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PRESIDENT LEIGH HUNT cannot ask for
 a more hearty welcome to the Agricul-
 tural College than he has already re-
 ceived from the press of the State.

THE President-elect of Iowa College
 Rev. Dr. C. F. Thwing, is most enthus-
 iastically welcomed at Grinnell. The
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 seem eager to induce him to accept the
 Presidency. He has declined within
 two months two very honorable posi-
 tions, the Secretaryship of the American
 College and Education Society, and a
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 Grinnell his home and the college his
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 students are) and the people most help-
 ful. It is scarcely possible to find a
 better constituency than that of Iowa
 College for an aspiring President, only
 31 years old, who has already won so
 high a position in the educational and
 religious world.

HON. SCHUYLER COLFAX died suddenly
 at Mankato, Minn., on the 13th inst. In
 many respects he was one of the most
 remarkable men brought into promi-
 nence by the rebellion. First elected to
 Congress in 1854, he served continuously
 and with increasing popularity until 1868
 when he was elected vice president. He
 was elected speaker of the House three
 times, and gave evidence of unusual ex-
 ecutive ability, and no speaker since
 Henry Clay has enjoyed the popularity
 accorded him. He was prominently
 mentioned in connection with the Credit
 Mobilier scandal, but stoutly affirmed
 his innocence. This left a cloud over
 his name and he retired to private life
 at the close of his term of vice president.
 His late years have been spent in liter-
 ary labors and in lecturing. Abraham
 Lincoln, his old time friend and admir-

er, was his chief theme, and his success
 on the platform attests his former popu-
 larity.

It is the sole duty and obligation
 of all students to attend University en-
 tertainments. We have neither so
 many nor such costly ones that any one
 should refrain from going for either of
 these reasons. If you don't have enough
 interest to attend your own "show", it
 will be in vain to expect more interest
 among outsiders. The Exhibitions of the
 literary societies are very beneficial in
 all respects except from a financial stand-
 point. We have yet to hear of any soci-
 ety whose exchequer has been filled to
 overflowing, by revenues derived from
 this source. It is not the object of the
 societies to make money but they would
 like sufficient patronage from the Iowa
 City public (which derives so many ad-
 vantages from the University being lo-
 cated here) to enable them to come out
 even. The next opportunity the people
 of Iowa City will have of showing their
 appreciation of the fact that the S. U. I.
 is located here, and also of giving en-
 couragement to literary work, will be
 the Irving Exhibition at the Opera House
 on Feb. 13. The programme will not be
 so long as usual and excellent music
 will be furnished.

THE birthday of Robert Burns was
 appropriately celebrated in many local-
 ities, both of the old and new world, on
 Monday last. Even in the busy West
 people snatched a few minutes from the
 cares of life to pay homage to the mem-
 ory of "Scotia's National Bard," and
 nowhere in the West was the occasion
 more fittingly celebrated than in Omaha,
 Nebraska, where three hundred sons and
 daughters of "Bonnie Scotland" gathered
 to do honor to the poet who touched so
 deeply the chords of human sympathy.
 Mr. John L. Kennedy (whom some of
 the students now in the S. U. I. will re-
 member as one of the best men in the
 excellent Law class of '82) responded to
 the toast, "Scotland-America." Mr. K.
 spoke interestingly both of his native
 and adopted land, of their relations to
 each other, of the characteristics of
 each, and in conclusion said:

"I can foretell for this the chosen land
 of our adoption a future freighted with
 glorious promise. If for a time dishon-
 esty and grasping greed prevail; if for a
 time unholy ambition claims fortune's
 smile, let us cling closely to the old time
 Scottish integrity and foster the spirit
 which the immortal Burns breathed in-
 to "The Cotter's Saturday Night."

Messrs. Editors:
 An unhappy father has made of your
 paper a Mount Taygetus, for in its col-
 umns he has exposed and abandoned an
 unlucky child. It is not strange, per-
 haps, for his limping logic was as amus-
 ing to your readers as Homer's lame

Lemnian made himself to the council of
 Jove. His reply to my note brings to
 light two welcome and anticipated facts.
 The first is the revelation that his article
 was a contribution and not one for which
 the corps of editors was responsible.
 Had that been apparent at first no for-
 mal notice would have been taken of the
 error. The second fact of interest dis-
 closed is that "editor" (whoever that
 may be), like his Spartan prototype, does
 not defend his deformed offspring when
 it is attacked. He tries to make good
 his statement of fact; he does not defend
 his decrepit logic, the only point at issue.
 Special interest in this question now
 ceases. It is to be expected that corre-
 spondents will sometimes trip; it is to be
 hoped that the VIDETTE-REPORTER will
 not.

