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A VERY bright human blossom withered when Maggie the youngest daughter of Prof. Leonard, died on Tuesday last. Only those who have passed through similar anguish can know how such a death darkens human hearts, or what treasures of the soul are laid away in such early graves. The sorrowing family are comforted by the tenderest sympathy of many friends and by divinest assurance that the "last of earth" is the first of Heaven for the loved one.

REV. W. B. CRAIG, an A. B. of the University and formerly a well known and very popular minister of this city, now of Denver, Colorado, delivered the memorial address of Mrs. Mary Porter, last Sunday afternoon at the Christian Chapel. The address was one of the most appropriate and touching of any to which we have listened. The subject of the address, although unknown to the great body of our students, was a woman of noble character, well known by the people of Iowa City, and by many of the older graduates for her self-sacrificing and philanthropic spirit, and not a few excellent men are living who are proud to acknowledge her as their benefactress; and of that number Mr. Craig is perhaps the most illustrious example. Mrs. Porter was the mother of the late John W. Porter, whose death was so sincerely lamented by the University, by this city, by the state, and indeed by the whole northwest; also the grand-mother of Chas. M. Porter, well known by all the students as one of the most manly of young men.

Hobart, Hamilton, Madison, Rochester, and Cornell are considering a plan for the formation of an Inter-collegiate Athletic Association. It is proposed to have an annual meeting and send the best men to compete in the meeting of the New York Association.

NOTES OF THE GREAT FAIR.

One of the most interesting exhibits on the floor of the Government Building was that of the Pacific Slope Flora, collected and arrayed by Prof. T. G. Lemmon and wife of Oakland, Cal. Some several hundred mounted specimens of pressed plants were so arranged as to attract the attention of all visitors. To the success of the exhibit, beautiful water colors of rare species of wild flowers studied and sketched by Mrs. L., added not a little. Iowa people are proud to remember Mrs. L. as Miss Plummer of Davenport.

All students will be interested to know that Dr. Asa Gray, the botanist of this country if not of the world, was a visitor to the Exposition. As may well be imagined, the Dr. spent much of his time in the exhibit just before referred to.

The French Educational Exhibit is simply wonderful, and shows what efforts the Republic is making for the free schools of her people. Judging from the display, France pays great attention to industrial education teaching carpentry and the working of metals as well as the usual "arts."

Hard by the French Educational Exhibit has been erected a model of the old Roman baths at Bath, England. These baths have but recently been unearthed and their extent is not, yet fully known, but enough is shown to command a most profound respect for the civilization which obtained in old Roman England.

Teacher's excursions have been very numerous all winter. From New England and from California they have come, and from all the regions lying between. The teachers of this country are interested wherever new information is to be obtained. Say what you will of the "Yankee School marm," not one but paid her "half-dollar for each admission," and not one but acquired her information for the benefit of those she serves.

The University Battalion from the State University at Baton Rouge visited the Exposition in a body on the Monday preceding Mardi Gras. The boys are well drilled and each like old John Brown "has his knapsack strapped upon his back." The uniform is plain gray and whatever soldiers may say as to the desirability of the color it fails entirely to produce the dressy effect of our dark blue.

Mrs. Pavy, wife of the lamented Dr. Pavy of Greely's Arctic Expedition, is a resident of New Orleans is on the Staff of the Times-Democrat, and was a daily visitor at the Fair. She is a very active, bright little woman, goes about her work from place to place, but wears withal a face so pale and sad as to excite sympathy even in those who know her not

As is well known Geo. W. Cable is a citizen of New Orleans. His pleasant house in the best part of the French quarter is occupied this winter by Joaquin Miller who has been an interested visitor at the Exposition since the opening day, and has by his correspondence done very much to secure for the great enterprise whatever patronage it has enjoyed.

