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Hon. W. P. Hepburn, "the silver-tongued" orator from Page county, has been selected by the students of Monmouth college to deliver the commencement oration for that institution.

The mortality among our military heroes has been very notable this year. Grant, McClellan, Hancock have passed away, and now by the action of the faculty we must add another to the list in the person of good old General Ability.

The Library has recently received two new additions, "The Congressional Record of the 49th Congress, by Ben: Perley Poore," and the "Consolations of Science," by Jacob Strauss, with an introduction by Dr. Tomas, of Chicago. The latter was very kindly presented to the Library by the author and will be found a very interesting work.

The *Dodo* of this city raises the cry that thirty-one children of the professors and regents have been set to the University without paying tuitions. Even if this were not, for the thirty years of the University's existence, only an average of one a year, would it be a matter to comment upon? The *Dodo* is perhaps too ignorant of business courtesy and methods to know that this is done commonly in all schools, and that even in business reductions are made to employees. As might be expected from that source it is so boorish in this article as even to insult ladies. It winds up with a Chinese puzzle in alleged verse, so absurdly inane that we wonder that the compositor did not faint while setting it up.

During a recent history examination at Vassar one of the young ladies being asked if Luther died a natural death replied: "No, he was excommunicated by a bull."

THE CATHOLIC QUESTION AGAIN.

That truly remarkable publication, the Iowa City *Post*, has taken a most wonderful drop from its loudly proclaimed charges of anti-Catholicism in the University. In its issue of last week it made all sorts of accusations against Prof. Parker, claiming that it was his constant practice to teach against the doctrines of the Catholic church, and implying that that particular sect was persecuted in the University with a rigor second only to the witch burning of older days. Refuted in these charges by the overwhelming evidence of eighty-four students, who have been in Prof. Parker's classes, it is compelled in its last issue to back down and in its attempt to crawl from under the mass of its own foolishness—in order that there may be no witnesses, it charges that Prof. Parker made these statements in a private conversation. The remarkable logician of the *Post* in this attempt becomes utterly confused and refutes himself in his own article. First he says (for the sake of argument we are supposing that the editor of the *Post* wrote the article) that only eleven were present in the class, whose names appear upon the remonstrance. He was half right—the class book shows there are twenty-two in that division who signed the statement of last week. He says that they were all protestants, and "if the professor had produced the signature of the Catholics in the class the remonstrance would have possessed weight." *The signatures of two Catholics were upon that remonstrance* and other Catholics attending school, who were not in the class at the time, have expressed their satisfaction with Prof. Parker's teaching, and their surprise at the attack upon him. Therefore, according to the *Post's* own argument the remonstrance does possess weight.

Again he says: "Prof. Parker did state before the class in Medieval and Modern History during the fall term of 1885 that Catholic priests sold absolution of sins for money." Twenty-two of the class, some of whom were Catholics, denied this. To obviate this trifling inconvenience, and forgetting what he had said before, he then says: "One of the students staid after the class," and that Prof. Parker made the statement to him. Behold the miracles of the magnifying glass—one student becomes a whole class.

He then says: "One of the Protestant students who came to Father Emond's house privately to hear the true Catholic side of the question, told Father Emonds that Prof. Parker did say that Catholic priests sold absolution for money." This is not true. The student referred to derived his ideas from books that he had read, not from Prof. Parker, and he denies that Prof. Parker made any such statement and fully agrees with the

