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THE S. U. I. stands high among other colleges both in number and excellence of the books in her library, but with the wonderful resources of the State and her excellent financial standing, it ought to be much larger. In their rank of precedence in this line the leading colleges stand as follows: The Harvard library contains 185,000 volumes; Yale 115,000; Dartmouth 60,000; Brown 52,000; Columbia 51,000; Princeton 49,000; Cornell 46,000; Michigan 45,000; Williams 19,000; Iowa 18,000; Oberlin 16,000 and Minnesota 15,000.

WHAT is oratory? What is eloquence? Questions that will always be asked and never satisfactorily answered. Said one of the great oratorical masters: "Eloquence is logic on fire;" says another: "It is the heart which is the fountain and spring of all eloquence;" says Emerson: "Eloquence is the appropriate organ of the highest personal energy;" says Matthews: "Oratory is the weapon of an athlete, and can never be wielded effectually by an intellectual weakling;" says Gladstone: "The truest style of eloquence, secular or sacred, is practical reasoning, animated by strong emotion." They all agree, it seems that real oratory must be accompanied by great intensity of feeling, something like the oratory of Gambetta, the great French orator—it came like "lava from a volcanic brain."

MANY of our exchanges have commenced at once to instruct their respective faculties and to inform them that the college curriculum is out of fix. They also advise the new students—the Freshies—not to fall into their errors and stick too close(?) to the curriculum but to "spread," and, in other words, cultivate what is known in the University as "general ability"—that is, study everything in general and nothing in particu-

lar. We have noticed to some extent the development of this philosophy in our own college and watched the flight of several of these "general ability" birds. We find the same fault with this new system and the flight of the birds that Emory A. Storrs found with the good record of the democratic party—"it begins too early and quits too quick;" while the student should be disciplining his mind he is filling it with facts. We repudiate the new idea, and if we gave any advise at all it would be to use judgment in selecting your course and then study thoroughly and well the prescribed studies.

"THE Nineteenth Century Club" is an organization composed of twenty of the most intelligent and cultured ladies of Iowa City. The club is just entering upon the second year of its existence, its first meeting having been held last week. We have been favored with its "programme of study" and an exceedingly neat pamphlet it is; the first thing that gets the eye is the countenance of Alexander Hamilton and inasmuch as Hamilton is our ideal statesman we cannot help expecting something excellent to follow such a good beginning, and we are happy to say we are not disappointed, for the programme indicates that the ladies have outlined in a masterly manner the history and growth of the United States, the leading points in which they embrace in the following thirteen headings: Discoveries, Colonies, French and Indian Hostilities, Causes and Outbreak of the Revolutionary War, War of the Rebellion, Close of the War and Condition of the Country, Leading Statesmen, Theory of the American Government, Political Parties, Increase of Territory, Statesmen, Slavery, Growth of the Country. The following are the officers of the club: President, Mrs. E. J. Haddock; Vice President, Mrs. L. F. Parker; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Moon; Executive Committee, Mrs. Haddock, Mrs. Parker, Miss Moon, Mrs. Currier, Miss Hughes. We have no hesitancy in saying that after the ladies have completed this year's work, unlimited suffrage might be extended to them without fear that serious evils might result therefrom.

OBITUARY.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Mary Johnson Taylor, wife of the Rev. Mark Taylor, at Ashville, Tennessee, August 31th, was received by her many friends with deep sorrow. She will be remembered in this city as Miss Mary A. Johnson, and as a graduate from the normal department of the University in the class of 1869.

Those who knew her best are most ready to place on her newly made grave a tribute of love and esteem to keep green the memory of her noble, useful

life, of her many rare accomplishments of mind and heart, her eminent success as an educator, and the grace and merit of her literary contributions.

Never idle till failing health obliged her to desist from labor, she added to her natural endowments, a wealth of intellectual treasure, from which she enriched others, making the memory of her life a legacy of blessed and beneficent influence to those for whom, and with whom she wrought.

Her friend and Professor at the University writes of her thus: Delicate in health, her body seemed too frail for such a mind and soul. Her graduating oration, "Coasting along the Edges," I shall never forget. It was exquisitely beautiful in thought and language, and was finely delivered."

A short sketch of her life is given on another page of this issue. It is written by Hon. A. S. Kissel, formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction in Iowa, the one perhaps best prepared to speak concerning her life and character.

Among the late additions to the University Library are two valuable volumes, the "Circle of Sciences," kindly donated by Mrs. Geo. J. Boal. The work is edited by James Wylde, and contains an introductory discourse by Henry Lord Brougham on the "Objects, Pleasures, and Advantages of Science."