AMICUS.
 The article to which "Amicus" re-
 sponds, was, as he says, not an editorial,
 but a contribution. Consequently we
 are no more responsible for it than for
 any other contribution.

LONGFELLOW'S FIRST POEM.

When our great poet was nine years
 old his master wanted him to write a
 "composition." Little Henry, like all
 children, shrank from the undertaking.
 His master said:

"You can write words, can you not?"
 "Yes," was the reply.
 "Then you can put words together?"
 "Yes, sir."
 "Then," said the master, "you may
 take your slate and go out behind the
 school house and there you can find
 something to write about, and then you
 can tell what it is, what it is for, and
 what is to be done with it; that will be
 a composition."

Henry took his slate and went out.
 He went behind Mr. Finney's barn,
 which chanced to be near by, and seeing
 a fine turnip growing up, he thought
 he knew that was, what it was for, and
 what would be done with it.

A half hour had been allowed to Henry
 for his first undertaking in writing com-
 positions. In half an hour he carried in
 his work, all accomplished, and the
 master is said to have been affected
 almost to tears when he saw what little
 Henry had done in this short time:

MR. FINNEY'S TURNIP.
 Mr. Finney had a turnip,
 And it grew behind the barn,
 And it grew, and it grew,
 And the turnip did no harm,
 And it grew, and it grew,
 Till it could grow no taller:
 Then Mr. Finney took it up
 And put it in the cellar.
 There it lay, there it lay,
 Till it began to rot:
 Then his daughter Susie washed it
 And put it in the pot.
 And she boiled it and she boiled it,
 As long as she was able:
 Then his daughter Lizzie took it
 And put it on the table.

Mr. Finney and his wife
 They both sat down to sup,
 And they ate, and they ate,
 Until they ate the turnip up.

Prof. Philbrick, of the engineering de-
 partment of the University, has just re-
 turned from Muscatine, where an impor-
 tant letting of a highway bridge con-
 tract took place Monday. The letting
 was for a bridge over seven hundred feet
 long, to be built over the Cedar river in
 Muscatine county, a short distance below
 Moscow. One of three proposals of the
 Milwaukee bridge and iron works was
 accepted, and a contract closed with that
 company. The bridge is to be built un-
 der the direction of Prof. Philbrick, who
 will locate it, test the material at the
 shops, and fix every detail or pass judg-
 ment upon the same. The structure is
 to be completed by September next,
 after which time Muscatine county will
 have at least one serviceable and sightly
 bridge over the Cedar.—*Republican.*

THINKING that it might be of interest
 and value to those of our readers who
 desire some means of impressing upon
 their minds the names in order of suc-
 cession, and, to a great extent, the dates
 of the reigns of the old English sover-
 eigns, we again reprint the following
 convenient and well-known method:

- ENGLISH SOVEREIGNS IN ORDER OF REIGNS.**
 First William (I), the Norman—1066.
 Then William (II), his son—1077.
 Henry (I), Stephen (of Blair), and Henry (II, of
 Plantagenet)—1100-1155-1154.
 Then Richard (I) and John, (Lancaster)—1189-
 1199.
 Next Henry (III) the Third—1216.
 Edwards (I, II and III)—1272-1307-1317.
 And again after Richard (II)—1377.
 Three Henrys (IV, V and VI), we see—1399-
 1413-1422.
 Two Edwards (IV and V) and Third Richard
 (III)—1461-1483.
 If rightly I guess—
 Two Henrys (VII and VIII), and Sixth Edward
 (VI)—1485-1509-1547.
 Queen Mary (Bloody Mary), and Queen Bess
 (Eliza'eth)—1553-1558.
 Next Jamie (I), the Scotchman—1603.
 Then Charles (I), whom they slew—1625;
 Yet received—(after Cromwell)—1653
 Another Charles (II), too—1660.
 Next Jamie (II) the Second—1685.
 Ascended the throne;
 And good William (III) and Mary—1689
 Together came on.
 Next Anne, Georges four (I, II, III and IV)—
 1702-1714-1727-1760-1820;
 And fourth William (IV), all passed—1830,
 And Victoria came—1837.
 May she long be the last!

