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EPIGRAMMATIC.

How high the Law movitat.
Soars in the legal sky;
Now trying to propitiate
A washerwoman or, initiate
Some hard up client in his grace.
With studied cant and paraphrases,
Upon my soul I wish he ate
At Fortune's table, which she places
For her guests; or with zealous effort try
To drink her flowing fountains dry...

MEDICAL COMMENCEMENT.

The Third Annual Commencement of the Medical Department occurred on the 4th and 5th instants. Public examinations were held from 10 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 4 P. M. of each day, Professors Farnsworth, Middleton-Robertson and Hinrichs occupying an hour each on Tuesday, and Prof. Peck the forenoon, and Prof. Shrader and Clapp the afternoon on Wednesday. The candidates for graduation were in good spirits, and their examination in the various branches certainly did not fail to gratify their instructors, to gain the approbation of the Visiting Committee, and to do honor to the University. Commencement exercises were held on Wednesday evening at seven and a half o'clock. Upon entrance of the President, Board of Regents, Medical Faculty and Graduates in procession, the Band, which furnished music for the occasion, burst forth in peals of harmony. After an invocation by President Thacher, the Valedictory was delivered by Wm. M. Glenny, of the graduating class.

Mr. Glenny gave a brief history of medicine; he began with its origin as a crude art, noticed alchemy and the germinating buds of modern science, paid a tribute to Hippocrates, Aristotle and Galen, and stated the present degree of advancement of medical knowledge. Although the progress and achievements in medicine have been remarkable, yet the broad field of the known is still far from equal to the vast domain of the unknown. Mr. Glenny then, in behalf of his fellow graduates, addressed the Regents and the Faculty in an appropriate manner, and in conclusion described to his classmates two roads which lie before them, one leading on to honor, success and usefulness, the other an opposite direction. The expectations of the graduates were fully met by Mr. Glenny, whom the class elected to represent them.

J. Williamson, M. D., of Ottumwa, President of the State Medical Society, after congratulating the Faculty upon the numerous evidences of their energy and faithfulness, addressed the graduates upon the nature of the work in which they are about to enter, alluding to the duties of physicians to themselves, to each other, to their patients and to society, and suggesting what habits and what traits of character should be cultivated. At the close of his address the Dean read the names of twenty-eight gentlemen and three ladies whom the Faculty recommended to the Board of Regents as worthy of the honor of the Medical Department, and upon whom the President then conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

After "Home, Sweet Home," and the benediction, the audience dispersed, and the Regents, Medical Faculty, and students with their ladies, repaired to the St. James, where a banquet had been generously provided by the graduating class.

At ten o'clock supper was announced and of the one hundred and twenty-four guests who marched in to partake of the refreshments, not one was turned away empty, but Col. Wood, the efficient landlord had seats provided for every one.

After all had indulged their appetites to their fullest, and the attentive waiters had "filled the bill" of fare from beginning to end, Dr. Glenny arose and read the following toast: "The duties and pleasures of the Medical Profession"; to which Dr. Burbank briefly responded. To the sentiment—"The Medical Department, may it ever honor the University and be cherished by the Board of Regents," C. W. Slagle made an earnest and eloquent reply. John Irish next responded to the "Medical Faculty," and Frank Jarvis to "The Ladies of the Medical Profession, may they ever have warm hearts and lend helping hands;" Dr. Brames responded to the toast, "Our Excellent Host, may the Alumni often enjoy his hospitality." Then the company withdrew to the parlors. About twelve some retired to their homes while others returned to the dining hall to enjoy for a space the charming music of the orchestra.

The commencement as a whole is regarded by the Medical students, Faculty, University, Committee, and Board of Regents as a perfect success.

On the day proceeding public examinations the Medics were entertained by the different members of their Faculty. Each one gave a brief recapitulation of his lectures during the course; thanks for regular attendance, marked attention and gentlemanly deportment; a piece of professional advice to the graduates; and most especially
a generous dose of Syrup Simplex, which produced tonic contractions of the risorii muscles and hearty applause from all the recipients. Then came the presentation of a copy of Aushart's Surgery to "Bill" the janitor, by Prof. Clapp, in behalf of the students of this department.

