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The Annual Commencement for 1915 will occur May 21-25. Miss Ida Eesenbeck is president of the Alumni Association this year. While this is earlier than common on account of the change in the length of the College year to forty-eight weeks, it is hoped that many of the graduates will plan to be present. Alumni Day is May 24, the customary program occurring the other days of the week.

The Women's Demonstration in Physical Training was presented Monday evening, March 1, in which program all the teachers and students in the Women's Department had a part. The program consisted of a grand march, general gymnastics, folk dancing, social dancing, rhythm, and Swedish gymnastics. The special students in the department exhibited notable skill in their acquirements in the work to be taught.

"The Twin City I. S. T. C. Association" held its annual banquet at St. Paul Wednesday, March 3. There were some sixty members present and a fine time was enjoyed. Dr. Charles H. Meyerholz represented the Faculty on the program of toasts. Prof. Wilbur H. Bender of the University of Minnesota faculty was toast master. Dr. John D. Lyon, Room 503 Syndicate Block, Minneapolis, was president and W. E. Hamstreet, 2115 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, was secretary-treasurer. On the program were Donald Ferguson, Jennie Auld, Mrs. Fanny Mowry Lerversee, L. W. Crawhall, Mabel Meek, H. G. Hayes, and Robert Fullerton. The next banquet will be at Minneapolis in 1916.

"The Iowa Club" is the name of the student organization maintained by the rural teachers who are taking the special course for country school training. It is an active, enterprising literary society and discusses everything pertaining to country life and country school work. The making of this kind of training a special problem is attracting much attention and gives great credit to the professors in this new division of work. Mr. Macy Campbell, Mr. Irving H. Hart, and Mr. Harry L. Bells.

The "College Symphony Orchestra" under the leadership of Professor B. W. Merrill gave a splendid concert February 12. The entire program was of the highest type and was varied and pleasing. The Orchestra is an unusual combination of talent and training for a college student organization.

The College Eye editorial staff for the coming year is Mr. Rex Haight, editor-in-chief, Mr. Jasper Thompson, business manager, and Miss Faith Kiddoo, local and alumni editor. The College Eye is the successor of the original Normal Eye, the new title being adopted when the General Assembly gave the title Iowa State Teachers College to the normal school.

The Lecture Course for this year has been exceptionally successful, including Paul Althaus, tenor, October 15; Frank Lee Short Company in The Romancers, November 27; Christine Miller, contralto, January 14; Harold Bauer, pianist, and Mrs. Alexander, soloist, March 22; Hon. Robert LaFollette, March 24, and Elias Day, lecturer, April 5. An extra number will be provided for an unannounced date.

The Summer Term is to be the greatest in attendance and in accomplishment that has ever been held at Cedar Falls. The day of opening is Wednesday, June 2, 1915. Everyone should arrange to schedule work by letter before the date of the opening as the Registrar, Mr. C. S. Cory, will devote himself to such service during the month of May.

The Dramatic Declamatory Contest occurred March 5. Seven students participated in the final contest, the decision awarding first to Mrs. Ruth Egbert Imlay, second to Mr. J. H. Boatman, and third to Mr. George Zimmerman. The work of Miss Bertha Martin and her assistants in these annual interpretations of literature has made an enviable record. Mrs. Imlay presented a scene from Macbeth, Mr. Boatman from Richelleu and Mr. Zimmerman from Julius Caesar.

Debating and Oratory: Dual debate with Highland Park was decided, T. C. 3; H. P. 0, at Cedar Falls; T. C. 1, H. P. 2, at Des Moines. In the triangular compact with Coe and Morningside covering three years, Teachers College won the first year, Morningside second year, and Coe third year. In oratory under the Normal School League, Teachers College has won four successive years. The contest this year occurs at La Crosse, Wisconsin, Teachers College being represented by Mr. Lester Ary.

The Musical Festival occurs this year April 20th with concerts by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, afternoon and evening. There will be no chorus this year as the plans to have the festival conducted as previous years had to be changed because of the uncertainty of getting a satisfactory arrangement for an orchestra in May. Professor John B. Knoepfer is the manager of the Festival this year.

The Newman Catholic Association has maintained a high record of service during the entire year. Its officers have been energetic and sincere, its membership has been responsive and enthusiastic while its activities have been wholesome and effective. This year promises to be one of the best of the many years that this organization has served the College in securing the moral and religious welfare of the students.

Miss Sara F. Rice, professor of history, gave a notable patriotic address on Abraham Lincoln's birthday in the Auditorium before the students, faculty and citizens. The address was such a success that it has been printed for general distribution to the students and others, to keep in remembrance of the occasion.

The Dramatic Club presented its mid-winter play "Stop-Thief", January 31. The patronage was so large that it became necessary to repeat the program for a second evening. A severe storm prevented a large attendance at the second performance.

The Y. M. C. A. has had a remarkable year under the presidency of Mr. Rex Haight. The "Dad" Elliott meetings, the gospel team work at Edgewood during Christmas holidays, the regular weekly meetings and the admirable spirit of the membership, have kept the best standards forward all the time. David Schmidt is president, Fay Cooledge vice-president, Romeo Short secretary, and Glenn Rinehart treasurer for the coming year, beginning with the Spring term.

The Y. W. C. A. has had a very successful year under the management of the General Secretary, Miss Grace Wilson. Particular interest has centered in the kind of activities that insure Christian growth and development. The membership has been strong, the finances well managed, the meetings well attended and the interest continuous and effective. The influence of the Association is always one of the most salutary in regulating conduct and securing attention to student work. No compliment too high can be paid to such unselfish endeavors for the welfare of others.

The Athletic Report for the Fall and Winter terms is as follows: The team in football won from Highland Park and Iowa Wesleyan, tied with Dubuque, and lost to Iowa and Drake. The team was composed of new men. Captain Short was unable to play during the season because of an injury suffered when in practice. The team in basketball lost to Iowa, Grinnell, Drake, Kansas State Normal, Dubuque and Beloit, and won from Upper Iowa, and Wisconsin State Normal, Platteville. The gymnastic team secured a close second place in the state gymnastic meet in competition with Iowa, Luther and Iowa State College at Ames. Baseball and track teams will be maintained during the Spring term. Baseball games are arranged with Ellsworth, Dubuque, German, Upper Iowa and Wisconsin Normal. The Home Meet, two Dual Meets, the Iowa Conference Meet and the Hawkeye Meet represent the contests in track work.

Homer H. Seerley, President.
April 1, 1915.