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Freshmen Essays due, February 23, to
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16, to March 23.

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Senior Orations due March 16th.

Junior Orations due March 23d.

Freshman and Sophomore contest,
March 27th.

LOCAL.

"Pitty" owns a dog.

"Has the bell rang?"

Wonder if Terry will be a Medic.

Park Holbrook has been sick the past
week.

Tracy still acts as a pedagogue at
Imogene.

C. B. Matson was on the sick list the
first of the week.

Miss Minnie Ely is teaching in the
public schools of Waterloo.

It is rumored that Prouty's wood pile
was "run in" the past week.

Fred Terry was favored with a visit
from his father last Saturday.

Mrs. J. S. Clarkson, of Des Moines,
visited her son a few days this week.

(Prof.) To what planet did the ancients
compare Iron? (Student.) Neptune.

Miss Lillian Johnson went home yester-
day. She will not return this term.

The fire alarm last Thursday called
quite a number of students to the rescue.

Miss Laura Startzman, of Sigourney, is
visiting with her cousin, Miss Nell Startzman.

We are glad to announce that Prof.
Currier is better to-day, and is on the
road to recovery.

During Prof. Currier's enforced absence
from the class room Messrs. Craven and
Mozier officiate in his stead.

Hand in your locals, boys and help to
make this page interesting. The editors
are always glad to receive them.

H. G. Lamson, class secretary for '84,
reports success in teaching. He is en-
gaged in the Villisca High School.

The University clock was absent from
its accustomed place yesterday and is
supposed to be undergoing repairs.

"Teet," as a committee of one to confer
with the Zets last night, had quite a
lively experience. They fired him.

It does not pay to try to explain
flunks. It is only a waste of time. Bet-
ter let them pass gently into oblivion.

The Irving exhibition has been ad-
journing till February 13, owing to the
sickness of Mr. Sabin, one of the deba-
ters.

Several sleighing parties were out last
night to improve the fine weather and
the excellent sleighing. The evening
was lovely.

F. W. Fitch was in the city a few days
during the first of the week. He expects
to teach the rest of the year, probably at
Omaha.

C. R. Brown, A. B. '83, has been sick
for several weeks with typhoid fever, at
his home at Washington, and is now
convalescing.

Prof. Hinrichs entertained a number
of the Medical students at his home on
Thursday evening. A very pleasant
time is reported.

Correct solutions to the problem in last
issue were received from Frank W.
Mueller, E. R. Nichols, W. L. Sweney,
and W. A. Darling.

There will be a banjo quintette at the
Irving Exhibition, composed of Messrs.
W. I. Pratt, John Seeley, L. J. Willner,
R. N. Clapp and O. F. Willner.

The cold severe weather has been the
cause of considerable sickness. Too
much care cannot be exercised in pro-
tecting the body from undue exposure
and sudden changes.

A couple of our worthy Seniors ap-
peared at society last night with their
celebrated "shining headgear." Such
hasty attempts to rush the season ought
to be discouraged.

Miss Julia Larrabee has given up work
in the University for the present. She
went home yesterday where she will
remain until her health permits her to
resume her studies.

E. H. Sabin, who was quite sick for
several days the first of the week, re-
covered sufficiently to go home on
Thursday. He hopes to return in a week
or two, or as soon as possible.

Iowa College is busy preparing to en-
tertain orators, delegates and visitors to
the State contest next Thursday. No
home contest was held. The orator and
delegates from that college were chosen
by election.

Lieut. Knower arrived in the city last
night from Baltimore, where he has been
detained for some time by sickness.
The lieutenant feels much better now
and recitations in tactics will commence
Monday.

S. B. Reed, at one time a member of
class '84, and graduate of the Law de-
partment, is located at Seward, Neb.
He has recovered his health which was
quite poor on leaving school.

The first conversational exercise in the
Political Economy class took place last
Monday. These conversations form an
important feature in the work of the
class, and will be made interesting and
profitable.

We are under obligations to Jas. A.
Moorcroft, formerly of class '86, for a
copy of "The Miner," an annual published
by the Juniors of the School of Mines,
Columbia College. Mr. Moorcroft is a
member of this department.

The following item taken from the
Cornellian may interest our base-ballists.
"Next spring you may expect to see the
strongest base-ball nine ever organized
in the history of the college. Several
experts are expected."

