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We publish this week the oration which took second prize at the Inter-State contest, Thursday evening, in place of the one awarded first, on account of the latter having been published in this paper a few weeks ago.

We do not always have a thorough appreciation of the advantages we enjoy in this country as compared with those which the people of other countries enjoy. One who has spent considerable time in the new, as well as in the old world, has a better opportunity to compare the advantages offered in each, and estimate their relative value. Prof. G. C. Huhner, now a resident of Kelso, Scotland, but formerly assistant in modern languages in the University, came to this country from Germany and remained here five years. He says in a private letter to one of the VIDETTE-REPORTER corps: "I have learned to appreciate American institutions and American liberty, and I must say that the chances which America offers to a young person, who is desirous of getting on in the world, far surpass anything of that kind here in Europe. Here a man must have independent means, and the vast majority of people who are not so fortunate as to have parents with means, have a poor chance here. But Europe surpasses America in other respects. All here is historical ground, and people who take an interest in history, cannot help having a liking for Europe and desire to see it. There are no grand cathedrals in America, no cities which are a thousand years old; Europe has a past which America does not possess."

CONTEST NOTES.

9 to 2.

Miss Balch, of Charles City, is visiting with Miss Carrie Montague.

Miss Hattie Kemper came in from Grinnell to attend the contest.

The Kansas visitors were Messrs. Smith, Watson, Dean and Stocks.

The contest was a success financially, as well as in every other respect.

Messrs. Loper, Williams and Hanna were among the visitors from Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Bare, of Des Moines was the guest of Miss Rose Ankemy during the week.

Miss Belle Stewart, one of Cedar Rapids' most charming young ladies, attended the contest with her father.

The speakers at the Junior contest are Bemis, Pomeroy, C. H., Pomeroy, Fred E., H. Craven, Fitch and Coe.

T. K. Elliott, of the Monmouth Courier, and H. H. Bell, of the Collegian, were among the visitors during the week.

About seventy-five boys were over from Cornell College, to attend the contest and witness the game of base ball.

Mr. Hal M. Hedrick started for home last Monday, and will not return this term. We expect to see Mr. Hedrick back next year.

Miss Marie Chambers, of Coe College, returned to Cedar Rapids yesterday morning, after participating in the several entertainments of the week.

Misses Wells and Spielman, of Fairfield, are visiting in the city. Miss Spielman is a sister of Mr. Spielman, '87, and will spend a few days visiting her brother.

Among the lady visitors from Cornell College were Misses W. McElroy, Hattie Thomas, May Esgate, Nellie T. Ray, Anna Walton, Clara Kepler, Callie McWaid, Anna Dean, and Ella Haymaker.

The delegation of visitors from Indianola, was composed of Messrs. E. E. Kelley and R. Thompson, two fine young gentlemen who made the most favorable impression on all with whom they became acquainted.

The party given by Prof. Parker last Saturday evening was one of the most enjoyable ever given in the city. It was composed chiefly of seniors, and this fact perhaps accounts for the exceedingly pleasant time enjoyed by all present.

Among the alumni of the University who were in the city during the week to attend the contest and the attendant festivities were: Irving B. Richman, '83, Willis N. Baker, '83, Halleck Seaman, Will Harwood, W. O. Payne, '82, Fred Denkman, and Ladd.

In our report of the convention will be noticed the election of Mr. Carl H. Pomeroy to the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Inter-State Oratorical Association, a fact which cannot but be gratifying to all friends of the University. No abler and better man could have been chosen out of the institution.

Messrs. Nickerson and Johnson, President and Secretary respectively, of the Inter-State Oratorical Association, started for their homes yesterday afternoon. These two gentlemen have made many friends during their stay in the city, and by the efficient and able manner in which they discharged their duties as officers, have won the admiration of all.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Irvings a week ago at their business session:

Resolved, That it be the sense of Irving Institute that the conduct of the persons who disturb the exercises in the open sessions is highly censurable.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the VIDETTE-REPORTER.

Prof. Call is in Chicago attending the commencement of the Baptist Theological Seminary, as one of the examining committee.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

W. F. HAYWARD, Editor.

The regular announcement of the law department will likely be made before the next issue.

There were only four representatives from theological seminaries in the Inter-State contest. Judas as usual betrayed the rest.

Prof. McClain will devote the first part of next week to lectures on the general principles of constitutional law. The hours used will be from 11 a. m. to 12. It has not been yet determined when the examination on carriers will be held.

The Laws have run the gauntlet of banquet and contest with commendable success. Yes, there are runners to the effect that two evenings in succession made the society of an average Law very tedious.

There comes floating up to us an interesting story from the east end of the avenue. It seems that while many of the students came here from a zealous purpose to work in dusty law books, that there has been a certain strawberry blond youth who has combined labor and pleasure. This time a golden mean between the two types of beauty has struck a hidden chord, to which his whole nature has responded in perfect symphony.

A return from a visit to Philadelphia, and the completion of a hard year's work will witness the culmination of murmured promises and happy sighs into solemn vows. This goes to prove that it only requires Nettle to perform the perilous task. The class will, of course, extend the customary congratulations.

