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THE remarkable excellence of drill this term elicits comment on every hand. Chiefs of squads make a practice of familiarizing themselves with their duties, and are hence able to leave their "Uptons" at home. Indeed a steady and marked improvement has been perceptible in the Battalion ever since the reins of authority were seized by Lieutenant Thurston. First, straw hats were laid aside—next, dusters—finally overcoats, and, having gone thus far, it was an easy transition to the adoption of a uniform. By the time the officers are assigned permanent positions there will be hardly a man who does not, in dress, conform substantially to the regulations prescribed by the Board of Regents. This fact is important; for nothing is so conducive to discipline and pride in a military organization, on the part of its members, as the ability to present a creditable appearance. We have seen the day when the advisability of continuing the military department would admit of considerable question. That time, however, has fully passed, and there can hardly be said to be any one, down to the veriest Fresh, who does not take some interest and find some pleasure in drill.

THE importance of a thorough knowledge of history is generally conceded, but there is a difference of opinion as to what this "knowledge" implies. Some regard history as a mere chronological table of events and believe that the committing to memory of a long list of dates, and the ability to give the exact time of certain occurrences, is all that is necessary in acquiring a mastery of this important subject, while others, not entirely overlooking this part of it, still are inclined to consider it of secondary importance, and see more of consequence in being able to interpret history and draw conclusions and inferences from the various events of the past. There can be no doubt but that the latter view is the correct one. History, in a broad sense, not only embraces a catalogue of events, but also their philosophical interpretation, and it is just this interpretation that

should command our special attention. To know that a particular event took place on a given day is of little consequence, but to be able to give the causes that led up to it, to determine the influence it had upon society, and to show the different elements at work, forms a knowledge of that event. What benefit would there be in knowing, for instance, that the Reformation took place in Germany in the sixteenth century, unless we were able also to give a reason for its happening at the time it did, and why Germany should be the particular country in which it made its appearance? And not only this; we should also be able to trace its influence through subsequent times, and in this may learn its significance. The same holds true with regard to all great events in history, unless something more than a mere knowledge of the place and time of their occurrence is acquired, they will prove of little value, especially to those who may some day wish to apply their significance to the use of influencing the present or shaping the future. The great benefit to be derived then from the study of history comes not from merely storing the mind with facts and data, and in this way exercising only the one faculty of memory, but comes rather from the researches and investigations we make into the real nature of past events.

We have lately come across two little volumes entitled "The Art of Speech," written by L. T. Townsend, and think them well worthy notice as being particularly valuable to those who are interested in elocutionary matters. The first volume contains "study in prose and poetry." The contents are, in brief, as follows: The history of speech, with an interesting "primitive linguistic tree," showing the numerous branches from the earliest human speech; theories of the origin of speech, laws of speech, diction and idiom, syntax, grammatical and rhetorical rules, style, figures, poetic and prose speech, and poetic-prose speech. A considerable portion of this volume ought to be familiar to all students; but even in case it is, the book is very convenient for reference. Under the head of "style" are mentioned those things which constitute the prime excellencies in style. The first is naturalness. This is a point too frequently forgotten by speakers, and numerous examples of a strained and affected manner are presented every week. A quotation is in order: "Beware of a favorite professor's style, is a safe and needed rule with most students. A distinguished Heidelberg Professor, Richard Rothe, used to say to his classes, 'Do your best to shake me off from you.'" Under the heads of clearness, simplicity, conciseness, etc., most valuable information is given, and directions for obtaining those qualities of style are laid down. The second vol-

ume is more particularly of value to the more advanced students. It contains "studies in eloquence and logic." After a short history of eloquence, the life and character of Demosthenes, "the prince of ancient orators," are discussed, and then follows a chapter on the "Oration on the Crown," which is called "the greatest speech of the greatest orator of the world." The many points of excellence found in this masterpiece are carefully discussed, and many quotations are given as illustrations. The remainder of this part of the volume is made up of "inferences" drawn from the examination of Demosthenes' masterpiece as a model, and suggesting the qualities required to make an ideal orator and the means of obtaining them. This we consider the most valuable portion of the work, and it is arranged in admirable shape. The second part of this volume is "studies in logic," and includes argumentation, classification, and practical observations,—all arranged under appropriate heads and sub-heads, and handy for reference. These books cost only sixty cents apiece, and prospective lecturers and lawyers would do well to study them thoroughly.

C. W. SLAGLE.

The news of the sudden death of Hon. C. W. Slagle, at his home in Fairfield, last Tuesday evening, was received by all with surprise and sorrow. For almost twenty years he had been connected with the University as one of its Regents, and, during one year of that time, had acted as President, after the resignation of Dr. Thacher. At the conclusion of that year, the Faculty and Regents united in urging him to accept the position permanently, but, feeling that he had not had the preparation necessary to the most satisfactory discharge of the duties devolving upon the office, he declined to act in that capacity longer than was absolutely demanded by the emergency of the hour.

As a Regent, he was untiring in his efforts in behalf of the University—ever an ardent champion of the cause of higher education by the State. As President *pro tempore*, he took charge of affairs at a time when special wisdom and foresight were demanded by existing circumstances, and brought the University through a crisis and into the hands of an able successor, at the same time winning for himself the respect and kindest feelings both of Faculty and students.

Iowa City unites with Fairfield in lamenting the loss of so public-spirited and noble-minded a citizen.

