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The political excitement of the past week has certainly brought to the surface the humorous elements in American politics, and to those who are sufficiently "mugwumpian" in their political bearings to be able to appreciate the anxieties of their partisan friends, the time has indeed been one of rich amusement. The uncertainty of the election returns even up to the present time, and the conflicting reports regarding the results thereof, have kept the feelings of good democrats and republicans bobbing at a tremendous rate. While one party parades the streets with brooms, the wise men of the other belief bemoan the ascendancy of the "baser elements," and when a gleam of hope once more lights up the eyes of the aforesaid seers, the "baser elements wail and gnash their teeth for a few moments, and then on the strength of a fresh dispatch make the welkin ring with patriotic cries for "reform."

The barometers of the two great parties are surely in a state of sad uncertainty. In Chicago both claim the streets for their triumphal processions. In Des Moines the daily papers beg the people to go to their homes and give business a chance. And why is this not the most sensible plan? The votes which settle this election were all cast between nine and six o'clock of Tuesday last, and any number of processions, any amount of yelling will not change the result. Students who have have important business in the class-room might do well to consider this matter and at the same time do a christian deed in saving their throats.

While good men in each party sincerely believe that these United States are on the brink of ruin, through "republican corruption" or "democratic reform" in case the other party succeeds, there still remain [a large class of intel-

ligent citizens who believe that the American nation is sufficiently established to continue in progress and prosperity, whether a republican or democrat presides at Washington; and apparently while the present uncertainty exists, this is by far the most comfortable political faith.

Our library is something in which the students feel a just pride. There is one branch however which is deficient. In all the excitement of the recent campaign, there have been but three daily papers on the table to which students have had access and these are all of the same political faith. This number is insufficient to supply the demand of all who desire to keep posted in regard to the events of the day previous. It frequently happens that a half dozen or more students desire to peruse the dailies at the same hour and the opportunity to learn of the previous day's doings is lost to some through this limited supply. Other institutions far behind the S. U. I. in other respects are ahead of us in this. This should not be. At least one or two more Iowa dailies ought to be added and one each from New York City and Chicago. It is said that college students are behind the times. If there be a tendency in this direction all available means should be used to counteract it; and what influence can be more potent than the wide scopes of reading, furnished by the press? May we not hope for an improvement in the future?

LAST night the intolerant "mob spirit" of an Iowa City citizen showed itself. In front of the Republican headquarters, Baker, like every one else, was cheering over good news, but a slugger of the opposition informed him that if he did not close up, he, the slugger, would do it for him. Baker continued to exercise and enjoy his rights as a free American citizen—although he was a student—and the slugger, true to his work, planted his fist between his eyes and then to help the matter along, a policeman came near arresting Baker for hurraing in such an excited crisis of affairs for his presidential preference, and because he was knocked down for it!!! Such cowardly and dastardly acts should receive the prompt condemnation of every respectable and law-abiding citizen of Iowa City. There may be too much noise in this city as there is all over the American continent, but it is no reason for a mean, low-lived, ugly, contemptible scoundrel to take it into his own hands to silence the noise by blows. More than once yesterday ominous threats were made against the students [which fortunately were not put into execution. Because the students are nearly all of one political faith they are not to be intimidated by thugs, sluggers, and officials who cloak their despicable acts under the garb of Justice?] [O Justice,

how many crimes are committed in thy name!] The V.-R. will not defend nor uphold any student guilty of any offense against the law, but it will defend to the utmost those subject to outrageous attacks.

AFTER several futile attempts the Oratorical Association of the State University has finally held its annual meeting and accomplished all necessary work. In the session of Friday night a week ago and in the continued and final session of last Thursday P. M. three important amendments were incorporated in the constitution. The first reduces the quorum to twenty regular members, the second adopts a new system of marking, and the third removes the restriction which limited the membership of the Association to those who are members of the literary societies. While the Association has heretofore experienced considerable embarrassment from the size of its quorum, we doubt the advisability in reducing it to so small a proportion of the total membership as twenty. As long as perfect harmony of feeling exists among the members of the Association as is now the case and as it so promises to remain, the quorum is sufficiently large, but should conflicting opinions arise, we fear the small quorum may cause serious inconvenience. It is certainly best as a rule to make a quorum as near a majority of the members as practicable. The second amendment defining the system of marking is a good one, and we think a decided improvement on the one formerly in use. It is substantially the same as that adopted last year by the Inter-State Association. The amendment giving to all students in the Collegiate department the privilege of membership in the Association is likewise a good one, and the literary societies are to be congratulated on the magnanimity displayed in thus giving up their exclusive right to this privilege. Yet the measure is no more than justice to the large class of students who are interested in literary work, and who may desire to participate in the literary contests, and who are as truly representative of the University as the active members of the societies, though their time or inclination may prevent them from participating in active society work.