"The Song of the Picnic" by one fellow
student, Jacob Cloz, deserves uncom-
mon merit. Its twenty-one closely
and beautifully printed pages disclose a
poetic taste and talent that deserve cul-
tivation. That Sophomore will be heard
from again.

An English magazine contains an
article entitled: "What dreams are
made of." As the author fails to men-
tion mince pie, pickled pig's feet, fruit
cake and several other indigestible
things, it is evident he has tackled a
subject upon which he lacks information.
—Exchange.

On Monday evening of last week Will
Moziar gave a party to his Beta brothers
at his pleasant home on Clinton street.
Those who have enjoyed the hospitality
of Mr. and Mrs. Moziar need not to be
informed that the party was one of the
most pleasant and enjoyable social events
of the year.

Francis Murphy, the celebrated apostle
of temperance, will hold meetings in
Iowa City four evenings of next week
beginning on Monday. Let the school
work be so arranged if possible as to
permit of at least one evening's atten-
dance, as all should improve the present
favorable opportunity to hear this won-
derful speaker.

The University band has been lately
re-enforced by Mr. Xanten, the former
musical director, and Mr. Ulch, of the
Academy, who play the clarinet, a
new instrument in our band. Mr. J. C.
Sanders, a new student, has joined the
band and plays the Bb cornet. C. E.
Wickham also plays while here. Some
new music has lately been received and
more is expected soon. The band is in
a prosperous state and is getting ready
for the trip to Dixie.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

A. H. DENMAN, Editor.

Blackwell has been taken ill and has gone home. Our sympathy goes with him.

In this issue we make two or three censures upon bad practices which have been growing in our midst. These are of such a nature that the editor would not be up to the mark of his duty if he did not. The rubber throwing practice is commented on incidentally elsewhere. The conduct of some of our students at the windows during the recesses is, to say the least, unbecoming to gentlemen. If the evil reputation of these things were confined to those engaging in them we should be silent, but this is not the case. We hear the members of other departments and towns-people charging these things up to "those Laws." This general characterization of the whole department is anything but pleasant. We make haste to declare here that the body of the law students are above all such acts and are very sorry they ever should have occurred.

Judge Adams has come and gone. We can only give in a meager way his parting words which, it is hoped, will tarry longer than his person. In regard to the practice of the law the judge said that two or three years of dry dock before having an opportunity to launch, was not cause for discouragement. He gave one instance of eminent success after five years of waiting. If any of the class found that law was not their calling, their law education would not be thrown away. The class were reminded that they had been learning business every day. Sound notions of any business are absolutely necessary before anyone can apply the law to it. Then, numerous examples of eminent business men who had had a legal training were given out of the speaker's own acquaintance. As to the habits of mind and body necessary to the successful practice of the law our lecturer was not a little impressive (as such matters are not things to be taught, but *impressed*). The requisites of a great lawyer are great ability, great industry, and the bodily frame to endure very hard labor. A failure in any one of these things will certainly make itself felt before one has climbed very high. The industry must spring from love of the work. It must be a labor of love, enjoyable for its own sake. The bodily powers will not unfrequently be stretched to the uttermost, and, if they give way will give at the weakest point so made by bad habits or otherwise. The speaker had never found a man to be a formidable opponent who was habitually addicted to intoxicants. A very hard blow was dealt at the monstrous notion of men's nerving themselves up to great efforts by stimulants. He was most emphatic in his admonition to let alcohol entirely alone. Kind words of invitation to keep up our acquaintance with himself closed this interesting talk and

put a finishing touch to the bright picture Judge Adams has left in our memory. While our honored Judge and instructor was commending the general good order and attention the class has given him, our sight caught on the prints of two or three huge whole solid over-shoes in the chalk marks on the black-board behind him, one of which we know was thrown there during recess, but before the Judge had left his chair.

HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

D. E. STRATTON, Editor.

Dr. H. E. Marr has located at What Cheer.

"Tis sweet to be remembered," if only by a local writer.

Thursday we listened to three very interesting and instructive lectures on "Skin Diseases" by Prof. Eaton.

Thursday evening our Senior class spent a pleasant and profitable evening at the home of Prof. Gilchrist in the study of microscopical analysis.

This week Prof. Gilchrist closed his lectures on "Surgical Therapeutics" and will lecture for the remainder of the term on "Obstetrical Therapeutics."

