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READING.

In his Commencement Oration, Dr. Thomas stated that if he could know the reading of the young, he could forecast their future.

Reading, as a means of culture, is growing every day more prominent. Spoken language is by word or action, speech or gesture. Written language addresses the eye. Each mode of address may be made to support the other, or each may counteract the influence of the other. It needs but a moment's consideration to determine the greater influence. Written language lacks the inspiration of the voice and of appropriate gesture, but it is on the other hand entirely freed from any extraneous influence. One sits down a willing captive to the printed page, who might resist successfully the same thoughts uttered by an ungraceful or a bad voiced speaker. In the quiet retirement of one's study restraint is thrown off, guards are withdrawn, bolts are thrown back and easy access is given the author to the citadel of the heart. It becomes a matter of serious moment what shall be the character of the books read.

Wicked men, aware that the promulgation of evil doctrines would not be tolerated in public address, have concealed their thoughts in printed words and have stealthily placed these thoughts under the eye of the youth as he sits alone in close communion with the man whose bodily presence he would shun.

Since the elevation of man is the end we should have in reading, we can not too strongly condemn the indigestible material palmed off in books, nor the moral poison found in honied words, so sweet to the taste, but so bitter in their effects. The very rapid increase in the production of cheap reading matter makes our danger greater, since that which is the more debasing in its tendency is the cheaper. Cost of production is slight and the world is flooded with what Carlyle quaintly styles "a deluge of dirty dish water."

Appetites thus vitiated discard more wholesome food. The labored editorials of our newspapers, which generally contain thoughts worth considering, are passed over as prosy affairs, while the columns of gossip are devoured. Milton, Shakespeare, Hawthorn, Bryant, and such authors gather dust upon the shelves of our libraries, while Eugene Sue, Dumas and others of that ilk, demand frequent rebinding. Osymandyadas is said to have engraven over the entrance to the first library

ever established, the words, "The nourishment of the Soul," or as translated by others, "The Medicine of the Mind." Would not these words engraven upon the entrance to many of the libraries of the present day be declared a lie, by one who, standing at the door, should read the titles of the books in the hands of those who pass in and out.

If the best thoughts of the best authors can be put into the hands of our youth, in books like "Little Classics," "Bric-a-brac Series," "Vest Pocket Editions," and others of like character, we may hope for a stay in this flood of light literature.

Books introduce us to the inner life of the writer and make us acquainted with his real character. To the book are committed many thoughts not allowed in discourse. As Mrs. Hale says most beautifully:

"We never speak our deepest feelings;
Our holiest hopes have no revealings
Seen in the gleams that light the face,
Or fancies that the pen may trace,
And hence to books the heart must turn,
When with unspoken thoughts we yearn."

We should read with the purpose of storing the mind each day with some choice gem. Our minds would then be supplied with the richest nourishment. Henry can fire our patriotism, Bryant kindle our imagination; Prescott will open the gates of the past. There is danger that in our reading we skim and then forget. The larger part of common reading to-day, is of the newspaper. In this is found so great variety, that the tendency is to dissipation. Much of what is printed has to us a present worth—and we neglect to treasure it until the habit of forgetting is formed—the memory of what is valuable no longer remains.

The student should set himself resolutely to such reading as will require careful study and will repay the effort at retaining.

A little well selected and well considered is worth far more than much that is skimmed over just for present use. It is an impossibility for any one to know all that is published; it is, therefore, best that each select some particular line of reading to which he will give patient study.

We have it from good authority that a student and his girl spent fully fifteen minutes trying to strike a light in the parlor. They quickly succeeded in the effort when they heard another couple coming up the walk.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

A new and more widely extended interest is being awakened in our State as regards the Commencement exercises of her University. The people begin to recognize that she is doing a work for the State that no other power can do. She is exerting an influence, already perceived, and that will be felt in the meridian of ages yet to dawn. She stands among the first Universities of these United States.

Much was expected of the nineteenth commencement, and we feel confident in saying there was no disappointment.

Commencements were attractive even in the old Chapel, but the new and beautiful Opera House adds an attraction that is hard to resist as was evidenced by last weeks smiling crowds.

The sky was clear, the weather cool, and exhilarating, propitious all, as the gods could make it. The Opera House was made even more beautiful by flowers tastefully arranged. Happy orators were "en rapport" with intelligent and cheerful audiences—and thus was ushered in the first exercises on

FRIDAY, JUNE 13th.

The anniversary of the Literary Societies is the *first* exercise of commencement week. It ought to be unusually good, that the University might be said to put its "best foot" forward; but when we consider the length of the programme we are prone to imagine that it thrust forward its *biggest* hoof.

In one respect this society annual stands "grand, gloomy, and peculiar." Like Mont Blanc, it is pinnaled in the solitude of its own loveliness: it is the only exercise of commencement that did not begin on time.

At 8:30, the curtain rose and Prof. Eggert called the audience to order. Rev. Clute gave the invocation and

THE ERODELPHIANS

were introduced. Sophy Hutchinson presiding. The orator, Maime L. Loring eulogized "Shelley, the man, the poet." At the age of eighteen Shelley published in college a pamphlet upon the necessity of atheism. The authorities, on account of his youth took no notice whatever of it. De Quincy relates the youth's egotistic boldness. "He (Shelley) sent his pamphlet with five and twenty separate letters, addressed to the five and twenty heads of colleges, courteously inviting all and every of them to notify, at his earliest convenience, his adhesion to the unanswerable arguments for atheism." No wonder the college refused to put up with such impudence. In other respects we agree quite largely with Miss Loring's estimate of the genius of Shelley. She traced his career with accuracy, developed his character clearly; and her magnetic delivery was a halo to the whole. The president conferred diplomas upon Ida Osmond, Mattie Smyth, Georgie Countryman, Florence Clark and Hattie

Parker; and Ida Osmond responded with that spirit and frankness which commands attention more than studied periods and practiced gestures.

IRVING INSTITUTE.

Mr. Gardner, the orator, chose "Difference of Opinion" for his theme. The line of thought was clear and his delivery good but slightly lacking in animation. The graduates, Burrows, Chase, Cottrell, Gilliland, Dougherty, Patterson, Needham and Kennedy came forth, and O. A. Byington, as president, presented the society diplomas in a manly and straight forward way that told that he meant what he said. Mr. Kennedy responded.

HESPERIANS.

Miss Call gracefully treated of the "Anglo-Saxon in History." Miss Call is an attractive speaker and always is applauded. The graduates were Minnie Kimball, Mary Johnson, Stella White and Huldah Hanson. Amy Cavanagh, the president, conferred the diplomas without gush, and Minnie Kimball responded in like manner and with equal appropriateness.

THE ZETAGATHIANS.

Charles Hunt with the "Influence of Passion" for his subject entered at once into the sympathy of the audience and the spirit of his piece. His delivery is natural, easy and impressive; his thought is clearly and logically arranged; his style is crisp. By general consent he carried off the honors of the evening. President Myers gave diplomas to Thorpe, Coutts, Dunham, Cowgill, Pickering, Smith and Slaughter. Mr. Thorpe's response was worded beautifully, but few could hear it.

We hope another year the arrangements will be made to keep pace with the promptness of President Pickard; and shortened so as to allow the reunion in the society halls after the public exercises. The exercise was up to last year and the year before; but it is capable of improvement in a few respects which would add very much to the impression which it creates.

A. N. F.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14th.

This day belongs to the Law Class, and the report will be found in the columns of the Law Department.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th.

Sunday dawned cool and cloudy, and during the entire day there was a constant succession of April showers and bright June sunshine. Like many lives, the day was one strange intermingling of sunshine and shadow, and like those same lives as evening drew on clouds cleared away for a grand and beautiful sunset, which threw a halo of gladness about all commencement visitors and participants. In spite of the threatening clouds, at 4 o'clock, a large and critical audience gathered to hear President Pickard's Baccalaureate Address. Misses Goodrich and Hess, Messrs. Clark

and Hardy opened the exercises with singing. A scripture lesson was read by Rev. Mr. Clute.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Mr. Miller. Music again gave the audience another chance to see if every one had on their new spring hat, bonnet, etc.