Christian W. Slagle was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, January, 1821. Graduated from Washington College at the age of nineteen, taking high rank in his class. During his

college course, he made arrangements with his dearest college friend, George Acheson, for a partnership in business, whenever they should commence life for themselves. Immediately after graduation, Mr. Slagle engaged in teaching schools in Accomac county, Virginia. After a year's service as teacher, he returned home and read law in the office of Mr. McKinnon, a permanent lawyer of his native town. In the spring of 1843, in company with his college friend, and in pursuance of a plan formed in college, he came into Iowa and settled at Fairfield the 23d day of April. The law partnership lasted until the death of Mr. Acheson, April 2d, 1881. In 1849 Mr. Slagle married Miss Seward, of Connecticut. The fruit of this union was three sons and three daughters, one son dying in infancy. The daughters are all happily married, the one best known in Iowa City is Mrs. Virginia Berryhill, of Des Moines. In 1866 Mr. Slagle was appointed Trustee of the State University, and, in 1868, was retained as Regent, which office he filled until June, 1882. After the retirement of Dr. Thacher from the Presidency, Mr. Slagle was selected as acting President, an office he most successfully filled for one year. Most gladly would he have been retained, but he firmly declined the honor. Mr. Slagle's loyalty to the State University was constant and sincere, but his large heart gave a warm place to the interests of Parsons College, an excellent institution of learning, in Fairfield. Of this college he was a Trustee from its organization, and Chairman of its Executive Committee for the past few years. The public schools of Fairfield had no better nor more zealous friend.

In the excellent public library of eight thousand volumes and the cabinet connected therewith, Mr. Slagle had a forming hand, and no better monument could be erected to his memory than a much-needed building for its safer keeping. The erection of such a building was one of the things planned by himself and friends, but left yet unaccomplished. Mr. Slagle never sought office, but the man was often sought for important trusts.

The funeral was largely attended yesterday morning from his house. Many old settlers and members of the bar from Jefferson and adjoining counties testified to their appreciation of the man. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Dwight, of the Congregational Church, and Rev. Dr. Ewing, President of Parsons College. Everything in the service was beautifully simple, just in consonance with his tastes. The students of Parsons College formed an escort for a very long procession of sincere mourners.

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### THE DISCIPLINARY VALUE OF MATHEMATICS.

J'ai toujours remarqué que la géométrie laisse l'esprit ou elle le trouve.—*Voltaire*.

Nothing is less applicable to life than a mathematical argument.—*De Staël*.

Literature abounds in testimonials of a dislike for the study of mathematics—as well from the philosopher and man of practical undertaking as from the orator and poet.

Macaulay writes home from Cambridge: "Oh that I had to learn astrology or demonology or school divinity! Oh that I were to pore over Thomas Aquinas, and to adjust the relation of Entity with the two predicaments, so that I were exempted from this miserable study! Discipline of the mind! Say rather starvation, confinement, torture, annihilation."

Pierce says of Charles Sumner: "But, while succeeding in these branches [the classics] he entirely failed in mathematics. He had no faculty for the science; and he became disheartened and disgusted with the study."

Sir William Hamilton bears witness: "Mathematics are found more peculiarly intolerable by minds endowed with the most varied and vigorous capacities; for such minds are precisely those which the study mulcts of the most numerous and vivid pleasures, and punishes with the largest proportion of intensest pains." And, elsewhere, he observes even more strongly: "In mathematics, dullness is elevated into talent, and talent degraded into incapacity."

"I could never understand the demonstration of the first problem of Euclid," confessed Bayle, the great logician; and it would not be difficult to adduce other instances—fully as respectable—of a similar incapacity.

But it is not so much the mere fact of an invincible repugnance to the study of mathematics, on the part of a number of brilliant minds, that should engage our attention, as the *reason why* this should be the fact.

Geometers and algebraists have long been accustomed to claim for their science a leading place in the curriculum of every college; and the claim has rarely been disputed. Doubtless very few would be found willing to assert the superiority of mathematics to the ancient and modern classics, as a means of general culture; but, in point of *disciplinary value*, their superiority to these and all other branches is strongly insisted upon. They are not only said to develop the reasoning powers, but to strengthen and invigorate the whole mind. Euclid is declared to be the most perfect system of logic ever devised by the wit of man. Here only may we properly make use of the term demonstration, for here only is each step taken—a step toward the attainment of absolute truth. Every time we undertake the proof of a geometrical theorem, we engage in a process from which the last element of uncertainty has been excluded. Premises, argument, and conclusion sustain to each other the relations of a structure so finely modulated that it is unique among the sciences. What an incomparable advantage, then,

must be derived from familiarity with a system, at once the ideal of elegance and simplicity,—the noblest creation of human thought!

Thus argues the mathematician.

But forthwith he is confronted with the embarrassing spectacle of a host of eminent men—men to whom the science of mathematics not only proved repugnant, but totally incomprehensible, yet men of enlarged ideas and powerful understanding. Among their number are to be found metaphysicians capable of the most refined discrimination and the profoundest thought; statesmen of broad and enlightened views, as well as shrewd in their estimate of the motives that govern men; scholars everywhere respected for their learning and brilliant talents.

Why, then—if it be true that the logical and reasoning powers are developed by the study of mathematics—did not these men, *expert reasoners and logicians every one of them*, experience its beneficial effects? We shall endeavor briefly to answer the question which we have raised.

