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YESTERDAY the House Committee on State University, of which Major Pickler is chairman, paid a visit to the object of their solicitude. We sincerely hope that the crowded condition of our buildings will induce the committee to put forth unusual exertions to secure the erection of those which are not only more commodious, but, also, better adapted to the purposes for which they must be employed.

In comparison with both Minnesota and Michigan our material facilities for university work are decidedly inferior. It is certainly not too much to expect that, owing to the central position of our State in the Union and the many attractions to immigration offered by its almost boundless resources, the means of educational supply will (at the present rate of their development) soon be found wholly inadequate to the demand which will be made upon them.

Through the instrumentality of a strong University it is possible to greatly augment the influence of a State abroad. That we might just as well have such an institution as one inferior in material resources seems perfectly obvious. We hope, therefore, that the necessary steps to this end may be immediately taken.

WE can all locate the sense of smell and the sense of hearing and tell their uses and the benefits we derive in the possession of them; but are we all sure that we can locate accurately the sense of propriety and tell when and where we ought to be influenced by it? Indeed, are we certain that every person possesses the sense of propriety? The outward appearance

of many persons would indicate that this, one of the most important of the senses, is entirely wanting. At public gatherings this deficiency is often clearly shown. These remarks were suggested by the actions of some persons, who may be considered as fair representatives of their class, at one of the society entertainments not long ago. These persons almost continually indulged in a sneering, contemptuous sort of laughter, varied frequently by loud whisperings and other actions, which were very disagreeable to others sitting near, and which detracted materially from the pleasure which all came to gain. These criticisms, as expressed in sneers, showed very plainly that the persons were entirely uncultured in the art of behaving—were lacking the sense of propriety, and that they were entirely ignorant of the very things they laughed at; for an experienced and just critic gives due credit for all honest endeavors. We speak of these persons only for the sake of having examples of a class; and mention this entertainment as one of many similar ones where people of different characters are accustomed to congregate. Some such persons may be innocent of any evil intent, and to those these opinions of our observer may be of benefit.

It seems to be a characteristic of human nature, to be always picking flaws in whatever comes within our notice. We are too apt to point out faults and defects, instead of virtues and perfections. There is always something that is not exactly what it should be—a fact which, aside from its use as a stimulus, in urging man on to labor for the attainment of his wants, seems, from its perfect adaptation, to have been established for the express purpose of satisfying man's want of something, of which to complain. When all other objects of complaint have failed, both the wise and the foolish of all ages have fallen back upon the weather, as a last and never-failing resort; and the present generation shows no inclination to abandon the "time-honored custom of its fathers." But please understand, we are not finding fault with human nature, but are merely defending our much-abused and long-suffering friend, the weather. To be sure he is occasionally referred to in complimentary terms; but

how much oftener do we hear him spoken of as too cold, too hot, too wet, too dry, too windy, too muddy, or too—anything but right. One would be satisfied with anything but cold; another, with anything but heat, and thus, though each separately, is easily suited, it is impossible to please all. And when, in his desperation, he gives us all varieties in the shortest possible time, he is too changeable—we can stand anything but these sudden changes or whatever else happens to be on the programme. And then the hints that are thrown out, as to the uprightness of character of our friend! One person knows it will storm, just because he does not want it to; another knows it will not, because he is provided with an umbrella. (By the way, is it egotism for a person to think his condition and desires are to bring about that which will equally affect thousands?)

What mortal would endure so patiently such an endless string of abuses from those he was so faithfully trying to serve? Marvel not, if the thunderbolts of Jupiter are hurled thick and fast upon our ungrateful heads.

THE perfection of letter-writing in friendly correspondence is natural conversation on paper. In view of fact that so many millions of letters are yearly written, it is a matter of surprise that there are so few good letter-writers and so few persons who take pleasure in the occupation. People dislike to write business letters, because they are lazy; but there is a different feeling in regard to friendly letters. And this feeling arises, it is fair to presume, from the fact that people do not write as they would talk. Every one enjoys conversation with his friend, and finds no trouble in spending an hour or two in his presence talking of things of mutual interest. But if that friend is a hundred miles distant, and it is desired to converse with him, it is found a difficult task to write an interesting letter. Still the only essential difference in the conversation is that at one time it is spoken, and at another it is written. It appears to us that the great trouble which many encounter in letter-writing is a trouble of their own creation. For instance, a person will sit down to answer a letter, and commencing in a stiff, affected style, will make a few bare state-