Our readers are aware that the Board of Regents, at their late meeting, authorized some changes in the courses of Study. We learn that the studies for next term in the classical and philosophical courses are to be as follows:

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Inscribed on a Kentucky gravestone:

Here lies the body of Amasa Crump, Waiting the summons of the awful trump, Amasa was not learned in city ways, He dwelt in old Kentucky all his days. When he had reached the age of 51 He made a journey on to Washington. There on one morning he arrived quite well, And took a room in a first-class hotel. At 10 P. M. Amasa Crump desired He should be called at 7, and retired. Before he got into his bed alas! Col. Amasa Crump blew out the gas. When they essayed to call him up at 7 Amasa Crump was, we all hope, in Heaven.

Those who knew Mr. Webster well know that no profane word ever fell from his lips. Those who knew him, however slightly, might know that he did not swear in public places before strangers. To exhibit him under that hat is an insult. To put vulgarity or profanity in his mouth is an outrage. Neither in words of Saxon nor of classic origin was Daniel Webster a profane man.—"R." in Boston Advertiser.

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Some time ago a Baltimore woman applied for leave to attend lectures in Johns Hopkins University in that city, and met with a refusal. She went to the University of Zurich, and has just received from that institution a degree of Ph.D. with special distinction. Switzerland is the native place of university co-education.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Freshmen Essays due, February 23, to
March 30, 1885. Outlines due, February
16, to March 23.

Sophomore Essays due, March 16, 1885.

Senior Orations due March 16th.

Junior Orations due March 23d.

Freshman and Sophomore contest,
March 27th.

LOCAL.

Noble has the measles.

The Medics have gone.

J. W. Witmer is reported on the sick
list.

Book agents are again seeking vic-
tims.

The Irving debate last night was excel-
lent.

Both Societies had good audience last
night.

Freshman programme at the Zets last
night.

W. E. Jenison has been sick for sev-
eral days.

As was remarked last week, "who will
get the captaincies?"

M. A. Nye, from Creston, is visiting
his parents in this city.

It is said that Prof. Crane purchased
five tickets to the Zet's Ex.

The question of a class sociable has
been agitated by the Juniors during the
week.

Miss Lillie Selby is in the city renew-
ing old associations and visiting her
parents.

Mr. J. S. Raymond of Hampton, Iowa,
visited his brother-in-law, C. W. Wilcox,
one day this week.

S. G. Hill of Davenport, a graduate of
the Dental Department last year, visited
University friends last week.

The mission of the "mug wump" is ac-
complished, and he can now retire to the
shades of peaceful oblivion.

Mr. Dickey, of Cherokee, Iowa, was in
the city during the first of the week vis-
iting his son J. H. of the Junior class.

We are indebted to C. E. Thayer, '84,
for a pamphlet giving statistics showing
the wonderful growth of Minneapolis.

The studies of the Cads were consid-
erably interrupted this week by their
generous patronage of the Medical Com-
mencements.

One of the members of the Junior
class, was recently favored with the auto-
graph of the Ex-President of the South-
ern Confederacy, which he has generous-
ly donated to the "Aldrich collection."

Prof. Hinrichs was recently made a
"corresponding member" of the Ger-
man meteorological society at its meet-
ing at Berlin. This honor has been con-
ferred only on one other scientist in this
country.

Prof. J. S. Dunning, member of the
Board of Regents, from Jefferson, was in
the city during the early part of the week.
He reports his daughter, Miss Mary B.
Dunning, who left school on account of
sickness, as very much better.

President Pickard will deliver a lec-
ture before the Nineteenth Century Club,
on Tuesday evening, March 10th, 1885,
at 8 o'clock p. m., at the Irving Institute.
Subject, "Constitutional Compromises."
All interested are invited to be present.

Bohumil Shimek, '82, county surveyor
of this county, attended the convention
of surveyors held at Des Moines some
time ago. The *Chicago Times* speaks of
him as follows: "among those present
is Bohumil Shimek, who is only 23 years
old, but has achieved a reputation all
over the country for his studies in con-
chology."

