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Our next and last issue will be held over till Wednesday, June 22. It will contain a complete account of the commencement exercises, beginning with Dress Parade and closing with the inauguration of Pres. Schaeffer. Subscribers leaving the city before Wednesday evening can have the paper sent to any address by leaving notice with the business managers. Extra copies sent to any address at five cents each. On sale at the book stores Wednesday evening.

THE SENIORS are out.

ANOTHER week of it yet.

Word has been received that the British Bird Collection, donated to our museum by John Harrison, Esq., of England, through the intercession of Capt. W. H. Jordan, of this city, has arrived in New York and may be expected here in a few days.

At this time of year college students naturally turn to out-door sports. We know the base ball fever is raging in our own school. In our exchanges it is no uncommon thing to see notices of "field day" sports. We have no such institution here, but with our base ball and foot ball and gymnasium, we have all the practical advantages of it.

THE State Board of Examiners, consisting of Supt. Akers, Pres. Pickard, Principal Seerley, of State Normal School, Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley and Prof. E. R. Eldridge, will meet here Wednesday, for the purpose of examining such Seniors as desire to become candidates for state certificates. This is a new departure, and one that will be watched with great interest.

PRESIDENT PICKARD gave a most excellent lecture to the Seniors yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, on the building of a life. Had we the space, we would gladly have published it, and as a synopsis could not do it justice, we are constrained to pass it by with this brief notice.

Prof. Henry A. Ward, of Rochester, N. Y., stopped off at the University a few hours, Wednesday, on his return from an extended western trip. It will be remembered that the Hornaday collection is being mounted by him at his large "Natural Science Establishment." He reports that the other instalments will be ready at the prescribed time.

THE election of editors for the VIDETTE-REPORTER to hold office for two years, and to succeed the present associate editors who succeed the managing editors took place Tuesday afternoon. The vote this year was much larger than last year, the total vote last year being 110, and this year, 161. The persons chosen were Miss Dora Gilfillan of the Erodolphian society and Sophomore class; Miss Katie Legler of the Hesperian society and Freshman class, and Mr. J. E. Patterson of the Zetaganian society, and Sophomore class. Those of the present corps who hold over next year, welcome these new associates. We believe the selection a good one, and we think it very proper that each society was given a representative. The ladies have not been represented on the paper for several years. Are glad to see them again.

FOR some reason the spring term appears to glide away faster than any other of the year. It was not long ago that we chose our studies for the spring term, and here we are within one week of the close. The weather we have been having has not been very conducive to study, but we think the students have applied themselves with their usual assiduity for the season. To those who have found it hard work to keep at their books there is the consolation that the trial lasts only one week more. Many of the students, as is customary, will go home next Friday or Saturday, but probably more will remain this year than usual on account of the new attractions commencement will have. The indications are that hosts of friends and old students will be here to see work of the University for another year well closed, the class of '87 safely launched into the world, and the new President inaugurated.

THE Seniors have received invitations to the twenty-first anniversary of the Alumni Association of the S. U. I., on Tuesday, June 21st.

The reunion and banquet will take place at 12:30 P. M., the business meeting

at 2 P. M., and the literary exercises at 8 P. M. The subject of Mr. Campbell's oration is "Literature of Law; and Lawyers," and of Mrs. Seerley's essay, "The Man and the Books." The officers of the association are Amos Hiatt, Pres., F. A. Remley, Sec., R. H. Allin, Treas., and Mrs. Louise B. Barber, Miss Ella Wilcox and Geo. W. Ball, Ex. Com.

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These invitations also announce the program for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Erodolphian Society which is to take place at 4 o'clock the same afternoon. The program appears in another place.

