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THE CHILDREN'S HOUR.

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Between the dark and the daylight,
When the night is beginning to lower,
Comes a pause in the day's occupation,
What is known as "The Children's Hour."

I hear in the chamber above me,
The patter of little feet,
The sound of a door that is opened,
And voices soft and sweet.

From my study I see in the lamplight,
Descending the broad hall stair,
Grave Alice, and laughing Allegru,
And Edith with golden hair.

A whisper, and then a silence;
Yet I know by their merry eyes,
They are plotting and planning together,
To take me by surprise.

A sudden rush from the stairway,
A sudden raid from the hall!
By three doors left unguarded
They enter my castle wall!

They climb up into my turret,
O'er the arms and back of my chair;
If I try to escape, they surround me;
They seem to be everywhere.

They almost devour me with kisses,
Their arms about me entwine,
'Till I think of the Bishop of Bingen,
In his Mouse-Tower on the Rhine!

Do you think, O, blue-eyed banditti,
Because you have scaled the wall,
Such an old mustache as I am,
Is not a match for you all!

I have you fast in my fortress,
And will not let you depart,
But put you down into the dungeon,
In the round-tower of my heart.

And there will I keep you forever,
Yes, forever and a day,
'Till the walls shall crumble to ruin,
And moulder in dust away!

SNOW FLAKES.

Whither, thou turbid wave?
Whither, with so much haste,
As if a thief wert thou?

I am the Wave of Life,
Stained with my margin's dust;
From the struggle and the strife
Of the narrow stream I fly
To the sea's immensity,
To wash from me the slime
Of the muddy banks of time.—*Ch. Tiedge.*

MONEY.

PROF. C. A. EGGERT.

The subject of money is an interesting one in more than one sense of the word. It is interesting to him who has plenty of it, and still more so to him who has but little or none; but it interests no less the thinker, who tries to get what preachers call "a realizing sense" of its office in the world.

It seems easy enough to define what money is, when we call by that name only gold or silver. But there is not now a civilized country, nor even a barbarous one, in which either of these precious metals, or both of them, are the money exclusively in use. In civilized countries the bank note has largely taken the place of coin, and hence bank notes and coin constitute, in common parlance, money. A bank note may be defined as the representative of an object of value which it is desired to exchange for some other object of value without unnecessary expense and friction. For instance, the United States government wishes to exchange the money it receives for taxes for the services of a postmaster or captain of cavalry. Instead of transferring the gold directly, the government finds it more convenient to make use of bank notes, or what are generally called greenbacks, representing gold or some other object having the value of gold. These notes pass from the postmaster to his clerks and to the various persons required to furnish the postmaster with the necessary services, with fuel, rooms, gas, &c. The captain of cavalry passes his note to the dealer in horses, oats, &c. All this while the notes thus passed represent the value of the objects or services thus exchanged, and as there is no end of such exchanges after the notes have once been issued by the government, these notes are looked upon as exactly as valuable as though they were pieces of gold or silver possessing a recognized exchangeable value, though this may, at times, be lower than their face value. The question arises, however, How can you be sure that the note you consider so valuable will eventually procure you as large an amount of gold as its face value indicates? It is a well known fact that while a greenback will buy anything, produced in this country and held for sale, gold or silver not excepted, just as readily as though it was a gold-piece of recognized value, it will not buy as much gold as its face value calls for. And

however, be found to be still greater when we consider the importance that a good and abundant circulating medium of exchange has for the work of production. While the exchanges of the richer merchants and manufacturers, particularly in the East, are largely effected by other means of payment, such as book accounts, clearing houses, checks, drafts, &c., the smaller manufacturers, farmers, &c., particularly of the western states, can only partially share in the advantages of this machinery of exchange, being obliged to use cash very much more generally in their transactions with farmers and others. The final return to specie payment, i. e. the time when a greenback dollar will buy a gold dollar, will be hastened by such a policy, and, we believe, by such a one only, as will take into account the necessity of fully supplying that tangible, universally current medium of exchange, greenbacks or whatever you call it, which is absolutely required to effect that fraction of the national exchanges (probably no more than 5 per cent. of the whole) which is not included in those special and vast systems of making payments, to which we have referred. Our people west of the Atlantic seaboard are spread over too vast surfaces to be enabled to put up with such a contraction of the currency as would suit the rich bankers and exporters of the East, and as gold cannot possibly be procured as yet in such quantities as would meet our necessities, and as the intrinsic value of the greenback as a most serviceable agent of commerce has steadily increased, (except during times of contraction.) we cannot see any heresy in advocating a continuance of such a policy as will guarantee our producing class an adequate supply of greenback money for the legitimate demands of trade, commerce and industry. With such a supply we could afford to let theorists rail against our "paper money," printed lies, &c., knowing full well that which fulfils all the essential offices of money, is, if not the best, yet surely good enough under the circumstances in which a waste-war and an enormous debt have placed us.

SECOND IOWA ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The second annual contest of the Iowa Oratorical Association occurred at Des Moines, on the evening of the 28th ult. Moore's Opera House, where the contest was held, was filled with an attentive and appreciative audience, composed of the delegates and visitors from the various colleges of the State and the literary citizens of Des Moines. Miss Genie Blank, of Upper Iowa University, had been assigned the first place on the programme. The subject of her oration was "Faith." She had a fine voice and spoke distinctly, but her oration lacked the studied character of the others.

Mr. C. B. Whitford, of Iowa Wesleyan University, followed with his oration on "Physical Culture." The physical contour and manly bearing of the orator must have prepossessed the audience and judges in his favor. His large proportions and deep voice were both indicative of his subject. His oration was quite well written, and spoken with ease and impressiveness. Natural and un-studied gesticulation characterized his delivery, and distinguished him from the gentleman who followed him. Mr. Whitford appeared in the contest last year, and no one who was present on both occasions could fail to observe the great improvement both in his composition and oratory.

