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—Assuming that our readers will be
interested in the subject above indicated,
we have gained permission to publish
from the forthcoming catalogue the fol-
lowing particulars:

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the Law Department will extend over
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In making this departure three advan-

tages will be secured. More time will

be allowed for text study, topical reading

and practical work. Double the time

will be given to the subjects general

contracts and evidence. Several entire-

ly new subjects will be introduced, some

of which will be presented in the year

1884-5, and the others in the year 1885-6.

Thus contracts and evidence will be

presented in the fall term, but in alter-

nate years. So, the subjects of the sev-

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classes will not be the same in any two

successive years. But the distinctively

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will be presented every year. Prelimi-

nary examination of students claiming

advanced standing in the course thus

established will be held in the University

in Iowa City, on Mondays next preced-

ing the opening of the fall, winter and

spring terms respectively. We have

been permitted to examine the schedules

of the new course of study and instruc-

tion, and are of the opinion that the

student will have thereunder all the

practical advantage of a full three years'

course.

HON. M. M. HAM, editor of the

Dubuque Herald was elected regent tem-

porarily on the University board to fill the

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Lesseps, who were loudly applauded.

WHEN Harvard College first opened
its doors, the entire number of students
was three. Of these, two were Seniors
and the other was a Freshman. In one
of Dr. Holmes' Harvard poems occurs
this verse:

And who were on the catalogue
When college was begun?
Two nephews of the President
And the professor's son;
Lord! how the Seniors knocked about
That Freshman class of one.

A SPECIAL from Lawrence, Kansas, of
the 19th inst., says: "Much excitement
in collegiate circles was occasioned here
this morning by the discovery that the
successful oration delivered last night in
the state oratorical contest by George
Mays, of Emporia, was taken largely
from an address delivered at Dickinson
college, Pennsylvania, June 26th, 1873,
by Hon. A. K. McClure, editor of *The
Philadelphia Times*. The speeches have
been compared, and many paragraphs
and sentences are identical. Five
Kansas colleges were represented in the
contest, and the winner is to represent
the state at the inter-state contest
at Iowa City next month, in which
eight states will be represented. At a
meeting of the association this afternoons
Mays was expelled and a new
contest ordered."

On Wednesday evening April 30th, the
Oratorical Association will give an Inter-
State reception and banquet, the recep-
tion to take place at the Society Halls,
between the hours of 8 and 9. At 9 the
company will be invited to the parlors
of the Congregational church, where the
banquet will be held. The following pro-
gramme will be given:

MASTER OF TOASTS.
Prof. T. H. McBride.
Toast.....Our Guests
Response.....Miss Agnes Hatch
President S. U. I. Association.
MUSIC.
President Inter-State Association.
Toast.....Oratory in Politics
Response.....Hon. Samuel L. Clark
Toast.....Western Colleges
Response.....President J. L. Pickard
MUSIC.
Student Life
Response.....Walter McHenry
Ames Agricultural College.
The Lawyer
Response.....Col. Clarke
The Lucky Orator
Response.....C. T. Wyckoff
Knox College, Ill.

The Librarian would like to have it
understood that the papers placed on
file in the reading room are placed there
to be read and not to be cut up. Within
the past few weeks it has occurred sev-
eral times that articles have been cut
out of the leading daily papers, of con-
siderable length. Those who have been
engaged in this practice should reflect
that they are not the only ones that can
appreciate periodical literature. Besides
several of the papers are bound and
unless they are spared the scissors their
being bound is to no purpose.

LONGFELLOW IN WESTMINSTER.

From over the wild Atlantic,
And wash of the Western seas,
A voice came like the murmur
Of summer among the trees,

As sweet as the innocent laughter
From children at their play;
Yet fraught with the deepest wisdom,
Of men of an older day.

And never an English household
But felt its tender thrill,
Like the wierd Aeolian music
Of a harp on the window sill.

It came to man and maiden,
Like the swelling of midnight chimes,
And they know that the heart of the singer
Was beating in the rhymes.

It came to the careworn toiler,
As he stood 'mid the smoky throng,
And his tears would start in rapture
At the marvelous gifts of song.

For it told the beautiful story,
That memory still keeps green
At the murmuring pines and the hemlocks,
The tale of Evangelie.

