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THE students of the Agricultural College publish in addition to the *Aurora*, an eight-page monthly paper called the *Students Farm Journal*, devoted to the interests of agriculture and horticulture. Its publication began with the present school term. The enterprise is a worthy one and deserves success.

CAPTAIN H. W. Fyfe, the Commissioner for Johnson county, at the International Exhibition, to be held in New Orleans, has very kindly presented the library with a collection of charts illustrating clearly the plans, grounds and buildings of the approaching World's Fair. With the charts are circulars numerating the unusual attractions that are to be in connection with the great exhibition. These in themselves outside the many wonders of the Fair are enough to make the average northern student long for a winter in the South. But whether we go or stay at home the charts are none the less interesting; should we decide to take a southern trip during our winter vacation, they will give us much necessary information but should work or time or purse say nay, they are still good stimulants for the imagination.

REFERENCE has already been made in our columns to the collection of autographs recently presented to the University by Hon. Charles Aldrich of Webster City. As the autographs have now been put in readiness for exhibition, a more extended notice seems proper. The Aldrich Collection occupies an elegant walnut case made for the purpose, standing on the left side of the entrance from the reading room into the library. The upper part of the case is devoted to a large number of autograph signatures, each fastened to a card and identified by a brief biographical reference. These are

all covered by glass, and are directly exposed to view on opening the double doors of the case. Here we find the signatures of various English and American statesmen, soldiers, scientists, novelists and scholars: Bright and Lincoln, Darwin and Gray, Ruskin and Irving, Collins and Howells, Woolsey and Grant, and others of equal interest. A rare charm attaches to a bit of yellow paper marked with lines traced by the eminent theologian of the last century, Wm. Paley. The queer signature of Treasurer Spinner, that used to adorn the corner of our greenbacks, looks as crooked and baffling as ever. The lower part of the case is occupied by thirty-four small horizontal drawers, in which are arranged many interesting portraits as well as autograph letters and signatures. One drawer is graced by portraits and manuscripts of Holmes, Whittier, Lowell and Baker, Horace Greeley, Dewitt Smith, Sumner and Phillips occupy another. A third presents a medley of attractions: Beecher, Ingersoll, Belva Lockwood, Joaquin Miller and Sojourner Truth! Other drawers amply repay one for the trouble of examining them. It is the purpose of Mr. Aldrich to add to this collection from time to time. It is already valuable, and forms a nucleus to which the friends of the University generally are invited to join in making contributions. Several persons in Iowa City have already evinced a generous interest by donating autographs, and a student has made the collection richer by a valuable photograph. It is but proper to say in this connection that the effective arrangement of the entire collection is due to the taste and plan of the librarian.

PERHAPS it would be in better taste to make no reply to the contributor who appeared in our columns last week as the champion of a beer wagon driver who assaulted a student on no other provocation than that said student was loudly proclaiming his presidential preference. For each student who desires to ascertain the facts in the case from those even present at the scene and can thus determine for himself whether or no we correctly represented them. By further careful inquiry we find the facts to be substantially the same as we represented them in our former article, but, says our critic, they are known to be otherwise yet how and in what respect otherwise he was not happy to state, but with the "usual volubility" indulged in much random talk to which we have neither space nor inclination to respond. Our critic would seem to have our readers believe that we made a general onslaught upon all the citizens of Iowa, when, indeed, we simply condemned the well-known intolerant spirit of a certain class of individuals who inhabit Iowa City. This city contains many of Iowa's

best people from whom the students have received the most hospitable treatment and to whom we owe our gratitude and respect, but these very excellent people condemn in as unmeasured terms as we the mob spirit and the heathenish assaults resulting therefrom and have less respect and more contempt for any who defend or condemn acts of violence, and to those who do defend them "we commend a more prudent husbandry of their faithful resources."

CLIPPINGS.

Dickinson College has opened its doors to women.

The Junior class of Columbia is seven hundred dollars in debt.

Bancroft, the historian, celebrated his 84th birthday on Friday, October 3.

Seven members of the House of Representatives are graduates of Harvard.

An Assyrian tablet has lately been deciphered that gives an account of a transit of Venus 1600 B. C.

One hundred instructors are now engaged in the University of Boston, and a new building will be opened this fall.

The Garfield memorial window, at Williams College, has been finished at a cost of three thousand six hundred and forty-five dollars.

A lady has recently received the title of Doctor and Master of Arts from the University of London, being the first woman to obtain this honor.

Of eighteen Harvard graduates since 1881, who now occupy positions on various newspapers, were formerly on the staff of some of the college papers—*Ex.*

Judge Tourgee is writing a new book, "An appeal to Caesar," which will treat of the educational problems in the South, a theme suggested to him by President Garfield.

A society for the purpose of developing the art of extemporaneous speaking has been organized in the University of California. It is composed of Alumni, Seniors and Juniors.

