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THE VIDETTE-REPORTER,

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Not a few of the eastern political journals are disturbed because the college students are taking so active a part in the present campaign. The more common criticism that we hear from these journals is that students are collections of individuals devoid of any practical instinct—living on hope and imagination and taking little interest in the realities of life. But whenever the student begins to manifest any particular interest in the "realities" of life he is met with the statement that politics is something with which he has nothing to do. The idea that the student should incarcerate himself and become oblivious to the outside and active world during his college course has long since been repudiated and we believe that Joseph Cook correctly stated the situation when he said that "the best signs of the times are the unforced opinions of young men." Those opposed to students taking active part in politics may claim that such participation leads to neglect and want of interest in the regular college work; that there are some evils resulting from too active an interest in political affairs, and that in some few cases such evils became permanent and chronic, we admit, but in the great majority of cases we believe that the benefits are ten-fold greater than the evils. The great end and aim of the University system in our country is to prepare students for citizenship, and out here in the West where we have no monkeries nor dudes, the colleges do turn out strong, vigorous and practical men.

The leading educational journals of the country continue to present the merits pro and con of the ancient and modern language question. Some of the ablest writers in the educational field have turned their attention to the question of reform in the matter of Univer-

sity education, particularly in regard to languages required in the college curriculum. The questions, "what constitutes a liberal education," and "which studies in the college curriculum are best adapted as aids to the student in obtaining the culture he desires," are thoroughly practical, and should be met face to face and settled by every intelligent student before he selects his course of study. While we have not the space in our college paper to discuss these grave questions, upon which the best educators of the day stand disagreed, we may take occasion to refer our readers to articles on all sides of the question. We would recommend every student who has not already availed himself of the privilege, to read carefully the oration delivered by the Hon. Samuel Clarke, of Keokuk, at our last commencement. He will find in this a very fair statement of both sides. We would likewise refer all interested in these matters to an able article ("A Grave Question"), in the August number of the *Boston and National Journal of Education*, written by one of our own professors in reply to a careless statement made by Prof. Goldwin Smith that the "German and French languages are often possessed in perfection by persons of very low intellectual powers."

The following antidote for imperfect lessons was once given by Garfield and we don't know of a better one: "When I was in college a certain young man was leading the class in Latin. I thought I was studying hard. I could not see how he got the start of us all so. To us he seemed to have an infinite knowledge. He knew more than we did. Finally one day I asked him when he learned his Latin lesson. 'At night,' he replied. I learned mine at the same time. His window was not far from mine, and I could see him from my own. I had finished my lesson the next night as well as usual, and feeling sleepy was about to go to bed—I happened to saunter to my window and there I saw my classmate bending diligently over his book. 'There's where he gets the margin on me,' I thought. 'But he shall not have it, for once,' I resolved. 'I will study just a little longer than he does to-night.' So I took down my books again and opened to the lesson and went to work with renewed vigor. I watched for the light to go out in my classmate's room. In fifteen minutes it was all dark. There is his margin, I thought. It was fifteen minutes more time spent on rules and root-derivatives. How often, when a lesson is well prepared, just five minutes spent in perfecting it will make one one of the best in his class. Here the margin is very small, but all important.

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CONSCIENCE ON ELECTION DAY.

From gold to gray
Our mild sweet day
Of Indian summer fades too soon:
But tenderly
Above the sea
Hangs, white and calm, the hunter's moon,

In its pale fire,
The village spire
Shows like the zodiac's spectral lance;
The painted walls
Whereon it falls
Transfigured stand in marble trance!

O'er fallen leaves
The west wind grieves,
Yet comes a seed time round again;
And morn shall see
The State sown free
With baleful tares or healthful grain.

Along the street
The shadows met
Of Destiny, whose hands conceal
The mould of fate
That shape our state,
And make or mar the common weal.

Around I see
The powers that be;
I stand by Empire's primal springs;
And princes meet
In every street,
And hear the tread of uncrowned kings!

Hark! through the crowd
The laugh runs loud,
Beneath the sad, rebuking moon.
God save the land
A careless hand
May shake or swerve ere morrow's noon!

No jest is this;
One cast amiss
May blast the hope of Freedom's year.
O, take me where
Are hearts of prayer,
And foreheads bowed in reverent fear!

No lightly fall
Beyond recall
The written scrolls a breath can float;
The crowning fact
The kingliest act
Of Freedom is the freeman's vote!

For pearls that gem
A diadem
The diver in the deep sea dies:
The regal right
We boast to-night
In ours through costlier sacrifice;

The blood of Vane
His prison pane
Who traced the path the Pilgrim trod,
And hers whose faith
Drew strength from death,
And prayed her Russell up to God!

Our hearts grow cold,
We lightly hold
A right which brave men died to gaily;
The stake, the cord,
The axe, the sword,
Grim nurse at its birth of pain.

