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A LITTLE over a year ago the world was startled by the sad news that Gambetta, the great French statesman had died at his residence, a short distance from Paris; to-day the world mourns the loss of another statesman equally as great in the death of Dr. Edward Lasker, which took place in the city of New York on the 5th inst. Lasker was a Prussian by birth and of Jewish descent. A short time before the union of Germany had been effected, he became one of the founders of the National Liberal party, whose leader he had been up to the time of his death. Before this, however, he was a strong adherent of the Progressive party. "In the internal developments of the country," it is said of him, "he has always stood for that which is right, for the strict fulfillment and judicious development of the law, and in pursuing this aim he paid regard to none, to no powerful party, to no powerful person, not even to the government itself, with which he agreed upon other questions, especially in respect to its foreign policy. On the great questions of more recent date, particularly those of imprisonment for debt, trade and traffic, usury, loans with premiums, etc., he has exercised a decisive influence. The matter which made him most popular, was his successful attack on the departments of commerce in 1873." Speaking of Lasker's appearance in the Diet, a writer for *Harper's Monthly*, in an exceedingly interesting article on "Leaders in the German Parliament," says, the visitor in the gallery of the Diet running his eye about the house, will soon notice among the bald heads and broad Teutonic faces a young, lithe, restless little Hebrew sitting in a conspicuous place among the National Liberals and apparently recognized by common consent as their spokesman and leader. Further on the same writer mentions Lasker as a product of the "Conflikt-Zeit," but from 1866 to 1878 ranking him as a tolerably regular

though candid and discriminating supporter of Bismarck's policy. The breach between them, however, threatened for several years, finally came in 1878. At the time of his death Lasker had been in this country a little over half a year. The object of his visit was to study into American institutions and note the customs and manners of our people. That he was so suddenly robbed of the opportunity of ever enjoying the fruits of this visit, when only fifty-five years of age, is cause for the deepest regret and sorrow.

"The history of a book" is the heading of the following editorial in a recent issue of the *St. Louis Republican*:

It is somewhat surprising that so few of the innumerable editorials, essays, sermons and speeches called forth in America and Europe by the four hundredth anniversary of Martin Luther, have made slightest mention, much less fitting notice of a book which, more than any other book, reveals to us the inner life and character of the man who gave a new departure to the thought of Christendom. The venerable president of Williams college always had this question and accompanying remark for his graduating classes: "Young gentlemen, have you read the prose writings of John Milton?" The chances were that no body could answer in the affirmative. "Young gentlemen, those who have not read the prose writings of John Milton cannot lay claim to any proper knowledge of English literature." With less exaggeration it may be said that those who have not read the *Tischreden*, or "Table-Talk," of Luther, have no proper knowledge of one whose influence upon the world is, as compared with that of Milton, a mountain to a mole-hill. Of histories and biographies, large and small, partial and impartial, bad and indifferent, there are more than enough; but all of them together do not equal in value, for the purpose specified, the modest volume which is the subject of our sketch. "The contents" says Hazlitt, in his introduction to the best English edition—"were gathered from the mouth of Luther, by his friends and disciples, and chiefly by Anthony Lauterbach and John Aurifaber (Goldschmidt), who were very much with the great reformer towards the close of his life. They consist of notes of his discourses, of his opinions, his cursory observations, in the freedom of private friendship, in his walks, during the performance of his clerical duties, and at table. Whatever the man of God uttered was forthwith entered upon their tablets. They were with him at his uprising and down-laying; they looked over his shoulders as he read or wrote his letters; did he utter an exclamation of pain or of pleasure, of joy or of sorrow, down it went; did he aspire

a thought above breath, it was caught by the intent ear of one or other of the listeners and committed to paper."

