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In connection with the exercises of commencement week, June 25-30, 1887, the University of Michigan will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its organization.

The Amherst College Alumni Association of New York is endeavoring to raise the means for endowing a professorship at the college in memory of the late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.

The Whig and the Clio, the two literary societies of Princeton, expect to build new halls, the estimated cost of each being \$5,000. The Whig society was founded by James Madison and the Clio by Aaron Burr.

The students of the University of Pennsylvania have adopted the Oxford cap and gown as a college dress. They take every opportunity of parading through the streets of Philadelphia where they naturally attract a great deal of attention.

NOTRE Dame University leads all American colleges in the use of electric light, having placed the Edison incandescent to the number of 690 in all her various departments. The dynamos are driven by steam from the large boilers used to warm the buildings, and the increased cost for fuel is little or nothing. Forty lights are used to illuminate the dome, arranged in a crescent and crown about the head and feet of "Our Lady," 200 feet from the ground. The apparatus has been put up with the greatest care, and gives unbounded satisfaction.

THE Seniors have held two class-meetings this week, characterized by commendable spirit and enthusiasm. The class picture is to be taken by Clench, and it is now in order for all members of the class who have not already satisfactory negatives at Clench's to lose no time in presenting themselves at this gallery

for the purpose of obtaining some that shall be satisfactory. A committee was appointed on class invitations, and are already in correspondence with several engraving firms. It was also decided to observe class day, and a committee was appointed to prepare and report an order of exercises, for that occasion. It was decided to meet in the President's room at three o'clock next Monday afternoon for the purpose of choosing class-day performers. It is to be hoped that every member of the class will be present and that nothing may arise to prevent a wise and harmonious choice. To Mr. Dey belongs the credit of first suggesting the advisability of taking measures looking to the adoption of "College Colors" and a "College Yell," in which respects we are sadly behind the times. A committee has been appointed, of which Mr. Dey is chairman, to confer with the lower classes and also with the other departments of the University in so far as they can now be reached, to consider these two matters and report as soon as possible. We hope that both the "Colors" and the "Yell" may be selected before commencement, and be ready for duty on that occasion. All things seem conspiring to render the coming commencement an unusual interesting one, and we hope all the movements outlined by the Seniors will be carried triumphantly through.

New names are constantly being added to our newly-organized but already famous Regiment of Knee-Breeches. The reform seems to be steadily advancing. But it is a fact well attested by all history that no reform can have the highest success without persecution. So now, to insure the final triumph of the knee-breeches, some one must begin to malign and despise the wearers of them. If this is not done by real enemies, those friends of the cause who have the matter really to heart should do it. It does not suffice that the small boy on the corner shouts as some lank-legged Senior goes by: "Where do them things grow?" Some worthy individual whose position and character will cause him to be heard, should lift up his voice in denunciation as sincere as possible of the innovation. Then warmth of feeling will be generated on both sides. Martyrs will doubtless fall in behalf of the new costume, and by their disgrace and the shedding of their blood the final triumph of the cause will be insured. No, our knee-breeches have begun their growth in too genial a clime. The soft air of spring, the gentle breezes, the connivance of the professors, and the smiles of the ladies, while at first favorable to the tender shoot, will in the end prove baleful. The new movement is now strong enough to endure some opposition, and opposition it must have if it would have growth and strength. We wish for no sickly plant. We would see a vigorous and permanent

institution. We shall await with much anxiety the hour when the hints we have just given will be acted upon. Defeat may at first be apparent, but the banner will ultimately be carried aloft, cheered by rousing hosts. Over in Ohio, at Oberlin College, a like reform has been inaugurated. Its early progress will probably not be so marked as ours has been, but we have no fears as to the final issue, for the reform there has met with adversity even in its cradle. It appears that the Sophomore class of that institution determined upon the establishment of a knicker-bocker brigade. Seventeen of them swore to consecrate their lives to knee-breeches, but the faculty there with its accustomed conservatism and sense of propriety, has forbidden these things. The valor of the inaugurators of the new style is now to be put to the test. The battle is our battle, and we will watch the result with great interest. But relying upon the virtue of the adversity principle before stated, we are confident that the knicker-bockers will eventually win the day.