It told of Hiawatha—
And Laughing Water's grace.
In the lay that for future ages,
Embalms a vanished race.

And she flower of German legend
Was culled by the master's skill,
And offered a fragrant posy,
That all may keep who will.

The New World and the Old World
Joined hands in each liquid line,
Where the myrtle of classic cluster
Was wreathed with the Western pine.

And never a word he uttered,
But straight to the heart it flew,
And soft as the summer gloaming,
As pure as the morning dew.

O dear, dead voice of the singer,
Whose magical notes are o'er,
Our hearts are true to the music
That echoes for evermore.

O poet, thy runnes are symbolled
By the grave-plot's sacred flower's;
O death, where is thy conquest?
His immortal songs are ours.

PRACTICAL VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

FIRST ARTICLE.

It is frequently affirmed that "colleges are not practical"—"a college education don't pay." Or, as a late educational journal says: "In truth, except a skinned eel or a boiled lobster, few things are worse provided for the struggle of life than the average graduate." —*Practical Teacher.* Or, as Col. R. G. Ingersoll says: "You have no idea how many men education spoils. Colleges are institutions where brick bats are polished and diamonds dimmed."

We will first distinguish the two classes between which the comparison is to be made.

First Class: Those known to have graduated from some college or collegiate department of a university. We do not here make any distinction between colleges—as to whether they are large or small, strong or feeble, but include generally all institutions authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees.

Nor do we distinguish between courses of study—whether classical, philosophical or scientific; though we cannot disguise the fact, that nine-tenths of those who have graduated from college during the last one hundred years, pursued the regular classical course and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Second Class: This comprises seven sub-classes, as follows: 1. All who have taken only a partial course in college. 2. All who have graduated only from secondary schools, such as high-schools and academies. 3. All who have graduated only from professional schools—not having taken a previous collegiate course. 4. All who were instructed only by private tutors. 5. All those possessing only an elementary education. 6. All who are wholly illiterates. 7. All those of whom nothing is known as to their early educational advantages.

It is doubtless true that some of the last class are college graduates; but as we desire to give colleges credit only for what is known to be their due, we surrender the doubt, and class all those of whom nothing is known as to their educational advantages, as non-college-graduates.

In the outset we cheerfully grant that a college education is not absolutely essential to the highest success. Washington, Franklin, Stevenson and Lincoln were not college-bred men, and none have surpassed them in their respective fields of labor. Here and there a rare genius, ignoring beaten paths, leaps barriers insurmountable by ordinary minds and thus outstrips all others in reaching the goal. But not one in ten thousand is a genius, and we can derive no law from exceptions, unless it be to prove the rule to which they are exceptions. The practical question is not whether it is possible to gain the highest, or even a high degree of success without a complete course in college, but what are the probabilities? Will a college training improve the chances of success? And if so, how much?

If the college education gives no advantage in life to the graduate over the non-graduate, then it will appear that the ratio in numbers between these classes in the aggregate, will be maintained in the leading positions of all professions and all vocations in life. Suppose, for instance, that one-half of the young men in our country are college graduates and one-half are non-graduates; then if the chances of success are not improved by collegiate training, in all offices of honor and trust in church and state in all higher positions in manufacturing and railway corporations; we would find one-half college and one-half non-college-bred men. If, on the contrary, a larger per cent. of college-graduates is found in all high positions than exists in ordinary life, unless some other cause can be shown for this higher per cent., the strong presumption is that the difference is due to a college education.

Again, if it shall appear that college graduates mature more rapidly, reach eminence in their respective callings at an earlier age, and continue to grow intellectually later in life, this also will be in favor of a college training.

We will now proceed with our investigation. That you may know the reliability of our facts, we will name the authorities whence we gather them, viz: 1. The U. S. Census Report for 1880. 2. The Reports of the U. S. Commissioner of

Education. 3. Lanman's Biographical Dictionary. 4. Drake's Dictionary of American Biography. 5. Barnes' History of Congress.

From the U. S. Census Report for 1870, volume IV, on Vital Statistics, page 610, we learn that the number of white males in the United States, between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one—was in round numbers 1,345,000, or, about three and one-half per cent. of the entire population.