To complete the programme of the day Mr. Preston, of '73, and Mr. Landor, of '74, were chosen, each to toast the class of the other. The speech of Mr. Preston was earnest and appropriate. The response by Mr. Landor, cordial yet laconic. On the evening of the 3d inst. the Graduating class of the Medical Department organized an Alumni Association. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected: Pres. C. H. Preston; Vice Pres. J. W. Hanna; Sec. E. H. Saeffer; Treas. N. H. Tulloss, M. D.

PARADOX.—In the Medical Department are found Hill, Mountain and NoLand.

EDITOR REPORTER:—I am informed that my article on "Plato and Aristotle, written in answer to one on the same subject by "P," does not properly meet the main point made by P., viz: That in asking can a teacher do any appreciable good who indulges in the queer belief that the Utopian dreams of Plato, and the respectable but imperfect attempts of Aristotle and other worthies are of much account in the light of modern thought and research?" I had really meant to say: "Now can a teacher do any appreciable good, who believes the thoughts of Plato and Aristotle are of any appreciable consequence?"

Now if P. is right in putting this interpretation on my remark (a remark which taken out of its connection, looks offended) I great reason to feel sorry for having unconsciously wronged a gentleman who is entitled to my unqualified respect.

But, I hope, that this interpretation is not the one given the passage by the ordinary reader, and I certainly know that it was not my intention to convey the impression which P. seems to have received.

I cannot but regret that there has been anything in the form in which my thoughts were expressed that could give rise to a misunderstanding concerning my certainly very great respect for the thoughts of Plato and Aristotle. I respect and admire the thoughts of these great men as I do those of Confucius, the author of the Vedas, and the other great men of antiquity, but I do not believe to be wanting in respect either to them or any one else if I express the opinions that no teacher of to-day should think much of their theories, dreams and Utopian fancies as compared with intellectual achievements of to-day.

In the article, Thoughts on Culture, Plato's Dreams, &c. were contrasted with Laplaces and Humboldt's Certain Knowledge; Modern Thought and Research with Ancient Guessing and Poetic Vagaries, or Speculative Inanities. I assure P. that I do not yield to him or any other person in admiration for that which is really grand in Plato, really respectable in Aristotle; that it never crossed my head to wish to cut down the trees because their fruits are so much richer to-day than ever before, nor to cut off their roots because they run so deep or so far; and that if I have ever written a line that could be construed as conveying such an idea it must have been from a strange misconception of the meaning of the word used.

JOHN LANGDON SIBLEY is a name forever honorable in the history of Phillips Exeter Academy. It is honorable, also, in the list of Harvard librarians, and elsewhere, but Mr. S. deserves the coronal of praise for discharging his patronage of $5,000 to Phillips Academy for the benefit of indigent students, and for increasing that sum from his own earnings to $15,000. He remembered his own indebtedness to generous friends while he was a student there, and his own heart was as generous as theirs.

May not Iowa have a John Langdon Sibley somewhere in the University or out of it?

The Iowa College catalogue for 1872-3 is just out. The number enrolled (including the graduates of '72) is 329, of whom 29 are in the College course. The vignette is an improvement on its predecessor by the omission of an unsightly ox-wagon, and the introduction of the new and beautiful Central College. "The Vital Statistics," also, should have been omitted with the oxen, though they were associated with the Iowa sheepskin.

The fund already secured in aid of indigent students is said to be in excess of the demand for it, a rare fact in college history.

OBITUARY.

It sometimes seems that Death is partial in the selection of his victims, and strikes down the fairest flowers, leaving the thorns and thistles stand, to sour and irritate humanity. Such thoughts have recently come to us with double meaning in the death of our fellow student, J. W. Dickey. Although connected with the University for only a few months, his quiet demeanor and gentlemanly deportment won for him the highest regard of both professors and students. Eager and attentive in his recitations, he placed the highest estimate upon time and opportunity. His whole life had been a manly struggle against adversity, and just as his life-dreams were beginning to be realized, the heavy breath of the " Grim Destroyer" fell upon him, and he withered as his touch. His manner and speech seemed to indicate that he was not content to live the prophetic life of ordinary mortals, but that he " wished to leave some whispering of a name, that once he'd been on earth and acted something there." Saturday eve, March 6th, he seemed as well as usual, but that terrible disease, the spotted fever, laid hold upon him, and the best medical aid could not save him from its grasp. Monday morning, at a quarter past nine o'clock, he closed his eyes forever; and passed from earth to the welcome embrace of angels who leaned from the golden battlements of heaven to receive him.