ments of events without explanation and enlargement, and finish up with the statement that he cannot think of anything more to write. In other words he tries too hard. The easiest way would be to use the words and express the thoughts that naturally come to his mind. But his course of procedure is directly opposite to that which he would follow if he were talking instead of writing. But still his friend would be as glad to read concerning the details of an event or a full description of an object of interest as he would be to hear them spoken of. It seems the easiest thing in the world to write just the words you would speak, and this alone, we believe, can make an interesting letter. Letters of one or two common pages sent between friends can hardly be called interesting. There is not enough in them to commence to "get up an interest." One of the most satisfactory results of good correspondence is to gradual introduction of one's own associates and surroundings of one's friends through letters. As correspondents are interested in each other, they are likewise interested in each other's friends. Finally, as a two-minute season of conversation could hardly be satisfactory, so a two-minute letter could not be expected to give satisfaction. A short letter is satisfactory in no case; for if it be poor, it is an abomination, and if it be good, one is disappointed because it is no longer.

The *Souvenir and Annual*, edited and published by Messrs. Hoover, Kneeder, and Faust, is one of the finest pieces of job work we have ever seen, besides it is a work which contains much valuable information concerning the University and city. The frontispiece contains the photographs of all the Professors of the University; and the biography given of each with the other matter concerning the institution, occupies about half the work. It also contains the biographies of many of the prominent men of the city and county. The work ought to be appreciated, and no doubt will have a large sale. The price is \$1 in cloth, and 50 cents in paper.

Banquet next Wednesday evening, and State Contest on Thursday evening.

SONGS OF THE SCIENCES.

O! merry is the Madrepore that sits beside the sea,
The cheery little Coralline hath many charms for me;
I love the fine Echinoderms of azure, green, and gray,
That, handled roughly, fling their arms impulsively away;
Then bring me here the microscope and let me see the cells,
Wherein the little Zoophyte like garden floweret dwells.

We'll take the fair Anemone from off its rocky seat,
Since Rondeletius has said when fried 'tis good to eat;
Dyspeptics from Sea Cucumbers a lesson well may win,
They blithely take their organs out and then put fresh ones in.
The Rotifer in whirling round may surely hear the bell,
With Oceanic Hydrozoids that Huxley knows so well.

You've heard of the Octopus, 'tis a pleasant thing to know,
He has a ganglion makes him blush not red, but white as snow;
And why the strange Cercaria, to go a long way back,
Wears ever, as some ladies do, a fashionable "sack."
And how the Prawn has parasites that on his head make holes,
Ask Dr. Cobbold, and he'll say they're just like tiny soles.

Then study well zoology, and add unto your store
The tales of Biogenesis and Protoplasmic lore;
As Paley neatly has observed, when into life they burst,
The frog and the philosopher are just the same at first.
But what's the origin of life remains a puzzle still,
Let Tyndall, Haeckel, Bastian go wrangle as they will. —Punch.

RIENZI.

[By J. T. CHRISCHILLES, awarded second prize at the Oratorical Contest, Wednesday evening, January 28th.]

Every cause has had a champion. Every grand epoch in history points to an author. Society has never glided unchecked to the brink of ruin. Grand characters have stood up like rocks in the mad current of corruption to oppose its progress. Sometimes they have succeeded; more often they have failed. Checked for a moment, the tide rushes on with redoubled fury and they are buried in oblivion until the justice of history shall make them heroes. Humanity has been ungrateful; it has cursed some of its greatest benefactors, and in its maddened fury often stretched out its impious hands to overthrow a righteous cause. Blinded by ignorance, it has ostracised the ones who loved it dearest; it has bound to the stake those, who in the last moments of agony, still spoke words of tenderest affection; it has stoned to death the only ones who really cherished its welfare. The present, swept by every storm of passion, torn by every pang of hatred, is unable to correctly judge its greatest actors; and it is only after time has lifted the veil of reason that successive generations bow above the graves of the martyred dead and do justice to their memory. It is thus that

posterity, with a just appreciation, now honors a man whose name adds a lustre to history, and who perished by the hands of an infuriated mob because he had dared to become the champion of their liberty. That man was Rienzi—the last of Roman Tribunes.