From the report of the U. S. Commissioner of Education for 1872, we find that the number of college degrees conferred on young men that year was eighteen hundred and four. By multiplying the number receiving degrees that year by four—the number of years in the college course—we obtain the number of young men in college who completed the course to graduation, viz: seven thousand two hundred and sixteen. Uniting these results we reach the following conclusions: Total number of young men in the United States in 1870 between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one was 1,345,000. Of these there graduated from college 7,216—or one in one hundred and eighty-five—or, a little over one-half of one per cent.

It is believed that if we take the entire period of our country's history, the ratio of college graduates to the whole population will fall below that of 1870. We shall therefore take as the basis of our estimates, one-half of one per cent. of young men as college graduates and ninety-nine and one-half per cent as non-college graduates. Let us now inquire for the relative part that these two classes have enacted, and the relative success each has gained in the affairs of our country.

If a college education is of no advantage or practical value, then it will appear that only about one-half of one per cent. are college graduates in all official positions and other places of success. We will examine first the American Congress perhaps the most unpropitious field for our inquiry. For example we take the fortieth, forty-first and forty-second Congresses, which were held during the years from 1867 to 1873.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

Number of members.	Known College Graduates.	Per cent. of Graduates.
Senate.. 53	25	47
House.. 198	81	32

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

Senate.. 72	38	46
House.. 239	75	31

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

Senate.. 74	34	46
House.. 243	77	32

If the above three Congresses may be taken as fair examples of all, and we know of no reason why they may not be so taken, then it appears that one-half of one per cent. of our young men who are called graduates, furnish thirty-two per cent. of the national House of Representatives, and forty-six per cent. of the United States Senate—while ninety-nine and one-half per cent. of young men who are non-graduates, supply sixty-eight per cent. of the House of Representatives and fifty-four per cent. of the Senate.

In preparing the following list of national officers, we have gone over the entire period of our country's history:

OFFICES.	Whole number.	Known College Graduates.	Per cent. of Graduates.
Presidents of U. S.....	17	11	65
Vice Presidents of U. S.....	20	10	50
Secretaries of State.....	29	19	65
Secretaries of Navy.....	30	14	47
Secretaries of Treasury.....	33	16	48
Secretaries of War.....	31	19	61
Secretaries of Interior.....	14	7	50
Attorneys General.....	38	21	55
Postmasters General.....	30	16	53
Speakers of H. of R.	26	16	61
Chief Justices of the U. S.	6	5	83
Associate Justices of U. S.	41	30	73
Supreme Court.....	815	184	68

It will be seen that one-half of one per cent. of the young men of our country who are known to have been college graduates, have filled fifty-eight percent. of the above federal offices since the beginning of our country's history. And ninety-nine and one-half per cent. of them who have been denominated non-college graduates, have gained only forty-two per cent. of the same offices during the same period.

Such are the facts given in official reports in regard to the number and success of college graduates in the United States civil service. We will illustrate the above success of graduates according to the doctrine of chances. Suppose we take an average of one hundred thousand young men. According to the statistics given we may assume that one-half of one per cent., or five hundred of them are college graduates, while ninety-nine and one-half per cent., or ninety-nine thousand and five hundred of them are non-college graduates. Suppose again that one hundred of the above named United States offices are to be awarded as prizes. Fifty-eight of them would be distributed among five hundred college graduates, and forty-two among ninety-nine thousand and five hundred non-college graduates. The chances of the graduates for obtaining a prize would be one in nine—and the chances of the non-graduates would be one in two thousand one hundred and thirty. The chances of the graduates to the non-graduates would be as two hundred and thirty-six to one.

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D. W. EVANS.....President
MISS SARAH LORING.....Corresponding Secretary
Prayer meetings every Tuesday noon in
President's recitation room. All
are cordially invited.

LOCALS.

May 24th.

The Inter-State oratorical contest.

The Inter-State oratorical contest May 1st.

Conley is laid up with an attack of the mumps.

There were thirteen orations entered for the Junior contest.

The Inter-State oratorical contest May 1st, at the Opera House.

C. R. Brown, '83, was in town over Sunday visiting his folks.

The Zets and Hespas gave a joint programme at their hall last evening.

A senior party is to take place this evening at the home of Prof. Parker.