We listened last night in the Law Society to a debate on the question of Protection. The speakers on the Free Trade side were best prepared and would probably have won the question, had they not indulged in some unsupported statements, as for instance this, "that the country has condemned the protection policy by its recent vote." When Free Trade advocates go outside the circle of their well arranged truisms and one sided deductions, they evidently run foul of a stubborn fact. The vote of the country was unquestionably an

endorsement of the policy that has made the United States the richest country in the world, provided we count all the votes. No Free Trade can honestly maintain that all the Southern states would support Cleveland and Free Trade, were all their people allowed a free vote. Even New York state, if so be that the state is gone for Cleveland in fact, not merely in theory, was lost to Protection only by the preponderance of the great trading city of New York, and the introduction of issues foreign to the question at stake.

It is a most noticeable that the country population, that is those who are so dreadfully fleeced as the Free Traders will have it, by our protection duties, voted overwhelmingly for Blaine and protection and almost, if not entirely, overcame the hostile vote of the city.

And further we see the agricultural States of Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas give large majorities for Blaine and protection. Does that look as though the farmers in the most intelligent States of the Union consider themselves cheated by Tariff? It is just so in Europe. The two great countries which enjoy a representation on the basis of universal suffrage, that is France and Germany, stand firmly by protection. England would do the same sooner or later, but for the fact that only three out of every nine Englishmen are allowed to vote. England is the only country in Europe in which feudalism survives. She protects her trade by an enormous navy, by bloodshed, highhanded annexations, bombardment of peaceful cities and by similar means. Other countries may claim the right to protect in a peaceful manner their industry against the hostile attempts of England. Manufacturers, whose publicly stated policy it is, to occasionally sacrifice great sums for the purpose of strangling the rising industries of other countries in the cradle.

Our recent vote bears testimony to the corrections of a remark we made some years ago, that the common sense of the people is a safer guide in questions of this nature, than the logical deduction from insufficient data and one sided promises of the professional free trade philosopher. Of what use is logic, if it rests on anything that is not the whole truth. Has not experience shown again and again that the most logical minds, (witness Auguste Comte), may arrive at the most absurd conclusion in this manner?

When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him.—Swift.

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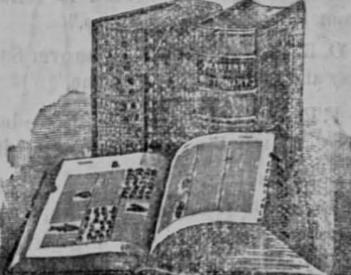
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

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November 24th, 1884.

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December 1st, 1884.

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Subject due Dec. 1st, 1884.

Outline " Dec. 15th, 1884.

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LOCAL.

Indian summer.

The mugwump is on top.

The melancholy days have come.

Wednesday was a cold day for drill.

Who did it, the Prohibitionists or the
mugwumps?

W. S. Hosford A. B. '83 Sundayed in
Iowa City.

F. M. Fultz Sundayed and voted at his
home in Wilton.

Wm. McMeekin, Jr., teaches school at
Sunny Hill, Indiana.

Mrs. Smalley of Muscatine is visiting
her daughter this week.

It is some times very hard to refrain
from saying "We told you so."

O. R. Young visited at home over Sun-
day and cast a ballot for Blaine.

F. R. Valentine is in the hardware busi-
ness at Casey Iowa and "must have it."

C. E. Wickham C. E. '84 of Decora,
Iowa visited Sunday with his parents
and friends in Iowa City.

The railway passes from which so
much was expected failed to materialize.
The state was not close enough.

Bob Berryhill an ostensible St. John
man during the greater part of the cam-
paign finally came out for Blaine.

The noise and enthusiam of the cele-
bration of yesterday morning were not
conducive to a high degree of interest in
recitations.

President Pickard delivered an able
lecture before the Law literary last night
on the "Increase of Crime."

Prof. H. H. Freer, of Cornell College,
Mt. Vernou, was a University visitor
yesterday.

Mrs. Thurston, wife of our former
lieutenant, has been visiting for some
time with Mrs. Prof. Smith.

C. M. Wirick B. Ph. '84, is visiting
friends in Iowa City. Mr. Wirick teach-
es in the High school of Marshalltown,
Iowa.