However successful the Democratic convention might have been, it did not compare with the Republican held by the House of Delegates on the evening of the 25th inst. While the utmost harmony did not prevail at all times, still there was no lack of enthusiasm. The convention chose F. Wertz as permanent chairman, and Weld, secretary. The committee on credentials reported that only one State sent any contesting delegation. This was settled by the manly fight of Serg. Arnold. Next came the nominations for the choice of the convention for presidential candidates. Arthur was nominated by Thomas and seconded by Danskin, Allison by Farr and Drahos, Blaine by J. W. Arnold and Adams, Conkling by Richardson and McFall, Edmunds by Hayward and Maurer, Ingersoll by Lewis and O'Brien, Logan by O'Dea and Sutton, Lincoln by Ritenour and Julge, Sherman by Caldwell and Fairchild. But just before proceeding to ballot a dark horse was sprung by Barnhart and Anderson upon the convention in the form of Serg. J. W. Arnold. This nomination was received with great enthusiasm, and it was questionable for a while whether the nominee would get out of the convention

with his raiment intact. In the excitement the boys picked him up and pulled him around with exulting shouts, and it was only through his persistent efforts and throwing his own vote for Blaine that he was not nominated upon the first ballot. After considerable balloting Blaine was made the choice of the convention. Edmunds and Logan were strong candidates though. If the Edmunds men had worked unitedly, he would have been chosen. S. J. Kirkwood was the choice of the convention for the second place on the ticket. Thus closed the most eventful meeting the House of Delegates has ever held. A large audience was present.

The State University band gave the Times-Republican a serenade Saturday evening that was a treat musically such as is seldom enjoyed in Marshalltown. Few bands can be found in Iowa that can rival these young gentlemen, and it pleased us to see a young Marshalltown, L. J. Stanton, holding a place among the best musicians of the party. His cornet solo, in the second number with which the boys favored us, was a fine performance, and won the acclamation of all the assembled crowd. They also gave Brother Webster two selections, one of which was the familiar "Recollections of War." In the second Mr. Harry Clark distinguished himself by a tuba solo that was first-class. Brother Webster stepped down among the boys, as handsome a set of boys as ever struck town, but hardly more so than our Bourbon contemporary himself, and began to paralyze them with his eloquence. Before he had half done, Drum Major Donnan nudged Stanton and asked: "This Webster must be a nephew of Dan by the way he talks?" Mr. Webster told the boys how happy he and the Times-Republican and the young ladies in town were to see them, how gallantly they had marched, how bravely they had rubbed the dust from their eyes when they had marched, and how glad we will be to see them again. The S. U. I. band will be welcome any day to Marshalltown.—Marshalltown Times-Republican.

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THE UNITY OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

[Oration delivered by G. L. Mackintosh, of Wabash College, Indiana, at the Inter-State contest, receiving the second prize.]

Men seldom seek truth for its own sake. The personal and professional element enters largely into all their investigations. Theologians are more eager to uphold their theology and scientists to defend their theories than is either to strive for truth in its broad and comprehensive unity. This tendency in man's nature, while it has imperative uses, has led to nearly all the conflicts and disputes of the world of thought. Most of all has it caused the seeming discord between some of the truths of religion and science. Through the whole course of human thought this antagonism has prevailed. Two principles seem to run parallel in every age and civilization, and, indeed, in each individual mind. The one is embodied in empirical science, the other in religious faith. Intellect is the controlling force of the first, reverence of the second. The former is iconoclastic and aggressive, the latter conservative and restraining. Developed in harmony, they are the counterbalancing forces on whose nice adjustment must ever depend the symmetrical advancement of the human race. But if either is advanced at the sacrifice of the other, harmony of movement is destroyed, and beneficent progress is impossible. Religious faith without intellectual enlightenment is superstition. Intellect without the restraining influences of religion, inevitably drifts into atheism and despair. Pendulum-like, the world has swung from one to the other of these extremes. On the one hand we find the unquestioning faith and unreasoning superstition of the Middle Ages. On the other, the impious audacity and coarse materialism of the French philosophers. The former reduced a beautiful and lofty faith almost to Fetichism. The latter raised reason and shame to the throne of Divinity. Each in turn had overstepped its proper boundaries, and assumed to itself the whole province of thought. Each had scornfully rejected the claims the other in order to secure absolute power to itself.