TO all who appreciate the benefits to be derived from faithful, earnest, literary work, and especially to the Erodolphians, this will be an occasion of great interest. It celebrates the quarter-centennial of the second oldest society of the S. U. I. To-day, we have four societies, to some one of which, the most of our students belong. Very naturally a certain feeling of rivalry exists, and it is well that such is the case, for it always prompts to better work, and helps to establish a high standard of excellence. But, while first of all we owe an unswerving allegiance to our own society, nevertheless we ought to feel a deep interest in the welfare of each of the other societies, for whatever promotes their success, stimulates us to increased efforts in our own behalf and thus helps us as well as them. The most exciting ball game is the one where the two sides are very nearly evenly balanced. Such a game calls forth all the powers of each individual player, and results in better playing on both sides than there would have been otherwise. So, while remaining loyal to our own society, let us hail with joy every indication of increased excellence in the work of our rival society.

WE are not acquainted with the history of the Erodolphian society, but will venture to say that it has frequently had its periods of despondency and of weakness, seeming at least, if not real. But every such period has doubtless aroused a spirit of determination and self-sacrifice in the breasts of a few heroic souls, whose efforts have at last been rewarded by another period of literary excellence and of prosperity for the society. And it is these members more than any others who fully appreciate the benefits that may be derived from earnest literary work, and these are the members who are most likely to attend the anniversary exercises, and who will take the deepest interest in them. For ourselves, we shall watch their proceedings with a great deal of interest. We would question whether the Erodolphian Society was ever more prosperous than it is now, and we shall expect Miss Evans and Miss Lloyd to do full credit to the present condition of the society.

## CORNELL vs. S. U. I.

ABOUT 75 Cornell men came across the country last Saturday, with their college ball team, and great expectations founded upon that club's brilliant showing in the two-innings dash of three weeks ago. They were taken to our boarding houses and restaurants for dinner, and at two o'clock, escorted by the S. U. I. band, set out for the Fair Grounds to see Grinnell downed by a score of 14 to 8.

Some time was consumed in fruitless kicking against some of the S. U. I. players, and the game was not called until 3:30.

Cornell went to bat and scored one run on bases on balls and a couple of wild throws. They were whitewashed in the second and third, but scored one more in the fourth on a two-base hit by Smith and Gould's single. In this inning Alexander was caught at third by Tracy's fine throw from right field. They were blanked in the fifth by a fly to third and a double play from Blake to Wright.

In the sixth, three singles and two bases on balls netted them two runs, but in the seventh not a man reached first.

Marquardt took Connelly's place in the box in the eighth, and Cornell succeeded in making two runs each in the eighth and ninth.

On the University side, five base hits and two bases on balls gave them four runs in the first inning, while in the second Orelup's two-bagger brought in Scott's score, the only one made in the inning. In the third, after the S. U. I. had added one more tally to her continually increasing score, a pretty double-play on the Cornell side from second to first gave our boys a rest at the willow, but they pounded the ball for one more run in the fourth and also one in the fifth. In the sixth inning, our ball-players did the slugging act to the tune of five scores, and were now sure winners. A big goose-egg was their sum total in the seventh, but they added one more to their majority at their last time at the bat. The feature of this inning was Marquardt's fine catch of a hot liner, so hot, in fact, that it confused him slightly, so that he missed making a double play.

The game was umpired by Crandall, of Cornell, and his work, although weak at times, showed fairness toward both sides.

The score by innings is as follows:  
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S. U. I., 4 1 1 1 1 5 0 1 \*—14

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The Seniors are having a review.

Public examination begins next Friday and closes Saturday afternoon.

In a justice's court in Boone Co. the other day, a culprit asked the court to deduct the time of his attorney's speech from his imprisonment.

Every body pities Murphy, Morgan and Wheeler this hot weather, as they are such small delicate little fellows, only weighing 675 pounds.

Sam Smyth, of the Junior class, has returned to attend commencement. He looks as though he had been doing a good business during his absence.

I never want to be bald headed says a smart Junior, as Sheperd reached for a fly on the top of his cranium.

"Prisoner," said a Nevada judge, "what have you to say to this indictment; are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Before I answer the question, judge, I'd like to ask your honor if this little spectacled dude is all the law, or I've got?"