Mecum & Brown is the name of the
firm at Perry, Iowa, of which Norris is a
member. He reports business good and
on the increase.

Mr. Joe J. Lee, lately of Muscatine,
will assist his brother Ike in the book
store. He is an old Iowa City boy and
we welcome his return.

The past has been the longest growing
season on record in recent years. The
month of October was unusually warm
and comparatively dry.

An eastern paper says that a dozen
girls from New Haven are taking a tramp
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Fred Hebard, a graduate of the law
department, who for the last year has
been practicing in Wyoming Ty., is a
member of the Senior class in the St.
Louis Law school.

The game of foot ball between the
Juniors on one side and the High school
and Academy on the other, will be fin-
ished this afternoon, the weather prov-
ing favorable.

The Oratorical Association met on
Thursday afternoon and accepted the
report of committee on the marking sys-
tem as presented in the VIDETTE-REPOK-
TER some weeks ago.

P. H. Grimm, to whom as class secre-
tary, '83, we are indebted for reports
from several alumni, is in the St. Louis
Law school, and acting as Chancellor
Hammond's private secretary.

John Campbell, A. B., valedictorian of
class '77, has just been elected to the
legislature of Colorado, from Colorado
Springs, by a handsome majority. We
like to see our alumni go up.

A practice game of foot-ball was play-
ed last Saturday, and judging from the
number of boys "used up," their must
have been some lively playing. The
season will soon be over until next fall.

C. C. Clark, of Burlington, and his
sister, Mrs. J. J. Seerley, of the same
place, both alumni of the University,
are in Iowa City, having been called
here by the dangeous illness of their
mother, Mrs. J. Warren Clark.

The election returns were provokingly
slow and conflicting. Many of the boys
stayed up late at the bulletines Tuesday

night to learn the final result, only to go
home at last about as wise as they came.
Moore, Hallock, and Dorr, made the
best score in the Freshman target prac-
tice of last Saturday. The class looms
up in marksmanship making a better
average than any other class except the
Seniors.

In furnishing reports from our Alumni
we have been aided greatly by the re-
ports made by class secretaries H. G.
Lamson, '84, and P. H. Grimm, '83 we
desire to obtain a more extensive know-
ledge of the location and business of our
graduates, and should this come under
the notice of anyone knowing anything
about any of the class secretaries from
'76 '82, the kindness will be appreciat-
ed if they will inform one of the editors
of the VIDETTE.

The following is a partial list of our
exchanges. The Occident, of the Uni-
versity of California, Berkley, Cal.; Mon-
mouth, Collegian of, Monmouth, Ill.; the
Simpsonian, of Simpson Centenary, In-
dianola, Iowa; Student Life, of Washing-
ton University, St. Louis; the Badger, of
the University of Wisconsin, Madison;
and the University Press, of the same
place; the Coup d'Etat, of Knox College,
Galesburg, Ill.; the Notre Dame Scholas-
tic, of Notre Dame, Indiana; the North-
western, of Evanston, Ill.; the Hesperian
Student, of the University, of Nebraska;
of Lincoln; the Delphia, of Drake Uni-
versity, Des Moines; the Critic, of New
Haven, Conn.; the Round Table, of Be-
loit College, Beloit, Wis.; the Central
School Journal, of Keokuk; the Varsity,
of Toronto, Canada; Ariel University, of
Minn., Minneapolis; Oskaloosa High
School Register, Oskaloosa, Iowa; and
the Index, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

There was a candy party on College
Hill, last week, and after the luscious
confectionary was done, it was set out to
cool. But when the expectant candy
makers went out to get, lo, it and behold,
it was gone, having been smuggled away
by some evil-minded boys. After a
fruitless search in various places, the
boys were espied across the street and
chase was given. A valiant Soph., in an
exciting chase, overtook one of the boys
and succeeded in felling him and hold-
ing him down (on top of himself) when
the boy hearing footsteps, made a bold
dash for freedom, which he soon attain-
ed, not however, until he had sacrificed
a foot of the caudal appendage of his
coat, which the Soph., after brushing the
leaves and chips out of his hair, arose
and brandished in the air a la bloody-
shirt. Retracing their steps the pursu-
ers found one pan of candy, which, re-
turning they devoured along with one
pan that had escaped the robbers, con-
soling themselves with the fact that all
is for the best, and had they had the rest
of the candy it would have made them
sick.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

J. D. Carson is located at Geneva, Neb.
H. F. Barnhart practices at Kingsley,
Iowa.

T. B. S. O'Dea practices at Charles City
Iowa.

J. W. Arnold is practicing at Minneap-
olis, Minn.

Ed. O'Bryan is principal of schools at
Libertyville, Iowa.