As can be seen, this week severs the
connection of the VIDETTE corps with the
two Medical departments, as contribu-
tors to our paper. During the year the
editors of their respective columns, have
been faithful and efficient in furnishing
their columns and it is but just to say
that our association has been agreeable
and that the departments have been as
well represented as could be expected,
considering the amount of work they are
compelled to do. It is to be hoped that
the classes will be as fortunate in their
choice of editors next year as they have
in the year now closed.

An hour of mingled pleasure and profit
awaits those who hear Dr. Frisbie, at the
Congregational church, next Monday
evening. Mr. Frisbie is a keen observer,
a versatile writer, and a graceful, impres-
sive speaker, and "Alaska" is a theme
increasingly attractive. If any traveller
in that rugged region can make us see
and know it as he himself does, that
very popular gentleman can do so.
Lectures have been very scarce in Iowa
City this winter, and this oratorical pic-
ture of Alaskan climate and scenery, of
Russian Creoles and far-off Indians will
be very welcome.

The usual Monday morning lecture
was given this week by Prof. McBride

on the World's Exposition. The Prof.
is fresh from the great fair, where he
had charge of Iowa's educational exhibit.
But little of the description of the Ex-
position could be given in the short time
allotted, but the Prof. assured us that
everything we had heard in regard to it
was true, "that it was a great failure,"
since at the time of opening everything
was in confusion, and exhibits were still
boxed up; that it is the grandest fair
ever held, and a success; since during
the Prof.'s stay at New Orleans "order
has been brought out of chaos and the
whole appears in beauty and magnitude
unrivaled." The Prof. will continue his
lecture next Monday morning, when all
students should be present.

'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis
true, that neither the Seniors nor Jun-
iors appear to have sufficient life to
bring about a class sociable, that mem-
bers of the Political Economy class who
have been assigned particular hours for
looking up references, generally find it
more convenient to monopolize the ref-
erence books during hours assigned to
some one else, that the winter has drawn
nearly to a close without the publication
in the VIDETTE of the annual effusion
on "Beautiful Snow," that one of the
Profs. is so funny that the hilarious
laughter of his pupils daily throws in-
to painfully eccentric orbits the cogita-
tions of students in the library, that one
of the Profs insists upon reserving some
important explanation till after the bell
for dismissal of class has sounded,
that anyone should insist upon wearing
the same dirty collar for two consecutive
weeks, that so many debaters in the
societies persist in appearing on the
weekly programmes without knowing
what they are going to talk about, that
so many declaimers are satisfied with
their declamations as works of art, if
only they are committed to memory,
that so many persons who attend the
literary societies regard the music of the
evening as a mere accompaniment to any
variety of inattention and disturbance
on the part of the audience.

The friends of Frank Haller, A.B. '83,
will read with interest the following lines
taken from the Omaha Daily *Republican*
of the 18th, ult:

Mr. Frank Haller, of Council Bluffs,
and Miss Florence Lininger, of this city,
were married last evening. The cere-
mony was performed in Trinity Cath-
edral, doors open to the public. The pre-
announced hour was 8 o'clock and from
shortly after 7 until the last moment, the
throng of interested friends and acquaint-
ances poured in until the vast auditor-
ium was filled in every pew. The church
was well filled when the relatives of the
contracting parties were led to the for-
ward seats, indicating that the bridal
eortege was approaching. At the ap-
pointed moment the curtained doors
were thrown wide open, the organ pealed
from its thousand throats the grand wed-
ding march and to its sublime and meas-
ured melody the bridal party passed in

and moved up the central aisle. The ri-
tual was pronounced by Dean Millsbaugh,
and both bride and groom passed the
ordeal, as the critical situation doubtless
renders the ceremony, firmly and com-
posedly.

The bride is a young lady of sweet and
pleasing features, of fairly tall and well
mulded physique, and a carriage of
graceful refinement which her splendid
attire heightened to perfect charm. The
groom, handsome and intellectual in
countenance, addicted to scholarly eye-
glasses, tall and of slender, but muscular
in figure.