"That is Mr. Ferguson, sir," responded the judge, sternly; "I have appointed him to defend you as you seem to have no counsel."

"Judge," said the prisoner, sighing heavily, "I'm guilty."

The following named members of the bar of Iowa have been appointed to examine the Senior class: "Lora Alford, Waterloo; J. N. W. Rumble, Marengo; Alfred Grundy, Cedar Falls; J. S. McCarthy, Dubuque; Geo. W. Ball, Iowa City; A. B. Thornell, Sidney; William McNett, Ottumwa; J. J. Seerley, Burlington; J. H. Sweney, Osage; C. F. Knehule, Denison; Joe. A. Edwards, Iowa City.

It is with unfeigned regret that we announce that Mr. Menton is compelled to go to his home on Monday. He has stood up, like the man he is, without flinching, but it was no use, poor nature must have a rest. His health has been gradually declining since he came here. But all the time, his friends as well as himself, thought that he could stand it until school was out, but this morning he thought it best to go before he got any worse. And now we, with every member of the class, (and we believe the Faculty,) desire that Mr. Menton should be graduated with this year's class. He is one of the most able, apt students it has ever been our lot to meet, and we think he should be passed with the class.

Since writing the Faculty have passed Mr. Menton.

Rumor has it that Chancellor Hammond does not accept the chair in the Law Department, as was reported during the last meeting of the Regents here. He has been offered a much larger salary by the Regents of the University of Cal., and as a matter of course he will accept. We do not want to say anything disrespectful about such a body of men as the Regents are, but we must say that the

treatment the Law Department of the University has had, at their hands, is a disgrace to the State, and an injury to the school. In the first place our legislators ought to know that they can not maintain a creditable Chancellor on the salary of a section boss. No men, of the ability and worth of Chancellor Ross or Hammond, need be expected to shoulder the work that ought properly to belong to an able corps of instructors, for a mere pittance. The Regents knew that Chancellor Ross would not stay, and it looks as though they released him on a mere rumor that they could get Chancellor Hammond. But the work must stand until the Regents meet here again and agree to do something or nothing.

The course of study that should be made by the incoming Chancellor, is not completed. Already the Juniors have gone to their homes, not having any more of an idea what the next year's work is to be than the Regents themselves. The last legislature created one more chair in the Law Department, and made a sufficient appropriation. What became of the chair does any body know? All that can be said is that it was turned over to the Dental Department to pay for cleaning teeth. It can be truthfully said that the success of this law school is directly due to the labor of its Faculty and instructors, and not to the support it has received from the officers representing the State. It seems to us it would be well for the Regents to put up a lunch counter in connection with the Dental Department, and let the Law Department run, Chancellor or no Chancellor.

With this school year finished, there will go from the halls of the Law Department, another body of students, just entering on life's stage. They are only at the beginning of an education that can never be completed.

It is true that we live in the most enlightened age that history records. But with every day we find new wants and demands for more and better productions. We have the advantage of the wisdom of men who toiled for an intelligence that we would call ignorance. If we look at the history of the world, we shall find that its greatest progress dates back only about three or four hundred years. The ancient Greeks and Romans of some two thousand years ago, had, it is true, made some advances in the governing of people, and the administration of so-called justice. But with us, and our more advanced ideas, we can not regard as of very much importance, only from the fact that we learn how new requirements were met by a progressive people (for we must expect that they made some advancement!) and how the great minds of that day provided a satisfactory contingent to the demands of the age. The history of the people of nations notes with exactness, that under unjust laws, there never has been a day of progress. A government whose highest aims is the prosperity of subjects, is the ideal, if such a word can be used. England leads the world because she educates her subjects, and her highest aim is the intellectual development that has marked her progress and pros-

perity. We, who live under the freest government in the world, have sufficiently strong reasons to believe that, in the near future, we will be the most enlightened people that has ever occupied a place among nations.

