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This week, April 25-27, 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 new buildings, and the campus are being changed by the University of Princeton, who have adopted as 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.

Korea Dame University leads all American colleges in the use of electric light, having placed the Edison incandescent lamp in the most spacious departments.

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Tax seniors have held their class-meetings this week, characterized by commendable spirits and enthusiasm. The class picture is to be taken by Clerc, and it is now in order for all members of the class who have not already satisfied their obligations to present themselves at this gallery.

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 Sophomore 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, Rev. R. G. Woodbridge, of the Congregational church, the exercises of the evening, proper, were begun when President Leach, 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 well. She was followed by Mr. Frank Mann with a declamation on "The New Missouri River." His selection called for the oratorical style and he answered very successfully the requirement. His delivery was of plainness and force, without special emphasis or passion. After him Miss Peery appeared on the platform: a very rich voice, and very good voice. She read a very fine piece, "Tiger Bay." She entered thoroughly into the spirit of the thing and succeeded in rendering with skill and perfection. 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 memorable 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 it first-rate. Music by the band again. 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 Labor, of Burlington, and Mr. Frank A. Burdick, of Nevada, Mr. Cha. H. Barton, of Cedar Rapids, Mr. Daniel L. Coon, of Osage, and Mr. G. E. Thompson, of St. Paul, Nebraska. The first declamation from this class, "Ney at Waterloo," was given by Mr. Barton.

Barron from expected him to do well, and were not disappointed. Following him came Mr. Burdick with "Robert Emmet." This gentleman did exactly the character of his selection. With his full voice, he charmed the house, standing straight on his head, and his slight figure, he really seemed as one of the great orators of the world. His selection was "The Mines of Avondale." With his clear voice, pleasing accent, properly gathered and otherwise good, the effect he produced was not less than he could have desired. In his place, Daniel L. Coon with reminiscences and praises of his dear old friend "Daniel O'Connell." Daniel L. Coon 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, and left the platform relieved of its burden of words, and lightly laden with the burden of flowers. The contest closed with a declamation by G. R. 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. Oster, and Miss Williams of the Iowa City High School. They awarded first honors in the Freshman class to Mr. Daniel L. Coon. In our opinion there was so little difference of merit between the declamations that we would not have been surprised to see three of the three in the Freshman class get first honors or any one or three of the Sophomore. We heartily congratulate both winners. Miss Peery is a member of the Freshman Class, and Mr. Coon of the Sophomore.
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Senior Most Court Friday.
The time of putting hat is close at hand.
Dickenson is authority for saying that a
noise is requisite 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. Murray McG. 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 Rev. Menton, but
think the former. Mr. Menton will re-
turn to the Law after the sport is ended.
O. D. Wheeler met with quite a
serious accident while out with a
surviving 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 gait the better.

In a letter from P. S. Askinson, 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
100 students for this school year. This
constantly 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 uniting 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 think that the time and
energy spent once or twice a week
in some out-of-doors sport, would be at
harmful to the student who applies him-
self 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, even
though of a sedentary kind during the
summer season 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 effi-
cient than those whose footsteps we fol-
low, 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 peo-
ple have lived under injustice laws have
been but little progress. And for
every day in which there has been ad-
vancement and culture shows us the
more clearly the necessity for the
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 on, and man
continues to be an intellectual being,
nothing will the law be the same or
change in the law.

There is one great
truth that the law student will learn
more often than any one else, and that is
how to accomplish little things in life.
This may mean 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 compile. And every complication
arises to the necessity of some rule
that will be applicable to all like cases.

The law student may proact as long
as he lives, and with enlarged capabil-
ities learn on forever if such was the
province of his Creator.

There can be no such thing as perfe-
cion 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 more needed to-day than in the
days when books were a scarcity
and legal learning seemed most an impossi-
bility. 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 rut that our predecessors
had to deal with during the infancy of the
law. But we may, nevertheless,
be useful in administering justice
and sustaining good government.

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Maurice Thompeon, a man that Whistle had murdered, was sitting in his room. He was a historian, and was writing a book about the Erodelphian Society. He had spent the last few years researching and collecting information about the society's history. He was planning to publish the book soon, and was excited to share his findings with the world.

He sat at his desk, staring at the manuscript in front of him. He had been working on it for months, and he had made great progress. He had already written several chapters, and he was eager to continue writing.

His wife walked into the room, carrying a basket of laundry. She handed him a towel, and then left the room. He thanked her, and then returned to his work.

He settled into his chair, and began to write. He was determined to finish the book, no matter what. He had spent too much time and effort on it to give up now.

As he wrote, he thought about the Erodelphian Society. It was a strange and mysterious organization. He had spent many hours researching it, and he had come to believe that it was involved in some sort of conspiracy.

He knew that he was putting his life in danger by writing the book, but he couldn't help it. He was too curious about the society to ignore the evidence he had found.

He wrote for hours, until his hand began to tire. He stood up, stretched his arms, and then returned to his work.

As he wrote, he thought about the Erodelphian Society. He was determined to uncover the truth, no matter what. He knew that it would be dangerous, but he was willing to take the risk.

He wrote until the light began to fade, and then he closed his notebook. He put it away, and went to bed, feeling exhausted but content. He had made progress on his book, and he was eager to continue writing in the morning.
IRVING EXHIBITION.