The average annual expenses of a student at LaFayette College are four hundred dollars; at Amherst and Williams, five hundred; at Princeton, six hundred; and at Columbia, Harvard and Yale eight hundred.

The University of Hidleburg has refused to accept a gift of one hundred thousand marks, because its acceptance would necessitate the admission of women to the school.

The University of Michigan is to have the largest observatory dome in the world. It is now in process of construction at Cleveland, Ohio, and will weigh ten ton, and be forty-five feet four inches in diameter at the base.

Professor Ernst Curtius, the historian, director of the Berlin Museum, completed his seventieth year on the 2d of September. He is slender, erect, and of medium height, with clear sparkling eyes, smooth face, and wavy gray hair. His facial expression somewhat resembles that of the actor John McCullough. Some of his American friends, notably George Bancroft, President Franklin Carter of Williams College, and Dr. Robert Porter Keep of Williston Seminary joined with his home friends in presenting him with a bust of himself.

It is said that a second edition of the *Century* for November, containing Gen. Beauregard's article on the Battle of Bull Run, was called for. Of the present, December number, 150,000 copies have been printed to meet the demand that has sprung up since the "War Articles" began to appear. Warren Lee Goss continues his interesting "Recollections of a Private," while Gen. Lew Wallace vividly describes the capture of Ft. Donelson, and the campaign leading thereto. The articles are both well illustrated. The second part of W. D. Howell's new novel appears. The story is interesting and gives promise of being one of Mr. Howell's best efforts. Mr. Langley contributes his third article on the "New Astronomy," which is illustrated with the same care shown in the former papers. "Hunting the Rocky Mountain Goat," "American Painters in Pastel," and the "Principles and practice in House-Drainage," are all thoroughly illustrated. Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," will recall the irrepressible Tom Sawyer. John Burroughs never tires talking about his out door friends, and his readers never tire in reading his articles. "Winter Neighbors" is a characteristic production. The essay on the poet Heine will interest all, especially those interested in German literature. The usual number of short poems, together with the departments, complete the contents.

At Princeton a treaty between the two literary societies forbids that sort of solicitation for members known as electioneering. The Freshman judges for himself which is the better society, from the work which each does before him, and then gives his name to the society, that he chooses, not the one that wears him out by importuning.

There are no native Americans who value historical associations who will not grieve over the closing of the old college of William and Mary. Nearly all the endowments of the college were lost through injudicious investments and the fortunes of war. This is a prosaic age, but it would become the South to build up again the institution which educated some of the most celebrated of her sons.—*Tribune.*

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Essay " Jan. 7th, 1885.

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Get there?

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Oh those Kansas girls!

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"Where, oh where, is the milk bottle?"
Did anybody lose an eight of diamonds?

Rumor has it that "Teet" was recently
imposed upon.

Olin S. Fellows a graduate of some
years ago is visiting in the city.

Professor: What is done at the com-
mand *Halt*? Student: Stop.

Miss Spencer, deligate from Burling-
ton, returned home yesterday.

N. D. Ely who teaches at North Lib-
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ter G. is engraved. Address Box 1378.

C. R. Rall went home yesterday and
will remain till after Thanksgiving.

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Tom Stevenson left to-day to teach a
school a few miles from the city.

W. M. Walker, A. B. '83, is mail agent
on the Milwaukee & St Paul railroad.

J. A. Miller, A. B. '83, who serves on
the *State Register* is in the city visiting
friends.

Prof. Calvin was called to Delaware
county this week by the death of his
father-in-law.

The funeral of Harry Clark's mother,
Mrs. J. Warren Clarke, took place on
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editors.—*News Letter*.

'83 John Tourtellotte, who owns some
mining property in Colorado, is engaged
in working the same.

Geo. N. Beales, LL.B. '75, has been
practicing, at Norfolk, Nebraska, contin-
uously since graduating.

It is said that Blaine is about to begin
work on the second volume of his
"Twenty Years in Congress."

L. C. Blanding arrived home from
Nashville, on Tuesday morning and re-
ports a most enjoyable time.

By actual count there were just fifty
flags ornamenting the house in which
Prouty resides on Tuesday night,

Owing to bad powder our Democratic
friends were disappointed in the firing of
the cannon on Tuesday morning.

J. T. Anderson of the Junior class
leaves to-day to take charge of a school
at Richmond. He will return at the be-
ginning of the spring term.

The E. G. Ryan Debating Society could
not meet last week on account of repairs
being made in the lecture room. The
entire programme was postponed one
week.

Dr. Dio Lewis, of New York City, a
man of considerable celebrity in his pro-
fession, stopped in Iowa City on Monday
and visited some friends connected with
the University.

R. M. LaFollette who took the first
prize at the Inter-State contest held in
this city in '79, has been elected to Con-
gress by the Republicans of the third
Wisconsin District.

The shooting match this forenoon
came off leaving the Juniors victorious,
that is champions of the school. At
fifty yards they led the Freshmen by
three points, and at 100, by seven. This
is final.