remonstrance. After having stated in his article that the statements were made to one of the students whose religious opinion is not given, and that one of the Protestants also had charged Prof. Parker with this offense, the writer says: "these statements were made in the presence of faithful catholics." Presto, change! Lo, another miracle. One Protestant, and one other person who does not seem to be of any church, become "faithful Catholics!" Rapid conversions, worthy evangelist is the *Post*. We kindly recommend the writer, whoever he may be, to the Port Royal logic and White's elementary arithmetic. He had said: "Prof. Parker habitually insults Catholics." Eighty-four students, including Catholics said, No. "Well, then, if not habitually, in the class of 1885." The class denied it. "Well, by Jove I've got you now; he said it to one student in a private conversation." Where is that student? Will he also melt into thin air? We had supposed at first that the *Post* was misinformed. But the fact of this business now appears to be, that this is not a case of ignorance but of malignity and but a part and parcel of the recently organized scheme of attack upon the University. In this the enemies of University have made their weakest assault, and it will fall deservedly flat and harmless. The truth of the matter is that Prof. Parker is so notably fair in all matters of religious opinion and disputed points of history that it has long been a matter of comment, and he has even been assailed by ultra-Protestants for too favorable, as they viewed it, leaning toward the Catholics. On the question of the Protestant Revolution he has fairly and clearly stated both sides, his understanding of the doctrine of infallibility, as expressed to his classes, is exactly that of the Catholic church, his views on the Maryland and Lord Baltimore question in this country are not only fair toward the Catholics, but almost ultra-Catholic. We are at a loss to understand these recent attacks, but there is no possible question as to their source. They spring either from premeditated malice or from the excited brain of some too zealous enthusiast, whose mental acumen is too meager to grasp the fair and judicial statements placed before him or to appreciate the fair minded justice which is dealt him. Prof. Parker needs no defense, and we have referred to these attacks merely that the University may not be misunderstood abroad where its methods are less intimately known.

The first American college paper was the *Dartmouth Gazette*, published in 1810 at Dartmouth College.

At present the largest University in Europe is Rudolph Albrecht's, of Vienna. It has 285 professors and 5,221 students.

THE *Dubuque Daily Telegraph*, of March 19th, one of the few newspapers which give credence to the wind-blown charges of the *Post* of this city, says: "According to the *Post*, text-books in which the catholic church is misrepresented are supplied to the history class, many volumes in the library are anti-catholic, prohibition is taught under the cloak of physiology, and geology is employed as a means of inculcating the rankest infidelity." The *Telegraph* flatters our neighbor by giving place to these statements, known to be notoriously false by all even slightly acquainted with the University.

The *Post's* charge of misrepresentation of catholicism, "insulted catholics," etc., made with so much gusto in his issue of March 17th, in view of the flat contradiction through the resolutions drafted and signed by the "terrorized" students, catholics as well as protestants, published in last week's *VIDETTE*, degenerated in his issue of this week into an imbecile whine. "Many volumes are anti-catholic," but many are also pro-catholic. Do you know of a well-ordered public library whose shelves do not give both *pro* and *con*?

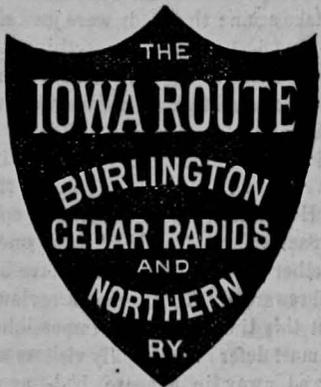
"Prohibition is taught under the cloak of physiology." As we said last week prohibition is not taught. We have it on authority of the members of the class that not a word has been said in regard to prohibition. If teaching the effect of stimulants and narcotics upon the human system is particularly objectionable to you, gentlemen, strike at the source of your woes, the legislature now in session, which has made the teaching of that subject compulsory after July 1st.

The statement that "geology is employed as a means of inculcating the rankest infidelity" has not the shadow of a foundation—not a clue to suggest its unnatural origin. Strange that the editor of the *Post* should, at one time, lament that the University teaches a religion and again that it teaches infidelity. The *Telegraph*, voicing the sentiment of our neighbor across the way, says: "if these objectionable elements are not removed (referring to the preceptors, text books, library volumes, etc.) popular opinion will sternly demand that no more state aid shall be given the institution," and concludes: "Indeed, that aid ought to be withdrawn anyway, for it is manifestly unfair to tax the public in order to increase the number of classical scholars, lawyers, doctors and dentists. * * * If they desire to familiarize themselves with the theory and practice of law, medicine or tooth-pulling they should acquire a knowledge of these things at their own expense."