It has already been demonstrated that a total incapacity for mathematics may co-exist with the highest order of logical power. This does not imply, however, that logical power of the highest order may not also co-exist with a high order of mathematical ability. Indeed the two are sometimes found thus conjoined, as in the case of Gladstone and Brougham among statesmen, and Spinoza and Descartes among philosophers. It is furthermore an interesting fact—commented on by Joseph Scaliger and Roger Bacon—thrt a high order of mathematical ability may readily co-exist with an almost total incapacity for everything else. The inference naturally to be drawn from these considerations we believe to be, *that the processes of mathematical reasoning are distinct and separate from those of all other reasoning*. Thus, one mind may possess a faculty for mathematical reasoning alone; another, exclusively for practical reasoning; a third, for *both* mathematical and practical reasoning. The study of mathematics, therefore, is of no disciplinary value to the reasoning powers *in general*. It cultivates the mind in one direction, but leaves it untouched in every other. Were this not the case, the expert mathematician would always be an expert reasoner, and the reverse; but the falsity of this view has already been sufficiently demonstrated.

It still remains true, of course, that the man endowed with a faculty for *both* mathematical and practical reasoning, possesses a certain advantage over one endowed merely with a faculty for the latter. Because, although utterly useless as a means of general discipline, the science of mathematics is a highly important factor in the affairs of our daily life—particularly in its applied forms of physics, mechanics, and surveying. Unfamiliarity with it, therefore, is to some extent a misfortune. The quantum of intellectual power is not affected, but the sum of positive knowledge is less.

To resume the thread of our argument, however, the study of mathematics, *as a*

*means of general discipline*, is not only useless, it works an injurious influence upon the other faculties. For, in a world of *contingencies*, it accustoms the mind to deal only with *certainty*. Hence, Walpole is led to observe: "The profound study of mathematics seems to injure the more general and useful mode of reasoning—that by induction." And, likewise, Gibbon: "I cannot lament that I desisted from the study of mathematics before my mind was hardened by the habit of rigid demonstration, so destructive of the finer feelings of moral evidence." Goethe also declares: "I have long been aware that the cultivation afforded by the mathematics is in the highest degree one-sided and contracted." It is the opinion of Kirwan, "that the habit of mathematical reasoning unfits a person for reasoning justly on any other subject;" and in this opinion he is fully sustained by Madame De Staël, Dugald, Stuart, Buddæs, Le Clerc, Warburton, and a host of others.

By one contemplating the pursuit of a mathematical course, therefore, three things should be kept diligently in mind; first, the inutility of mathematics as a means of general discipline; second, the extent to which they are likely to work an injurious influence upon the other faculties; and lastly, the objective value of the science itself. None of these considerations should be overlooked; all are important and deserve the careful attention of every student.

### "THE HOUSE OF THE SEVEN GABLES."

What makes an author readable is the power which he possesses of putting old things in new ways. Some men possess this power to such an extent that we call them geniuses. Objects are no sooner apprehended than they are transmuted into thought. A mind so constituted assimilates the world to itself. It pulverizes hard facts and recombines them in new proportions. Nature is laid hold upon by such a mind and the result is Nature,—and *something more*; something contributed by the mind itself. Not Berkley, nor Democritus, but Immanuel Kant was the true philosopher. He saw that there were two elements in human knowledge; that the universe was neither all matter nor all mind, but an admixture of both. This fact appears not only in science, but in literature, the arts, and all that ministers to the soul of man. For untold ages the earth laughed in sunshine or brooded in shadow. There were the changing skies and the dark mountains. The winds slept upon the waters or scoured them in the tempest. Then came mind. Winds and skies and mountains were imprisoned in the canvas of Claude; but not alone, for the genius of Claude was imprisoned with them. So is it with poetry. The materials of poetry lie under our very feet. We spurn them until a Thomas Hood writes the "Bridge of Sighs" or a Burns his "Cotter's Saturday Night," and then we worship. It is the business of the poet to take the despised things of our daily life and transmute them into gold. But not *only* of the poet. Genius *everywhere* permits us to behold the pal-

pable and the familiar through a magic veil. Let us not seek to lift it, as we cross the threshold of the House of the Seven Gables.

What a grand old pile it is, and how we are oppressed by the silence of its dim interior! Our entrance seems to have been unexpected by the occupants, for we can hear the angry tread of doughty old warriors of King William, mingled with light foot-falls and the rustle of silks. Not far away is the stately apartment with the spacious arm-chair in which, on a memorable occasion, Judge Pyncheon fell asleep while Hepzibah went to look for Clifford. Perhaps, if we listen, we can hear the ticking of his watch. Or, if not that, the sharp chiding of the bell over Hepzibah's shop-door. Poor, miserable, gaunt Hepzibah! And yonder is Clifford! He is standing in a door-way of the eastern gable, through which the warm sunlight is streaming. His white hair has been thrust back from his forehead, and on his delicate features there gleams an expression of unwonted joy. It is plain to be seen under whose guardianship he has passed the morning. Darkness does not always brood over the House of the Seven Gables. Sometimes it is penetrated by a clear, bright ray from within. It quite vanishes altogether when Phœbe descends from her antique chamber, and hastens into the garden to feed chanticleer, or pluck a crimson rose from the bush planted, ever so long ago, by Alice Pyncheon. It is no secondary part which the garden plays in the annals of this stately edifice. Here, Clifford almost becomes happy again, in watching the bees and the humming-birds; and here, at the close of a long sunny afternoon, Phœbe listens with rapt attention to the Daguerreotypist, as he relates to her the strange story of old Matthew Maule, the wizard.