A meeting of the Athletic Association
of the University, was held yesterday for
the election of officers and the perfecting
of arrangements in regard to the exer-
cises in gymnastics this winter. The
following offices were elected: President
Greene; Vice-President Stutsman; Sec-
retary Lovell; Treasurer Moore.

(Scene in class). Professor misses Mr.
— . Class maintain that he is sick.
Some members venture to assert that he
is sick *abed*. In the midst of these as-
severations, the student in question en-
ters, a perfect picture of mental and
physical health. Class collapse.

Major J. A. Pickler, an Alumnus of the
University and member of the first edi-
torial corps of the *University Reporter*, has
been elected a member of Territorial Leg-
islature of Dakota. The Major has served
one term in the Iowa Legislature as rep-
resentative from Muscatine county.

Lieutenant Knowler has given the
Freshman and Junior classes a chance to
settle the championship by another con-
test which in all probability will come
off to-day. From their record it can be
seen that the victory will be small un-
less some of the boys get rattled. A
good score is hoped for and no doubt
will be made by both classes.

A mistake was made in our last issue
in stating that the foot-ball game, be-
tween the Junior and Academy-High
School teams had been concluded. The
final goal has not yet been played and at
last accounts the contestants are even.
This correction is made in deference to
the wish of the High School boys.

History repeats itself. Forty years ago
Henry Clay the idol of his party, was the
Whig candidate for the presidency. Op-
posed to him was James K. Polk, who a
short time before had scarcely been
thought of in this connection. The re-
sult turned upon the vote of New York
It was given Polk by a small plurality
because of the Whig vote thrown away
on the candidate of the Abolitionists.
The resemblance between that campaign
and the recent one is some what strik-
ing.

The contest in target practice, between
the representative marksmen of the four
classes, resulted in a tie between the
Junior and Freshman classes. Four
picked men from each class shot for the
honors of class championship. The
Freshmen at 50 yards, made a score of 90
out of a possible 100. At 100 yards, they
made 74. The Juniors came in with a
record of 85 at 50 yards; and 79 at 100
yards, thus tying the Freshman with a
total of 164. The highest record made at
50 yards, was made by E. R. Nichols who
scored five bulls eyes in succession. At
100 yards, Walter Bryant and J. W. Hal-
lock took the lead each making 23 out of
a possible 25.

The past few days have been festal ones
for the members of the I. C. Sorosis. It
was a worthy compliment which gave
to the S. U. I. girls the National Con-
vention which has been in session in the
parlors of the Methodist church for sev-
eral days. Notwithstanding the pressure
of questions of great importance demand-
ing their attention, they have found time
to turn away from the dull routine of
their necessary labors to the more joyous
scenes of social pleasure. On Thursday
an entertainment was given at the pleas-
ant home of Miss Hattie Cochrane where
the entire sisterhood joined heartily in
making merry the passing hours for de-
legates and University friends. Pleasing
conversation and the flowing song drove
out the thoughts of fleeting times. A
few moments of comparative quiet oc-
curred when the guests did ample jus-
tice to the delicious refreshments. The
lonely hour of midnight was almost at
hand when the crowd dispersed after
having enjoyed an evening of such
pleasure as seldom falls to the lot of mor-
tals. Long in the memories of those
entertained will linger pleasing recollec-
tions of last Thursday night, and a hope

that at no distant day Iowa City may
again enjoy the presence of a National
I. C. Convention.

Freaks is a comedy in four acts, and
said to be one of the funniest plays ever
written. Louise Sylvester, the star, is
supported by a good company, and both
play and star come highly recommended.

The societies last night elected their
Annual Exhibition programme as fol-
lows:

ZETS.

Valedictory—D. C. Blashfield.
Salutatory—B. O. Hostetler.
Middle Oration—V. G. Coe.
Debate—F. O. Lowden, N. C. Young, C. L.
Powell, D. L. Love.
Declamations—S. A. McClure, J. A. Van Dyke

IRVINGS.

Valedictory—R. S. Galer.
Salutatory—W. J. Maughlin.
Debate—N. M. Campbell, J. H. Liggett, E. H.
Sabin, J. L. Testers.
Declamations—Fred. Terry, A. B. Noble.
Presiding Officer—Harry Clark.

ERODELPHIANS.

Valedictory—Nell Rawson.
Salutatory—Agnes Holbrook.
Middle Oration—Edith Lloyd.
Debate—Esther Smalley, Nell Ingham, Myra
Call, Libbie Evans.
Declamations—Mell Tuttle, Cora Ross.

The Heps. elected their programme some time
since, but at the hour of going to press we have
not learned who the speakers are.

Lee, Welch & Co's display of Holiday
goods is simply superb. Mr. Lee used
excellent taste in his selections, and the
goods are displayed to the best advan-
tage in their newly decorated rooms.
Before going home on their vacation,
students should call and select some
presents for their friends. Everything
in their store is bright and fresh.

Louise Sylvester in "Freaks" at the
Opera House, Tuesday, November 25th,
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News stand. Prices as usual.

