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FOUNDERS DAY MEMORANDA

Founders Day celebration for February 18, 1913, will be in honor of Gen. Charles E. Hovey, who was president of the Illinois State Normal University ~~xxxx~~ during the first four years of its existence--1857 to 1861.

On this occasion the I.S.N.U. Club of New York will present to the school a portrait of General Hovey painted by Messer, of Washington, D. C. (The story of this movement is told in the November number of the Alumni Quarterly, Vol. I, No. 4).

At this time also Mrs. Hovey (Mrs. Harrieta F. Hovey), widow of the General, will present to the school ~~the~~ certain military insignia of General Hovey--dress parade sword, every-day sword, spurs, a yellow sash (insignia of a general), a blue sash (insignia of a colonel), and possible something else.

As heretofore, a banquet will be served early in the evening, after which a program of addresses and short talks will be given in the auditorium.

It is hoped that the following persons may be present as special guests, and that each may contribute something to the program. If some cannot come it is hoped such may send a letter to be read or printed.

Mrs. Henrietta F. Hovey, who will speak if she can come; otherwise, Mr. Cook will be her spokesman, and Mr. ~~-----~~.
Pres. John W. Cook. Mr. Cook will have the leading address. His subject is "A Dauntless Pioneer." Thirty minutes time is allotted to him for this address. He will furnish 3000 words of this address for printing in the February issue of the Alumni Quarterly.

Mr. Cook will also furnish a brief biography of Mrs. Hovey for the Quarterly--400 to 500 words. He will ^{read} such parts or all of this in connection with his address as he thinks best. Further, Mr. Cook is to furnish us a short sketch of Mr. Messer, the artist, which I judge should be read by Captain Burnham. Mr. Cook has promised to send photograph of Mrs. Hovey, ~~xxxxxxx~~ from which we can have a cut made. This will show her as she was when she was the president's wife in Normal.

Captain John H. Burnham, class of '60, has been selected by the I.S.N.U. Club of New York to present the portrait in behalf of the Club. He has been allotted fifteen minutes, but this time may be extended if time permits. He will have something to say about General Hovey, he will tell the story of the conception of the present by the New York club, whatever may seem fitting about the Club itself and its members, including in its proper connection what should be said of the artist.

Aaron Gove, '61; Sugar Building, Denver, Colo. Mr. Gove says he will come or write something. He is the right man to be Mrs. Hovey's spokesman in presenting the insignia if she is unable to be here. He might combine with the presentation speech his contribution to the general program on "General Hovey as a Leader of Men."

~~xxxxxx~~ Captain Harvey J. Dutton, '61; 432 W. Locust St., Springfield, Mo. (Probably in Florida for the winter and doubtful if he can come.) ~~xxxx~~ Mr. Cook thinks he should speak or write on some phase of Hovey's life. (I have askt him)

Political - Sp. 60 -

As was + is accorded the foremost place - bringing
about the nom. of Lincoln. (Judge Davis)

Re-survey of Normal Township - (81 -

Retains Coal Shops after 1867. (94)

Letter printed

Samuel Willard, Ph.D., teacher of language and history in I.S.N.U., 1857-61. Doctor Willard is stricken with paralysis and will not be able to come. He has written a short letter, and promised another on "Hovey as Founder of the Normal School."

Written

Letter printed

Joseph A. Sewell, 356 S. Broadway, Denver, Colo.: teacher natural science in I.S.N.U., 1860-77. We ought to have a letter if he cannot come.

Written

John Hull, '60: 175 Queen Ann Place, Milwaukee, Wis.: acting professor mathematics, I.S.N.U., 1861-62.

Written

Will be here

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Christian, '60: 509 E. Front St., Bloomington. Mrs. Christian might speak on "General Hovey ~~as~~ in His Relation ~~to~~ Students."

Will be here

Peleg R. Walker, '61: supt. schools, Rockford, Ill.: mem. State Board of Education, 1883--date; president same. 1907--date. He should have part in program: perhaps since he is both president of the Board of Ed'n and one of the surviving Normal volunteers, he might be the one to accept the insignia on behalf of the institution. (President will accept the portrait).

Speaks

Will be here

Mrs. Sarah J. Francis Gove Baldwin, '63: Peoria.