The shadow rend,
And o'er us bend,
Oh martyrs, with your crowns and palms—
Breathe through these throngs
Your battle songs,
Your scoffed prayers, and dungeon psalms!

Look from the sky,
Like God's great eye,
Thou solemn moon, with searching beam;
Till in the sight
Of thy poor light
Our mean, self-seeking meager seem.

Shame from our hearts
Unworthy arts,
The fraud designed, the purpose dark;

And smite away
The hands we lay
Profanely on the sacred ark.

To party claims
And private aims,
Reveal that august race of Truth,
Whereto are given
The age of Heaven,
The beauty of immortal youth.

So shall our voice
Of sovereign choice
Swell the deep bass of duty done.
And strike the key
Of time to be,
When God and man shall speak as one!

—John G. Whittier in *War Times*.

CLIPPINGS.

The sea is said to contain over 60,000,000,000 tons of salt.

The Yale foot-ball association has a surplus of nearly \$1,000.

The faculty of Dartmouth have shut down upon inter-collegiate games.

The population of China is over 350,000,000, or about seven times that of the U. S.

Out of the 1500 students in Oberlin, last year, only one took the scientific course.

Greek has been abolished from the course of study in the Chicago high schools.

Four hundred thousand dollars have been given to Cornell University by Mr. Henry W. Page.

The State of Iowa pays its teachers the least of any State in the Union—an average of \$150 a year.

A party of hazers at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, used a pistol to induce a Freshman to stand treat.

The University of California has engraved upon the walls the name of a man who gave \$50,000 to the institution.

The students' lecture association at the University of Michigan has secured the services of Carl Schurz and George R. Wendling.

The first college in Dakota was dedicated at Yankton, September 20, by the association of Congregational churches in that territory.

The *Chronicle*, published at the University of Michigan, says that literary societies do not flourish there as thickly as at smaller colleges.

Miss Alice Truman, President of the Wellesley College, is described as slight and girlish figure, with youthful face. She is a doctor of Philosophy.—*Cornell Sun*.

It is estimated, by the Commissioner of Education, that the total value of the grounds, buildings and apparatus of the 375 colleges in the United States will reach \$43,500,000.

Out of a school population of 16,000,000, 10,000,000 children are in attendance in the public schools. There are about 233,000 teachers; more than half that number are women.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The November *St. Nicholas*, the initial number of vol. xii will be a delight to the young folks. A colored frontispiece, reproduced in fifteen colors, from a painting, is an attractive feature. Several poems, beautifully illustrated; short stories; the beginning chapters of several serials; sketches of travel; practical papers on "Choosing an occupation" and "Metallic bandwork and nails in Decoration;" Report of the Agassiz Association; cartoons, and more than sixty illustrations make this an interesting number. Prizes of \$100 in all are offered for a story for girls, to be written by a girl. The best story will be published in the magazine and will be looked for with interest.

"Development of English Literature and Language" by Alfred H. Welsh, M. A., Library Edition; 2 Vols., Crown Octavo, cloth \$5.00; University Edition complete in 1 Vol., Unabridged \$3.00. Published by S. C. Griggs & Co. 87 & 89, Wabash Ave. Chicago.

It is not often that a book steps into the front rank of its class in so short a time as has the above mentioned work, by Prof. Welsh. It not only takes a foremost place among histories of English literature, but in many qualities advances beyond all its predecessors. It is broad in scope, historic in conception and philosophical in execution. Its plan is novel, but thoroughly practical and easily grasped. It is comprehensive without being exhaustive, and exhibits extensive reading, clear insight, close study, unbiased opinions and a refined taste.

We believe there is no other work of like nature in our language, worthy to be called a history of the development of English literature and language when compared with this. The author's style is terse, strong, picturesque and impressive; his thought clear cut and weighty. The work is historical, rather than biographical, philosophical rather than descriptive, critical rather than anecdotal.

The work is highly indorsed by such eminent critics as John G. Whittier, Edwin P. Whipple, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Edmund Clarence Stedman. It has already been adopted by over a score of the prominent universities of the country, including Yale, Cornell and Vanderbilt, and by numerous academies and high schools. We append a few criticisms.

The *Congregationalist*, Boston: "On the whole, the best help which, as yet, we have to a symmetrical and comprehensive study of the affluence of the English tongue."

Boston Post: "To the chance reader, with but a few moments to spare, this work offers grand opportunities; to the studious mind it opens a veritable epoch of delightful study. Every page is made to tell its story."

The *Boston Courier* says: "The first fact which impresses the careful reader is the vast research and information of

the author. The book is as full of information as a cyclopedia. Mr. Welsh has read omnivorously, and these volumes embody the results of long and close study of seemingly every available authority."