The first volume treats of experimental, chemical, mathematical and mechanical Philosophy; the second volume of the Natural History of the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms, of geography and geology.

The editor remarks in his preface: "Even with all the advantages of cheap literature, there scarcely yet exists a systematic arrangement by which persons unaided by scholastic training may hope to arrive at a competent knowledge of the numerous branches into which the study of science is now divided.

Mr. Wylde's work is a compilation of essays, systematically arranged, written by the leading scientists who stand at the head of their several departments. He has endeavored to supply the lack in scientific works which he refers to in his preface, and his efforts will undoubtedly be appreciated by all students desiring to post themselves in any branch of the sciences.

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WHEREAS, God in his unknown ways has seen fit to remove from the alumni of Irving Institute, Robert W. Byington, who, in his college days was second to none of its numbers in culture of heart as well as of brain, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that some expression of sorrow, sympathy and regret should come from that society to which he was so ardently devoted, and of which he was such an ornament, by the members of Irving Institute, be it therefore

Resolved, that in the death of Robert W. Byington, we recognize the loss of one of Irving's finest scholars, one of her truest friends, and one of the most thorough gentlemen who have left her halls;

Resolved, that we tender our sincere sympathy to his bereaved family, with the hope that the memory of his many noble traits of character may be their comfort.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished his family, and the VIDETTE-REPORTER for publication.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

Irving Richman, '83, is in the law at Muscatine.

R. J. Miller, of law class '84, is Principal of the Rockwell schools.

Donald D. Donnan, law, '83, edits a newspaper at Elkader, Iowa.

Thos. G. Newman, A.B., '83 and law '84, tried his first case in Burlington.

W. O. Payne, A.B., '82, and L.L.B., '83, is running a newspaper at Nevada, Iowa.

L. B. Callender, law of '81, is republican candidate for Justice of the Peace in Des Moines.

Miss Lizzie Bently, of Wilton, a graduate of '81, visited Sunday and Monday in Iowa City.

James M. Nevin, L.L.B., '81, has taken unto himself a wife and has located at Elizabeth, Pa.

A. B. Seaman and T. B. McAuley, law, '84, have formed a partnership in the law at Denver, Col.

Quite favorable mention is made of Shirley Gilliland, of law class '84, as a stump speaker in the western part of the State.

Andrew Grindeland, L.L.B., '82, also a former student in the Collegiate Department, is now an attorney at Warren, Minn.

Mr. Clinton Nourse, '81, and James B. Weaver, Jr., law graduates of '82, are both well established in the law business in Des Moines.

Married, at Hastings, Neb., at the home of the bride, Miss Minnie Kimball, '78, to Fred O. Newcomb, '82. Mr. Newcomb is established in business at Shell Rock, Iowa.

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Last week we noticed the contents of the October *Century*. In the November number will be commenced a series of papers under the general title of "Battles and Leaders of the Civil War," the object of which is "to set forth, in a clear and graphic manner, the life and spirit of the most important of modern military conflicts—the war for the Union." They are to be written by those high in command at the time, either upon the Union or the Confederate side, and cannot fail to be of the highest value as a history of that memorable conflict. Generals Grant, McClellan, Rosencrans, Beauregard, Admiral Porter, Rear-Admiral Walke, Col. John Taylor Wood and other noted Union and Confederate generals, are among those who will contribute papers. A series of articles on the "New Northwest" will appear during the year. W. D. Howell's will tell about some "Tuscan cities," and also publish a new novel, commencing in the November number. Henry James will furnish a new novel, and Grace D. Litchfield a novelette. John Burroughs will continue his valuable papers, and valuable articles on astronomy and architecture will appear, and Edward Eggleston will furnish more papers on "Manners and Customs" and "Religious Life in the Colonies." "Sanitary Drainage" will be discussed by Col. George E. Waring. The usual number of biographies, essays, short stories, etc. will be furnished.

We have received from Richard A. Saalfeld, 12 Bible House, New York, the following pieces of music: "With Cleveland we shall win the day, a veritable 'Tippecanoe and Tyler Too' melody, by J. P. Skelly. "Cleveland and Hendrick's Grand Victory March" by J. J. Freeman. "You Ask Me To Forgive The Past," by Ed. Greene, a very taking, little, sentimental ballad, full of melody, which will surely find its way to the hearts of all. "Better Luck To-Morrow," by Henry Martyn, a new motto song, full of hope, good cheer and downright sensible thought; music very good; words excellent. "Amatori Waltzes," by Frank Conway, a set of waltzes, by no means new, but for the first time brought to notice in these columns. When the publishers claim over 100,000 copies have been printed, and that the demand is steadily increasing, it goes without saying that the Waltzes are very good. In fact the movements are more than ordinarily pretty, and the melodies very catching. The above pieces retail at music stores for from 30 to 50 cents each. The five would cost \$1.10. The publisher however offers to send the lot post free on receipt of \$1.00. Address R. A. Saalfeld, 12 Bible House, N. Y.

