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For the University Gymnasium.

Mr. White yesterday received a letter from Hon. Charles Hebard, now in Philadelphia, asking him to assist in raising $1,000 from the upper peninsula toward the erection of a $60,000 gymnasium for Michigan's great state university, of which Mr. Hebard is still a regent. The need of such a building is so well set forth in the letter, which is given herewith, that it would seem that there should be no difficulty in raising the small amount needed at once. Any who are willing to contribute something for this purpose are requested to notify Mr. White:

CHESTNUT HILL,)
PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 17,'91.)

Hon. Peter White, Marquette:

DEAR SIR: Mr. Waterman, of Detroit, has offered to give $20,000 toward a gymnasium for the use of the university students at Ann Arbor, provided a like amount was raised. At the last meeting of the board of regents it was reported that the amount of $20,000 had been subscribed, but that the plans submitted by the architects, which the board is anxious to accept, call for about $20,000 more, or $60,000 all told, the last $12,000 or $15,000 being for a separate wing for the use of the lady students.

Our university now has about twenty-seven hundred students, over four hundred being women; this is said to be the largest number in any educational institution in the United States, and the university is rapidly winning its way to the first rank. It has no gymnasium and it is indispensable to the health and proper training of this multitude that there should be something of the kind provided and on a scale to meet not only the present but the rapidly growing demand.

I took the liberty to pledge the upper peninsula for $1,000, and will give $250 or one-fourth of it, myself. May I ask your assistance in getting the balance. It seems to me that some of the large mining companies would be glad to show their good will to the university of the state in which they are making so much money.

As I am absent from the state I hope you will help me fulfill my pledge. * * *

Very truly yours,
C. HEBARD.

—Marquette Daily Mining Journal.

Liberty of the Press.

The follgwing is clipped from last night's Evening News:

The liberty of the press is something of which the American people are so jealous that the despotism said to exist at the largest university in the United States and in the German empire, when compared, must be of great interest to everybody. At the same time they afford food for reflection for all readers of the newspapers who are privileged to get a fair idea of the situation. The two dispatches herewith reproduced are clipped from two Detroit morning papers:

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—The scientific journal, Lichtstrahen, has been seized for commenting unfavorably upon the emperor's recent remark: "Suprema lex voluntas regis."

The other dispatch refers to the report that the Inlander had been suppressed.

Professor Mead.

Professor George Herbert Mead, the new instructor in philosophy, was born Feb. 28, 1863, at South Hadley, Mass. He is the son of Rev. Hiram Mead, who was called to a chair in the Theological Seminary in Oberlin, Ohio, where he educated his children. Prof. Mead graduated from Oberlin with the class of '83, after which time he taught three years in Minneapolis, Minn. He studied at Harvard in '87–88, and then went to Europe to continue his studies. He spent three years in study at Leipsig and Berlin. While at Berlin Prof. Mead was married to Helen K. Castle, of Honolulu, H. I. Judged from his work thus far, Prof. Mead gives promise of a successful career in his chosen study.

Jeffersonian Society.

The following program will be rendered at the meeting of the Jeffersonian society to-night.

Reading.....L. A. Smith
Declamation.....L. H. Cross
Impromptu.....A. R. Pudewa
Speech.....H. A. Slagle
Autobiography.....C. V. Benson
Debate, "Resolved, that the Justices of the State Supreme Court of the States should be appointed by the Governor and should hold office for life or good behavior."
Affirmative..A. A. McLaughlin, W. W. Cooper
Negative.....G. C. Johnson, L. F. Harmes

U. of M. Verse.

One of the professors of Brown University is to meet the editorial board once a month for a discussion of the form and matter of light verse. Brown verse has always had an enviable reputation, and is constantly quoted by the exchanges. But "Michigan Verse" as we find it in the excellent number of the Inlander, bids fair to rival the Brownian. "Kent Dunlap's Song," says the U. OF M. DAILY, "should be set to music. It deserves a place in our Carminia U. of M. It needs only the inspiration of music to make it a popular college song."—Wellesley Prelude.

Webster Society.

At the meeting of the Webster Society, last evening, the following officers were elected to control the affairs of the organization during the coming quarter: President, Mr. Meers; vice-president, H. Loeb; secretary, Mr. Bickley; treasurer, W. A. Turner.

Democratic Club.

The members of the U. of M. Democratic Club held an enthusiastic meeting last night in the quiz room of the law building. Several eloquent and flowery speeches characterized the proceedings, notably among them being those delivered by Messrs. Frank Martin and Jess. E. Roberts. A committee was appointed to consult with the other political societies of the University with regards organizing a mock senate.

Regent's Meeting.

At the meeting of the Regents, held yesterday afternoon very little business was transacted. They appropriated $5.000 to purchase the Geological collection of Dr. Rominger, voted to supply the President's house with electric lights, and after voting funds for several minor objects talked about, the gymnasium question without coming to any definite conclusion.

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THE CAMPUS.

A college telegraph company has been organized at Princeton.

A pool tournament has been commenced at Harvard, with sixteen entries.

One of the customs peculiar to Oberlin is the opening of each recitation with prayer or a song.

A timid Chinese dined at Holyoke college. His laconic remark at leaving was: "Too much plenty girl."

President Low's annual report of Columbia shows a total of $123,248 in cash gifts received during the past year.

The statement that a professorship of athletics was to be established at Yale is denied by Professor E. L. Richards.

One hundred and twenty-five scholarships, yielding a total of $28,000, are annually given to needy students at Harvard.

Miss Charlotte Higgins, who carried off the honors of entrance into the University of London over 1,600 male students, is a little Scotch girl twenty years old.

The membership of Greek letter societies in American colleges is estimated at 75,000.

In Monday's edition of the DAILY it was said that the rumor was afloat that Mr. Crummer, of Grand Rapids, intended to furnish the ladies' reception room in Newberry Hall. We are informed that the name of the person should have been Wellington W. Crummer, the wealthy lumberman of Cadillac.

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