ONE of Harvard's most prominent professors, Evangelinus Apostolides Sophocles, died last month. The following sketch of his life appears in *The Nation*: If we were to write a biography of Sophocles which should be in perfect keeping with his character and his wishes, he would disclose absolutely nothing of his history. His feelings on this point were strong and strongly expressed. When he was asked to correct the life of himself which now appears in Allibone's Dictionary of authors, he replied: I shall tell them nothing; and if they publish anything, I shall always say it is a lie; we may perhaps venture to say that he was born in the village of Tsangarida, in Thessaly, in the slope of Mt. Pelion, in the early part of this century; that he spent several years in the Sinaitic monastery, partly on the Holy Mountain itself and partly in the branch at Cairo; that the death of an uncle, who was a high official in the monastery, caused him to emigrate to the United States, and prevented him from remaining as one of the brethren of Mount Sinai; that he entered as a Freshman at Amherst in 1829, but remained only part of a year there; that he afterwards lived at Hartford and at New Haven, and came to Cambridge as tutor in Greek in 1842, remaining there until 1845, and after an absence of two years, returned in 1847, since which year he had been identified with Harvard College. He remained tutor until 1859, when he was made assistant Professor of Greek; and in 1860 he became University Professor of Ancient, Modern and Byzantine Greek. His most important published works are his Greek Grammar which appeared in two editions, and was very widely used; a Romanic or Modern Greek Grammar; a catalogue of anomalous Greek Verbs; a History of the Greek Alphabet and pronunciation; and a Greek Lexicon of the Roman and Byzantine periods, which was a larger edition of his Glossary of the Later and Byzantine Greek; published by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences." The following graphic of Prof. Sophocles' personal appearance and manners is from the *N. Y. Times*; Harvard College loses a picturesque figure by the death of Prof. Sophocles, who; in personal appearance and habit, was a veritable type the antique, gray and hirsute, his dark complexion and piercing eyes gave him a wierd aspect, and he passed his days and nights in one corner of a college dormitory in lone communion with the spiders which he was wont to feed and cherish and the tones in which the lore of old Hellas was entombed, many of whose graves and beauties were visible to no eye within the academic shades as they were to his.

Reserved and uncommunicative as a recluse, he had a few chosen friends with whom he loved to talk of his favorite studies. About the college grounds he moved shyly, as if trying to avoid recognition or the necessity of recognizing others. In the class-room he was somewhat grim and chary of the lore at his command. He was rather an instructor of scholars than of students, and his vast erudition showed itself in his Grammars and lexicons more than in the conduct of recitations, which with him was rather formal and unfruitful, though his occasional lectures were riot suggestions for those who could profit by them. His early life, before he came to this country to become in an almost accidental way a teacher of the teachers in Greek learning, was shrouded in a mystery, real or apparent, which he always refused to dispel. Born near Mount Pelion and educated in the Mount Sinoi Monastery, he for some unexplained reason came to this country when a young man, and after a period of study drifted into teaching, and became finally one of the most distinguished members of the Harvard faculty."

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We are glad to see B. O. Hostetter of '85 back again.

Mr. Frank D. Johnston '84 will not be in school this term.

The Board of Supervisors took Mr. S. B. Howard '83 out to the poor house this week.

The Laws were visited by the deputy sheriff the other morning, a few more visits and the mists will be dispelled.

Mr. Ed Robinson will not be with us this term, he thinks seriously of "going west etc." and perhaps of following in the foot-steps of his elder brother—who knows?

C. N. Hunt of class '80 and wife are in the city visiting relatives and friends. They will remain about two weeks and return again to Bismark, Dakota, where Mr. Hunt has established a fine law business.

The Sophomore class was made quite an acquisition in Mr. Clarke, of Fairfield, Iowa. He has been attending Parson's College for the past year, and comes to the University treasure of the superior advantages offered in the sciences.

The Law class of '84 is certainly gaining quite a reputation for literary enthusiasm. Thursday evening the "Sumner" and "Law Literary" held forth in Zet and Irving hall respectively. We believe this is the first law class that has ever tried to support two first-class societies. Both programmes were good, Mr. White's oration in the "Sumner" was of more than usual excellence. An address by the Hon. Alexander Clarke was the chief attraction in the "Law Literary."

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**THE PRIMARY TEACHER'S PLACE IN SOCIETY.**

BY PROF. DAVID F. CALL.

The sphere of the primary teacher is too commonly misconceived. Men indeed courteously, even loudly, acknowledge the general claims of elementary teaching; but an earnest study of its principles and methods is outside of the popular mind. It is then fitting that the fundamental principles of education should be vindicated.