The reception at the residence of the
bride's parents after the ceremony ranks
as one of the leading occasions in Omaha
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Tom Whittaker has secured the ser-
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DENTAL CLASS OF 1885.

The graduating exercises of the third annual commencement of the Dental Department, took place at the Opera House Monday evening, Prof. L. C. Ingersoll, the Dean, presiding.

The exercises of the evening were opened by the University Band. The music was especially prepared for the occasion and was highly appreciated by the audience, as it richly deserved.

The invocation was then offered by Rev. Mr. Kenyon. Miss Lillie Kulp of Davenport, then favored the audience by rendering "Embarrassment," by Abt. Miss Kulp has a particularly fine voice and a pleasing manner of singing. This was followed by the announcement of the graduates by the Dean. The Hon. J. T. Stoneman of Cedar Rapids, who delivered the annual address, was then introduced to the audience by Dr. Ingersoll. The subject chosen by Mr. Stoneman was, "The Problem of Human Achievement."

The subject, which was a very appropriate one, required the depth of thought which none but so able a man as Hon. Stoneman could do justice. He began with man at the time of Cicero and traced his progress, both mentally and morally, to the present time. He touched upon the theological and scientific theories of the origin of the human family and reconciled them, by saying that it mattered little which theory we believe whether man was a fallen God or an evolved being, we, to-day, find him at the cross roads of the two theories. He eloquently depicted the coming man and prophesied that he would be a being "freed from the fetters of caste and prejudice, speaking a more comprehensive, perfect language, will be prepared to interrogate nature in all her abodes."

The lecture throughout was a literary treat and the audience listened with rapt attention to the close.

The audience was thoroughly enlivened with a beautiful waltz by the University Band, after which the valedictorian, Emory T. Brooks, appeared and received an unusually cordial reception. The oration on Specialties was one of the finest ever delivered from the University. Mr. Brooks has a fluent manner of speaking and he dealt with his subject in a masterly way. His classmates and the S. U. I. have reasons to be extremely proud of the valedictorian.

He showed to his hearers that the greatest achievements of art, literature, and science, and all the modern improvements have been the result of concentrated study upon some one subject and that, as the world grows older and wiser men are more inclined to specialties.

The final farewell to the Professors, Alumni, and classmates was very touching.

He said in his closing address to the friends and people of Iowa City: "Before bidding you our final farewell, we extend to you our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy you have shown; thanks for each kindly word, each silent token, that

teaches us, when seemingly alone, friends are around us, though no word be spoken."

The class quartette, assisted by Miss May Terrol at the piano, then sang a farewell song which brought forth continuous applause. In a short but fitting speech the President, J. L. Pickard conferred the degree of D.D. S. to the class. The gentlemen as they presented themselves to receive their diplomas, made an imposing appearance. The University of Iowa may well be proud to receive the Dental Class into its alumni.

The exercises of the evening were closed by music from the band. The class then repaired to the St. James to attend the banquet given by the Alumni. A general good time, and some excellent toasts were the order of the evening.

The Dental Department under the indefatigable labors of its able and honored Professors has proved a grand success, and the students who have left its doors are rapidly reaching the front in their profession. *

HOMŒOPATHIC COMMENCEMENT.

The Homœopathic Department of the S. U. I., held its eight annual graduating exercises at the Opera House, Tuesday evening, March 3rd. A large audience greeted the class, and were well entertained throughout the evening. The really excellent University Band rendered a choice selection as an opening of the programme, the Rev. J. G. Graichen following with the Invocation. Dr. Cowperthwaite, the Dean of the Department then presented the class valedictorian. Mr. S. N. McClain, who took for the subject of his oration, "Thought and its Currents," which he presented in an unassuming but straightforward manner, commanding the attention of his hearers throughout. Miss Jesse L. Smith then rendered the Overture "William Tell" in a very pleasing manner, receiving a hearty encore. Dean Cowperthwaite then called the names of the members of the class and they filed on the stage and after a few appropriate remarks received their diplomas from Pres. Pickard.

