuit which connects with the Western Union and Postal Service telegraph offices and with the Germania Hotel. Headquarters are at the rooms of McElwee and Fitch, 39 South Fourth street.

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