We made a solemn promise, at the outset, not to lift the magic veil with which Hawthorne has hung the portals of the Pyncheon mansion, but perhaps we shall be pardoned if we take but a *single* glance beneath. Who is there like the author of the House of the Seven Gables for putting the newest of faces on the oldest and hardest facts! How the stern world relaxes its features in the soft light which he sheds upon them! It is precisely the most unromantic incidents of the story that please us best. Phœbe, bright, practical little Phœbe, "who is as pleasant about the house as a gleam of sunshine falling on the floor through a shadow of twinkling leaves," the garden with its "few species of antique and hereditary flowers," and chanticleer, "in all whose gestures there is the dignity of interminable descent." It is true, Hawthorne calls this but a paltry rivulet of life that flows through the garden of the Pyncheon House; but it is such a rivulet as steals close to the heart of each one of us.

About Clifford we feel differently. In strength and delicacy of conception, he belongs with Donatello and little Pearl. The genius of Hawthorne enables him to tread with firmness where others would only trip and fall. He has formed creatures with souls wrought of the sun-

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shine, and Clifford is one of these. Only, in the case of Clifford, the clouds have so darkened and thickened about his life, that but a fitful gleam sometimes escapes into the world beyond.

But we should not remain too long in the shadow of such a crumbling old edifice as the House of the Seven Gables. Its gloom and its damps are not a whit less unwholesome for us than they were for poor Hepzibah. We need to mingle freely in the great stream of the world's daily life; to give it direction, and test its power. Yet, when we have long done so, and, weary alike of its buffetings and its favors, seek for some spot by the way-side,—where can we better find it than within the walls of the Pyncheon mansion, or under the boughs of its spreading elm?

EXCHANGES.

The *Monmouth Collegian*, from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., is a creditable looking sheet. It comes out semi-monthly, and though possessing no marked ability, is probably a fair representative of its college.

The *Berkleyan*, from the University of California, has got a hobby-horse, and "Olla Podrida" is its rider. We don't know just what to say about "Olla," for we are not sure of what he was intended for. We have read of how, in the time of Louis XI. of France and Henry VIII. of England, no court was considered fashionable unless it possessed a jester, whose duty it was to make as great a fool of himself as possible for the entertainment of royalty. If the *Berkleyan* is trying to introduce this custom into college journalism, and thus sets "Olla" up as a mark for the laughter and ridicule of the college world, then he is a decided success. But if "Olla" lays no claim to the cap and bells, and is really trying to be smart, then we must conclude that nature has done more toward making him a fool than any amount of art could accomplish. We advise the *Berkleyan* to squelch "Olla."

The *Notre Dame Scholastic* braces up to us with the following soothing article:

THE VIDETTE-REPORTER, from the Iowa State University, has been gathering itself up, and putting itself in shape, and the hitherto loose sheet of odds and ends now comes out in good style. In its own words, there is something of "that exquisite something which, like the grace of perfect breeding, everywhere pervasive and nowhere emphatic, makes itself felt by the skill with which it effaces itself." THE VIDETTE-REPORTER seems to have effectually effaced its former self, and we congratulate the new editors on the manifest success of their efforts in building up a paper that is likely to reflect some credit on themselves and their University. The second number of their paper is as far ahead of No. 1 as that distanced those of last year. There is some style about it; more than that, there is brain-work in it. The exchange editor is evidently a live 'un. Among other things he says: "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 opened, 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." That sounds warlike. He doesn't know whether to make friends with

us or not; he is evidently in doubt as to our calibre. We can inform him it is a forty-ton rifle bore, good for a long or short range, and never misses the mark. THE VIDETTE man throws out, evidently as a feeler, the remark that "The *Notre Dame Scholastic* has got a new head, but whether the new head contains any more brains than the old one, remains to be proved." Lots of brains, old fellow! Could lead you some if you were in need, but, from present indications, we think you are as well supplied as ourselves. That short-hand column of yours is decidedly good; the right thing in the right place. You can now lay some claim to the additional title of REPORTER. Ta-ta!

Now, that's refreshing, Mr. *Scholastic* man, and as long as you continue in that mood we'll get along finely together, but if you get mad and turn that "forty-ton rifle bore" on us, look out for your bacon, for we've got a mitrailleuse of the latest patent, and it's loaded for Ex. men.

Down at Pella there is a small college with fifty students, called the "Central University" (mighty big name for so small a college), and once a month they gather up their Freshman essays, clip a little poetry from *Harper's Bazaar*, mix in the proper proportion of sub-Freshman wit, and bind the whole in a green cover (the insides are also green), and send it out to enlighten the world as the *Central Ray*. The *Ray* says: "We have received THE VIDETTE-REPORTER, from Iowa City. We think there is room for considerable improvement in THE REPORTER." Now, that's a criticism they wrote two years ago, and had it stereotyped to save the cost of composition, and they use it to fill up with whenever the Freshmen get lazy and the *Bazaar* doesn't come around on time. At the beginning of the present term there was quite a commotion among the editors of the *Ray*. It was the beginning of a year, and it was felt that the first issue ought to contain something besides the ordinary Freshman essays—something that would give the paper an individuality. So an editorial was decided upon and the whole corps proceeded to the sanctum. The editor-in-chief took the three-legged stool as the place of honor, and the others sat in a semi-circle around him. Then they waited for the spirit to move; for an hour it was stiller than a Quaker prayer-meeting; then the editor-in-chief was struck—by an idea, and thus he wrote: "Friends and fellow-students! Again standing at the threshold of loved Central, the *Ray* staff extends to you its hand in hearty greeting. The new year has opened auspiciously. The Faculty is full [Here the fair member of '86 objected to the word *full*; she said it might be misunderstood, and give the Faculty a bad reputation, but the chief said the following would explain], and able [colon, yelled '87, and down it went]: the new members have already won the entire confidence of their classes. In some cases, interest has risen fully to enthusiasm. \* \* \* Seven States and Territories are now represented on our roll. We have about fifty young men,—as fine a body as one ever sees. Several are studying for the ministry [The ladies smiled approvingly at the Financial Manager]. The number of young women