Eugene Baldwin, editor Peoria Star: Dr. Baldwin should have a part on program and in print.

John F. Eberhart, Chicago, Ill. (See telephone book), an active man in educational work when the school was founded.

Pres. Eberhart

Letter printed

William J. Morrison, 319 Stratford Road, Brooklyn, N.Y.: president I.S.N.U. Club of New York. (It seems that he and the Club have not expected to have anyone here in person to present the portrait from among their number: but have delegated Captain Burnham to represent them.)

Program OK, Burnham's part. Club concept of ft. artist. sh. general. N.Y. Club

Burnham will say what is necessary in connection with portrait

Edmund Clarence Messer, Washington, D. C.. Mr. Messer was a personal friend of General Hovey, and made the portrait a work of love. He was (I think) the son of B.S. Messer, teacher vocal music, I.S.N.U., 1860-62.

Mr. Cook will furnish a sketch of the artist. He has been askt to contribute a letter for publication about General Hovey. He could be invited to be present. Mr. Burnham will tell what is necessary about him in his presentation of the portrait.

Mrs. Richard Hovey, Los Angeles, Cal., widow of the poet, should be invited.

Letter here for may be here

Edward F. Pike, Chenoa: one of the volunteers. (Anything special?)

Mrs. Sue Pike Saunders, Bloomington.

John Cook, musician: Chicago: it is hoped that he will sing solo in "Stein Song" from "Comrades:" Dr. Cook thinks a chorus of men should accompany. (The Stein Song from "Comrades" is the one usually sung. The one in "Spring" is quite as musical.)

Mrs. Agnes Cook Gale may be askt to read from "Bugles;" beginning "And in my heart a cry.." to "They sound forever in my heart."

Mr. J. W. Cook will be asked to have the reading provided for if Mrs. Gale is not to be present.

There may be more of the survivors of that early time whose names we shall learn from Mrs. Hovey, Mr. Cook, Mr. Burnham, etc.

In addition to the personal invitations sent by President Felmley, there will be issued printed invitations to--

1. All members of the State Board of Education. (Shall not members of all the other Normal Boards be included? And the presidents of the normals?)
2. State dignitaries--Governor, etc.; and other public men.
3. Distinguished educators of Illinois. (Why not all the normal s. presidents in the Mississippi valley?)
4. Local patrons and prominent persons not included above.
5. All members of the I.S.N.U. Club of New York, and all who contributed to the gift. (Ask Morrison if the list in Q. is complete.)
6. (To what extent should graduates be invited by printed invitation? Also former teachers?) [Alumni Com. to furnish list?]

(ADD NOTES BELOW)

Mr. Cook will send addresses of the Spaffords, etc.

Elizabeth Carteton, 3200 Stevens Ave.

Mpls. Minn.

no

Mrs Helen Grennell Guild,

3721 Central Ave. Indianapolis, Ind

James F. Redden, R.R. #2 Garden, Kans.

J. R. Vack, Rockford, Ill.

Eugene Baldwin, Iowa

Mr. S. Hall, '63, 226 Oakley, N.Y. Chicago

{ Ebenezer D. Harris, Fremont, Neb.
Harriet E. Damm, State N. School, Iowa

SOLE BUSINESS ASPECTS.--

We have askt William J. Morrison, 319 Stratford Road, Brooklyn, N.Y., to have photograph and cut made of the Hovey portrait and send cut to us at once, expense I.S.N.F.

Pres. J.W. Cook has promised to send at once a photograph of Mrs. Hovey so we can make cut of it for Quarterly and menu(?)

The ~~xxxxxxx~~ portrait will be exprest early in January.

The military insignia will be exprest after the holidays.

Mrs. Mary N. Rutherford, 304 S. Prairie St., Bloomington, has askt for a conference regarding catering for the banquet.

When should the printed invitations be sent out? *Should programs be sent with invitations?*
Make up list for printed invitations at once.

Why not a list of members of 100. & Ed + J. H. B.

Miss Mattie Marble. No. Main St. #601

Mr. McLeod 17-165

Spencer Darnell

Bardonia Wakefield,

George W. Colvin, 201 N. Grand St. Box 9.

Sydney B. Kellogg, 64. Emporia

Characteristics: crystallizing sentiment, directing public opinion,
starting practical action!

