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ACADEMY COLUMN.

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A class is beginning German.

The class in Geometry can spell parallogram, on a wager.

Julia Long is teaching in Jasper county, but will return to graduate with '87.

The Shakespeare Class, under the direction of Mrs. Partridge, is reading "Macbeth."

Herbert Owen is unable to return to school this term on account of sickness. We hope for his speedy recovery and return.

We are always glad to see our alumni take a stand with others in their undertakings. V. R. Lovell, of '81, N. C. Young and A. Kessler, of '82, and Thos. J. Stevenson, of '83, were successful in getting positions on the S. U. I. oratorical contest. To the two first named gentlemen were rewarded the first and third honors, respectively.

We are glad to note the organization of a band in the Academy. It will, indeed, fill a "long felt want," and we wish the boys success. The members are Chas. Turecheck, C. T. Croddy, violins; Chas. Cope, piccolo; Walter Vandyke, guitar; Elba Vandyke, piano. It is expected that the band will soon increase in numbers, as it no doubt will in usefulness.

There are three boys in our school,
Who were so wonderful bold;
They thought they'd speculate in girls,
One "got there;" two were "sold."
And when they found that they were left,
With all their might and main,
They swore to all the deities
They'd ne'er do it again.

This is the last lay; the minstrel herewith hangs up his harp; he, too, will ne'er do it again—i. e., lay it ou—and if he should just lay for him. "A reciprocal lay is no murder." Then, too, "'tis ne'er too late to mend."

The editor sat in his sanctum drear,
Chewing his pen with an air severe,
Collar turned up to warm his ear,
Items scarce and the darkness near.

Papers there were all covered with dust,
Gone was the look of heavenly trust,
His face revealed nothing but sour disgust.

This is the secret, a steam pipe "had bust."

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THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

Lately there has appeared a circular to the alumni of the State University, over the signatures of F. E. Nipher, and Frank Springer, and as it has been given great currency, it no doubt meets some sort of an answer in the minds of the several graduates of the University to whom it has, with zealous industry, been addressed through the mails.

In the first place, the writers of the circular are personal friends of the writer, and it is conceded that they are among the brightest of the many minds that have been polished by the tuitions of the University. Mr. Nipher is a professor in the Washington University, at St. Louis, and Mr. Springer is an attorney in New Mexico.

It is far from our purpose to impugn the motives of these gentlemen. The obvious occasion of the circular is the action, last June, of the Regents of the University, in relieving Prof. Hinrichs from his duties as a professor in the collegiate department, and it deals at length with that question, in an effort to convince the Alumni that an injustice has been done Dr. Hinrichs. As to this, it would be easy for the writer to fall in to that opinion, as he has long known Dr. Hinrichs, and has enjoyed an acquaintance with him, approaching intimacy and esteems him as one of the most zealous, successful and conscientious professors in the institution. For these very reasons the writer suspends judgment on the merits of the case, and has only to say, in regard thereto, that it is at least questionable, whether or not the appeal to the alumni will tend to strengthen the position of Dr. Hinrichs. It appears certain, at any rate, that, whether it will or not, the Professor has too much independence, both of disposition, and of resource, to resort to it. He

would no doubt deprecate an appeal to any one but the constituted authorities for the redress of his grievance, if he feels that he has one.

If the alumni could do anything in the premises, it would be, apparently, in the "sand lot," "Dynamite" order of action, and it is evident that in this State, nothing of that sort will win. It is not insinuated that Nipher and Springer actually intended to operate through that sort of means. On the contrary, they suggest that the alumni use any influence they may possess, with the members of the General Assembly, to secure a review of the general subject-matter of the State University, with a view to the renovation of that institution in general, as well, we presume, as the correction of the alleged injustice to Dr. Hinrichs in particular. And here is where the "bulldozing" feature appears. If we were asked only to do what we can, with a view to Dr. Hinrich's redress, it would be one thing; but the writers of the pamphlet go farther, and point out the instruments of attack—the whole institution is to be assailed, and the legislature is, as we assume, on the basis of the circular, to be greatly frightened—at least, so are as many of them as cherish friendly feelings for the University.

Well, we will suppose that they are frightened, and we inquire what they are to do in consequence? It is suggested that they depose two or three of the *ex-officio* regents. Very well, they are deposed, what next? The Legislature is no doubt beginning to wonder what next, too. Three memberships in the regency of the University expire this year. These can be dealt with by the election of unprejudiced men, either the present incumbents, or others, if these are not fair men. That is conceived to be the limit of the remedial measures that may lawfully be had. The next resort will be punitive legislation.

The reforming of the Board will not necessarily accomplish anything. They acted unanimously, (Dr. Pickard being absent) on the question, and sustained the President, and would scarcely reverse their own action without fresh evidence, which is not claimed to be presented in the pamphlet.

