

## Hancock's Military Blunder.

The Northern Democratic newspapers teem with accounts of General Hancock's military achievements during the Rebellion. Not a word is said, however, about General Hancock's last active military campaign—the only one, too, in which he ever had an opportunity as an independent commander to display his brilliant military qualities. This was the campaign against the Cheyenne Indians in Kansas in the spring and summer of 1867.

In conversation with a correspondent Colonel S. F. Tappan, who was a member of the Indian Peace Commission of 1867, recalled some of the incidents of that famous campaign.

In April, said the Colonel, Hancock marched from Leavenworth with an expedition of 1,500 men. Some of the equipment of that expedition excited much curiosity and amusement among those of us who had served in that country. For example, an elaborate pontoon train was taken along for a campaign in a region where there is not a stream that is not easily fordable. A long train of water carts also accompanied the expedition, and it has been irreverently suggested, by soldiers who were not educated at West Point, that the water carts might be needed to have a supply of water sufficient to make the pontoons useful.

When the expedition reached Fort Larned, continued the Colonel, a body of Cheyennes, numbering some 400 warriors with their women, children and old men, were encamped on the Pawnee Fork, about fifteen miles distant. On General Hancock's invitation the chief and the warriors came to Fort Larned for a conference. General Hancock asked them where their women and children were, and why they also had not come in. He was told that among the women and children were many who had escaped from the Chivington massacre, at Sand Creek, and they were afraid to come near the soldiers. General Hancock insisted that the women and children should be brought to the fort. The warriors returned to their village, and, taking their women and children, fled from the vicinity. The village was then attacked by the troops, its only occupants being an old man and a demented girl, who had been forgotten by the Indians in their hasty flight. These two Indians were murdered, but not until after the girl had been assaulted. The village was burned, except about fifty of the finest tipis, which were reserved for officers of the expedition.

An active campaign against the Indians was then begun, said General Tappan. It lasted until some time in July, when General Hancock sent to Washington for more men and money. He had spent about \$9,000,000, and the lives of about 300 soldiers and settlers had been sacrificed. Congress decided that \$4,500,000 for killing an Indian was too much, and the Peace Commission was appointed.

General Hancock was examined as a witness before the Commission early in August, and he made a very pitiable exhibition of himself in trying to excuse his blunders. The Commission met the Cheyennes in September, and readily concluded a treaty with them. General Hancock's campaign was an unnecessary, as well as an expensive one, and its management from beginning to end reflected no credit upon the commander.

## THE UNIVERSITY.

### The Thirty-Sixth Annual Commencement.

The thirty-sixth annual commencement exercises of the University began Monday evening, with a concert by the University Musical Society and Choral Union. On Tuesday occurred the third annual contest of the University Athletic Association. This consisted of a variety of walking, running, jumping, wrestling, boxing and other matches, and proved very creditable to the muscular training of the contestants.

### THE REGENTS.

The Board of Regents met Tuesday, for their annual session, with Acting President Frieze in the chair and the full board present.

Regent Climie submitted a special report and comparative statement of amount of money received and disbursed from the years 1876 and 1877, and including 1879-80.

The amount of money received during the year ending June 30, 1877, and balance on hand, was \$140,203 98. The amount of money disbursed during the year ending June 30, 1877, was \$146,046 99, leaving a balance on hand of \$156 17. In this year there were 1,110 students, and the average amount of money paid to the university by each student was \$25 35. In this average laboratory deposits are not included, and are not in the subsequent years.

The amount received in 1878 was \$174,827 55; amount disbursed, \$164,715 66, leaving a balance of \$10,111 89. There were in this year 1,230 students, and the average paid by each was \$33 07.

The amount received during 1879 was \$171,113. The amount disbursed was \$142,402 51, leaving a bal. of \$28,711 49. This year there was no credit balance to each fund. There was an attendance of 1,376 students, and the average amount paid to the university by each was \$36 28.

In 1880 the receipts, including balance on hand, were \$195,030 63; amount disbursed \$179,490 46, leaving a balance on hand of \$22,550 23. Each fund this year has a credit balance, the amount received and credit balance being based on estimates for the last quarter, as follows:

General fund.....	\$13,504 77
Dental college application.....	91
General library.....	1,308 53
Hospital.....	95 05
Professor of physics.....	200 00
Ex-termina homoeopathic medical department.....	400 00
Museum building.....	1,635 43
Homoeopathic hospital.....	148 37
Steam heating apparatus.....	101 29
School of mines.....	378 25
Homoeopathic hospital equipment.....	818 95
Dental college.....	1,088 63
Homoeopathic medical college.....	2,902 57
Total.....	\$22,550 61

This year there were 1,430 students

in attendance, and the average amount of money paid by each student was \$36 51.

Regent Grosvenor presented the resignation of Dr. A. C. McLean as house surgeon of the medical hospital, and of Dr. G. B. Ayers, as secretary of the faculty in the department of medicine and surgery. Both resignations were accepted.