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Mary Zika and Julien Monnet delivered orations at rhetoricals Wednesday afternoon.

C. H. Maxson, class '84, principal of schools at Rockwell, Io., reports work pleasant and prosperous. News from former students is always gladly received.

A number of the young lady students have already received their certificates and taken their summer schools in the country. Among them are the Misses Parker, Godlove, Davis, Fitzpatrick, Weeber and Borchell. We know how to pity them because we have "been there."

The many friends of Miss Mary Eppenbach were surprised and shocked to hear of her death a couple of weeks ago. Miss Clara has been a faithful student at the Academy for the past three winters, and the confidences and good will of her teachers given her so freely were richly deserved. She will be mourned sincerely by those who knew her, and her bright face and pleasant ways will not soon be forgotten.

The students have found the noon prayer meetings, which they have been holding for the past two or three weeks, very pleasant and profitable. Their last meeting Thursday noon was conducted by Mr. Bell. Mrs. Bell, Rev. and Mrs. Folsom were present also. Many who, at the close of this term, are leaving the Academy for the last time, will carry a grateful remembrance with the pleasant half hours spent in No. 3.

The F. C. Society gave an entertainment at the Academy Tuesday evening with the following programme:

Duet.—Mardi Gras Quadrilles, Misses Smith and Partridge.

Salutatory Oration—Mary Stuart, Miss Kate Legler.

Recitation—Too Late for the Train, Miss Ella Graves.

Vocal Duet—Fly Away Birdling, Misses Kile and Rath.

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Valedictory Oration—Chivalry, Miss Minnie Howe.

The music was well executed and well received by the audience.

Miss Legler gave the salutatory ora-

tion, subject Mary Stuart, with an ease and naturalness bespeaking careful study

The declamations were well chosen and creditable to the declaimers. Miss Graves pleased the audience with a humorous selection entitled "Too Late for the Train." Miss Partridge rendered "The King and the Jailor's Daughter" in her usually effective manner.

The plays were thrilling in the extreme, and justly calculated to inspire terror in the hearts of all those who contemplate housekeeping or who have so far given way to appetite as to indulge in pickle.

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LOCAL.

Class meetings!
Reconsideration!
No society last night.
Junior orations due Monday.
Senior orations due Tuesday.
Lee, Welch & Co's. bookstore.
Vacation begins Tuesday noon.
Fun in chunks in Murray and Murphy.
Some of the Sophs are talking about a class hat.
Schedules were issued this week for next term.
Gym entertainment at beginning of next term.
The Engineering Society met last Tuesday evening.
Declamatory contest to-night at the Opera House.
Remember the gym's exhibition the first of next term.
Frank Cotton has left school to join a surveying expedition.
Murray and Murphy have their own brass band and orchestra.
Mr. Monnet of the Academy visited several classes at the University yesterday.
Reports from Des Moines are very favorable for the University appropriation.
The *Current*, under its new management, is more than ever deserving of success.
Murray and Murphy Wednesday night March 31st; admission 75c, 50c, children 35c.
A. E. Patterson reports a warm welcome at the Academy entertainment Tuesday night.
Miss Anna Kurtz, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting with Miss Ida Twinting and other friends in the city.
The warm days of this week marked the appearance on the street of the dude with plug hat and cane.

Prof. G. L. Leslie, B. S. '82, principal of the Sheffield, Ill., schools, is spending his spring vacation here.

Joseph Mekota, a member of last year's Freshman class for two terms will be in school again next term.

Whittier college, at Salem Iowa, has conferred the degree of M. S. upon Hon. W. S. Withrow, LL. B., '80.