The resort to punitive action would be limited to the withdrawal of the necessary financial support of the University, and the consequent crippling of it in its work. And this, we are satisfied is not desired by the gentlemen who make the appeal to the alumni. That established, or assumed, it appears to the writer that there was and is no foundation for the appeal. It seems that, while the pamphleteers assume that the University is greater than any of its faculty, they proceed as if the cause of Prof. Hinrichs were of more consequence than that of the University.

That is not true, for the avowed pur-

poses of their argument, and it is not true as a matter of fact.

Years ago the writer had some reason for the belief that there was a deep-seated jealousy among several of the members of the faculty of the University; there was a time when there was all but an open rupture between two of them, nearly of a personal character, which grew out of professional jealousy. But what of it?

There is no pretense that the Board of Regents is not competent to handle these matters, or that it is disposed, as a body, to act in a prejudiced or unfair manner. Why not try the appeal before them? Why not submit to their judgment, since we are not informed that they are not fit for their functions?

The circular may be a defense of Dr. Hinrichs, but it is more. It is an assault upon the University and its management; and it is more than this, too, it is an assault upon the fair names of at least two of the acting local officers of the University. Granting that a literal interpretation of the correspondence between President Pickard and Dr. Hinrichs will sustain the views of Messrs. Nipher and Springer, is it not at least possible that, applying the rule of construction that Mr. Springer, at least, cannot claim ignorance of, namely, that all instruments of evidence are to be construed in the light of the attending circumstances—the *res gestae* are to be considered as a part of the written evidence—is it not possible, we beg to ask, that there may be some evidence in the environment of the actors in the Hinrichs-Pickard correspondence that would throw a more favorable light on the action of the President? At all events can the authors of the pamphlet, referred to assure us, with any degree of confidence that we are in possession of enough evidence to enable us to pass an unbiased, and a just judgment on the matter in controversy? The gentlemen, instead of stating their own case, simply, have added the attack upon the fair names of President Pickard and Prof. Leonard, and in the most common fairness, their case should not be prejudged, on garbled or partial evidence, and the writer is sufficiently informed to state it as true that the correspondence itself is not fairly presented. Besides, there is more reason to presume that Mr. Pickard, who is responsible to a higher power, and whose character is a foundation for favorable presumptions, would act fairly and frankly, than there is to presume that a professor in a rival institution, in a foreign state, responsible to no body, in this matter would be ingenuous and fair, especially when avowedly moved by strong feelings of a personal character. In fire, the appeal to the alumni should never have been made, because the alumni have no power in the premises, and really have no legitimate means of setting any potential authority in motion. Any action of the alumni in the premises would be nugatory—*Coram non Judice*, Mr. Springer would say.

ONE OF THE ALUMNI.
Jan. 22d, 1886.

CITIZENS, MEETING.

At the citizens' meeting at the Opera House last night, the resolutions on the University question reported by the committee were adopted without a dissenting voice. The committee was composed of representative men from both political parties and from different churches, and so they are fairly indicative of the prevailing sentiment in Iowa City, on this question. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That as citizens of Iowa City, we view with pride and gratification the growth and prosperity of the Iowa State University located in our city. From feeble beginnings only thirty years ago, and in spite of much opposition and hostile criticism, it has developed into the leading educational institution of this State and one of the leading institutions of the Northwestern States.

Resolved, That we can confidently say to the people of this State that the University and its various departments are worthy of their continued confidence and hearty support. That we have no sympathy with, but thoroughly disapprove the attacks made upon either from whatever source such attacks may come.

Resolved, That the Board of Regents of the University is composed of wise and judicious men, selected from both political parties. While individuals may differ as to the wisdom of their action in certain particulars, they have conducted its affairs honestly and having solely in view the interests of the institution. The management of the University may be safely left to these men who deserve the commendation of the community.

Resolved, That we regret the criticisms which have been widely circulated, reflecting in various directions on the character of this community. While deprecating the necessity for this defense, the widespread and continued circulation of these aspersions at length seems to demand some notice from us. We, therefore, assure the people of this State that such criticisms are unjust. They are the result of exaggerated statements and of misunderstood facts. We believe and know that time, and calmer investigation by fair-minded men (which we confidently invoke) will correct these errors and do justice to this community.

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GYMNASIUM.

The following are the hours for gymnasium practice as arranged on the new programme:

Mondays, from 5 to 6 P. M., Sophomores.

Tuesdays, from 7 to 9 P. M., Seniors and Freshmen.

Wednesdays, from 5 to 6 P. M., Laws.

Wednesdays, from 7 to 9 P. M., Dentals.

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THE ACADEMICAL TRAINING OF WOMEN.

BY WILLIAM MACINTOSH.