According to Edwin Alden & Bro.'s (Cincinnati, O.) American Newspaper Catalogue for 1883, there are 14,867 newspapers and magazines published in the United States and the British Provinces. Total in the United States, 14,176; in the British Provinces, 691; divided as follows: Dailies, 1,357; Tri-Weeklies, 71; Semi-

Weeklies, 168; Sundays, 295; Weeklies, 10,975; Bi-Weeklies, 39; Monthlies, 1,052; Bi-Monthlies, 26; Quarterlies, 83; showing an increase over the publications of 1883 of 1,504. The great increase has been among the weekly newspapers of a political character (?) while it has been least among the class publications. The book is very handsomely gotten up and contains some 850 pages, printed on heavy book paper, elegantly bound in cloth. It will be sent to any address, prepaid, on receipt of \$1.50.

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Senior orations for the fall term due
December 1st, 1884.

LOCAL.

Ka-zoo!

Sturges is back.

The toniest class yet.

N. W. D. Thursday night.

Work on the new building progresses.

Chan Platt is in a bank at Ft. Dodge.

Miss Butler recently joined her class.

E. M. Conroy is in business at Marengo.

Charles Mattison takes a place in the
land.

The Seniors went a shooting this
morning.

Will Park has returned to finish his
education.

H. D. Huckley has entered the Law
Department.

The high privates threatened meeting
yesterday p. m.

Guy McNeil is at present in the School
of Miners in Colorado.

C. F. Greer farms in Jackson county.
He was married recently.

J. H. Kilmar, who was absent last year,
has returned and joined his class.

A full account of the Freshman
sociable will appear in our next issue.

T. Q. Records wants THE VIDETTE-
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Mr. and Mrs. Watson, of Toledo, Ohio,
were in the city recently as the guests of
V. G. Coe.

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G. W. Huffman, whom many of the
upper classmen will remember, sends in
his subscription from Sherman, Texas.

The Junior Athletic Association has
made an excellent choice in selecting
W. M. Woodward as captain of the foot-
ball team.

Emma Brockway is near Yankton,
Kansas, holding a claim. The many
friends of Miss B. hope that she will re-
turn next year.

Gen. A. J. Baker, Republican candi-
date for Attorney-General, visited his
son who is a member of the Freshman
class last week.

How many have begun to write those
delinquent orations and essays which
must be handed in by the middle of
the present month.

All will be glad to hear that C. E.
Wickham has been promoted to the
position of resident engineer on the
B., C. R. & N. road.

A shadow of unrest occasionally flits
across the fair features of several of our
noblest Seniors. Thoughts of military
distinction trouble them.

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present in the old south building near
Prof. Booth's room. College exchanges
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The latest report from the scene of
conflict brings the intelligence of a
threatened revolt on the part of several
corporals who have been put through
the sitting up exercises by a high private.

A practice game of foot ball was played
at the Fair Grounds last Saturday be-
tween the Juniors and a picked team.
The game was for the best three in five,
the Juniors winning the first three goals.

The Y. M. C. A. of S. U. I. is no longer
a Y. M. C. A. proper. Some months ago
the name was changed to that of "Stu-
dents' Christian Association." Weekly
meetings are held in the President's
room.

The present enrollment of the several
classes is as follows: Seniors 31, Juniors
49, Sophmores 60, Freshmen 61, Irregular
and Special 19. There are in the School
of Science 8 Seniors, 15 Juniors, 25 Soph-
mores and 30 Freshmen.

The students feel an unusual degree of
interest in the issues of the present
campaign and are now organizing a
political club. All the stump speeches
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derly place, and conducts it in first-class
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Grace R. Hebbard, B.S., of '82, sends us
her subscription from Cheyenne, Wy.
Miss H. is still employed as draughts-
man in the office of the United States
Surveyor General at that place, notwith-
standing there are many hungry appli-
cants for it.

R. M. La Follette, who took the first
prize at the Inter-State Contest at Iowa
City in 1879, has been nominated for
Congress by the Republicans of the
third Wisconsin district. College oratory
seems not to have spoiled Mr. La Follette.
We hope he may be elected by a big
majority.

By some oversight no mention was
made in last week's issue of two of the
most illustrious of last year's graduates.
Jennie Hanford has been elected to the
chair of Greek in Des Moines University,
and Fred Hall teaches metaphysics at
Pella. May they conduct themselves
with the dignity and modesty becoming
a Professor.