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the department of literature, science and
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**HOMŒOPATHIC
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.**

S. N. McCLEAN, Editor.

Prof. and Mrs. Roberts spent last Sabbath at Niagara Falls.

Each member of the class should be a subscriber for the VIDETTE.

What does it mean when we see in a library a notice like this, "No Smoking."

Prof. Peck's lectures on wounds are clear, concise, and well worth listening to.

This column is supposed to be a compilation of items handed in by the class and friends.

Prof. Peck's remarks on throwing paper were good, and we think that if he could have seen between some of the seats he would not have stopped where he did.

S. N. McClean will return and resume his duties as editor in a week or two. He is meeting with good success in the practice that has been left in his care. He has both scarlet fever and typhoid on his list.

We had the pleasure on Thursday evening, through the medium of Prof. Gilchrist's lecture, of turning aside from the hurry of the present, and wandering in thought through that monument of other times, the Tower of London. To those of us who have never had the privilege of visiting such places of interest, it is indeed a treat to listen to such vivid description as the Professor gave us. The lecture was given for the benefit of Trinity church.

We have not been a little amused by objections that some of our lady friends have been making to women studying medicine, and well may the reply be made that the earth's crust is filled with the remains of extinct animals that did not adapt themselves to the gradual advancement that were made in geological eras; that this is an age of progress; that woman as physician is one of the revolutions of the present; and

"He that will this faith deny,
Down among the fossils he shall lie;
Down, down, down, down,
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The favorite game of the medics during cold weather is "seven up."

Professor Shrader who has been sick during the past week, is able to be about again.

The Medical Library of the S. U. I. is being rearranged under the supervision of Prof. Farnsworth.

We hear that Dr. Conniff, of class '84, is located at Sioux City and has laid the foundation for a good practice.

All the boys called up into the fourth story invariably chose for their part either the head or one of the lateral halves.

Dr. Witty, of class '82, now first assistant physician of the Mt. Pleasant hospital, visited the Surgical Clinic yesterday afternoon.

Miss Elsa Noble, Strawberry Point, Iowa, is now emolled and is rapidly being initiated into the mysteries of the department.

The following Couplet may be of mnemonic use to the medical student: "Some sweet ladies cannot paint, Though they may unseen."

Dr. Artz, of the class of '82, has recently been appointed surgeon in general of a new through line railroad between Chicago and Minneapolis at a salary of \$6000 per annum.

You are right when you say that the Medics are hard workers. They have to attend but six or seven lectures a day and one or two extra hours for quiz; besides two to three hours daily for dissection.

Dr. D. G. Thompson, of last year's class, is enjoying a fine practice at El Moro, Colorado. He is surgeon for a coal company in that vicinity and also railroad surgeon for a line running through that town.

Our classmate, Miss Ambrey Gray, has been absent from lectures during the past week on account of illness, but we hope that under the excellent treatment of Dr. Gillett she will soon be seen in her old place in the amphitheatre.

Since the announcement of Grover Cleveland's election some of the boys have been in a very hilarious mood. Were we not devoid of hypocrisy, we would congratulate our friends upon the choice of their sumingly invincible hero, and upon their own good luck; but liberality demands that we shake hands and that difference of opinion political or otherwise produce not the slightest solution of continuity in our friendly intercourse

P. Lorillard & Co., Jersey City, N. J., manufacturers of Climax Red Tin Tag Tobacco, send us a lithograph of "Representatives of Professional Base Ball in America." The pictures are all good.

Everybody uses Rigg's Hoarhound Cough Syrup for coughs and colds.

SHORT-HAND COLUMN.

ELDON MORAN, Editor.

Our class at Lyons, Iowa, numbers eleven. Mr. Charles Scott gives the dictation drills.

Concerning the new text-book, B. G. Miller, of Aberdeen, Dakota, says: "I find it the shortest and quickest method ever published."

Our correspondence students are: J. P. Blaise, teacher, Sigourney, Iowa; C. T. Wilson, operator, Stuart, Iowa; W. T. Haines, book-keeper for the Standard Cattle Co., Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The short-hand department of the Aurora, Ill., college, will open at the beginning of the next term. The text-book on Reporting Style has been adopted. Miss M. Clearman has been secured as instructor.

Ed. W. Dobson, who completed the course three weeks ago, has been doing court reporting at Monmouth, Ill. He starts next week for Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he has accepted a situation as Stenographer for a law firm.

Our Clinton class is now organized. Each student receives personal lessons by mail, the dictation lessons being given by Mr. Halleck Seaman, who is well qualified for this work by a great deal of experience as practical reporter.

Concerning our Text-book Dick Williams says: "I admire your work exceedingly. It is not so voluminous as most short-hand books, although containing all the rules known to the art; and it is so cunningly arranged that it cannot help but please one. In all, it is the best work of the kind I have ever seen."