The State University of Iowa lately completed its twenty-fifth year, and the event was celebrated with great *éclat*. Since its foundation it has done work which can compare favorably with that accomplished during the same period by any of our British seats of learning. In one important respect it differs from the universities of the mother country, since women are not there excluded from the benefits of the curriculum. What we are slowly approaching, many of the American universities have long been enjoying. In spite of the somber prognostications of those who are opposed to the higher education of women, and who think that ruin and disaster would immediately follow if they were allowed to sit in the same class-room with men, we have to point to the success that has attended the State University of Iowa. There the women students almost equal in numbers their male friends, sit together in the same class-rooms, and receive the same instruction from the same professors. They are tested by the same examination standard, and not only maintain their ground, but take an active share in the extra-mural work of the university. We have been assured by one (not an American) who studied for several years at this university that he never observed the slightest impropriety among the students, and anything approaching the rowdiness and horse-play so common among students in this country is entirely unknown. He believes the presence of the ladies has a restraining and refining influence, and that by their absence students in this country miss a valuable means of culture during college life, which is the period formative of character. At the recent celebration at Iowa, a number of ladies received degrees in art, science, medicine and law, some of them with highest honors. The ladies also took their share in the "oratorical" part of the programme, so dear to the American, and without which no important event would be considered complete. The selected themes at Iowa were lofty and all on the side of goodness and truth. They have a fine ring of earnestness about them and in their treatment display considerable grasp of intellect. Miss Kate B. Reed, who took the first honors in the scientific department, spoke on "The Conservative Forces in America." The central thought of this lady's oration was that the germ of the forces which have been the safeguard in the rapid development of America and which check the tendencies of evil before they assume uncontrollable proportions, are found in the creed of the Puritans, which was "piety, culture and freethought." We look in vain for a force which can take the place of the faith of our forefathers to check the irreverence and restlessness generated in our overcrowded cities. However discouraging the present state of affairs may seem, a knowledge of the past gives us confidence in the future. The eyes

of an intelligent, God-fearing people will at last be turned upon the disease, and the press will fearlessly speak the voice of popular conviction. Miss Myra Call spoke on "Prometheus and Job." Both were types of humanity under suffering: one bound with adamant chains upon a cheerless crag; the other suddenly stripped of everything save the consciousness of wretched existence. Neither was subdued by the wretchedness of his lot. The one defies, the other reveres the arbiter of his fate. Prometheus recognized the cause of his suffering but not its justice. Job feels a perplexed but submissive grief. The one struggled against, the other toward, the power that afflicted him. The climax in the fortunes of each was in keeping with the character of each. Prometheus was defiant to the last, while the sufferings of Job prove but the stairway to the attainment of complete manhood, chastened, radiant, glorified. Miss Sarah Gorton spoke on "The Way of Life." Progress and retrogression are subject to variation. The right of yesterday may be wrong to-day; yet there exists a law in these apparent diversities. Neither science nor nature can show us the way of life. Intellect may attempt to dictate to the heart; but right and wrong, as they exist in the heart, are the criterion for human action. In the splendor of the ancient civilization of Greece, superior in some respects to our own, there was found no higher social solution. But later there arose in an obscure corner of the Roman empire an individual who who was rejected, betrayed and denied, yet the heart influence of this living, loving Christ has shown the way of life. Miss Esther Smalley chose as her subject "The Advantages of a Scientific Education." The revelations of nature teach us to look for order as a law applied not alone to the material world. The study of science fits man for the highest usefulness. It teaches us to examine closely, to think accurately, and disciplines the mind as no other training can. It is an excellent corrective to the strong imagination and helps to maintain the true balance in those, whose feelings are apt to sway their judgment. The speaker admitted special aptitudes, but claimed that no one is so mean that they should be denied the advantages of scientific education. Mrs. Carrie Hutchinson Clapp delivered an address on "Modern Biography and its Abuses." Deeply implanted in our nature is a desire for investigation—a noble attribute when properly directed, a curse when unrestrained. The idle curiosity of the vulgar crowd knows nothing too sacred for its gaze. It is the demands of such natures that lead modern biographers to parade before the public the private life and most sacred associations of their subjects. Injustice to the dead or living brings loathing in hearts where once love dwelt. The perfect biographer is born, not made. Of the triumvirate, Hawthorne, Carlyle and Eliot, the first two satisfy the most curious. Hawthorne yields up to public view the most sacred relations of his father, withholding from the vulgar gaze not even the correspondence of father and mother

before marriage. With Carlyle's sanction the reading public was treated to a publication recounting his domestic miseries. What a contrast George Eliot presents to these, relating the simple story of her life! A reformation of the abuses of biography must be through the reading public.