is not so large—but the *quality* [Here the chief stole a soft glance at the blushing local editor] is equally good." And so this wonderful editorial went on. We haven't space to give it in full. It must be read in the original to be appreciated. Those wishing to see it will find it in the reading-room, among the exchanges.

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## LOCALS.

When are the "calisthenics" to begin?

Our continued story—the foot-ball game.

A week without a solitary "show!" What's up?

T. G. Newman spent Friday and Saturday in Burlington.

The new band bids fair to rival the reputation of its predecessor.

Last evening the Irvings elected Frank Leonard President of the Oratorical Association.

Miss Flora J. Clapp left on Thursday for her home in Illinois. She will return in a few days.

Kuehne is at Dennison rolling in livery and rollicking in prospects as glorious as a morning in June.

The Seniors and Juniors test their skill by a match game of foot-ball this p. m. The result is doubtful.

R. J. Miller, of last year's Freshman Class, is giving excellent satisfaction as principal of the Rockwell schools.

F. G. Hanchett, the man who carried off the first prize at the Inter-State Oratorical Contest, has entered the law.

VIDETTE-REPORTER business and possibly the Illinois State Contest took our senior editor to Chicago on last Thursday evening.

Robert A. Green and Dow D. Dorman left on Thursday afternoon for Cedar Rapids, and will return in time for school on Monday.

What's happened to a Freshie when he begins to wear his hat on his ear, and glides along as if he were walking on air? He's joined a frat.

Yesterday morning President Pickard, together with Professors Leonard, Parker, Currier, and Fellows, left for Fairfield to attend the funeral of President Slagle.

A. J. Craven drove over from West Branch last Saturday and remained over Sunday—just long enough to shake hands with a part of his numerous friends.

The Freshman Class at Wesleyan University numbers sixty-five, five of whom are young women. A new Junior soci-

ety, the Phi Kappa Sigma, has just been organized.

Whoever takes a trip to the top of the new Medical building, and isn't impressed with the fact that Iowa City has a beautiful location, has no eye for the beautiful anywhere.

The students of the new Short-Hand class are surprised to find the art so easy. The new method of instruction made use of in Mr. Moran's new textbook saves half the labor heretofore required.

Prof. John M. Tyler is giving a series of lectures to the Amherst College Seniors on evolution, and as a counter-acting influence President Seelye instructs them once a week in the old Westminster Catechism.

"Jane," said a father, "I thought you hated stingy people, and yet your young man—" "Why, pa, who said he was stingy?" "Oh, nobody," replied pa, "only I could see he was a little close as I passed through the room."—*Ex.*

R. J. Miller writes from Rockwell: "Enclosed find a dollar William for THE VIDETTE-REPORTER. I find that although it contains 'too few locals—too many locals—too few personals, etc., etc., a well-regulated school cannot be conducted without it, so I at once remit the 'needful.'"

The Freshmen have held a meeting. The Sophs, we believe, were invited to attend, but none of them responded. Whether or not any action was taken relative to a sociable, we were unable to ascertain. The result of the election held was as follows: Evans, President; Porter, Vice-President; Dickey, Secretary; Robertson, Treasurer.

Owing to the fact that the officers of the Erodolphian Society, elected for the ensuing year, failed to return, the society held a special election to fill vacancies. The following are the present officers: Miss Gertrude Wheaton, President; Miss Nora Myers, Vice-President; Miss Lilly Selby, Secretary. The society presents its first programme this evening.

Two of our lady students, passing the other morning on their way to school, were doused with a bucket of water by the saloon-keeper at the corner of Dubuque street and the Avenue. It is unfortunate that the saloons of this city should be so frequent that ladies cannot travel its streets in the day-time free from all danger of insult by too liberal patrons of their own bars.

The State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. was held at Des Moines last week. Miss Jennie Hanford and Mr. Fred Seerly were sent as representatives of the Association in the University. Twelve colleges were represented and the whole number of delegates from the same was thirty-six, which is good evidence of the work done among the students of the State. Our delegates report a pleasant and profitable meeting.

How long that awe-inspiring, terror-spreading organization known as the

Sophomore foot-ball team, will continue in its mad career, remains to be seen. So far all attempts at baffling or defeating this wonderful combination of kicking talent have proven futile. Irrespective of class, it has dealt out crushing and disastrous defeats to both Juniors and Fresh alike. Should it meet with similar success in a contest with the Seniors, its record will be the brightest and clearest the institution can boast of. Then the Soph can wrap himself up in the mantle of dignity, and weep because there are no other worlds to conquer.