We are now prepared to give a full course of instruction to any competent lady or gentleman who will organize a local correspondence class of five or more members and give dictation drill lessons once a week. As to qualifications required, and for further information concerning terms and directions, please write us.

A new feature of our course by mail is a series of Circulators which are forwarded from one student to another, requiring one member to translate and criticize the writing of another. The Circulator is finally returned to the School, corrected, and a key sent to each student, in order that he may know what his mistakes were. In this way the students by mail become acquainted, and a friendly competition is established.

A few of our correspondence students whom we would commend for their excellent progress are: Warner Lovell and U. G. Morrow, of Milan, Mo.; Lucia Barnes, Charles City, Ia.; W. H. Jenkins Swan Lake, Ia.; W. S. Hawes, Poultney, Va.; Sarah Filson, Tipton, Ia.; W. S. Hanlon, Sigourney, Ia.; W. C. Madison, Center Grove, Ia.; Anna Tussey, Washington, Ia.; J. W. O'Byrne, Eureka, Kan.; T. J. Rolliman, Brookville, Kan.

ACADEMY COLUMN.

GUIDO H. STEMPEL, Editor.

Students, remember ye the contribution box.

Examinations this week made many a face look long.

Why has that German Reading Circle not been organized?

Chas. Mackey spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Downey.

Master Willie Graves visited near Lone Tree, with Mr. Wm. Wilson's family, last week.

John Gray, who is now teaching, visited the academy this week, bringing a new pupil with him.

Will Kenyon attended the meeting at Cedar Rapids, of the Y. M. C. A., the latter part of last week.

Eight new students in this week. They are coming in order that they may get a good start for the winter term.

At the debate last night one side talked itself hoarse, while the other let off a dangerous supply of steam. No accidents!

J. A. Bishop is teaching near Wellman Iowa, but has not forgotten the Academy, as he sent us two new scholars this week.

One of our young gentlemen wishes that his girl would not put any Latin in her letters, as he would prefer English or German.

The old constitution, by-laws and minutes of the Athenian society were returned to the society through the kindness of Mr. Fowler.

C. H. Maxson is meeting with marked success as principal of the Shellsburg, Iowa, schools. He writes that he is well pleased with his position.

The campaign having ended, is having a good effect on school work. Well, boys, it is past, and you can study and learn just as well under one president as under another.

At the rhetorical exercises, last Wednesday afternoon, the pupils taking part, acquitted themselves very creditably. Especially was the improvement in the use of English language noticeable.

We are unable to make out a report, in time for this week's issue, of last night's meeting of the Athenian society. The meeting was an important one and will be fully reported in next week's paper.

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

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Kissed by the sunbeams gay,
Coaxed by the warm rain falling,
You came in the early May;
O beautiful, opening leaves.

All through the heat of the summer,
Lulled by the breezes mild,
Crept underneath your shelter
The ferns and the mosses wild;
O swaying, tremulous leaves.

Smiling, you watched the shadows
Cast by the moonbeams bright
Over the sleeping flowers
Many a silent night;
O beautiful, glistening leaves.

You've welcomed the blush of the morning
And bathed in the fresh, sweet dew,
Till flushed with a radiance tender,
You've caught from the rainbow a hue;
O wonderful, changing leaves.

You've sighed o'er the fast fading sunset
And wept o'er the death of the rose,
Till, trembling, you cling to the branches
And shrink as the keen wind blows;
O beautiful, quivering leaves.

The breath of the Autumn is chilly,
And cold is the pitiless sky;
You're tossed by the wind-sprites, scornful,
As southward the wild-birds fly;
O beautiful, quivering leaves.

On the hard, frosty ground you are lying
In masses of crimson and gold;
You have brightened the path through the
valley,
And your sad, sweet story is told;
O beautiful, dying leaves.

For the drifting snows of the winter
You are waiting, all cold and still,
But your last farewell to the summer
Still echoes from hill to hill;
O beautiful, saddening leaves.

Anon.

LORENZO.

The history of Florence at the time of the Renaissance is inseparable from that of the Medici family. Each explains the other. Only Florence could have produced such a man as Lorenzo the Magnificent.

Florence and the other Italian cities owed their independence to the rivalry between the papal and imperial power. It was not so much by the assertion of their rights so much as a growth of custom, that each city became sovereign. The Emperors were unable to maintain their theoretical supremacy, although it had the good effect of preventing any other power from asserting itself.

In general we may say that the population of the towns included what was left of the old Italic race, the old Roman stock, which was strongest in Florence and Venice. The nobles were of foreign origin—Franks, Goths, and Lombards, who lived mostly in fortified castles outside the cities. The free cities derived their strength from their wealth, gained by commerce and industry. They gradually absorbed the territory of the nobles, and thus each city became a sort of province with outlying dependencies. Here were two antagonistic elements, ready to range themselves under any banner which would give the form of legitimate warfare to their natural hostility.