Dr. A. R. Vansickle, of Hastings, Neb., a former graduate of this institution, and at present president of the Nebraska Homœopathic Society, has taken the responsible position of being "head of a family."

It is a pitiful but pleasing spectacle to watch the Medics in their vain endeavors to conform their anatomies to the unhygienic structures calculated for seats. Some seek the recumbent posture and soon oblivious to all external surroundings, drop into the arms of Morpheus and dream of angels until perchance an unlucky snore betrays his condition and invokes an audible smiling in the amphitheatre, which arouses the dreary sleeper from his peaceful slumbers just in time to receive the Professor's apology for disturbing the tranquility of this nap. Some endeavor to adjust their spinal columns to the perpendicular backs of the seats, using the shoulders of a more lowly neighbor as a foot-rest, while his companions on either side take advantage of his vertical position, and compel him to fulfill the humble office of an upholstered chair. Some hang themselves over the back of a seat, and still others, who have no neighbors (out in the wilderness as it were), and laboring under great disadvantages form a plexus of their upper and lower extremities and try to make themselves feel at home. We are told that the uncomfortable seats are a necessary evil in order to properly appreciate the lectures, so all are happy; each illustrating a point of a recent lecture by Prof. Clapp that a particular portion of the anatomy is indicative of the general health and stamina of the individual, and he might further have added, were its cutaneous part in a hypertrophied condition and insensible to pain, it would be the unmistakable brand of a "Medic."

ACADEMY COLUMN.

GUIDO H. STEMPEL, Editor.

Face-washing is now in order, but not orderly.

Eighty-five students take Latin or German.

The Seniors are at work on their winter orations.

B. B. Davis has been kept from school the last few days on account of illness.

The class in Elocution numbers 76; the "E" class is reading the "Merchant of Venice."

Prof. Shimek is looking for a person without a cold to put in his collection of curiosities.

Prof. Shimek's classes in Natural Science are unusually large and enthusiastic this winter.

"Alas, flea, goddess born," was the felicitous rendering of the beginning of verse 289, II, Aeneid, given by a rising classic.

Eighty pupils are beginning Algebra this term. With this force at work the values of X and Y should soon be ascertained.

"How use doth breed a habit in a man," remarked a sub-Junior when smoking the fifth cigarette his lips had touched.

"Whew! 30 below zero! I didn't think it was so cold!" many exclaimed Wednesday morning, and forthwith their fingers began to freeze.

The first rhetorical of the term were held last Wednesday. Owing to the lateness in which preparations were begun, the programme was shorter than usual, but was, nevertheless, well received.

The threadbare question: "Resolved, that England's treatment of Ireland has been unjust," was debated in the Athenian society last night. The question allows of but limited debate, which, after all, will not help the Irish.

A preliminary meeting of the Spartan society was held last Thursday evening. W. J. Clair was chosen temporary chairman, and Clymer Coldren, secretary. A temporary organization was made, Messrs. Harrington, Turecheck, and Stapleton being appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws.

At the last meeting of the Athenian society was held the regular election of officers. The election passed off quietly and resulted in the choice of the following members of the various offices: President, Guido H. Stempel; Vice-President, Asa M. Smith; Secretary, Miss Grace O. Partridge; Treasurer, Geo. A. Fracker; Usher, Ira D. Orton; Executive Committee, B. B. Davis, O. W. Anthony, and Miss Ella D. Graves. The Committee appointed to present a constitution, etc., for the Model House of Representatives, reported; the constitution, drafted by them, was accepted, but action on the by-laws was deferred until last night when the Model House of Representatives was formally organized.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

J. W. BLYTHIN, Editor.

MISS LAURA B. HOUSE, Asst. Editor.

The members of the Dental class have chosen C. E. Brooks for their valedictorian.

Drs. Harp and Allen, former graduates of the Medical Department, visited the surgical clime this week.

Dr. Corbus, of last year's class, paid us a flying visit this week while on his way home from Florida, where he has spent the greater part of the winter.

Dr. Gillett, the secretary of the Medical Department, very kindly but authoritatively announced to the class Thursday that on or near the first of February all desirous of coming up for final examination, should so signify in writing and send it in accompanied by the requisite fee and a certificate of good moral character.