P. H. Judge is with N. A. Merrill at
Dewitt, Iowa.

J. C. Murray is buying "Jersey cows" at
Maquoketa, Iowa.

F. D. Kelsey L. L. B. '82 is deputy aud-
itor of Jackson Co.

Some of the members of the law class
of '84 are located as follows:

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Ed. F. Vincent C. E. '84 is enjoying
good health at his home at Mason City.

George Bremner, '83, has been found
up in Holabird Dakota and is still crack-
ing jokes.

C. W. Farr is located at Maquoketa
Iowa, and has the thanks of the VIDETTE
for information in regard to the Alumni.

L. F. Sutton has taken the VIDETTE
eight years and does not feel like
"dropping it." He is at present located
at Clinton, Iowa.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

W. S. KINGSLEY, Editor.

From whence those smiles?

Mr. Denman is among us again.

Quite a number of the boys went home to vote for—who?

"St. John" smiles and says: "I knew he (St. John) would run ahead of old Butler."

Manaff and Glenn report a splendid trip to the country, and Evans and Kessler are singing the same tune.

President Pickard lectures before the Law Literary on Friday evening, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

The first thing the Puritans did here was to fall upon their knees; the next was to fall upon the aborigines.—N. Y. Dial.

Lord Eldon is reported to have said of Lord Brougham; "If he only knew a little of the law, he would know a little of everything."

The Juniors pass from American law to criminal law. No doubt they will find it takes just as much of an effort to accomplish one as the other.

It is said a good book is the best companion a man can have. This is very true when it is a law book, some of our student may well say; but it is more especially true if it is a bank-book.

Subscribe for the VIDETTE; it is a duty you owe to the institution and to your fellow students. This department will be a regular feature and we will try, by your help, to make it of interest to you.

Sleepless nights and days of untold anxiety—perhaps agony—are the unhappy lot of the victims of political aspirations at the present time. Cessation of political excitement will have a good influence over the law class.

The editor must offer an apology for being absent from his duty this issue, as he went home to vote and was delayed in getting back to his post of duty. It does not pay to "get left" at the depot or to wait till the returns come in if one wants to be on hand with editorial work or his lessons. However, if our readers will bear with us this time we will try and not have another apology to offer our readers during our reign as editor.

This department at present has not given the number of subscribers that it ought to, if it has an interest in this school, which it certainly has. Subscribe for it, read it, send it to your friends or parents; they will be delighted to learn of your companions and surroundings, and will take a greater interest in your schooling and welfare. Send your names to the business manager or hand them to the editor of this department and get your receipt.

A dentist was sued for pulling the wrong tooth and when the judge asked the professional gentleman for an explanation he remarked: "Judge, the man only had two teeth. I asked him which one he wanted me to pull, and he said the right one. I pulled what I took to be

the one on the right hand side of his face, but as he happened to be sitting on the left hand side of the room, I made a mistake." "Your explanation is satisfactory, replied the judge." The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Served him right. Not long ago a young lawyer in Boston charged a very poor lady client twenty-five dollars to attend to her case and then neglected it, and it went by default. The next term of court the Judge "pulled" the young practitioner over the coals for what he had done, ordered him to refund the money received and fined him twenty-five dollars. A change of fifty dollars in the young man's prospects served to make him more careful in the future no doubt. Take care that none of our number forget Judge Wright's advice and find themselves in this young man's "predicament."

SHORT-HAND COLUMN.

ELDON MORAN, Editor.

Miss Hutchinson returns from Marengo to-day.

Our text-book on the "Reporting Style" has been adopted by Jennings Seminary, Aurora, Ill.

Another Short-hand book, a small Manual for Correspondence students, will be published in three weeks.

The "Reporting Style" is now being used as a stenographic text-book at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

Recent enrollments in the Coe College class are: Mary Burnside, Cora Swan, Nellie Murray, Harry Martin, John Caldwell, Arvin Barnes and C. D. Elliot.

Specimens of artistic Short-hand work, executed by former students and by members of the correspondence class, are being received every day for our World's Fair Exhibit.

Prof. Lackey has been engaged this week organizing classes in the department of Postal Instruction, at Keota, Sigourney, and Washington, Iowa. He is meeting with fine success.

A good number of the students attend the Sunday school class held at the reception room at 9:15 o'clock Sunday mornings. The discourse is delivered very deliberately, and notes are taken by the members and afterwards transcribed. All Short-hand students are welcome.