It was a grand but hopeless cause that Rienzi espoused. Here was a single man attempting to infuse life and energy into the rotten mass which remained from the once mighty empire of Rome. But destiny was against him. Rome had reached the highest pinnacle of prosperity and civilization, and she was doomed to fall to the lowest depths of degradation. It has always been so. Away back in the misty past Egypt was the center of civilization. The arts and sciences flourished. The mystic Nile teemed with the rich commerce of the world, and Egypt was the fountain-head of literature, law, and religion. But where is all this now? History answers, gone—buried beneath the dust of time, while her gloomy pyramids, crowned with thirty centuries, stand silent guard over the tomb of her grandeur. Greece took up the torch of civilization and lit it in the dying embers of Egyptian glory. On a new soil its brilliancy increased. Each successive generation produced its poets, statesmen and philosophers. But Grecian grandeur reached its culmination in the golden age of Pericles, and declined. But ere it fell the tramp of Roman legions was already heard on the the plains of Marathon, and Grecian culture was carried back to be woven into the fabric of that hardy nation already waxing strong on the banks of the Tiber. This was a new impulse, and through centuries of constant activities, of struggles and conquests, of progress and prosperity, it finally reached its highest point in the age of Augustus, when Rome was master of the world. But with prosperity had been sown the seeds of decay, and when progress stopped, decline commenced. Let us draw the veil of obscurity over the rotting empire for fourteen centuries; then lift it again, and we behold a Pleb. standing alone and thoughtful in the ruined palace of the Cæsars, planning for the restoration of his country.

Rienzi was a Pleb. yet he could judge all classes with justice. He knew that what was for the good of one ought to be the blessing of all. He clearly saw that the vast inequality of her citizens was the cause of Rome's misery. Everywhere rose the frowning castles of the powerful nobles. From their halls came the sound of revelry and feasting, while at their gates crowds of starving Plebs. begged for bread. This was Rienzi's dream—to destroy the power of the nobles, to elevate the Plebs., and thus, by establishing a common basis of society, to protect all by the majesty of law and order. He wandered about the ruins of the city and brooded over her history. Every crumbling monument and broken column spoke to him of the glories that were past. He stood before the silent tombs of her warriors and statesmen, and

the past lived again. The stern virtues of the Republic, the glories of the Empire rose before him, commerce once more spread her white wings, and gathered to the Imperial City the wealth of the world, and the peninsula again bloomed as a garden tilled by the willing hands of a happy peasantry. From the streets of the city rose the hum of busy industry, nourished and protected by equitable laws. The forum once more echoed with the silvery voice of oratory, while from the summit of the Capitoline the Senate watched with a mother's care over all. But he raised his eyes and the picture vanished. Before him stretched the deserted plains of Italy. No where could be seen those small proprietary farmers—the bulwark of a nation's freedom and prosperity. They had fled; they were now beggars in the streets of Rome. Below lay the city in the painful silence of decay; the forum was hushed and deserted, the Senate halls were silent. On the one side was power, wealth and insolence, on the other poverty, misery, and crime; and hatred was the bond of union between them. Here was the chasm into which nations plunge—in which civilization is lost. All history attests the truth that the inequality of its members is the greatest curse of a nation. The peace of a people is placed in jeopardy and civil dissensions at home cannot be avoided when rights and privileges are unequally distributed. When this has become the case, to equalize society is the most dangerous problem statesmen have ever attempted to solve.

In his zeal to serve his country Rienzi ignored all dangers. In his lonely walks by the banks of the Tiber, her yellow waters did not whisper to him that they hid the white bones of Tiberius Gracchus, whose only crime was love of country; and standing at the portal of Cornelia, he forgot that it was here a fond mother received the bleeding body of her last son, mangled by the daggers of the mob he sought to save, and won for herself the proud title in history of the "Mother of the Gracchi."

Rienzi failed, because the time had not yet come to change the peculiar relations which Feudalism had imposed upon society. When the wild hordes of Goth and Vandal swept down upon the crumbling empire they found an easy prey. But they were unable to use the civilization and culture which they usurped. It is true they brought with them a wild freedom from the north, and had it been possible to infuse this into the sluggish blood of Roman society, history would have had a different coloring. As in the chemical world, there are elements which will not combine, so here freedom and slavery crystallized side by side. The result was Feudalism. The barons were the freemen, the people were the slaves. Science put away her lamp; learning found retirement in the cloister, and the world went to sleep. It was not yet time, and Rienzi could not awaken it. It was not until after a weary century had

elapsed, when from the mingled blood of nobles and Plebs. on the battle-field of France, a new race was born, and when in England the yard-stick of the Commons had become a more powerful weapon than the sword of the Baron, that civilization awoke—that a new era dawned.

