

## CONSTRUCTION OF SENIOR MEMORIAL TO BEGIN SOON

### LOCATION HAS BEEN DECIDED

Doric Column Will Be Erected on Rising Ground Immediately South of Lincoln Hall

The final and complete contract for the erection of the column which is to be the memorial for the class of 1912 has been signed, and the erection will begin within a short time. The agreement with the construction firm states that the memorial will be completed by June 8, giving time for its dedication as a part of the exercises on Commencement week.

The committee, together with Supervising Architect J. M. White and Louis Brandt, instructor in landscape gardening, have selected the location of the memorial. It will be erected on the rise of ground immediately south of Lincoln Hall, and directly west of the main axis of the Auditorium. This location will place it in an advantageous position, as it can be seen from every approach to the Auditorium and Lincoln Hall. Moreover, as the general approach to the campus is constantly extending southward, the column will occupy a conspicuous place on the campus in future years.

### Cornerstone Exercise Planned

The committee has decided to inaugurate a new custom in connection with the erection of the 1912 memorial to the laying of a corner-stone. This ceremony will be held on some evening during the coming spring on the occasion of an outdoor band concert or campus sing. It is planned to hold informal exercises appropriate to the placing of the last block of the column, and to thereby establish a precedent that may be followed by succeeding classes who leave a memorial of a like nature.

The ceremony will probably include the placing of the customary copper box within the stone column, containing the names of the contributors, the class constitution, and other such material as would be appropriate for the occasion. In addition, the band will be on hand to furnish music, and some short informal speeches by several members of the class will probably be included.

President Charles Wham of the senior class, J. V. Stevenson, and R. C. McLarty have been appointed by Chairman Roberts of the memorial committee to arrange for this feature of the completion of the memorial. The dedication proper, which will come when the column is finally completed, will be made part of the program of Commencement week.

**Solicitation of Funds Now On**  
The members of the committees are soliciting the two dollar subscriptions from the members of the senior class, and up to date enough money has been received to start the work as soon as the weather permits. It is necessary, however, that the full amount be collected as soon as possible, and the committee will appreciate prompt payment of the two dollar fee, which is assessed each senior.

**A. S. Johnson to Speak**  
Dr. A. S. Johnson will speak under the auspices of the C. E. Club this afternoon at 4 p. m. in the engineering lecture room. His subject will be "Labrador." Dr. Johnson was the representative of the Canadian government on the 1905 Eclipse Expedition, and has secured some good colored slides, which he will show. Everybody is welcome to attend.

## DR. NITobe SPEAKS ON RELIGION OF JAPANESE

Exchange Professor From Tokyo University, Explains Main Principles Embodied in Japanese Worship.

The Japanese people have three main forms of religion, Christianity, Buddhahism, and Shinto, according to Dr. Inazo Nitobe, president of the First National College of Tokyo, Japan, in his lecture on "Japanese Religion," given last night. Of these three religions Shinto alone is native only to Japan, although Buddhahism is by far the most popular.

Although tolerated, Christianity is not recognized by the government, and therefore has less followers than either Buddhahism or Shinto. These two religions are much the same in effect, that is, the average Japanese is usually a follower of both forms.

The Japanese religion embodies as its main precept a firm though vague belief in the immortality of the soul. The religion makes no attempt to limit the believer with any strict creed, but rather allows the individual to form his own creed. The people of Japan are ancestor worshipers in that they believe the spirit lingers on even after death, although they do not worship any concrete symbols of ancestors.

The Japanese do not seek impressiveness or pomp in their religious worship. Their temples are plain and their services consist of sincere expressions of respect for their gods, rather than fervent or supplicating prayers.

The religion is first and last national in its scope. The Japanese does not pray for his own salvation but for the salvation of the nation. The common belief in Japan is that there is a god of every inanimate object. This belief was stated to be one of the great faults of the Japanese religion by Dr. Nitobe, who in summing up the value of the Japanese religion said:

"Our religion is not dignified, impressive, nor inspiring. No religion which recognizes the existence of gods in spoons, chop-sticks, chairs, or door-steps can raise its followers to a high plane of spiritual belief. It does not demand enough sacrifice in daily life. It does not recognize the existence of sin among its followers, and therefore does not condemn it. It is too vague in its principles, and as a result has sunk far below what it should be."