New correspondence students are: Irene Bridgman, Bala, Kansas; Miss Robbie Edgington, Aubrey, Kansas; Mrs. J. E. Eggart, Columbus Junction, Iowa; W. H. Price, editor *Logan Valley Mirror*, Lyons, Neb.; E. E. Alverson, attorney at law, Marengo, Iowa; J. G. Sehorn, editor *Democrat*, Marengo, Iowa; Florence Harvey, Marengo, Iowa.

I have a copy of the "Reporting Style of Short-hand," and an exceedingly valuable work it is.

H. D. DAUGHTERY, Law Reporter,
Louisville, Ky.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

J. W. BLYTHIN, Editor.

MISS LAURA B. HOUSE, Asst. Editor.

Where is the beloved disciple? The Medics are looking for him.

Boys, please send in your subscriptions, at least until the end of the Medical year.

The Dents are having a big run in the Dental Clinics. Medic go avail thyself of a free filling.

Dr. L. Reynolds, '84, is at Victor, Iowa. We hear the Dr. is not married, but is doing well otherwise.

Dr. Hatfield, '84, has chosen a partner for better or worse, and has hung out his shingle in Kansas.

Dr. H. A. Hobson, '84, is located at Morrison, Grundy county, Iowa, where, we understand, he is quite successful.

A dozen or more of the Medical boys went home to vote, and while there enjoyed a few pleasant hours with their relatives.

Dr. E. W. Cook, '84, is located at Plattsmouth, Neb., where he enjoys congenial society and reaps the benefits of a successful practice.

Can it be that Joshua still lives and that the Israelites refuse to support his arms and the battle of the Lord lost? Surely the old patriarch forgot to command the sun to stand still and the moon to rest in the valley of Ajalon. Howbeit, the old man made it up on the home stretch and was one of the small party who entered the land of milk and honey.

Brace up, Republicans. These reverses may yet prove beneficial to both party and country. Without a sharp breeze we could not appreciate the beauty of a calm, and the bright light of the sun, without an occasional interruption of a cloud, would become dull and sombrous. Should the probable election of Mr. Cleveland become a certainty, our friends may be assured that the young Republicans of the Medical class of the S. U. I. never before experienced such enthusiasm, as that caused by the political ferment of the past campaign; in the interest not only of the great statesman from Maine, but also in the interest of the American people. We go forth in the spring (if we are not plucked) to seek new homes in different parts of this great country, but before we go, each intends to kneel by the altar, and make a vow, sacred and binding as that of Hannibal, to regain what may be lost.

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Who can direct when all pretend to know?—Goldsmith.

New Kid Gloves just opened at Robinson's Panic Store at 49 cents, sell the world over for \$100.

The Chicago News sends us a "campaign song of the Western states" for which it has our thanks.

50 dozen 3 button Kid Gloves just received at 49 cents, worth \$100. Panic Store, Robinson & Co.

Mrs. Larrabee is visiting her daughters the Misses Larrabee, who are members of the Freshman class. She is also accompanied by two younger daughter.

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I see that time divided is never long, and that regularity abridges all things.—Madame De Stael.

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The highest exercise of charity is charity toward the uncharitable.—Buckminster.



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TO THE PAST.

Wondrous and awful are thy silent halls,
O kingdom of the past!
There lie the by-gone ages in their palls,
Guarded by shadows vast;
There all is hushed and breathless,
Save when some image of old error falls,
Earth worshipped once as deathless.

There sits drear Egypt mid beleaguering sands,
Half woman and half beast,
The burnt-out torch within her mouldering
hands,
That once lit all the East;
A dotard bleared and hoary;
There Asser crouches o'er the blackened
brands,
Of Asia's long-quenched glory.

Still as a city buried 'neath the sea,
Thy courts and temples stand;
Idle as forms on wind-waved tapestry,
Of saints and heroes grand,
Thy phantasms grope and shiver,
Or watch the loose shores crumbling silently,
Into Time's gnawing river

Titanic shapes with faces black and dun,
Of their old god-head lorn,
Gaze on the embers of the sunken sun,
Which they misdeem for morn;
And yet the eternal sorrow,
In their unmonahred eyes says day is done,
Without the hope of morrow,

O realm of silence and of swart eclipse,
The shapes that haunt thy gloom,
Make signs to us and move their withered
lips,
Across the gulf of doom;
Yet all their sound and motion,
Brings no more freight to us than wraiths
of ships

On the mirage's ocean.

And if sometimes a moaning wandereth,
From out thy desolate halls,
If some grim shadow of thy living death,
Across our sunshine falls,
And scares the world to error,
The eternal life sends forth melodious
breath,
To chase the misty terror.

