

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO VISIT THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Joint Committee appointed to visit the State University and the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, at Iowa City, having performed that duty, respectfully submit the following report:

The State University is in a very prosperous condition, numbering four hundred and four students during the current collegiate year, and bearing every evidence of ability and fidelity upon the part of those having its management and control. Forty-three counties are represented in this Institution by the attendance of students from said counties, respectively, as follows:

Benton county,.....	8 students.
Blackhawk county,.....	2 "
Butler county,.....	1 "
Cass county,.....	1 "
Cedar county,.....	23 "
Clinton county,.....	4 "
Dallas county,.....	5 "
Des Moines county,.....	6 "
Dubuque county,.....	2 "
Fayette county,.....	1 "
Franklin county,.....	2 "
Fremont county,.....	1 "
Green county,.....	2 "
Guthrie county,.....	2 "
Hardin county,.....	7 "
Harrison county,.....	1 "
Henry county,.....	3 "
Iowa county,.....	2 "
Jackson county,.....	2 "
Jones county,.....	7 "
Johnson county,.....	164 "
Jasper county,.....	1 "
Keokuk county,.....	4 "
Lee county,.....	4 "
Linn county,.....	7 "
Louisa county,.....	11 "
Madison county,.....	1 "

Mahaska county,	6	students.
Marion county,	2	"
Mills county,	3	"
Michell county,	2	"
Polk county,	1	"
Pottawattamie county,	3	"
Poweshiek county,	5	"
Sac county,	1	"
Scott county,	3	"
Story county,	4	"
Tama county,	3	"
Muscatine county,	54	"
Van Buren county,	9	"
Washington county,	10	"
Winneshiek county,	3	"
Woodbury county,	1	"

Total number residents of Iowa384

Number of students from other States. 20

Making an aggregate of404

The foregoing list embraces all the students in the several departments of the University, exclusive of the Model School. The average age of the students is eighteen years.

The following statistics may be interesting as showing the progress made by this Institution during the three years last past, and the relative proportion of students from Johnson county :

Year.	No. of Students.	No. from Johnson County.	No. from other Cos. and States.	No. of Counties represented.
1860-61	172	100	72	32
1861-62	254	141	113	25
1862-63	288	157	131	34
1863-64	404	164	240*	43

It appears from the above statistical statement that the number of students in the State University has been steadily and rapidly increasing, while the relative proportion of students residing in Johnson county has been constantly diminishing, and that this Institution has already become a favorite with

*And yet the Davenport Gazette of March 16 persists in asserting that "a majority of the students are from Johnson Co." Will it correct its misstatement and set other papers right?—Ee.

the people of the State. Many families have taken up a *temporary* residence in Iowa City for the purpose of educating their children in the University.

Of the students now in attendance, one hundred and one have received tuition free, and in regard to their places of residence, represent forty-two counties.

The recitations and exercises of the several classes in the different departments, at which your Committee had the pleasure to be present, were highly creditable to the students as well as to their instructors, and evinced on the part of the Faculty and other teachers connected with the Institution, a degree of ability, tact, energy and industry, worthy of special commendation.

The remarkable prosperity of the institution deserves the highest consideration, and, in the opinion of your Committee, the present General Assembly should take such action in relation to the University that its efficiency may not be impaired nor its prosperity retarded.

The room used as a chapel is inadequate to accommodate the students already in attendance, not to speak of the probable increase of the number of students, and of the necessity for a chapel sufficiently large and commodious for lecture purposes and commencement exercises.

The University buildings are also deficient in not containing rooms suitable for a chemical laboratory.

In the Report of the Board of Trustees of the State University, the wants above referred to are fully set forth, and a plan proposed by them is herewith presented for an additional building to contain a spacious chapel and a laboratory, with a tower and observatory, the estimated cost of which is twenty-five thousand dollars.

In the opinion of your Committee, the University, with an additional building, similar to the one proposed by the Board of Trustees, would afford better facilities for the education of one thousand students, than are now afforded for the education of four hundred.

Hoping that the embarrassments which now surround our National and State Governments will not deter members of

the General Assembly from taking high ground in regard to the educational interests of the State, nor cause them to overlook the fact that the claims of education are of paramount importance to almost all other claims, nor make them unmindful of the great political truth, that enlightened virtue is the only sure foundation for a free government, your Committee commend the State University to your favorable consideration, in the full belief that you will pursue a liberal policy in respect thereto, and that you will take such action as will be promotive of the best interests of the University, as well as of the State at large.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

<p>✓ A. B. F. HILDRETH, Representative from Floyd Co., ✓ R. SEARS, Representative from Poweshiek Co., ✓ J. B. YOUNG, Senator from Linn Co.,</p>	}	Committee.
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OBITUARY OF CAPT. JONATHAN S. SLAYMAKER,
 OF DAVENPORT, IOWA, WHO FELL AT FORT
 DONELSON FEB. 15, 1862, IN THE FAMOUS CHARGE
 OF THE SECOND IOWA INFANTRY.

BY THE FORMER EDITOR OF THE ANNALS.

Yet surely there is some record
 When a brave young hero dies.

T. HAYNES BAILEY.

The subject of this obituary notice, Jonathan S. Slaymaker, the son of Samuel R. Slaymaker, was born in York, Pa., on the 31st of March, 1835, and was baptised, in infancy, by Rev. Albert Barnes, then pastor of the Presbyterian Church there. He had the advantages of early religious as well as secular education, attending in his youth the Sabbath School, and in his young manhood becoming a teacher of others in the Sunday School.

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