A large number of students followed the remains to the depot, whence they were taken to his home in Mt. Pleasant for burial.

"Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days;
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise."
PERSONALS.

—J. R. Wylie, class '71, lately made us a call.
—Nettie M. Dick, Normal class '71, is teaching school in Jefferson, Greene County, Iowa.
—T. J. Miza, Law Class '73, is rumored to be married. If this be true, we wish him all possible happiness.
—D. K. Thomas, a special student, has been for some time past teaching, a few miles from town.
—Dan. N. Glenn, valedictorian of Medical Class of '73, will practice in Abbeville, S.C.
—G. W. Ball, Law Class '70, is practicing his profession with success in the city of Des Moines.
—S. Clingman and T. Y. Lynch, both of law '73, have made Fairfield their home and are doing well.
—Mr. Parker, Law '73, called home, some two months since by the illness of his sister, has returned to his class and hard study.
—Miss Ella Skiles and Miss Marks, old students of the University by their enlivening presence lit up the dark recesses of our editorial sanctum.
—Frank Hanna, First Course medical student, did not receive his sheepskin because he had not been here quite long enough. We understand that he passed a very creditable examination in all required branches.
—A. O. Williams, class '73, is rapidly recovering his old time strength, at his home in Illinois. He reports himself as endeavoring to convert the heathen in that boundless land. We wish him all success in his self-sacrificing schemes.

CLIPPINGS.

—The mouth of one Senior, who boards at Commons, is to be photographed in segments.—Yale Courant.

—A Soft Touch.—We hear rumors of a possibility of the Chapel seats being cushioned throughout, and that too before very long.—Nassau Lit.

—A writer in the Miscellany speaks of a man in that neighborhood who has named his pig "Mand," "because it comes into the garden so much."—Nassau Lit.

—A Theologian wants to bet a box of cigars that he knows the man who called him away from pleasant company last Sunday night by sending word to him that a friend was dying.—Mad.

—"Died trying to write an oration when I had nothing to say; is the message a feeble-minded youth left to his mother? I say this wonder that more do not die if that disease is fatal."—Es.

—When a student passes with his hands in his pockets, his eyes fastened on the ground, and his general appearance resembling that of a sentenced convict, he is trying to think of a subject for an essay.—Mercury.

—Private advices from Vassar inform us that in lieu of their riding exercises the girls have taken up boxing and fencing. We publish this as a warning to timid young men matrimonially inclined.

—A Yale college student lately went through a civil examination, and, after passing triumphantly, astonished the examiners by telling them that he did not want any office, but merely wanted to see what the examination was like.—Cour.

—During the rage of the epizootic at Madison, in this state, the wagons that carried milk to the Freshmen of the University, had to be drawn by oxen. The Democrat hopes they won't have to depend on oxen for milk all winter.—Mercury.

—The President of a certain literary society, while at supper the other night, spoke rather disparagingly of a motion that day in the society, and ended by saying, "Every cursed fool in the society voted for that motion to-day." When a Senior said rather hastily, "I didn't vote for it." There was a silence, then a general burst of laughter, the Senior has concluded to think twice before speaking.—Spectator.

--A Vassar Senior was lately caught smoking a cigar and gave as her reason for the act, that "it made it smell as if there was a man around."—Es.

--A Senior, somewhat puzzled as to the scope and design of logic, proceeds thus: "Logic is that science which begets turbidity in the minds of philosophers who are clear on most things."—Avery Review.

—Prof.—What are the uses of starch in germination?

Student (reciting on check)—In the German nation starch is used about the same as it is in this country, for doing up linen and such goods.—Turpum.

—One of the Seniors was asked by a young lady what the rowing costume of the University crew was. He saved the lady's modesty and his own veracity by replying that there "was not much of a costume."—Record.

—Prof.—Translate literally "fingerti six Pyreneus jugus."--Student, who had lost his printed translation of Livy—"The rest of the Phoenicians fingered the jugus." A Fresh, in a similar dilemma, commenced Virgil thus: "Arms and a man, with a dog."—Es.