The library it seems has been used so far this term to a greater extent than usual; and this is very gratifying to all who have found by years of experience that wide reading constitutes a most valuable factor in a liberal education. The new students should be continually reminded of the magnificent advantages presented to them while attending the University for original research in almost any line of thought. Probably few of the students will have access to such a collection of books after they leave this institution, and therefore it behooves them to make the best use of the library they can, while here.

Last Saturday afternoon the Carleton grounds was the scene of the hardest (not the most skillful) game of foot-ball ever witnessed by the students of the S. U. I. The Sophs and Fresh were the contestants. The Sophs, very confident of an easy victory, did not exert themselves the first inning. The Fresh, with fire in their eyes and fiery red shirts upon their backs, were instructed to "buck" every Soph upon the field, whether near the ball or not. The first inning was credited to the Fresh. It was alarming to see how often the wise and skillful Soph measured his length upon the ground or practiced back summersaults at the pleasure of the mighty Soph. But skill, when pitted against untrained muscular force, is sure to win, and at the end of the fourth inning the Sophs threw up their hats, the victors.

Mr. William Thomas, the oldest graduate of Harvard College, died in Plymouth, Mass., on Wednesday night, aged ninety-three years and six months, from paralysis. Mr. Thomas was graduated in the class of 1807. The class numbered forty-one persons, and included in its membership the Rev. Francis Parkman, Mr. David Sears, and Judge Henry A. Bullard, a native of Groton, Mass., who was a member of Congress from Louisiana several terms and was afterward on the Supreme Bench of that State. The death of Mr. Thomas leaves as the first unstarred name in the catalogue that of Mr. Nathaniel Deering, of the class of 1810, who, if still living, is the oldest living graduate of Harvard. Two members of the class of 1811 are still living—namely, Dr. William Perry, of Exeter, N. H., who is over ninety years old, and Mr. William R. Seaver, of Plymouth, Mass. Next to these comes the Rev. Ebenezer Gay, the last survivor of the class of 1814. Mr. Gay was born October 11,

1792, and is consequently in the ninetieth year of his age.

The reorganization of the University Battalion Band has just been effected, and the following is the arrangement of the instruments and positions: T. B. McAuley, solo Bb cornet and leader; C. W. Wilcox, 1st Eb cornet; W. J. Maughlin, 2d Eb; P. L. Johnson, 3d Eb; C. R. Brown, 1st Bb; F. W. Kelso, 2d Bb; W. H. Clark, solo alto; F. E. Pomeroy, 1st alto; F. B. Tracy, 2d; L. L. Miller, 1st tenor; E. N. Brown, 2d; A. J. Xanten, baritone and musical director; W. H. Martin, snare drum; J. A. Miller, bass drum. This arrangement is thought to be the best that can be made to insure good work, and all the members have commenced their practice with new zeal and with the determination to make the band the best in this part of the country. The business management will be most efficient under the direction of McAuley, while the quality of the music is assured to be first-class, since the new musical director, Xanten, will give the band the benefit of his long experience in this line and his critical knowledge of music in general. The appropriation by the Regents for band purposes will enable Lieut. Thurston to purchase several new instruments, which are very much needed. The general style of music will be changed, and a better class substituted. We believe that those interested in the military department of the University will this year have greater reason than last year to be proud of this portion of the battalion.

[FOR THE VIDETTE-REPORTER.]

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 He knows full well the rich results  
 That ever come from combinations rare;  
 He hoards with frugal care  
 His priceless store of wealth;  
 And all his aim—  
 To give the world such scenes  
 As are not put upon the mart  
 For haggling barterers,  
 Or doomed to hang at last, perchance,  
 Upon the walls of purse-proud buyers,  
 Rich in naught but yellow gold.  
 Nobly he paints,  
 And ever with the high design  
 To make his work supreme.  
 But turn your thoughts  
 From work of brain or brawn,  
 And round you, you may see,  
 And share with all mankind,  
 The splendid glories  
 Of his new autumnal landscape,  
 As they grow in matchless beauty  
 'Neath the unseen touches  
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ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

Special Dispatch  
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Miss Myra Pollard, city, was awarded judges. It is the however, that J. M. College, to whom the assigned, should have J. E. Miller, of Lincoln.

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**ILLINOIS STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST.**

Special Dispatch to "Vidette-Reporter" From the Seat of War.

**THE CONVENTION.**

The Annual Convention of the Illinois Inter-Collegiate Association was held in the parlors of the Matteson House. Delegates from the following eight colleges were present: Illinois College, Jacksonville; Knox College, Galesburg; Monmouth College, Monmouth; Industrial University, Champaign; Wesleyan University, Bloomington; Lincoln University, Lincoln; Chicago University, Chicago; Rockford Seminary, Rockford. Many students from the various colleges were also present, quite a large proportion of whom were ladies. As usual, in such conventions, a great deal of preparatory wire-pulling had to be done, and no little excitement prevailed among the friends of the rival candidates. The election resulted as follows: President, Q. E. Browning, Illinois College; Vice-President, Mr. Harper, of Chicago University; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Lilly, of Champaign. Delegates to the Inter-State Convention: Chairman, H. E. Frouts, of Wesleyan, Mr. Natchez, of Monmouth, and Mr. Johnson, of Knox. The following gentlemen acted as judges of the contest, which took place in Central Music Hall: Hon. Lawrence Weldon, Bloomington, Col. Anderson, Toledo, O., and Dr. Willard, of Chicago.