The Sophomore and Freshman Contest.

We have the opinion that the Sophomore and Freshman declamatory contest held in the Opera House last Tuesday evening was somewhat better than the average. Most of the declamations were excellent; none were poor, and one left the house that night feeling that he had attended an entertainment worthy of his time, and in every way very creditable. The Freshman class was represented by two ladies and two gentlemen. The two ladies were Miss Lena M. Gaston, of Ottumwa, and Miss Nellie Peery, of Trenton, Mo.; the two gentlemen, Mr. Frank Mann, of Cedar Rapids, and Mr. Carl K. Snyder, of Red Oak. After music by the University Band and prayer by Rev. R. G. Woodbridge, of the Congregational church, the exercises of the evening, proper, were begun when President Lusch, of the Freshman class, introduced the first speaker Miss Gaston. The title of her piece was: "High Tide," and she did splendidly. Especially in the "calling" parts of the piece did she do well. She was followed by Mr. Frank Mann with a declamation on "The New South." His selection called for the oratorical style and he answered very successfully the requirement. His delivery was one of plainness and force, without special enthusiasm or passion. After music Miss Perry appeared on the platform having taken for her piece "Tiger Bay." She entered thoroughly into the spirit of the thing and succeeded in rendering it well nigh perfectly. The last speaker of the Freshman class was Mr. Snyder on "Stilling the Tempest," having reference to the scene in New York City on the morning of Lincoln's death when Garfield uttered the mem-

orable words: "God reigns, and government at Washington still lives!" Mr. Snyder was as we thought very fortunate in the choice of his declamation, and did first-rate. Music by the band again, and the first speaker of the Sophomore class was introduced. Owing to a tie in the preliminary contest, this class was represented by five speakers instead of four, one lady and four gentlemen, Miss Anna Lalor, of Burlington, and Mr. Frank A. Burdick, of Nevada, Mr. Chas. H. Burton, of Cedar Rapids, Mr. Daniel I. Coon, of Osage, and Mr. G. B. Thompson, of St. Paul, Nebraska. The first declamation from this class, "Ney at Waterloo," was given by Mr. Burton. Mr. Burton's friends expected him to do well, and were not disappointed. Following him came Mr. Burdick with "Robert Emmet." This gentleman fit exactly the character of his selection. With his pale face, his brow contracted, his short hair standing straight on his head, and his slight figure, he really seemed as one about to leave the world and step into the open grave. He mastered well the meaning of Emmet's last words, and the excellence of his effort was attested by the rousing cheers that followed him as he left the stage. Music again, and Miss Lalor rendered the "Mines of Avondale." With her clear voice, pleasing appearance, proper gestures and otherwise good expression, the effect she produced was not less than she could have desired. Then came Daniel I. Coon with remembrances and praises of his dear old friend "Daniel O'Connell." Daniel I. succeeded well with Daniel O. Mr. Coon's delivery was very simple and natural, more conversational according to the requirements of his piece than that of any of the other speakers, and his selection was the only one that had any approach to pleasantry in it. The humorous passages he brought out well. Coon, so far as we can learn, was the only speaker who got a bouquet. He seemed to appreciate the honor duly, and left the platform relieved of his burden of words, and lightly laden with the burden of flowers. The contest closed with a declamation by G. B. Thompson on "The Bridge of the Tay." This man from Nebraska determined not to be behind his competitors and made a very good closing to a very good entertainment. The judges were Rev. Watson, Rev. Clute, and Miss Williams of the Iowa City High School. They awarded first honors in the Freshman class to Mr. Daniel I. Coon. In our opinion there was so little difference of merit between the declamations that we would not have been surprised to see any one of three in the Freshman class get first honors or any one of three in the Sophomore. We heartily congratulate both winners. Miss Peery is a member of the Erodolphian society, and Mr. Coon of the Zetegathian.