Thy mighty clamors, wars, and world-noised
deeds,
Are silent now in dust,
Gone like a tremble of the huddling reeds,
Beneath some sudden gust;
Thy forms and creeds have vanished,
Tossed out to wither like unsightly weeds,
From the world's garden banished.

Whatever of true life there was in thee,
Leaps in our age's veins;
Wield still thy bent and wrinkled empery,
And shake thine idle chains;
To thee thy dross is clinging,
For us thy martyrs die, thy prophets see,
Thy poets still are singing.

Here mid the bleak waves of our strife and
care,
Float the green Fortunate Isles,
Where all thy hero-spirits dwell, and share
Our martyrdoms and toils;
The present moves attended,
With all of brave and excellent and fair,
That made the old time splendid.

-J. R. Lowell.

CHARACTER OF LOUIS XI.

Stepping from the bright sunlight of noonday, in the nineteenth century, and pushing aside the door opening into the dark, enchanted saloons of the middle ages, the rusty hinges creak dismally, and our unaccustomed eye at first refuses to see anything, and we are blinded by the dust and cobwebs which fall about our head. But we came prepared to ser ghosts and are, therefore, more interested in than afraid of that unseemly gray figure, whose odious yet striking proportions are so strongly outlined against the darkness beyond, and to whom we must look for a solution of modern civilization. With this real or imaginary embodiment of moral deformity imprinted on our

mental vision, we are rather disposed to shrink from the thought that presents itself in the study of this era. Does this man mark the transition from the reign of ignorance and superstition and physical force to the broader life of intelligent, rational freedom? Is it through a mental sagacity, devoid of all human sympathy, that we are to recognize the symbol of the ruling force of succeeding ages? It were indeed a lawless tribute to poor humanity to put into any man's hand the keys unlocking the entrance to the glory and enlightenment of succeeding ages, especially when he stands as the sign of all that is despicable for all times. Some would almost ascribe to him the character of Mephistopheles, so entirely devoid was he of any strong principle of moral responsibility.

And yet, see what France became under this man's politic, sagacious rule! Behold the dawning of a bright era in her history Mark the springing into life of wiser systems of government, the decline and ultimate fall of a system fatal to freedom and unity, and the opening of new channels of thought and activity!

In the light of an individual conscience the character of Louis XI can only be despised and condemned for its moral ubiquity; and yet looking at the success of his administration, during a most trying season, the source of our approval is not to be sought in the private character of the man in his dealings with his fellows, but in that profound genius and sagacity, foresight and energy, which led to the establishment of the French monarchy on a firm basis, and the fusion of antagonistic members into an harmonious whole.

We cannot take the character of Louis XI alone as a known quantity from which to deduce the long and involved equations which the past has brought down to us.

As in the chaos of an uncreated world, existed already the germs of the sun with his planetary systems the latent powers of those wonderful laws of gravitation, attraction and repulsion, so in the confusion of brute force, romantic chivalry and the crude expressions of an intelligence struggling for utterance in these dark ages, are to be embraced later, that stability of government, that respect for character and worth, the stolidity of real virtue, and the development of those unrivaled vehicles of man's thought, literature and art. However, the force of personal character, in hastening or retarding events whose natural sequence have their embryo in the past, cannot be ignored, and shows itself too strongly not to have weight with us in the estimation of Louis.

At the beginning of the reign of Charles VII, father of Louis XI, we find France but little more than a name, dismembered by the warring of internal factions, and weakened and impoverished by the encroachments of foreign foes, the flower of its nobility sacrificed and the treasury empty.

Revolution after revolution had changed its boundaries, until the people, from their continued miseries, grew indifferent to their form of bondage, though

they never lost the hope of deliverance.

Though surnamed the victorious Charles VII presents but few claims to our admiration. By nature indolent and voluptuous, instead of directing events he allowed himself to be carried along by the strongest influences, were it by the superstitious enthusiasm of the heroic Jean d'Arc, the ambitious energy of his queen and Agnes Sorel, or the active foresight of the strong minds to whom he looked for advice in the administration of his government. By means of all these concurrent forces, his name comes down to us, as "The author of unrivaled benefits to his people; the emancipator of his native land from a foreign yoke; the triumphant conqueror of his enemies, and the founder of some of the more important civil and military institutions."

To him, his son and successor, Louis XI, presents a striking contrast in every line of his strongly marked character. Of a keen, fertile and ingenuous mind, he lost none of the lessons which his father's reign had to teach him, and wisely prepared himself by a course of thorough and systematic study for the lofty and responsible position which was first opened to him when he had attained the full strength and development of middle age.

