

THE WILLOW-TREE.

Long by the willow trees
Vainly they sought her,
Wild rang the mother's screams
O'er the grey water:
"Where is my lovely one?
Where is my daughter?"

Rouse thee, Sir Constable—
Rouse thee and look;
Fisherman, bring your net,
Boatman your hook.
Beat in the lily-beds,
Dive in the brook."

Vainly the constable
Shouted and called her;
Vainly the fisherman
Beat the green alder,
Vainly he flung the net,
Never it hauled her.

Mother beside the fire
Sat, her night-cap in;
Father, in easy chair,
Gloomily napping;
When at the window-sill
Came a light tapping.

And a pale countenance
Looked through the casement,
Loud beat the mother's heart,
Sick with amazement,
And at the vision which
Came to surprise her,
Shrieked in an agony—
"Lor! it's Elizar."

Yes, 'twas Elizabeth—
Yes, 'twas their girl;
Pale was her cheek, and her
Hair out of curl.
"Mother," the loving one,
Blushing, exclaimed,
"Let not your innocent
Lizzy be blamed.

"Yesterday, going to aunt
Jones's to tea,
Mother, dear mother, I
Forgot the door-key!
And as the night was cold,
And the way steep,
Mrs. Jones kept me to
Breakfast and sleep."

Whether her pa and ma
Fully believed her,
That we shall never know,
Stern they received her;
And for the work of that
Cruel, though short, night,
Sent her to bed without
Tea for a fortnight.

MORAL.

Hey diddle diddlety,
Cat and the fiddlety,
Maidens of England take caution by she!
Let love and suicide
Never tempt you aside,
And always remember to take the door-
key.

—W. M. Thackeray.

THE HOWARD METHOD FOR THE VOICE.

BY PROF. E. M. BOOTH.

This is a system of practice which John Howard, of New York, is elaborating and teaching, and which seems to promise a "royal road to knowledge" in the training of the voice. Its central idea may perhaps be called *allopathic*, for it is the employment of other sensations than those of sound as the primary guide in the production of tone.

In this he has departed radically from the methods hitherto in vogue. Others have made use of various devices, fanciful, foolish, or helpful, but the devices have been only incidental to the system. The main guide has been *imitation* of what was conceived to be correct tone.

In the Howard method this is exactly reversed. In the first stages of the practice, especially, the tone is the incidental thing, while the particular device is the thing to be perfected. Many of these devices are reformatory in character, that is, corrective of some muscular hindrance of the normal vocal process. Others are designed to develop and strengthen the proper vocalizing muscles, and are wisely reserved until the power has been acquired of holding the interfering muscles in check. This systematic elimination of interferences with the vocal process has been overlooked by most teachers of the voice. The attempt has been made to realize whatever excellences of voice the taste of the individual teacher might suggest by at once exercising the voice to that end; but, handicapped as it is by false muscular co-ordination, no amount of goading can bring it to that end in good form. Even though an approximate semblance of the vocal effect aimed at be secured by such a method, the waste of nervous energy has been such that a premature decay of the vocalizing muscles is inevitable. Properly used, the vocal muscles should retain a vigor and efficiency corresponding to that of the rest of the muscular system. As a matter of fact, this is seldom realized, though its possibility is demonstrated by the gradual and sure recovery of impaired voices through practice of Howard's reformatory exercises. As the power is acquired of holding in check the interfering associated muscles, the normal vocal muscles regain their tone and respond to the will with added power and efficiency.

Another welcome feature of this system is its practical proof that the voice, normally trained and exercised, will respond with equal facility in speaking and singing. Hitherto the individuals have been rare who could vocalize acceptably in both, and generally the measure of adherence to the rules of one art has been the measure of failure in the other. Now the conclusion would seem inevitable that music and speech are arbitrary and artificial processes, or that the organ of voice ought to be competent to the execution of both. The mind rejects the idea that there can be any such natural limitation of the vocal function. It violates the economy of nature. Possibly the standards of vocal music and elocution are artificial and transcend the natural limits of the average voice. The racket displays in singing and the racket displays in elocution may be foreign to the divine purpose of this nature; but that there can be any necessary abridgement of the one art by a reasonable exercise of the other, is absurd.