It was the policy of the church to support the cities against the nobles. In this way rose the famous Guelf and Ghibelline parties, whose struggle was the struggle of the old Italic stock, shut

up in cities with foreign nobles established in fortresses outside.

After the church finally triumphed no Emperor interfered in the affairs of Italy until Charles V. At the same time the Pope also ceased to exercise any real or formidable power. So without Pope or Emperor they were left to their own development, and to prosecute their own private quarrels. Although the old meaning of Guelf and Ghibelline had passed away, the two factions still divided and distracted Italy. *Guelf* meant the burgher as opposed to the noble; industry as opposed to Feudal Lordship. The Florentines were especially champions of the Guelf cause, and became prominent from the leadership which they took and kept in the numerous struggles of the two parties. The very name of noble became obnoxious, and the aristocracy were hampered in every possible way. This will explain the curious fact that a citizen was disfranchised by being made a noble, and no one had the right of citizenship who was not enrolled as craftsman or artizan.

This much of a preface is necessary in order to understand what sort of a Republic Florence was, as well as the position mere citizens (like the founders of the De Medici family) had, and the influence they exerted. From being the champions of liberty the next step was to use the same power to enslave the people. Lorenzo, the Magnificent, represents the culmination and the climax of this peculiar state of things.

The whole population of Florence was divided into artizans and nobles, and the power was in the hands of the workmen and merchants. The nobles were disfranchised and gladly enrolled themselves in the guilds, exchanging their titles for the privilege of citizens—a thing unique in history. The obvious danger, that the citizen should in his turn become a tyrant, was the one which was next realized. In the intense and eager life of Florence there was a fullness of enjoyment for the intellect, as well as for the senses which made Florentines more patriotic than the men of less favored cities.

The details of the struggles between the different guilds, the higher and lower craftsmen, need not be given. It was the conflict of labor and capital. Florence was a Republic without social organization, liberty was highly prized, but who knew what liberty was? All classes, parties, and degrees, all higher and lower, all authority, were so broken up and mingled that henceforth the only possible power in the state was the power of wealth and ability. This fierce Democracy allowed no subordination of fierce individual passions, and Florence was just ready to fall a prey to any power which had the skill to control these diverse elements. The art of the Medici family consisted in their use of these feuds and passions.

In this great bee-hive of industry, the Medici were simply burghers like the rest, without title or distinction. Gradually they acquired great wealth, and under Cosimo, the grandfather of Lorenzo, the banking house of De Medici became inextricably concerned in the

welfare of the state. He lent money for wars, and was creditor for the larger part of the public debt of Florence. For some service in former civil conflicts the people had become attached to the name of De Medici. At this time the bankruptcy of Cosimo would have been almost the ruin of Florence. In this way he made himself necessary. He attached influential citizens to himself by lending them money, bound others by paying the debts of those who were disfranchised by poverty, thus making himself formidable and beloved. There were other families who rivalled this one in wealth and influence—at one time Cosimo was banished, but returned with the added credit of injured innocence and martyrdom in the popular cause. It is a question whether Cosimo consciously used his influence to further the interests of his family or whether he was an unselfish patriotic citizen.

Into such wealth and power Lorenzo was born. His father lived but a short time, and Lorenzo seemed to be the successor of his grand father. The chiefs of the De Medici party offered him the same place in the government, which both grand father and father had held, it being thought necessary to have a Presidential head in the government. This rival family of Piazzini tried to prevent his success and it was only after stormy struggles that he found his enemies vanquished.

Outside Florence the family had the treatment and consideration of Princes, while in the city they were careful to maintain the demeanor of mere citizens. They understood the jealousy which watched every assumption of undemocratic honors, and the advice from father to son had always been, "be careful citizens, accept no offices which are not the gift of the people." Was it good policy or true patriotism?

Lorenzo entered on a career during which he maintained the balance of honor in Italy, remodeled the Republic in the interest of his family and left Florence enslaved.

This was an age of culture, not of religious faith or political development. The characteristic of the period was its passion for learning, its worship of the intellect. We may horrify ourselves by dwelling on the corruptions in morals, but it is more profitable to ask what was the gift of this age to humanity. Nations like individuals, have their talent; and Italy at this time had a special mission—to revive classic art and learning, to react against the narrow interpretation of Christianity which taught men to despise and dishonor the body in their zeal for the salvation of the spirit. It was a kind of return to classic ideals, to an enjoyment of the senses, an attempt to regain the old joy in life of the ancient Greeks. The moral questions which such action and reaction suggest are too deep to be entered upon here. But it would be an injustice to this time if we did not recognize in it a certain legitimate right to be as corrupt and as brilliant as it was. Lorenzo himself was the incarnation of the spirit of the Renaissance. In an age of learning he was a scholar among scholars, a poet among poets, an artist and

patron of art, a writer of songs sacred and profane, and socially the most brilliant man of his time. As a statesman, although he may not rank high in one sense of the word, he at least was successful in the devices of states craft. From his youth he made himself popular by excelling in all the various aspirations and past times of his refined and pleasure loving city. His patronage of art was wise and generous. His wealth was spent not only in craftily attaching people to his cause, but in importing works of art, in buying rare manuscripts and adding vastly to the Laurentian Library. Every scholar of to-day owes him an inestimable debt of gratitude. Among artists we need only name M. Angelo, as one among many whom he befriended and who mourned his death.