The function which education has to discharge is to prepare us for complete living. Viewed in the light of this object, the office of the primary teacher is of paramount importance in society; for, of all the world's teachers, he or she enjoys the grandest opportunities of planting the broad, pregnant, generous principles of judgment and action, which are the impelling and guiding forces of a complete life. Later instruction may indeed enable the mental engine to forge the massive anchors; but the gossamer webs that throw about life its amenity and beauty—what but an early elementary instruction can give a power to weave them?

The primary teacher's office is paramount by reason of its nearness to common life. Men educated in the higher schools too often constitute a "caste of culture." Their superior education may narrow their sympathies instead of widening them. They think, write, legislate, and live, not for the interests of mankind, but for a class only. A great illumination may go on in these upper regions of the learned, but it has hardly dawned in the lower valleys of the common people. If it shines there at all, it is but the northern aurora, lending a feeble and uncertain light, and little, if any, warmth. The grandees of intellect, the Plotinuses, the Spinozas, the Schellings—"babe-like Jupiters" all—may sit aloft in their clouds, enamored of their own speech, and prattling to each other from age to age, while to the great family of men below, their thoughts are "as idle as the shells in a lady's cabinet." The teachers of children constitute a great class of "lucksters of thought," who retail philosophy to the million. They give that early discipline by which a community may rise to higher, broader views of life and duty and destiny, and without which the preacher, the statesman, the philanthropist, will only sow on barren sand, and reap naught but disappointment.

The philanthropy of the primary school is obscure and unpretending; and hence it is depreciated. The men that built up the cathedral of Strasburg, slept on mean huts of mud and straw, dismal and cold and wet. The traveler stands to-day entranced with the beauty of the finished tower, all heedless of the cost at which it rose. Men are blinded by a showy agency which is spread over a great surface, but which seldom penetrates beneath it. But he who plies the slow, unhonored asks of the elementary school, relinquishing display and immediate fame, incurring the disdain of apparent superiors who shoulder him aside,

who mayhap is far away when the top-stone of society, which he himself has hewed, is hoisted up with shouting—he is the world's teacher! His is "the world's eye!" His the world's heart.

It is a great charity to give beauty to mankind. Homer enshrines it in the deathless charms of a well-nigh perfect speech; Phidias sculptures it from the marble; Mozart "carves it on the unscen air;" Angelo bids the very hills rise into a temple. But who shall say that these are greater than the teacher who causes the soul of a child to bloom into the matchless beauty of a complete manhood, a complete womanhood?

As the fundamental, and therefore the broadest, stone in the pyramid of education, the primary school demands a larger place in the popular mind and heart. Why exalt the college of the few to the neglect of the humbler college of all? Why uphold a pusillanimous system which would fill school-boards with the corrupt and illiterate? Away with a ruinous economy which would reduce the teacher to the level of a day-laborer, and would entrust the sacred interests of child-life to men and women who will exercise their pretty gifts at the lowest price!

In the family of schools, to paraphrase the old eastern fable of Cinderella, one has long been the household drudge, ceaselessly employed in the background that her haughty sisters might "flaunt their fripperies in the eyes of the world." Shall we not look for the time to come when the primary school for children shall be accorded a just recognition alike as the humblest in service and the highest in worth?

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departments. This institution teaches  
the handicrafts, and has a carpenter's  
shop, a blacksmith's shop, a school of  
domestic economy and of agriculture.

Of eight of the principal colleges, the  
only one advocating a protective tariff is  
the University of Pennsylvania. At  
Williams the free trade theory is taught,  
likewise at Yale, Harvard, and Amherst.  
Princeton is in an undecided state as to  
which side to uphold. At Columbia, in  
the school of Political Science, all instruc-  
tion has a leaning to free trade.—*Ex.*

Prof. H. Payne, of Michigan University,  
in an address before the Wisconsin State  
Teachers' Association, on "Education as  
a University Study," said: "There can be  
no collision between a normal school and  
a university chair of education, for a  
University cannot compete with a second-  
ary school. The State needs many  
teachers of a higher grade of scholarship  
than a normal school can supply. These  
teachers must come from the college or  
from the University.—*Ex.*