Recognizing the fact that all voice is a product of muscular contraction, and that every change of voice involves a muscular change, Mr. Howard has developed a series of exercises which first give a voluntary control of the different groups of muscles involved, then by repeated voluntary exercise of these muscles establishes a correct automatic or habitual action. Nor have these exercises been evolved from his inner consciousness merely. They have been

developed from a study of all the prevailing systems of this country and Europe, and a more minute knowledge of anatomy. By a comparison of other systems with established facts of anatomy, he has been able to utilize the half truths contained in them, and by adding the necessary fellow-truths, to realize a more complete system. Seizing upon the fact that almost every muscle of the human body has its antagonist muscle, he conceived the idea of using such muscles to hold in check the interfering muscles, both of the respiratory and laryngeal process. His ingenuity of combination in the exercises set forth furnishes one of the most characteristic features of the system. Many of these exercises, to the unreflecting, seem absurd and unnecessary, but all are based upon the principle that the refractory muscle cannot be exercised while the opposing motion is taking place. Some of these motions are designed to antagonize faults almost universally experienced when a vigorous exercise of the voice is attempted, while others are only aimed at individual faults not found in every case.

But perhaps I have said enough to indicate the general scope of this new voice-method. If in giving this brief analysis I shall seem to reflect upon other methods and appear excessive in my praise of Mr. Howard, it is because I believe that his method is the promise of a new era in the science of vocal culture. The method is not yet published, for the author does not presume to have perfected it. My own knowledge of it has been derived almost entirely from correspondence; but from a four years' daily use of its practical exercises, and an increasing experience therein, I am convinced of its superior merits.

THE STUDY OF MODERN HISTORY.

To attempt to institute a comparison between one branch of history and another, or to claim a superiority of rank in point of usefulness and benefit for one and not for all branches, would be falling into a fault which few writers on this subject seldom entirely avoid. In this way injustice is often done the various branches of history by those who, through ignorance or lack of a thorough knowledge of the subject, try to show forth the excellencies of one part by questioning those of the other. This consideration, however, should not deter us from recounting some of the great events in modern history, and in this way seek to ascertain how much attraction and benefit the study of it embodies.

A lecturer on historical topics recently remarked that modern history was especially interesting to us, inasmuch as it treated only of national existence not yet extinct; "it contains, so to speak, the first acts of a great drama now actually in the process of being represented, and of which the catastrophe is still the future." We read with especial interest of the fall of the Western empire, because this great event dates the origin of a state of things now in existence. It is the opening scene of a play which is still on the stage. Nations that are flourish-

ing to-day can trace their origin to the fall of the Western empire or to a period following this event.

"The great elements of nationality, race, language, institutions, and religion," says one writer, "date their rise either from this period or the one immediately following."

Thus it becomes evident that, on taking up the history of this period, and acquiring a thorough knowledge of the facts connected with it, we are commencing a biography of the living; we are learning the first chapters of the history of the new civilization, which, on this account, should be especially interesting to us.

The subsequent history presents a similar attraction. Every great event it records has helped to build up our modern civilization and bring society nearer its present state. The introduction of feudalism, the first principle, the first system which took possession of European society, exercised an ameliorating and salutary influence upon the intellectual development of individuals.

The Crusades, which were commenced while the feudal system was still flourishing, strike us as the next great event, whose principal effect was a great step toward enlarged and liberal ideas.

Two centuries later the introduction of the art of printing changed the general aspect of society. Then follows the Reformation, that vast effort which was made by the human mind to achieve its freedom, and which finally resulted in the emancipation of human reason. After this period in modern history, events of importance crowd fast on one another: The English Revolution, in 1688; the American and French Revolutions of the following century.