During the time of Socrates and Plato, pupils were taught orally, and instruction was passed from lip to lip, or if written, it was at such an expense that no one but the nobility could afford it. A knowledge of the arts and sciences was confined to the few; and consequently its progress was extremely slow and backward. Occasionally there were natural scholars and shining lights in the world as now; but they, unlike the present generation, had no means of diffusing their knowledge among men. Their grand ideas and noble lectures rarely reached beyond the sound of their own voices, and but few persons could be benefited by them. Their brilliant talents and silent thoughts could not be hurled away to the students of other climes, through the medium of the press and printed books, to illuminate other minds. Years came and went, generation succeeded generation, without any apparent change. The mind productions of that day were only preserved by the few who could afford an education, and in the books that were left us of them. Emperors and despots ruled the world for power and profit. The common people knew nothing of their God given rights, and had been taught to believe that the word was the law, and they peacefully submitted to tyranny and misrule. They, unlike the subjects of modern government, cared only to live and toil, if they had enough to eat and clothes enough to keep them warm. The pyramids of Egypt and the walls of Jerusalem speak as a truth of the ignorance of the masses. But the history of those times can only be of use to us, that we may profit by their mistakes, and be more able to formulate better laws, and know the better our rights and duties under the government which we may help sustain. How this generation are to give something new to the world, no individual can tell. It must be originated in the mind of the producer, and it will be excepted by the world for what it is worth. There are as many needs to-day as there has ever been since the beginning of time. But the facilities are the better for the accomplishing of any purpose, and especially for enlightenment and education. There is never a time, from the cradle to the grave, but what man can learn if he is seeking after knowledge. And especially is this so with the lawyer. To the world the receiving of a diploma makes a lawyer. But with the sages of the law who immortalize themselves in their learning, the receiving of a diploma is only the A. B. C. of their education.

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During the game of ball on Friday, E. C. Nichols had his right hand split by a hot liner and won't play ball again for some time to come.

Carl T. Rasch, of Waterloo, visited several days with C. A. Lichty this week. Mr. Rasch expects to enter the University next year.

C. E. Eggert, '86, returned home Thursday night from Champaign, Ills., where he has just closed a very successful year of teaching in the State University.

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Irving election again unanimous with the following result: Pres., Bollinger; Vice-Pres., McCausland; Rec. Sec., Evans; Cor. Sec., Lusch; Treas., Gates; S'g't. at Arms, Maxson.

W. H. Lichty, of the Senior class, left yesterday for Hiawatha, Kansas, where he expects to spend the summer visiting friends. We are sorry he does not remain to enjoy Commencement with us.

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Our Base Ball nine just as it was getting ready to take the train for Des Moines this morning, to play the Drake University club, received a message from Lischer saying not to come. We wonder if the Drakes have kicked out.

Powell Johnson went home last Friday to have a piece of glass taken out of his right foot, which still remained there from his accident last year. The operation was performed successfully, and undoubtedly saved the use of the foot.

We see from the *Marshall Statesman* that C. M. Wirick was married last week, to Miss Fannie Pierce. Wirick graduated, we believe, with the class of '84, and has now a good position in the Marshalltown schools. Miss Pierce is also a teacher there. Our hearty congratulations.

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- Vocal Solo, - - - Carrie Pennock.
- Five minute speech, Mrs. Holbrook (Ida Osmond.)
- "The Common Fate."
- Declamation, - - - Myrtle Lloyd.
- Contralto Solo, - - - Nell Cox.
- Five minute speech, Mrs. Rhode (Sadie Phelps.)
- "The Future Erodolphian."—(a composite photograph.)
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Announcements.—Class day exercises Tuesday afternoon, June 14.

Tuesday, June 15th, 3 p. m., Alumni Meeting.

Wednesday evening, June 15th, 8 p. m., Commencement exercises at Opera House.

The Juniors gave the farewell rhetoricals last Monday afternoon, Miss Jessie Speer presiding. Miss Cowden gave a recitation from "Pickwick Papers." Harry Kelly, Horatio Baker, and Miss Lena Fellows affirmed the question: Resolved that the honor of Class Valedictorian should not be abolished; Ben Shambaugh, Stephenson, and Miss Nellie Wright denied the same. The judges decided in the negative. Miss Clara Corlette declaimed also. Altogether the future Senior class is larger than usual.