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Senior Moot Court Friday.

The time of plug hats is close at hand. Dickenson is authority for saying that a minor is responsible for his torts.

Judge Adams commenced his lectures on the Law of Corporations on Wednesday.

S. J. Smyth, the Junior veteran, will not return until the last of the term. He wants the V.-R. so as to keep track of the boys.

John F. Ross, brother of the Chancellor, visited the Law Class Friday. He is with J. Mury Mfg. Co., but a resident of Litchfield, Ill.

Several of the Laws have visited the Catholic fair this week. We do not know for a certainty whether they went to see the girls or Bro. Menton, but think the former. Mr. Menton will return to the Law after the sport is ended.

O. D. Wheeler met with quite a serious accident while out with a surveying party. He ran a thorn in his knee which necessitated an operation by a surgeon. We are glad to see him around even though he has a game member.

In a letter from P. S. Astakson, class of '78, to the Chancellor to correct the year books, says that he has changed his location from Hader to Cannon Falls, Minn. He sends his best wishes for the Law Department, its Chancellor, and Faculty.

There are enrolled on the roll books of the Law Department the names of 102 students for this school year. This certainly speaks well for the S. U. I., as many of them are from eastern states. The efficiency of this department is never questioned wherever it is known. And we can attribute it to nothing more than the result of the untiring energy and labor of its Chancellor and Faculty.

We do not know of any reason why the Laws cannot get up a base ball club. We do not think that the time and energy spent once or twice a week in some out-of-doors sport, would be at all hurtful to the student who applies himself to his studies as he should. While on the other hand no one will question but what it would be far more beneficial to take some out-of-doors exercises, instead of lounging around during the time not engaged in study.

There is no vacation in life in which a man can better show what there is in him than in the practice of law, and truly there is no higher calling than to be able to solve the ever complicated transactions incident to close associations among men. And with the young attorney starting out on the great sea of litigation, it is necessary that he learn from the costly experience of those who have traveled the same journey, and profit by their experience and council which they give to us. There are in this day some principles which are absolutely necessary to the building of a foundation on which a man of worth must stand if he expects to be recogniz-

ed as a man of worth by the profession. No lawyer that is not strictly honest need expect to succeed. There will be times when to be strictly honest will insure certain loss and the sacrifice of cherished dreams. Every attorney of eminence knows how hard it is to let a prize pass when a little swerving from the path of rectitude would place it within easy grasp. But the young attorney who has not the moral courage to withstand temptation and build a foundation of such principles as will stand the attack of any opposition, ought not to claim any of the rights accorded men who have gained their eminence by strict integrity and hard labor. One valuable thing is to learn to be true to your principles to advocate that which you will be able to defend as an honorable man, never afraid to raise your voice against injustice, and always seek to have justice equitably administered.

How different it is in this day with the law student from what it was in the ages past, when law as we have it was in its infancy; when students were compelled, if they acquired a legal education, to labor unceasingly. And with no surer hope of reward than the student of this age. The little matter of books assumed a different form with the student during Blackstone's time than they do at this age. In our law library there are 3000 volumes of reports and textbooks treating of the same subjects that courts had to deal with during the infancy of the law. But we have the advantage of all the light that has been shed on them. But how was it with the student at that age when books were a scarcity and the law in a very crude state as compared with us of to-day. In those days the student improved every opportunity to fill his mind with useful knowledge. There is no reason why the law student of this day cannot be more efficient than those whose footsteps we follow, for we have every facility, and have no excuse to offer if we are not familiar with the various branches of the law. The study of law is the study of the world's progress. For wherever a people have lived under unjust laws there has been but little progress. And for every day in which there has been advancement and culture shows us the more clearly the necessity for more and better laws. Litigation may be termed a grand school and we the students. For no reader of law can live without this constant learning of something that ought to be righted. This may seem simple, but its evidences are numerous and might, if one was capable, engage our time from the cradle to the grave. But perfection is not attained in the law. Law is the perfection of reason, and as long as this world moves, and man continues to be an intellectual being, so long will there be the necessity of changes in the law. There is one great truth that the law student will learn more often than any one else, and that is how comparatively little we know of our rights and duties toward our fellowmen. With a clearer perception of these we see the necessity for better laws. The man versed in law to be of any