T. Whiting Bancroft, Prof. of English Literature, Brown University: "It meets a real want of our times. No other work has covered the same ground in delineating all the influences that unite in the development of language and literature."

From Edmund Clarence Stedman: "The volumes, considered merely as a work of reference, must enter the library of every student of literature. They form a most valuable digest for the young wishing to get hold of the entire outline of English literature, and a critical narrative that has many racy and stimulating qualities to attract the mature. The author has covered a broader field of criticism than any of his contemporaries. The vigor and animation with which he pronounces his judgments and keeps up his *staccato* style, from beginning to end, are surprising. He is to be congratulated for having lived to carry out his work upon its heroic plan."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sophomore essay for fall term due November 21st, 1884.

Junior orations for the fall term due November 24th, 1884.

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

Freshman Essays:

Subject due Dec. 1st, 1884.

Outline " Dec. 15th, 1884.

Essay " Jan. 7th, 1885.

LOCAL.

Halloween.

Last night.

Blashfield is the hero of the hour.

The Dents. stand: Blaine 30; Cleveland 1.

Dewitt P. Gaymon is with a surveying party in Northwestern Iowa.

The Zets. gave their regular program last night to a fair-sized audience.

J. A. Pickler, class '70, is Republican nominee for the Dakota legislature.

J. W. Witmer went home yesterday to cast a ballot for Cleveland and reform.

Last night was Halloween, to which fact many of the young ladies will testify.

J. H. Liggett was called to Muscatine last Saturday to attend the funeral of a friend.

The medical class on presidential preferences as follows: Blaine 89; Cleveland 34.

C. H. Pomeroy went home yesterday to swell the Republican majority of Des Moines.

We are indebted to U. G. Payne for several items of interest about S. U. I. alumni.

Miss Minnie Preston was happily surprised on Thursday last by a visit from her mother.

R. H. Smith, law '82, is the Republican nominee for County Attorney of Hand county, Dakota.

Messrs. P. Greene, Blanding, Lowden and Park went to Cedar Rapids yesterday afternoon.

Miss Anna Hinrichs entertained a few of her friends in a pleasant manner on Wednesday evening.

Charlie Switzer, a former student, visited friends in Iowa City last week.

Mr. E. R. McMeen, of Burlington, visited yesterday with G. W. Woodward.

The first dress-parade of the year took place yesterday. The battalion did itself credit.

Mr. and Mrs. Feezer, of Clermont, Iowa, visited yesterday with the Misses Larrabee.

D. W. Evans went home last night to vote for Blaine, and will return Tuesday.

Mr. Walker, a graduate of Iowa City, visited us a few days ago.—*Fayette Collegian.*

Ed. Conroy commanded one of the Marengo companies Thursday night. He is assisting his father in the treasurer's office.

Fred Denkman, A. B., '78, was married last week to a Rock Island lady. We haven't the particulars.

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The chilly days are at hand, dampening the enthusiasm with which the new recruits usually hear the command "fall in."

A Sophomore and a student of Political Economy defines floating capital as "That which floats on water, as boats, etc."

W. N. Rankin, who left school in '77, is in town with his bride. He will return soon to his home in Wellington, Kansas.

Prof. Currier and Call spent a few days last week in Des Moines, in attendance at the meeting of the Baptist ministers' association of Iowa.

A company of militia could have done excellent service in restraining the drunken mob at the Cedar Rapids depot last Thursday night.

Gilbert L. Pinkham formerly professor of English Literature in the S. U. I. is the Republican nominee for Superintendent of Schools of Hand county, Dakota.

H. A. Burrell, editor of the *Washington Press*, member of the Board of Regents, was in the city a few days ago attending to business connected with the University.

A pointer.—In Harvard during the last fifty years, no one addicted to the use of tobacco has carried off first honors, although five-sixths of the students used it in some form.

Among the throng of torch-bearers Tuesday night appeared the familiar face of C. R. Zimmerman. The time left from political demonstrations he devotes to a school in Iowa county.

Prof. Fellows left yesterday for Ames, where he is to act as judge in the Oratorical Contest to be held there next Monday night. This gives his class a short vacation which will be much appreciated.

U. L. Glenn is at home, in Washington county. It is said that he does not expect to finish his course so well begun. His manly behavior gained for him many friends who regret very much his decision to give up school life.

A noticeable feature Tuesday night was the appearance of a goodly number of the students in the parade in which their fine physiques and handsome uniforms were the subject of many favorable comments.

The office of the *VIDETTE* is in the northeast basement room of the central building. It is our object there to keep on file the exchanges where students, who desire, may find them. Our quarters are not of the most elaborate kind; yet we will try to make them comfortable

until accommodations are furnished in the new building.