These great events have all exercised more or less influence in working out the social system of modern times. It would be foolish to assert that they alone have helped to build up the great superstructure of the present, for there were many other factors that entered into the work. I have mentioned only the important ones in their connection with modern history, in order to show why the study of these should be of especial interest to us. J. T. C.

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J. W. BOPP, Editor.

The following is a list of the Law Class thus far enrolled. While the class is not quite as large as that of last year, they more than make up in good looks and "general ability" what they lack in numbers. There are representatives from from twelve States, of which Iowa furnishes sixty, Illinois eight, and other States from one to four, and for the first week they have missed less questions than any class ever experimented on by the present faculty:

- Miss Emma L Brayton, Delhi.
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Star-gazing has begun.

Fitzie! why say pants?

Regan is going to be a vile Medic.

"All bound in calf, with the tail inside."

The latest thing in science: Wirick's theory of evolution.

J. H. Danskin is a Senior in Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa.

Chancellor Hammond spent the summer at Colorado Springs.

The University has the shortest Longman in seventeen counties.

Miss Grace Hebard wishes she could retake the course in the S. U. I.

Say, you Freshman, take off those kid gloves; it's not the fashion here.

Only dogs and Seniors allowed in the library; no Freshman need apply.

W. N. Baker's father dropped in on him unexpectedly yesterday morning.

Miss Emma Rankin, '77, is at home again, after quite an extended absence.

The Chapel choir will, this year, maintain the excellent reputation it gained last year.

Henry Dressler, Law '82, orders THE VIDETTE-REPORTER sent to Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Jas. A. Kerr writes: "I am a lawyer, and will locate either in Kansas City or Newton."

L. B. Callender, Law '82, is located in Des Moines, and is working up a good business.

Miss Lou Ham was visiting in the city this week: We regret that she will not graduate with her class this year.

J. E. McIntire is the same old Mc. He is clerk of the court and captain of a base ball nine at Colorado Springs.

J. R. Mount put in an appearance a few days ago. He announces his determination to graduate with his Class.

Miss Cavanagh is teaching in Lemars, Iowa. She expresses herself very much pleased with her companions and surroundings.

Geo. Seidlitz is in town, visiting his many friends. George is on his way to Chicago, where he will attend the Medical College.

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Last Monday a Freshman was heard to remark, "Well, this weather may be good for corn, but its d-n poor for intellectual labors."

Mr. W. S. Harwood spent the summer on the staff of the Dubuque Herald. He returns to the S. U. I. this fall, however to resume his studies.

Professor: "Piercing the ears, then, was a sign of Asiatic nativity, was it?" Sophomore: "Yes, sir; the Greeks did not indulge in such luxuries."

W. A. Connolly is practicing law at Ames and writes: "I have all the business I can attend to." Why shouldn't he,—he takes THE VIDETTE-REPORTER.

F. A. Long, of the Medical Class of '82, is located at Madison, Neb., and like all prosperous Medics should do, sends in his subscription to THE VIDETTE-REPORTER.

Membership of classes: Seniors, forty-two; Juniors, thirty-two; Sophomores, fifty-six; Freshmen, eighty-nine; Irregulars, twenty-one; total, two hundred and forty.

Andrew J. Sherwood, a former member of the present Senior class, and an irrepressible Symmathian (when the Syms were in their prime), is a member of the Law class.

The Sophomore class is unusually rich in the married element, three of its members having taken upon themselves holy vows, to-wit: Armstrong, Hostetler, and O. Y. Whipple.

Ed C. Lloyd, brother of Miss Ada Lloyd of last year's Senior class, enters the Law Department this term. Mr. Lloyd has been engaged with a surveying party in Montana.

John Campbell is vindicating the wisdom of his choice of the legal profession. He is already City Attorney of Colorado Springs and Local Attorney for the Denver & New Orleans Railroad.

The Jefferson Street Club enjoys the distinction of including in its membership a number of ladies. The members of other clubs will understand that the membership of this club is limited, and it is not advisable to make a rush for it.

The promotion of Ossian H. Brainerd, spoken of in our last issue, consists in the receipt of a larger salary, and the appointment of an assistant to aid him in his work. He has been principal of the Hampton schools ever since he left Iowa City.