### Invitation Sale

Those who were unable to get their commencement invitations last Thursday and Friday may order them today at Engineering Hall, the Agricultural Building, and University Hall. This is positively the last opportunity to order them.

### Senior Hat Committee

A meeting of the 1913 senior hat committee will meet at the Beta Theta Pi house this evening at 7 o'clock.

CHAIRMAN.

## ORGANIZATIONS MEET TO DISCUSS CIRCUS PLANS

MORE THAN THIRTY PRESENT

Competition in Two Classes, One for Fraternities and One For Larger Clubs.

A meeting of the various organizations intending to participate in the Interscholastic Circus was held at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Representatives of thirty or forty organizations were present and a general discussion of plans for the coming event occupied the evening. Short talks by Leo G. Hana, "G." Huff, and Manager L. M. Apgar were features of the meeting.

### Two Classes of Prizes

Manager Apgar announced that the prizes this year will be somewhat more extensive than at past performances. In order to obviate the unfairness of fraternities competing with the larger organizations, two classes have been established with separate prizes awarded to each. Three cups will be awarded for the best acts presented by fraternities. To the best of the other organizations one cup will be given if less than four compete, if four or more, two cups will be awarded.

The best clown at the circus will receive a season pass-book admitting to all athletic events. To the second best clown, a stein will be presented. The best group of two or more clowns will be awarded a prize of ten dollars. Five dollars will be given to the best clown at the track meet and ball game in the afternoon. The winner of the relay race in the evening will be presented with a cup.

### Only Circus of Its Kind

"Leo G." gave an interesting summary of the history of the circus in past years. He emphasized the fact that in entertaining the visiting high school students the circus was one of the biggest advertising features of the University.

The circus has the reputation of being the only one of its kind in the world, and as an illustration of its popularity, the speaker cited the fact that Ringling Brothers send a representative every year to glean new features from the performances of the students. He urged all organizations to stick to their promises, and work for the success of the affair.

### "G." Presents Financial Side

"G." Huff in his characteristic brief manner presented the financial side of the question. He showed the low state of finances of the Athletic Association and the heavy obligations which the purchase of a new athletic field have placed upon the association. It therefore devolves upon all organizations to work to make the circus a financial success.

As has been announced, the circus will take place on Saturday evening, May 18. If the weather is unfavorable it will be postponed to the following week.

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## MERRY RECITES "MACBETH" IN MANY ILLINOIS TOWNS

Local Instructor in Public Speaking Handles Shakespeare's Tragedy According to Modern Conditions.

Glenn N. Merry, instructor in public speaking, has recently been giving lecture readings on "Macbeth" in various cities throughout the state. He handles Shakespeare's great tragedy from the modern viewpoint, as if it were a play depicting present-day political and commercial methods; and considers it as mediaeval in form only.

Mr. Merry terms his recital a lecture reading. One-third of the program consists of character descriptions, critical studies of the situations involved, and their application to existing conditions and problems. The remainder is a dramatic reading of the text.

"Macbeth" is treated in a unique manner. Macbeth himself is depicted as a representative of the overpowering principle of ambition in modern life, the determination to win, no matter what the methods employed to gain the end. The opposite principle of right social and political conduct is represented as being embodied in Macduff.

The various situations are made especially comparable to prevalent business conditions, while the reforms advocated by such men as Roosevelt and LaFollette are illustrated by counter-complications in the drama. The witches are stamped as the forces tending to encourage questionable methods. When speaking before a high school audience Mr. Merry generally makes similar references to competitive conditions on the football and athletic fields, and thus makes a forcible appeal to the student body.