Quite a number of visitors from Illinois colleges will be present at the banquet and contest.

There will be large delegations from Cornell, Grinnell and Coe Colleges to the Inter-State contest.

The seniors had a class picture taken on the front steps of the center building last Thursday afternoon.

A. B. Seaman, who graduated in the law a short time ago, stopped over a day, on his way to the northern part of the State.

Gov. Buren R. Sherman accompanied the Board of Regents on Tuesday, and remained in the city the greater part of that day.

We would call the attention of those who want an opportunity to canvass for Parton's noted women to the advertisement in another column.

Mr. S. B. Letson, of Nebraska, is in the city, and offers employment that pays from \$200 to \$250 per month. His rooms are at No. 119 N. Capitol street.

At the coming leap-year ball some of the ladies propose to turn a live mouse loose in the room, just to see the poor, timid gentlemen jump up on the chairs and squeal.

Those desiring good seats should re-

member that the tickets for the Inter-State contest will be on sale at Allin, Wilson & Co.'s book store Monday morning. Reserved seats 75c. General admission 50c.

C. C. Cotton left school Tuesday to take a position on a railroad survey.

We are informed that the Y. M. C. A. is to be known as the "Students Prayer Meeting" hereafter.

Prof. Philbrick spent Wednesday and Thursday at the annual meeting of the G. A. R. boys of Iowa, held at Marshalltown.

We are glad to know that Geo. Bremer, engineer, of '83, has obtained a permanent situation with the C. B. & Q. R. R. company.

C. S. Rogers, a former student of the S. U. I., now resident engineer on the B. C. R. & N. R. R., visited over Sunday with Prof. Crane.

Why should we not have a language hall in the University? There is no reason why the literary students should be cooped up any longer.

Keplinger does not return to school this term. He is toiling on a farm at present, but he expects to resume his work in the University next year.

The tickets for the Oratorical Banquet are now on sale and can be purchased from any member of the Banquet committee. Those desiring tickets should purchase at once.

Four young ladies' names appear on one of the base ball subscription papers. This speaks well for S. U. I. girls and places an example worthy to be followed before many of the young men.

H. M. Hedrick, '87, has been confined to his room for several days past on account of sickness. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Hedrick intends leaving for home in a few days, not feeling strong enough to prosecute his work in the University.

On another page of this issue will be found the first of a series of articles on the subject, "Practical Value of a College Education," by Prof. Fellows. The careful reading of these articles will prove of great value to our readers, as the Professor expresses himself forcibly and to the point.

Miss Meyers, a graduate of the Homeopathy Medical department of the State University, last month, died a few days ago, at her home at Mendota, Illinois. She was formerly of Osage, Iowa, and together with her preceptor, Dr. Duncan, had removed to Mendota and entered upon the practice of medicine.

Prof. McClain, secretary of the Alumni Association, informs us that Judge J. C. Helm, of Colorado Springs, who was elected orator for this year has resigned; also Miss Lou Ozeas, of Des Moines, who was elected poetess. The places have been filled by the election of Rev. W. J. Young to the oratorship, and Miss Mary Loring as essayist.

The Laws and Cads played the first

game of base ball of the season, at the fair grounds, last Saturday, resulting in a victory for the latter with a score of 7 to 6. Considering the unfavorable weather, and this being the first game, the results were very satisfactory. The same nines play another game this afternoon at two o'clock.

We clip the following from an editorial in the *Iowa State Register* of Thursday last in regard to the shameless assault made upon Prof. Fellows' house last Sunday morning:

"Last Friday night some of the leading citizens of the place met at the Congregational Church to consult in regard to the general welfare of the community, and in particular to awaken public sentiment for the enforcement of the new prohibitory law when it shall go into effect. Dr. S. N. Fellows of the State University was elected chairman of the meeting, and with others took a decided stand in favor of law and order.