Mr. J. S. Dey, of Cornell College, next spoke on "Personal Greatness." His oration was poetical and ornate, adorned with fine figures and many historical allusions, but he declaimed it in the most automatic style, his mechanical gestures increasing in number as his voice increased in force. He was unfortunate also in wearing his "Cadet uniform," buttoned close up to the throat, which gave him a stiff and choked appearance.

Mr. B. St. John, of Iowa College, next appeared with an oration on "Puritanism and Jesuitism." This oration was finely written, the language pointed and severe, the sentences well balanced, and the thoughts tersely and emphatically expressed. The elocution was also good, the articulation distinct, and the gestures graceful. The melo-dramatic peroration no doubt injured the effect of this otherwise fine speech, and lowered its standing in the estimation of the audience as well as of the judges.

Next on the programme was Miss Evelyn M. Chapman, of Simpson Centenary College. Subject, "Open the Gates." This beautiful plea for the poor was characterized by the greatest simplicity of style and earnestness of thought. Seemingly nothing for effect, though it proved to be the most effective speech of the evening. Miss Chapman's elocution was fine, and her manners graceful. Her oration bore off the prize.

The next oration, on "Breakers Ahead," was by Mr. E. S. Houghton, of Tabor College. The line of thought was somewhat similar to that of the oration on "Jesuitism and Pritanism," though vastly inferior in point of expression and clearness of style. His tone was very monotonous, his gestures stiff and mechanical, and the whole void of spirit and animation.

The next oration, subject, "Forward," was by Ira M. Earle, of Central University. He spoke in a distinct, pointed manner, though his delivery lacked in grace. His style was more that of assertion than of persuasion. One can not appreciate his oration from a short synopsis. There was originality in it which aroused the audience, and he was

the only one who attempted wit and first brought a laugh from the audience.

The last oration was by the representative of the Iowa State Agricultural College, Mr. J. J. Snell, whose subject was "Available Culture." This was a plea for the modern curriculum of study adopted by that college, in which Physics and Chemistry take a prominent position, and the Classics are entirely excluded. It probably had a better effect when delivered at Ames than before the mixed audience at Des Moines, composed in a great part of the students of classical colleges. It was also very long and became rather tiresome toward the close.

The orations ended, the audience waited impatiently the decision of the judges—Senator Allison, of Dubuque; Rev. J. G. Merrill, of Davenport and Frank Hatton, Esq., of Burlington,—and when it was reported, testified their approval of the award of the prize to Miss Chapman by long continued applause, though many thought Mr. St. John should have had the honor of representing the State, and some would have given it to Mr. Earle.

The marks for each contestant was handed by the judges to Governor Carpenter, who reported the following averages:

Miss Genie Blank, Upper Iowa University, 60½; C. A. Whitford, Iowa Wesleyan University, 70½; Joseph S. Dey, Cornell College, 66½; B. St. John, Iowa College, 72; Miss Evelyn M. Chapman, Simpson Centenary College, 78¾; E. S. Houghton, Tabor College, 63½; Ira M. Earle, Central University, 68; J. J. Snell, Iowa State Agricultural College, 69.

The orations this year were far superior to those of last year, which is an argument in favor of the association. The most of the colleges of the State seem to have a great interest in the subject, and consequently are studying the art of composition and oratory.

The music for the occasion deserves special notice and added greatly to the enjoyment of the entertainment. On the whole, especially financially, the contest was a decided success.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IOWA ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION.

The third annual meeting of the Oratorical Association of this State, was held at Des Moines the morning and afternoon of the 28th ult., the evening of that day being devoted to the contest. The meeting occurred in the pleasant parlors of the Savery House, and was called to order by Mr. Woodworth, of Iowa College. The following committees were first appointed: *Credentials*: J. W. Campbell, State University; Mr. Warner, Cornell

College; Miss Clara Clark, Simpson College. *Order of Exercises*: Mr. Hassell, Iowa College; Mr. Conley, State University; Mr. Kline, Wesleyan University. *Constitutional Amendments*: Mr. West, Iowa College; Mr. Houghton, Tabor College; Miss Genie Blank, Fayette College.

The Committee on Credentials reported a full delegation from all the colleges entitled to a representation.

On motion the convention proceeded to the election of delegates to the Inter-State Convention, and the following were elected: F. G. Woodworth, Iowa College; C. L. Bare, Simpson Centenary, and Miss Lou McKenzie, State University.

Balloting was then commenced for the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

President—J. W. Campbell, State University.

Vice-President—P. S. Kline, Wesleyan College.

Secretary—Miss Mary Burr, Cornell College.

Treasurer—J. J. Snell, Agricultural College.

On motion, a telegram of greeting was sent to the Illinois Oratorical Association, then in session at Jacksonville.

The next business in order was the selection of the place of holding the next Convention and Contest. Iowa College delegates proposed Grinnell, Cornell College Cedar Rapids, and Wesleyan University Mt. Pleasant. Over the selection a warm and animated discussion arose, which continued until the dinner hour, and pending its decision the Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

In the afternoon the Convention met promptly at two o'clock, and the discussion was resumed over the choice of a place for holding the contest, and finally, by a very close vote, Cedar Rapids was chosen.

Some difficulty was encountered in regard to the time of holding the contest, as it was almost impossible to suit all Colleges, but finally, after several motions were lost, the first Thursday in November was settled upon as the day.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Robertson, was read and accepted.

The Executive Committee made a verbal report in regard to what had been done in regard to arranging for this contest, which report was accepted.

Several incidental motions were passed, but no more of general importance, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

The University of Berlin is the largest in Germany. It has 2,980 students, and 187 Professors.

The University of Pennsylvania has received a donation amounting to about \$1,000,000, for the benefit of its scientific department.

GLIMPSES OF EUROPE.

I.

PROF. L. F. PARKER.