A. H. Gale, C. E. '83, is to enter upon his new position as principal of the Plymouth schools next Monday.

Tony Denier's Humpty Dumpty pantomime troupe Friday night, April 2; admission 75c, 50c, children 35c.

The Sophs are said to be debating the question whether the Freshies are to be allowed to carry canes or not.

Mr. Frank Robinson class '85, at present principal of the Kossuth schools, is visiting with University friends.

E. H. Mayne, of the Freshman class left Tuesday for Fremont, Neb., where he joins a railroad surveying party.

President Leigh Hunt, of the State Agricultural College, has resigned his position, to take effect May 1 st, on account of failing health.

Doc. Robertson '85, is in town for a short visit, and L. C. Blanding also of '85, is expected out from Rock Island to attend the contest.

W. H. Stutsman is enjoying a visit from his brother Carl, of Burlington, who we understand is thinking of entering school here next year.

We hear that Miss Kate Hudson, a former member of the Junior class, who has been teaching at Kossuth, Io., is expected home this week.

R. S. Galer B. Ph. '85, delivered a lecture to the students at Howe's Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday evening on the "Philosophy of Education."

C. E. Mills, A. W. McCausland and H. L. Spaulding have announced their intention of not being in school next term. They all expect to return next fall.

The Freshmen are entering the political field early. There seems to be a splendid opportunity for wire pulling, for the factions are nearly evenly divided.

The Sophomore class election on Thursday resulted in the election of Miss Alice Calvin for president, Charles Leslie, vice president, and Miss Bertha Williams, secretary.

The senior class met yesterday afternoon and accepted the order of exercises as reported by the committee on class day program. Everything bids fair for a rousing program.

Dr. Gilchrist has recently been elected Colonel of the 3d Regiment I. N. G. and it is reported that he has honored the S. U. I. band by making it the Regimental Band.

The Declamatory contest has been postponed until this evening, in order that it might not conflict with the union meeting which was held in the Presbyterian church last night.

J. T. Anderson, after finishing his

winter's term of teaching, went to Kansas and took a homestead. He will be in school again in the spring term and will graduate with his class.

The Betas are having a picture taken to-day.

Dr. Gilchrist informs us that the chorus class will meet as usual next Tuesday evening.

E. M. Nealley came up from Burlington this morning to spend a few days with S. U. I. friends.

Grimm has been quite sick all the past week, being confined to his bed most of the time, but is improving again.

W. P. Smith, of Green Mountain, Io., spent several days this week with his brother R. A. Mr. Smith was looking through the school with a view to entering next fall.

The Engineering Society had a very interesting session Tuesday night. New members have been added. Doubtless the growth of the society next year will make larger quarters a necessity.

L. S. Hanna, A. B. '73, Instructor of Latin in the S. U. I., 1874-5, and last year's president of the Alumni Association, died at St. Augustine, Fla., March 15th, of consumption. An extended notice is promised for our next issue.

The Seniors are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the ten who will appear commencement day for class standing. Almost every Senior has his slate. The most sanguine prophets do not presume to name more than five of the ten.

The steps of the center building presented quite a lively appearance Thursday afternoon. The Fresh met at noon, the Juniors at 2, and the Sophs at 4 o'clock. The band also came out at 4 o'clock for out-door marching and practice.

Prof. Fellows, by request, will deliver his lecture on "The Choice of a Vocation" before the Moral Philosophy class Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. Other students not having recitations at that hour will do well to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing it.

"Chawles," languidly drawled Josephine looking up from her book, "I see one of the new studies is trigonometry. What is trigonometry?" "Trigonometry?" replied Charles, toying with an invalid moustache, "is a—a—is the science of pulling the trigger of course." "I thought so."