In addressing the class President Pickard relaxed into a bit of pleasantry by saying he had prepared a little impromptu speech for the occasion but it had been all swept away by the "Current of thought" in the valedictory. But referring to this address he said if he had been called on to select the sweetest and best and most expressive word in the English language he would have chosen the word "Home." And he then proceeded to give the graduates before him some beautiful thoughts of the importance of relations of their profession to the homes in which they might be called on to minister, and how noble the mission to strive to make these homes happier, and purer by their presence. His remarks were well calculated to impress upon the class the true nobility of their calling.

Mr. C. W. Wilcox then rendered a

cornet solo which sustained his reputation as a musician, and received the heartiest of applause. Rev. Thomas Gordon of Alton, Ill., then delivered the annual address to the class taking as his subject "The Problem of Human Suffering." This was a very able production, and to give a part would do Mr. Gordon injustice. It must have revealed new possibilities to the young men and women about to try their fortunes in the practical world. After the address, Miss Smith gave a selection from Chopin in her admirable manner, and then the audience was dismissed. Unfortunately, several members of the class were unable to be present on account of sickness. Below we give the names and addresses of those receiving their diplomas:

- Charles Lanning, What Cheer.
- Chas. W. Clarke, Butte City, Montana.
- Miss Abi L. Preston, Des Moines.
- William T. Kile, Avoca.
- William H. Rowe, Menomonee, Wis.
- Mrs. Ada Daily, Sheffield.
- Nicholas Bray, Washington.
- A. E. Wessel, Grinnell.
- Mrs. M. A. Cotton, Iowa City.
- Samuel N. McClain, Washington.

MEDICAL COMMENCEMENT.

On Wednesday evening, March 4th, occurred the graduating exercises of the largest class ever sent from the Medical Department.

The S. U. I. Band opened the exercises with appropriate music, and interspersed some of its best pieces throughout the evening. Rev. E. P. Smith pronounced the invocation, after which John W. Koehn of the graduating class delivered the valedictory address. Our space forbids an extended notice of his excellent production. His thought was good, and tone elevated, and he did the class credit. Mr. Koehn showed a lack of practice in speaking, but made up in earnestness what he lacked in grace. His effort was very much appreciated by the audience, and he received a number of handsome floral offerings from appreciative friends.

Dr. Peck, the Dean of the Faculty then called the names of the graduating class as follows:

- Miss R. M. Bigler, Shellsburg.
- W. C. Bills, Durant.
- J. W. Drew, Marshalltown.
- W. Gruwell, Iowa City.
- Miss L. V. Halverson, Cedar Rapids.
- Miss L. D. Hanley, Sidney.
- Miss L. B. House, West Branch.
- J. W. Koehn, Davenport.
- W. A. Marner, Iowa City.
- O. J. Saunders, Iowa City.
- S. J. Smith, Iowa City.
- J. W. Blythin, Keota; in Anatomy also.
- F. L. Breed, Ainsworth, Chem also.
- D. W. Campbell, Marshall; in Anatomy also;
- F. F. Clifford, Cameron Falls, Minn.
- E. A. Doty, Oxford.
- E. W. Downs, Iowa City.
- E. L. Fitch, Oskaloosa.
- Miss A. G. Gray, Wilton.
- C. A. McCordle, Cedar Rapids; Anat. and Phys. also.
- W. S. Parks, Sigourney; in Anat. also.
- J. A. Pinney, Iowa City.
- F. H. Smiley, Iowa City; and Chem.

- F. E. Vest, Montezuma; in Anat. also.
- W. Abegg, Wappello.
- D. D. Barr,
- G. Braseh, Davenport.
- E. E. Burwell, Lanark, Illinois.
- Mrs. M. B. Clark, Nebraska.
- A. Edwards,
- F. G. Emerson, Afton.
- D. W. Farnsworth, Casey.
- F. Glaspel, Canada.
- D. W. Jones, Beacon.
- E. E. Kirkendale, Mt. Pleasant.
- M. J. Murphy, Casey.
- J. M. Parker, Dt.
- W. J. Phillips, Wellman.
- J. K. Root,
- P. F. Straub, Mt. Pleasant.
- F. C. Suiter Dt.
- H. H. Sutherland, Iowa City.
- B. T. Trueblood, Kansas.