A large audience greeted the Irving at evening, although the weather undoubtedly kept many away. The invitation was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Folsom. The S. U. I. Band furnished the music for the evening. Chairman Jones (P. A. Nyc) of the National Republican Committee called the convention to order and asked the secretary E. B. Baker to read the roll. Dr. E. B. Baker (A. E. Noble) was elected temporary chairman. Upon being called to the chair, pictured the condition of his race before the Civil War and told what they owed to the Republican party; as in other words waved the sanguine under gain. This latter act was faithfully carried out by each speaker, thus giving the audience a typical republican impression. J. S. Clarkson (M. C. King) asked Senator Bruce if he would be willing to run as a dark horse? The chairman thought his time had not yet come.

The usual committees on delegations, platform, and permanent organization were appointed.

While the committee were preparing their reports, the band played a medley of National airs, which added much to occasion.

The committee on permanent organization reported in favor of J. B. Taft (E. R. Meek) for chairman and Newton Evans (Morris Evans) for secretary. The report was unanimously adopted. The chairman on being elevated to the chair, thanked the convention for the honor and briefly reviewed the history of his party. Some of the things it has done: abolished slavery, established credit, advanced education, exalted woman. The committee on delegations reported a contested delegation of Mugwumps from New York. The Mugwump delegation was headed by Geo. W. Curtis (B. D. Connelly) who spoke warmly in favor of admitting this delegation. The Mugwumps were bitterly denounced by the chairman of the committee, J. S. Clarkson (M. C. King) who referred to their defeat of the Plumed Knight forty years ago. The majority report prevailed and the Mugwumps were excluded.

The platform was presented by Wm. Windom (W. H. Stutsman). It contained the following planks: A protective tariff with limitations, Labor and Capital, Suppression of Polygamy, Foreign ownership of Public domain, Rebuild the Navy, Public Improvements, Liberty of the ballot, Advancement of Education, International Copyright, Civil Service Reform, Condemned the present administration. At this point a communication was received from the Knights of Labor asking privileges to place a plank in the platform. Their cause was supported by Col. B. G. Inglis (Carl K. Snyder), opposed by Eugene Hale (Ira Orton) who continued their proposal as anarchistic. Motion to adopt K. O. L. plank lost.

Senator Van Wyck (J. M. Grinnin) denounced the Republican party's allegiance to monopolies, showed up some of their unkept promises to the laborers. The senator made an emphatic and dignified speech. The platform adopted as read. Nominations were taken for the office of Ex-Gov. Cornell (C. B. Mills) presented the name of Roscoe Conkling. The Ex-Gov. made one of the best speeches of the evening. Senator Ingalls (H. J. Pickett) placed in nomination Jas. G. Blaine. The senator fully sustained his reputation as an orator. Gov. Fairbanks (J. W. Bolling) ably presented the name of John Sherman. Senator Hoar (Julius Litcher) had the honor of bringing forth the winning man, Wm. B. Allison.

In the informal ballot Jas. G. Blaine had the lead. At the close of the first formal ballot the Blaine men broke for Allison. Senator Ingalls moved that his nomination be made unanimous which was carried without dissent. John Sherman was nominated by acclamation for Vice-President. A campaign song for Allison and Sherman closed the program.

The Irving may well feel gratified at the success of their departure from the standard program.

A little more music and some less wind, on the part of the speakers would have added to the entertainment, but perhaps we speak from an educational and not a political standpoint.

LAW CLASS OF 1884.

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Beauvoir, the present home of Jefferson Davis, is one of the most beautiful points on the Mississippi Gulf coast. Of no other town of the state, a bathing-place, there are about two 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—on for whom the future holds nothing—but who lived entirely in the past.

Approaching Beauvoir from the railroad through an沿ve and magnolias, one catch sight of the site of the old French settlement. The house, wide galleries and white columns, north, east, and columns, north, east, and columns, north, east, is surrounded by magnificent trees waving their leafy banners of gray Spanish moss. But to the south the view is unbroken. The Gulf stretches away for miles in front—a sheltered harbor, a perfect and dreamy retreat for the "Chevalier of the Lost Cause."

The principal features of 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 composed 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 de
erosity has been more rare than usual in the case of ex-soldiers. In early life his tastes were military, and he gave promise of distinction in that career. But he was too quick to see the futility of 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, 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, but turned his talents to the advancement of the state, and he was, during these eight years of seclusion, he made for himself, a thoroughly educated 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 importance to services at Monterrey, and especially to 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 useless to speak of his life during the war. Personal relation to this writer, who has made himself many friends through his charming writings on outdoor life and natural history, and, with no preparations for the task, put him self-forward 'in the matter of Shakespeare.' The article is as ill-considered as it is uncalled for. By means of a mass of generalities, he conveys to his half formed ideas of Shakespeare. He happens to say a few good and original things, then deliberately utter the very senseless and evident truths. Thus 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—militarily and intellectually—deemed by the South—traitor. He was, however, the bitterness of defeat, it even had turned against him.

For two years he was a prisoner. It has been said that if it were possible to pick up the lives of certain of his followers one by one, 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 he was welcomed by nearly every heart in the South, and hailed with a pride and tenderness that his countrymen had not been accustomed to bestow on him, even on the ruins of former estates. Old enemies were forgotten, old offences forgiven, and not an injury of memory of the past was allowed to disturb the tribute which the whole South seemed now anxious to pay to the memory 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 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 or excite. It is a voice from the past, telling of lost hopes and lost ambitions.

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