Does any one believe that women who can handle subjects such as these with so much ability are thereby less fitted to become wives and mothers and to train their sons and daughters to be good citizens? Are we not committing moral suicide when we deny to our daughters the advantages of academical training?—*The Christian Leader, Scotland.*

The above article, taken from a paper published in "old Scotland," in some of its parts will not be particularly new to many of our readers, especially the references to our last commencement, which were taken from the commencement issue of the VIDETTE. But yet there is a lesson to be learned from it, and that is a higher appreciation of the spirit of freedom which pervades American institutions as compared with those of Europe. To those who have observed that the ladies in our institution, under free competition, take more than their proportionate share of college honors. The knowledge of the unequal footing on which women in foreign universities are compelled to stand appears as the revelation of a condition both barbarous and unjust. The old world may yet come to the new to learn a few simple lessons which centuries of experience have failed to teach them. The following letter explains itself:

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Dear Sir: Will you excuse a stranger from the "old country" for addressing you? Your name and the University over which you preside seem so familiar to me that however great a stranger I am to you I feel you will not be unwilling to hear that the good work you are doing for education in the State of Iowa is noted and appreciated in old Scotland. Through the kindness of an old teacher of your University, Hon. G. C. Hübner, now of Kelso, I have an opportunity of reading the VIDETTE-REPORTER etc., which keeps me posted up in your University affairs. I took the opportunity lately of drawing the attention of Scotch readers to the work, the very successful work for women accomplished by your University. I take the pleasure of sending by this mail copy of the *Christian Leader* containing the article referred to. I hope it may help in some way to break down the great wall of prejudice which exists in Scotland against the Academical training of women. * * * I remain

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Taken!
Admit one!
Mr. —, will you please change your seat?

The class in Caesar has reached the bridge!

I. W. Bender has been made honorary member of the Athenian society.

Moral of sleigh-ride, Saturday night—engage your girls before you start.

Miss Irene Lewis, who has been ill for the past three weeks, has, we are glad to say, resumed her studies.

Rev. Mr. Folsom, of the Presbyterian church, conducted the opening exercises at the Academy Thursday morning.

How cruel to take the unsuspecting Spartan's little brass badge. Francis "beavere ov the vidders" and other girls too.

Smith writes that he is located near Cumberland, Kansas, enjoying the blessings of "home, sweet home" in an adobe hut.

The young ladies are discussing the feasibility of having an open session soon. The "cranks" will receive a special invitation.

Some of our classes for the winter term are quite large, there being 41 in Civil Government, 34 in Physical Geography, 30 in Drawing, and 22 in Zoölogy.

Miss Clara Eppenbach is missed from among us this term, being detained at home by the sudden death of her mother. She has the cordial sympathy of her school-mates in her great loss.

The attendance at the Athenian society a week ago last night was very good, considering the inclement weather. The programme was carried out, and the new band furnished some excellent music.

The many friends of Miss May Vincent will be pleased to learn that she has been chosen principal of the Custer, Dakota, school. We assert without hesitation that she will fill the place admirably.

The first rhetorical of the term were held Thursday with the following programme: Essay, "Brook Farm," Miss Minnie Howe; Recitation, "Take your Hands out of your Pockets," John Crawford; Oration, "Margaret Fuller," Miss Kittie Roney; Oration, "Heroism," Melvin Sears.

The F. C. is officered as follows for the ensuing official term: Lizzie Kile, President; Cora Eggert, Vice-President; Allie Brockway, Secretary; Sarah Vonstein, Treasurer; Emma Davis and Nell Plum, Sergeants-at-arms; Susie Whittington, Lydia Gaymon, and Mary Zika, Executive Committee.

Old Aeneas wore a pompadore, so says a fair student of Virgil, quoting at proof his own description of himself, B. III, l. 48, "stiterunt comae," and now every Adonis in the Academy who wears his hair in that style, is ready to swear that as a result of Aeneas' taste in "doing up" his hair, did fall in love with him.

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Swindler was on the sick-list yesterday.

L. B. Athay is at Fisk, Adair county, this term.

C. H. Dayton, C.E., '82, was in town during the week.

E. C. Nichols spends to-day at his home in West Liberty.

Soph, sleigh—, oh, excuse me, I wasn't to say anything about it.

Everybody is going to the State Contest. The fare is \$1.00 for round trip.

Neally has been out of school this week, but is expected to return soon.

Miss Pennock was out of school the first part of the week on account of sickness.

Do not fail to hear Brooke Hereford at the Unitarian church Tuesday. Admission free.

Nate Ely is making good use of the sleighing by hauling out furniture for his new home.

All members of the chorus class should read Prof. Gilchrist's communication in another column.

Jim Bollinger has gone to Davenport to spend Sunday. It will be a happy day for—some-one.

State contest at Cedar Rapids next Thursday night. Seats on sale at Fink's P. O. store on Monday.

Stempel says his knuckles were a little sore, that's all. The University is proud of her stalwart son.

C. E. Musger, who was called home just before the close of the fall term, entered school again this week.

Seats for the State Contest at Cedar Rapids will be placed on sale at Fink's Monday. Secure the best early.

Notice is hereby given to all rabbits,

cats, and rats to be on their guard against members of the physiology class.

Mrs. Larrabee and family stopped off here on their way to their old home at Clermont the first part of the week.

Ten orators will participate in the Contest. The orations are of a high order of merit. Do not fail to attend.

Harry Doolittle, mail agent on the C. & N. W., visited with his friend, V. R. Lovell, of the Senior class yesterday and to-day.

There are several persons still owing their subscriptions to the VIDETTE-REPORTER. Please pay up, we need the money.