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Louis *Globe-Democrat*, the teaching of the  
young idea can not be the most pleasant  
of occupations in Switzerland: "There is  
a great complaint in Switzerland about  
the inadequacy of the salaries paid to  
public school teachers. The number of  
teachers employed in the Swiss cantons  
is about 5,800, and their average compen-  
sation is \$280 a year. In the Valois the  
rate is not over \$85—the lowest paid. In  
some of the primitive cantons teachers  
are provided with fuel and lodgings, and  
from May to September, when the chil-  
dren are watching the cattle on the Alps,  
they earn a little money in other ways;  
but even with all these helps many  
teachers are wretchedly poor; they live  
in miserable hovels, eat the coarsest food,  
and if they have families can hardly keep  
body and soul together. In these cir-  
cumstances it is no wonder that the  
pedagogue profession is becoming unpop-  
ular in Switzerland, and unless some-  
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Prof. Parker's room.

## LOCALS.

Potter is back again.

"Are you tired little one?"

Mr. Dan Love will teach this winter.

Little has returned and takes short hand.

The band has been buying some new music.

C. F. Greene will not be in school this term.

C. R. Brown, '83, spent Sunday, the 30th, in town.

C. C. Griffin is in attendance at school again this term.

C. P. Smith is selling tickets for the Iowa Central R. R.

Miss Lizzie Hess will not be in the University this term.

There are not as many aspirants for Captaincy this year as usual.

Mr. J. B. Read '86 is teaching school a few miles south of Des Moines.

S. A. McClure intends to come back next year and complete his course.

They say the Freshman girls have organized a new secret society. Next?

Linnett is a candidate for admission to the band, and will probably "get there."

The price of the VIDETTE-REPORTER for the remainder of the year is sixty cents.

The 27th of February was selected as the time for holding the final contest.

Prof. Crane reports a very pleasant and profitable visit in Milwaukee during vacation.

Prof. Leonard delivered his first lecture on astronomy for the term yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Dean Robinson and wife, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, were here on a visit during vacation.

E. H. Hefen, a graduate of the medical school, is located at Minneapolis and is doing well.

Norris Brown is doing finely at Perry, Ia. It cost a man five dollars to obtain his legal advice.

Mr. McBride lately of Cornell College, a brother of Prof. McBride is in the University this term.

Mr. Gibson, who has been studying the past term at Allegheny College, has returned to the S. U. I.

Rev. F. E. Day made some of his friends a call during his few hours' stay in town last Wednesday evening.

The seniors commenced work Thursday. Several members of the class have not made their appearance yet.

V. G. Coe was called to his home at Clarence, Iowa, by the very sudden and unexpected death of his sister.

"Sick yet?" exclaimed the professor with a look of surprise when the name of an '84 was not responded to at roll-call.

"The battle of Waterloo" was the subject of the Thursday's military lecture. Lieut. Knower treated it in a very interesting manner.

Deyoe heads the newly turned leaf of another year by a resolution that he will have a moustache. A brave, bold stand for a Freshman to take.

Our readers will be glad to learn that Miss Florence Hess who has been suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever is rapidly recovering.

Little, a former member of the Junior class, is taking a thorough course in short hand. His friends only regret that he is not a full pledged student again.

Prof.—Suppose you subject the most active little animal that could possibly be found to a drying process, what would be the result? Student—It would not spoil.

Sixty-nine years ago last Tuesday (January 8th 1815) the battle of New Orleans was fought. The *Republican* of last Tuesday put it "1814," but that is not right.

Last evening the literary societies presented their first programmes for the term. In spite of the unfavorable weather, the audiences in both halls were large.

Prof. Leonard intends to illustrate to the Astronomy class the relative distances of the planets by a graphic demonstration on the ground. Some of the class are preparing for a long walk.

Miss Prof. Smith has a class in Rhetoric which meets every afternoon. The work done by this class is to take the place of the essays heretofore required of the members of the Freshman class.

It is a sad duty which compels us to record the death of Miss Fannie Hammond's father at Waterloo a short time ago. All her University friends tender Miss Hammond their deep sympathy.

The class which is taking up the new study, namely, the history of democracy in Europe, numbers more than a dozen. It will doubtless prove a very valuable and interesting study. May's work is used as a text-book.