SOPHOMORE TAFFY PULL.

The Sophomore class is the only one in which is manifested that spirit of congeniality and sociability which should characterize, and, as it were, individualize the several classes. This spirit is plainly shown by the success made of any enterprise, whether for pleasure or otherwise; at a meeting of the Sophs a few days since it was decided to have a "taffy pull." But where could it be held was a question which seemed to blight the project and threaten it with abandonment.

Miss Custer, with her usual alacrity, came to the rescue and kindly offered to entertain the class at her home. A committee was appointed to procure an ample supply of the saccharine substance and "blackstrap."

Arrangements having been perfected, nothing was to be done but await with anxious longing the to be, eventful night.

Time rolls around, at last Monday eve. The pedestrian of the early part of the evening may, perhaps, have noticed a party of gay young people moving along Clinton street, evidently with a fixed purpose. Had his curiosity lead him to follow, he would have seen this same party pass over the "lover bridge," slowly mount the steep ascent on the west bank of the river, and gaining the level, pursue their way until they came to the home of Miss Custer.

Ye committee at once proceeded to the kitchen to prepare the saccharine for pulling. After many trials, the master of "taffy" called out, "'Tis ready!" A general rush for the kitchen followed the announcement. Aprons were donned, plates and hands buttered, and each one with, much enthusiasm, awaited his turn to receive a share of the fiery liquid. Having cooled it, the pulling began. After a long hard siege, "to see whose should be the whitest," it was decided there was no victory, and then devouring was in order. In this there was no contest, but all were eminently successful. After indulging the Muse Terpsichore for a short time, the party took leave of the hostess, fully satisfied with the result of the venture. Blistered hands and lame wrists will, for some time, remind the Sophs of their first gathering of 1882.

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C. E. Patterson, '80, is practicing law in Washington, Ia.

A bursted steam pipe gave the department a lay-off on Wednesday.

K. A. Pence, '80, has settled in the booming city of Shenandoah, Page Co.

"We'll hang Guitau on a sour apple tree," is the way the boys sing it now.

Several interesting cases have been tried before Judge Adams the past two weeks.

Thanks to L. J. Kasson, Esq., Secretary of the Law Class of '80, for the yearly report of the class.

Ambitious Laws with large understandings (No. 12's) are accumulating considerable "real estate" these murky days.

Honors fall thick and fast. This is how it reads: "W. S. Withrow, Mayor, attorney, and editor, Salem, Henry Co., Iowa, class '80."

Several cases of considerable importance in the District Court have drawn large numbers of the Laws the past week to witness the ins and outs of actual practice.

It is our modest opinion that Judge Shane, of the District Court, was a little off his base in administering those rebukes to the students for want of proper decorum in the court room. It was too universal to narrow down to one, or even the law class.

Judge Adams closed his three weeks' lecture course yesterday on Domestic Relations, Corporations, and Fire and Life Insurance. The Judge won the universal esteem of the class by his candor, kindness, and ability. Long may he live to serve other classes in the same capacity.

The question is often asked what becomes of the young men who are admitted? Do they follow the profession of law, or do they branch off into some other profession or business more congenial or more remunerative. Mr. L. J. Kasson, Secretary of the Law Class of '80 answers this question so far as that class is concerned. Out of 111 who graduated 101 have reported as follows: 84 are in actual practice, 3 are teaching, 10 are in business, 2 are

journalists, 1 is engaged as civil engineer, and 1 is still studying law. Those in the practice of the law are distributed by States as follows, viz: Iowa, 50; Nebraska, 5; Kansas, 5; Illinois, 5; Minnesota, 4; Dakota, 3; Missouri, 3; Indiana, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Arkansas, 1; Texas, 1; Michigan, 1; Florida, 2; California, 1.

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LOCALS.

The Freshmen Are all excitement Over the coming Sociable and Hop. The services of the "Big Soph" have been secured as professional "caller." Everybody is invited but the Seniors, who have a special invitation to stay away.

State Oratorical Contest at the Opera House, Thursday evening, February 2d.

As a delineator of humor, he stands in the very front rank.—*Ponykeepsie Eagle.*

Contest, Contest, Contest at the Opera House next Thursday evening. Tickets 50 cents.

Have the officers of the Oratorical Association forgotten their elementary mathematics?