Chapter Two: Last Sunday morning about 2 o'clock, a party of roughs attacked the house of Dr. Fellows with brick-bats, and proceeded to smash in the upper windows, evidently intending in this way to take revenge upon him for the bold and aggressive stand he has always taken for morality and good order. This is the brick-bat argument which was so often employed during the anti-slavery struggles, and the contemptible spirit it sheltered then, was no more cowardly in its malice, nor brutal in its methods, than the spirit which prompts some of the defenders of that greater curse—the modern saloon. The blame for this outrageous attack rests solely upon the saloon system, but the citizens of Iowa City owe it to the good name of their fair town to hunt down the rascals and punish them for their dastardly act. The law-breakers of Iowa City should understand first as well as last, that Professor Fellows cannot be intimidated by any such demonstrations. He is not only an accomplished educator, but a public spirited citizen, as fearless for the right, as he is uncompromising with the wrong. Of personal character above reproach, he is always found in the front rank of those who honor their citizenship by the discharge of every duty. Such men need no other endorsement than the straight-forward record of their lives. The brick-bat argument has lost its force, and the sooner law defers find it out, the better for all concerned.

Wall Paper at Allin, Wilson & Co's. Scotch Holland, Allin, Wilson & Co. Allin, Wilson & Co., for Wall Paper. Curtain Fixtures, Allin, Wilson & Co. Opaque Shading, Allin, Wilson & Co.

Students, if you want a good shave or bath, go to the Opera House Barber Shop and Bath Rooms.

The students will find it to their interest to consult Foster & Hess in relation to rigs of all kinds. It is their intention to pay special attention to the wants of the students, as they always have done, and they hope to meet with the same liberal patronage. They aim to keep the best rigs in the city and furnish everything first-class, and they offer the lowest living rates. Foster & Hess will send you out riding in such fine style that your girl will be pleased and all her friends proud of you. Try it.

SHORT-HAND COLUMN.

ELDON MORAN, *Editor.*

Mr. J. H. Byerly, of Manston, Minn., enrolled Monday for a course by Correspondence.

Miss Mae Libbie, of the Short-hand School, was called home Tuesday by the sickness of her mother.

"It's a poor rule that will not work both ways." It does, however, in Short-hand, for the rule that to lengthen a character adds to it, will work equally well if reversed and the character divided in the middle.

In 1875 there were but 25 Official stenographers in the state of Iowa. To-day every law firm, business house or corporation of any kind that is doing a really successful business finds that it pays to employ an efficient and reliable stenographic clerk or secretary.

Miss Rose Filer, of Minerva, Iowa, one of our most enthusiastic students by mail, arrived in the city the past week for the purpose of becoming more perfect in the art, and to learn the operation of the type-writer. She will also assist in giving instruction by mail.

Eldon Moran is now in St. Louis looking after the mechanical arrangement and proof-reading his new text-book, and looking up other matters in connection with the School of Short-Hand and Reporter's Bureau. Several publishing houses made liberal bids for the contract, but a St. Louis house offered the best terms and will have the work done in a very few days.

Iowa allows her Official Stenographers \$6.00 per day, and six cents per 100 words for transcripts. For a profession, a knowledge of which can be acquired in six months, this certainly is good pay. Still there is hardly another state that does not pay even more than Iowa. There is, however, a strong agitation being aroused in favor of greatly increasing the present salary. This would have considerable influence towards increasing the wages paid stenographic clerks and secretaries, and bring still more into repute a profession which is rapidly becoming a necessity in every branch of industrial life.

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ELDON MORAN, *Editor.*

J. H. Byerly, of Manston, Minn., ed Monday for a Course by Correspondence.

Mae Libbie, of the Short-hand, was called home Tuesday by the ss of her mother.

a poor rule that will not work ways." It does, however, in Short-for the rule that to lengthen a ter adds to it, will work equally reversed and the character divided middle.

875 there were but 25 Official appliers in the state of Iowa. every law firm, business house oration of any kind that is doing y successful business finds that it employ an efficient and reliable aphic clerk or secretary.

Rose Filer, of Minerva, Iowa, our most enthusiastic students by riveq in the city the past week purpose of becoming more per- the art, and to learn the operation type-writer. She will also assist instruction by mail.

John Moran is now in St. Louis looking over the mechanical arrangement of reading his new text-book, king up other matters in connection with the School of Short-Hand and R's Bureau. Several publishing made liberal bids for the con- stitute a St. Louis house offered the ms and will have the work done y few days.

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Caldwell has the flyer.

Shricker says he has no cards."

"Kersey on 'Observations' is nearly ready for sale."