The S. U. I. Band loomed up in good shape Thursday night, that is, among the numerous bands represented, they came out wit colors flying. The handsomely uniformed drum-major demeaned himself with becoming grace and dignity on that, his first appearance.

Our Library is being constantly improved by the frequent addition of new and valuable books. Following is a partial list of books lately received: Twenty years in Congress, by James G. Blaine; Studies in Medieval History, by Chas. J. Stille; The American Republic, by O. A. Bronson; Theory of our National Existence, by J. C. Hurd; Geo. Elliot, a critical study, by Geo. Willis Cooke; Jas. Madison, by Sidney Howard Gay; Methods of Teaching History by C. H. Adams and others; Difference between Physical and Moral Law, by William Arthur; Rutherford, by Edgar Fawcett; Fertilization of Flowers, by Hermann Müller.

The mayor was glad he escaped.

The Des Moines delegation numbers fourteen.

Gen. A. J. Baker visited in Iowa City Thursday.

C. H. Clarke, C. E. '84, passed through Iowa City Tuesday morning.

John S. Lahn aids his father in the insurance business at Burlington.

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Jno. Shepherd a former member of '86 edits the *Planet* at Martinsville, Ill.

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Miss Phoebe Sudlow, of Davenport, formerly Professor of English Literature in the University, visited recently with Mrs. Prof. Currier.

Mr. Harvey Hostetler, a Marshalltown boy, and a graduate of the University in the class of '81, now Presbyterian pastor at Vail, was married last evening at Spring street Presbyterian church, New York City.

It was hoped that the Cornell boys would come over this fall to play a second game of foot-ball, but the S. U. I. victory of some weeks ago has apparently discouraged them. So our boys will be disappointed.

The appearance of the army muskets upon the campus during the drill hour is a familiar sight but the aspect of a member of one of the literary societies entering the hall during a business session armed with a heavy double-barrel shotgun is some what terrifying.

A game of foot-ball between the Juniors and an Academy-High School combination was started Thursday afternoon but was not completed owing to the approach of darkness. The sides were pretty evenly matched, and some hard playing was done. The game will be finished at some future time.

The Irvings last night resolved them-

selves into a committee of the whole and discussed politics. Claims of the different candidates were ably presented by Messrs. Evans, Holbrook, Noble, Maughlin and Lloyd, after which other speakers representing all shades of opinion followed. Mr. Lloyd's fine effort in behalf of Belva Lockwood was well calculated to amuse the audience and deserves special credit. The programme was well received although perhaps a little too long.

James A. Kerr, of Newton, remembered by the people of Iowa City as the leading college orator while here, is stumping the county for Republicanism. Judging from the favorable comments of the press we conclude that he is maintaining his high reputation as a polished and successful speaker.

A. LeRoy Burgett is at his home at Deep River.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.**

S. N. McCLEAN, Editor.

Send in your locals, Medics.
Are you going home to vote?

Quite a number of Medics have caught the campaign fever and joined the law Blaine and Logan club.

Dr. A. H. Thomas, class '84, will, in a week or two, start for Kansas and Nebraska, skirmishing for a position.

Prof. Cowperthwaite has ordered our department into line for an extra 8 A. M. lecture from now till the holidays.

Our class officers for the first half term are, President, Abbie L. Preston; Vice-President, William Bray; Secretary, D. E. Stratan; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Cotton.

We notice several changes in the library and lecture room of our department which, thanks to the skill of our librarian will add considerably to the convenience in the matter of arranging specimens in the museum.

We miss from our lecture room this year the familiar face of our friend Dr. Clarke, and learn that he is practicing medicine in Cedar Rapids; his chair of obstetrical therapeutics will be filled this term by surgeon J. E. Gilchrist. Dr. A. M. Brumhoch reports the fall business good at Grinnell, Iowa, and sends regards to students and professors.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

In order to give all sufficient notice, we extend the time during which \$1.00 will pay for the VIDETTE for the year, until Saturday, Nov. 8th. It will cost you \$1.25 if not paid by that date. An X before this paragraph indicates that your subscription remains unpaid.

C. C. Clark, of Burlington, an A.B., '81, and Salutatorian of that class, visited friends in Iowa City the fore part of the week.

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J. W. BLYTHIN, Editor.
MISS LAURA B. HOUSE, Asst. Editor.

Dr. Kebo, '84, is distinguishing himself in Ohio and Illinois.

Dr. J. C. Armentrout, '84, is practicing at South Bend, Indiana.

Chemical analysis promises to be very interesting this coming winter.

Dr. P. J. Byrne, '84, is making a good reputation in Davenport, Iowa.

Several new students matriculated in the Medical department this week.

Mrs. Dr. Gruwell of last year's class visited the Medical department this week.

The political complexion of the "Dents" is the following: Republicans, 32; Democrats, 2.