According to the following from the
Central School Journal, Dr. Cowperthwaite
will no longer belong wholly to the
S. U. I.: Dr. A. C. Cowperthwaite, of the
Iowa State University, has accepted the
chair of *materia medica* in the Michigan
University, thus holding the two pro-
fessorships at the same time. Dr. Cow-
perthwaite is a most learned gentleman.

The Freshman who preferred to be
excused from serving as judge on debate
in one of the society halls recently, on
the ground that he has not studied the
question under discussion, had evidently
never heard of the lawyer who, when
he desired to rest his mind from all
mental toil, was advised to take a seat
in the jury box.

Prof. Booth has just published a pam-
phlet giving an outline of the work in
elocution to which the lower classmen
are expected to give special attention,
but to which the upper classmen might
with much profit give attention. Prac-
tical common sense methods of speaking
are the ones we desire to learn and such
are the methods Prof. Booth teaches.

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lic in so short a time as did Starr, Lee &
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Lee, Welch & Co. The new firm will
lose none of the popularity gained by
the old. We wish them the success that
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The following schools are represented
by new students: State Normal School,
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Iowa Agricultural College, Coe College,

Cornell College, Penn College, Burling-
ton College, St. John's Academy, Port
Byron Academy, Iowa City Academy,
and the high schools of Iowa City,
Davenport, Des Moines, Storm Lake,
Marengo, Manchester, Maquoketa, Cler-
mont, Charles City, Muscatine, Cedar
Rapids, Independence, Bedford, Newton,
Galva (Ill.), Morris (Ill.), Centerville,
Hampton, Rock Island (Ill.), Albert Lea
(Minn.), Burlington, Vinton, Springdale,
West Waterloo and West Liberty.

There is a young man in Oakland, Cal.,
who has a young sister by the name of
Jessie, who was sent to a fashionable
school for young ladies.

He said when she left home he won-
dered if she would acquire the airs and
affectations that certain young ladies
that he knew had by attending the
fashionable seminary.

After being there a year he began to
flatter himself that his sister was proof
against such nonsense, when he received
a letter signed "Jessica," instead of Jessie,
as heretofore. In answering he wrote
something like this:

"DEAR SISTER JESSICA: Your welcome
letter received. Mammaica and papaica
are well. Aunt Maryaica and Uncle
Georgica started for the Santa Cruz
Mountains yesterday. Have bought a
new horse; it is a beauty; it is named
Maudica, etc. Your affectionate brother,
"SAMICA."

The next letter was signed Jessie.

"If I can find my gun I bet I'll settle
them cats," said Mulberry the other
night at a late hour, as he slid out of bed
and went groping around the room in
the dark.

"Come back to bed, you old fool,"
pleaded the gentle voice of Mrs. Mul-
berry. "That isn't cats; it's Emeline's
new beau down in the parlor singing
'Sweet Violets.'"

Emeline's new beau will not warble
any more when he visits Emeline.
Emeline has told him that "papa is very
easily disturbed after he retires."

The *Oregon Advertiser* did it in this way:
"Born, to the wife of Amos Josephs, a
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ing, with the head and shoulders out of
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of the feet, he can sit on the water. The
one exertion, in fact, is to keep one's
balance; none whatever is required to
keep afloat. The only danger, therefore,
arises from choking by accidentally
swallowing some of the water, for the
strength of the brine is so intense that
the muscles of the throat are convulsed,
and stangulation ensues.—*Salt Lake Her-
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SHORT-HAND

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ELDON MORAN, Editor.

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Mr. Wm. F. Humphreys will learn the lightning system.

Miss Nellie Hutchinson is back to her post in the School of Short-hand.

Miss Mary F. Clark, of Ogden, Iowa, enrolled Thursday for a full course.

Frank Loudon will add "verbatim speed" to his other accomplishments this year.

Mr. E. A. Leach, of Ticonic, Iowa, entered for a complete course on Wednesday.

Miss Virginia Moran has been engaged as stenographic instructor at Coe College, Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Charlie Martin, of Malcolm, has returned for advanced instruction. Call on him for "supplies."

Several young ladies who entered July 1st are now able to do dictation work in a satisfactory manner.

New correspondence students are: H. L. Miller, Nickerson, Kan.; Miss Eva Cunningham, Washington, Iowa.

It should be remembered that the first lessons are given free to those who contemplate entering the Department of Postal Instruction.

Our new text on the "Reporting Style" has been adopted as the standard in teaching classes at Iowa College, Grinnell; Coe College, Cedar Rapids, and Michigan University.