"Rice wishes to know if a man can marry his wife's sister."

R. W. Byington, class of '77, has gone to Florida for his health.

F. Mullin, of '81, was in town Friday. He is located at West Liberty, Ia.

Chas. Kamanski is saying that he is going to Dakota to start a colony!

The House of Delegates have found an excellent presiding officer in McFall.

"Why don't the class make preparations for a banquet or class day exercise, or both?"

"One of our dignified Laws was mis- taken by a stranger for the President of the University."

Moyer has had a brother visiting him from Beloit, Wis. He has been attending school there.

For information in regard to the rare treat given by the "Meteors," apply to Gallagher and Harvey.

Farr has received a line from W. M. Ward, of Fall term, saying he is married and is settled in the village of Maquoketa.

Hon. Alexander Clark and Sergeant I. W. Arnold did themselves great credit in their arguments in Moot court this week.

"Miller has been unable to solve the problem in regard to the area of a field 40 by 60 by 100 feet. He is therefore a loser to the amount of a cigar."

Biernatzki and Sibley are studying the habits of a tame dove located in their neighborhood. It is to be hoped they will not enter the field of esthetics.

The National Guards extend their thanks for the recent pleasant serenades. Being attired in fatigues dress, they were unable to parade in honor of their entertainment.

"J. J. McHattod, of Cole & McHattod, members of Law class of 1883, located at Stillwater, Minn., has just been elected Associate Judge of the Municipal Court of that place."

The goose quill as a means of target practice among the Laws is gradually making way to the bow and arrow. Evolution in every department is to be commended.

A. B. Seaman was in town Tuesday, on his way to Des Moines and the northwestern part of the State. He will be back again soon. We regret to learn of the decease just lately of his mother.

"J. A. Cutler, of the same class, is practicing at Pipestone, Minn., and W. L. Linderman, of same class, is at Emmetsburg, Iowa, where he has lately been married to Miss Jennie Moyer."

The editor claims no credit for the article upon the Law department. He is indebted to the kindness entirely of Chancellor Ross, who is untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of the school.

"Messrs. Wright, Harvey, Campbell, Lane, et alia made a raid on Goose-Town Saturday afternoon for feather, we presume, to be used in the great work of commencement. They will procure the necessary war paint later."

Tuesday morning the Law class greeted Judge Wright with hearty applause and listened with marked attention to his lecture. It is easy to be seen that the Judge in his life work in the law has not forgotten to pay tribute to the fascinating charms of literature.

Respect to old age and gray hairs prevents any mention of the fragmentary lecture upon "Moses as a lawyer." The episode, though amusing, was yet painful and only shadows the situation we may all be in when second childhood comes. Prof. McClain could have given no higher proof of true manhood than in his reverence shown to old age.

This lengthening of the course will give to the student a more extensive knowledge of the Law and thus raise the school in the estimation of the public. With its present corps of instructors it offers a school to the student of Law as thorough and a course as extensive as any in the West. And we doubt not but the Law department now enters an era of prosperity which before has never been attained.

The event of the week was the handing out by the Chancellors the subjects for prize thesis. To the poor Law living on the husks of life, the promise of \$20 reward will be a great incentive for his best efforts. Since a painful event of last Fall some of us have been obliged to do away with many of the luxuries and pride of life and pose as representatives of a poor house. And we doubt not, from the eager and longing expression on the face of the boys that each and every one will enter the contest.

"Mr. Editor:—

"For the edification of the many friends of the class we will attempt to give a brief sketch of many of its prominent members:

"Johnson is without doubt the largest man in the class. The bareness of his cranium must not be attributed to age, but to rapid growth, as he had grown clear through his hair before reaching his majority.

"L. G. Fisher is the smallest man, although Sibley and Montague might claim many honors in that direction.

"P. H. Judge is unquestionably the strongest. He is a great admirer of the fairer sex, and in particular of one of that number, though he complains of the whole family sitting up with him when he calls.

"Of the many blondes in the class, Gilliland is the purest type, but Converse has promised to bring a better

specimen from California in May.

"Murray is the best looking blonde, and we believe, is the best posted stock-lawyer in the class. While it may be possible that the members of this term's addition can rightfully claim the production of the worst looking member.