Last Thursday evening the enjoyment experienced by the second year non-graduates at the home of Prof. Hinrichs, requires more time for description than is allotted to us owing to the pressure preparatory for examination. Suffice it to say, however, that excitement ran high, that the supper was a rare treat to the Medics, and that the selection rendered by Mr. Brasch was excellent.

AMUSEMENTS.

Harry Buckley, General Agent for the "Fay Templeton Opera Co.," was in the city yesterday arranging for the appearance of that popular troupe.

We have the pleasure of announcing that Madame Janauschek will appear at the Opera House, Tuesday, February 3d, in the newly adapted drama, "My Life," by Harry Meredith. The play will be presented in a thorough, artistic and elaborate manner. The artists composing the cast are of the higher order. It is not often that we are given the opportunity of hearing an actress of such genuine worth as Janauschek, and we are sure our people will appreciate manager Coldren's energy in securing an engagement with this splendid troupe. Reserved seats now on sale at Fink's.

In the second act of "My Life" Mme. Janauschek wears diamonds valued at \$85,000. Her costumes are magnificent and were made in Paris especially for this play.

Mme. Janauschek travels and makes her home in her private car, which is one of the finest ever constructed. It cost \$35,000, and is said to be simply elegant. Manager Coldren is issuing cards for a reception to be held in the Madame's "palace" on the afternoon of the 3d.

During Janauschek's first tour in this country she acted exclusively in German. After she left she determined to play in English, and heroically went to work to master the English language, and it is said she accomplished it in less than a year, although traces of her old tongue still cling to her English.

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THE CONSERVATISM OF CULTURE.

By Hermon W. Craven, taking second honors at the Home Oratorical Contest, Jan. 21st, 1885.

There is a popular fallacy that the advance of civilization has been rapid. Modern development has been comparatively rapid; but long centuries preceded during which humanity plodded wearily and slowly along the pathway of progress. Men compare the civilization of the present with that of the past, and declare that the most advanced nations have almost reached the limit of human development. Yet only a few years have passed since the most enlightened nation on earth, under the emblem of freedom, held a race in servile bondage. To-day, in the Territories of the West, there is an institution so vile and so extensive, that coming generations will sneer at the boasted civilization of a people in the midst of whom it lived and flourished. The great majority of the human race are still in barbarism. Vast continents have never been developed. In view of these facts, when we consider the long ages that have rolled by since man first trod the earth, can we glory in the aggregate of humanity's advancement? No! Had the energies of the world been rightly applied, long ago the barbarous nations would have been civilized, and we, to-day would be standing upon the lofty heights of progress which we but dimly perceive through the mists that surround them.

One great cause of the world's slow advance is found in the conservatism of culture. In this favored land the genius of democracy has not allowed the beautiful flower of culture to bloom for the rich alone; even the son of poverty may inhale its fragrance. But in all other lands, especially in the past, wealth has been essential to the highest intellectual development. Social position is the birthright of culture; political power an easy prize. So, if knowledge is power, culture, endowed with wealth and station, is the very essence of power. The world has been a grand missionary-field for an aristocracy of learning, inclined to use its mighty power for the highest good of the race. As a civilizing force, it should have led in all the great reforms of history, and thrown its influence in favor of every plan for the elevation of the masses. In this grand mission it has failed. It would be vain to assert that the higher classes have not sometimes greatly aided the cause of popular progress. But in such cases, the forces of culture have fought as re-inforcements and reserves; never have they formed the front line of battle. But the general attitude of the refined circles of society has been one of direct hostility to the elevation and improvement of the lower orders. Individual exceptions have championed the cause of the oppressed, and attempted their relief; but they have seldom succeeded in enlisting the sympathy of the class to which they belonged. Over the dead bodies of the murdered Gracchi, the lowly pleb mourned in despair; but the polished patrician turned aside without a tear. Charles Sumner found a recompense for the scorn of Boston's refinement in the smile of the slave

and the approval of God. Truly, the rank and file of humanity have little cause to thank the culture of the past for the privileges, they enjoy. They hold these privileges, not as gifts, but as rightful booty. Centuries ago the upper classes of England opposed education of the poor. Afterward they supported the theory of the divine right of kings and fought for the suppression of popular privileges. Yesterday they resisted, but unsuccessfully, the demands of two million freemen pleading for the right of suffrage. It was because of the galling restrictions of a Tory administration that the American colonists fought, and gained their freedom. The culture of France took sides with arbitrary power for the enslavement of the people. But the painful breathings of the Third Estate turned into a whirlwind of passion before which existing institutions crumbled, and the standards of popular liberty waved in triumph over the strongholds of tyranny. The tendency of the higher classes has been the same throughout the ages. Why is it that culture has failed to lead the world?