It was the special purpose of our visit to Europe, during the recent vacation months, to make historical and classical investigations. This interfered with visits to educational institutions, although many of them were in vacation when we were near them, as happened in the case of Oxford University and the Merchant Taylor's school in England. The latter, unfortunately was opened by a little speech from the Prince of Wales, about the time we reached London and that, by immemorial custom, closed the school for a week as effectually as if a case of small-pox had occurred there!

The minutiae of travel with dates and distances are torturingly common, and I will add nothing to the infliction, though, in justice to your readers, I must say the Anchor line need not fear its rivals if all its vessels are equal to the gallant Victoria, and are officered by Scotchmen of such fine brawn and brain as ruled her on that delightful voyage—"delightful," I say, for such it was, though the physical conscience of some of us objected to everything except the steward's "parritch," and our experience made us the champion of Scotch oat-meal against Dr. Johnson,* and the rest of the world, if need be. Of the dangers of the deep we knew nothing although the last vessels from Europe had come in injured by icebergs, or with startling reports concerning them, and notwithstanding the signal of danger at sea was flying from the Equitable Building, when we steamed out of New York harbor, and perhaps our fortunate ignorance was due to the captain's giving Newfoundland "a wide berth" and us a hundred miles more ride. We scarcely saw a vessel till we came near the Irish coast, and never caught sight of those unwelcome Polar visitors.

Ireland showed us her brown heather in the county of Donegal, and an occasional glimpse of her bright green coat there, and in Antrim on the last day of March, and on the next we delighted ourselves with bonnie Scotland's little garden patches from Greenock to Glasgow, and thence on to her southern border. We saw much, too, of the subterranean wealth of the British Islands, the coal, the iron and the materials for its fine pottery, besides its small fields and their almost perfect walls of stone and impenetrable hedge-rows. But we visit England and France again.

Our American feeling—pride, perhaps you will call it—was gratified by three incidents, particularly, before we reached France, and it is unnecessary to say, we have never blushed, either in England or elsewhere to be known as Americans.

* You will remember Dr. Johnson's spiteful suggestion, that in England oats were fed to horses, but in Scotland to men, and the keen retort of a critic: "And where will you find better horses or better men."

At our first breakfast in London we met a gentleman largely interested in glass manufacture, who had just come from home to rescue his craft from the danger arising from the American invention of glass ornamentation by means of the sand blast, and he regarded it the greatest improvement in glass manufacture yet made. At the same table we found that more than half of those in the hotel had come expressly, or modified their coming, in order to hear Moody and Sankey, and they represented Yorkshire in the north and Lands End in the south, and many intermediate points, while one came from Dublin, after having heard them there and elsewhere. Then on Sunday morning we found ourselves enveloped by a swarm of young men and young ladies of Newman Hall's congregation, who were singing Moody and Sankey's hymns *con amore*. At the morning service, Spurgeon, and in the evening Newman Hall made a very cordial reference to their work in London, while the papers—secular and religious—devoted a liberal space to it, and almost invariably in commendation of some or all of it. Finally, when we reached Dover, Capt. Boyton was just ready to plunge into the English Channel and to test his life preserving apparatus in its 20 miles of chopping waves, and the London *Times* informed us when we reached Rome, that the effort was practically a success, and a success of the highest importance. Thus Americans have not only physical power enough to make their flag respected in Europe, but also the mental vigor to make their thinking potential here.

The Alps we scarcely saw, though we slept one night at their base, and wound up one of their valleys to Mt. Cenis, and then through them and down on the other side into the plains of Lombardy. We entered the Alps at Modane, where the mountains crush out the valley, and where Fell—another American—began to carry his railroad up the sharper ascents of the mountain, and thus over it, making the best road over the Alps, and the chief one, until the tunnel was made through it. That eight miles of darkness occupied twenty-four minutes of our time. On the French side we arose slowly as we approached the Alps, but, once through the mountains, we found ourselves high in air on a steep bluff and moving along often almost exactly over huts and hamlets. The scenery was grand, and our glimpses of peasant life interesting. Grapes growing on slopes capped with snow at no great distance; gardens toppling over precipices; young shepherds and shepherdesses nearly as numerous as their sheep, and the quaint tools and buildings were novelties to our occidental eyes. An occasional castle on some lonely crag told of sanguinary scenes in more barbaric times, and the spires of mingling Catholic and Protestant churches in peaceful villages recalled the darker days when those rocks and valleys flowed with christian blood and enlisted Cromwell's power and Milton's pen.

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THE Board of Regents were in session the first of the month, looking up the interests of the University.

OUR corps has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Mr. Fitzgerald of the Medical Department. Now let the Sub-Fresh elect a representative and we will be in the very best working trim

OUR delegates to the State Oratorical Convention were awarded not a few honors, Mr. Campbell being elected President of the Association for the ensuing year, and Miss McKenzie chosen one of the delegates to the forthcoming Chicago Convention.

LAST June the Class of '76 closed their year's work by electing Miss Lizzie Clark, of this city, to represent them in the management of the REPORTER during the present editorial term. We regret that press of duties compelled the lady—one of the ablest members of her class—to announce her resignation of the position at the re-opening of school.

THE many complimentary criticisms of the paper read by Prof. Schenck, before the National Educational Association, at Minneapolis, last August, reflects much credit upon the University. The address treated of "The Introduction of Military Science and Tactics into our Universities and Colleges," a subject just now claiming the attention of educators in all parts of the country.

THE University hastens to congratulate Miss Chapman upon the victory so deservedly won by her at Des Moines. In a contest in which all did so well, it is certainly a proud achievement for a lady, and one of her years, to bear away the victor's palm. We are confident the State of Iowa will be well represented in the forthcoming Inter-State contest in oratory, at Chicago.

OUR sister institution, the State Agricultural College, has just closed a successful year's work with a brilliant commencement, at which twenty young ladies and gentlemen were the recipients of diplomas. We rejoice in the prosperity of the College, and trust that it will continue the good work it is doing for the State and the cause of education.