"Those blood and thunder men with a cut and a slash air Wertz, Raymond, Carson, O'Dea, Grubb, Morris and Hass, are from Illinois.

"Edgar and Rice, of Nora Springs, have adopted the most improved spring style of wearing their beards, and the new members will take notice and imitate them.

"Erskine is the oldest one, and is a connoisseur in the "Fine Arts." His love for sculptured marble is such that he will lean for a whole hour in perfect ecstasy against a tombstone, while his soul communes with Venus."

OBITUARY.—It has become our duty once more to announce the death of an outgrowth of the Law class. This time the Sumner society, in obedience to the decree of destiny, has closed its doors forever. Perhaps in the growth and death of this society, composed as it was of many a good student and well met fellow, there is to be a lesson learned. The close of last Fall term marked its birth and none even of its foremost members can tell when and where the death meet occurred. It was organized for the purpose, or rather what proved its purpose, of selecting congenial spirits from the Law class and band them together in one common brotherhood. No one could tell exactly from what this desired congeniality was to be determined. It might have been decided from an esthetic standpoint by its members in council solemn. It might have been determined from their ability or the size of their diplomas. It might have been the exact manner in which their hair laid, was the magic test which was to open the doors of this Utopian society to the members of the Law class. Whatever might have been the determining points we are utterly ignorant, and expect so to remain; yet there is no doubt but what their "spirits rushed together" when they met. But we do know that this society was the cause of petty envies and jealousies, of friends made enemies, of quarrels and endless discord, which have added no attraction to class relations. If this was the mission of the Sumner Society, it has succeeded wonderfully; but if its mission was the same as every society should be, then it has signally failed. For in its hall has no worthy impulse emanated, no worthy sentiment been breathed, and no listener carried to his home an earnest thought. Rhetorical flourishes and bold pretensions to literary merits cannot make a society. Neither could old college orations and hackneyed declamations arouse any desirable emulation. What did it avail that "Iago," against the manifest intentions of Shakespeare, masqueraded in the garb of the "Devil" and in times of defeat and poor audi-

ences the "Sorrows of Genius" were wailed. This cannot alone for the evil they have done. The principles underlying were bad, and so the whole superstructure was corrupt. Therefore with pleasure the class of '84 see it buried out of sight with its unsavory history, and in future years we can never recall pleasant memories of the Sumner Society, but shall ever wish to lay it away in the archives of forgetfulness.

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The *Athenaeum* says that Prof. Sayce, just returned from Egypt, has brought with him copies of sixty Phoenician inscriptions, forty-four Cypricote inscriptions, thirty-four Carian (of which only thirteen are known), and a large number of Greek inscriptions, mostly of the seventh century B. C. The former add to the treasures fast accumulating by which the world's knowledge of Semitic life and history in ante-Christian times will be enriched.

"Genius," said Anthony Trollope to Dr. Donald McLeod one day, "is but another name for the length of time a man can sit." The doctor says that it was a "comfort for any editor to have Trollope as a writer, for there was never any anxiety as to 'copy' being forthcoming at the appointed time. We remember the surprise we experienced when, on the occasion of our first arranging with him for a story, he asked: 'How many words do you wish?' 'On what day do you wish copy?' was the next question. A jotting was then taken of the agreement, and it was observed by him to the letter."

Dr. Mayhew was one of the most puzzling examiners at Oxford. He always asked the most captious questions. Once, however, he found his match in a beardless youth, who solved with classical calmness the most difficult questions the Professor's brain could invent. When Mayhew saw that he had to deal with a formidable opponent, he changed his tactics, commenced in Latin, and asked: "Quid est Spes?" "Magna res," was the immediate answer. "Quid est Charitas?" was the next question: "Magna raritas," replied the student: "Quid est Fides?" "Quod non vides," answered the young theologian. Mayhew was forced to laugh; against his will. He gave the student his hand, and—a thing that rarely happened—asked him to dinner. Fifteen years later Dr. Mayhew received an invitation to dinner. It came from the student above mentioned, who then gave a banquet in honor of his installation as Bishop of Westminster. He is now Cardinal Manning.