About a hundred seats for the State Contest have been placed on sale in Iowa City. More will be secured if necessary.

The excursion train to the contest will leave Iowa City on 1:20 p. m. Thursday and will return that night after the close of the contest.

Miss Lischer, of Davenport, who has been the guest of Miss Hoerring, of the Freshman class, for several days, returned to Davenport on Friday.

Prof. Henry Sabin, of Clinton, Judge G. M. Gilchrist, of Vinton, and Rev. R. Garton, of Waterloo, are the judges in the State Oratorical Contest.

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We are pained to announce the death of Frank P. Burckle, Jr., C.E., '80, who died at his home in Iowa City last Tuesday after an illness of two weeks.

Edwin J. McIntire, A.B., '77, LL.B., '79, now practicing law at Colorado Springs, was married Tuesday of this week at Perry, Iowa, to a Miss Otis of that place.

Mt. Vernon expects to send a hundred students to the Contest. The Delegation will be seated in the balcony opposite to the seats allotted to Iowa City.

L. S. Kennington, '84, junior editor of the Iowa State Democrat, came down to the Oratorical Contest last week and remained until Monday. We are glad to note that "Kennie" can find a few moments of leisure from his editorial duties, in which to remember his friends at the University with a visit.

On next Wednesday evening the Coe College Oratorical Association will give a banquet in honor of the orators and delegates. A limited number of invitations have been extended to outside parties. On Thursday at 10 a. m. will meet the annual convention of the Iowa Collegiate Association. The meeting will doubtless last all day. In the evening the Contest will occur, and the next morning the convention will meet again and conclude its business.

While students will miss the genial face of Capt. S. D. Pryce, the popular hardware merchant on the corner, they will welcome the new firm of Lichty &

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IOWA CITY, Jan. 28th, 1886.

EDITOR REPORTER: Please state in your paper that a change in the plan of the chorus class is proposed. It has seemed that the music selected is a little too difficult, and that choruses of a simpler construction might be more enjoyable, consequently a full attendance of the members is requested for the next meeting, Tuesday evening, that the matter be discussed, and a satisfactory conclusion reached. J. G. G.

Y. M. C. A.

The first convention of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. of the colleges of Iowa met at Grinnell, January 15th to 17th.

Every college in the State, with the exception of Drake University, was represented; the largest delegation, thirteen in number, coming from Penn College. We believe the S. U. I. was the only one not having the separate Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. organizations.

Our delegates, Misses Coon and Beam, and Messrs. Woodward and Hurd, Newton, Walker, and Preston, being honorary members. That earnestness which characterized inter-collegiate endeavors was a marked feature of the convention.

The students were aided by useful suggestions and plans of work by eminent workers from abroad. Among the means for advancing the work were inter-collegiate correspondence, visitation, and conventions. The object being to stimulate the associations to more earnest Christian work.

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 No. 8, Burlington passenger
 No. 41, Iowa City passenger
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 m. and leaves at 9:35 a. m.

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 p. m., at arrives at Nichols 5:
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 No. 1, passenger north, 7:20
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No. 5, passenger north, 8:16
 mira.

No. 7, passenger north, 10:30
 mira.

No. 47, accommodation, 2:10
 mira.

No. 2, passenger south, 8:17
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No. 8, passenger south, 8:58
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No. 46, accommodation sou
 at Elmira.

No. 31, passenger east, 5:
 Nichols.

No. 32, passenger west 9:
 Nichols.

No. 34, freight west, 1:00 p.
 side.

No. 33, ireight east, 12:10 p.
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No. 47, accommodation, 1:20 p. m.

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No. 8, Burlington passenger, 4:21 p. m.
No. 41, Iowa City passenger, arrives 8:50 p. m.
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No. 33, freight east, 12:10 p. m. at River side.
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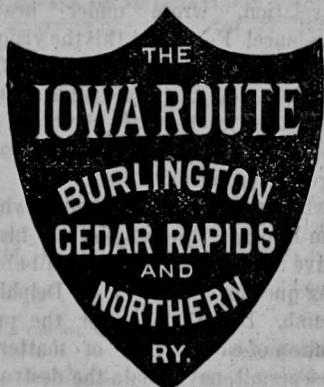
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The history of nations is measured by sceptered kings and titled lords; but the intellectual history of the race is written in the biographies of imperial minds. Their empire is the whole domain of human thought; their high problems are the mysteries of human existence and destiny. One by one they have appeared in the intellectual firmament, dazzling the world with the splendor of their genius, waning at times on the appearance of a new luminary in the constellation, then returning with brilliancy renewed by the temporary eclipse, to continue through time as beacon lights along the pathway on which humanity journeys. Such, in the galaxy of geniuses who have directed the course of man's intellectual and moral growth, is the position of the Athenian sage, the philosopher Plato.