—The Prep. who, trying in vain to escape from a billiard hall, hid himself behind a table upon the announcement, by the Sophia, of the presence of Prof. Andrus, has unpacked his trunk and pronounced the prophecy of "the boys," concerning his expulsion, incorrect.—Avery Review.

--A society for the suppression of slang has been formed among the pupils of the girls' high school of San Francisco. Said a reporter to one of the members, "Your object is a praiseworthy one. Do you think you will succeed in eradicating conversational slang?" Said she: "You bet."—Miami Student.

—"With a woful wail in his voice, And not a cent of cash, A fellow back from his breakfast comes, A-singing this Song of the hash—

CHORD.—Hash for Monday, Hash for Tuesday, Hash for Wednesday, hash!—Mercury

—Nuff sed.—When we are dead, When spirit freed from body, soars To that bliss land where streams of lager flow, Where college crews on lakes of claret row, While on the shores Sit fairy nymphs,—without the harps and wings,— But sipping sherry cobblers, hot gin slings, And other things Like these,—when to this land of hopes and malt We are about to go,—we know not where or how, Thou shalt provide the beer and thou The result!—Yale Courant.

—We do not know the name of the author of the following "development" of the Darwinian theory; but we think he deserves a high place in the temple of the science of which he thus gives a double-distilled extract:

THE COSMIC EGG.

Upon a rock, yet incubate, An ascerated being is set. Beneath him—Rock; Above him—Cloud; And the cloud was rock; And the rock was cloud. The cloud soon growing moist and warm, Began at length, to take a form, As if—Something should be born, A form chaotic, vast and vague, That issued in the Cosmic Egg.

Then the below narrates, Upon the egg did wonders, And thus became the Incubator, And of the egg old Alligator, And thus became the—Alligator, And the Incubator was potent, But the Alligator was Potentator.—Pulladum.
During the late session of the Board of Regents, some very important changes were made in regard to the courses of study. Reserving, for the present at least, our comments, we will give a synopsis of the plan adopted. According to the old curriculum, there were two courses of study; called respectively "Classical" and "Scientific"; the difference, however, was more in name than reality. The distinctions were so finely marked that it was often a question, even among the Professors themselves, as to what course a student was in. According to the new arrangement, there will be three distinct courses of study; Classical, with the degree of A. B., and Philosophical and Scientific, each with the degree of B. Ph. The studies will be as follows, the figures denoting the number of terms to be occupied:

**Freshman Year.**
- Greek(3), Latin(3), Mathematics(3).
- Botany(1), Physics and Chemistry(5).
- Calculus(2), Physiology(2), Rhetoric(1), 3 Electives(1).

**Sophomore Year.**
- German(3), Latin(3), Mathematics(3), History(2), Botany(1), Physics and Chemistry(3).
- Zoology(1), Physiology(1), Rhetoric(1), 2 Electives(1).

**Junior Year.**
- Latin(3), German(3), Zoology(1), Physiology and Chemistry(3), 3 Electives.

We are glad to be able to announce that the Board of Regents, at their last meeting made an appropriation of $1250 for the purpose of renting the vacant lots on the flat, back of the University. It will require but a slight expense to make most excellent base and foot ball grounds on these premises. In the spring much damage is done to the only part of the campus fit for that purpose, by playing football upon it, and the Carleton Square and Fair Grounds are too far distant for base ball. Thanks are due to Prof. Currier for the first suggestion of the idea to the Board.

"Defalcation," a long, hard word of foreign birth. Would that the thing it represents were always foreign too; yet in some quarters of our State, the ugly reality has been much harder than the name. But while the interests of others have been imperiled, and the funds of other institutions embezzled, it is the special pride of the friends of the University that every dollar of its funds is bringing the largest possible income, and is secured in the safest possible way. The Treasurer, Hon. Ezekiel Clark, is too good a financier to be deceived, and his integrity is fast-anchored. If any institution can show his equal, none can furnish his superior.