There are seven ladies in the Senior class, one in the second year graded and two in the first year.

In the physiology class one day this week was exhibited a man who was provided with thirty-six teeth.

Dr. E. M. Arenschield located at Eldon, Iowa, is surgeon of C. R. I. & P railway. The Dr. is married, has a good house and lot, and is doing well.

Boys! Boys!! On the night of the Republican procession two members of the Medical class went astray. Don't ask what their names are.

Official count of Thursday night's democratic procession: Torches, 1020; in bands, 113; cavalry, 252; in vehicles, 120; vehicles, 7; total, 1512.

Will Gardner, who is of an unusually patriotic turn of mind, has gone home to cast a vote against Weaver in the sixth district. Why did he go before Sunday?

Dr. F. W. Weeks, of '84, is located at Coffeyville, Kansas, and is doing good business in his profession. He says Indian Ty., furnishes nice hunting grounds.

This morning in the Anatomy class might have been seen a queer freak of nature in the shape of a dislocation of the head of the humerus out of the acetabulum.

The political status of the Medical class was ascertained Friday morning by a vote taken immediately after Prof. Clapp's lecture. The result of the vote is as follows: Blaine and Logan, 89; Cleveland and Hendricks, 34; Butler, 6; St. John, 1.

It is easier to keep your character clean as you go on through the days, than to go back and clear it up later; and later you will appreciate a spotless character.

"Unless we who live are builders, what better are we than they who lie in the cemeteries? Let us choose to do something constructive, and then do it with our might."

"The great use of books is to rouse us to thought."

SHORT-HAND COLUMN.

ELDON MORAN, Editor.

Miss Edith Ross takes an advanced course.

Lackey reported Gen. Logan at Cedar Rapids.

Miss Hutchinson is organizing class at Marengo.

Miss Alida Farrow, of Eldora, has begun the course by mail.

Ed. Dobson expects to take a situation at Alberquerque, New Mexico.

Prof. Lackey reported the speech of Hon. R. L. Bolter for the Vinton Observer.

Prof. Lackey is engaged this week organizing a Correspondence Class at Lyons.

Bovee says: "Genius makes its observations in Short-hand; talent writes them out at length."

Mr. Noyes Willet, of Malcolm, arrived in the city yesterday, and has entered for a full course.

We are asked to supply a short-hand teacher for the normal college in Oregon. Who will accept?

Misses Clara Seymour and Carrie Deitz are at present corresponding secretaries for the school.

Prof. Woodruff, Superintendent of the Marengo schools, has become a member of the department of Postal Instruction.

Misses Gene Clark and Jennie McLeod, of Keota, have entered for instruction in the Correspondence Department.

New enrollments are: E. T. Sims, Sigourney; Miss Sadie Furrow, Waterloo; W. T. Haynes, Cheyenne, Wyoming Ter.

Miss Cora S. Roth has a very pleasant situation at her home in New Orleans. She is stenographer to the Singer Manufacturing Co.

Miss Mary Clearman leaves Monday for her position at Aurora, Ill. She has been appointed instructor in Stenography at the Seminary there.

The Short-hand Sign-book has arrived. It is a perfect little beauty—has all the word and phrase signs, and just fits the vest pocket. In cloth, 25 cts.

Miss Bertie McClearn has returned from a visit home, and will hereafter assist in the school. Her present work will be to give dictation lessons to the beginning classes.

We welcome among our exchanges the Reporter's Journal, published by Fred. Pitman of the Metropolitan School of Short-hand, London; also the Times a Short-hand literary magazine, edited by H. Boardman Allen, Chicago. Both these journals are printed in beautifully engraved Stenographic characters.

Prof. John M. Lackey is now permanently connected with the School of Short-hand as organizer of classes in the department of Postal Instruction. He has shown himself the possessor of a remarkable talent for stenography, both

as reporter and instructor. He will be engaged at Clinton and Lyons the coming week.

D. P. Lindsley, author of Takigraphy, says in review of our text book: "We commend the work to Takigraphers who wish to see Fonography in a form more pure than it appears in any other work now available. They will also find some instructions of a general character on reporting, useful to writers of any system."

We are finally able to announce the new edition of the "Reporting Style of Short hand." All errors in the engraving and typography have been corrected, and a number of improvements made. This edition is printed on a superior quality of paper, firmly bound in cloth with stained edges and gilt title. The entire mechanical execution is in fact most excellent.

The department of Postal Instruction is developing rapidly as a result of the success of our perfected method of teaching by mail. The Vinton class now numbers twenty, and three lessons have been received. The members are: Ray Billingsley, Frank Stedman, Mrs. E. L. Newton, E. C. Dempsey, Mrs. N. E. Pierce, James Lowe, John Lowe, Mamie Mitchell, May Reed, Mollie Lovell, Rosa Pyne, Hattie Scoville, Sarah Locke, Clara Ross, Lulu Young, Alma McKinstry, Abby Ellis, Mr. Husted, Belle Miller.