PROBABLY the most interesting part of our paper is the page devoted exclusively to personals. We shall endeavor to keep these two columns filled with intelligence of alumni, former students and teachers, the collection of which necessarily requires considerable labor and cannot be completed unless the assistance of friends in all parts of the country is obtained. Send us any items of interest for that page and we will rise up and bless you.

The Board of Regents at their last session received and accepted the resignation of Hon. E. Clark, as Treasurer of the University. The finances of the institution have been under this gentleman's management for a number of years, and the manner in which he has cared for them is deserving of special commendation. He has ever had the interests of the University at heart, and in resuming his old seat in the State Senate he will be the better able to champion our every cause. The Regents were fortunate in selecting Mr. John Coldren as Mr. Clark's successor.

MR. C. W. LUFKIN, senior editor from the Academic Department, has been compelled to sever his connection with the University, having been called to his home by the serious illness of friends. We deeply regret the loss of this member of the corps, as we had already found in him a ready writer and industrious worker. We join a host of friends in the wish that he may soon be able to resume his studies with his class. To his successor, Mr. Kelley, we extend the hand of greeting, and place for him the highest tripod in the sanctum, confident of his ability to fill the vacancy in our number.

PRESIDENT GRANT has set apart Thursday, the 25th inst., as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Until a few years ago it had been customary for the students and Faculty to participate in a University supper in the Chapel upon the evening of this day, but the poor success which toward the last attended these affairs effected their final abolition. The students now find more agreeable ways in which to spend Thanksgiving and the rest of that week. Sociables, parties, balls, visits home and short excursions will comprise the programme, and many a thanksgiving will be offered for the brief respite from recitation.

WITH all the pleasures that accompany an attendance upon the Literary Societies, there is a practice indulged in by young men who are merely in attendance to see and be seen, that is very disagreeable to the appreciative part of the audience, and insulting to the members of the Society. Especially are the meetings of the Ladies Societies interrupted. No one can deny but that such frequent and unnecessary clapping of the hands and stamping of the feet is insulting to the ladies, and disgraceful to those who engage in such practices. We hope applauding of all kinds will be discontinued until it is called forth by a true appreciation of the production.

THE sixth regular course of lectures commenced in the Medical Department on the 20th ult., by an address from Prof. P. J. Farnsworth to the Medical Class, in presence of the Faculty and a large number of visitors. There were present about one hundred students, and the lecture being one of the ablest of the Professor's many scholarly productions, embodying so vast an amount of knowledge, derived by long and experienced observation, with well applied and extensive mental culture, was such as to excite the highest feelings of admiration, and to impart an impression to the mind of the hearer which can not easily be erased. President Thacher and Prof. W. F. Peck succeeded Prof. Farnsworth, both of whom were well received and highly appreciated by the audience. This department opens with more favorable prospects than ever in its previous history, and those who rocked it in the cradle of its infancy are rewarded by viewing the almost incredible strides with which it approaches the most perfect of Medical Colleges.

WHILE it is generally known that the State University was not represented in the recent State Oratorical Contest, held at Des Moines, the reason for this non-representation does not seem to be so generally understood, some placing the blame one place, some another, but all admitting that it was not from a fear that we could not sustain the reputation which we had earned in the preceding contests. The facts in the case, we think, are simply these: The Constitution of the State Association provides for the notifying of each College Association sixty days before the contest takes place. This year, owing to the early date fixed for the contest, the time of notifying came during the summer vacation, and, by an oversight, no meeting of the Home Association was called at the opening of the year, and but very few of the students knew the time of the contest. The result was the necessary steps to be taken in order to send an orator were deferred until it was too late. We regret this

neglect on the part of the students and officers of the Association, and we think measures should be taken at once to prevent a similar occurrence in the future. The assertion made by some parties that the Faculty is to blame in the matter, is entirely incorrect, as that body has nothing whatever to do with appointing the orator that represents us in these contests. It is solely a duty of the Academic students.

THE unreliability of the news contained in the Press is fast becoming a matter of serious concern. The great importance attached to this source of information demands that intelligence gleaned therefrom should be of the most reliable nature. That such is not the case is patent to every reader of the daily newspaper. The statement of to-day necessitates a correction to-morrow, and is followed by an amendment in the next issue, before the facts in the case—if it be not an entirely suppositious affair—are correctly given.

The origin of this evil can be traced, in most cases, to the vast army of "special correspondents," and to unscrupulous agents of the Associated Press. The former class of individuals, in the capacity of news-gatherers, licensed by editors with an almost unlimited use of the telegraph, and hiding behind meaningless *nom de plumes*, do the preponderance of the evil. From every village, town and city are sent to our great dailies, injudicious squibs and intentional fabrications from which, at so much per word, the correspondent derives his or her support. Upon these dispatches a hastily written editorial places the stamp of credibility, exchanges copy them as genuine, and then they start upon the great rounds of journalism, while corrections of the errors they contain slowly follow, to repair as far as possible the wrong done.

With the exception of the part played by its unreliable agents—and they are remarkably few in numbers—the Associated Press mitigates to some extent the evil. The experienced reader now looks for reliable news only in the regular press reports, glancing with suspicion at the "special telegrams" in other columns. Truth thus characterizing, in the main, the news furnished by the association, when error *does* find its way to their headquarters, and is then scattered over the entire country by the telegraph and clicking type, unmeasurable harm results. The agent, therefore, who will vent personal spite, attempt to further political ends, and wallow in the mire of falsehood, under the cloak of the association, is certainly the most dangerous of the two classes of writers who injure journalism by perverting facts.

We have been more particularly led into this train of thought by discovering a statement which

appeared in our last number to be entirely erroneous. For some time the American press contained the announcement that the degree of L. L. D., conferred by Harvard College upon Carlyle, the noted Englishman, had been refused by him with scorn, and placing reliance upon the statement, we gave it a place in our columns. It now appears that Mr. Carlyle has been guilty of no such indiscretion, but in due time will publicly accept the honor thus conferred upon him. The falsehood, which we unintentionally assisted in spreading, it seems was the work of a writer who would properly belong to one of the classes described above. Society should put a brand upon, and editors refuse to employ, any writer who purposely colors the great streams of news with error.