The following speakers have been announced for commencement: Misses Jessie Ashby, Lizzie Jones, and Marguerite Speer; Messrs. Lovell, Riggs, Russell, Shambaugh, Schroeder, Wefel, Wolf and Warnock.

The Seniors hold daily and many times semi-daily meetings, and to the curious Juniors what they find to meet about is a puzzle. Never mind young man, your turn is coming.

The Seniors selected Wednesday of this week as their picnic day, and in spite of the rainy appearance of the weather, started bravely out at an early hour, followed by the anxious looks of the Junior boys—they had to invite the Junior girls to have enough to go around. We did not go, but judging from their appearance, or rather from their absence the next day, they had a good time.

Will Kenyon, class '86, is pursuing a course at Grinnell—Iowa College. He was one of two chosen to contest for a prize.

Coughlan and Vandyke are successfully instructing the young idea.

Misses Catha Putnam and Anna Costello are teaching in Lone Tree and Sharon Center respectively, and report pleasant times.

Since Prof. Graves took charge of the Iowa City Academy in 1883, sixty nine of its students have been enrolled in the S. U. I. Fifty-eight of this number are catalogued in the University this year, and twenty-two of the present graduating class will apply for admission next fall.

J. E. Carpenter is editing the Col. Gazette. He will return and graduate with his class this week.

The recital given by the graduates of the Elocution Department of the Academy, at the Opera House, Wednesday evening, June 1st, was the second commencement of the School of Elocution. Miss Emma Davis and Miss Josie Preston represented characters from various

authors with a verbor and naturalness that show careful training.

M. L. McEnery was called home early in the term by the death of his sister.

O. L. Paige is making ready for next years work in school by laying tile near North Liberty.

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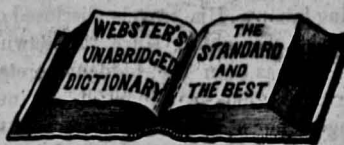
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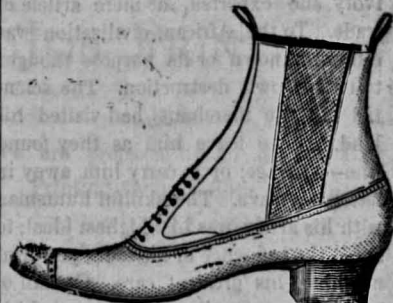
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Religion has ever been a pioneer in civilization. Among barbarians whom armies could not conquer and for whom government was of no avail, the pious priest has planted the germs of truth which have developed into the culture of modern society. Pagan have remained pagan, savage have remained savage, and heathen have remained heathen, until a true hero has arisen, ready to go into voluntary martyrdom to carry the principles of a purer faith. Such a hero, inspired by a pure philanthropy and led by a real divinity, was the missionary explorer, David Livingstone.

For more than eighteen hundred years the divine precepts of the "lowly Teacher of Galilee" had been shedding their clear, bright light over continents and seas. They had withstood the corrupting influence of a sinful and despotic church, and the heretical attacks of the scoffing infidel had failed to arrest their progress. Civilized nations had recognized them as the fundamental principles of government, and their observance had become the index of a people's morality. But their "dominion from the river unto the ends of the earth" was not yet complete. There still remained a land enshrouded in the mysteries of the deepest gloom, upon whose people divinity in its grandeur had never dawned. The "dark continent," one of nature's sunniest gardens, to christendom was yet unknown. Her plains were still the homes of their native herds, and her primeval forests remained yet unbroken. Lakes and rivers unexplored had been inviting the commerce of the world for centuries, but over their smooth waters trade had never ventured, and upon their shores, instead of thriving cities were the mere villages of savage tribes. Her people lay groveling in the very blackness of moral darkness, and were regarded by the world, as was the very ivory she exported, a mere article of trade. To the African, civilization was either unknown or its purpose thought to be his own destruction. The scientist and the merchant had visited his land, only to leave him as they found him—a savage; or to carry him away in fetters—a slave. The skillful huntsman with his arrow was his highest ideal; to avoid the influence of his more powerful neighbor, his greatest care. Certain of nothing except the uncertainty of his freedom, he looked upon life with hopeless despair and lost his individuality in ignorant fear. To bear the name of Christ before such a people, Livingstone was a "chosen vessel;" to free them from the horrors of an accursed slave-trade, he champions their disparaged rights.