Even in the nineteenth century, the conflict for supremacy goes on with unabated vigor. Once more to-day we are told, in no modest terms, that this is the age of science, that science is the light of the world, before which the penny rushlights of religion must inevitably pale into insignificance. What, then, is this mighty science? Science is what man knows of sensible things and their relations, and its utmost bounds are man's capacity to know. With indomitable courage, science has gone forth to meet the mystery that confronts it. From star to atom it has left no field untried. Measuring illimitable spaces or gauging a molecule, calculating the age of a planet or an insect, it is ever patient, persistent and daring. No nook of visible creation has escaped its penetrating eye. Its ambition knows no bounds. To build a pyramid from whose lofty summit the whole domain of knowledge might be surveyed, has ever

been its cheering and inspiring hope. In pursuance of this design, individual facts are classified, classes are systematized and united in the idea of unvarying law. Here science ends. And what is law? Is this a word to conjure with and climb the empyrean of divinity? "Law," says Montesquieu, "is the necessary relations that arise from the nature of things." Has science, then, in reaching a law, established an ultimate principle? Does the law of gravitation keep the planets in their orbits and maintain the harmony of the spheres? Does the law of evolution generate genus and species? Law is but the method of force. Law is a pure abstraction. Beyond law must be the real impelling force, and of this science gives no explanation. All science falls short of the final explanation of things. Astronomy ends with the nebular hypothesis; chemistry with the atomic theory; and geology fades into the illimitable ages of the past. Physical science reaching out in every direction, is met at all points by a blind, impenetrable infinity. It is, indeed, a torch in the night, but as it grows brighter it only renders more palpable the darkness beyond. As it is multiplied it only widens the circle of the unknown.

If science is unable to solve the problems of the physical universe, how shall it answer the questions of a higher existence? Astronomy may calculate the almost infinite path of a comet, but what science answers the dying emperor's question, "Whither goest thou, oh, my soul?" Chemistry may resolve the physical universe into its elements, but what magic art has analyzed a singular human emotion? Biology may trace the descent of species and reveal a plausible evolution, but who has found the germ of being? In the depths of every human soul, in the dreams of sleep, in every flower that lifts its head to Heaven, in every senseless useless clod is lodged a mystery for transcending scientific skill to comprehend.

Must we then agree with Comte that in "positive science" the range of thought is exhausted? Must we reject all we cannot comprehend, reduce all our views and beliefs to the five senses, make human nature but refined brutish instinct, and this short pittance of time our only immortality? From such dismal conclusions of the intellect, the soul instinctively recoils and finds within itself a protest against such petty limits. From other than scientific sources comes positive knowledge. From the depths of consciousness comes certain proof that beyond all this array of phenomena and from there reigns supernal power. The institutions of the soul are real phenomena, and they connect man with an infinite invisible to which mere science can never attain. This is evinced in the common consciousness of mankind. It is seen in the sculpture of the Greeks and the paintings of the Great Masters. It is found in the Vedas, the Koran and the Bible. It is typified in the Valhalla of the wild Norsemen and the Nirvara of the stolid Burmese. It is sung in every line of genuine poetry from Homer to Tennyson. It is proved by the tem-

ples of the past and the living faiths of the present. Through every age and civilization this idea has run like a thread of gold, and modern science, from its very inability to destroy it, only adds another proof to the accumulated evidence of the ages.

It matters not that astronomy has demonstrated the infinities of heavenly motion; beyond all is the Omnipotent Power that sways the whole. It matters not that geology has shown the earth to be the child of law; law is an index of divinity. It matters not that biology has shown an evolution in the organic world; at the ultimate term of the series, though that term be infinity itself, stands the great first cause. Beyond the reach of human sense is found the larger are of the great circle of truth. Here, where science can never go with hammer, or scalpel, or telescope lies the distinctive region of faith. Here, where science ends, religious faith takes up the argument and carries it to its logical conclusions, far into the domain of the infinite.

Some have speculated on the religion of the future, and predict a time when all religion shall dwindle to the proportions of a classic myth. They have ill studied the soul in its higher relations, who indulge in such speculations. Religion of some kind is a necessity to human existence. It is the aggregate of those forces which most clearly distinguish man from the brutes. It is the law of the soul as much as gravitation is the law of matter. Whatever forms it may assume, under whatever aspect it may appear, so long as man is man, religious sentiment must endure. It contains elements of truth that are eternal. They were true when the stars sang together at the birth of creation. They will be true when the last man stands on "this bank and shoal of time."

Truth often presents to man a fragmentary and uncertain aspect. But a keener vision and a steadier gaze will reveal a harmonious unity. This is the eternal truth of which science and religion are but the infinitesimal fragments. From this standpoint all petty conflicts and disputes fade into mere nothingness. The spectra of human prejudice is removed, and the pure white light of God is revealed. In this faith we hope and believe that those forces, which at times seem antagonistic, are in reality the beautifully adjusted parts of a great whole, and that all human wisdom, science and philosophy will yet be grouped in a harmonious, beneficent unity. Somewhere there must be a border-land, as yet dim and uncertain, where science is religion and religion science; and where both unite to form a colossal eminence from which man may, with some philosophy, survey the highway of existence, stretching from the present to the limitless future. Here is the pyramid which neither faith nor science can build unaided, but which both may raise to form the highest excellence of human wisdom. Here, at last, the unity of truth will, in some degree, unfold itself to mortal sight.

When not science or philosophy or anything else but truth shall be the pole-star of thoughtful men; when sci-

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THE INTER-STATE CONTEST.