SEVERAL improvements have been made in and about the University buildings lately, which add much to their appearance and also to the comfort of the students. But the University stands in need of still greater improvements. There is at present need for at least one more large substantial building in addition to those already occupied. And this need is felt the more every year. The University is crowded in every department. The Medical, which should have an entire building under its control, is restricted to only about one-fourth that room, aside from the Hospital. The Law Department has but one room for recitations and lectures, which is nearly filled with students of the department, so that many are deprived of the benefit of the lectures who would otherwise attend them; while the library room is filled to overflowing with the present number of books.

In the College proper, there are not enough of recitation rooms for the number of instructors employed, while some of them are small and uncomfortable. The cabinet should have twice the space which it now occupies, in order that the collection of specimens may be better seen and studied. The arrangement of books in the library is such, for lack of room, that it is impossible to present to view the books it contains. The number of volumes at present—and the number is constantly increasing—are sufficient for a room twice the size. The laboratory is too small in order to give to those pursuing a course in Physical Science the benefit of experimental work, without which the science is of comparatively little advantage. With these facts before the minds of those who have the University in charge, and considering also that the number of students in each department is increasing every year, we think we are right in advocating the propriety of another building, and one need but visit the University in order to convince himself of the justness of our claim.

LOCAL.

THE days of drilling are.

PARTIES are few and far between.

THE boys have laid aside their balls and bats.

PROF. FELLOWS conducts Rhetorical exercises.

WHY don't the Juniors form a class organization?

FOOT-BALL is the rage, and challenges fly thick and fast.

THE epizootic in a mild form prevaileth among the equine.

THOSE enjoyable "hops," at the St. James, have commenced.

WHY is one of the Medics like Judas? Because he carries the bag.

JUDGE LOVE began his connection with the Law Department the 1st inst.

MISS ELLA NEIMAN, of Tipton, an old student, is visiting friends in the city.

THE Erodolphians and Irvings have purchased two new stoves for their hall.

JUST visit the basement of the Chapel if you want to see a huge old furnace.

THE gas burns brightly again, the repairs in the works being finally completed.

DR. D. SCOFFIELD, of Washington, called on the Medical Class a few days ago.

THE Boston Quintette Club held forth at Ham's Hall the evening of the 5th inst.

ITEMS of interest for this department will be received with gratitude by ye local.

SEVERAL of the Battalion have secured regulation uniforms. They are decidedly nobby.

WE were recently favored with a call from Mr. G. P. Lynn, of the Upper Iowa University *Triad*.

A NUMBER of the students find time from their studies to attend Mr. Hutchinson's drawing school.

DR. LOUTHAN, of Dysart, Iowa, is visiting the Medical Department, from which he graduated in '73.

JUDGE BECK, of our Supreme Court, was in the city recently, looking after the welfare of his "little son."

THE Laws welcome to their midst Mr. J. M. Finkbine, of Burlington, and Mr. S. T. Kelley, of Glenwood.

JAMES T. FIELDS, the eminent lecturer and essayist, lectured before a fine audience in this city last month.

THE Military Department enjoyed battalion drill the last two weeks, in place of the more tedious squad drill.

IT is currently reported that Herman Rupp, our vivacious and worthy Janitor, is to lecture before the Symponian Society.

MR. H. G. Thurman, formerly editor of the *Vilisca Review*, has commenced a course of study in the Academical Department.

FIVE men in the Law Department have been debarred from participation in the various games of foot-ball, on account of the size of their feet.

PROF. PINKHAM delivered an instructive lecture on "The Origin of the English Language" to his large class in English, on the afternoon of the 25th ult.

LIEUT. WEBSTER, Professor of Military Tactics in Cornell College, interviewed the University and city a few Saturdays ago, as the guest of Major Schenk.

THE Universitys walked away with the Sub-Fresh nine the 22d. On account of our limited space we will not attempt the publication of the score.

THE Battalion is to go into Winter quarters today, and the sound of drum, the gleam of bayonet and the deep mutterings of the anti-driller will be hushed till Spring.

DOUBLE windows have been put in the Chapel, and a new furnace placed in the basement. It is thought the hall will be much more comfortable this Winter with these improvements.

THE *Daily Press* is mistaken in the statement that Miss Chapman, the victor in the Des Moines Oratorical Contest, was a participant in the Oratorical Contest held in this city last year.

THE Sub-Fresh are a lively set. At least it would be thought so if the frequent operation of holding one of the class over a coal box and filling his hair with coal dust, were witnessed.

STUDENTS, won't we rejoice in that fine Opera House, to be erected on the corner of College and Clinton streets? Now that the project has been revived again, Mr. Clark, push it through to completion.

MR. GEO. F. PARKER, of the *Indianola Tribune*, is not a graduate of the University, as erroneously stated by the *Daily Press*. Mr. Parker was once a member of a Freshman Class of the Academical Department.

SOME of our young ladies are in the habit of calling one of the Professors pet names, in order to get the lessons shortened. We know of several Sophs who would like to assign the lessons upon those conditions.

LET us have a rousing sociable Thanksgiving night, but for the sake of the host of new students let there be committees on introduction appointed. A band of music should also be secured for the occasion.

THE sociable at the Chapel a week ago Saturday evening was well attended, but the pleasure of the gathering was greatly marred by the disagreeable dust and smoke emitted from the many-mouthed furnace.

WE are pained to learn of the death of Mr. J. T. Scott, an Academical graduate of last year, who was drowned in Coon river, at Sac City, on the 6th inst. Full particulars of the sad affair have not yet been received.

A PARTY of "the boys" took a tramp to Coralville a couple of Saturdays ago. Of course they had a fine time in that thrifty little city, rowing on the river, doing up the mills and factories and flirting with the girls.