The Sophs have challenged the Juniors to a game of foot-ball. The Juniors have accepted. This afternoon, just as we go to press, the great contest will have begun. Both sides are confident of success. Big bets are up, and heavy backers on the field.

Citizens of Iowa City, University alumni, and present students of the S. U. I.—all will be glad to hear of the marked

success with which Rev. W. B. Craig is meeting in Denver, Colorado. They will be no less rejoiced to learn that Mrs. Craig has greatly improved in health.

Wasn't that a distinguished looking party when Michael and Senator Wright walked, arm in arm, down the street, with their long-tailed coats floating in the air, and their shiny "plugs" glistening in the sunlight? Brace up, Mike! you'll make a Senator yet. You have the physique for one.

THE VIDETTE-REPORTER office was brightened to-day, and our foreman and proof-reader made glad by the presence of Misses Mina and Lillie Selby and Ella and Lou Ham. Next week we shall be in our new office in South Building, and then we shall be glad to receive calls from all our lady friends.

George H. McCormick, by the advice of his physician, left school this morning for his home in Atlantic. He has been troubled with malarial fever. This is the second time he has been compelled to leave school on account of his health.

The Juniors and all who know him regret very much that he must leave and hope he may speedily recover.

While the Law Class was discussing the causes under which the marriage contract might be annulled, a young man, with a troubled look on his face, leaped to his feet and anxiously inquired whether it were possible to annul the contract before marriage.

The Chancellor, fixing his eye on him, sternly said, "Young man, what do you want to know that for?" and then that young man got red, stammered, and sat down amid the cheers of his colleagues.

Last week we announced that Mr. L. L. Cassidy, of the class of '78, had been elected assistant professor of the department of civil engineering, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Polley.

Mr. Cassidy being unable to accept the position, it was tendered to and accepted by Mr. W. E. Crane, of '82. This is an honor well deserved.

Mr. Crane is, in every way, worthy of it, and it is a flattering reward to work well and faithfully performed during his college course.

THE VIDETTE-REPORTER extends hearty congratulations.

The following is a list of the various colleges, high schools, and academies represented in the University classes this year.

Colleges—Iowa College, Ames Agricultural College, and Franklin College, Indiana. Academies—Jefferson Academy, Algona Academy, Iowa City Academy, Wilton Academy, Washington Academy, Des Moines University, Illinois and Indiana Universities.

High Schools—West Waterloo, Garden Grove, Sioux City, Marshalltown, Waverly, Iowa City, Burlington, Davenport, Clinton, Toledo, Onawa, Agency, Kewanee (Illinois), Creston, Cedar Rapids, Hampton, Albia, Mt. Pleasant, Independence, Panora, Cedar Falls, Oskaloosa, Manchester, Muscatine.

On last Thursday afternoon occurred the marriage of Miss Addie B. Hoyt, of this city, to Mr. Ed C. Finkbine, of Des Moines. The occasion was honored by the presence of a happy company of friends—a number of them from abroad.

In the midst of a crowd of floral offerings—testimonials of the very best wishes,—and under a pendent bridal bell of natural flowers edged with lilies of the valley, the vows were taken. The presents were many and of unusual elegance; that of the groom to the bride a beautiful set of diamonds. From abroad were present Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Finkbine, Charles A. Finkbine, William O. Finkbine, Mr. and Mrs. James Berryhill, Mr. and Mrs. Hackney, Miss Fannie Parsons, Mr. Robert Fullerton, Mr. James Fullerton, Mr. Hugh R. Creighton, and General Ed. Wright, all of Des Moines.

Besides these were present Mrs. Kate Borland, of Chicago, Miss Lizzie Cutts, of Oskaloosa, and Miss Fannie Walker, of Council Bluffs.

THE ZETS.

The societies each year begin work after the summer vacation with new life; and it seems that the members have used the past vacation not only as a time for recreation, but in making many and decided improvements in their halls.