worth to the profession ought to have a knowledge of everything, as he is called upon to solve problems on short notice that has taken years of incessant toil to complicate. And every complication gives rise to the necessity of some rule that will be applicable to all like cases. The law student may progress as long as he lives, and with enlarged capabilities learn on forever if such was the province of his Creator.

There can be no such thing as perfection with us. The greatest jurist that ever lived considered themselves but little nearer a perfect understanding of the law than when they first commenced. But the close, thoughtful student is the more needed to-day than in the days when books were a scarcity and legal learning seemed most an impossibility. And there is no reason why the student of law cannot acquaint himself with an intelligible understanding of law with the facilities we have, we should try to progress and not fall in the same old ruts that our predecessors have. We may never become eminent or notorious, and the world may never hear of some of us. But we may, nevertheless, be useful in administering justice and sustaining good government.

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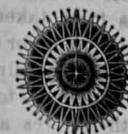
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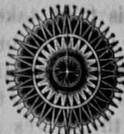
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"Steve" was thinking of "extreme cases."

He thought "field officers" meant lieutenants.

"A torpedo is a thing that is anchored to the bottom of the water."

The Juniors have finished tactics and are correspondingly joyful.

Will F. Walker was in town a few hours last Tuesday.

Erodolphian Exhibition Saturday evening, April 30th.

Don't forget Saturday Evening, April 30th. Important date.

"His subject, like everything else, had to come to an end."

"Delivery distinct, touched occasionally by a flow of eloquence."

Supt. Rogers of Marshalltown is in the city for a few days.

Birds-eye view of the Yr. two thousand at the Opera House, April 30th.

Original program at Erodolphian Exhibition Saturday evening, April 30th.

It pays to buy your gloves at Horne's. Every pair fit to the hand and warranted.

Prof. Magowan is confined to his room by an attack of the measles. He has our sympathy.

Notice G. H. Stempel's criticism of Maurice Thompson, on our literary page this week.

Have you read the report of the "Oratorical" Contest? If not, hunt it up. It is a gem of the first water.

Charles Robertson was in the city from Tuesday evening until Wednesday evening visiting friends.

"Sun, Moon and Stars forgot" he softly murmured as he sunk into his seat after a glorious flunk in Astronomy.

Spasmodic Grapho Winde phone on trial at the Erodolphian Exhibition for the first time. Come and see it work.

Chas. H. Burton has gone to Fremont Nebraska, to enter upon surveying work and will be gone for the remainder of the term.

Miss Nell Cox went to Cleveland, O. during vacation, to represent the S. U. I. chapter of Delta Gamma Fraternity at its convention held in that city.

We have just received a large line of those nobby new Scotch suits, equal to the finest custom made at about one-third price; call and see them at the Golden Eagle.

Charles R. Rall writes us from Dubuque that he wishes his paper sent there instead of to Dysart, as formerly. He is now acting as engineer and contractor for E. A. Spaulding, designer and builder.

Why would it not be a nice and appropriate thing for the University authorities to celebrate Arbor Day? It seems to us that such an exercise might be made very interesting and at the same time instructive.

And now it is to be hoped that no farther mention need be made of the "bare spot on the campus." It, or rather they, are now being seeded and covered with a layer of rich soil that ought to soon make them green once more.

The many friends of C. H. Burton, will be sorry to learn that he will not be in school during the present term. He writes from North Bend, Neb., that he is at present rodman on the Seward Extension of the F. E. & M. V. R. R. He expects to join his class in the fall.