M. N. JOHNSON, whose election to the Legislature from Winneshiek county was noted in our last issue, has entered the Law Class, and will remain with us until called to Des Moines. A host of old friends welcome him back to the University.

AMONG the instruments of general interest about the University, we would especially note the wind vane, for determining the direction, and the anemometer, for determining the velocity of the wind, north of the Chapel building.

HON. C. W. SLAGLE, of Fairfield, one of the able members of the Board of Regents, paid the University a visit, a fortnight ago. He made the Law students a short address—overflowing as usual with sound advice—for which he has their united thanks.

BRAINARD is President of '76; Miss Kinney wields the gavel in his absence; Miss Williams takes care of the proceedings of the Class' important deliberations, and Kelly looks after its finances. Draper, we had almost forgotten to add, lights up the room, &c.

MISS GENIE BLANK, representative of Upper Iowa University in the late Oratorical Contest at Des Moines, paid her friends in this city a brief visit upon her return home. She expressed herself as much pleased with the Athens of Iowa and the University.

HON. WM. E. MILLER, Chief Justice of Iowa, was in the city recently, and paid a short visit to the University. In a brief speech to the Law Class he congratulated that body upon its fine appearance, and expressed regret that he was compelled to leave us last commencement.

CHARLES J. DODGE, a graduate of the Law Department last June, was in the city, recently, visiting his brother, of the present Law class. Of course Charlie was called upon for a speech by the irrepressible Laws and responded in a few appropriate remarks. He is practicing successfully, at Burlington.

PASSING along College Street, the other evening about dusk we met two of our fair students whistling "Darling I am Growing Old," &c. Fine girls! Hard study *does* bring the wrinkles of old age to your brow, and if the boys are slow to observe this fact and act accordingly, we don't blame you for whistling them up.

AFTER all, our friend McClelland was not elected to the legislature from Cedar county. He was defeated, it seems, by a very small majority. While the General Assembly is thus deprived of an able man, and the State of a good legislator, the Law class is permitted to retain one of its best members and a most genial gentleman.

The Laws and Meds attempted a game of football, a week ago Saturday, on the University grounds. A large crowd were present to enjoy the fun, which opened quite auspiciously, but in the progress of the second inning *a little misunderstanding* arose, and the Laws left the grounds, refusing, under the circumstances, to finish the game. Boys, this won't do! Shake hands, and then go and "kick it out."

THE Medical students met in the Amphitheater on the evening of the 3d inst., to form a Class organization. After balloting for President, with the following result—Rolla J. Hart, 36; W. B. Ketner, 33; D. Runyan, 10; J. McCowen, 8; Haskin, 3, and J. W. Martin, 1,—they proceeded by acclamation to elect J. W. Martin, Vice-President; H. G. Brainard, Secretary, and C. W. Manker, Treasurer.

ON October 16th, the members of the Medical Department were favored by an address from President Thacher, subject: "Character." Dr. Thacher handled his subject with characteristic ability, explaining the meaning and derivation of the word, contrasting that in-born sense of discrimination of right and wrong, and that untutored semblance so often assumed from prudential motives, and in fact giving a very exhaustive view of the whole subject, and by his earnestness making such an impression as will not be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to hear him.

ON Tuesday, the 2d inst., the Law Class were favored by a lecture on "English Courts and Lawyers," by Hon. J. N. Rogers, of Davenport. The familiarity of the speaker with English Courts en-

abled him to give a very interesting and instructive address, and to distinctly mark the difference between the English and American systems. The opportunity of occasionally meeting and hearing addresses upon legal topics from the most prominent of the legal profession of the State, is highly appreciated by the class, and it is to be hoped that these privileges may be continued throughout the year.

THE second reception of the present Senior class was given by O. H. Brainerd, on the evening of the 10th inst. The party was composed of the Senior class, together with many other friends of the estimable host. The occasion was an enjoyable one. Those who might have gone there with gloom resting over them in consequence of duties left undone, had it immediately expelled upon meeting at the door the jovial and esteemed O. H. B., ready to usher them into the midst of the pleasant company within, where cares for lessons and rhetorical were soon lost in the pleasures of a merry crowd. It is needless to add that the evening was spent in a pleasant and profitable manner to all present. But time, ever on the move, only too soon brought the entertainment to a close, when Seniors and others departed, wondering who would next follow in the train.

PUBLIC Rhetoricals this term have been well attended, and the Seniors have done themselves honor as follows: Oct. 22, "The Light of the Dark Ages," O. H. Brainerd; "The True Object of Education," O. H. Buckman; "The French Expedition to Moscow," Miss J. V. Williams; "The English Revolution," R. W. Byington; "A Page of Flemish History," A. D. Draper. Oct. 29, "Our National Duty," H. J. Chambers; "Michael Angelo," Lucy D. Evans; "La Fayette," A. J. Greiner; "Margaret Fuller Ossoli," Mrs. Alice B. Cook. Nov. 5, "The Norman Conquest," J. M. Kelley; "Bismarck," W. H. Black; "A Triumph of Despotism," J. J. McConnell; "Beulah," Emma Hughes. Nov. 12, "Hume's Criticism," J. F. Polley; "The Western Conquest," J. W. Richards; "Culture," Harriet Jackson; "Caste," Miss Laura Ensign; "Incentive to a Professional Life for Woman," Miss Lou McKenzie.