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Miss Archibald, recent Stenographer to the Nebraska Hospital for the Insane, has not given up Short-hand, although she has changed her name and taken a new position. Her present address is, Mrs. J. T. Hay, Hansford, Nova Scotia. She has the best wishes of her many reportorial friends.

Most large business houses are now using Stenographers by whose aid vastly more and better work is done and the plan continues to be adopted as often as the experiment is fairly tried. Improved mail facilities, cheap postage, and the closeness of business competition all tend to an increasingly large correspondence. The demand for secretaries who are skilled in Short-hand has but little more than begun.

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ing four studies at the University. Full course extending through three terms, twenty dollars. This class is for the special accommodation of University students, and no other opportunity equally good will be afforded this year.

The stenographer has good reason to expect an increase in salary corresponding to the greater skill and proficiency which he gains by experience. Mr. Hillman at St. Paul this summer showed us a report for which he was paid \$7,000. The stenographers in the Star-route trials received \$20,000. The stenographic work on the *Congressional Record* costs \$50,000 a session. The U. S. Senate reporters are paid \$5,000 a year each. Mrs. Palmer, of Utica, N. Y., earns \$8,000 a year. This is better than \$50 a month, and there is always room above for enterprise and talent.

Miss Marion Grayson, Stenographer to Governor Sherman, writes: "I feel that I owe in a large degree the very gratifying success with which I am meeting in instructing my pupils in Short-hand to your most excellent text-book on 'The Reporting Style.' The fact that each exercise is timed furnishes an incentive to thorough work and a guard against the danger of simply drawing the outlines and thus leaving all the practical part of the science to be acquired after the theoretical is learned. It seems to me a pupil can hardly 'get off the track' while using your work."

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Nearly three hundred new books have been added to the library during the summer. The following is a partial list of new books:

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Sermons to the Spiritual Man, by W. G. T. Shedd.

Secret Service of the Confederate States in Europe, 2 vols., by J. D. Bullock.
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United States Notes, a History of Paper Money of the United States, by John Jay Knox.

English Colonies in America, by J. A. Doyle.

The War Between Peru and Chili, (1879-82), by Clement R. Markham.

John Bull and His Island, by Max O'Rell.

Constitutional and Political History of the United States, by H. von Holst.

Congested Prices, by M. L. Scudder, Jr.
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Poetical Works and Other Writings of John Keats, 4 vols., by H. Buxton Forman.

Peter the Great, a Study of Historical Biography, 2 vols., by Eugene Schuyler.

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Outlines of the History of Art, by Wilhelm Lübke, 5 vols.

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Studies in Literature, by Ed. Dowden.

Shakespeare, Critical Study of His Mind and Art, by Edward Dowden.

Spiers and Surrennes' French and English Pronouncing Dictionary.

Liddell and Scott's Greek-English Lexicon.

Life of Goethe, by Heinrich Duntzer, translated by Lyster.

The Wisdom of Goethe, by John Stuart Blackie.

Essays and Leaves from a Note Book, by George Eliot.

Ideas of the Apostle Paul, translated into their Modern Equivalents, by James F. Clarke.

Natural Law in the Spiritual World, by Henry Drummond.

The Orchids of New England, by Henry Baldwin.

Works of Edmund Burke, 12 vols.

Works of Percy Bysshe Shelley, by Harry Buxton Foreman, 8 vols.

System of Philosophy, by Hermann Lotze, 2 vols.

Poetical Works of William Wordsworth, by Wm. Knight, 5 vols.

Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Riverside edition, 12 vols.

The Abolition of the Presidency, by Henry C. Lockwood.

Dictionary of Music and Musicians, by George Grove, 3 vols.

The History of England, by M. Guizot, 3 vols.

History of Trial by Jury, by Wm. Forsythe.

Leonard da Vinci, by Jean Paul Richter.

Rembrandt, by John W. Mollett.

The Reporting Style of Short-Hand, by Eldon Moran.

Epitome of Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern History, by Carl Ploetz.

Historical View of the Literature of the South of Europe, by Sismondi.

Circle of the Sciences, 2 vols., by J. Wyld.

Cyclopedia of Political Science, by John J. Laylor, 3 vols.

Popular History of France, by Henri Martin, 3 vols.

Hand Book of Politics for 1884, by Edward McPherson.

More Leaves from a Journal of Life in the Highlands, by Queen Victoria.

Poems with a Memoir, by Winthrop M. Proed, 2 vols.

They were sitting on the seashore and he had just complimented her on her "shell-like ear."

At their feet lay a half-bushel or more of weather-beaten Saddle Rock oyster-shells.

The next day she told a "young lady friend" that George Simpson was the biggest fool she had ever met.