The millinery opening at Horne's store last evening was a very pleasing and successful affair. Music was furnished by the University Band. The store-room was decorated in fine style with all sorts of new and elegant spring goods. The ladies of course were delighted, and thronged the store for several hours.

Last Wednesday noon the names of the six contestants who will appear in the Junior Contest about May 20th, were announced. They are F. T. King, J. W. Bollinger, H. C. Gardiner, A. M. Craven, C. R. Zimmerman and F. B. Tracy. The next question is; which one of these six has the pole that will reach the persimmon?

The companies of Cornell College are to have a competitive drill about the first week of June. Lieut. Cahf has been invited to act as one of the judges and will probably accept. The Lieutenant wishes to arrange a drill between the successful Cornell company and our special company. It is to be hoped that he will succeed and to be expected that the S. U. I. crack company will down Cornell as her base-ball and foot-ball teams have done in the past.

The Illinois orator at the Inter-State Contest will be Mr. Finley of Knox College, Galesburg. The *Coup D'Etat* of that

school is urging upon all the students of the institution to attend the contest and boom their man. The Knox people look for their orator to come out ahead. That college has, in the past four years, sent three representatives to the Inter-State. They say this is a record of which they may well feel proud, and we agree with them.

The following "Notice" frowns down upon the so called "ball grounds" of the University:—Ball playing upon the University grounds is absolutely forbidden on Sunday. Other than students must obtain permission to play at any time.—The Sunday clause we heartily commend. As for the other we venture to say that, were there a spot within a mile of town which could decently claim the name of "ball ground," the most diminutive specimen of kid would turn up his nose at the rough, dusty little strip of hill side which constitutes the University grounds.

"Manual for Infantry Officers of the National Guard," is the title of a book recently published by Col. J. G. Gilchrist, 3rd Regt. Iowa National Guard, and Bvt. Capt. E. C. Knower, U. S. A. We have not seen the book, but have no doubt that it contains everything that such a manual should contain, and that it is written in a clear, concise manner. Nothing less than this could be expected from two men so well informed in military tactics and of such excellent literary ability as Col. Gilchrist and Capt. Knower. We doubt not the Manual will meet with a warm and hearty reception.

The judges chosen for the Inter-State Contest to be held at Bloomington, Ill., May 5th, are: Gov. Foraker, of Ohio; Senator Hawley, of Connecticut; Rev. Phillips Brooks, of Boston; Hon. G. Pitman Smith, of St. Louis; Hon. Geo. R. Wendling, of Bloomington, and Johnson Brigham, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, editor of the *Republican*. The constitution requires that three of these shall mark each on thought and composition, and the other three shall be judges on delivery. We venture the assertion that this is the best set of judges ever chosen for a contest, and one would suppose that their decision would be just and most satisfactory.

From a late number of the *Maquoketa Record* we notice that M. C. King, while home during the Spring vacation, delivered his excellent oration on "Pestalozzi and Pedagogy" at an alumnal entertainment given by the graduates of the Maquoketa High School. The *Record* has this to say in praise of Mr. King and his effort: "M. C. King, who graduates this year at the State University, having taken a full four years course in three years, delivered a masterly oration on the great teacher Pestalozzi. No less than a full publication of this oration could do it justice, else extracts might be given to show something of the promise which Mr. King gives for future years."

During the past week the S. U. I. lovers of base ball have perfected their organization which will enable them to carry on the sport for this season. The constitution provides that every student paying an initiation fee of 50 cents may become a member of this association. It is hoped that quite a number of students will join, as it is only by the hearty co-operation of the students backing the "team" that good results can be obtained.

The Association elected the following officers: Manager, Jul. Lisher; field captain, M. S. Holbrook; Sec. and Treas., F. J. Blake.

The team selected and the probable positions are as follows: F. J. Blake catcher; F. Orelup, pitcher; M. Holbrook, first base; G. Wright, second base; H. Marquardt, third base; J. Lisher, short stop; G. Bronson, E. Brande, A. Cobb, F. Tracy, fielders.