Expressions of opinion on athletic colleges have been elicited by *The Independent* from some college officials and others. Bishop F. D. Huntington says that nothing can prevent these matches from being an enormous school of bad morals in betting and gambling, and that they cause disorder, waste, prodigality, a carnival of animalism or any of the vulgarities of vice. The Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby says there is neither dignity nor sense in identifying a college faculty with students' games. The moment there are rival clubs in different colleges to contend for mastery the mind is diverted from intellectual study, the classes think more of their boat race than of their mathematics, and the muscular man under training is the hero of the college. It debases the morals of collegians. Let the games and sports of collegia be confined to the college campus among themselves in simple and impromptu style. Rev. Dr. John Hall thinks that no great

evil has yet been done, and in many instances the best students have been the best men, on boats and bars. But the chief end of colleges is not in this direction. Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth writes that the effect of athletics upon the standing of physical virtue in our colleges should not be underestimated. Bishop Thomas M. Clark says that while young men are not sent to college in order to become athletes, yet it is well on all account that they become athletic. President Samuel C. Bartlett sees one undesirable outgrowth of the present state of the case in a tendency to substitute for the healthy sports of the many an excessive strain upon the very few. Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler protests against the increasing furor for intercollegiate pitched battles, whether with oars, fists, or footballs. "There is not a good thing in the world that the devil will let alone; and just now he is trying to get the 'upper hand' in the important matter of physical exercise for college students." The Rev. Dr. George H. Hepworth has a very decided opinion that a college without a gymnasium could hardly commend itself to sensible parents. Henry C. Potter, assistant bishop, observes that the present drift in the direction of recreation and amusement appears to be so strong as to need very little encouragement on the part of college authorities, and a good deal of wise guidance, if not restraint. To get healthy exercise in the ways that are popular at college has come to be, in many cases, an expensive luxury, costing a good deal more time, money, and strength than the end seems to warrant. President William W. Patton holds that within the bounds of moderation as to time and expense there is undoubtedly a field for athletic exercise; but a field with the bars down is usually a bad thing. Bishop A. Cleveland Coxe counsels the virtue of moderation.

The most significant indication, perhaps, of the influence of modern ideas that has been given at all, is the announcement that the University of Oxford has formally admitted women to the examinations and by consequence to a place in the honor list. The London *Times* remarks in an article on the new event: "The reformation swept away the nunneries without affording women any compensation in colleges, endowed schools, or religious foundations. The University of Oxford itself, after being founded by nunneries, has lived for ages on their spoil. Now, after three centuries, the old university tardily recognizes something of its obligation to women, and gives them the right to equal, or nearly equal, competition in the examination. That they will eagerly avail themselves of the opening, Girton sufficed indicates; and that they will profit permanently by the opportunity to secure the Hall mark of university education, can not be doubted."

Perhaps it is the way their tongues are built, suggests *The Boston Globe*. If it is a physical peculiarity, the rest of the world ought to be willing to accept matters, and the sex, without complaint. We have referred to women as the laughing

sex, and have speculated about the causes for the eternal grin and giggle which are characteristics of even the best of them. But along with the necessity of laughing that seems born into the feminine sex, there is another equal necessity of talking. A woman can't even buy a half-dozen stamps without making three times as many words over it as a man would. If she can't get the seats she wants at the box-office of a theater she invariably thinks it necessary to explain at full length why she doesn't want those in the orchestra circle and why she did want the others. If in the transaction of any business she comes to a conclusion she never thinks it sufficient to announce the conclusion unsupported. She always goes back to the beginning of the process of thought and emotion by which she arrived at the end and insists in telling it all to the very last step.

It is of no use trying to stop her or turn her off the track, or make her forget about it. She thinks she has been thinking, and she means to tell all about it. She is feebly conscious that her intellectual machinery has been at work, and she can no more keep from making the fact known than a hen can conceal the fact that she has laid an egg.

It must be that women's tongues are self-cocking and are intended by nature to go off whenever the brain moves. That is the only explanation for the superfluity of talking which women always seem impelled to do. It is a physical necessity, along with their laughing and the peculiar wobble with which they always try to run, and the unexplainable use of their arms and hands when they carry an umbrella. They can't help it. Nature made them so, and if they didn't laugh three-fourths of the time, and talk three times as much as is necessary, to say nothing of using twice as many words as are needed, perhaps they would die.—*Ex.*

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