In these days, when so many books come out that only prove "a weariness to the flesh," it is a treat to receive such a package as came to us recently from R. H. McDonald Drug Co., 528 to 532, Washington street, New York. Chief among them are "Our Ladies' Book," "Farmers' Hand-Book," "Merchants' Manual," and "Catechism on Intemperance and Tobacco." For four cents, in stamps, the Drug Co. will send any two of the above books; they are well worth sending for. Ten cents sent to their address, will procure the fascinating game

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All of class '86 remember E. C. Gibson, at one time a member of the class. Mr. J. T. Anderson, returning from a trip in Kansas, reports E. C. in the law business in Garden City in the firm of "Gibson Brothers, land attorneys," doing a thriving trade, office crowded with clients, but, withal, time enough to send words of greeting to his friends of '86.

The S. U. I. Alumni are gaining distinction in many fields. Those who have had the pleasure of reading that excellent magazine, "The Current," have no doubt enjoyed the exquisite little poems which have appeared from time to time over the signature of E. Hough. Mr. Hough graduated with class '80, and will be remembered by all old students as a very gifted young man. The years since he left us, have not been fruitless, and we are confident the future has much in store for him. In an early number of the *Current* Mr. Hough enters what we believe is, comparatively, a new field for him, that of fiction. The VIDETTE will note with interest his progress in the field he has chosen.

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Sgt. at Arms—F. A. Nye.

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FRESHMAN CLASS.
Edward L. Stover.....*Marengo*
The Death of Arnold.
Miss Belle Rigg.....*Iowa City*
Elsie and King Volner.
William Drew.....*Newton*
The Chicago Fire.
Miss Viola Passig.....*Sigourney*
Mill River Ride.
SOPHOMORE CLASS.
Miss Myrtle Lloyd.....*Charles City*
Zenobia's Speech.
Miss Ida M. Greer.....*Iowa City*
Mona's Waters.
Chas. E. Pickett.....*Waterloo*
Ingersoll's Nominating Speech.
Miss Grace Thompson.....*Bedford*
The Lady of Shallott.
Judges—Dr. Lizzie Hess, Rev. Arthur Beavis,
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GRANT'S PROPHECY.

BY N. M. CAMPBELL.

At Iowa's capital General Grant made the most remarkable speech of his life. In that speech he made this prophecy: "If we are to have another contest in near future of our national existence, I predict the dividing line will not be Mason and Dixon's, but between patriotism and intelligence on the one side, and ignorance, superstition and ambition on the other."

Such was the prophecy; is anyone prepared to assert that the Silent Man was an alarmist and a pessimist? Who knows but that we shall greet our next Centennial, yea, knock at the doors of the twentieth century, with bloody hands? Who can tell but what the very city which holds the Old Commander's sacred dust shall first see and feel the complete fulfillment of his prophecy? This nation holds no mortgage upon glory nor eternal lease upon divine favor; what we are and what we shall be we must make ourselves. True, indeed, our country has made marvellous and unprecedented material and moral progress. Among all the nations of the earth she stands first in wealth, first in intelligence and first in philanthropy—quadrupling her wealth in twenty years, four million dollars richer at sunset than at sunrise; affording every hamlet on her own soil a lamp of learning, she has a line of missionary stations girding the globe. But with all this prosperity, permeating our body politic there is a deep undertone of discontent, born of ignorance, idleness, intemperance and irreligion, the presence of either one of which tends to produce the others. From intemperance alone this nation loses annually a sum of money almost equal to the principal of our public debt. Criminals, the foster children of intemperance, are four times as numerous in proportion to our population as thirty years ago, and it costs more to maintain them than the interest on the public debt at its highest point. In this land of prosperity, where labor is so amply rewarded, two million of men are without employment, and significantly enough two million men are in secret labor organizations. Labor and capital are forming into two great hostile camps and labor has already sounded the tocsin of war.