Regent Grosvenor presented a report of Dr. O. R. Wheeler, the resident surgeon of the homeopathic hospital, and of Dr. McLean, resident surgeon of the University hospital, showing the number of cases treated during the year in the hospitals, 70 in the homeopathic; surgical 35; eye and ear, 14; peculiar to women, 8; medical cases, 88: one has died, 2 were discharged as incurable, and the others improved or cured. There were 392 cases in the University hospital, 163 eye and ear, 149 surgical, 45 medical; peculiar to women, 35; 4 have died.

Regent Grosvenor presented a report from Dr. C. L. Ford, the dean pro tem. of the faculty of the medical department, saying that the faculty had recommended the appointment of Dr. J. E. O. Bennett to the position rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. McLean, at a salary of \$450; recommending that the compensation of female nurses be increased from \$18 to \$25 per month, and recommending the appointment of P. E. Nagle as secretary of the faculty.

President Frieze read a paper signed by Mr. Rice A. Beal and Prof. J. B. Steere, offering to present the University 482 specimens of natural history, collected by Mr Steere at the mouth of the Amazon river during the summer of 1877 at a cost of about \$450; also a collection of 200 insects mounted in boxes, collected in southern Brazil; also a collection of 20 birds, 2 mammals and 100 insects in alcohol, chiefly purchased by Dr. Heath and collected on the upper Madeira river, Brazil, costing \$50, making a total of 842 specimens costing \$500; all presented as a part of the Beal-Steere collection. This donation was accepted with thanks.

The leave of absence of Prof. Wells of the law department was continued, and the Hon. C. I. Walker of Detroit continued in his place. Charles M. Gale of the class of 1878 was appointed as assistant in Latin to Prof. Frieze.

The request of Prof. Olney for three assistants in mathematics, at a salary of \$300 each, was granted on condition that no advancement in salary was to be expected, and the positions were to be held from year to year only.

Prof. C. B. Cady was appointed instructor in music, at a salary of \$900, in accordance with a memorial presented last March from the literary faculty.

A request from Prof. Taft that the dental term be lengthened to nine months was read by Regent Climie, and referred to the medical committee.

### THE ALUMNI.

The Alumni Association met Wednesday afternoon the Hon. T. W. Palmer of Detroit, President of the Association, in the chair. The secretary, J. C. Knowlton of Ann Arbor, read the minutes of last year, after which the treasurer, Zina P. King, presented his annual report, showing the total assets to be \$31,825.29. Of the liabilities \$18,576.90 belongs to the Williams endowment fund. Prof. Williams, though very feeble, was present and heartily greeted by his old pupils.

Mr. Theodore Case of Detroit, necrologist of the Association, made a report showing that thirteen alumni had died during the past year, including Gen. Dwight May of the class of '49.

The Hon. T. W. Palmer of Detroit was elected President and Prof. I. N. Damon of Ann Arbor, Secretary for the ensuing year. The annual address was delivered by Col. J. H. Elliott of Princeton, Ill., class of '61, and the annual poem was read by Floyd B. Wilson, class of '71.

### COMMENCEMENT DAY.

Thursday was Commencement Day, and attracted the usual large crowd of visitors to University Hall. The annual address was delivered by Bishop Harris, of Detroit, and was an eloquent plea for a higher education and liberal support of educational institutions.

The following honorary degrees were conferred: M. A., William C. Maybury, Detroit, class of '70; M. A., the Rev. E. A. Horton, Boston, class of '59; Ph. D., Prof. William J. Beal, state agricultural college, Lansing; LL. D., the Rev. T. C. Trowbridge, Aintab, Turkey.

The usual banquet to the alumni and invited guests was given in the afternoon, followed by the usual toasts and speeches.

After the banquet the regents met for their final session. The report of the librarian was presented. Regent Climie was appointed superintendent of the new museum building, vice Prof. J. B. Davis. The bill of Richard Trejaskis, \$72, was allowed. The sum of \$300 was appropriated for the purchase of surgical instruments, if needed; the sum of \$9,666 was appropriated for the enlargement of the laboratory. Assistants for the treasurer and secretary were authorized. The resignation of Prof. S. A. Jones of the homeopathic college was accepted; the sum of \$1,000 was transferred from the general fund for the purchase of museum cases; the address of Bishop Harris was requested for publication, and \$75 appropriated to defray the expenses. After transacting minor business the board adjourned.

The Newark Cement Company, of Rondout, has a mule which displays extraordinary talent. When the signal sounds for 12 o'clock he at once refuses to work, even to finish hoisting a load he may have started, but deliberately allows it to settle back to the bottom. After feeding he will allow himself to be hitched up, but no amount of coaxing or beating will induce him to work until the 1 o'clock whistle sounds.

In fifteen years, out of two millions of people who left the United Kingdom for lands beyond the sea, only a quarter of a million went to Canada, seven out of every eight (1,750,000) going to the United States.