THE RECEPTION AND BANQUET.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday eve, the S. U. I. Oratorical Association threw open the society halls for the reception of their guests, the delegates from the seven States included in the Inter-State Oratorical Association. One hour was spent very pleasantly in social intercourse, and at nine the delegates were invited to partake of a banquet spread in their honor in the parlors of the Congregational Church. All repaired thither, and guests and students of the University and citizens to the number of over 150 sat down to magnificently spread tables, which were promptly and efficiently waited upon.

It is needless to say the banqueters did full justice to the sumptuous feasts, which, when ended, was followed by the toasts and responses. Prof. McBride, in his usual pleasant manner, opened this "feast of reason and flow of soul" with the following speech:

It was the wonderment of man at the conclusion of a certain feast, 2,000 years ago, that the best wine came last. "Thou hast kept the best wine until now." We, in this later day, do always so. Our best wine is always last. Not, perhaps, such wine as that which graced that older feast, yet something full of comfort and good cheer; the wine of happy spirits and intellectual vigor, sparkling with the snap of wit and brilliancy, and richer than ruby with the colors that fancy lends. Such is our wine to-night. In such wine we pledge our toasts. The stranger is, to-night, within our gates. During this afternoon and evening we have been trying by the various forms and symbols which society has approved, to bid them welcome. Now, we would tell him in so many words how cordially welcome he is, and, since nothing can be fairer in social life than a fair speech by a fair lady, I will ask Miss Agnes Hatch to respond to the first toast of the evening—"Our Guests."

Miss Hatch in a clear voice on behalf of the S. U. I. Oratorical Association, whose President she is, welcomed the guests most cordially. She said that their presence would doubtless give a new impulse to those who had the honor to entertain them, and that their new ideas would bring fresh inspiration which would contribute to the upbuilding of character and would be influential in leading to higher aspirations and more successful accomplishment of the work before them.

In response to the toast "The Inter-State Oratorical Association," Charles S. Nickerson, its President, said that of the really great men only a few were orators. And when they spoke they spoke briefly. He told his hearers of the student who once wrote an essay on "The Universe," and was advised by his professor to take a subject he could appreciate. He applied the principle to his own attempt to respond to this toast. He said in behalf of the delegates that they were glad to be here and hoped their presence would be as pleasant for their hosts as it certainly would be for them.

The next toast was "Oratory in Politics," to be responded to by Hon. Samuel M. Clark, but as that gentleman was not present, and as, in the language of the toast master, "there is too much politics in oratory," it was passed by.

"No town can get along without a college unless it has a university," said Prof. McBride, and then called upon President Pickard to respond to the toast "Western Colleges." The States represented in this association have fifty colleges, and these have 1,000 professors, who, the President said, make very good recitations when the students are not prepared. These colleges have 10,000 students, and here to-night are the best of them all—the flower from the students of seven States. He enumerated at length the advantages enjoyed by western colleges, and among the first he gave co-education; he noted the absence of hazing in the west and the powerful influence of ladies' society in restraining the young men and making them polite and gentlemanly. Another advantage is that all the students are brought directly under the influence of the professors; there are no tutors. To western colleges young people go, are not sent, and in this fact we find the secret of the more noble and sturdy character which is notable in western colleges. The President's remarks were entertaining from beginning to end.

In response to the toast "Oratory in the Pulpit," Dr. Nutting asked the question: Is there a place now as formerly for oratory in the pulpits? He said that as all other things change as time passes, so does the style of oratory and that style which pleased years ago is no longer in demand. He quoted Lyman Beecher's definition of eloquence. "Eloquence is logic on fire;" "have something to say and then say it." Intensity is now demanded rather than volume.

Walter McHenry responded to the toast "Student Life" in a polished speech from which we quote:

We are all students and of necessity must ever be. From the time the lullaby is sung beside the cradle till the funeral hymn is chanted above the grave, we read from the book of nature all around us opened wide. We commence our lives as students as we struggle with the sun beams that flit around the crib, having but one passion—a longing for the moon, annoyed but by one problem—how to make both ends meet, the toe and the mouth. * * * There is a sympathy, a fellowship in student life that is ennobling and pure. Though strangers of face and form, through the common cares, through victorious struggles and defeats, we hail him as a brother and a friend and though our lives be crowned with honor and success, our college days are our golden days—our student's life is our happiest life and our college friends are forever cherished—the truest and best. * * * With mingled joy and sadness he climbs step by step through Sophomoric greatness to junior humility and senior soberness. He pores over the principles of psychology till he who entered seeming greatest of all, now wonders if he is but an idea or if he in fact exists. * * * May we ever be students, climbing ever to a nobler manhood—a purer, better life. Heaven is not reached at a single bound, but we build the ladder by which we climb from the lowly earth to the vaulted skies and we mount to its summit round by round. May we ever be students, and when our final examinations are done may we meet in the school of the Master beside the great white throne.

The banquet was a complete success and a most pleasant occasion.

THE CONVENTION.

The eleventh annual convention was held in the Zetagathian Hall. At 9

o'clock, Thursday morning, the meeting was called to order by the president of the Association, Mr. Chas. S. Nickerson. A committee on credentials was appointed by the chair, consisting of Chas. L. Johnson, and J. T. Chrischilles. The following report was made by the committee:

DELEGATES.