THE Cornell College Base Ball Club, of Mt. Vernon, visited this city Saturday, the 9th ult., and played a return game with the University. They were entertained at the St. James by our club, and spent the morning in visiting the various departments of the University. In the afternoon, despite the very disagreeable weather, a large crowd assembled at Carlton grounds to witness the contest. The visitors took the lead at the opening of the game, and by careful playing maintained it till the

ninth inning, when the score was tied, standing 16 to 16. A tenth inning followed, in which the Cornells were whitewashed and the Universitys made one run, thus coming out victorious. Altogether it was the most exciting game ever played in this city. The Umpire, Mr. Frank Sessions, of Mt. Vernon, deserves special praise for the impartial and satisfactory manner in which he discharged the duties of that position. The following is the

UNIVERSITYS.		SCORE.		CORNELLS.		R. O.	
	R.	O.			R.	O.	
Younkin, p.	4	0	Post, 1st b.	4	2		
Cope, c.	2	2	Seward, c. f.	1	4		
McCrary, 3d b.	2	4	Lee, l. f.	3	4		
Patterson, l. f.	2	3	Congar, p.	2	3		
Fairall, 1st b.	2	3	Wilson, 2d b.	2	3		
Springer, r. f.	1	5	Shuler, c.	1	3		
Dodge, c. f.	1	5	Martin, s. s.	2	4		
Soule, s. s.	2	3	Bromwell, r. f.	0	4		
Swiggett, 2d b.	1	5	Bacon, 3d b.	1	3		
Totals	17	30	Totals	16	30		

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Universitys	0	1	1	3	0	5	1	2	3	1	—17
Cornells	5	1	1	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	—16

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

RUTGERS has a Japanese poet.

RUTGERS is one hundred and six years old.

THE Harvard Faculty has six new members.

THERE are 323 Colleges in the United States.

THE Faculty of Yale have put a stop to "rushing."

THE St. Louis Law School had eighteen graduates last year.

SYRACUSE University is opposed to boating in our Colleges.

MOST of the Colleges and Universities report an increased attendance this year.

"TAKING things by mistake," is the polite definition of stealing, at Yale.

A University costing \$750,000 is to be built at London by the Jews.

IN Italy there are twenty-one Universities, the oldest was founded at Bologna in 1119 A. D.

REV. CYRUS D. FOSS, D. D., of New York, has been elected to the Presidency of Wesleyan University.

THE Freshman class at Hamilton college has severed its connection with the institution because three members of the class were suspended for hoisting a carriage to the top of the observatory.

DR. JOHN WHEELER has retired from the Presidency of the Iowa Wesleyan University. The *Common School* says Prof. Fellows has been urged to be a candidate for the place vacated by Dr. W., but adds he has no desire to dissolve his University relations.

REVIEWER'S TABLE.

We acknowledge the receipt of late issues of the following exchanges:

University Monthly, University Press, Yale Record, The Wittenberger, College Courier, The Aurora, The Owl, The Packer Quarterly, North-Western College Chronicle, The Tripod, Common School, The Volante, The Academy Bulletin, University Missourian, Irving Union, The Collegian, The Targum, Trinity Tablet, The Round Table, The College News Letter, College Mercury, State Press, Iowa City Republican, Niagara Index, and The Woman's Journal.

If the students of the East Tennessee University get as much *Military* as the *University Monthly* seems to indicate, we pity them. Anti-drill students read the following and rejoice that you are not there:

"College Hours:—Tumble out 5:30 A. M.; Revielle 5:40 A. M.; Inspection 6 A. M.; Breakfast 7 A. M.; Chapel 8:30 A. M.; Dinner 12:15 P. M.; Recall to quarters 1:30 P. M.; Release from quarters 4 P. M.; Drill roll call 4:10 P. M.; Release from drill 5:15 P. M.; Supper 6 P. M.; Recall to quarters 7 P. M.; Ready for bed 9:30 P. M.; Lights out—tumble in—10 P. M."

The Owl is dead. The October number was its last. We are sorry to record this fact, as the "*Owl*" had earned for itself an honorable position among college journals, and was ever a welcome guest to its many readers. It has left as a memorial to the students of Santa Clara College \$400, the interest of which each year is to be invested in an extra prize. *Requiescat in pace.*

It seems that the subscription list has to be worked up in Yale as well as elsewhere, but we do hope that no other college has a Freshman like the one described in the following: "Our solicitor of subscriptions calls on Freshman; conversation takes a literary turn, the Freshman was asked how he liked David Copperfield. 'What class is he in?' says verdant."

The *Trinity Tablet* of October 23, has three lengthy articles—"Does Boating Benefit," "The Second Annual Regatta," and "A Word on Billiards." It is hoped that the minds of the students do not run in this direction as much as the last number of the *Tablet* does.

Our old friend the *Beloit Monthly*, is now issued semi-monthly, and is known as *The Round Table*.

They have a poet in Mt. Vernon. The poem entitled *Metaphors*, in the last number of *The Collegian*, establishes this fact. We would suggest to our Mt. Vernon friends that they would improve the appearance of their paper if they would have it stitched and trimmed.

One of the most welcome of our exchanges is the *Packer Monthly*, and it opens the year with its usual amount of excellent reading matter. The article on "Individuality," contains some good and practical thoughts.

Teachers should read the series of articles in *The Common School* on "The Country School Problem."

The most of our exchanges open the year with fine prospects. As many of them did not come to our table until a late hour, we have not been able to give them the careful notice which we shall hereafter do.

MARRIAGES.

At the residence of Alden Fletcher, near Iowa City, on November 3d, 1875, at 6 o'clock. P. M., by Rev. Mr. Healy, Mr. John P. Irish and Miss Annie Fletcher, all of Iowa City.

Mr. Irish was formerly a student of the University, and is at present editor and proprietor of the *State Press*.

In Iowa City, on November 2d, 1875, by Rev. Dr. Judd, John Hudgin, M. D., and Miss Fannie Bright.

John is a graduate of the Medical Department, I. S. U., class '75. We extend our congratulations to the happy couple and wish them a long and prosperous life.

PERSONALS.