**THE CONTEST.**

The audience which assembled last evening in Central Music Hall, on the occasion of the Inter-Collegiate Contest for the Illinois State Championship, was large and enthusiastic. Eight colleges were represented as follows: Miss Lida Ashby, Illinois Industrial University, Champaign; C. H. Welles, Illinois College, Jacksonville; Miss Myra Pollard, Chicago University; J. E. Miller, Lincoln University; Walter A. Edwards, Knox College, Galesburg; J. M. Ross, Monmouth College; Miss Carrie A. Hewitt, Rockford Seminary; Miss Luella Yocum, Wesleyan University. It will thus be seen that four of the contestants were ladies and four gentlemen.

Miss Myra Pollard, of Chicago University, was awarded first honors by the judges. It is the prevalent opinion, however, that J. M. Ross, of Monmouth College, to whom the second place was assigned, should have had the first, and J. E. Miller, of Lincoln, the second.

The exercises of the evening were varied by music—Miss Lena Hastreiter, Chicago's favorite prima donna, making this the occasion of her first appearance since her return from Europe.

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In reading the histories of ancient nations, so frequently do we meet with the expression "they excelled the moderns" that it cannot but occur to one living in the most enlightened age the world has ever seen, and surrounded by works that could only be the products of minds enjoying the advantages of a civilization equal in grandeur and magnificence to that of the present, that historians often use this expression when they have no authority for doing so, or when they are not aware of the undue amount of praise they are bestowing upon the ancients, and the injustice they are doing the moderns. It may be bordering on presumption to say that writers who make this subject of history their life study, occasionally fall into the error of misrepresenting facts, but after all, does it seem possible that in works of art and in the sciences perfection should have been reached a few thousand years ago, and that all the labor and genius that have been applied in this direction in the following ages have only gone to prove the superiority of the ancients over the moderns? Can it be that in these works the world has made no progress since the time when Egypt was in her glory, or since the golden age Pericles? And still this is what historians must mean when they tell us that in sculpture, painting and architecture, and in some of the sciences "they (the ancients) excelled the moderns."

Is this true? To be sure, we have no better authority on this point than the historian, and if he states it as an historical fact, we must believe it. But it must be remembered that history abounds in fancies as well as facts. The historian states a *fact* when he tells us that the ancients attained a high degree of perfection in the arts and sciences, but when he tells us that "they excelled the moderns" in this respect, he states a *fancy*. The former statement has an historical foundation; the latter is merely the historian's opinion. Whether his opinion is always correct or not, few are in a position to affirm. All that we would say is, that the frequency with which the expression "they surpassed the moderns" occurs, and the indiscriminate way it is used in works of ancient history, causes us to believe that it often occurs in places where the historian had no right to use it. C.

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Prof. Currier, Supt. Guthrie, and Joe A. Edwards were among recent callers at the Reporters' Bureau.

We were unable to accept an invitation to attend the International Congress of Short-Hand Writers.

The School of Short-Hand was recently "written up" by Geo. Alfred Townsend in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Favorable mention of the School of Short-Hand appear in the *Evangelist*, Chicago, Council Bluffs *Nonpareil*, *Northern Vindicator* and Dickey County (D. T.) *Leader*.

Edward Nankeville, editor of the *Reporters' Magazine*, London, England, supplies our reading room with his valuable journal, and will publish an account of the State University Iowa of School of Short-Hand.

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2.	be	boat, tub.
3.	te	top, mat.
4.	de	do, sad.
5.	chay	choice, each.
6.	jay	Joy, gem, edge.
7.	kay	kite, lack.
8.	gay	go, log.
9.	ef	fan, laugh, physics.
10.	ve	vine, love.
11.	ith	think, both.
12.	the	them, soothe.
13.	es	so, face.
14.	ze	zeal, was.
15.	ish	shall, vicious.
16.	zhe	seizure, pleasure.
17.	lay	light, bell.
18.	ar	arm, furrow.
19.	em	me, him.
20.	en	no, in.
21.	ing	sing, ink.
22.	way	woe, away.
23.	yea	your.
24.	hay	he.

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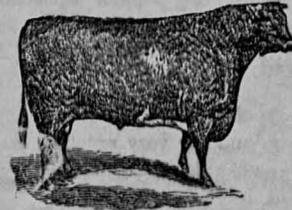
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## "Arbuckle."

Hand us or tell us any items you may know of.

The total enrollment of the class thus far is 102.

All communications in relation to baseball should be sent to C. S. Frye.

Mr. Boynton prepared and presented a very fine brief in his case on Monday.

Do you belong to a "Quiz Club?" If not, join. It will be a great help in examinations.

Clark's interpretation of the Constitution: All men are created free and equal as a *men*.

One would think, from the cut of the *new* whiskers, that Gen. Burnside had been lecturing to the boys.

Since there is a large number of the class from Illinois, why not organize an Illinois Club Court? Did you ever think of it?

We hope members of last year's class will send us in their cards, or drop us a line letting us know where they are located.

J. S. Enlow, the popular President of the class, spent Friday and Saturday with friends and relatives at West Branch.

The moot courts are getting very interesting, and the very practical nature of the course is becoming daily more apparent.

Have you secured your notes on the Session Laws of the Nineteenth General Assembly from Prof. McClain? If not, why not?