Ohio.—C. W. Delamatre, J. M. Fulton, J. E. McConnell, orator.

Illinois.—E. C. Knotts, W. H. Smith, C. T. Wyckoff, orator.

Indiana.—A. M. Chamberlain, Geo. L. Mackintosh, orator.

Wisconsin.—W. P. Dawes, F. D. Jackson, John T. Baxter, orator.

Minnesota.—J. W. Bennett, delegate and orator.

Iowa.—E. W. Harney, (1) Miss Carry Estey, and J. A. Dyer, orator; (2) C. H. Pomeroy, and Walter McHenry, orator.

The first business of the convention was the settlement of the contest between the delegates from Iowa. A committee of three was appointed to take up the matter and put it into proper shape for the consideration of the convention. After the committee reported, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole with the present chairman in the chair. On motion each side was allowed to speak one-half hour. After the time allowed had been consumed, the committee reported to the convention that a ballot be taken on the two sets of credentials, and those receiving the highest number of votes be accepted by the convention. The credentials of Messrs. Pomeroy and McHenry were accepted, the vote standing 9½ for and 6 against.

After the Iowa difficulty was settled, the question of admitting Kansas into the Association came up for consideration. The vote taken was unanimous in favor of admission. Kansas was called upon to produce her credentials for orator and delegates, and presented the following names: L. H. Leach, orator, and Quayle, delegate. The following committees were then appointed: On Resolutions—Dawes, Wisconsin; Quayle, Kansas; Smith, Illinois. On Constitution and Amendments—Fulton, Ohio; Bennett, Minnesota; Chamberlain, Indiana. On Time and Place—Harney, Iowa; Delamatre, Ohio; Jackson, Wisconsin.

The committee on time and place reported time for the next contest, the first Thursday in May, 1885, and place, Columbus, Ohio.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

By motion J. H. Wiggun, of Hanover, Ind., was presented for President. The secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the convention for Mr. Wiggun.

By motion Chas. V. Pleukharp was presented for Vice President. The secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the convention in his favor.

By motion Carl H. Pomeroy was presented for Secretary and Treasurer. The secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the assembly for Mr. C. H. Pomeroy.

The committee on resolutions recommended the following resolutions for adoption:

We, the orators and delegates to the tenth Inter-State Oratorical Contest, hereby express our hearty thanks to the S. U. I. Association for the sumptuous banquet given in our honor; to the students of the University and the citizens of Iowa City for their kind and generous hospitality; to the officers of the Inter-State Association for the faithfulness with which they have performed their several duties, and, especially do we tender our thanks to our president, Mr. Chas. S. Nickerson for his able and impartial rulings at a most critical time.

We would also acknowledge our great obligation to the Hon. S. M. Clark, Col. C. A. Clark, Hon. Edwin H. Conger, Prof. N. C. Dougherty and Rev. Rufus Nutting for the services as judges, and to Rev. G. P. Fulsom.

THE CONTEST.

We give the following report of the contest, which appeared in last evening's *Republican*, as it accords entirely with our opinion of the entertainment:

In spite of a rain which poured incessantly all day and at night showed no indications of abatement, the Opera House was crowded last night. The State University was represented by all the professors, while hundreds of students from other colleges in the seven States represented, and distinguished men from abroad as well as the best class of our citizens, filled the parquette, dress circle and gallery to repletion. Promptly at eight o'clock the University band from its post in the gallery favored the audience with a musical selection, and C. S. Nickerson, President of the oratorical association took his seat upon the stage with Rev. Dr. Folsom, of the Presbyterian church, who at the close of the music, offered an eloquent and touching invocation, and after another piece of music L. H. Leach of the State University of Kansas, took his place on the platform as the first speaker of the evening, his oration being entitled "Our Danger." He considered the present sordid tendency of our lives, the rush for wealth which left overlooked the better standards of culture and merit in the scramble for the dollar. The effect was ignoble and degrading, and its results, while distant, were sure to fall. It was the duty of to-day to teach a higher and nobler standard, and to impress the fact that there were mental and moral qualities to be valued far above the mere acquisition of wealth. Mr. Leach is a graceful elocutionist, and he made his oration thoroughly interesting by the pleasant manner of its delivery. At its close he was warmly applauded.

"Judas Iscariot" was the subject of the oration of Mr. C. T. Wyckoff, of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., and it was a study alike peculiar, interesting and delicately handled. Full of weird beauty of treatment peculiarly appropriate, it attracted and held the attention of the listeners, and at its close a murmur of appreciation ran through the audience, which showed too well that popular opinion had stamped it as worthy of the honor that it afterward received. Mr. Wyckoff took up the line of argument followed by the Iscariots apologists, who would mitigate or eradicate his sin by a course of reasoning which attempted to impute to his crime patriotic motives. By an inductive process of reasoning the speaker showed the fallacy of such argument, and with broad and intricate knowledge of his subject he traced the course of Judas through all the term of

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his association with Christ. Opinions as to the merits of Mr. Wyckoff's style differed, but there was certainly an intensity and emphasis about it well befitting the topic, and he enforced it with a graceful gesticulation which lent a vivid charm to his delineation of mental processes.