The University faculty was well represented in the State Teachers' Association which met at Des Moines during the late

vacation. President Pickard, Profs. McBride, Leonard, Currier and Fellows were all there and hard at work.

We are very much pleased to note that Miss Blanche Sanders has secured the position of the teacher of the second primary department in the third ward school. It is a position which many eagerly sought after, and the fact that she obtained it is a fine compliment to her ability.

The Executive Committee of the Oratorical Association met to-day and appointed the following committees:

Music, Miss Custer, Miss Andrews, F. E. Pomeroy and Teeters. Printing, Campbell, and Robinson. Opera House. H. W. Craven.

The constitution requires that "five copies of the manuscripts, of the compiling orators shall be handed to the President of the Association, and by him to the judges separately, at least three days before the contest." The preliminary, of course, is open to all, but only the six marked highest in thought and style by the judges in the preliminary will appear in the final.

While delayed at Grinnell last week our business manager was very hospitably entertained by Dr. N. N. Brumback, who will be remembered as the valedictorian of last year's homeopathic medical class. Since he has graduated he has taken unto himself a wife. It may not be proper for us to say that he has reason to be happy, but we may state the fact that he is so. His splendid professional success contributes to this result.

To the problem contained in the last issue of last term, we received two correct solutions, one from A. S. Howe who is attending school at Golden, Col. The other was by Ed F. Vincent, other resolutions by which the correct answer was obtained were handed us, but they were not by a trigonometrical process. As a problem for this week, we would enquire if the piston rod of a common locomotive moves any further by a quarter revolution of its drive wheel than by any other quarter? If so, which quarter or quarters, and why?

It is always gratifying, both to professors and students of an institution to learn of the success that attends the efforts of any of its members. This is especially true when success is the direct effect of hard and assiduous labor. Many of the readers of the VIDETTE-REPORTER will remember Arthur R. Sale as a member of the State University. Since Sale has won a place among the best of instructors and proven himself a thorough student of scientific investigation. He is now the most prominent candidate for Second Assistant Secretary of the Senate. From his relation as a student we would wish for his success, and from his ability for the position we know of no other name which with justice we could substitute for him.

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## JUPITER AND VENUS.

Jupiter is morning star in January until the 19th, and then evening star until the seventh of August. On the 19th he reaches the most interesting point in his course, for at 10 o'clock on the evening of that day he is in opposition. A straight line drawn from the mighty Jupiter to the mighty sun will then pass through the earth. It would take more than a million earths to make one sun and thirteen hundred earths to make one Jupiter. At opposition, Jupiter takes his most brilliant aspect. Though he never shines with the fascinating beauty that distinguishes Venus at her period of greatest brilliancy, as an outer planet he may be seen opposite the sun—rising when the sun sets, and increasing his brightness against the blackness of the midnight sky. As Venus is an inner planet, and never departs much more than 45 degrees from the sun, she is never visible much more than three hours after sunset or three hours before sunrise. Jupiter can make the grand circuit of the sky, being a superb object during the entire night. This huge planet has not yet cooled down, his primeval fires still blaze, and he gives out light and heat to the moons that surround him, and as readily yield to his sovereign power as the mighty lord bows to the sun's resistless sway. Observers on the earth, nearly 500,000,000 miles away, may watch the process of world making on this distant sphere. In the belts that diversify his disc, in the huge spots that from time to time agitate his mass, in the immense cloud-atmosphere that conceals his fiery nucleus, we behold, on a grand scale, the progress of the cooling process that millions of years ago stirred to the depths the earth's lesser bulk, before it developed to the perfection of its present condition as an abode for animate life.

Venus is superbly beautiful in the western sky for nearly two hours after sunset. Traveling from superior conjunction to eastern elongation, she is constantly receding from the sun in her eastern course, and at the same time approaching the earth. Careful observers will easily note her increase in size and brightness, and the longer time she is above the horizon, and will rejoice that during the entire winter she will hang her golden lamp in the western sky, serenely shining in the twilight glow almost as soon as the sun has disappeared below the horizon.