The age into which he was born was shrouded in dense and impenetrable darkness. True, the Athenian world wore the symbols of unrivalled power and greatness. Phidias had crowned the Acropolis with statues that all but lived. Xeuxi's brush had created shapes that could all but breathe and speak. Athens was the center of the civilized world, "The Eye of Greece, the mother of Arts and Eloquence." But the noblest conceptions of the great sculptor's genius were embodied in the statues of heathen gods, and the muse of the "immortal bard" in her sweetest strains told the sad story of an idolatrous worship. Through all the gifted genius of "the golden age of Greece" there breathed the spirit of a pagan faith. To this ancient people Revelation vouchsafed none of its faint whisperings of eternal truths. Investigation had established no beaten pathway, which reason might with safety follow. Is it strange, then, that the ancient priests of reason, grovelling beneath idolatries' fetters, in their first interview with nature, failed to reach her secrets? That reason, in its infancy, untaught and unassisted, was bewildered at the vastness of the problems confronting it and stumbled and fell, still far from the portals of truth? This is not the only epoch in history in which a blind credulity, wearing the garb of religion, has dwarfed the energies of the intellect, and smothered the aspirations of the soul.

Into this Athenian world, with its boundless sea of conjectures and revolving questions, its wrangling sophists, its artists and its statesmen came the founder of the Academy, Plato, "the ideal of humanity itself." It was his high destiny to sit as a pupil at the feet of Socrates, and in the words of that master spirit to catch glimpses of a realm of truths no less real than those the senses give. But he was more than a pupil of the murdered sage. By

rescuing his master's teachings from a race of sceptics and dreamers, and by blending them into a harmonious whole, he heralded a revolution whose influence time has availed neither to obliterate nor obscure. The ragged Athenian schoolmaster idealized in "Plato's dialogues" became the teacher of the world. Learned and traveled, versed in all the knowledge his age could give, acquainted with all the philosophies of the day, Plato established, in the retirement of the Academy, a system which was to supersede them all—a philosophy in its influence on the subsequent tendency of thought, rising in the dim twilight of reason's infancy, the grandest and most enduring monument ever erected by unaided human mind. The phantom of Athenian glory was soon to pass away; her temples were destined to crumble and decay, but in the very period of her decadence this old pagan Plato was silently laying the foundations of a mightier empire, bearing the impress of immortality, for it was based on the immutable principles of the mind and heart.

Plato, like his master, was a public teacher. In an age famous for its professors of wisdom, the Academy was the university of Greece. There ages ago he unfolded to his band of pupils the beauties of virtue and the divine nature of justice. But through his writings he communes with the listening world to-day. No writer, either ancient or modern, had a loftier theme. No author has possessed more rich and varied powers. His exposure of human follies and refutations of the sophists, so striking and complete, are yet subordinate to the central design of his teachings, the establishment of the truths of his system. The graceful play of intellect and fancy, combined with an inimitable ease and simplicity of style, has not only won for him the foremost place among Greek authors, but has given him a permanent home in the literatures of the world.

Plato has been accused of lacking sympathy with the doctrine of human equality. And rightly, too, has he been accused; for he saw no vindication of this, humanity's hope, in the conduct of the democratic Athens he knew. He remembered the ingratitude which sent her benefactors into weary exile. He could not forget that this Athenian people, out of reverence for their gods and for the protection of the morals of their youths, had pressed the cup of hemlock to the lips of his master, Socrates. But while the principle of absolute equality was not recognized in his "Ideal Republic," authority was allotted by the measure of wisdom and justice, and not by the chance of riches or birth.

But it is Plato, the moral philosopher, the patron of the doctrine of immortality, who wins the willing homage and veneration of each succeeding age. Through the entire body of his teachings there runs a devout and reverential vein, recognizing the dependence of man and the omnipotence of God. Others had asserted the exist-

tence of a "First Cause" "a ruling principle," but inseparably linked with a gloomy "Destiny" and a remorseless "Fate." It was Plato's mission to rise on reason's ladder to the highest summit of human speculation, to draw nearest the veil which separate the visible from the invisible world and hear the holy oracles of God. The heaven he saw was far above Olympus. His God, the Creator and Eternal Governor of the universe in justice and wisdom ruled the affairs of men and with rewards and punishments guarded the observance of his laws. What wonder the christian fathers believed the author of a conception so sublime, so harmonizing with the genius of revelation, wrote under heaven's guidance! For is not this the vision of Him before whom the gods of the heathen veil their faces and at whose feet the intellectual giants of the world cast their crowns? To the great problems "what am I?" "whence came I?" and "whither am I going?" the religion of his age gave no response. On these all-absorbing questions the oracle of Delphi was dumb. Does God care for the preservation of each particle of matter and yet permit, nay, ordain the destruction of the soul? For an answer he looked into his own nature and there saw revealed the image of eternity. Yes, there is a sphere beyond this world of sense where pure souls dwell. It is this, reasons first declaration of the doctrine of immortality, that weaves for Plato a bond of sympathy widening as the ages roll.

"It must be so—Plato, thou reasonest well!
Else why this pleasing hope, this fond desire,
This longing after immortality?"