"Waiting," a vocal solo by Miss Alice Freeman, was a treat appreciated and timely and it was rendered with an effectiveness highly creditable to the fair singer.

G. L. Mackintosh, of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., had for his subject "The Unity of Science and Religion," and in a brief historical review he showed that the world, pendulum like, has vibrated between the extremes of dogmatism and scepticism. Science and religion, to attain their highest good, to be most beneficent, must go forward hand in hand—the theologian must be a scientist, the scientist a theologian—otherwise we have the oppression of intolerance and bigotry, or the anarchy of atheism that raises as its goddess, impurity, and in the wild extremes of social chaos finds its highest type of reason. Mr. Mackintosh was a favorite from the first. His delivery was particularly effective, though he gave greater force to his enunciation than the size of the house demanded. He lacked in grace, but the strength and pliability of his voice made us overlook the minor defects which might be noted.

Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, was represented by J. E. McConnell, whose oration was "Humanity's Guardian Endowments." The subject was well chosen for effective reasoning and breadth of treatment, and such it had received. The style was excellent and the line of argument gave wide scope for earnest thought and skillful literary work, but when we say that it had been well handled, so far as the composition was concerned, we have given it the full measure of its due. By a total lack of force, grace and delicacy in its delivery, the orator spoiled what would have otherwise been worthy of high honors. He fell into a sing-song enunciation which gave some parts of it a lamely poetic jingle.

J. W. Bennett, of the State University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, spoke on the "Mission of the Middle Class," and his oration was one of the best of the evening. In a careful historical review he traced the development of government and the gradual progress of humanity to the sturdy elements of the people who stood between the highest and lowest extremes, and who, conservative and pure, hold the great principle, which eventually achieve the emancipation of the race. The development of the middle class strengthens nations, lends force to religious movements, gives vitality to the great principles which underlie all systems of order. When the middle class reached its highest development, the social barriers that now mark organized society would be swept away and worth and merit be the standards by which men would be measured. Mr. Bennett is a graceful orator, to whose natural abilities, culture and study have given polish, and who would be listened to with pleasure whatever subject he should choose.

The audience was ready for the vocal solo of W. A. Xanten which was introduced at this point of the programme, and his pleasing tenor voice as it filled the house with the sweet refrain of Franz Abt's "Gute Nacht," was a delightful interlude, and the encore which followed the last notes showed that the audience was an appreciative one.

Walter McHenry, of the Agricultural college, represented Iowa. His subject was "The Nazarene," and at considerable length he spoke of the infinite love

and touching purity of the character of Jesus. The power of love conquered where oppression and blood-shed failed of their object, and the world turned with admiring eyes and moved hearts to the scene of the cross and the crucified one. The lesson that is taught was peace, and out of the ages came the sweet pathos of that voice and in accents of immutable love stilled the tempest in the souls of men. Mr. McHenry not only has a good "stage presence," but he had a deep, resonant voice, capable of sympathetic expression and a wide variety of tone and intensity. His topic did not afford the opportunity for wide reasoning, the stronger effect, that another might have, but that he gave it conscientious work and thought is indisputable, and that it called for a higher order of analectical genius is equally apparent.

The last speaker of the evening was T. J. Baxter, of Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, and from the first he impressed the audience favorably. He seemed to possess the element of manhood of which he spoke, and his voice carried with it an earnestness of purpose befitting the time, the place, and above all the oration. He had chosen "Manliness" as the subject of his effort and while he was, as orators are too apt to be, radical, yet there was a large degree of good sense in his plea for manly men. We have enough statesmen, orators, poets, authors, we need above all men at this stage of the world's history. The Spartans were manly men, but it was a different order of manliness that the world needs now. It was not alone to be confined to physical bravery, but it must combine independence of thought and conscientious expression. Luther was on example of such a man, and all great struggles had produced them. In Mr. Baxter's oration there was a simplicity which struck the hearer favorably. There was no straining after an overdrawn ideal. The address, in a word, was manly, and the method of its delivery was the same, so that when he closed there were many in the audience who would have given him a share in the honor of the evening had they been among the judges.

A murmur of expectancy filled the house as an undertone to the music of the band, and while the Judges' markings were being reduced, those in the audience expressed their individual preferences and mentally considered the possibilities of their favorite securing a place among the elect. In a very few moments President Nickerson appeared on the stage, and after stating, on behalf of the Judges, that the markings were on style and thought, as well as delivery, he announced that first honors had been awarded to the oration, "Judas Iscariot," by Mr. C. T. Wyckoff, while Mr. G. L. Mackintosh had taken the second with "The Unity of Science and Religion."

Both announcements were greeted with hearty and continuous applause, which fully attested that popular opinion was in sympathy with the awards, and that the choice of the Judges was but the expression of a general feeling that those chosen merited the honor.