Is there reason for this war? The poor man, who lives by honest toil, looks abroad and sees capital conservative, cold and conscienceless; he sees King Caucus stalk abroad controlled by monopoly by means of bribery; he sees that tramps and beggars are not the only parasites of society, for he sees speculators, money-sharks and grain gamblers become millionaires in a day. He knows this is not just, that this wealth is not honestly acquired, and by a strange perversion of logic, he infers that all wealth is similarly acquired, that all property is robbery and that government is only another name for tyranny.

Goaded on by thoughts like these, the vast Army of the Discontented, not knowing by whom or whither it is led, is rapidly ranging itself under the banners of Communism and Socialism. With the cunning of all vice they promise everything for nothing, under their regime we are to have a reign of absolute, universal equality. Equality! What mean they? Equality of privilege? No; for that all Americans have; ours is a democracy which destroys royalty, yet makes all men kings—the possibilities are infinite. This it was that made it possible for a Stuart to become a merchant prince, that led Garfield from the canal boat and placed him at the helm of state. No, it is equality of condition for which they contend, with arguments grossly false both in the abstract and the concrete. Absolute equality of condition is as impossible in the social as in the physical world; as in the physical world there is a Mount Blanc, a Mount Washington, a Pike's Peak, so in social, there has been and always will be a Croesus, a Rothschild and a Vanderbilt; here are dismal swamps and marshes, and yonder are the city slums and crowded tenement houses. Intelligence deserves and demands more than ignorance, the skillful more than the unskillful. Take away the magic of property, take away competition and you have taken away all that brings happiness and prosperity, all that ennobles human life or makes human progress possible.

But is there no danger from socialistic dogmas? Ah, those memorable riots of '77, those of Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis, when the wheels of industry, yea, of government, were locked with the key of fear! These are not the dreams of sickly sentimentalism, they are the sternest realities. Steel-hearted statistics with America as a lens have looked half a century into the future and coolly proclaim that if the communists and socialists increase as rapidly in that interval as they have in the past fifty years capital cannot withstand them. Already there are more than one hundred thousand radical anarchists in the United States; with more than half of that number in five of our large cities, and with one fourth of our entire population in cities, what then? The municipal government of America is the worst in Christendom. What of New York? What of Chicago?—now the proud queen she may become the Mt. Vesuvius of the west. Through her streets marches every Sabbath day a throng of anarchists utterly without love of home, of country or of God; their sole aim is destruction.—the inscription on their banners and the sentiment in their hearts is the same as that of the Parisian mob—"Long live the Devil!" The presence of such vandal hordes is a greater menace to our national perpetuity than a Confederate army thundering at the gates of the national capital.

Heaven forbid that the sun may ever shine upon that day when communism shall obtain the mastery, when the red hand of revolution shall inscribe upon our monuments of industry, and over the gates of the city of the dead its Godless motto, "Death is an eternal sleep."

Armed then as it will be, with its dynamite—a hundred fold more destructive than the guillotine—the strong arm of a Thiers, of a MacMahon cannot resist it, the magic eloquence of a Garfield could not stay its wrath; nothing save the exterminating thunder of heaven will eradicate it, and when it shall have spent its force some future Dickens will view the destruction wrought and write thereof the Tale of more than Two Cities.

Will the republic of the occident escape such Vesuvian blasts? Rome found her escape through a Caesar, France through a Napoleon; when the choice was between the republic with anarchy and emperor with safety both preferred civilization to the republic. Patriotic America, filled with the enthusiasm of youth, and hopeful of the future, expects neither a Caesar nor a Napoleon; believes that socialism will be rebuked—will be, because it must; believes that if necessary the six million farmers between Cleopatra's needle and the Golden Gate will leave their plows and led by Cincinnatus will yet teach cities the art of self-government. To meet communism America has what Rome had not: she has her common school and the church; upon these two grand forces must the civilization of the future depend, not upon Winchester rifles and improved Gatling guns or legislative enactments. Alas for that nation when the medicine of the body politic must become its daily bread! The scholars are our standing armies; books make greater and more lasting conquests than battles. Education is the cheapest defense of nations—cheaper to pay dollars to the education of children than cents to the support of an aged criminal. A single year's blood money would more than hush that piteous wail of the million black mothers of the South, "give our children the bread of life." This nation numbers among her patriots a grand twelve million jury of intelligent, zealous Christians before whom the claims of labor and capital can be adjudicated. Capital must be inspired with heart, labor with reason and both with conscience. Heart! Conscience! Brain! That grand and finite Trinity of Earth, aided and guided by that grander and infinite Trinity of Heaven, can solve all problems. The love and justice of God existed before ignorance, before intemperance, before socialism; they will conquer and live after them.