They tell us Platonism is the ruins of ancient glory, fit study only for those who sigh for the fabled excellences of an age which will not return. Not so; there is that, in the body of the system itself, which finds its echo in the conscience and its reflection in the reason of every age. Across the chasm of the centuries he speaks of the promise of his own nature of an eternal heritage beyond this fleeting transitory world. "Where now is this boasted philosophy of the past? Gone!" Platonism gone? No, it has survived the wreck of all things else. It outrode the storms of time. In triumph it has been moving down the centuries, charming the serene reason of Cicero, declaring the freedom of mind and conscience, encouraging the martyrs of the Reformation, rising in the Puritan Revolution—it is the spirit of progress and culture—it is the essence of the Transcendentalism of to-day! Plato forgotten! The companion and successor of Socrates forgotten! While men hold that there are truths revealed within us which the senses do not give, this mighty interpreter of the soul will be heard and known. The philosophy of Bacon is a philosophy of "fruit and progress." It wrests from nature her mightiest secrets and pours her bounties at humanities feet. It enthrones man as sovereign in the material world. Platonism is the phil-

osophy of a higher culture; its utility is the exaltation of the intellect and the perfecting of the soul, its fruit is immortality itself. Twenty-three centuries have come and gone since Plato fell into eternal sleep amid the scenes in which he taught and wrote, near the sparkling waters of the Cephissus, in the olive groves of the Academy whose cooling shade had sheltered the infancy of his school; centuries bearing with them the seeds of mighty changes. Revolutions have followed revolutions, theories have been supplanted by rival theories. Civilizations have risen, flourished, and passed away, leaving naught to recite the story of their existence, save crumbling temples and silent tombs. But through all this ceaseless change, the foundation of Plato's empire has remained unshaken, the lustre surrounding his genius has remained undimmed. Truths revealed mid Sinai's thunders, in the words of the Teacher of Gallilee or read in the pages of pagan Plato, are truths, alike, immutable and eternal.

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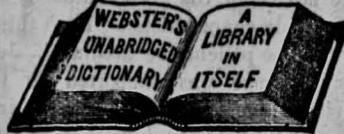
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H. K. EVANS, Editor.

W. S. Blackwell will visit over Sunday at his home at Durant.

A lawyer without causes cannot be expected to have effects.

L. B. Henyon, A.B., '81; LL.B., '82, now a practicing attorney of Huron, Dakota, is visiting University friends.

Burke is getting out a work on "Equity Jurisprudence." We have not been informed how soon it will be for sale.

J. R. Swain returned to his class on Wednesday. The severe storms prevented him from returning sooner.

W. Pencer, an attorney at Wilton, and formerly a student of the law department, visited the University on Monday.

Prof. G. W. Elliott, of Elliott's Business College, Burlington, Iowa, attended the first hour of Judge Adams' lecture on Friday.

Senator Gatch has presented a bill in the Senate providing that homesteads to the value of one thousand dollars shall be exempt from taxation.

Up to January 28th 151 bills had been introduced in the Iowa House of Representatives. It seems that our representatives don't intend that we shall suffer for want of legislation.

The dimensions of the Senior class are as follows: Average weight, 161 lb; average height, 5 feet, 10 inches. Mr. Ogle is the heaviest man, weighing 251 lb. Mr. Bemis is the lightest man, weighing 125 lb. Ogle and Davis are each 6 ft. 2½ inches in height, while Palmer takes pride in being the shortest man in the class, being only 5 feet and 4 inches in height.

Senator Sweeney, L.L.B. '81, has introduced a bill in the Senate which provides that all foreign corporations doing business in this State shall incorporate under the laws of Iowa. We think this a very wise measure, and believe it should pass the Legislature by a rousing majority. Should this bill pass, it will prevent these corporations from removing every doubtful case which involves more than five hundred dollars to the Federal Courts, thus delaying the trial and increasing the expense of the opposite party.

DURESS.

"Every legal contract," says Bacon, "must be the act of the understanding, which they are incapable of using who are under restraint and terrors; and therefore the law requires the free assent of the parties as essential to every contract, and that they be not under any force or violence." 2 Bac. Ab. Title, "Duress," 402.

Duress is always a ground for avoiding a contract; but the point which is difficult for the courts to settle is, what amounts to duress? The courts all agree that fear of loss of life or wrongful imprisonment would either, be sufficient reason for avoiding an instrument exe-

cuted while under such impression. Brown vs. Pierce, 7 Wall. 214; U. S. vs. Huckabee, 15 Wall. 421.