The **Catalogue of Denmark Academy**, for 1873, exhibits a total of 224 students. This represents the thirtieth year of the Academy, and shows the continued favor of the public, which is so well deserved by its excellent corps of instructors. "Shows," we say, for the Denmark Catalogue is one of the few we can trust, and Prof. Edison's beautiful motto, "Character before Scholarship," is not slighted by the daily lives of Denmark teachers, or by their inflated self-laudations.

A valuable telescope and spectroscope are being constructed, in England, for the use of the University Observatory. Probably they will be here in the course of a few months.
LOCAL

—Students are cramming for examinations.
—Read the article on the change in college courses.
—The library in some places needs new matting.
—A nuisance, the law class at any public assembly.
—So far as heard from no students have entered the matrimonial yoke during the last two weeks. Should this state of affairs last?
—The Harpoon Student is publishing copious extracts from Helen's Mental Science, signed "John Truelove."

—In one of the societies not long since, a Senior attempted to quote Scripture with the following success: "Who is he that hath delivered me?" It was delivered, but not by him.
—While the Board of Regents was in session it took seven requests to obtain a sufficient degree of quiet from the Law Department to transact business in the room below.
—Spring with her "ethical mildness," is fast approaching with her attendant concomitants, mud and moonshine. Students, appreciating the duties.

—Young lady of our acquaintance, who desired to perpetuate the remembrance of a certain young Judor, asked him to write "something nice" in her album. He perpetrated the following: "Ilsix$ $c@ $que $et $t." Read it.
—In a Latin class a few days since, a young lady was called up for the declension of a certain word. She boldly proceeded: "His, her, his, yours, yours, how, how," which latter was received with joyous applause by the boys.
—On the eve of March 4th, the Hammond Society discussed in its social, metaphysical, political and statistical points of view, the question: "Roused, that the amorphous animal of the genus Homo is more beneficial to society than the batrachian reptile of the genus Bufon."  

SCENE IN CLASS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW.—Dr. Thacher—Mr. ——, what dress are American ambassadors expected to wear in foreign courts?
—Senior, (in a hurry)—They are not expected to wear any dress at all, hem; I mean any regular costume.
—The frost is making a sad spectacle of our new concrete walks. Frugal choirs are to be seen stretching in every direction. In one of these our small Senior editor was well nigh lost sight of. It seems that it would have done no particular harm in this case, if the Executive Committee had made a little investigation before going to such a great expense.

—Upon the moving of March 4th, as R. F. Reed, of the Law Class, was entertaining an attentive crowd of listeners with a mock inaugural, some of his hearers became over-appreciative, and flung a swarm of overcoats at the flocks; but rising orator, one of which hit him in the left hand “solar” with enveloping effect. He is recovering, and commands the sympathy of his classmates.

—ZOOLOGY RECITATION.—Dr. White.—Mr. ——, will you mention some animal included under the Linnaeans?
—Junior (Somewhat puzzled)—Well, there is the ox.
—Dr. W.—That is right. Can you mention any other?
—Junior, (triumphantly)—Oh, yes, the cow.

This was the same gentleman who asked in the history class if there was any law compelling the Prince of Wales to be born in Wales.

—Quite a prominent feature in the best churches in the city, the music furnished by trained choirs. We are pleased to notice quite a number of students occupying positions in these choirs, either as leaders or assistant members. Until quite recently, Mr. Ketner, of the Senior Class, had charge of the Methodist church choir, but fall-
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course, as far as the sciences of human culture,
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growth and development, is the special subject
of study and instruction. Those who complete
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teachers, and after two years of successful
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The course in the Law Department occupies
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front rank of their profession, and their practical
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sufficient guarantee for the efficiency of the department.

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satisfactory examination will receive the degree of L. L.
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The Medical Department has a full and
fully equipped faculty and is well supplied with means of
instruction, and occupies a suit of rooms in South
Hall fitted up expressly for its purposes. The regular
course of lectures will extend from October 6th to
the close of the Winter Term, and candidates for
graduation will receive the degree of M. D. after
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The Iowa State Musical Institute.

The Spring term of this institution will open
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May 18th.

Owing to the increasing demand for
teachers in music, a Normal class will be
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who wish to become professional teachers. This is
the only music school in this country in
which daily recitations are given, and
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A limited number of students can be boarded
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secured at the lowest rates for those who desire.

Those who attend the Institute will be
offered to be examined at an early day with
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