And now all are prepared to listen to Pres't Pickard's opening remarks upon physical strength.

"The glory of a young man is his strength." Each man is himself plus some other men who have lived before him. Isolation of the individual and contact with other individuals are sources of strength that will properly command our attention. Something essential to each is denied to his possession, except as he obtains it by exchange. "The readiest instrument of exchange is money.

"Its acquisition is an individual task made possible by combinations in society. What inward struggles, what self-sacrifice, what self-denial does it cost the individual man to secure a fair share of this much-sought and highly prized medium of exchange! Greater still the quiet purpose to make wise use of what has cost such an effort! There is an immense hiding of power in so controlling wants as to have always at hand the requisite means for meeting those that cannot be controlled. The weakest man in the world is the man who is always in debt. Heroic struggles serve only to sink him deeper in the quicksand, upon which he has planted himself, because he has not independence enough to be properly dependent and thus has become too dependent to be properly independent. John Randolph uttered in the midst of an outburst of one of his most ringing appeals, "I have found the Philosopher's stone. It is PAY AS YOU GO!" If one's purse is not as long as the road he would like to travel, he must shorten his journey. All the pleasure of an accomplished purpose is taken away if upon return creditors must be dodged at every corner. Prompt meeting of pecuniary obligations and the assuming of none which do not insure a reasonable prospect of fulfillment will clothe a man with honor among his fellows. He is seen in combination and is judged in what is seen, but the purpose formed and cherished in his isolation is the father of his success."

His words upon doubt and faith were fitly spoken. "He who never questions what he sees and hears, what he thinks and feels, is but the semblance of a man. The habit of doubting is a source of weakness—the grappling with doubts that come without our will is a source of strength."

Space will not permit us to print it all as we would like. We will conclude with his words to the class.

"To the class now about to leave the University, I would specially address the words of application. For these past years you have been gathering in the isolation of a college life stores, more or less abundant in preparation as you each have recognized your independent life. You are soon to assume responsibili-

ties among men, which will test the strength you have already acquired. Exercise will soon determine the value of the food you have taken. If it shall prove insufficient, as it is sure to do, you will have frequent occasion for replenishment. The great failure in the lives of the young of the present day, is found in their eagerness to display strength. They seem unwilling to take any time for acquiring, but are eager to spend the little they have. It is a temptation which this intense age addresses to each of you. As you value the consciousness of a life, complete and worthy a rational soul, resist this temptation. Resolve that whatever strength is possible to you, through inner or outer contact, you will acquire. And may I not appeal to you to open your souls for the reception of strength which is so abundant in Christ and is so freely given to his humble and active disciples.

In the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians is found some true advice. They had divided themselves into schools, saying, 'I am of Apollus, and I of Paul, and I of Cephas.' Paul well knew the weakness of those who cling blindly to others, when they should be able to see for themselves, and he uttered these directions which I would quote as my parting words to the classes of 1870—

"Stand fast in the faith, be strong, quit you like men."

MONDAY, JUNE 16th.

This is usually a dull day for the students. It belongs to the Alumni. Heretofore, they have utilized a part of it picnicing at one of our beautiful boat-houses, but last year's drenching rain seems to have frightened away all desire for a river excursion. As it was, the sad-eyed, bearded Alumnus walked around, with his new wife by his side, (or, if he had failed to get one, with some one's else wife.)

As he walked, he talked. He related the many pleasant experiences that, 'neath those classic shades, had been his, in days that are gone. We hope they enjoyed it. If we were to say more about this day, we would call it the *longest day* in the year. This is the day upon which the student gets homesick—wishes he hadn't stayed for Commencement, "*und so weiter.*"

The monotony of the day was broken by the Alumni meeting in the evening. Music was furnished by the Iowa City band. Mr. McClain, president of the association, introduced Homer H. Seerly, of Oskaloosa, as Orator. His theme, "The Power of the Individual," though trite, was developed with a somewhat new and interesting line of thought.

"A College should be measured by the individual strength of its graduates, unless it can point to those who went forth and proved themselves strong in the active duties of life, it has failed to develop the first element of greatness."

"It might be well in the beginning to realize that the world's price is placed on everything, and that the

"triumph of the individual comes from having fulfilled these conditions. Ages pass without important events. An historian may write the result of a century with one dipping of the pen—the struggle for existence, the effort for superiority was continuous, but climax of events came not. Politics depends upon the issues of the times—men make and advocate these issues. Religion depends upon the purity and zeal of the times. Men are the authors of purity and zeal."

It was an able address, and well appreciated by the audience.

Mrs. Holmes, of West Liberty, read a beautifully written poetical essay, entitled "Incentives and Hindrances to Excellence."

She apologized for not being a poetess, but it was needless; for her prose was poetry and each sentence contained a thought worthy of remembrance.

"There are students who would blush were they unable to solve a difficult problem at sight, who are not ashamed to eat food entirely unfit, and who will sit, sleep and live in air hot and impure, taking little exercise, meanwhile keeping the brain hard at work, and when at last physical conditions overbalance the mind are ready and proud to say that their health succumbed to excessive study. There are young ladies versed in all the fashionable branches who cannot tell the constituent elements of food, what will build up and what will tear down the human system, and who will spend what time is devoted to their bodies, in their outward deforming and adorning. When after years later they recruit the awful ranks of invalid women, it is regarded as inevitable, or if called prematurely to the grave, the minister at the funeral will kindly relieve parents, teachers and friends of all blame, by unjustly charging it—to a kind and mysterious Providence."

The usual banquet was held, immediately after the close of the exercises, at the St. James.

Mention of the officers, orator, and poet elect will be found in the locals.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17th.

The forenoon was devoted to Law Class. (For Report see Law Dept.) In the afternoon Dr. H. W. Thomas, of Chicago, gave us a characteristic address for the Commencement Oration. For nearly two hours he held his large audience unconscious of the passing of time. He developed the educational forces in our social system, classifying them as *natural* and *voluntary*. In the first class he placed climate and the necessarily attendant habits of living. His illustrations were apt and forcible, drawn from a wide range in history and ethnology. In the second class were placed the Home, the School and the Church. His tribute to the Home was one of the most eloquent ever uttered. His tribute to the home of intelligence and affection brought tears to many eyes, and his bitter denuncia-

tion of those practices which sap the home and render it a hissing and a reproach, can never be forgotten.

The place of the School in Sociology was very strongly put, and many in his audience thought him a little extravagant in his criticism of books and studies. It was a source of regret to a few, that he seemed to ignore the value of study at a point where his utterances were being treasured and remembered, although he in another part of his address did urge thorough study of that which is not remembered in and for itself, but is valuable nevertheless, as intellectual food.

As he came to the Church, as a social force, it was natural for him to remember his own position and his personal experience gave point to his words. Under trial for heresy it was natural that he should speak eloquently as in self-defence. Any quotations from his address would do him injustice. It must be heard in its entirety to be appreciated.

Dr. Thomas is physically weak, but there his weakness ends. Those who were dissatisfied with his opening words and left, thinking he would be prosy, lost a great treat, as all who remained to its close, and for whom the close came too soon, will testify.

The evening, after 9 o'clock, was divided between the President's reception and the hop at the St. James.

COLLEGIATE COMMENCEMENT.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th.