"Venus is traveling rapidly northward, advancing thirteen degrees during the month, greatly changing her position in regard to the sun, being now two and one-half degrees north of the sunset point, and at the end of the month ten degrees north of the sunset point. A charming aspect of Jupiter and Venus in their present phase is that they are above the horizon altogether during the whole month, Jupiter rising before Venus sets. At the end of the month Jupiter will rise before sunset, and Venus will not set till nearly eight o'clock. —Providence Journal.

## LAW DEPT.

J. B. CALDWELL

At a meeting of the January 9th, the following were elected for the term: President; J. M. Raym, A. Carpenter, Treasurer Editor.

The House of Delegates, Jan. 11th, 1884, at an interesting debate is the abolition of capital revision of the tariff with

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, announced by Speaker C. Tucker, Hammond, C. Moulton, Broadhead, G. Lins, Seney, Reed (Maine), (Ohio), McCoid, Brownland.

For the information of those not in attendance, we give the daily work of the court to 10 a. m., Bailments from 10 to 12 m. Don Judge Adams; from 2 Property, Chancellor R.

The programme for the Society at their meeting Jan. 10th, 1884, in Irving follows:

Address,.....  
Lecture, "Women's Rights"  
Oration, "Juris and In"

Accessions to class this term: Morris, Blackberry, Ill., son, Van Wert, Iowa. The reason of absence of Mullally and Reed, who term; H. Bisbee, who is a justice in Marshall county. Funk, reported to be in office in Cedar Rapids; J. G. Koch, because of sickness; the fiery Mazeppa, who Saturday.

Senator Sweeney, of Iowa, called on us Thursday. Mitchell county in the Judge Adams introduced the Law boys testified to willingness to hear him in a delicate way of expression. The visitor seemed in a perturbed or surprised, but appropriate remarks with "The same old racket." The influence may be drawn is not exceptional in its nature.

Judge McCrary of the Circuit Court has resigned. Judge was in Congress, he one of the best lawyers. He is so good a lawyer that he afford to work for Uncle S. It is reported that he is employ of a railroad company double his present salary follows the example of Dillon corporations of this county their service its best talent.

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At a meeting of the class, Wednesday, January 9th, the following officers were elected for the term: A. C. Biernatzki, President; J. M. Raymond, Secretary; C. A. Carpenter, Treasurer; J. R. Caldwell, Editor.

The House of Delegates meets on Friday, Jan. 11th, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting debate is expected. Bills for the abolition of capital punishment and revision of the tariff will be discussed.

The Judiciary Committee in the National House of Representatives as announced by Speaker Carlisle is Messrs. Tucker, Hammond, Culberson (Texas), Moulton, Broadhead, Dorsheimer, Collins, Seney, Reed (Maine), E. B. Taylor (Ohio), McCoid, Brown (Indiana), Poland.

For the information of those who are not in attendance, we give a statement of the daily work of the class. From 9 to 10 A. M., Bailments, Prof. McClain; from 10 to 12 M. Domestic Relations, Judge Adams; from 2 to 3 P. M., Real Property, Chancellor Ross.

The programme for the Law Literary Society at their meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10th, 1884, in Irving Hall was as follows:

Address,.....PRES. WHITE.  
Lecture, "Women's Rights"—A. CLARKE.  
Oration, "Juries and Insanity,"

H. H. DANE.

Accessions to class this term are L. M. Morris, Blackberry, Ill., and A. J. Johnson, Van Wert, Iowa. Those conspicuous by reason of absence are R. R. Baldwin, Mullally and Reed, who graduated last term; H. Bisbee, who is admitted to practice in Marshall county, Iowa; G. H. Funk, reported to be reading law in an office in Cedar Rapids; J. W. Arnold and G. Koch, because of sickness; T. B. O'Dea, the fiery Mazeppa, who will be here on Saturday.

Senator Sweeney, of the class of '81, called on us Thursday. He represents Mitchell county in the State Senate. Judge Adams introduced the visitor, and the Law boys testified their desire and willingness to hear him in their usual delicate way of expressing approbation. The visitor seemed in no way disconcerted or surprised, but began his very appropriate remarks with the sentence, "The same old racket." From which the influence may be drawn that this class is not exceptional in its methods.