"Pat," said a gentleman to his servant, "I do not wish to be disturbed to-day, and if anyone calls give him an evasive answer." "I will," was the reply. In the evening the gentleman asked: "Did anyone call today?" "Yes, sir," was the reply. "What did you say?" "I gave him an evasive answer." "What was it?" "I axed him was his grandmother a monkey."

It is estimated by Prof. Gannmore that in the United States, during one season, 62,420 gallons of human blood is drawn by mosquitos. In twenty years the grand total amounts to 1,248,40 gallons of blood—nearly as much as was spilled during the war of the rebellion. These facts are alarming. Just think, will you, that in one hundred years 124,840,000 gallons of as good blood as this country has ever produced will have been spilled without a single point having been gained. It is very well to talk about the navy, but something should be done to protect the American people against the singing vampires of the night. The navy indeed—why the navy never sheds blood except when some barefoot tar, shambling across the deck, sticks a splinter in his hoof.—*Ark Traveler.*

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THE EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION AT MADISON.

Within the time and space at my disposal, it is impossible to give any very satisfactory account of the grand educational convention lately assembled at Madison, Wis. The numbers in attendance, the interest manifested by teachers and people, the generous welcome of a most liberal and beautiful city, and the great enthusiasm sustained throughout the proceedings, all combined to make this meeting the most notable educational assembly ever gathered in this country, if not in the world. More than three thousand teachers were actually enrolled as members of the National Association, and the number present not enrolled doubtless brought the total attendance of those actually engaged in teaching, up to 5,000 or over. Teachers came from the country-schools, from cities, from counties, from States, in groups, in carloads, on excursion trains until the city was fairly overwhelmed by the pedagogic invasion. Yet everybody was cared for and general good humor and satisfaction on the part of both host and guest was everywhere patent.

The educational exhibit was something unique in the history of the Association, and though very incomplete as regards the number of States and schools participating, was yet eminently successful, satisfactory and beautiful. But ten or twelve States in all were represented, and some of these by but a single school or system of schools. Yet we had exhibits from Massachusetts, and from California, from South Carolina, and from Minnesota, so that in this sense our whole country was represented. I have said the exhibit was beautiful. The wide range of subjects now presented in our public schools gave to it a wonderful variety. From the clay balls and cubes moulded by tiny fingers in the kindergarten up to the telescope manufactured by students of the Wisconsin Industrial school we had everything. The art exhibit on the one hand, and the primary products of childish ingenuity from primary rooms on the other, lent abundant color, while the stir and hum of machinery gave life and motion. The exhibit occupied all the north half of the as yet uncompleted capitol, some twenty rooms in three stories; and during the whole time of the exposition these rooms were all crowded from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. each day with visitors—visitors of all kinds, visitors critical and visitors astonished, visitors distinguished and visitors to fame unknown. The rich man came to see what was done with his money; the laborer left his work and came leading his children by the hand to see what children in free schools could do, and as he pointed, urged his own to high attainments; the teacher saw what other schools attempted and what performed drew comparisons and made notes. The display of drawings seemed to characterize the exhibit throughout. Some schools exhibited nothing else. In this respect the exhibit differed greatly from that seen in Philadelphia in 1876. There, as I remember it, almost everything was in manuscripts, but at

Madison beautiful drawings and designs covered all the walls. Kindergarten work also occupied a very prominent place and one room devoted to kindergarten products exclusively, hung with beauty from floor to ceiling, seemed like fairy land.

All readers of THE VIDETTE REPORTER will be pleased to learn that by common consent Iowa's exhibit ranked very high. Compliments came from all sides, while at the same time we did not escape criticism. The success of our exhibit, as it seemed to me, lay in its comprehensiveness. Although the number of schools represented was small compared with the number of schools in the State, yet the material presented seemed to illustrate all phases of our educational work. One could see how the pupil was employed from the time he entered the first primary, or the country school-house on the hill, until he was graduated from the University. We had our kindergarten material too, but it came from the ordinary routine of public school work and not from any special institution; and so no art school furnished our exhibit of drawings, but it came from the high schools as part of the regular work therein performed. The only portraits and crayon work exhibited came from the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. Our industrial work likewise was not wanting, but came in course; not from any industrial school but from schools not specially furnished in the direction indicated. Thus we had from the lower schools toys and miniature tools and patch-work and tidies and cushions; boots and shoes from the Deaf and Dumb Asylum; and illustrating many of the facts and problems of physics, simple apparatus prepared by boys and girls from such material as might be accessible anywhere. So, too, we had beautiful manuscripts, and maps and samples of pupils' daily work,—everything of that sort. To take it all in all our exhibit, though not very large, was yet large enough to be an excellent sample of the real working of our various schools, of their theory and of their attainments.