Upon this memorable, health-giving day a larger crowd gathered at the Opera House than could conveniently find standing room. A few minutes before 10 o'clock, a long procession of Regents, Faculty, Alumni and students, headed by the band, entered the Opera House. Rev. Mr. Craig offered the invocation, music by the band, and restless minds were stilled by the appearance of Daniel C. Chase. The salutatorian, Mr. Chase, stood second in his class. He has some qualities that would indicate a still higher rank. But the system of *marking* which determines the class standing is destructive of all originality. He treated of "Discontent" in a manner that sustained his former good reputation as an orator. The orators came out from behind the scenes as they spoke and then disappeared. We do not think the plan is as satisfactory as that of having them sit on the stage.

Georgie Countryman spoke very gracefully of "An Interpreter of American Nature," depicting as such an one Henry David Thoreau. Miss Countryman has won honors all along her collegiate course.

C. B. Burrows orated upon "Thackary and Cynicism." He claimed Thackary was not a cynic. That it was no proof that the source of a stream is foul because its waters are impure.

Huldah J. Hanson declared that England and perhaps the XIXth century could boast of no nobler character than that of "Harriet Martineau." Probably, Harriet Martineau has no more earnest and sincere defender than Miss Hanson.

Warren H. Cottrell followed with an oration entitled "The Spirit of an Age and its Hero." "Ideas have their ebb and flow, like the waters of the ocean, and in every of these oscillations there is probably some advance."

Mary H. Johnson then told the audience of "The Women of Shakspeare." "Like a weird magician he dips his pen and represents woman in the drama." We will not attempt a description of the costumes of the ladies—passing it by with the simple remark—that they were all dressed "gorgeously" and had "fichus" (fishhooks) or something of that kind about their necks.

Isom S. Gilliland spoke in a clear, straightforward manner of "Devotion to Essentials." "The hope of the Age lies in the stern progress of morality, and a better knowledge of the part man shall take in the life before him."

Ida K. Osmond, one of Iowa City's girls, chose as her subject, "Rousseau," and by means of an attractive and energetic style of delivery and a beautifully worded production, held the close attention of the audience. "He speaks of God and hearts that have almost forgotten that there is a God throb again with reverence and love. He tells of justice and liberty and our souls thrill at the words."

One of the most practical orations, was "The Ballot and The Masses," by Charles E. Patterson. He spoke as if his heart was in the subject. "Any form of government that would be beneficial must be based on the relations of its subject, irrespective of past or future relations."

There was quite a stir in the audience when Miss Stella White, so soon to be Mrs. M. N. Johnson, appeared. In a fitting manner, she spoke of "The Spirit and Aim of The Scholar."

Frank B. Cowgill, in a logical and telling oration, called the attention of his listeners to "Our National Problem." After which he closed the exercises of Class '79, with the following valedictory address.

Regents of the State University:

The members of class '79, would acknowledge their debt to you for the efficiency of the University in its collegiate department. Your labor hitherto has proven your fidelity to its interests, and we trust that its future prosperity under your direction may lead the State to a better appreciation of its worth, and secure for it the support and patronage it so well deserves.

To you, Mr. President, and members of the academic faculty, we can make no return at this hour, for your solicitous labors in our behalf, but our simple, honest gratitude. Frequently, no doubt, we have thoughtlessly multiplied the difficulties of your several stations; but you have rebuked us in nothing save your true consistency, and steadfast devotion to our real good. We feel that in your presence, we have gained both intellectual and moral power, and though we may forget many of your explicit teachings, we can never es-

cape the felt influence of your examples. For more adequate testimony to the efficiency of your work, we ask you to regard our future, and see whether you can not trace in the lives we live, the influences which you have imparted.

Students of the University:

The pain of leaving you will succumb, at length, to the pleasant remembrance of our past associations, sweetened by all the courtesies and kindly offices springing from mutual regard. We remember now how much we owe to your sympathy and encouragement. In our society halls, you applauded our oratorical successes, and when stage fright overcame us, your silence was the impressive eloquence of sympathy. You fostered by your patronizing attention the incipient wit of our "Jokers," until they stand peerless in their profession. You encouraged by your manifest appreciation the peculiar talent of our class, and encouraged the exercise of our favorite art—the musical art. Our class ode, to our great regret, was blighted ere it was full blown, by the ambiguous character of your applause. But now we leave you with pleasant memories thronging us, and, even as we hope to be remembered, we shall try to follow you in your future, sorrowing in your misfortunes, and rejoicing in your successes.

Citizens of Iowa City:

We can not forget, in the years to come, the happy homes we have had in your midst, the social favors we have enjoyed, the friendships we have formed. And though we leave you, social ties, stronger than time can sever, will bind us to your beautiful city. In the future, when new cares beset, or new pleasures attend us, we shall often think of your cordial words and kindly deeds, with blessings on their authors.

My Classmates:

The hour, so long anticipated, has come, and we pause with conflicting emotions on the threshold of new experiences. Once we thought that this would be a proud day for us; but pride finds no congenial soil in grander conceptions of life and truth and duty destiny. For a long time we have walked and studied together, aspiring to better knowledge and broader culture; and our associations, under a common impulse, with common cares and delights, have warmed into tenderest regard. Let us rejoice to-day, that, though circumstances may sunder associations, they cannot dissolve friendships. The soul may seek in vain, through the channels of sense, the accustomed recipients of its treasures, but soon memory and imagination restore the past and present, the absent, and the cords of sympathy reaching from heart to heart, vibrate a richer music at the increasing tension of years. Cherishing as sacred all the memories of our past, and hoping to meet again, let us go forth with renewed allegiance to all that is good, and purposes worthy of the benedictions that follow us.

And now, to those whose counsel, sympathy, fellowship and cheer, we have so long enjoyed, those with whom we have so often exchanged cordial salutations and the warm grasp of the hand; to each and all, our affectionate farewell!

The President awarded diplomas to the following graduates:

CLASSICAL, A. B.

Charles B. Burrows	Osceola.
Daniel C. Chase.....	Webster City.
Charles A. Dickey	Blairstown.
Huldah J. Hanson.....	Scranton.
Minnie E. Kimball	Iowa City.
Ida K. Osmond.....	Iowa City.
Harriet J. Parker.....	Iowa City.
James F. Slaughter.....	Moravia.
Stella White.....	Galesburg, Ill.

PHILOSOPHICAL, B. PH.

Kinser E. Backensto	Iowa City.
Florence E. Clark	Iowa City.
Warren H. Cottrell.....	Waterloo.
Georgie M. Countryman.....	Iowa Falls.
Frank B. Cowgill.....	Beaman.
James G. Dougherty.....	Muscatine.
Isom S. Gilliland.....	Pacific City.
Mary H. Johnson.....	Decorah.
Charles E. Patterson	Washington.
Martha A. Smyth.....	Mount Vernon.

SCIENTIFIC, B. S.

Frank A. Wadleigh.....	Clinton.
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The Master's oration was delivered by Miss Laura Ensign; subject "The Women of Civilization."

The Master's Degrees were then conferred and President Pickard gave the final flourish, by inviting all that had wives and all that had them "in prospectu" to the collation. Thus the curtain drops for Class '79.

THE professors spend the summer in divers modes. Profs. Calvin and McBride go to Hopkington, and thence east to visit the museums of Yale and Howard and the Smithsonian Institute. Prof. Philbrick pays a short visit to Wisconsin. Prof. Leonard remains in the city and has his teeth extracted. Prof. Fellows takes his usual tour of institutes. Capt. Chester goes to the Hub—first to Duluth and thence to Boston by the Lakes and the St. Lawrence. Prof. Carrier wavers between Colorado, Minnesota and New Hampshire. Miss Sudlow passes part of vacation in Davenport. Dr. Cowperthwait has gone east to the Homoeopathic Congress at Lake George. President Pickard has gone to the White Mountains where he will attend the New England Institute, founded in 1830 by Edward Everett and others.

—The Seniors and Juniors neglected to elect officers for the fall term.