C. H. Maris, Law '81, has located at Victoria, Texas, where, no doubt, he will lay the strong arm of the law on the festive cow-boy. May his purse be full and his family large.

F. G. Hanchett, of Kaneshville, Ill., the successful orator at the Inter-State contest last year, has enrolled with the class; also G. A. Day, of Sidney, and C. C. Stanchfield, of Davenport.

About forty of the Laws took in the church fair last Saturday night, and some of them were so badly "mashed" that they are not fully repaired yet. There is still some doubt as to which got taken in the worst—the fair or the boys.

At a meeting of the Law Literary Society, it was decided not to hold a session last night, but that the programme for last night should be presented next Friday, at which time the public is cordially invited to attend the first open session of the society.

The other day, as several Laws and Cads were standing in front of one of the society bulletin boards, a Soph solemnly remarked, "The good that men do is often interred with their bones," when a wicked Law chimed in that "it could usually be done without crowding the bones."

The following item is vouched for by several Laws. A burglar recently broke into the room of one of the members of

the class, and after a long struggle the young lawyer succeeded in robbing the burglar. The question naturally arises, How did he do it, and did he do it professionally?

We clip the following from the *Dubuque Daily Times*:

J. W. Bopp, former correspondent of the *Times* from Mason City, is the new editor of the Law Department of THE VIDETTE-REPORTER, the college journal of the State University, at which institution Mr. Bopp is preparing for the profession of the law.

A double quartette has been organized with the following members: T. E. Stout and F. O. Hinkson, first tenor; F. A. Vanderpoel and E. W. Bingham, second tenor; C. S. Frye and E. B. Jones, first bass; F. Gray and R. G. Morrison, second bass. They will be known as the "Law Class Glee Club," and if the gentlemen sing as well together as they do separately, some fine entertainments may be expected.

The other day, during a recitation on "Husband and Wife," a member of the class passed up a note, asking if a marriage contract made on Sunday night was binding, and the Chancellor, not wishing to disturb the established order of society too much, quietly remarked that it was. And then, as that young man ran his fingers through his hair, there was a look that seemed to say, "it's a clear case," and the class looked like, "It's funny when you feel that way." It was a very interesting subject.

The Chancellor, among others, went to Fairfield, to be present during the last sad rites on Friday of his honored and warm personal friend, Ex-President Slagle. They had labored together for eighteen years as Regents and officers of the University, and now, after these long years of intimate acquaintance, the one sleeps the sleep that knows no waking, and the other works on as the honored Chancellor of the department they both labored so hard to bring to its present high standard.

"And the stately ships go on,  
To their haven under the hill.  
But, O for the touch of a vanished hand,  
And the sound of a voice that is still."

The Laws now own, in fee simple, a fine foot-ball, and we expect soon to see them marching out, in solid phalanx, under a solemn challenge (and their last year's hats), to the historic Carlton grounds, there to exercise the "limb of the law" and its No. 12 attachment in showing the other departments how it is done. We suppose that it is necessary for ye sportive Law to work off his surplus combativeness in some way, and probably this will be as efficient as any, and soon there will be a great "kicking," after which the aforesaid phalanx will return covered with glory (and perspiration); and the features of the Medic will "relax," for he will see a "job." And their fame will go abroad in the land, amid a rubbing of shins and a desire to walk upright in the sight of the Professors. Verily, it takes all kinds of boys to make a law class.

Judge Day, of the Supreme Court, spent Monday with the class. The Judge has such a fine physique and

manly bearing, that it is almost an inspiration to the young lawyer just to see him on the stand. In his five minutes talk to the class he succeeded in making as many good points, which it would be well for the class to keep in mind. 1st. The lawyer should have a high appreciation of right, and the power of distinguishing between justice and injustice. The *civil* law should always be in accord with the *moral* law. 2d. The lawyer must ground himself in right principles, and always maintain a clear conscience, and a character well fortified by honesty and unflinching integrity. 3d. He must practice the closest industry. There is no royal road to success at the bar. Hard, earnest work is the everlasting condition of reaching a prominent position. No amount of genius will supply the place of toil. 4th. The lawyer must *hang on*, study, dig, starve if necessary, but stick to it at all hazards. These qualifications are sure to bring a substantial reward. As a fifth point, the Judge said that a "brilliant oratory" and "burning eloquence" were not essential, but one should cultivate the power of expressing himself in a clear and emphatic manner; learn to speak with force, terseness, and brevity. Judge Day himself possesses these qualities in a high degree, and it is an unmixed pleasure to listen to him. We hope to see more of him in the near future.

## IN MEMORIAM.

On Thursday the class met and adopted the following resolutions in honor of Ex-President Slagle:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to call to his long home, by the hand of death, Hon. C. W. Slagle, our esteemed fellow-citizen, and the former efficient President of this institution; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize in his demise the loss of a man of pure character, upright and honorable in all his relations, and one who, for nearly a quarter of a century, has labored to secure for this University a larger and more diversified field of usefulness to the young men and women of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, During most of his life, entrusted with large responsibilities, he discharged all trusts faithfully and fearlessly; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we cherish a grateful remembrance of his many and untiring efforts in behalf of this institution during his long connection therewith, both as a member of the Board of Regents and as its President, and particularly of his great influence and wise counsels in the establishment of the Law Department.

Resolved, That we extend to those who were bound to him by ties of love and kindred, our sincere sympathy; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, to THE VIDETTE-REPORTER, and that a copy thereof be spread upon the records of the class.

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