The uniform selected is jet black. Arrangements for games in the near future are being made. Give the team a hearty and vigorous support, boys.

The following orders will explain themselves:

ORDER No. 16.

The Spring military term will commence on Monday the 25th inst. During the term drills will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week at 4:30 P.M. (First call 10 minutes earlier.)

Unless otherwise specially ordered the drills will be as follows: On Mondays, Company drill; on Wednesdays, Battalion drill, and on Fridays, Dress-parade, preceded by half an hour's drill either by company or battalion as may be announced at the time.

For Battalion drills and Dress-parade the members of the Special Company will fall in with their original companies. For all company drills they will drill as heretofore.

At Battalion drills and Dress-parades all officers will be present. At Company drills Captains and one Lieutenant. The Lieutenants will alternate, the First Lieut. being present at first drill.

At Battery drill the Captain and one Lieutenant will be present beginning with the senior 1st Lieut. All officers of the Battery to be present at parades.

During the term when the weather will not admit of outdoor drill, two companies will be drilled in the Armory.

A drill order will be issued previous to each drill, designating the movements to be executed; the companies to be drilled in Armory, in case of rain; the Officer of the Day, etc., etc.

J. A. VANDYKE,
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SENIOR CLASS PICTURE.—All Seniors are requested to sit for negatives at Clench's Gallery, the class having decided to have the work done there. Do not put this off, but all go as soon as possible.

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Three Sonnets to John Bunyan.

I.

Thou wast Imagination's dearest child,
On thee her every gift she did bestow,
To make thee glad, or cause thee bitter woe,
As thou didst master them, or leave them wild.
Not always came she as a mother mild,
Her lullaby to sing in accents low,
Not always didst thou pleasant-faced her
know.
Not always wast with fair deceit beguiled:
But oft the gladdening glow burst out ablaze,
Consumed thee with its fierce, unbating
heat.
Burnt down the barriers that thy Faith did raise,
And left thee with thy dread doubt, desolate.
She summoned angels to make strong thy faith,
She called up devils with their doom of death.

II.

When civic Fury seized the direful brand,
And spread abroad its fierce destructive fire;
When men became dark demons in their
ire;
When armed, brother did 'gainst brother stand;
When nobles were against the people manned,
And when for Liberty was builded funeral
pyre;
When forth from London to the farthest
shire
Gaunt Terror stalked throughout a prosperous
land:
Thou wast not touched, as thou hadst been afar,
By fierce dissensions of a nation torn.
Thou wast a man, a brother, but yet more,
Than of the flesh, wast of the spirit born.
A fairer freedom, and a purer peace
Were thine, with struggle o'er, and soul's release.

III.

O, tend'rest teacher of the Christian way,
We all do love thee, man as child,
And do delight in precept, grave, yet mild,
That lights us through each fateful day.
When heavy seems the heart within this clay,
Or when 'tis seized with yearning, strong
and wild,
When it to duty would be reconciled,
We take thy book, and read what thou didst say.
So simple, fresh and clear, the story steals,
Like hill-born brook, through valleys of the
heart,
And, in its murmurs, mysteries reveals,
That make us free from every pain and
smart.
O, take a nation's and a whole world's love,
That able wast our beings thus to move.
—Guido H. Stempel.

The Old Man of Beauvoir.

ALICE B. CALVIN.

Beauvoir, the present home of Jefferson Davis, is one of the most beautiful points on the Mississippi Gulf coast. Of no historic interest in itself, it is situated but a few miles west of Biloxi, one of the oldest French settlements on the Gulf. Aside from the beauty of the place, it will perhaps be interesting as the home of a fallen chief—one for whom the future holds nothing—but who lives entirely in the past.

Approaching Beauvoir from the railroad through avenues of live-oaks and magnolias, one catches sight of the large, low, house, the wide galleries and white columns, north, east, and west, the house is surrounded by magnificent trees waving their ghostly banners of gray Spanish moss. But to the south the view is unbroken. The Gulf stretches away for miles in front—a "beautiful view" indeed, and a peaceful, dreamy retreat for the "Chevalier of the Lost Cause."