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THE June issue is generally known as the commencement issue, and although material is plenty, is never complete. The reasons are obvious; the paper can not be out until a week or ten days after school is closed. The editors, like other students, are weary of the college world; with the rest, they want to close their books, lay down their pens. They desire to roam over the grassy meadows, loiter in the "watery woodlands," and hold close communion with sparkling, dewy nature. They, like the rest of the book and paper world, yearn for that delectable sensation appreciable only for a short time, of *nothing to do*. "Home, sweet home" has a more pleasing and grander sound to them than *copy* did when they first were elected editors. Musing in the following manner they slip off to their homes: "My time as an editor expires this term. The work is not divided among the editors and no one will know but what I did something." Well boys, we can not blame you much but then some of our homes are too near the old scene of action to escape.

We have decided not to publish any of the orations. You have heard them. Some of them are printed in the *Journal*. We will however publish Cowgill's valedictory, which was not published.

A former student marks the changes in Iowa City and the University in six years. The streets have been macadamized and lined with trees. The old shanties have been burnt out and the rookeries torn down, and in their stead stand houses of modern style. New store buildings and an Opera House have been erected. The old six board fence around the campus and the long line of hitching posts for the convenience for farmers are effete. A closely clipped lawn has succeeded the space chequered and flecked with dog-fennel. The college buildings have been painted and the halls frescoed. These are not all; but they are enough to evince the great improvement in the city and the school.

At the alumni banquet and even at the University collation, in the otherwise excellent speeches occurred several remarks which, though we would exaggerate to call them indecent, we think we may justly term indelicate. It were better we suggest to avoid words of dubious propriety. Chaste words are signs of a chaste heart and mind.

SOME of the expenses of the alumni banquet and the commencement hop (not the invitations) were enormous. Economy in such things is not stinginess, but is good sense. Were the expenses of such things less the attendance would be greater and the interest and pleasure correspondingly doubled.

UNDER the guise of retrenchment the regents have placed the library in charge of Mrs. North, former State Librarian at Des Moines. Prof. Currier has been so indentified with the library that it won't seem natural to go for advice to any one else. If a change were to be made we would be strongly in favor of Mrs. North, and the REPORTER welcomes her, though it questions the policy and denies the economy of the change.

THE *Press* records the marriage of L. Smith Hanna to Miss Kreider, both of Clarinda. Mr. Hanna was a member of the first corps of editors of the REPORTER. His genial countenance is prominent in the photograph of that body which constitutes the first and last addition to the REPORTER art gallery. Upon the wall of our sanctum has hung that picture for years; and we always fancied a compassionate expression upon the faces of the first editors of this paper whenever we discovered in the last issue an error in proof or a huge blunder. But be that as it may. "Smith" Hanna is married. And we assure him that many are the friends who rejoice with with him and his bride.

THE OUTLOOK.

There is an old German proverb which read: "*Wer viel anlegt, wird wenig thun.*" (He who plans much will accomplish little.) Any student who has planned a great amount of work for this vacation, will, in the fall, be an unwilling witness to the general truth of this old saying.

The REPORTER has not been what it ought and might have been, during the past year. Many reasons might be given of the why and wherefore of this self-evident fact. We will leave them to our reader's fertile imagination. And crave pardon for stating that the REPORTER proposes to do *much better* this coming year. Its prospects are better than they were last year at this time.

Another paper is to be started in the Institution with a good corps of editors. This will stimulate the RE-

PORTER to its best efforts. It may not publish *orations*; if not, the Literary Column will be filled with new and interesting articles from the pen of able writers. Prof. Parker has promised an article for the first number, next fall. It proposes a good course of *six or eight lectures*, starting out, in the Fall, with Dr. Thomas of Chicago, to be followed by Swing, Ingersoll and Gough, if possible. In order to sustain a course in which so much talent and money are involved, we will need the hearty support of the Faculty, Alumni, Students and citizens.

The paper needs a neat *cover*. You do not want the REPORTER to die out or be killed out. Then aid us as best you can, by attending lectures, by subscription and the contribution of *locals*, *personals* and *good articles*, and we will attempt to give it a place among the first college papers.

THE Sub-Freshman class of the University is no more. We are sorry to see it abolished, as it has always been large and its number steadily increasing. It has always had an able corps of teachers, and the facilities afforded to students, both in point of economy and good training, have been such as cannot well be surpassed.

Arrangements have been made, however, in both the Academy and High School, for preparing students for the Freshman class and we trust this will be a worthy substitute for the Sub-Freshman class. It remains to be seen whether it will injure the University or not. We see no reason why it should, as the Freshman class this year is much larger than ever before.

WEDDING.

In the days when, an urchin, we toddled over the campus—before even the academy's humble walls had surrounded us and its excellent discipline had curbed our wayward nature—and while the very frame of a senior was invested with an awe and his brow with a halo which then seemed sacred and now seems funny: then we first remember to have seen M. N. Johnson. Class '70's boulder had been rolled upon its back. A band of students one evening, pryed and perspired 'till the relic of class '70 could face the walk and ogle the by-passers, and then by main strength they placed Mr. Johnson upon the boulder and insisted upon a speech. He recounted the dark deed of the Freshmen in overturning the boulder and applauded the efforts of those who righted it. Next there is impressed upon our memory a chapel oration upon "Sintrapper Loquax." Then we recall the brilliant humor for which in society he was famous; and his pat remark as critic that when the audience came to *expect* something funny from a speaker it was time for him to write something else. From graduation we follow him to the Golden Gate, and, on his return from California, to the state legisla-

ture where he remembered faithfully his *alma mater*. Thus it always is with the University alumni. Their Iowa City friends follow them in thought where 'ere they go—rejoicing in their success and sympathizing in their misfortune.

In the afternoon following commencement, the professors, the alumni, and friends filled the M. E. Church to witness the marriage of Mr. Johnson to Miss Stella White, of Galesburg, Ill. Rev. E. L. Miller performed the ceremony. Last fall Miss White came from Knox College and entered our senior class. She has been an excellent student. And the friends of both will rejoice that where there is so much similarity of mental strength and culture there is also a union of hearts for life.

The decoration of the church was done by Miss White's sister Hesperians, who thereby expressed their appreciation and love for her.

The present corps extend to a former editor of the REPORTER their best wishes and hope that they may all be as fortunate as he. They went to Decorah, we believe.

JUNIOR CONTEST.

Contest and rivalry are predominant features of the present, as well as of the past. Although characterized, at times, by selfish and impure motives, they need not necessarily be so. It is not so in college life. We set our mark high and try hard to gain it; each striving to plant the summit of his ladder higher upon the rugged hillside of fame, than that of his fellow student, but never to cripple his progress or cast a stone in his way. Without rivalry all advancement sleeps. It is the spirit of rivalry which nerves us for action. The same spirit burned in the hearts of our Juniors, and the result was a contest in rivalry of the Junior class. An interesting and deeply interested audience assembled at the Opera House on the evening of June 6th, to witness this contest. Stewart Goodrell, president of the class, presided. Eight speakers appeared, who had been chosen by a preliminary contest from the class. The audience was greeted with an opening song, "The Red, Red Rose," by the Lady Quartette. Compliments are not necessary. The ability of these ladies is too well known. After the invocation by Rev. Dr. Fellows, J. D. Gardner was announced as the first speaker. He had chosen for his subject, "Moments of Healthy Thought." The audience was deeply interested in his production which was profoundly and thoughtfully written. Although Mr. Gardner has a good voice, his delivery was not as free and easy as it should be, to place his hearers in perfect harmony with his thought. This, however, is characteristic of most amateur speakers, and is no hindrance to future success.

The next speaker was Emerson Hough. Subject: The "Birth-place of Character." In point of delivery Mr. Hough was decidedly more declamatory than ora-

torical, and more imitative than original. Though somewhat pedantic and profuse in his reference to the classics, his thought was good, and well appreciated, abounding at times in fine and well balanced sentences.