In review of the new text book on "Reporting Style," the *Christain Standard*, of Cincinnati, says: "The present work is a complete and systematic treatise on stenography and the reporting business, and the great demand now existing for instruction will doubtless secure for it a wide sale. By a nicely graduated time schedule, a series of printed and engraved exercises are required to be written and read with constantly increased speed. Since facility in executing the characters is more difficult to acquire than the theory, the advantage of beginning to "get up speed" early in the course becomes apparent."

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SCHILLER AND GERMANY.

Knox College has again carried off first honors at the State Oratorical Contest of Illinois. Below is the prize oration, by Victor E. Bender.

History is a fabric woven of the threads of countless lives, interspersed with lines of deeper color and denser fiber. Every country has its individual pattern, its peculiar shade,—the bright or dark, the variegated or plain prevails, according as the courses of individual lives determine.

The history of Germany reveals a brilliant and distinctive double fibre interlacing her fabric like beautiful threads of gold. It represents the lives of Schiller and Goethe;—the patriarchs of German literature, the apostles of their country's freedom. Of the two, Schiller is pre-eminently the true German, embodying in his nature every essential attribute of German individuality, feeling and responding to every genuine sentiment of the German heart.

A hundred years previous to Schiller's advent in history, Germany lay prostrate under the desolating stroke of the Thirty Years' War. It was the Great Sahara of her history. Here and there, like feeble tendrils of their ideas, but the dire ravages of war had crushed out every element of growth and vigor, leaving industries, science, literature, church, nation,—in a state of indifference and apathy. O, for some quickening, reviving power that would arouse her lethargic faculties; that would invigorate and vitalize the exhausted forces of the nation! That power came. Toward the middle of the 18th century there is a perceptible thrill of life throughout the empire,—Lessing had infused the life-giving current. The prostrate nation slowly rises to its feet; Goethe extends to it a helping hand; and in the very midst of this reawakening, this alternation of light and darkness, this breaking of clouds, this promise of morning,—there bursts the clear light of perfect day. As the midnight fires, kindled by the mercenary Robber Moor, brooke from the plundered castle and set aglow the dark Thuringian forests, so the fiery passions that raged within that rugged creation, "The Robbers," burst upon the gloom of the nation's lingering woe. Friedrich von Schiller had completed the trinity that effected Germany's restoration. Lessing, Goethe, Schiller—the seed, the flower, the fruit of her social and political reform.

But what were the more specific relations of Schiller to his native land? Hitherto the tendency of German thought had been toward the abstract, the metaphysical. Sentiment was chilled in cold philosophy, the heart yielded to the mind, spiritual impulse was put down by mental predominance. Lessing and Goethe, with their contemporaries, sought to dispel this prevailing mysticism of thought,—to lead the German mind out of its labyrinths of speculation into the light of moral truth. Thus when Schiller appeared the mental and moral elements of society were far from being homogeneous. It remained for him to reconcile mind to mind, and heart to heart.

The drama of the "Robbers" at once revealed his genius and proclaimed his

mission. In it were voiced the burning words that trembled on the lips of an oppressed nation,—words that heaped upon the social condition of Germany the onus of popular condemnation,—words that urged, advocated, demanded immediate and radical reform; and they were uttered with the authority and power of one supremely endowed.

The dramatic cast of Schiller's writings aided much in their dissemination and influence. Ideal creations were embodied and impersonated; pictures of the mind were made objective; fiction became real; reality impressive. The stage proved the great medium between Schiller and his countrymen, interpreting to the masses the lofty conceptions of the poet-thinker. Not only as dramatist, but as poet, historian and philosopher, did Schiller enrich and adorn. His history of the Thirty Year's War, embellished with graceful expression, expanded by philosophical comment, illumined by the light of candor and truth,—is a pillar of German literature. The philosophy of Kant, that stupendous structure of thought rising, as it were, in a single night, above the debris of shattered philosophies, received from Schiller permanence and beauty.

But Schiller's true sphere lay not in recording the conduct of war, not yet in solving the problems of an abstruse philosophy. It lay rather in creating a higher ideal of individual duty,—in producing and sustaining the genuine sentiment of fraternal love.

His mind was ever filled with ideals of the possibilities of humanity. Freedom and patriotism were twin conceptions of his soul, and to establish the one and foster the other,—to teach, to elevate, to perfect,—this was the all-controlling precept of his life. He was an idealist and a reformer. His mission was as evident as though he held in his hand the scroll of indorsement. At the very beginning of his career, he declared his position and his policy. "The public," he says, "is now all to me, my study my confidant, my sovereign. Something majestic hovers over me as I determine now to wear no other fetters save the sentence of the world, to appeal to no other throne but the soul of man,"—and to this voluntary consecration he firmly adhered.