Not on swords and spears
Is the reliance of the coming years:
Not by the cannon's throat shall truth
proclaim
Her mighty mission—not by blood
and flame
Inscribe her lesson in the book of
Time;
Her strongest weapons shall be words
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Her armies thoughts; her banners
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That grand strain was learned on Parnassus; Emerson found in philosophy, that the soul of God is poured into this world through the thoughts of men. The world rests not upon iron or cotton, but the iron of the iron, the fire of

fire, the ether, the source of all elements, is moral force.

Moral force! thoughts! thinkers! Beware when God lets loose a thinker on the earth! Beware that he be an Emerson; not a Henry George; a Joseph Cook not a Herr Most; philanthropic, not misanthropic; religious, not irreligious. Religion, intelligence and industry entered this country hand in hand at Plymouth Rock; they have built the mightiest empire on earth; they will live together or they will die together. This weary old world with all its griefs and woes, its sufferings and sorrows, wants no guess for its dying pillow; it demands a cosmopolitan faith, whether Unitarian or Trinitarian, whose orthodoxy shall produce men who believe with Mrs. Browning that the best thing in this world is something out of it, men who combine the qualities of the trip hammer with the Æolian harp; men whose high privilege and sacred duty it shall be, to prove to the world that democracy is not, as Carlyle says, a sort of self-canceling business, which gives in the end a net result of zero, but is the grand consummation—emanating from the accumulated experience of countless ages.

God grant our country men like these to solve her unsolved problems; grant that when this nation has completed the second cycle of its existence, when other names shall have been added to that grand galaxy of Washington, Lincoln, Grant and Garfield; when the sons and daughters of America shall have gathered on freedom's sacred day to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of her independence, to look upon and recount the products of a second century's industry and skill; among all its monuments of glory and renown may they look upon these two as greatest—Universal Education, Universal Christianization. Then may be sounded forth those magic words of Garfield—words that thrill every true American's heart, words that held spell-bound the turbulent fury of a mob—sounded forth till the remotest nation of earth shall hear, till the very vaults of heaven reverberate and give back the echo "God reigns, and the government at Washington still lives!"

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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.
- No. 46, accommodation, 9:15 a. m.
- No. 8, passenger, leaving Iowa City at 4:21 p. m., at arrives at Nichols 5:30 p. m. Muscatine, 6:15 p. m., Columbus Junction 6:08 p. m. Burlington at 8:00 p. m. and St. Louis at 7:35 a. m.

Time of trains at junction points:—

- No. 1, passenger north, 7:18 a. m. at Elmira.
- No. 5, passenger north, 8:00 p. m. at Elmira.
- No. 7, passenger north, 10:30 a. m. at Elmira.
- No. 47, accommodation, 2:10 p. m. at Elmira.
- No. 2, passenger south, 8:17 p. m. at Elmira.
- No. 8, passenger south, 3:58 p. m. at Elmira.
- No. 46, accommodation south, 7:50 a. m. at Elmira.
- No. 31, passenger east, 5:30 p. m. at Nichols.
- No. 32, passenger west 9:00 a. m. at Nichols.
- No. 34, freight west, 1:00 p. m. at River side.
- No. 33, freight east, 12:10 p. m. at River side.
- No. 51, Decorah passenger north, 8:45 a. m. at Cedar Rapids.
- No. 61, Pipestone passenger north, 8:55 a. m. at Cedar Rapids.
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A dissolution is the civil death of parliament; it may occur by the will of the sovereign, expressed in person, or by commissioners, or, as is most usual during the recess, by proclamation, or finally, by lapse of time. Formerly, on the demise of the sovereign, parliament stood dissolved by the fact thereof; but this was altered in the reign of William III. to the effect of postponing the dissolution till six months after the accession of the new sovereign; while the reform act of 1867 settled that the parliament "in be-