Next came Charles N. Hunt, to whom the second prize was awarded. His subject was "Faust." Mr. Hunt is an able writer, and possesses, though yet embryotic, many of the essentials of pure oratory. His first sentence seemed to touch a sympathetic cord in the audience, and he held them in close attention throughout his entire speech. The gentleman is improving in both voice and delivery, and is destined to become an orator of no inferiority.

"Charlotte Corday," a French character, was the subject chosen by Miss Sophy Hutchinson, who was the only lady contestant. Miss Hutchinson has a very graceful delivery and a charming voice. She appears perfectly at home before an audience, commanding their respect and sympathy.

Robert Pritchard then followed, with "Superior Endowments," for his subject. It was presented in his usual forcible style and with a good effect.

W. V. Smith next spoke of "Causes of Spanish Decline." Mr. Smith's production was ably written, exhibiting much study and research. His delivery, however, detracts much from the appreciation it would otherwise demand from an audience.

The next speaker was S. H. Snyder. His subject "Democracy." Although an old subject it was well handled and did credit to the gentleman. His style of delivery is hardly forcible enough to command the closest attention.

The last speaker of the evening was Harry Truesdale, who received the first prize. His subject was, "Bryant the Poet." Mr. Truesdale's production was carefully and thoughtfully written, and the sentiment was excellent. His delivery, however, was not worthy the thought. His gestures were stiff and mechanical.

The Solos rendered by Misses Freeman and Hess were beautiful. Such will always merit applause. The "Lady Quartette," closed the evening with "The Huntsman's Song."

We are sorry we cannot publish the prize orations in full, but space does not permit.

The markings of the judges, on a scale of 900, were as follows:

Truesdale 756, Hunt 753, Snyder 748, Hutchinson 732, Hough 731, Pritchard 720, Gardner 716, Smith 706. A. F. H.

—The rapidly increasing passenger business of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R., has necessitated increased facilities and accommodations; and to meet the wants of travel, this company will commence running on Sunday, June 1, a line of Palace Sleeping Cars between Chicago and Des Moines, in addition to their present system of through cars to Peoria, Council Bluffs, Leavenworth and Atchison.

LOCAL.

- Where is our poet this month?
- Who shut off the gas, May 30th?
- Renew your Reporter subscription for 1880.
- Will and Hattie McIntyre came up to the hop.
- We are indebted to A. N. Fellows for aid on personals.
- Our Freshman editor, Horton, wrote up the Junior contest.
- John M. Helmick will graduate next year with class '80.
- Weddings seem to be the order of the day. Next.
- Good, the matrimonial prospects of the coming Senior class.
- Miss Hattie Parker, class '79, set sail for Europe on the 13th.
- Is it true that he who leads in college, seldom leads in after life?
- Total number of graduates from all departments of the University, 1224.
- Ida Osmond accompanied Georgie Countryman to Cedar Falls, for a short visit.
- The marriage of Carroll Wright and Miss Elliott of Des Moines, is announced.
- 53 Seniors. Look out for the twentieth Commencement of the S. U. I. 1880.
- A. T. Free, a former student, has been elected superintendent of the schools at Grinnell.
- Harry Truesdale and Charles N. Hunt, were awarded the prizes in the Junior Contest.
- The President's reception and the collation were new items in our commencement programme.
- Albion N. Fellows has been elected principal of the Knoxville (Marion Co.) High School for next year.
- Only three Senior parties this year; there must be an awakening before next year. So thinks class '80.
- Tragic: The expression on Mr. Thorpe's countenance, after the gas jets ceased to give light, May 30.
- Twenty-five or thirty papers in the State had reports of commencement from their special correspondents.
- John E. Richardson was in the city during commencement. He is aiming high and will undoubtedly hit the mark.
- J. J. Pollard, a former editor of the Reporter, and Miss Adla Kelley, were married at Iowa City, June 25th.
- Miss Emma Stafford, of Oskaloosa, and Miss Hurst, of Maquoketa, were with Mrs. Barber during commencement.
- The Zets and Hesperians propose to publish a Society paper entitled the "Vidette." Harvey Ingham and S. B. Howard are editors from the Zet Society; Misses Call and Craven from the Hesperians. Horace Wood, Financial Agent.
- The University has had in attendance, this year, 561 students: Collegiate Department, 312; Medical, 125; Law, 126.
- The *Fairfield Ledger* announces the birth of a daughter to Mr. Frank Garretson and wife (formerly Minnie Acheson.)
- R. D. Jones, an Iowa College graduate, and principal of one of the wards of Ottumwa, listened to part of commencement.
- The expense of the commencement collation was \$50, or less than 25 cents per capita; and they took up of the fragments *three* baskets full.
- The Central University building is to be heated by steam. It is contemplated erecting also a room for the accoutrements of the battalion.
- The entire Sophomore class of the University of California has been expelled for not disclosing who published a bogus Junior programme.
- Judge Chase, of Webster City, Mr. and Mrs. Wadleigh, of Clinton, and Mrs. Patterson, of Washington, attended the graduation of their sons.
- Prof. Booth, in the short time he was with us, did good work. Great improvement could be seen in our commencement orations. Let us have more such.
- President Pickard says that reproof is so seldom required that he has not yet learned to give it. We take that as a compliment of our good behavior.
- The article entitled "Reading," by President Pickard, and Chancellor Hammond's Commencement Address to Law Class, are worthy of a careful perusal.
- Hon. E. E. Cook, of Davenport, elected to lecture on Medical Jurisprudence, before the laws and medics, is a noted lawyer. Frank L. Dodge is in his office.
- Lost, strayed, or stolen, one Law and three Academic editors. Any one finding the same and returning ready for immediate use, will be *poorly* rewarded.
- The statist of Class '79, accompanied the class ode into oblivion, we guess, for we haven't heard of him. Pity, too, we would like to have some matter to "fill up" with.
- The hotel *de* Hughes was overflowing with attractive damsels. Miss Ida Street and Miss Lizzie Cutts, of Oskaloosa, and Miss May, of Cedar Rapids, were among them.
- That Freshman and Senioress will go together no more. Sad separation;—It will be Sophomore and Alumnus (a). (We will have to refer that ending to Prof. Currier.)
- Report has reached us, in a round about way, that our Senior Kelley has added his testimony to the maxim;—that two heads are better than one—Married, think of it, class '80!!!

—Officers of Irving Institute for Fall term: President, S. H. Snyder; Vice-President, Frank Rice; Recording Secretary, Frank Fletcher; Corresponding Secretary, Wm. Dodge; Treasurer, Mr. Evans.

—Officers elect for Erodelphian Society: President, Belle M. Gilcrest, Vice-President, Hattie J. Dennis; Recording Secretary, May Goodrell; Corresponding Secretary, Jennie Hanford; Treasurer, Etta Wallace.

—Dr. Thomas, of Chicago, who gave such a choice oration for the University, during commencement, will lecture for the Reporter next term. Due announcement will be made; for seats will certainly be in good demand.

—Officers of Sophomore Class for 1880: Pres't, F. K. VanFossen; Vice Pres't, C. H. Forney; Rec. Sec., Miss Maggie Holmes; Treas., O. Groschell; Cor. Sec., Miss Mary Craven; Serg't-at-Arms, H. W. Seaman; Editor, A. J. Craven.

—The officers of the Zetagathian Society for the fall term of '79-'80, are as follows: President, J. S. Enlow; Vice President, Robert Pritchard; Rec. Secretary, F. O. Newcomb; Cor. Secretary, B. Dabney; Treasurer, W. M. Welch; Serg't-at-Arms, A. T. Horton.