On the other hand it is sufficient evident that he lacked moral greatness. Amid his revels, his poems, his devotion to art and learning, he was forging the chains of the Republic. Not so good a financier as Cosimo he found even his great wealth inadequate to the many demands he made on it. It was the necessity for money which drove him to the revolution of 1480, by which he substituted a Privy Council of seventy for the old Councils of the State. The chief functions of the government were absorbed into this body, the members of which were practically nominated by Lorenzo. Contrary to the previous policy of his family he married the daughter of the powerful Orsini family of Rome.

In the wars of Florence with the Pope and against the king of Naples, Lorenzo was so unfortunate in his losses that his popularity began to suffer, and nothing but a brilliant stroke could have saved him with the fickle Florentine populace. He went alone to the king of Naples to induce him to make a treaty with Florence—foreseeing that Florence and Naples allied could govern all Italy. We can scarcely estimate the courage and audacity of the undertaking. He put himself in the power of his unscrupulous enemy, at a time when literally all things were fair in war, and effected his end. By his grace and eloquence, his wealth and adroitness, he so fascinated Ferdinand that he finally made the treaty. Of course Lorenzo returned to Florence more popular than ever and from this time on he remained sole master of the city, the arbiter and peacemaker of Italy.

Lorenzo showed no leniency to his enemies. They were poisoned in secret, assassinated, banished, put out of the way. Lorenzo showed himself a man who was bold enough to use the means which would accomplish his end. It is useless to give the details of the plots and counter plots which kept Lorenzo at the head of the government.

It may be said of him that he was true to his age in all respects, to the enthusiasm for culture, its passion for art, its refined love of pleasure, but also to its intrigues, its selfishness, its vices. We can trace the subordination of a genuine love of art and letters to the necessities of his political ambition. It was even a part of his policy to advance the new culture, it was one of the instruments which he used to further his personal ends, al-

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According to the stand-point we take we may consider Lorenzo a tyrant, involving his country in debts and dangerous wars, corrupting the morals and enslaving the liberties of the people; or as the most liberal minded noble of his epoch, born to play the first part in the Florentine Republic, using his wealth and influence for the advancement of art and culture and the amenities of life. On the one hand the intrigues and secret assassinations, on the other the academy of art and the Laurentian library. Around him as a centre, was assembled the great and brilliant society of the time, he himself a type of the many sided men of genius who were peculiar to this age. To over-praise him from the scholar's point of view would indeed be difficult. He expressed his age, was adequate we may say to the intellectual phase of it. But he was not one of the "world-historical men," in short he was not greater than his age.

There was needed a M. Angelo and a Savonarola to fill out our ideal of the Italy of this time. The latter represented the conscience of Italy, self convicted. There could be no return to lesser ideals: no worship of the senses to a people who had been Christians. Savonarola was the narrow ecclesiastical conscience who recalled them to the moral insights they had lost in the reaction against the narrowness of the middle spirit. Michael Angelo is the great man of the time, but it is not my task to speak of him, except as a comparison is forced on me in trying to sum up the character of Lorenzo. He was a Christian while Lorenzo was a splendid Pagan, but born too late in the world to be an innocent Pagan. He had received "the knowledge of good and evil" with his first breath. Born earlier he might have been a Pericles. As it was, with all his gifts to the world, the verdict must be that he left it no better for having lived in it, because he failed in its highest work. He took the first downward steps which led Italy into an abyss of misery. It has taken many years and many lives to redeem the mistakes which he, as the chief of his people, made.

A new book with an attractive title, "The Religion of the Future," by J. Lloyd Stanley.

He puts some things in a strong and new way. But his style is turgid and his reasoning sometimes hasty.

His conclusion is that all life is one— that unconditioned, absolute vitality permeates the air, that life embodied for a time in us, requires us to bring it nearer perfection by bringing our Spirits uppermost. That altruism or the love of others' good, is the best means to that end, and (here we might suspect him of being biased by Buddhist notions) that finally we return into the Supreme mind.

He repeats what is stated in limpid clearness in the "Natural Law" of Drummond, that the question of spon-

taneous generation is now settled, that there can be no life without antecedent life. And in language almost identical with Fiske's says: "All preceding evolutions show the design of a spiritual being." He gives two well-authenticated and very remarkable instances of mental communication with disembodied mind—Lord Brougham's and Erskine's, both men of keen intellect and strong vigorous mind.