Time fails me to speak of the many other features of this grand convention, but the benefits arising from such an exhibit as has been sketched, can scarcely be overestimated. Its benefits reached all classes, parents, children, patrons and teachers. Above all the latter class derived the greatest advantage. Many a teacher went from Madison proud of the work already attained, and thousands went forth with new thoughts, new plans, new interest and fresh enthusiasm which shall in years to come benefit and bless the common schools in every quarter of the Republic.

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After attending public schools of Davenport for several years, and having completed the course of studies, so far as then adopted by the Board of Education, she was recommended by the teachers and the Superintendent of the schools to the Board for a position in the primary department in the same building she entered as a pupil. Her native love of children, and her enthusiastic interest in the unfolding of child nature, soon convinced the principal of the building, Superintendent of the schools, and the Board of Education that her talents should be exercised in a larger sphere. So she was made Principal of the primary department of the same school, frequently giving model lessons in the branches taught in this grade before the teachers in her division. The lessons given evinced such tact, and skill that her reputation soon spread beyond the limit of Davenport, and from these influences grew eventually the teachers' training department of the Davenport High School. A very interesting part of her history, before becoming a teacher, should not be omitted. She and some of her associate students attended one of the revival meetings in the M. E. church, and she became so impressed with the truths of the Gospel of her Lord and Master that she resolved to become a humble follower of that meek and lowly Savior. These fixed truths in her spiritual nature added new lustre to the sweet gentle amiableness which made her so eminent as a friend, teacher and authoress. Her labors in Davenport ended in 1866, when she was elected as the sole principal of the primary departments of the different schools in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in which position she remained at a salary of \$1000 per annum till 1868. Her ambition to study the higher branches of an education, induced her to enter the State University of Iowa the same autumn. Here, like in every department of her labors, she took the highest rank in her class, and after graduating she was recommended by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Board of Directors of East Des Moines, Iowa, to a position similar to the one she filled so satisfactorily in Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Stuart, the able Superintendent of the schools of Ottumwa now, was the Superintendent at East Des Moines then. Frequently has the writer heard the hearty and enthusiastic encomiums of this gentleman upon the talents, skill, and efficiency of this noble, gifted woman."

LIBRARY ITEMS.

All the volumes of the *Century* have been added to the Library.

Mr. C. W. Wilcox has given to the Library "Parton's Noted Women of Europe and America," a very interesting collection of biographical sketches including many names not found in any similar work on our shelves.

The Library set of the *Scientific American* has been nearly completed by the addition of the earlier numbers now supplied from the private library of Mr. Switzer. Only volumes 1 of first series and 3, 7, 15, 36 and 39 of new series are wanting.

By provision made by the Regents the Library hours have been extended to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and in carrying out this arrangement, Miss Edith Lloyd and Mr. Edward H. Griffin will act as assistants to the Librarian during a part of the day.

Information is wanted as to the following volumes, now missing from the Library:

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ACADEMY COLUMN.

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New students are still coming. Four from Kansas last week.

About sixty students are taking regular Preparatory for S. U. I.

Normal class is at present being drilled in methods of teaching primary reading by Mrs. P. K. Partridge.

The Academy Foot Ball Club has received its fine new ball. No officers have, as yet, been appointed.

Athenian Society meets every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the Academy room No. 1. Isaac W. Bender, President, B. B. Davis, Secretary.

Of this year's University Freshmen the following are graduates of the Academy: Lyman B. Athay, Lama M. Graves; Jos. Mekota, Edwin Moore and Will J. White.

Among the former students of the Academy we have the present location of the following: Herbert Brown, local editor *Ottumwa Daily Democrat*; C. H. Maxson, Principal, Shellsburg, Iowa, schools; Wm. P. Hoopes is visiting in New York City and will soon return to school.

A long thin leg and a number twelve foot are the best for playing foot-ball. The heavy foot acts like a pendulum, the length of leg giving it a better swing, and the thinness makes it hard for unruly players to kick the owner of said leg on the shin. Remember this when you are picking out a club.

All the Academy students who can, should take the *VIDETTE-REPORTER*. See subscription committee at once and give your name for the year. The editor will endeavor to give the students all interesting news belonging to this department. Subscription committee, Isaac W. Bender and Gertie Thomas.

The Athenian Society is laboring under difficulties. The Secretary for the last spring term left without informing anyone of the disposition he made of the old constitution. This constitution has been in use ever since the Society was first organized and it seems ungrateful to part with it. At last night's meeting it was intended to settle the matter, but we could not learn the results in time for this week's issue.

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EXCHANGE CLIPPINGS.