—Hereafter the REPORTER expects a note invitation or a slice of the bride's cake to dream over or it will chronicle weddings like this:—"Married at the house of —, Mr. —, to Miss —, both of —, the Rev. — officiating. *No cards. No cake. Fat wedding.*"

—At the sub-freshman meeting, June 4th, the following officers were elected for the fall term of '79-'80: President, W. A. McCord; Vice President, M. H. Williams; Rec. Secretary, Miss Carrie Mordoff; Cor. Secretary, Miss May Paine; Treasurer, W. B. Callender; Searg't-at-Arms, D. L. Poindexter.

—W. Vinson Smith, class '80, has been chosen *Financial Agent* of the Reporter, for the ensuing year. He is social, genial, business-like. You will make his acquaintance easily. Mr. Snyder has done faithful work and consequently increased the interests of the REPORTER. May like success attend him ever.

—Sarah T. Cooke—well known to those of a few years back for her prize essays and fine orations—after having spent three years in Germany, is on her way to her home, in Ripon, Wisconsin. The REPORTER remembers the letter Mrs. Thacher allowed them to publish, and thanks her for a beautiful description of Swiss travel.

—They were walking home from a rehearsal. Said he: "Lovest thou me?" Said she: "Thou knowest I love thee!" Then they measured noses, while the trees sighed, the lake murmured upon the pebbly beach, and the moon shone in soft splendor. We copy the above from the VIDETTE, because it is rumored we are soon to have a paper of the same name.

—Isn't it about time to issue another "Catalogue of officers and alumni?" Since the first was issued, three

years have elapsed and nearly 300 graduates added to the list, while the old graduates have changed residence. If the alumni of *all* the departments could be arranged according to locality, as in Chancellor Hammond's Law year book, it would be of immense value.

—Thursday, June 26th, occurred the marriage of Mr. O. C. Scott, class '78, to Miss Mary Flagler, of Brooklyn, Mr. Scott's father officiating. Miss Flagler and Mr. Scott, have both taught in the Tipton schools, the past year, and Mr. Scott has been re-elected for the ensuing year. The happy couple came to Iowa City on the evening train, and received congratulatory calls from many friends.

—The Laws seemed badly mixed up on graduating day. Some of those thirty year old, six footers, bringing up the rear, where the minors should have been. Minors, not entitled to diplomas getting theirs, some one in the rear was minus a parchment. At this point, which was embarrassing enough, some one suggested, "kill another sheep."

—When Dr. Thomas got back to Chicago, after his western trip, a *Chicago Times* reporter interviewed him in regard to his call to Unity Church, made vacant by Robert Collyer's going to New York City. He only got "taffy" for his pains. When he asked Dr. Thomas whether he thought he would be acceptable to the people of Unity Church, the Dr. replied, "Well, Mr. Collyer is a greater man than I, and as some folks think better looking—though that is a matter of taste.

—Mr. A. E. Swisher, class '72, was married Thursday morning, June 26th, in Des Moines, to Miss Ida Ingalls. The ceremony was to be performed by the bride's grandfather, but he having missed the train, the bride's father, Pearl P. Ingalls, married the couple. Both are former students, with many admirers, and had we not exhausted the adjectives of the language, in writing up other marriages, we would try to express the feelings fit for the occasion. They will reside in Iowa City, where Mr. Swisher has taken a first rank as a lawyer.

—The alumni officers elected are: President, Geo. W. Ball, of Iowa City; V. Presidents, Mrs. May Parvin Lee, Iowa City, Mrs. Mary Underwood Remley, Anamosa, and Miss Ella Wilcox, Iowa City; Secretary, Milton Remley, Iowa City; Treasurer, R. H. Allin, Iowa City; Historian, Prof. W. C. Preston, Iowa City; Executive committee, the President and Secretary, members *ex-officio*, and Mrs. W. C. Preston, A. E. Swisher, Amos Hiatt; Orator for 1880—W. H. H. Judson, New Orleans; Poetess for 1880—Mrs. Mary J. Haddock, Iowa City.

—The Senior party, given by Misses Florence Clark and Minnie Kimball, at the home of the latter, was an enjoyable affair. The night was serene. The full moon cast her soft, mellow light over all. These ladies understand just how to make every one feel at home. "Music hath charms," and some of them were display-

ed during the evening. By means of cards, the DANCE and those bountiful refreshments, the evening was made one to be remembered. We must not forget to mention that the chief enjoyment of some of the class of '79 consisted in catching bugs and gently escorting them out of the room.

A Private Opinion Publicly Expressed.

—Mr. Editor—The policy of the REPORTER has recently been declared against the publication of orations, that it is has seemed better to “the powers that be” to publish the hastily scribbled thoughts of their *own* minds, than to allow room for the carefully prepared and thoroughly criticized productions of others. One or two orations of Mr. Hunt, the orations of Cowgill and Chase, at the contest in the fall, and that of Truesdale, lately, ought to have been published. Instead of these, were published jokes so vague that only those could understand them that knew them *already*, and remarks of Connie, Clinker, and ye Ancient, till the exchanges begin to make fun of the REPORTER, and the students cry aloud for vengeance.

HANDY ANDY.

—The gentleman from Keokuk, who parts his hair in the middle, and partakes of his bountiful repasts at the St. James, exultant with the idea, that “variety is the spice of life,” evidently received more spice than variety, when he engaged the company of two of the fair sex, for the same evening; one to attend the concert and the other to attend the dance. Not a cloud appeared to darken the horizon of the fair young couple at the concert; but, though the gentleman assumed the audacity and cheek of a mule, his cunning was not that of a fox. He had been found out, and when he called for his second choice, she met him at the door, but not in ball-room dress. She politely informed him that he had broken the rules of etiquette and good breeding, and was, therefore, excused from farther embarrassment. Keokuk must either put up the fence or tie up her calves.

PERSONAL.

The cheery faces of old friends gladdened and inspired the entire commencement. We notice their welcome presence in the order of classes:

'60. Carey R. Smith, still in the milk business in Iowa City.

'61. Wm. J. Haddock, secretary board of regents, and lawyer in Iowa City.

'62. R. H. Allin, treasurer alumni association and bookseller, Iowa City.

'63. Nettie N. Emery, of Iowa City.

'64. May Parvin Lee, of Iowa City.

'66. Ada Hershire (Hemsted), of Iowa City.

'67. Milton Remley, lawyer, Iowa City.

'68. Alice R. Glass (Remley), Mason City; Lucy M. Hemsted, of Iowa City; Nellie V. Hutchinson, of Iowa City.

'69. C. P. Rogers, Superintendent of schools in Marshalltown, stopped at N. H. Brainerd's; W. C. Preston, assistant in Laboratory; H. M. Remley, lawyer, Anamosa.

'70. Amos Hiatt, in charge of Academy, Iowa City; Jno. A. Pickler, lawyer, Muscatine; Edward M. Doe, Iowa City.

'71. Emlin McClain, lawyer, Des Moines; M. Ellen Scales, of Iowa City.

'72. Jno. E. Anderson, lawyer, Forest City; W. B. Craig, pastor Christian Chapel, Iowa City; Wm. Lytle, lawyer, Iowa City; A. E. Swisher, lawyer, Iowa City; Anna E. Paige, teacher, Iowa City; Clara Musselman, teacher, Fairfield.

'73. R. C. Glass, M. E. pastor, Cherokee; M. N. Johnson, lawyer, Decorah; Lou S. Preston (Kauffman) of Iowa City; Wm. Osmond, graduated in law department this year; H. H. Seerley, superintendent of schools, brought his wife with him to attend the exercises; C. E. White, lawyer, Moline, would have brought his wife if he had had one, as it was he came to hunt one.

'74. H. S. Fairall lawyer, Iowa City; Jno. N. Neiman, lawyer, Tipton; W. F. Rogers, editor *Republican*, Iowa City; Euclid Sanders, lawyer, Iowa City; Mary A. Terrill, Iowa City; Alfred Wood, teaches next year at Springdale.