From Stanley's book, however, one does not get the glow and reverent pleasure that he does from "Natural Laws," etc. In stating the present well established law, "no life without antecedent life," Drummond argues that perpetuation and mutation of force can never cross the point of vitality, and says: "Between the mineral world and the vegetable world there is a barrier never yet crossed from the mineral side. Between the vegetable and animal kingdom there is a barrier never yet crossed from the vegetable side. The entrance to the higher kingdom is hermetically sealed on the side of the lower. Only from above by the plants reaching down and setting free the gases and forces of the mineral, can the latter attain (be lifted up) into any higher form."

So the passage from the natural man to the spiritual life is hermetically sealed on the natural side, and has never yet been crossed from within. No effort, no philosophy, has ever made a moral man into a spiritual one. As well might one say the mineral is becoming more and more vegetable. Only by the touch from above can life come, and like human birth into life, the birth is instant and there the spirit slowly and even unconsciously matures.

Drummond defines death as merely "a failure to correspond with the environment." The mineral is dead to all, the tree to all but a very narrow surrounding, the bird's range is more extended, but the circle of its correspondence still, is small. The natural man deprived of spiritual life (as he who is blind or deaf) is dead to that part of his environment. He reasons with irresistible clearness and fairness, his facts are all well known and admitted, and his style singularly free from effort or intentional eloquence.

It seems, in reading Drummond's book, as if the truth were after all so simple, and that we have burdened Christ's literal sayings with metaphorical and secondary meanings, until we have obscured the simple reading of the scroll, so clear and vivid in itself.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

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Remember those essays that are due by the end of the term!

A tailor may give you a fit, but it takes a lawyer to sum up a suit.

The Chancellor postponed recitation on Wednesday on account of trouble with his eyes.

Criminal law impresses upon the mind of the Junior that there is something in it—only to be gotten by hard study.

Equity maxims: "He who comes into equity must come with clean hands." "He that hath committed iniquity shall not have equity."

There has been over \$77,000.00, already allowed for attorneys' fees and court expenses out of one Iowa gentleman's estate and it is not yet settled.

One Junior is letting his beard grow, on account of Cleveland's election, and says he is not going to shave until the next Republican administration.

Some of the younger members of the class have come to the conclusion that it takes a man with beard to study law—if he gives the subject justice. They are doing their best to get one.

We regret to record the loss of Mr. Widney from our class. We understand he has severed his connection with us on account of weak eyes, but hopes to be with us again in the winter or spring term.

Judge Love will be with us next week and will lecture on the subject of contrasts, occupying the hours from nine till eleven. This will be an addition to the work of the student and a corresponding lessening of the Professor's labors.

Mr. Hendricks who left us a short time ago has been admitted to the bar and will practice at Orleans, Nebraska. We only express the wish of the class when we say—May you grow strong in your profession R. S., and command a good practice.

The Luzerne Legal Register says: "The new law in Kentucky, fixing one mile as the legal distance between a church and saloon, was passed for the purpose of ascertaining how rapidly a Kentuckian can get over the ground. Some great bursts of speed are reported as having occurred."

After an absence of two weeks, Mr. Bevington returned to his class-mates a full fledged B. S., from the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames, where he has been attending school for the past four years; but by his zealous labor he succeeded in making up some of his studies so he was able to join us in the law where we began the school year. As a result of Mr. B.'s hard work and careful study he was made the class historian on the recent commencement programme, of which fact he may well be proud.

One of the articles in last issue was, perhaps, out of place and uncalled for, and as it was written at a late hour and in a hurry, and not carefully read after being written, was so constructed as to throw a disfavorable light upon some of our members—which fact we very much regret and wish to say that it was not intended to have been in the light in which it appeared. Neither the class nor the editor approve of the article and we trust that no more harm or hard feelings will result therefrom.

Lord Eldon is reported to have said of Mr. Justice Gould, "I remember of his trying a case at York, and when he had proceeded about two hours he observed: 'Here are only eleven jurymen in the box; where is the twelfth?' 'Please you, my lord,' said one of the eleven, 'He is away about some business, but he left his verdict with me.'" This example serves to illustrate how little attention some jurors pay to arguments made by the counsel, how fixed some men are in their opinions, and where justice is sometimes thwarted by being sought before a body of men so little interested in what they are doing as to give the subject no thought whatever.

THE MAJESTY OF THE LAW. In October a little ten-year-old Philadelphia boy stole a pear from a fruit stand, was caught in the act, taken before a Justice for preliminarys Examination and was committed to prison to await trial. The youth laid in the cell eight days when the proprietor of the fruit stand appeared before the Grand Jury. The twenty four wise men listened to the testimony and finally found a bill against the boy charging him with the larcency of one pear of the value of one cent. The boy will have to stand trial. Compare this with the late case of Eno where a criminal guilty of so heinous an offence as he is accused of, may escape by crossing into Canada, and there live as he may choose almost in sight and hearing of those whom he has defrauded, and there laugh at the laws. Does this look like justice? Does this look as though our Extradition laws were in the condition in which they ought to be? It looks as if in dragging the legal net ashore the large instead of the small fishes were allowed to escape through its meshes.

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