In a much wider field, but with a less sympathetic nature, Goethe was at this time a conspicuous figure in the world of letters. He appreciated the genius and felt the influence of his young rival but between the two there had been, as yet, no personal relation. Each was the sole representative of his respective province of thought, and in the higher atmosphere of their beings they figured against an open horizon, like the overtopping heights of distinct and separate ranges.

But circumstance cast the initial thread to many a close-knit friendship. Mutually repelled at first, chance brought them together, and their exalted natures yielded, touched, coalesced, and in the reciprocal light of this spiritual exaltation, literature was enhanced in breadth and beauty, humanity became

worthier, human destiny higher and nobler.

True friendship is a potent alchemy; from the mingled sentiments of kindred hearts is evolved the gold of character and worth. In the communion of these two men of transcendent genius, there was a mutual awakening of yet latent powers; Schiller's fervor and intensity warmed the less passionate Goethe; while the calm, comprehensive mind of the latter modified the ideal creations of his friend, and reduced them to a more practical ideality, enabling him to grasp more completely and effectively the great problems of the human weal.

The Thirty Years' War, with the interests it involved, the issues to which it gave rise; with its innumerable phases of nature and character; with its motives, prejudices, hopes and ambitions; replete with every shade and variety of human conduct, now offers to Schiller the possibilities of a mighty drama—a means to develop thoughts and ideas of individual and national utility. And with a felicity of poetic and philosophic genius, he has given us the inimitable drama of "Wallenstein."

Towering above the field of French history, he sees the sublime figure of the Maid of Orleans. O, what scenes of thrilling action cluster about her! He sees her a peasant among her flocks, he sees her in the transport of inspiration, rushing to the field of conflict, now in the ranks, now in command, leading the charge, subduing, conquering, crowning; suspected, accused, condemned, burned! But above her ashes there lingers the spirit of her consecrated life—'beautified' exalted, perpetuated, by the transforming touch of the German poet.

But the fostering light which had burst so suddenly upon Germany and Europe, which had dissipated the mists of darkness, and now stood in the zenith of its splendor, was soon to be obscured. Clouds of mortal disease impede and withhold its rays; but as the curtain thickens and darkens, there is a final struggle of the spirit, a rift in the clouds, a baptism of refulgent light, and it passes irrevocably into shadow and night. Need I say what was that last, that greatest benison? Need I say how from the mystic depths of legendary lore he led the hero Tell? how he placed him in his native Alps and bade him redeem his olden glory? how he reawoke in forest and in valley the song of the Alpine hunter? and flecked the hills with flocks, the dales with happy homes? How despotism clouded, then obscured their happiness; and how at last the clouds were dissipated, and freedom smiled again? Ah! he baptized the land in the beauty of a poet's conception, and Switzerland stood transfigured. That priceless legacy lives to-day in history and hearts. It will remain an heirloom to nations yet unborn. The patience, constancy, bravery, patriotism of the primitive Switzer, reproduced in living, sentient characters, touched and moved the nation, and welded closer the bonds of sympathy and love.

Thus as a dramatist we see him peopling the stage with the sublimest concep-

tions of character and art, in the garland of poesy he has woven the brightest flowers of song, from the field of civil strife he gathered lessons of human wisdom, into the dark recesses of philosophy he carried a torch of truth. Yet underlying all his intellectual powers, was the character that gave them firmness and dignity, the heart that warmed them with feeling and sentiment, the soul that exalted and idealized.

The great heart of humanity was the source of his every impulse, the pulse of national sentiment determined the vigor of his works, he was the center of a new social and political organization—the embodiment of sincerity and devotion, the type of a patriot and man.

Germany has had her scientists, poets, her statesmen and generals; her Humboldt and Heine, her Bismarck and Moltke; in every department of human knowledge she keeps pace with the prodigious strides of the age; but at no time has she so rallied her forces and asserted her intellectual and moral powers as at the close of the eighteenth century—when the germs implanted by Lessing, Herder and Lavater were in their fruitage, when Goethe wrote and Richter puzzled and pleased, when the whole world could acclaim with Germany, "*Es lebe Friedrich von Schiller!*"

LIBRARIES.