The class then filed on the stage, which was already occupied by the University Faculty, Messrs. Richardson, Burrell and Crosby, of the Board of Regents; the Examining Board and others of the medical profession from different parts of the state.

Gov. Sherman, who was to confer the degrees, was unavoidably absent, but Pres. Pickard received the class from Dean Peck and delivered the diplomas in his happy manner. The annual address was then delivered by Dr. G. M. Staples, of Dubuque, he took for his subject, "Little Things that Make or Mar Professional Success," and it was handled in such a masterly manner that too much praise cannot be given it. The young doctors ought to go out in the world with a much better idea of their cares and responsibilities as well as possibilities, after listening to this masterly effort. This ended the fifteenth commencement of this department. Some of the class will enter into lucrative practice and soon become an important part of their noble profession, others will struggle long and painfully before their efforts will be crowned with success, but we are sure that the class of '85 will bring up the average of all the classes sent out from the University during the past fifteen years.

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THE NEW ORLEANS MARDI
GRAS OF 1885.

BY PROF. MC BRIDE.

The event of the month just ended and of the season in New Orleans, was the celebration of the festival of Mardi gras. Since 1857, I believe, on each recurring anniversary the people of the southern capital have given themselves more or less heartily to the pageantry and pompous ceremonials of this most ancient holiday. Owing to the anticipated large attendance of visitors from all parts of the world, the preparations for Mardi gras this year were most thorough and extensive. Both artists and artisans were for months employed in constructing material for a street display which should surpass all that had ever been seen or heard of, here or abroad. The Mardi gras of New Orleans is unlike the Carnival at Rome, in that the effort of the former city is almost entirely given to street processions and to the scenic portrayal of some definite subject, the people being for the most part silent spectators, while in Rome the populace universal are participants, and disorder and buffoonery rule the hour.

In New Orleans all festivities, balls, processions, etc., are supposed to be directed by a mysterious unknown individual, the so-called Rex, the mimic king of the carnival, but at the same time have a more substantial basis in the treasuries of the Carnival Association and of the various clubs of the city, social and otherwise, and in subscriptions of the citizens. The Mardi gras which has just been witnessed, involved in its celebration the execution of four distinct programmes: the landing of Rex on Monday, the nocturnal procession of the Krewe of Proteus on Monday night, on Tuesday the royal procession, which the limits of the present paper forbids me to describe, and the procession of the Knights of Momus on Tuesday night. The regal part of the celebration is a constant feature of the New Orleans Mardi gras appearing from year to year; the other parts of the pageant here described, may or may not be seen. The king, though in reality the "heaviest subscriber," is assumed to come from some distant capital to visit at this season his province, the "City of Amusement;" and for weeks prior to his advent in New Orleans, the city papers embody in their telegraphic columns despatches purporting to come from various cities in Europe, detailing the progress of his majesty and conveying his commands to all his faithful subjects. It is to be observed that although his majesty never leaves the shores of the old world until the latest possible moment, yet he never fails to make a landing at the proper place and time. This year accordingly the papers of Sunday morning (15th) all announced that his majesty had arrived in the city, was in perfect health, and would make formal entrance of the city by way of the river and the Exposition Grounds and that he would immediately upon landing give an audience to his faithful subjects in the Music Hall of the Main Building. Monday was a

beautiful day and the throng that assembled in the place appointed was great indeed. For one day, at least, the exposition was a financial success. The thousands came without regard to "race color or previous condition of servitude," and stood patiently for hours to see the semblance of a king pass by. And what did they see? A motley crowd of masked men, a score or more of them, with false-faces of the expressionless cheap and hideous kind, false hair and for royal raiment, the tawdry tinsel and trickery of the circus. The king himself a sort of burlesque of "old King Cole," homely as Richard, pitiable as Lear. Attendant upon the royal company were the battalion of students from the La. State University and a company of United States Marines, together with the Mayor of the city and various other civil functionaries, looking strangely out of place in such an unreal and belated throng.