The principal interest in the life of Jefferson Davis is centered in a very short

space of time and is of little historical value beyond this time. "His fame, and the true significance of his life, are chiefly compassed by the four years of the late war. In this historical period, he moved as a commanding figure"—but since the outcome of that war, his descent into obscurity has been more rapid than usual in the case of ex-rulers.

In early life his tastes were military, and he gave promise of distinction in such a career. But he suddenly and unexplainably resigned his commission and after his romantic marriage adopted the life of a cotton planter.

"For eight years the future president of the Confederacy, whose name a great war was to carry to the ends of the earth, lived quietly on a plantation, and gave the best part of his manhood to the most peaceful and most obscure pursuits of life." He did not, however, give his attention exclusively to his plantation—his retirement being "that of a scholar rather than that of the planter." Much of his time was devoted to study, and, during these eight years of seclusion, he made for himself a thoroughly educated and well informed man.

At the end of this time, Jefferson Davis left his life of retirement almost as suddenly as he had adopted it, and stepped at once into prominence. He became a public speaker in State politics, and the next year he was sent to Congress. The war with Mexico was declared while Mr. Davis was in the House of Representatives. He immediately resigned his seat and, becoming Colonel of a Mississippi regiment, gave important service at Monterey, and especially at Buena Vista. On his return from this war, he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the United States Senate. He took no active part in this body, but his eloquence has been spoken of in the highest terms and he was prominent among the advocates of slavery. His senatorial career is called the most honorable part of his life—his conduct was such as to command the respect of every one.

It is needless to speak of his life during the war. Personal ambition probably moved him in his part in the secession conspiracy. He was most hopeful through all disasters, and this characteristic has been very sharply criticised by southerners. Even near the close of the war, and after repeated defeats, he still held to the idea of ultimate success, and insisted on further preparations which his generals knew to be useless. Pollard says that Jefferson Davis, so far from being the impersonation of all that was good and reverential in the lost cause of the South, represented only its follies and the causes of its failure.

At the close of the war, the position of Jefferson Davis was a most critical one. Pursued and hated by the North—unaided and disliked by the South, for in the bitterness of defeat, even it had turned against him.

For two years he was a prisoner. It has been said that if the Federal authorities capturing Jefferson Davis, had turned him loose, he would have remained to-day the most unpopular man in the South. "He would have stood in the

eyes of the people the chief author and cause of the evils they daily experienced. His imprisonment was the best thing that could have happened for his fame. His suffering disarmed resentment and displayed him in an attitude so touching and conduct so becoming and noble, that when released on bail he found himself welcomed by nearly every heart in the South, and hailed with a pride and tenderness that his countrymen had not before shown him, even in the best of his former estates. Old enmities were forgotten, old offences forgiven, and not an injurious memory of the past was allowed to disturb the tribute which the whole South seemed now anxious to pay to the martyr of the lost cause."

We cannot defend Jefferson Davis—we cannot admire a man who would even in a mistaken sense of right, bring upon his country the evils of war. But, whatever be our estimate of his person, his character, his statesmanship or his loyalty, we cannot deny that he performed a great part in history. He hazarded a great thing—and he lost. That loss was to him total ruin. Nothing was left for him but retirement. His whole life is in the past, and he now lives quietly and peacefully at Beauvoir—the gift of a loyal southern woman. He is treated with great respect by the people among whom he lives. Occasionally his voice is heard in public assemblies, but it no longer has the power to inspire men to action—it is a voice from the past telling of lost hopes and lost ambitions.