But there are many cases close to the line, and there is apparently no settled rule by which the courts are guided. It is not duress to threaten a person with a law suit, because every one has a right to bring an action if he desires; and it is also his right to inform the person that he intends to do so. And should the party then pay the demand he can not recover on the ground of duress. It has also been held by good authority that fear of battery or of having your property destroyed is not sufficient to avoid an instrument. Evans vs. Gale 18 N. H. 401. But extreme distress or necessity may be sufficient to overcome the mind of a person so as to avoid his act, and it does seem to us that fear of battery ought to be sufficient to avoid a contract, and this doctrine is supported by several good authorities. Topley vs. Topley, 10 Minn. 458; Foshay vs. Ferguson, 5 Hill, 158. And why not, for an essential of every contract is consent, and under the rule that a threatened battery will not avoid a contract a person would often be compelled to submit to a sound thrashing or become civilly liable on an instrument. Eadie vs. Slimmon, 26 N. Y. 12. And where a person is in possession of the goods of another, and refuses to deliver them over unless the owner pays an unreasonable amount, it is held a sufficient constraint that should the party pay the unreasonable charge he may afterwards reclaim the amount paid in excess of a reasonable price because of the duress. But in case the owner of the goods is in possession of them, and another threatens to either seize them or oust him from the premises unless he pays a certain sum, and he should pay the amount he can not afterwards re-collect on the ground of duress, for he could have defended and defeated the action if unjust. But in the first case it might be very important that the owner get possession of his goods and very likely it would be more profitable for him to pay the extra amount which is demanded of him, than to await the result of an action to recover them. Harmony vs. Bingham, 12 N. Y. 117.

In the time of Coke, and in some of the earlier cases, which have been cited, it was held that a man could not avoid his deed because executed under fear of battery or destruction of property. But Chitty very much doubts this being the true rule. As civilization advances, however, the law daily tends to more strenuously oppose every thing that is secured by fraud. And the day is coming, if not already at hand, when any force or threats, which would injure the person if carried out, will be sufficient to avoid the contract of such party.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

E. BROOKS, Editor; J. W. HULL, Assistant.

W. P. Gardner was on the sick-list the first of the week; hence his absence from lectures.

Mr. Will N. Vary, of the Junior class, gives aid to the Congregational choir with his cornet.

How nice to be a "Medic." He is even greeted by the school-boys with loud exclamations, and saluted with a volley of snow-balls, which, by their unerring accuracy, he wishes to end the reception as speedily as time and distance will permit.

Owing to the snow-blockade last week, Prof. Peck was unable to get here, therefore no surgical clinic on Friday of last week. He stated, this was the only time that he has been absent since his connection with the University, which began with the addition of the Medical Department, about sixteen years ago.

The difficulties encountered by Dr. Jenner in promulgating and establishing his discovery of vaccination as a preventative of small-pox were even greater than those of Harvey of the circulation of the blood. In London he was so fortunate as to study under John Hunter to whom he communicated his views. The advice of the great anatomist was thoroughly characteristic: "Don't think, but try; be patient, be accurate." Jenner's courage was supported by the advice, which conveyed to him the true art of philosophical investigation. He went back to the country to practice his profession and make observations and experiments, which he continued to pursue for a period of twenty years. His faith in his discovery was so implicit that he vaccinated his own son on three several occasions. At length he published his views in a quarto of about seventy pages, in which he gave the details of twenty-three cases of successful vaccination of individuals, in whom it was found afterwards impossible to communicate the small-pox, either by contagion or inoculation. It was in 1798 that this treatise was published; though he had been working out his idea since the year 1775, when they began to assume a definite form. How was the discovery received? First with indifference, then with active hostility. Jenner proceeded to London to exhibit to the profession the process of vaccination and its results; but not a single medical man could be induced to make trial of it, and after fruitlessly waiting for nearly three months, he returned to his native village. He was even caricatured and abused for his attempts to "bestialize" his species by the introduction into their systems of vaccine virus. Vaccination, however, was a truth, and, notwithstanding the violence of the opposition, belief in it spread slowly. In one village, where a gentleman tried to introduce the practice, the first persons who permitted themselves to be vaccin-

ated were absolutely pelted and driven into their houses if they appeared out of doors. Two ladies of title—Lady Ducie and the Countess of Berkeley—to their honor be it remembered, had the courage to vaccinate their children; and the prejudices were at once broken through. The medical profession gradually came round, and there were several who even sought to rob Dr. Jenner of the merit of discovery, when its importance came to be recognized. Jenner's cause at last triumphed, and he was publicly honored and rewarded. In his prosperity he was as modest as he had been in his obscurity. He was invited to settle in London, and told that he might command a practice of £10,000 a year. But his answer was, "No! In the morning of my days I sought the sequestered and lowly paths of life—the valley, and not the mountain; and now, in the evening of my days, it is not meet for me to hold myself up as an object for fortune and for fame." During Jenner's own life-time the practice of vaccination became adopted all over the civilized world; and when he died, his title as benefactor of his kind was recognized far and wide. Cuvier has said, "If vaccine were the only discovery of the epoch, it would serve to render it illustrious forever; yet it knocked twenty times in vain at the doors of the Academies."

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"College Skepticism,"
V. R. Lovell, State,

"Labor vs. Inheritance,"
J. E. Durkee, Iowa Agricultural,

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test for first honors was to
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sister Cornell. Their repres-
D. Smith (by the way he is
third on the programme, ha-
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