The railroads

" library

" Unity movement + Ellis episode.

" news of Surgery.

Did Dr. S. Griffith, Bradley, Bay, Selman & Co.
Shawing
New York Journal

What shall the program be?

Vocal Music.--Miss Amy Hovey (?)

Presentation of portrait by Capt. John Howard Burnham, class of '61. (Fifteen to twenty minutes.)

Acceptance of portrait for the State Normal University by Pres. David Felwley. (How much time?)

Address, "A Dauntless Pioneer." Pres. John W. Cook, State Normal School, De Kalb. (Thirty minutes.)

Reading, or Song, or both here(?)

(Mrs. Henrietta F. Hovey, or) Presentation of General Hovey's Military Insignia. (Mr. Gove's talk on "Hovey as a Leader of Men.") (Aaron Gove, class of '61. (Fifteen minutes))

Acceptance of Military Insignia, by P. R. Walker, '61, President State Board of Education. (?)

Music.--Battle Hymn of the Republic by Chorus and Audience. (?) Centennial Hymn(?) Illinois(?)

(Is there any other consideration?)

(A suitable school hymn is needed here.)

Letters.--Where should they come on program? This may be determined partly after we see what the letters are.)

Other short addresses.--Short addresses by Mr. Eugene Baldwin, John Hull, Mrs. Christian, H. J. Dutton, and others of the days of Hovey's heroic labors here may have to be provided for.

Some good topics, such as "Student Life in Hovey's Time," would make interesting matter if time allows. Shall we try for some of this feature? Mrs. Christian or Mrs. Saunders, or some other survivors could do such.

What should John Hull speak on?

Eugene Baldwin speaks
(MAY NOTES BELOW)

Hovey's Organizational + Records.

Hovey of Bloomington -

Chats { *Hovey. Girl sketch*
" *as visitor*
" *as leader of men*
" *as organizer*
" *as collector of students.*
" *as bull's at school.*

Bliss Carman.

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Mr. Newell

An important business meeting of the Committee on Founders Day will be held in the main office Saturday morning at 8³⁰ o'clock. Six main questions as indicated below will be considered. Each member of the committee is requested to think over these questions carefully beforehand that the most expeditious and wisest action possible may result from the meeting.

- I. How secure the largest possible attendance of students?
- II. Invitations or announcements? To whom shall they be sent?
 1. Survivors of the Hovey period and the Hovey family?
 2. Members State Board of Education and other public officials?
 3. Graduates: All members I.S.N.U. Club of New York? b. Survivors of first six classes not included above? c. All convenient to Normal?
 4. Local friends and patrons in Normal and Bloomington? (Parents of our pupils to be reached thru pupils?)
- III. The reception: 1. Hour? Decorations and exhibits? Refreshments? What? How provided? how served? (Sub-committee)
 2. Provisions for wraps, ushers, seats for group visits? (Sub-committee)
 5. Organ march ~~music~~ signal to assemble in Auditorium?
- IV. Program in the Auditorium.
 1. Music? (If committee wishes it, Professor Westhoff will provide)
 2. Presentation of portrait. ~~by~~ Capt. J. H. Burnham, '61. (20 minutes)
 3. Acceptance of portrait. President Felmley
 3. Acceptance of Mrs. Hovey's gift of General Hovey's sword, etc. P. R. Walker, '61. (10 or 15 minutes)
 4. Song by the audience and chorus, Battle Hymn of the Republic *Dr.*
 5. Address: A Dauntless Pioneer. John W. Cook, '61. (30 minutes)
 6. Short, reminiscence talks by ~~E. F. Baldwin~~ *and others*
 - Mrs. Elizabeth I. Christian, '60. (10 minutes)
 - Miss Elizabeth Carleton, '62. (5 minutes?)
 - E. F. Baldwin (10 to 15 minutes)
 7. Music: a. Stein Song. Solo and chorus of men's voices.
b. Old Lang Syne. Audience and chorus
- V. Printing of programs? (Sub-committee)
- VI. "Hovey" number of Alumni Quarterly.-- 1. Addresses, letters, and pictures.-- General Hovey and Mrs. Hovey, a page of Hovey's boys, the building in 1860, buildings in 1910. *Others*

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