GOETHE, SHAKESPEARE, AND MAURICE THOMPSON.—Mr. Guido H. Stempel sends us the following critique upon Mr. Thompson's recent paper upon Shakespeare, hoping, as he says, that *The Library Magazine* will "do him justice." We think that the fullest justice which we can mete out to him will be by the publication of his critique without note or comment:—

"It was bad enough when Lowell, in a superficial and flippant manner, wrote on subjects he had never seriously considered. But now comes Maurice Thompson, who has made himself many friends through his charming writings on outdoor life and natural history, and, with no preparation for the task, puts himself forward 'in the matter of Shakespeare.' The article is as ill-considered as it is uncalled for. By means of a maze of generalities, he conveys to us his half-formed ideas of Shakespeare. He happens to say a few good and original things, then deliberately utters the veriest nonsense and evident untruths. Thus concerning Shakespeare! But Maurice Thompson goes further, and makes an exhibition of his total ignorance of one topic which he touches. What does he know of Goethe, that he writes as he does about him? Or, rather, by whose authority does he say such things? For it is very evident he himself has never opened Goethe. It is the acme of know-nothingness and impudence to speak of egotism, and mention Hugo and Goethe in the same breath. There is in Goethe, as in Shakespeare, as, perhaps, in Homer, a repose, a self-possession, a con-

sciousness of worth, a certain dignity; but egotism—never! Hugo, the self-created, self-announced god, was egotistic. But Goethe, who, 'poet of the universe' as he was, put himself as far beneath Shakespeare as he put Tieck beneath himself, is never guilty of the charge of 'attitudinizing' that Mr. Thompson has preferred against Goethe and Hugo, at once. Where, or when, I would ask Mr. Thompson, has he (or any one else) ever caught Goethe 'strutting, scowling, smiling, laughing. . . with the air of feeling his superiority?' Would he indeed identify Goethe with his Wagner, the famulus of Faust! Enough. Mr. Thompson will do well to confine himself within his legitimate sphere, when future success bids fair to equal or surpass past. Goethe has suffered enough (if such a one can suffer thus) at the hands of American critics, shallow and ignorant; if another wishes to enter the field, let him at least be willing to 'give his days and nights' to Goethe, and know whereof he speaks, before he begins. As for Mr. Thompson, he might read with profit to himself, the parable of the Schlegels, and the Von Stolbergs."—*Library Magazine*.

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No. 47, Cedar Rapids accommodation, 1:20 p. m.

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No. 8, Burlington passenger, 2:55 p. m.
No. 41, Iowa City passenger, arrives 9:40 p. m.
No. 46, Riverside accommodation, 10:10 a. m.

Time of trains at junction points:

at Elmira.
No. 1, passenger north, 8:07 a. m. at Elmira.
No. 5, passenger north, 9:08 p. m. at Elmira.
No. 2, passenger south, 7:53 p. m. at Elmira.
No. 6, passenger south, 5:21 a. m. at Elmira.
No. 10, freight south, 3:31 p. m. at Elmira.
No. 16, freight south, 10:43 a. m. at Elmira.
No. 42, freight east, 5:00 p. m. at Elmira.
No. 43, freight west, 9:00 a. m. at Elmira.
No. 44, freight east, 9:25 a. m. at Elmira.
No. 45, freight west, 1:45 p. m. at Elmira.
No. 51, Decorah passenger north, 9:35 a. m. at Cedar Rapids.
No. 61, Spirit Lake passenger, 9:45 a. m. at Cedar Rapids.
No. 63, Watertown passenger, 10:30 p. m. at Cedar Rapids.
No. 31, east, at Nichols, 7:10 p. m.
No. 32, west, " " 8:22 a. m.

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No. 3..... 8:00 A.
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No. 21, Leaves..... 4:55 A.
No. 1..... 1:45 "
No. 19..... 9:5 "

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No. 2, Leaves..... 5:00 A.
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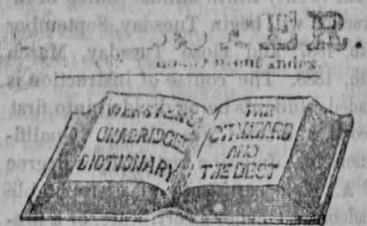
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