Judge McCrary of the United States Circuit Court has resigned. When the Judge was in Congress, he was considered one of the best lawyers in the House. He is so good a lawyer that he cannot afford to work for Uncle Sam any longer. It is reported that he is to enter the employ of a railroad company at about double his present salary. In this he follows the example of Dillon. The great corporations of this country attract to their service its best talent. His suc-

cessor has not yet been appointed. Judge Love has been mentioned. If left to a vote of the law class, he would be chosen without a doubt. But we stand on the eve of a presidential election, and the necessities of the times will probably require the appointment of a politician. McMillan, an ex-Senator from Minnesota has been mentioned.

J. I. Mullally is in the office of Blake & Hormel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

E. B. Jones, of the class of '83, was visiting friends in Iowa City during the holidays.

Concerning Short-hand, Judge Adams says: "It appears to me that any practitioner, who has made even moderate attainment in Stenography, must derive no inconsiderable advantage from it."

Programme of Law Literary for Jan. 17th, 1884:

Oration, "Daniel Webster," Z. W. Thomas.

Debate.—Resolved, That Free Trade is the true policy for the United States.

Affirmative.—Schulte, Mierer.

Negative.—Sibley, Richardson.

Declamation, "McClain's child," Ed. O'Brien.

Reading, "Biography of John Smith" C. W. Farr.

Oration, "Monopoly," D. W. Hamilton.

Programme for Sumner Literary Society for Jan. 17th. 1884:

Oration, "Our Country's Destiny," Whitfield.

Medley—Campbell, Donnan and Sutton

Debate—Question: "Resolved, That Blaine's method of distribution of the surplus revenue among the States should be made a law."

Affirmative.—Whitney, Edwards.

Negative.—Van Horn, J. H. Donskin.

Declamation, Loughouse.

Valedictory, "Shakespeare's Devil," Wright.

The newspapers of the State without regard to party affiliation, united in recommending Judge Love for the succession to Circuit Judgeship. The latest report is that he declines to have his name considered for the position, for the reason that he prefers his present position. The tone of the press, voicing the sentiment of the people, cannot be other than gratifying to him. The Register thinks it is only a matter of time when he will be called to the Supreme Bench of the United States. Speed the day—his boys would rejoice. We cannot forbear quoting this from the Register: "Among the ablest of American lawyers it is said that Judge Love, as a jurist, and in that rare intellectual power which is said to be inseparable from the ablest of judges, is the peer of any man in the present list of American judges, high or low."

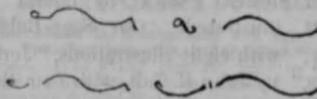
The duty of conducting this portion of the VIDETTE-REPORTER devolves upon us for the coming term. To perform such duties satisfactorily, is necessarily a difficult task, even under the most favorable circumstances. The duties of a reporter of news and student can scarcely be held consonant with each other. In the first place the reporter should be omnipresent and vigilant, found where men "most do congregate." The student has his fixed

path, is usually abstracted, and passes the greater part of his time in solitude. But, however, incongruous with the ordinary avocation and serious business of our life, we pledge our best efforts to the work. The highest measure of success can only be attained with your assistance and co-operation. This we most earnestly request. With your aid the result cannot be doubtful, and we would suggest that if the Law boys would maintain their "ancient glory" the newspaper must be sustained.

SHORT-HAND COLUMN.

ELDON MORAN, Editor.

Can you read?



Miss Nellie Hutchinson has been on the sick list this week.

Miss Lillian Cooley is reported sick at her home in St. Paul.

Miss Werden reported testimony in the Neill case in Washington county last week.

Isaac Bennett has returned to his home in Wayne county. He will probably use Short-hand in southern Illinois.

All who expect to take Stenography this year should enter this week. This is positively the last class to be organized this college year.

Harry Little of Prairie City arrived in the city on the 3d inst. for the purpose of completing his course. He aspires to verbatim reporting.

Miss Myra Troth having completed the principles will have ample opportunity for gaining speed while attending the legislature at Des Moines.

Miss Cora Roth, having spent her vacation at Columbus Junction, returned Wednesday, and is now assisting in the correspondence department.

A new class is just being organized, and will meet at 4 P. M. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Beginning special class meets every day at 2 P. M.