School property in the South is valued at about \$6,000,000, against \$188,000,000 in the North.

There are one hundred and four college graduates in the present House of Representatives.

The chapel exercises of Harvard are conducted by Edward Everett Hale; they are said to be unsurpassed for impressiveness.

The oldest university student in Berlin, and probably in the world, is sixty-nine years of age. The oldest student at Notre Dame University is fifty-five.

At the University of Virginia there is no regularly prescribed course of study; no entrance examinations, no vacations except the summer one, and but six holidays.

The attendance at some of the leading colleges for the current year is as follows: Michigan, 1,554; Columbia, 1,520; Harvard, 1,522; Yale, 1,072; University of Pennsylvania, 1,044; Princeton, 527; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 501; Oberlin, 1,474.

The co-operative colleges which support the American school at Athens are Amherst, Columbia, Dartmouth, Yale, Wesleyan, Brown, Cornell, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, the colleges of New Jersey and of the City of New York, and the universities of California, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

There are but three men in the United States, says the *Cornell Review*, who have received the Degrees of Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Laws, and Doctor of Literature. These men are Professor Wilson, of Cornell University; President McCosh, of Princeton; and President Barnard, of Columbia College.

The *News Letter* of Iowa College gives the following as its political status: A partial canvass among the students as to political preferences, shows the following result: Blaine 50, Cleveland 10, Butler 3, St. John 1, undecided 3. The latter have heretofore been democrats.

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Club courts will soon be organized among the students.

At present there is considerable interest developing in the law class.

Wanted—A goodly number of citizens to attend the Law Literary Society on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock.

Prof. McClain again appears in the forum before the Junior class during the 9 o'clock hour. Last week they listened to a series of interesting lectures from Judge Wright.

What the coming examination will say to those fellows that let their minds wander off to the modern styles for dress parade instead of paying attention to the lessons as they ought to do, yet remains to be seen.

Those quiz clubs that have already organized and begun their quiz work, find it very interesting and of great advantage to them in their regular work. The remaining members should follow their example at the earliest possible hour.

The editor by not receiving notice of his election till a late hour, begs leave to state that his chance for gathering news has been considerably cramped—possibly because it is his first attempt and hasn't, as yet, learned to keep that little one corner of his eye open.

We notice in the Floyd County Advocate that Thos. O'Dea, of '84, is the democratic candidate for District Attorney for the 12th Judicial District. O'Dea is a young man full of energy and ambition, and no doubt a bright future is before him, but we are sorry to learn that his most ardent labors are in behalf of the anti-prohibitionists.

The other morning, right in the midst of a recitation in common law pleading, another of our "hopefuls"—after showing signs of uneasiness—says to his next neighbor: "Joe, there hasn't but two fellows in this room blacked their boots yet this morning." Now this is not intended to convey the idea that the "laws" are a rusty looking set, but that that person has missed his calling as he should have been a critic instead of taking to the law.

The Law classes on Friday evening last met and adopted a constitution and organized what is to be a permanent literary society which will hold its meetings in the lecture room on Friday evenings of each week at 7 o'clock, and will be known as the Law Literary Society. Mr. Read as President and Mr. Mahoney as Secretary, only add to the stability of our society to which all are cordially invited and earnestly requested to attend. We may state, however, that it is not our aim to please our audiences with nicely worded songs as much as by strong and forcible debates and the like.

"He's got 'em on! He's got 'em on!" triumphantly exclaimed young Johnnie Jarphy at the breakfast table.

"Get whut on?" asked his mother in surprise. "What ails you, Johnnie? What are you peeking under the table for? Why don't you sit up straight and eat your meal?"

"Pah's got 'em on! I see 'em!" emphatically asserted the Jarphy's heir.

"Got wot on, sir? Wot are you talking about?" sternly asked his father.

"Why, got your pants on, and I heard Mr. Smiff say that he thought mah wore 'em."—Pittsburg Telegraph.

The Pike's Peak railway, which is to be in operation next year, will be the most notable piece of track in the world. It will mount 2,000 feet higher than the Lima and Oroya railway in Peru. It is now in operation to a point over 12,000 feet above the sea level. The entire thirty miles of its length will be a succession of complicated curves and grades, with no piece of straight track longer than 300 feet. The maximum grade will be 316 feet to the mile, and the average grade 270 feet. The line will abound in curves from 500 to 1,000 feet long, in which the radius changes every chain.—Exchange.

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"Well, you ought to have it," she snapped.

"I say I want the north star—"

"Well, I must say, you are cheeky! Anything else you see that you don't want?"

"Confound you, give me the north star—"

"Suppose I've got the north star here in my clothes, you old lunatic?"

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