The Judges were the Hon. Samuel M. Clark of Keokuk, Iowa, Col. Charles A. Clark of Cedar Rapids, Hon. Edwin H. Conger of Des Moines, Iowa, Prof. N. C. Dougherty of Peoria, Ill., and Rev. Rufus Nutting, D. D., of Carlinville, Ia.

Below we give the markings of each judge:

Subjects	Prof. N. C. Dougherty.		Col. Chas. A. Clark.		Hon. S. M. Clark.		Hon. E. H. Conger.		Rev. R. Nutting, D. D.	
	Thought.	Comp.	Thought.	Comp.	Thought.	Comp.	Thought.	Comp.	Thought.	Comp.
Our Danger	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96
Judas Iscariot	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
The Unity of Science and Religion	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96
Humanity's Guardian Endowments	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94
The Mission of the Middle Class	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94
The Nazarene	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94
Manliness	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
Total	580	580	580	580	580	580	580	580	580	580
Rank 1st.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rank 2d.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

THE PRIZE ORATION.

Since the inside pages were printed, we have concluded to publish the oration which took the first prize, next week, though it appeared a few weeks ago.

The Mendelssohn Quintette Club, of Boston, of which we will say more in the future, will be here Saturday evening, May 24th. This will no doubt be the finest musical entertainment ever presented to an Iowa City audience.

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SHORT-HAND COLUMN.

ELDON MORAN, Editor.

Mr. James Sherlock, of Ayrshire, Iowa has begun the Course by mail.

Mr. Charles E. Martin, of Malcolm, Iowa, came down Thursday fully determined to master the crooked art.

Mr. D. N. Merrill, editor of the *New Era* at Mediapolis, Iowa, has decided to try his hand at the course by mail.

Prof. Ladd, of the School of Short-hand at Cornell College, attended the contest, and while in the city made the Bureau a pleasant call.

The unsuspecting trout did not understand the outline, and failed to apply the *shun-hook* principle, immediately formed a new combination.

Mr. Jas. B. French, of Sioux Falls, Dak., a former student in the School of Short-hand, has just accepted a position as stenographic clerk in the law office of T. P. Murphy, Sioux City, Iowa.

Some of our advanced students are able to drive the quill with such rapidity that they cannot only take down the speaker's words, but his thoughts as well, and even what he thinks about his thoughts.

The stenographers were on hand Thursday evening following closely in the wake of each orator, some of them getting down all the studied flourishes of the speakers, and even mounting with Mr. McConnell in his poetic flights and faithfully recording his rapid rhythmic role, as he led the audience through the fields of fancy.

Mr. C. G. Yates, of Weber, Mo., arrived in the city last Saturday for the purpose of taking a course in Short-hand. He reports the stenographic field in Missouri as poorly supplied. This is not only the case in Missouri, but the development of a New South has opened up a wide and as yet unsupplied field for short-hand writers.

The Chicago *Tribune* has three perfected Remington type-writers in use in their offices. Last Saturday in an article commending these machines, it said among other things "that they fulfill in every way all the claims made in their favor." The Reporters' Bureau holds the agency for these machines in this district, and can furnish on short notice any style of writer that the purchaser may desire.

The Chicago *News* in a late issue has a lengthy article on Short-hand. In this it conveys the idea that only a few favored ones can ever become masters of the art. The method used in most schools of learning two or three styles before the right one is taught, gives ample grounds for this belief, the specially favored ones, however, being those who have patience enough to go through with so much unnecessary study and the still harder work of unlearning the same before the correct way is taught them. The students of the University School of Short-hand do not have to contend with this difficulty, since the Reporting style, and that only, is taught from the very first, and the results plainly show that any person with ordinary ability can easily become skilled in this art.

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SECOND ARTICLE.

Let us now turn to the professions. From a paper recently read before the American Academy of Medicine, of Philadelphia, by Dr. Chas. McIntyre, Jr., of Lafayette College, we obtain the following statistics showing the per cent. of college graduates who enter the professions of law, medicine and theology. These statistics cover the period from 1825 to 1880, and were gathered from the triennial catalogues of fifty-eight of the older and larger colleges of the United States. Number of colleges, 58. Whole number of Alumni, 38,044. Entered law, 19.7 per cent. Entered medicine, 9.2 per cent. Entered theology, 26.2 per cent.

The reports from professional schools to the Commissioner of Education for the year 1880, give the following statement of the number of professional students of those schools who had previously graduated from some college, viz: Law students, 24.1 per cent; medical students, 7.9 per cent; theological students, 26.4 per cent. It is well known that many persons enter the above professions without attending professional schools, and it is believed that the percentage of college graduates in each of the professions will fall below, possibly much below, that of students in professional schools. But if statistics could be obtained, we believe presumptively, that, as in political life, so in professional, this small percentage of college-bred men form the large majority in the upper and front ranks in each profession.

Again, if we enter our largest organized industries, it is believed that the same facts and results will appear. An eastern educator has said that there are "two kinds of scholarship—the beetle scholarship, and the eagle scholarship." As is well known the beetle searches for and gathers up the small insects within an extremely limited range of view. While the eagle, soaring from his mountain home, with a keen, penetrating eye, covers a vast field with the sweep of his vision. So scholarship may be limited to minute accuracies of knowledge, or may be more comprehensive and profound.