A great library contains the diary of the human race.—*Dawson.*

The great consulting room of a wise man is a library.—*Dawson.*

The true University of these days is a collection of books.—*Carlyle.*

A library is but the soul's burial ground. It is the land of shadows.—*Beecher.*

It is a vanity to persuade the world one hath much learning by getting a great library.—*Fuller.*

Libraries are the shelves where all the relics of the ancient saints, full of true virtue, and that without delusion or imposture, are preserved and reposed.—*Bacon.*

I look upon a library as a kind of mental chemist's shop, filled with the crystals of all forms and hues which have come from the union of individual thought with local circumstances or universal principles.—*Holmes.*

No possession can surpass or even equal a good library to the lover of books. Here are treasured up for his daily use and delectation riches which increase by being consumed, and pleasures which never cloy.—*Langford.*

While the scientific convenience in having licuets and licuets in the reading room amply appreciated and unlike the usefulness of those gnarly and interesting insects as playthings for those "bent as playing their little jokes" is likewise recognized, the studious natures of some fail to harmonize with these winged companions and the peace-loving spirit of the literarian cries out against them.

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ACADEMY COLUMN.

GUIDO H. STEMPER, Editor.

The ladies intend to organize a literary society among themselves.

W. P. Nichols, of Cedar county, was with us Tuesday and took in the Republican demonstration.

Wm. D. Mouser, '84, and his sister Montie, are teaching at their homes in Washington county.

The speakers for the Presidential candidates last Friday night were all Republicans. They treated their enemy rather kindly.

Herbert Brown, now city editor of the Ottumwa Democrat, called in on us last week. He will resume his studies in the Academy shortly.

Wm. Doerr, during the summer months while at Dewagiac, Michigan, has become an apiarist. He is now sojourning at his home, Newton, Iowa.

Our contribution box has been hung up in the Academy office, and all the pupils are requested to join in making this column interesting.

The organization, both of a gentleman's literary society and of a German reading circle, is being agitated. We hope to see them formed and working soon.

Ira B. Bennett, on account of ill health, has found it necessary to give up his studies. He returned to his home, Mt. Airy, last Thursday, but we expect to see him back soon.

The birthday of William Callen Bryant will be observed next Monday at 3:30 p. m. "The African Chief," "Waiting by the Gate," "Thanatopsis," "Green River," and "Robert O'Lincoln" will be fittingly declaimed, while concert recitations will be given of each of the following: "The Death of the Flowers," "The Snow Shower," "The Planting of the Apple Tree," and "Autumn Woods." An oration, "Sketch of Bryant's Life" will be delivered. The arrangements have been in the hands of Mrs. P. K. Partridge and Miss Lou Mordoff.

Let each student make these thoughts his own: "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

"Men are but children of a larger growth."

"The chief art of learning is to attempt little at a time."

"We should make the same use of books that a bee does of a flower—stealing sweets from it, but never injuring it."

"The great thing to be minded in education is what habits we settle."

"Trifles make perfection; and perfection is no trifle."

As occasionally the choicest thoughts of the masters are given they should be weighed by the student and copied for future reflection. Good thoughts make us better, bad ones, the reverse.

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"Got your lesson?" "No, I was out to the pow-wow, or political blow-out last night, consequently these consequences are the consequence."

We regret to note the absence of Mr. Denman who was obliged to go home several days ago on account of poor health but we hope to see him with us again soon.

Mr. Hinkley has gone to Sharon Center to teach school during the winter. He expects to go on reading law during his stay there and join the class again for the spring term.

Smiles, happy smiles, wreath the faces of some of the boys by the expectation of getting to go home over Sunday to see his parents(?) and friends. Nevertheless, he'll vote for "Jimmy O'Blaine."

The quality of western justices is not strained. A justice in Iowa not long ago let off a man charged with bigamy on the ground that he was a twin, and might have been mistaken for the other fellow by the woman who married him.

"Did you see the rainbow?" No, but I saw its equivalent last Monday p. m. on the face of our clerk of moot courts, when the Chancellor stated to one of our number that "the clerk has a lease on but one life in this world of ours." Don't be angry, "Mac," the Chancellor only drew his conclusions from what he thought ought to be the case after sizing up that upper lip's coat of six week's growth.

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Political excitement doubtless has its effect on everything at this season. Most assuredly we can say it has its effect on the law student, and its tracks are plain, even to the non-observer, for when one goes out and marches through the mud, or stands on the street for an hour or

two watching the parade and then listens to an exciting speech and hips and hurrahs for Blaine, or somebody else, he not only comes to the class the next morning unprepared with his lessons, but he comes with a diverted mind, wandering off to some of the fanciful arguments of the previous evening. Now, when he does this, he not only loses what he omitted to study, but fails to absorb what he should during the recitation, and consequently his time does not yield him what he should make it. But as it is next to impossible to prevent this evil, we must do the next best thing and anxiously wait till election is over, the die is cast and then settle down to earnest hard work. The Chancellor is aware of these outside tendencies and tries to keep the boys down to work and at the same time to see that nothing vital is suffered to be dropped from the principles he is trying to inculcate, and he has already admonished them to be ready to more stennously apply themselves to the work after election.

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