Points recently visited by Mr. Merry tactics. Students for clean, wholesome athletic are Evanston, where he read before the Mothers' Club, Marshall, Gibson, Gilman, Momence, and Maywood. At all these places he spoke before large audiences. The recitals were generally under the auspices of high schools and clubs. During the next few weeks, towns in the western part of the state will be visited.

Mr. Merry possesses numerous qualifications for the work. He is a graduate of the Cumnock School of Oratory and of Northwestern University. He has also won first place in seven collegiate and intercollegiate public speaking contests. During the past few summers he has acted as platform manager for seventy-four chautauquas. Mr. Merry will probably give his lecture reading on "Macbeth" at the next Literature and Arts Assembly, to be held in about two weeks.

### Baseball Game Postponed

The game between the sophomore L. and A. and Science baseball teams, which was to have been played this afternoon, has been postponed on account of military drill.

## ILLINI MEET HAWKEYES ON LOCAL FIELD TODAY

RAIN MAY STOP CONTEST

Eligibility Rules Hit Both Teams Hard —Track Men to Columbia—Chicago Football Game Announced.

If the weather man permits, the Varsity will line up against the Hawkeye ball tossers this afternoon on Illinois Field in the first Conference home game of the season. The field is in a soggy condition as a result of the rains of the past two days and may not be suitable for playing. A notice will be posted at Harris & Mead's this afternoon concerning the game.

Both teams have been greatly weakened by the ineligibility of star players and should be about evenly matched. The contest promises to be a hard fought one, since the teams will fight hard to wipe off the tie which occurred last week at Iowa.

### Game Starts at 3:30

The game will start at 3:30 o'clock. General admission tickets will be fifty cents, Athletic Association members receiving tickets for forty cents. Mr. Wainwright of Chicago will officiate as umpire.

On account of the inclement weather yesterday afternoon the outdoor practice was dispensed with. Coach Huff, however, talked for some time to the squad at the Gymnasium and gave advice for the game today.

### Track Team to Columbia

The Illinois track team, consisting of twenty-five men, leaves tonight for Columbia, Missouri, to compete with the strong University of Missouri aggregation. The course at Missouri is a quarter mile, with a 220 yard straightaway. The track permits six men in the dashes, and their equipment allows four hurdles. The meet will start at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, and Delaney, of Chicago, will act as referee and starter.

### The Entries

The entries for the meet are as follows:

100-yard dash—Illinois, Cortis, Wilson, Stitzel, Phelps, Burke; Missouri, Walton, Kirksey, Leon, Lake.

220-yard dash—Illinois, Cortis, Wilson, Stitzel, Burke; Missouri, Kirksey, Walton, Estes, Leon, Knobel.

440-yard dash—Illinois, Sanders, Cortis, Hunter, Stitzel, Burke, Wilson; Missouri, Bermond, Breckner, Hutsell, Estes, Knobel.

880-yard run—Illinois, Henderson, Belnap, Cope, Thompson; Missouri, Bermond, Shockley, Goodson, Butler.

One mile run—Illinois, Cope, Belnap, Thompson, Henderson; Missouri, Shockley, Smith, Wickham, Moss.

Two mile run—Illinois, Bullard, Hislop, Dickinson, Bolander, Cope; Missouri, Wickham, Moss, Smith, Hunst, Parker.

High hurdles—Illinois, Case, Costar, Mathers; Missouri, Nicholson, Thatcher, Wilder.

Low hurdles—Illinois, Case, Costar, Mathers, Hull; Missouri, Kirksey, Thatcher, Nicholson, Catron.

High jump—Illinois, Cheney, Morrill, Prince, Case; Missouri, Nicholson, Snodgrass.

Broad jump—Illinois, Case, Nevins, Kopf, Hull; Missouri, Nicholson, Catron, Wilder.

Shot put—Illinois, Leo, Cheney, Belting; Missouri, Anderson, Thatcher, Hastings.

Hammer throw—Illinois, Belting, Leo, Kerker, Butts; Missouri, Anderson, Thatcher.

Discus throw—Illinois, Cheney, Belting, Ainsworth, Butts, Kerker; Mis-

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