In the first place, education has dealt too much with theory, and too little with facts. Men of the highest attainments have often failed in their efforts to improve society, because they were unable to apply the knowledge they possessed. Even in this age and land, there is a universal demand for a more practical system of education. Simple theories are not able to grapple with the practical problems of the age. An intimate knowledge of men and things is essential to every reformer, and to every man of culture who desires, in the greatest measure to benefit the race. The farther we go back into the past, the greater becomes this defect in education. Locke, whose master mind delved deep into the mysteries of philosophy, and traversed with ease the intricate mazes of metaphysical speculations, utterly failed in devising a system for the government of the Carolinas. For centuries the highest talent of Europe idly searched for the philosopher's stone, and wandered in quest of the fountain of perpetual youth.

Again, every reform has its difficulties; every new system, its hidden dangers. Men of knowledge and experience can see the difficulties and dangers which to other men are unknown. The broader the knowledge, the more readily the dangers are seen. These dangers, when perceived, repress enthusiasm, and breed caution and fear. Ignorance and passion have often played recklessly at reform, placed in jeopardy all the valued endearments of life, and overwhelmed the grandest causes with disaster and ruin. This has given to culture additional reserve. Thus the most enlightened men, as a rule, are slower to attempt innovation than men of more limited knowledge. Thus John Brown with a score of men dared assail a power before which Webster quailed, and the armies of the Union trembled with fear.

But the chief cause of the conservatism of culture, is not to be found in theoretical education, nor yet in prudential reserve. The great and reprehensible reason is the narrow spirit of selfishness

with which the higher classes have been imbued. Little have they cared for the toiling, suffering millions, so long as they themselves were surrounded by comfort and luxury. Possessed of education, they have been loath to share its blessings with the common herd; endowed with wealth, they have exacted tribute from the poor; holding political power, they have ground the people into the dust. This selfish disregard for the welfare of the masses, has caused the most fearful outbursts of popular fury. The most horrible atrocities of time have been committed by mobs of the poor and oppressed rioting in murderous frenzy in the apartments of wealth and refinement.

Such, then, has been the culture of the past. It has failed in its mission; but the future will witness its final triumph. It has been the light of the world but has given forth no warmth. It has been a winter's sun casting its rays aslant the frozen fields of earth. It will become the sun of summer beaming full of warmth and life upon the world. We are living in the dawn of a new era. The selfishness of culture is giving way to a feeling of love and sympathy for the million hands that toil and the million hearts that ache. More and more, as the years roll on, is the great fact being established that the interests of one class are bound up in the welfare of all. More and more is a feeling of common brotherhood pervading the ranks of refinement. A growing cultivation of the heart is bringing about these grand results. It supplements the training of the head, and forms a truer, nobler culture in which knowledge and feeling go hand in hand. Let this cultivation of the heart go on until under the purple robes of wealth, the polish of education and the dignity of power, shall beat hearts of love and sympathy for all the race. Then will culture take its proper place in the vanguard of popular advancement. Then will it carry the standards of civilization higher and higher up the mountain side of progress bringing the great throng of humanity up to a purer, freer air, nearer to perfection, nearer to God.

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

On Wednesday night the Contest came,
Which should decide the classic game
Of who could fly the highest kite
That would be longest out of sight.
Of greeny Freshmen, lofty Sophs,
And scarce in view of learned Profs.,
The boys sat solemnly in row,
Each meek in look with placid brow.
Then each stepped forth his kite to fly
Beyond the ken of mortal eye.
Away they sail, majestic, strong,
While, just below, the admiring throng
Sit motionless, with wondering eyes,
And watch each as it higher flies.
Some sailed to regions yet unknown,
But when our sight has clearer grown,
When we have reached to Senior fame
No "untold glories" will remain.
At last the strings were all unwound,
Each boy looked anxiously around
And raised his hand to moistened brow.
Then trembling, made his exit bow.
Oh! Judges, swift your sentence speak:
Suspense is worse than sure defeat,
But triumph—ah, what tongue can tell
The thronging joys that upward swell,
When he, whose kite the highest flew,
(That which no other boy's could do)
Receives reward for making kites,
Which leave the vulgar out of sight!