'75. A. E. Chalfant, post office clerk, Iowa City; J. N. Flickinger, lawyer, Council Bluffs; A. A. Guthrie, superintendent of public schools, Iowa City; Harmon Hiatt, in charge of Academy, Iowa City; C. B. Jack, lawyer, Burlington; T. W. Parvin, lawyer, St. Louis; Jno. J. Seerley, lawyer, Burlington; W. J. Welch, grocer, Iowa City; J. W. Myers, of Brighton.

'76. O. H. Brainerd, assistant in High School, Iowa City; R. W. Byington, lawyer, Iowa City; Lizzie L. Clark, of Iowa City, has been teaching in West Liberty during the past year; Laura S. Ensign, teacher State Normal School, Cedar Falls; Lucy D. Evans, teacher, Moline; L. C. Johnson, lawyer, Decorah; J. J. McConnell, principal of schools, Atlantic; Clara Remley, of Iowa City; Joe. V. Williams, teacher, Iowa City.

'77. Ray Billingsley, graduated in law department this year; Jno. Campbell, valedictorian of the law department this year; L. W. Clapp, lawyer, Iowa City; W. A. Gibbens, teacher, Montezuma; J. J. Hamilton, editor *Davis County Republican*, Bloomfield; Frank T. Lyon, principal of schools, Onawa City; Jno. T. Marvin, intends to start a steam laundry soon in Iowa City; Ed. McIntyre, law graduate this year; W. P. Whipple, lawyer, Vinton.

'78. Minnie E. Leonard, tutor in University; Lou E. Hughes, teacher, Cedar Rapids; Fred. C. Denkmann, of Rock Island; S. S. Gillespie, teacher, Millersburg; Wm. M. Martin, teacher, Solon, O. C. Scott, principal of schools, Tipton; W. D. Evans, law gradu-

ate this year; Albion N. Fellows, of Iowa City; Wm. L. Lamb, law graduate this year; J. J. Pollard, teaching, Ft. Madison.

The alumni not present during commencement we notice as follows:

'62. W. H. H. Judson, editor *New Orleans Times*, telegraphs R. H. Allin that he will be present to deliver the alumni oration next June.

'69. G. L. Pinkham, since leaving the University and locating at Hampton, has gone to canvassing for Johnson's Cyclopaedia. His name was hoisted by John Hamilton in the *Davis County Republican* as candidate for the state superintendency of public instruction.

'72. George F. McClelland, is justice of the peace in Des Moines.

'74. Frank E. Brush, is just completing his second year as pastor of the M. E. Church at Clermont.

'77. Virginia J. Slagle was met at New York City on her return from Europe, by her father, and is ere this at her home in Fairfield. Emma Rankin, teaching at Red Oak.

'78. C. C. Ziegler, writes from Harvard that he will return next year to that institution. G. T. W. Patrick, has taken the wings of the morning and flown to the uttermost part of Colorado, even to Leadville, where he is in the Gage Hagerman smelting works. O. C. Scott, is re-elected at increased salary at Tipton, where he will continue next year.

'79. D. C. Chase, spends next year in his father's law office. C. E. Patterson, reads law at Washington. C. B. Burrows, goes into a bank (of which his father was formerly president) in Osceola. Minnie, E. Kimball, remains at home in Iowa City. Florence E. Clark, teaches in the second ward school, Iowa City. Frank B. Cowgill, has been licensed to preach by the M. E. church, but will likely teach a year first. Frank A. Wadleigh, goes to Columbia College next year.

Law Department.

LAW GRADUATION.

Tuesday, June 17th, the Opera House was packed to witness the graduation of an even hundred law students, the class of '79. Rev. C. C. Burnett gave the invocation, and orations were given as follows:

The first rule of Evidence—Chas. L. Day.

Feudalism and Democracy—W. E. Pickering.

Rail Road and Taxation—Wm. Osmond.

Law as an Educator in Morals—D. P. Maryatt.

Physical Law and the Law of Right—J. E. McIntyre.

Are Acts of Legislatures granting away the right of taxation binding upon the State?—W. J. Ham.

The Logic of Legislation—W. D. Evans.

The American Bar the Shield of the State—Ray Billingsley.

Single and Collegiate Courts—John Campbell. We print Mr. Campbell's valedictory in full.

VALEDICTORY.

Ladies and Gentlemen of Iowa City:

You have added materially to our comforts and pleasure during our stay in this city. We trust that its memories will be as welcome to you as to us.

Gentlemen of the Board of Regents:

The National reputation of the Law Department of this University is an eloquent confirmation of the wisdom of its establishment. We can wish it no better fortune than a continuance of the same management under which its growth has been so rapid. The wisdom of the past, borne on into the future, will bear this department steadily on to a higher and still higher summit of renown.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Faculty:

The mind of one of your number, at least, to-day doubtless goes back to that small class of young men who met in Des Moines fourteen years ago, and formed the first class of this school. With each succeeding year the number of students has increased, until now, among forty-three law schools of this nation, ours ranks third in the number of its graduates. You may be pardoned for any exultation of feeling, for the result gentlemen, is the outgrowth of your painstaking, conscientious labor, and your inborn capacity for just such work. Every high-minded man despises fulsome flattery; but no one, be he ever so independent, can be wholly indifferent to the opinion of those with whom he comes in close contact. No teacher, ever so conscious of superiority, scorns honest appreciation; and I speak the sentiment of the class when I say we admire you for your character as men, for your scholarly attainments, for qualities that adorn the instructor's chair and the judicial ermine.

Fellow Students of Law Class, 1879:

The harmony of our class-life has been as great as could be expected from one hundred fiery spirits, each imbued with a desire to rule, and a consciousness of his own pre-eminent fitness to do so. To-day, however, we assume new responsibilities, and are just on the threshold of new duties. We are to be measured for what we are worth, as men in an active, exacting world. As lawyers, we will be subject to the same scrutiny and same measure of responsibility as other lawyers, and as alumni of this University, to the obligation to help sustain the splendid reputation of our *Alma Mater*. The best success will be possible only by a practical self-respect; by a scrupulous observance of the maxims of our instructors; by rising to the highest standard of a profession dignified by the eminent gentlemen on this platform.

Regents and Faculties, students and citizens, permit the Law Class of 1879 to offer a sentiment, to the realization of which we pledge our best efforts. The State University of Iowa: may the heartiness of its public support equal its eminent public benefit—*esto perpetua*.

The orations were of a very high order and the delivery equally good. Osmond, Ham, and Campbell, fearlessly planted themselves against precedent, and the others were as sure of their premises. Two years ago we thought John Campbell's academic valedictory could not be excelled. We give it up now. It is generally held that this was the finest Law commencement ever held, and an honor to a department now third in the United States, in the number of students.

LAW ORATION.

The annual law address by J. H. Craig, of Keokuk, was a master-piece. The gentleman is evidently a fine classical and historical student, and he led his listeners over the rich fields of ancient thought pointing out new beauties and fresh criticisms. Throughout the whole evening the audience were held spell bound by his oratory, and when the speaker ceased and his finely balanced periods and exquisite eloquence died out, few realized that he had spoken over a dozen minutes, and none but wished he would continue.

One of the pleasantest minor incidents of commencement season, was the presentation to Chancellor Hammond of a fine photograph of twenty-six members of the Club Court which has borne his name during the year. The club waited on him in a body immediately after his closing lecture on Saturday afternoon, (June 14,) and Mr. Ray Billingsley, as their spokesman presented the photograph handsomely framed, in a neat little speech saying that it was a mark of their esteem and gratitude for the service he had rendered them and their class-mates during the year, and that they hoped it would help him to remember them. Mr. Hammond thanked them briefly, but with much feeling, assuring them that the reward he most prized for his labors was the regards and affection shown by the students of the Department even after their immediate connection with it had closed; that he had fully appreciated the compliment paid him when the club took his name and was proud of the manner in which they had borne it through the course, and that above all he felt gratified by this parting testimony of their kind feeling.