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JNO. F. DUNCOMBE.

I would advise law students, who have a fair opportunity of becoming expert in Short-hand to do so.

JUDGE McCRARY.

Mr. Clay Peters, having completed his stenographic education, has accepted a situation as Assistant Stenographic Secretary for the Water Cure Sanitorium, located at Dansville, N. Y.

Mr. F. A. Remley, of the School of Short-hand, left on Wednesday for Des Moines where he will report the proceedings of the House of Representatives during the forthcoming session of the Assembly.

Some of the late enrollments are

Misses Carrie Dietz, Sade Watters, Adelaide Glenn, Harry Goodrell, Theodore Loveland, Iowa City. Miss Emma Searles, Mt. Vernon. Miss Josie Beals, Shellrock. J. A. Malum, Cedar Rapids. George H. Bain, Des Moines. Wm. McMeekin, Sunny Hill, Ill. Howard Selby, Troy Mills, Iowa.

Some persons are deterred from the study of Stenography through fear of an over-supply. But it should be remembered that the utility of this art is just beginning to be recognized, and that the time is near at hand when a Stenographer will be wanted in all first-class offices and counting rooms. It will also be borne in mind that there are but few Short-hand schools, there being but two in Ohio, one in Indiana, four in Illinois, one in Iowa, and none in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, or Kansas.

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The friends of O. H. Brainerd will be interested in an affair which took place at his new home in Hampton on Christmas eve. It was a reunion of the alumni of the high school during his three years' term as principal, who graduated during that time were present except one, namely, Chas. Pall, of the Sophomore class of the University, whose absence was much regretted. The University was further represented by C. W. Wilcox, of the Junior class, and Martha Schobacker who attended during the winter term of last year. The guests were entertained as only Mr. and Mrs. Brainerd can entertain, and the affair will long leave pleasant memories to the minds of the participants. The many Iowa City friends of the host and hostess will be pleased to learn that they are comfortably settled in their nice new home and that in his new position as cashier of the Franklin County Bank, Mr. Brainerd is doing nicely.

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## THE MAGAZINES.

The *Century* for January comes out profusely illustrated, and containing many fine features. The frontispiece is a splendid portrait of Gen. Sherman, and the accompanying article by E. V. Smalley is a very valuable document. "Edinboro Old Town" is the title of an interesting article by Andrew Long, illustrated by eighteen engravings.

"Log of an Ocean Studio" is a sprightly article by Clarence Clough Buel, descriptive of the trip across the ocean of a company of artists. It is illustrated by many fine engravings.

"The Forty Immortals" is an article illustrated by fourteen portraits. An article of deep interest is headed, "Garfield in London," and is extracted from his journal of a trip to Europe in 1867. A most valuable article by Edward Eggleston entitled "Husbandry in Colony Times," with numerous illustrations. "In Wordsworth's Country," by John

Barroughs; a story by Frank R. Stockton; further installments of the three serials; besides many minor attractions, complete a list of contents which is very pleasing.

*St. Nicholas* for January has a beautiful frontispiece, drawn by Mary Hallock Foote, entitled "Away from Home on Christmas-day." The first story is entitled "Christmas in the Pink Boarding-house," illustrated by three engravings. Then came "Our Snow-balling Brigade," a full page picture; some pretty verses entitled, "The Twelve Little Brothers," illustrated, representing the twelve months calling on Mr. New Year; the conclusion of "Tales of two Continents;" full-page illustration of "Lucy Lee from High Dundee," with verses; "Spinning-wheel Stories" (No. 1), by Louisa M. Alcott, illustrated; "Our Soap-Bubble Party," with eight illustrations; "Jerico Roses," by John R. Tait, with four illustrations by the author; the conclusion of "Almion, Auria, and Mona," by Julian Hawthorne; a full-page picture, "The Star in the East," by John Lafarge; another installment of "The Land of Fire," by Mayne Reid, with illustrations; a new feature, namely, "St. Nicholas Almanac, for Boys and Girls," which is designed to teach the young readers of the magazine "something about the principal stars and constellations;" and many other attractive features, making altogether a very attractive number. The magazine contains in all, including head-pieces, etc., forty-five engravings.

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