The Homœopathic Medical Department did not arrive in time for publication this week.

LOST—An Opal Pin. Finder will be rewarded by leaving the same with University Librarian.

Leslie is really getting extravagant in the matter of whisker dye,—uses Carter's best black ink.

Are full brains the natural result of full beards? If so, the Law class is the brainiest class on deck.

The *Souvenir and Annual* is now ready. Every student should have one to take away from the city with him.

Burbank's programme is entirely new and intensely humorous. If you want a good laugh, go! Gallery only 35 cents.

Biographies of prominent citizens, with portraits of a number, are found of especial interest in the *Souvenir and Annual*.

Crape.

Did you laugh?

Guiteau must go!

Souvenir and Annual!

Burbank February 4th.

Burbank as Rip Van Winkle.

Freshmen to-night at Ham's Hall.

Gallery for Burbank only 35 cents.

There were no professionals on the Guiteau jury.

The Irvings had a funny programme last night.

Gallery for Burbank 35 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents.

It was a white horse, not a black, that took the cake this time.

The ladies of the Congregational church are to get up the banquet given by the S. U. I. Oratorical Association to the State Oratorical Association. Everybody should go.

How those naughty Collegiates yelled and "tore around" Wednesday because they had a holiday. It's too bad that the poor Medics have to attend the same school that the Collegiates do.

Tickets for the State Oratorical Contest will be sold at Allin, Wilson & Co.'s Monday, at 2 P. M. Admission to all parts of the house 50 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats. Remember the time. Monday at 2 P. M.

On account of an accident to the steam heating apparatus, which prevented the warming of the buildings, most of the students enjoyed a holiday Wednesday; but the Medics had to take their usual dose in a cold room.

The mistake which occurred Wednesday night in figuring up the marks of the judges at the oratorical contest was not made, as many suppose through any mathematical error, but through a misinterpretation of the constitution.

The *Souvenir and Annual* is of especial interest to students, as it gives a list of all students, history of societies, with their officers, biographical sketch of each of the Professors, with their portraits, and all matters of interest about the city.

All citizens of Iowa City who will entertain delegates and speakers for the State Contest which will be held here on the 2d of February, will confer a favor on the Entertainment Committee by leaving their names at Allin's bookstore.

A new section has been added to the library shelving, and the books in the department of mental and moral philosophy will be found on one side, while English literature occupies the reverse side. The case formerly occupied by the philosophical works has been fitted up with glass doors for the accommodation of the "Tallant Library." Slight changes in the arrangement of works on elocution and of translations have necessarily followed.

The illustrations to "Among our Foot-prints," in the December *Harper*, are the most exquisite and perfect specimens of the etcher's art that we ever remember to have seen, particularly "The Morning Gossamer," "The Daisies and Song Sparrow," and "The Dicentra." The same number contains a brief article upon "Economy in Dress," by Mrs. Dewing, which we can recommend to our lady readers as truly sensible and practical.

There seems to be much of truth in the rumor that Bremner and Forney are married; at least they are living together, and, though it is not generally known, are actually keeping house. The house-keeping affair is a profound secret, and a kind public will confer a favor on the parties by saying nothing about it. Their kitchen utensils consist of a borrowed tea-kettle and skillet. The landlady is as yet ignorant of the desecration of her rooms. Kettle and skillet are hid away in the clothes press. They have burned the bottom out of the skillet, and, in a domestic unpleasantness the other night, broke the nose off the tea-kettle. So much grease has been spilled on the carpet that their conscience prompts them to raise funds to purchase a new one. All contributions in the way of many breadstuffs, eggs, and raw meat will be gratefully received.

The first installment of the books from the "Tallant Fund" have been placed in the library. They are selected, in accordance with the wishes of the donor, in the domain of the industrial and fine arts and of natural history, and are a valuable addition to our art department. Under the rules adopted for the use and preservation of these books, they may at all times be consulted in the library, but cannot be removed therefrom. Among them may be mentioned Weidenham's "Landscape Gardening," with illustrations taken from existing country seats and public private parks; Woodard's "National Architect,"

containing many designs, Clarence Cook's "House Beautiful," Prang's "Illustrated History of Art," Spons' "Encyclopedia of Industrial Arts," Denton's "Sanitary Engineering," Abbott's "Primitive Industry," Wilton's "American Ornithology," Scudder's "Butterflies," and Downing's "Fruits and Fruit Trees of America."