- '74 Special. McLoud is a Medic.
- '73 Special. Layton Cook is a Medic.
- '77. A. T. Free is at Oberlin College.
- '74 Special. G. W. Wilson is a Medic.
- '77. O. C. Scott, is teaching in Oskaloosa.
- Law '75. S. M. Ellis has gone to Colorado.
- Medic '75. J. Ballard is practicing in Kansas.
- Medic '75. E. P. Case is practicing in Minnesota.
- Law '75. C. P. Furst has located at Avoca, Iowa.
- '78. Miss Nora Stark is at her home in Des Moines.
- Medic '75. D. C. Bice is practicing in Desoto, Iowa.
- Medic '75. D. Handel is practicing in Onawa, Iowa.
- Medic '75. C. L. Toats is practicing in Dysart, Iowa.
- Law '75. T. J. Boltz is practicing at Ottumwa, Iowa.
- Law '75. C. W. Honnold is at Chariton practicing law.
- Medic '75. T. D. Lougher is practicing in Adair, Iowa.
- '77. H. F. Geissler will teach at Wilton the present year.
- Medic '75. Geo. Barth is practicing in Montezuma, Iowa.
- Medic '75. Jno. Shepherd is practicing in Postville, Iowa.
- Medic '75. S. A. Campbell is practicing in Malvern, Iowa.
- Law '75. John L. Griffiths has settled at Indianapolis, Ind.
- Medic '75. P. M. Bracelin is practicing in Davenport, Iowa.
- Medic '75. G. O. Morgridge is attending Bellevue Hospital.
- '75 Special. Miss Kate Hedrick is at her home in Ottumwa.
- '77. A. D. Churchill has gone to Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.
- '79. Geo. A. Crane is at his home near Montrose, this State.
- Law '75. Dodge and Fegan are attorneys at law, Burlington, Iowa.
- '79. Ed. S. Merritt is detained at home on account of sickness.
- Law '75. J. M. Hemingway is practicing law in Hampton, Iowa.
- Amanda Rodgers, of Normal Class '71, is teaching in Oskaloosa.
- Law '75. Anson & Riordan are attorneys at law, Ottumwa, Iowa.
- Law '75. Fletcher W. Young is in his father's office at Des Moines.
- '75 Special. Ed. G. Tisdale is clerking for his father in Ottumwa.
- '77. Fannie J. Bayrholder is teaching in the City Schools of La Salle, Ill.
- '77. F. W. Simmons is in the employ of a hardware house, at Ottumwa.
- '77. Geo. Ingram was elected Co. Sup't of Iowa Co. at the late election.
- '78. Miss May Willogrod is teaching in the City Schools of Marshaltown.
- Law '74 and '75. Cole & Corning are attorneys at law, Des Moines, Iowa.
- '79. Fred. J. Adams is in the employ of a Chicago wholesale grocery house.
- '78. Geo. Edwards is employed in his brother's music store in Des Moines.
- Law '75. R. Walter Lee is at Oelwein, Iowa. He has not yet opened an office.
- '78. Ed. G. Cooley will not be able to return to the University until next year.
- '76. Ed. R. Sayles is reading law in the office of Congressman Cotton, at Clinton.
- H. D. Todd, a member of the Sophomore Class in '73, is County Sup't of Keokuk Co.
- Law '75. Bernard McFadden is in the office of Wright, Gatch & Wright, Des Moines.
- '75 Special. Fred. C. Wicker is attending a College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Penn.
- '73 Special. J. W. Johnson was elected Co. Sup't of Mahaska Co., Iowa, at the late election.
- '75 Special. Abbie L. Preston will not be in the University until the latter part of the year.
- Law '75. Hiram P. Dillon is succeeding splendidly in the practice of the law at Davenport.
- '78. F. M. Hopkins is at home for the present, but will be back to his class in the Winter term.
- Law '75. J. F. Thompson is clerk in the State Land Office, and takes the Deputyship Jan. 1, 1876.
- '75 Special. M. T. Owens is at present in Waterloo. He will be a member of next year's Law Class.
- '78. Sam Jones has gone to West Point, having received the appointment over thirteen competitors.
- '78. Jno. N. Baldwin has entered the Law Department of Columbia College, at Washington, D. C.
- Law '75. N. W. Macy is succeeding, as we knew he would, in the practice of the law at Adel, Iowa.
- Law '75. We are sorry to hear of Charley Vorse's poor health. He is at his home in Des Moines.
- '71. Albert and Lizzie Griffiths Loughridge sailed for India as Missionaries about the first of September.
- '77. Miss Jennie Bartlett is at present in Winterset, but will return to the University in the Winter term.
- '76. C. C. Swafford left the other day for Chicago, where he will be in the employ of a wholesale book store.
- '76. Jno. C. Shepard passed all examinations and has entered Michigan University as a member of the Class of '76.
- Henry Carmichael, a member of the Medical Department last year, is at a College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Penn.
- '74 Special. A. P. Vinnedge was married the 27th of Oct., and is engaged in the banking business at Des Moines, Iowa.
- Frank Ramsdell, a Junior Medic of last year, is pursuing his studies in the Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville, Ky.
- '75 Special. Sue Morse frequently puts in an appearance at the University, from her beautiful country home near this city.
- '78. Lorenzo Brooks received the appointment to West Point in the Des Moines District, and has entered upon his course of study.
- Law '75. The Hagar Brothers have located at Greenfield, Adair county, Iowa, and late reports say they are doing prosperously.
- Law '75. W. L. Read is about to visit California, and if a suitable location is discovered, he may unite his fortunes with the slope.
- '74. Jno. W. Crane when last heard from was on his way to the west part of this State in quest of land. What does it mean, Jno.?
- Law '75. J. J. Pollard has returned to complete his course in the Academic Department, which he began before entering the Law last year.
- '77. Frank T. Lyon will be able to join his class in the Winter term, if his health continues to improve as rapidly as it has during the last two months.
- Law '75. David G. Edmondson, the valedictorian of his class, has opened an office at Cherokee, this State, and has already become settled in a good business.
- Law '75. A. J. Hirschl is practicing in Davenport. Jack, why is it that we hear so frequently of your being in Iowa City but never see you? Have you only one friend in Iowa City?