This distinction may be applied to every form of industry. It is recognized in the terms practice and theory. It is said, "practice makes perfect,"—"train a boy in the business for the business." These maxims refer chiefly to the practical details, to that which is mechanical in the art or vocation. On the other hand, theory relates to principles that underlie the industry—theory is chiefly intellectual, and by its aid, plans are laid, movements directed and ends sought and gained.

If, for instance, we visit a great railway corporation, we will find that the ordinary laborers and subordinate officials are trained chiefly in details, in that which may almost be termed mechanical—they have grown up in the business and by practice have become fitted for their positions. But if we go higher and inquire for the men who

plan, and direct and control; who with keen and far-sighted vision, look over this great land and send out lines and branches of railway, running west and northwest and southwest, that seem like great iron fingers extended to grasp in their embrace the entire continent; we shall find that they—the men of such wonderful directive intelligence who organize and control these marvelous enterprises, are men of trained minds, disciplined intellects, broad and general culture, obtained, it is believed, in a majority of cases in a college or university.

A re-examination of our facts and figures, will reveal another general truth, or law that should not be overlooked; and that is this, that among the positions of honor and honorable success, the percentage of college graduates who gain them, increases in proportion as the office or place is higher or more important.

For example—the records of the Law Department of the State University of Iowa show that college graduates, during the last eleven years, have formed twenty-two per cent of the law-graduating classes, sixty-seven per cent of the speakers at commencement, and ninety-one per cent. of the class valedictorians.

Again, by re-arranging our former statistics of the United States officers we get the following:

House of Representatives, 32 per cent of graduates.
United States Senate 46 per cent of graduates.
Vice Presidents of the United States, 50 per cent of graduates.
Speakers of the House of Representatives, 61 per cent of graduates.
Presidents of the United States, 65 per cent of graduates.
Associate Justices of Supreme Court, 73 per cent of graduates.
Chief Justices of Supreme Court, 83 per cent.

Indeed, we may safely estimate the relative worth and dignity of the above offices, by the percentage of college graduates who have occupied them.

Again, it is well known, that in every assembly of men, whether legislative, political, social or religious, there are a few men who are its leaders and frame its platform or shape its legislation. Go to the American Congress during the period from 1860 to 1870, perhaps the most trying period of our country's history. Who were its leaders, and what percentage of them were college graduates? We will not attempt to give the percentage, but will name some of them who were graduates, viz:

Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Butler, Dolittle, Fessenden, Frelinghuysen, Garfield, Grimes, Harlan, Hendricks, Salsbury, Stevens, Sumner, Voorhees, Yates and others—all college graduates. And if we could include those who had taken a partial course in college and gained its inspiration, we would add the names of Chandler, Conkling, Edmunds, Morgan, Morrill, Morton, Boutwell and others.

Do you say that Abraham Lincoln was not a graduate? Granted! cheerfully granted. But who were his counselors—the members of his cabinet during the stormy days of the rebellion? All the leaders in that cabinet were college-trained men. Shall we give their names? William H. Seward, the shrewd diplo-

matist who held the other nations at bay until the rebellion was throttled. Salmon P. Chase, whose fertile brain developed a financial system whereby our nation was saved from bankruptcy, and our national bonds became as good as the gold in foreign markets. Edwin M. Stanton, the man of iron, who organized a million of raw recruits into an army equal to any in the world. Gideon Welles, who almost from nothing, created a navy sufficient for our needs. Every one of these was a college graduate. So also in the army. It was not till thoroughly trained and disciplined men filled the chief places in command, that the federal forces overwhelmed and destroyed the rebellion. We repeat, the law is, that the higher rank or position, the larger the percentage of college graduates who occupy it.

College students, under the stimulating influence of college life, grow more rapidly, mature earlier, and reach eminence, not only in the state, but also in the nation, sooner than the non-college graduate. Careful observers say that graduates attain a position at thirty-five years of age which non-graduates do not reach until they are forty-five. If this observation be correct, then a college training virtually adds ten years to a man's life—ten years, not of childhood, nor of dotage, but of vigorous manly life. The college graduate having ten years more in which to grow, easily rises to the highest positions and bears away the brightest honors.

The facts presented in this paper teach us, that mind enters into every effort to create values—that human thought is a vital force in all human activity—that it is the "forecast and insight of disciplined intellect, not brute muscle, that accumulates the treasures and wears the honors of the world." Another has said, "When the mind is torpid, the hand works alone, and for want of a watchful guide, it moves in an uncertain manner and with doubtful effect; but as far as it is quickened by education, the perceptive powers are strengthened, the reflective faculties are sharpened and the movements of the hands are directed to their purpose. They strike in proper direction, and with appropriate momentum. All the force is expended to advantage. None of the blows are lost."

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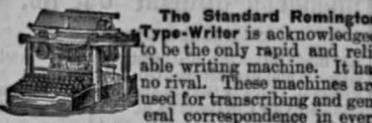
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