Tickets for the banquet to be given next Wednesday evening by the Oratorical Association of the S. U. I., to the orators and delegates from abroad, are now on sale at Allin's Bookstore. It is very desirable that these tickets be taken as soon as possible in order to insure the financial success of the enterprise. Arrangements have been made by the committees for everything pertaining to the affair, and all that is required further is a generous response on the part of the members of the Association and the friends of the University, to insure its complete success. A reception will be held in the society halls till ten o'clock of the evening above mentioned, after which the banquet will be served in the parlors of the Congregational Church. Assuredly sufficient interest should be taken in this hospitable project of the Association to carry into effect the wishes of its committees.

PERSONALS.

Fred Bemis writes from Cheyenne all O. K.

Wm. G. Sears, '80, attorney, reports from Stanton, Neb.

John A. Pickler was one of the visiting committee from Legislature.

Jas. Lee has a large stock of books and stationery for sale cheap.

Miss Flora Fracker, of Marshalltown, is visiting with Miss Winnie Startzman.

We send greeting to the new Regent, Gov. Sherman, President *ex-officio* of the Board.

Todd & Pollard, graduates of the University, form a solid firm of lawyers at Sigourney, Iowa.

We learn that I. B. Lee is still improving, and that his journey home was accomplished without injury.

O. D. Wheeler, Ft. Wingate, New Mexico, says he is improved in health and likes his engineering work first rate.

O. C. Rorabaugh sends us the needful, and says that success is attending him. His address is 44 Borden Block, Chicago, Ill.

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W. F. Lohr, an old student of the University, has been called to Washington, where he will accept a clerkship in the House.

Miss Wood, of Omaha, Neb., who has been the guest of Miss Edith Ross for some time past, will return home next Monday.

Will G. Anderson, Law '81, writes from Shenandoah, Iowa. Says that he is doing well in business with the oldest attorney of the place.

Miss Ella Hamilton, graduate of class '78, and now employed as teacher in the public schools of Des Moines, has lately given a lecture upon "A Trip Through Europe," which is complimented by the Des Moines papers.

Miss Hattie H. Hickox, of Marshalltown, Iowa, who attended the S. U. I. last year, is now in St. Louis studying the practical workings of that city's excellent school system, preparatory, to engage in teaching in her native town.

Quinton went home last night. He told some of his lady friends he was to be married and desired them to send his "intended" a present, but the extent of contributions did not seem to warrant the purchase of more than one piano and two gold watches. Among the contributions for the purpose were two hairpins, three buttons and a garter.

Mr. A. P. Burbank commenced a series of recitals from the modern and classical dramas, with orchestral accompaniment, at Chickering Hall yesterday afternoon. The piece selected for the opening of course was "Rip Van Winkle," as played by Joe Jefferson, the whole of which, with a few unimportant exceptions, being recited from memory by Mr. Burbank. The characters of Old Rip, Gretchen, Mina, Derrick Von Beekman, Mina's lover, Henry, and all the others, even to the little village children, and not excepting Rip's inevitable dog "Schneider," were brought as vividly before the mind's eye as if the piece with the usual cast and surroundings was being performed on the stage. Mr. Burbank's dialect rendition of Rip Van Winkle approached so near Jefferson's as to seem almost a part of it, or simply a transition of the action from the stage to the platform.—*N. Y. Herald.*

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Last Wednesday evening the home Oratorical Association held its annual contest in the Opera House.

The following is the programme presented:

MUSIC.
Invocation.
The Cause of the Gracchi—A. J. Craven.
Byron—O. L. Whipple.

MUSIC.
William of Orange—W. M. Walker.
Venice—F. O. Newcomb.

MUSIC.
Mental Harmony—C. H. Dayton.
Rienzi—J. T. Chrischilles.

The first honors were awarded to Mr. A. J. Craven, second honors to Mr. J. T. Chrischilles, third honors to Mr. W. M. Walker.

The decision is generally approved.

The Sophomores are justly proud of their representative, and well they may be, for Mr. Chrischilles had only three days in which to write and memorize his oration, and had he not forgotten it on the stage his rank might have been higher. The programme as a whole was a decided success. Still, one criticism may be made, and that on the poor memorizing of the orations. The defects in this line may be accounted for by the short time intervening between the preliminary and final contests.

We would suggest that in the future it would be well to have at least three or four days of final preparation, instead of one as in the present instance. Also, that the preliminary contest be made a test of delivery as well as thought and style.