The transformation which the Zetagathian Hall has undergone is indeed remarkable. An old Zet visiting his alma mater would scarcely recognize the place where he was accustomed to spend so many pleasant hours in those quiet business sessions, for which the Zets are noted.

The hall has been decorated with elegantly embossed paper and the curtains dyed and rehung. The ceiling is a marvel of neatness, and must be seen to be appreciated.

The programme last night was opened by a piano solo by Mr. Carl H. Berger, of the Musical Conservatory. Comment on this performance is unnecessary, as the musical talents of Mr. Berger are well known in Iowa City.

Mr. R. G. Morrison, the retiring President, in a few fitting remarks introduced S. B. Howard, the incoming President, who tanked the society in behalf of himself and colleagues for the honor conferred and took the chair.

Paul Custer creditably declaimed "Spartacus to the Roman Envoys," and then came the debate on the River and Harbor Bill, D. C. Blasfield and J. T. Chrischilles affirming that its passage was justifiable, and H. C. Harris and F.O. Lowdon denying. The debate was very interesting, both sides bringing out the principal arguments in their favor.

The judges decided that Harris and Lowdon had the best of the battle and gave the decision to the negative.

Harry Mozier declaimed "Perils and Destiny of the Pilgrims," after which Will S. Harwood sang a solo. Its popularity was attested by a hearty encore, to which, however, he did not respond.

The valedictory oration was delivered by Mr. W. M. Walker. The gentleman

is well known as a speaker who has sustained his reputation. One of Miss Luolos was a fitting cl programme.

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One of Miss Lucia Cole's popular solos was a fitting close to an interesting programme.

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The Irvings have made many substantial improvements in their already beautiful hall. The most noticeable change is their elegant, new carpet, which presents a splendid appearance by gaslight. New chairs have also been purchased, both for the audience and for the officers, the latter being particularly beautiful. Such minor improvements as repairs in the fresco, the addition of hat racks, etc., combine to render the hall most complete, both in appearance and convenience.

The first open session of the year was completely successful, the audience filling the hall, and expressing their approbation by frequent applause. The first exercise, an instrumental solo by Miss Cox, was rendered in a very pleasing manner, and received merited applause.

Sever made his retiring address a very neat affair, and Baker gracefully responded in behalf of the newly elected officers.

The declamation, by C. P. Smith, was entitled "The Fireman's Prayer," and was rendered in a manner which merits high praise; in fact he out-did himself. Little criticism can be offered, but it might be mentioned that at times he spoke a little too fast.

Harwood's vocal solo was immense, as his singing always is.

The subject of debate was, "Resolved, That the Prohibitory Amendment will prevent the sale of liquor in Iowa." Newman spoke first, and opened the question with a very pleasing speech, giving valuable testimony in favor of the Amendment from Maine and Kansas. Gilbert, the first speaker on the negative, brought forward the almost unanswerable question, as to how the law is to be enforced, especially in those cities where the majority vote was against the Amendment, and the class who drink liquor think that their rights are violated when this law is attempted to be enforced. In the case of Maine he stated that open bars exist in the larger cities, but was forced to admit that in general the law does prevent the sale of liquor to a great extent. P. L. Johnson followed on the affirmative, stating that when men are wrong, though thinking themselves right, they should be prohibited in their action. To prove that right is on the side of prohibition he cited the fact that the great majority of the men of intelligence and honor voted and worked for prohibition, while the vicious and ignorant classes were against it. He stated that there are now no distilleries or breweries in Maine. Coch, the last speaker on the negative, hoped the judges had not lost sight of the subject under discussion—certainly not a compliment to the judges. He cited the old prohibitory law in Iowa to prove that the new one would be a failure, and said

that the new law would be much more difficult to enforce because so many people are against it. In the case of murder, larceny, and other crimes, all the people are in favor of punishment, but in the case of the crime of liquor selling, more than a hundred thousand people favor it. The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative.

The next on the programme was Norris Brown's oration on "Man's Inequality." It was a good production and delivered in his usual effective manner—effective but once, when he forgot his piece.