ing at any future demise of the crown shall not be determined by such demise, but shall continue as long as it would otherwise have continued unless dissolved by the crown." Other statutes enact that if, "at the time of the demise, the parliament be adjourned or prorogued, it shall immediately assemble; and that, in the case the demise of the sovereign between the dissolution of the parliament and the day appointed by the writs of summons for the meeting of a new one, the last preceding parliament shall meet again, but for not longer than six months."

H. D. Hinkley will be in school next term.

D. W. Hamilton, of '84, was recently elected mayor of Sigourney.

Madison returned on Monday and will continue in school for the remainder of the year.

Palmer went to Nebraska on Monday on business. He will return the first of next term.

Evangelist A. J. Bell listened to the recitations in the Law Department on Wednesday morning.

S. Tillotson left for his home on Monday. He does not expect to be in school next term, but will return next year.

F. F. Swale does not expect to attend the Law School next term, but will go to the Upper Iowa University, from which he expects to graduate in June.

Mr. Tom Burke, of the Des Moines bar, visited the Law Department on Monday. His lecture at St. Patrick's Hall on Sunday evening is very highly spoken of.

Pursuant to the call of the president, the joint organization met on Thursday and elected the following officers: W. H. Chamberlain, president; W. D. Funk, vice-president; W. B. Seeley, secretary; C. J. Gallagher, treasurer; C. W. Newberry editor.

At a meeting on Monday a portion of the Senior class withdrew from the joint organization, and on Tuesday met and elected the following officers: J. M. Wetzel, president; W. L. Marshall, vice president; R. W. Pugh, secretary; C. C. Clark, editor.

W. H. Cobb, of the Senior class, was called to Charles City on Tuesday on account of the sickness of his child and we are sorry to announce that by a later report we are informed that the child has died. This is sad indeed for the parents, and we assure them that they have the sincere sympathy of all of Mr. Cobb's class-mates, in this their great affliction.

With this issue my connection with the VIDETTE, as editor, closes. As will be seen by the announcement of the result of the joint election, Mr. C. W. Newberry was elected to fill the place from which I retire. Let me say to you give him your support and thus lighten his editorial labors. I thank the members of the editorial staff for the kindness shown me. I also desire that those

who have aided me in any way may know that their help has been highly appreciated.

The Managing Editors of the VIDETTE met yesterday afternoon at 4:30, to consider the credentials of Mr. C. C. Clark and Mr. C. W. Newberry for the editorship of the Law column in the VIDETTE. The following is their decision:

Iowa City, March 26, 1886.

Having duly considered the credentials of C. C. Clark and Chas. W. Newberry, respectively, for the position of Editor of the VIDETTE REPORTER, to represent the Law Department of the University, and the arguments presented therewith, our decision is as follows:

I. The relations of the VIDETTE REPORTER to the Law Department have always been with that Department as a whole. No organization of the Department other than this, has ever been recognized by this paper. And since there is no written agreement between this paper and that Department, this precedent compels us to receive the editor or editors, selected in whatever manner the Law Department, as a whole, decides.

II. A majority of the Law Department having decided, and having so expressed to us through resolution that this organization still exists in the present joint organization, and this joint organization having signified their wishes in the selection of one editor, we cannot question their decision.

III. For these reasons we can accept only the credentials of CHAS. W. NEWBERRY, accredited by the Law Department as a whole.

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