Instead of being dependent on others in any degree whatever, he emancipated himself entirely from even the outward signs of deference to his peers, and through his profound sagacity and insight into the motives, the weaknesses, the strength of his fellows, he towered way above them and seemed to regard the world as only a grand chess-board, and managed to keep the controlling pieces in his own hands. An inordinate selfishness being his dominant passion, no sentiment of the heart or conscientious scruples, could ever deter him from the object before him, though it was ever his policy to conceal his designs, and he would have liked even to persuade himself that he was able to outwit St. Peter and the devil.

Such examples of so strong a consciousness of inherent power are extremely rare and suggest a Lucifer or a Mephistopheles, when not balanced by well grounded principles of right action. Such genius, steadfastness of purposes, and inflexibility of will were worthy a companionship with the most elevated moral sentiments, and so united, who can calculate the influence of such a character on all succeeding ages?

Yet, with the portrait we have of him, in spite of his great success, in spite of the permanent greatness which France received at his hands, a no more unpopular, even despised, example could be set up before the nations of the earth. Heartless, and indifferent to the rights of others, full of intrigue, faithless to his compacts, willing to wait any length of time or use any means which might accomplish his ends; nevertheless, his selfishness and ambition included in its results if not in its objects, the glory of France as a monarchy, and promoted the welfare of his people. In this transitional period he possessed that far-seeing glance which penetrated into the changes of the future, and with his ever ready

creative faculty seemed always prepared to meet any and every emergency.

He is an exponent of the decline of sheer force as an element of successful government, and by means of his craft made use of the jealousies and hostilities among the dismembered provinces to cement them gradually in a harmonious whole, and concentrated their vitalities into a national unity, capable of withstanding any external shock. In striking against the power and privileges of the nobility he prepared the way for the unity and harmony of the state for a dignified and intelligent liberty of the people directed by a common superior authority. Yet these benefits were of slow growth and bore no fruits in his tyrannical reign.

In the downfall of Charles the Bold the strength of the feudal system was crushed, and seemed to bring down along with its inevitable accompanying evils the glory and beauty of chivalry, which Louis trampled under foot, and it remained for a later period to see them open to a wider form and a fuller development.

Charles the Bold and Louis XI stand opposed as the two conflicting elements of the transition era personified. The first holding his lands and power by the right of conquest as well as of inheritance, the strongest and most able of the crown vassals, was, through the peculiarities of his position, and the qualities of his mind, the natural enemy of Louis. War and conquest had through inheritance become an instinct and necessity of his nature.

In that dismembered state of France, where every man's hand was against his neighbor, and when might was recognized as right, and "not to conquer was to be absorbed," there was no other course left to Charles but to rush to meet his fate, and justice, the inevitable, gathered in her shadows ever closer around him, like the insatiable destiny in the old Greek tragedies, until he was swallowed up in the ever narrowing circles of the maelstrom, to which the tendencies of the age and his own nature were constantly urging him. Charles' character is much more easily understood than that of Louis because of its harmony with the spirit of the times, possessing all the elements in a nobler degree of the political and social life of this period, into which Louis is thrown as an innovator, a disturber of the elements.

As a man, the courage, daring and sincerity of Charles would win even more firm friends and admirers than the unscrupulousness of Louis with all his diplomatic talents. Charles had grand ideas and went boldly about their realization with the energy of a warlike spirit. Louis saw deeper and had the advantage of working in the direction with the eternal laws of justice and development.

Viewed in the light of the philosophy of history, success is no gift of a capricious goddess, influenced by external graces in her preferences or favoritism. But it has its roots deep down in the very source of being, law and order, and erects as its lasting imperishable memorial, the consummation of ends, perhaps but dimly shadowed forth in the aspirations of some humble character, or in the ambitions of a seemingly vile instrument of the higher Allwise power.

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ACADEMY COLUMN.

GUIDO H. STEMPER, Editor.

E. V. Mills went home, to Elkader, to vote.

Willard E. Brown, '84, is teaching in Millersburg, Iowa.

Julia Long teaches near her home in Oldfield, this winter.

Mr. Gibson's class in grammar began to write essays this week.

All Halloween passed off quietly as far as the Academy was concerned.

Harry Seymore helped to swell the Republican majority in the Sixth District.

Smyla Bender, Corning, Iowa, is visiting with his brother, Isaac W. Bender in this place.

With election returns and with lessons the minds of the boys were pretty severely taxed last Wednesday.