Although one P. M. was the hour announced, it was after three when Rex arrived at the Fair; thousands of people had waited long for his approach, but no sooner did he appear than the vast crowd began to disperse, although the ceremonies were but inaugurated by the entrance of the King. For certain physical reasons your correspondent left with the crowd and saw no more of the Rex until the afternoon of the next day Mardi gras proper, when his ancient majesty headed his royal annual parade. Nobody now cared anything about Rex. Crowned or uncrowned, mortal or immortal, the public eye had gazed on royalty and the charm was gone. The center of attraction now shifted to Canal street where was expected a night parade of unprecedented magnificence.

Canal street is a fine thoroughfare extending back from the river and dividing the Crescent City into two almost equal parts. The street is unusually wide (two or three hundred feet) and for a long distance on each side is flanked with blocks of rather low business houses. These buildings are furthermore peculiar in being provided generally with porches projecting far enough to cover the entire width of the sidewalk and roofed in such fashion that the ceiling or roof serves as the floor of a veranda for the story above. As the porches are all of about the same height, these verandas constitute a sort of gallery running along the face of the block from street to street. Sometimes a second gallery rises above the first. In preparation for Mardi gras all these galleries were fitted up with tiers of seats, converting the broad street into what I may be permitted to call a far-stretching amphitheatre. The street is illuminated by an abundance of electric light and on any fine evening is brilliant and beautiful. But how shall I attempt description of the scene presented on the eve and evening of Mardi gras? By seven P. M. all that vast arena was packed with people, a surging restless crowd through which it was impossible for one to make his way, and extending from the Custom House near the foot of the street away up to Rampart street, the old limits of the city. It seemed as if the entire population of the city must be there, togeth-

er with the thousands of strangers attracted both by the Fair and by the festival in progress. One might have heard spoken there almost all the languages of the earth, for there were gathered people of every nation and from every clime. And then the galleries, filled from top to bottom with a most splendid throng of men and women in full dress, rich with bright raiment, shawls and fluttering scarfs, and huge bouquets, until it seemed as though the walls of our theater were fairly banked and garlanded with decorations of living humanity. Then over it all was poured from far above the white light of a hundred electric arcs glowing like the lamps of morning, at once illuminating the brilliant scene before us and rendering visible the black walls of night by which we were shut in. This to me was the pageant, this the vision poetic, phenomenal.

Into this crowded theatre, passing up one side of the street and down the other, heralded by colored lights and flashing rockets, moved on Monday night the procession of the Krewe of Proteus, and on Tuesday night that of the Knights of Momus. Each procession was made up of a series of tableaux borne on huge wagons drawn by mules. Each tableau was supposed to present some one phase of the general subject to be illustrated. Monday night the Myths and Worships of China were presented and the tableaux, eighteen in number were the embodiments in wood and cloth, in *papier-maché* and living men of the artist's conception of his subject. Thus we had a tableau representing the creation, the evolution of this lower world from a capacious egg. Resting on a black nimbus-looking mass, chaos, was a gigantic egg-shell within which appeared a man standing upon a globe with stars about his feet. Another tableau represented Paradise, another Hell, others scenes in the life of Buddha, etc. All the tableaux were especially illuminated by lights borne in the hands of negro attendants walking alongside. As the subject was not particularly interesting nor attractive, so the tableaux and the procession as a whole were not especially pleasing. All the concepts were foreign and their physical presentations, though no doubt clever were too fantastic and grotesque for western eyes. Not so the parade of the following night. Here appeal was made to the appreciation of that which is by nature attractive and charming, and almost everything shown was artistic and excellent. The general subject was the Legends Beautiful, and the themes presented were such as the Gateways of the Dawn, the Elves of the Forest, the Sprites of the Rainbow, the Prairie, the Fountain, the Whirlwind, etc.; themes appropriate enough for the poet or the painter but very difficult, as may be believed, for the artisan who would give to such "airy nothings," "local habitation." Yet did the artisan succeed, with effects, in many cases, most realistic. The Sprites of the Fountain were hidden by sparkling streamlets of falling water, (made of paper). From purpling clouds the Goddess of Morning started forth, guiding the coursers of the sun