The photograph represents the club grouped on the University steps, and the portraits are remarkably good and clear.

Another photograph was taken in the same place of the entire class, with the resident instructors Messrs. Hammond and Howe standing in the background. More than a hundred figures are here grouped within less than a square foot, but there is scarcely a face which any member of the class of '79 will not recognize at once.

We are glad to add however that the class has followed the example of most of its predecessors and presented to the Department a collection of the individual portraits of its members, in a large and handsome frame constructed especially for its purpose, and holding ninety-six portraits. (The class numbers 100 but a few of its members who graduated in the Fall and Winter terms were absent.) These faces, being much larger than those of the groups, will be recognized easily in future years when the changes in life have made the smaller portraits difficult to identify.

The Department now has upon the walls of the lec-

ture and faculty rooms a most interesting series of class pictures, complete from the beginning, with the exception of the first class (1866) and that of last year (1878.) The class of 1866 was taken in a group at Des Moines, when they graduated, and it is hoped that a copy of this group may yet be secured: but the class of 1878 are already so widely scattered that their omission to make the series perfect is probably irreparable.

The final graduation of the law class extended from Thursday June 12th to Saturday, 14th. The committee appointed by the Supreme Court was composed of Hon. D. D. Chase, Senator M. N. Johnson, Mrs. Haddock, (a graduate of the class of 1875) and Messrs. Remley, Parvin, Ball and Sanders, of Iowa City. The entire class numbering ninety-seven (or with those who graduated at the end of the Fall and Winter terms exactly one hundred) were fortunate enough to pass.

At 4 P. M. on Saturday the closing lecture of the law course was delivered by Chancellor Hammond in the chapel,—the law lecture room not being large enough to contain the audience that assembled. He took for his subject Moral Training of the Lawyer, and devoted a part of his lecture to a discussion of the relation of such training to intellectual education on the one hand, and religious upon the other. He then addressed himself more particularly to the graduates. We have room only for the following extract:

The training required for the bar is moral as well as intellectual. The young man who intends to take upon himself such responsible work for others as the law demands should see to it that he not only acquires the learning of the profession, and the skill to use it, but that he has formed a character which will sustain him in his duties and against its temptations. This is true to some extent of all callings in life,—especially true of those which involve the direction of or care for others,—the ministry, teaching, the press, etc. But it is true in a special sense, or at least in a special degree of the profession whose task it is to administer the law—to advise their fellows of their social rights and obligations—to secure the proper workings of each spring and wheel in the vast and complex machinery of the modern civilized state,—to be the leaders and captains in all the bloodless but no less earnest and exciting battles by which the inevitable conflicts of human interest are fought out, and justice done among men. No brilliancy of talent,—no amount of general learning or even of the peculiar knowledge of his profession, will make a good lawyer of him who lacks a sound judgment, self-control or integrity of character.

I know this is not universally believed, and that there are men of great name at the bar whose lives seem to belie it. We are but too well acquainted with examples of lawyers in large practice and apparently successful while the unanimous voice of all unfortunate enough to have dealings with them pronounce them utterly destitute of a moral sense. Such cases are indeed so rare that they might perhaps be dismissed as merely exceptions to the general rule. But the demoralizing effect which such men exert upon the young, who captivated by their brilliancy, and tempted by their apparent success to imitate them, makes worth our while to examine more closely the question what such cases really do prove.

It proves simply that there are men who having an object to gain, whether in a court of justice or elsewhere, are indifferent to all but that object, and will use any tool however despicable that will effect it. If a shrewd unscrupulous, dishonest lawyer will be more

likely to win their case than an honest one, no respect for themselves or lack of respect for him will prevent their using him. This occurs so frequently that one is often tempted—in the same haste which made David say all men are liars—to say all clients are indifferent to the moral character of the lawyer they employ. But the hasty judgment is as fallacious in the one case as the other. All men are *not* liars—there are many—thank God—among both poor and rich, who answer to the same Psalmist's noble description, "Lord, who shall dwell in the tabernacle? Who shall abide on thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. * * He that sweareth to his own heart and changeth not. * * He that doeth these things shall never be moved. And there are many, too, who will not do a dishonest thing, even by deputy, or suffer a scoundrel (in the striking expression of the older law, for the making of an attorney) to represent their persons *ad lucrandum ad perdendum*.

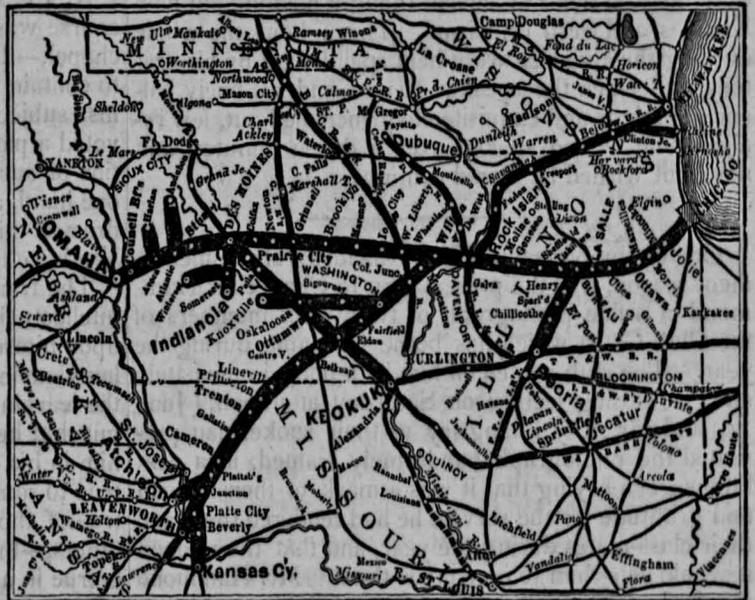
We are apt to underrate the proportion of such men in the community, because there is a flippant habit of speech that delights in putting the worst construction on every act and motive—even to represent one's own motives as worse than they are—with the fancy that these show a deep knowledge of human nature. This is peculiarly attractive at the age which most of you have just reached—when the boy's confidence has been a few times abused, and the reaction from unwise trust carries us into an equally unwise and far more unhappy suspicion of everybody. It is affected often because it is supposed to show "an old head." But believe me, there is no denser ignorance of the world—no more incurable greenness and immaturity of judgment, than that which fails to see and enjoy, and take the benefit of, that great mass of honesty, and truthfulness and fair dealing which does exist among men.

But, even if there were a larger ratio of bad, dishonest men to the good and honest than really exists, it would yet be a great mistake for a young lawyer to set himself to win the former as a client, for two reasons if no more. *First*, because it makes the gross miscalculator of leaving out of the question not merely the judge who is to decide your case, but the judge of all the earth—the all-knowing, all-directing, unbribable Judge who always doeth right. It leaves out of account the laws upon which all human society is based—often transgressed and forgotten—but never suspended, never ceasing to work with a silent, patient, tireless powerlike gravitation for the right and against the wrong. You cannot build up a character—not even a lasting reputation—upon lies. You cannot even build up a fortune by thieving and fraud. You cannot make your life a success by the most patient, the most consummate, the most artistic knavery, because it is matching your single, puny intellect against the forces of the universe. *

Some one may ask, or *think*: Must every lawyer then be a perfect man, without a weak spot in his moral armor. Are you not expecting too much of average men? I should be, if I called upon you to quit the profession the first time you sin, or fail of your own ideal of right. What I do ask is only that you have the ideal and try to realize it. Men do wrong even when they mean to do right; but they rarely, if ever, do right when they mean to do wrong. This is the whole philosophy of personal morals. Aim always to do right, and trust to temptation and opportunity and your own weakness, without any voluntary aid of yours, to save you from living a life of unpractical, unworldly purity!

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