Subscriptions to the VIDETTE-REPORTER can be given to the editor, or better to the business manager.

Herbert Brown has resigned his position on the Ottumwa Democrat and is expected back to school soon.

W. H. McLaughlin went home, to Washington, Iowa, last Friday and stayed long enough to cast his vote.

A pupil possessing the following ten points cannot fail: honesty, purity, intelligence, activity, industry, obedience, steadiness, obligingness, politeness and neatness.

We again call the students' attention to the fact that we have hung up our contribution box in the Academy office. Help to make this column interesting. You can do it.

We are sorry to hear of the accident, which resulted in the death of the father of our fellow student, Wm. Philpott. Mr. Philpott returned to his home, Maple Park, Ills. Wednesday to attend the funeral.

At the last meeting of the Athenian society, it having been found impossible to regain the old constitution, Messrs. Render, Lloyd and Seymore were appointed a committee to draft a new constitution.

The Joe Mulhatton club was formed Monday and every boy in the school joined it. On account of the rain, but a few turned out, they marching to the tune of "Little Drops of Water," and the stentorian "Hep" of the 1st lieutenant. Much fun had been anticipated and would have been had but for the rain.

The programme of the exercises, last Monday, in commemoration of Bryant's birthday, was exceedingly interesting. The oration on the "Life and Writings of Bryant" by B. B. Davis and the recitations "Robert O'Lincoln" by Ella D. Graves, "Waiting by the Gate" by Grace O. Partridge and "Green River" by Winnie A. Sawn were especially worthy of mention.

The following description of a belle whom a Virginia reporter met at a ball is given by an exchange:

"Complexion neither blonde nor brunette, hovering between dawn and sunrise on a summer morning. Eyes, beside whose arrows cupids keenest darts are only fit for killing frogs or clams, eyes that drive the very stars of heaven distracted with envy. Lashes more gloriously silken than ever fringed the lids of oriental houri. Tones soft as the softest warbling of a flute on tropic seas at twilight. A magnet strong enough to turn a wholebattalion topsey-turvey and bring the planets rushing from their far off spheres. Lovelier, more enchanting creatures never flitted through the paradise of rarest poet's dream. Describe her? Were my pen a quill from the pinion of the loftiest seraph that burns in gleaming glory and dipped in the refugent radiance of the rain-bow's fountain it would be impossible. Raphael's ghost after three centuries of celestial practice would faint at the task of trying to depict her transcendent loveliness."

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HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

S. N. McCLEAN, Editor.

The election has made a good many vacant seats in the medical department this week.

Last evening our department had a very pleasant class social at the home of our class mate, Miss Coulter.

The officers of our Alumni Association are: Pres., A. H. Thomas, Sec., C. W. Pyle to whom letters can be addressed at Keosauqua, Iowa.

W. F. Kill has returned from his voting expedition to his home at Avoca, and reports Blaine booming and Lyman elected in the 9th district.

We sometimes hear sentences in which each word is a separate gem. Such were the remarks of Prof. Gilchrist at the close of Monday's clinic.

Our genial class mate Dr. G. Barr, class of '84, was married last week. He has been practicing at Mechanicsville this year, and is succeeding well.

Dr. Bessie E. Peery who graduated from our graded course last year is practicing in Chicago, and taking a special course of diagnosis in one of the large hospitals in that city.

Our department has received two new students this week. Miss Martha Wagner from Hamburg, Iowa, who will this year complete her third course of lectures here; I. N. Fuller, of West Union, a member of our senior class.

Prof. Clapp tells a story this year with as good a zest as ever and his remarks last Wednesday upon the anatomical results of the fashionable application of pressure to the foot and thorax were as wise as they were witty.

Prof. Parker startled his bible class last Sunday morning with the remark that he would give more for a good hearty laugh than for all the drugs in the materia medica. Years ago it seems when the Prof. was a young man and a hard student, his friends all told him that he was going to die of consumption and being a little startled at their warning he determined to cultivate the habit of laughing and told us that all along through life he had carried with him the idea of being jovial; that contrary to their predictions he had not died of consumption and that he believed that both his present and past good health was due largely to the invigorating influence of a hearty laugh, and though the gray hairs and erect form of the Prof. speak well of the potent influences of his prescription, yet we are inclined to doubt its efficacy in a bad case of typhoid fever or pneumonia. Still as a prophylactic or a natural tonic we know of nothing which is equal to the invigorating influences of a hearty laugh, and many a hollowed eyed, over-worked medical student would do well to profit by the Professor's advice.

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