AN IRASCIBLE ARTIST.

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His versatile talents secured him a high rank among artists, and his turbulent temper made others unwilling to interfere with him, as he hesitated at nothing when angry.

He was determined to be well paid for his work; and on one occasion when he had made an image for an auditor in chancery, in Granada, his price was disputed. Cano demanded one hundred doubloons. The auditor asked how much time had been spent in making the image; Cano replied.

"Some five and twenty days."

"Ah!" said the auditor, "you demand four doubloons a day."

"You are wrong," replied Cano; "for I have spent fifty years in learning to carve such an image in these few days."

"Very well," answered the auditor; "I have spent my life in fitting myself for a higher profession than yours, and now am satisfied if I get one doubloon a day."

At this Cano flew into a passion, exclaiming;

"A higher profession, indeed! The king can make judges out of the dust of the earth, but God alone can make an Alonso Cano!"

And he dashed the image upon the pavement, where it fell with such force that the auditor ran as fast as he could, fearing that Cano might throw him down next.—*St. Nicholas for February.*

A REAL NECESSITY.

We presume there is hardly a lady to be found in our broad land who, if she does not already possess a sewing machine, expects some day to become the owner of one.

But after the mind has been fully made up to purchase one of these indispensable articles, the question arises as to what kind of a machine to buy.

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Mr. Stedman writes about Dr. Holmes in his critical series on the American Poets; with this article is printed a full-page engraving of an old daguerreotype of the "Autocrat." Mr. Stillman has a brief illustrated paper on Dutch Portraiture. Poems are given by C. W. Stoddard, Henry Tyrrell, Edgar Fawcett, and (in the Bric-a-Brac department) by F. D. Sherman and Joel Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus). In the "Topics of the Times" are discussed some practicable political reforms, the conditions of the stage, the "bloody shirt," etc. The "Open Letter" department is omitted on account of the pressure of war material. The humorous "Cartoon" this month is by Kemble, the illustrator of Mark Twain.

The articles in the War Series are yet to be enumerated. First in importance is General Grant's long-expected paper on "The Battle of Shiloh," which is accompanied by a large number of portraits and illustrations drawn from photographs or minute descriptions. General Grant narrates circumstantially his own relations to the engagement, and gives frank estimates of general officers on both sides, together with personal reminiscences of the field. A supplementary paper from a Confederate point of view is contributed by Colonel William Preston Johnson, on his father, General Albert Sidney Johnson, and the Shiloh campaign, including a running description of the battle, of which the writer has made his special study. Two excellent portraits of General Johnson accompany this paper. General Thomas Jordan, the Confederate assistant adjutant-general at Shiloh, makes record of his experiences in the battle. Four maps appear with these papers. Three brief articles are grouped under the convenient title "Memoranda on the Civil War," the first being an account by General Fitz John Porter of the circumstances

attending the offer to Sidney Johnson in 1861 of the command of the Union armies in the field.

ANECDOTE OF SENATOR SUMNER.

Senator Sumner took quite an interest in me, and had an especial fondness for catching me by the ears. Often have I attempted to pass the Senator, while he was walking to and fro on the floor of the Senate, only to have both my ears seized good-naturedly, and to be asked some kindly question. I shall always remember one of these adventures—for it was an adventure! He had sent me on an errand. Having returned, reported to him the answer, and received his deep-voiced thanks, I started to move away, but he had caught me, and continued his slow march—I in front—Indian file. As he was a tall man and I a very small boy in comparison, I had to walk on tiptoe to ease the pain, and even then it seemed as if my ear would come off my head. The worst of it was that he at once became so lost in thought that he forgot he took hold of me, and mechanically paced up and down, with his long strides, while I danced a mild war-dance for some minutes,—it seemed to me hours,—to the intense amusement of all who had observed it. The more I struggled, the more did I increase the agony, but I at last managed to wriggle away from his grasp. The sudden "emptiness" of his hand caused him to realize the state of affairs, and he begged my pardon so energetically, and the spectators smiled so audibly, that the proceedings of the Senate were interrupted and Mr. Colfax actually had to tap with his gavel to restore to order!

But it was, after all, an honor to be noticed, even in that fashion, by so distinguished a man as Senator Sumner. He had the widest reputation of any of the senators, and the first question most visitors to the Senate would ask was: "Which is Charles Sumner?"—*St. Nicholas for February.*

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