Ever since the literary societies assumed control, the association has existed not only in name, but in fact. The growing interest manifested in the association by the students is a guaranty of its future success. It is to be hoped that this interest will continue, that the contest will stimulate literary work, and cause the students to avail themselves of the opportunities, which the Regents have recently provided, for more thorough instruction in this important branch of culture.

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ACADEMY COLUMN.

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Roll call on Friday mornings. Don't fail to be on hand and report.

Miss McPherson entertained a few of her friends last Saturday night. A highly enjoyable time was reported.

Patience and perseverance will conquer all things, so it is said. But, when we get our examination papers, it doesn't seem as if much was conquered.

We can't help wishing that old Aeneas had been sunk to the bottom of the sea, and thus ended the story. It would have saved many hours of hard study for us.

Those young fellows who remain in room No. 1 from 2:15 to 3:15 P. M. should be seen to immediately. They get behind books and cast sly glances at the girls. Boys, you will hurt your eyes.

Found—Wednesday noon, in room No. 1, a Law, seeking the acquaintance of our Academy girls. Description: Above the average height, dark hair, aquiline nose, and face wreathed in angelic smiles; name not ascertained.

A committee was appointed for the avowed purpose of gratifying the curiosity of several members of the society respecting the legality of the proceedings of the previous meeting. It is to be hoped that a candid investigation of Robert's Rules will satisfy them.

Several of the society orators are in the habit of substituting a declamation for an oration. This may be all right; but justice should be done to the society,—that is, if there are those who feel incapable of getting up an oration, they should inform the programme committee of the fact.

The necessity of sufficient preparation was plainly shown last Friday night by several of the speakers. Some may succeed with very little preparation, but it is far better to spend a little extra time than to make a miserable failure. The only way in which society work can be made a success is by proper preparation.

Programme Athenian Society, February 3:

MUSIC.

Salutatory—Ed. Moore.
 Declamation—W. L. Thompson.
 Essay—Sarah Whitehall.
 Debate—L. D. Hobson, C. Calkins,
 Fred. Terry, A. Ingham.
 Oration—J. M. Henry.
 Valedictory—J. H. Dickey.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

SARAH A. PANGBURN, Editress.

We had one cool lecture in Materia Medica this week.

Dr. S. J. Braunwarth, of Muscatine, visited clinic last Friday.

Passing notes in clinic has been vetoed by one of the instructors.

It does not require Medical knowledge to tell who burns the midnight oil.

An examination in which no questions are asked could be passed by any of us.

If any one makes a blunder in his final examination in surgery, it will not be because we are not thoroughly drilled in that branch.

An innocent Law wants to know if vaccine virus cannot be put up in capsules and taken internally. "When ignorance is bliss," etc.

We were amazed last week to see the name of Franklin staring us in the face as discoverer of the law of gravitation. The exchange of names came through great carelessness on our part or on the part of the printer; we cannot positively state which.

We clip the following from the *Bull City Key*:

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A student of Chemistry desires some one who has passed in that branch to accompany him to lectures to aid in determining whether they are in dissociation, doubt, decomposition, or in quantitative analysis. Some charitable person should gratify his wish even though his case looks so hopeless.

The demonstrator of practical anatomy is at present materially relieved of his arduous duties by some enthusiastic students who willingly consent to the performance of that task; but it is strange they all want to demonstrate at the same table.

Anatomical research may be the prime reason for their generosity, but we suspect—well, let the observer draw his own conclusions.

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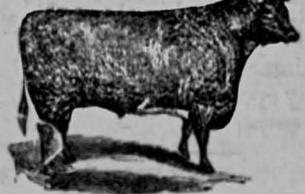
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CLIPS.

A poem of one hundred lines is required of each Senior before commencement at Trinity.

Henry Longfellow, the poet, is said to be threatened with the growth of a cancer in his face.

An American took the first prize in mathematic at the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

Fourteen Sophomores convicted of hazing have been suspended from the University of California.

The faculty of Dartmouth College subscribed fifty dollars toward the support of the base-ball nine.

One of Colonel R. G. Ingersoll's daughters is said to have become a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Great interest has been aroused at Bowdoin College by the suit brought against eight students for \$10,000 each for damages to a fellow student, whose eyesight was nearly destroyed by their wanton "hazing." The entire Sophomore class, and probably the whole College will be summoned as witnesses. The trial will be held in January by the Supreme Court of the county.

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