Lake's declamation would have been good if he had not forgotten the latter part of it.

The Valedictory oration was by Shepard, subject, "The Fate of Poland." His matter was good, but he talked altogether too fast.

Miss Hatch told the story of "Barbara Fritchie" in a very pretty song and in a very effective manner.

EXCHANGES.

Our old friends are beginning to drop in, but many of them so much changed in appearance that one would scarcely recognize them. The Notre Dame *Scholastic* has got a new head, but whether the new head contains more brains than the old one, remains to be proved. The *Occident* comes to us bathed in the red glare of the setting sun. In fact the *Occident* has donned its war-paint, and is going for the *Berkleyan*, hatchet and knife. The squabble is all about the fraternities in University of California. The editors in chief at present are skirmishing by calling each other fools and liars, and doubtless there will be blood shed on that quarter before long. The ex-man of the *Niagara Index* is spoiling for a fight, and waiting in fiendish glee for the first poor unfortunate who may pass the threshold of his dingy sanctum. The *Badger* starts out with some straightforward, manly editorials, but we think the editors will change their ideas as to the proper policy of conducting a college paper before the year closes. The *University Press* has braced up, and bought a new suit of clothes, and now comes around every week. We expect to be on sugar-plum terms with the *Press* this year, for its exchange editor is a lady. Bless you, my dear; we pity you, unless you are an old maid, for you little realize what a hard set of citizens you've got to deal with. The only moral member of the fraternity that we know is the ex-man of the *Oberlin Review*, and he only remains in it as a sort of missionary. Nobody who has a through ticket by the Presbyterian line should meddle with exchanges. If he does, he is sure to be left at some way station. The indications this fall are unmistakably for war. The whole field of college journalism is bristling with batteries only waiting for a pretext to open. Some have already open, and before another week, we shall probably hear from others. The policy of THE VIDETTE-REPORTER is pretty well known, so if you come at us, look out for broken bones.

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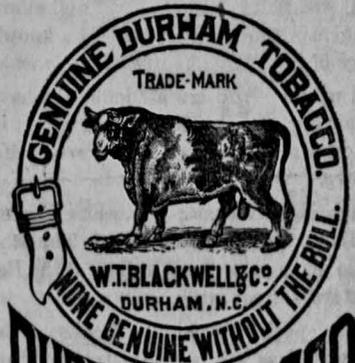
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In assuming the editorial management of the Law Department, we do so "with malice toward none," bespeak the broad mantle of charity from our readers, and hope the class will not be a victim of misplaced confidence in their choice.

Dr. Wheeler, of San Francisco, Cal., Hon. T. S. Parvin and Gen. Edward Wright, of Des Moines, were among the visitors to the class this week. Dr. Wheeler and Mr. Parvin made a few appropriate and highly entertaining remarks, while the General was excused on account of the well-known modesty of the Wright family.

The Law class met last night for the purpose of organizing a literary society. There being considerable diversity of opinion as to whether it would be best to form a legislative or literary society, a committee consisting of Messrs. Enlow, Pangburn and Critchfield was appointed to consider the subject, and report next Friday evening at 7:30. Mr. Moore, as chairman, made some excellent remarks on the respect due each other as members of the class, and to themselves as gentlemen.

The Law class has been divided into two divisions for moot court work—one under Chancellor Ross, which meets Monday at 2 P. M.; and the other under Prof. McClain, which meets Tuesday, at 2 P. M., in the law class-room. W. F. Garrett has been elected Clerk, and G. E. French, Sheriff, of the Ross court, and Ira Van Meeter, Clerk, and Ad. Tollepson, Sheriff, of the McClain court. Active hostilities will begin next week.

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Judges and court officers will soon be as numerous in the law class as Brigadier-Generals and Colonels in Texas.

The five lectures delivered by Judge Wright, of Des Moines, on "Methods of Study," were highly appreciated by the class. His timely words of warning, coming as they did from one who has had many years experience upon the bench and at the bar, fell with double

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