and attended by the angels of the dawn. The Autumn Fairies and the Spirits of Summer, the Crystal Cave and the Frost-King in his palace of ice and snow were all masterpieces of scenic effort. Then came the last tableau in the series, Sandalphon the Angel of Prayer, represented just where the poet finds him—

"—erect at the outermost gates
Of the City Celestial he waits
With his feet on the ladder of light—"

Angels with white wings and with garlands in their hands stood before a shining cloud-encircled temple whose golden doors swung open wide revealing the bright effulgence of a light unseen. The angels waved their snowy wings, while sounds of sweet music came softly to the listening ear. There was clapping of hands and waving of scarfs and tossing of flowers and a hum of mingled admiration and surprise from that vast multitude, and then the most beautiful of the Legends Beautiful, for a moment real, became again a fancy and passed with all the bright procession out of sight.

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ference, such was their perfect toleration and good temper that the priests and nuns, in their distinctive costumes, were always safe from molestation, not only at Khartoum, but even at El Obied and the neighborhood, where the majority are Mussulmans and the rest heathens. It was stated some months ago that Gordon had abandoned the Governor's palace and transformed the Catholic mission into a fortress, its surrounding wall and massive buildings rendering it capable of strong resistance."

ACADEMY COLUMN.

GUIDO H. STEMPFEL, Editor.

Several of the students are nursing the measles.

Miss Ethie Adams received a visit from her mother this week.

The German play has been postponed on account of the illness of one of the players.

The Athenian Society and the House of Representatives elected officers last night. Results next week.

Dr. E. Brower, of Le Mars, Iowa, a member of the examining board of the Dental Department, S. U. I., was a guest of Prof. G. A. Graves, during his stay here.

Chas. H. Maxson, having closed his winter term as principal of schools at Shellsburg, Iowa, has been spending this week with old school acquaintances in this city.

The Spartan Society has accepted the challenge of the Athenian Society to a joint debate and appointed Geo. B. Campbell and N. J. Clair as debaters. The Athenian Society took action last night, but too late for mention in this week's paper.

The rhetorical of Wednesday afternoon were more than usually interesting. Wm. Drew's oration on "Individuality" was of extraordinary merit and showed a clear understanding of the subject. The declamations were mostly humorous, and thus pleasing to the greater part of the audience.

The Spartan Society at its regular election, last Thursday evening, chose the following officers: President, Geo. B. Campbell; Vice-President, Jos. Strong; Secretary, Frank Hamilton; Treasurer, Francis Harrington; Executive Committee, J. E. Barnes, D. Stapelton, Fred Newill; Segt-at-arms, T. Stapelton.

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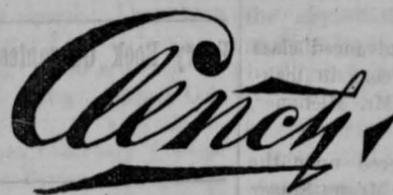
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Miss Hutchinson and Miss Willet, are on the sick list.
A correspondence class was organized in Tipton, last evening.
Miss Emma Rector departed for her home in Haven, yesterday.
Miss Lucy Ham is taking an advanced course, she also assists in the office.
Holcomb now reports for Mitchell, Crane & Co, wholesale druggists, Des Moines.
Martin has made a successful dash at court reporting, and is now ready to apply for a "Courtship."
The bureau has been engaged to make an official stenographic report of the National Stockmen, to be held in Chicago on the 18th.

A few members of the advanced class will be engaged for two weeks in making a large transcript for Mr. Michener, Circuit Court Reporter.

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