But it is as an explorer that Livingstone is best known. In the long roll of discoverers no name shines with a brighter luster. Few men have opened so wide a field for pioneering thought, or done more for the cause of scientific investigation. The naturalist seeking

after unknown forms of life finds in him a loved and equal companion; the geologist, solving the mysteries of the ancient world, recognizes the benefit of his untiring labors. His travels disclosed obscured facts, which, since the dawn of history, has been the hidden secrets of the mysterious continent; a continent longer known than any other, yet the least known; the birth-place of civilization, yet the least civilized; at one time the home of "Jehovah's chosen people," yet there he had been the least acknowledged; one of the largest, most productive, and most popular parts of the earth, yet it had received the least attention and had been the least influential.

Amid the lairs of wild beasts, threatened by poisonous stings and tropical disease, through watery swamps and defiant jungles, Livingstone penetrated to the heart of this forgotten land. But his efforts were put forth, not only to discover her characteristics, but that he might be a blessing to her people and honor the God he loved. In our admiration for his work we are too apt to forget the nobility of his character. The world has ever measured the greatness of its heroes too much by the material success of their efforts. Its greatest conqueror should be honored in proportion to the purity of the motive that spurred him to victory; not because of the undying fame of his illustrious achievements. Man's talent, most worthy of praise, remains silent in the force of character, and the purpose of the true hero must be the elevation of his race. Such a purpose, revealing the tender sympathy of his great, unbounding soul, lies beneath the rising monument to Livingstone's memory, and the spirit that inspired him to deeds of historic splendor is mirrored in his universal love for humanity. True his later years were spent in exploration rather than in the establishment of missions, but in all his labors he had in view the same unchanged purpose, to deal a death-blow to the slave traffic, and open Africa for the gospel of Christ. If we ask why he left his native England to live and die among the heathen, from the thronging multitudes that fill the chapels of Central Africa comes the answer: he loved us as his brother and came to tell us of the "Savior of men;" or listen to the Ethiopian mother from whose bosom her children have been torn and sold to eke out an aimless life without a hope, and she tells us, he was the friend of the slave and sacrificed his life to free her race from its accursed fate. Ah, yes! Livingstone lived for a nobler purpose than selfish honor; that the great object of his life was to succor the afflicted is revealed in his every action.

With the advance of time the misfortunes of the African are disappearing. Are we not safe in saying that the grandest structure of this generation will be a monument to civilization, erected in the minds of the Ethiopian race? Upon Africa's arid wastes and fertile plains the sun will still pour down its perpendicular rays, and in their light and genial warmth, magnificent fauna and beautiful flora will yet bathe and flourish. From snow-capped mountains majestic

ivers will wind their way through the varying climate as they did ages ago. Not so with her people; stately strides in civilization will work with mighty changes. Among the savages that have inhabited this fruitful land, have been sown the seeds of culture which bid fair to ripen into the rich harvest of a mighty nation; the home of a free and happy people. Missionary and commercial enterprise have opened this hidden world to progress, and to improve the condition of her people, both Europe and America have shown the worth of their philanthropic power. Pious missionaries and bold explorers, by laboring in this neglected land, have gained undying names. But if in the hopeful future the African patriot may ever peruse the annals of his once "dark continent," the name of David Livingstone will be revered as is Washington by the American or Lincoln by the unfettered slave. To him alone is due the honor of originating the plan of Africa's development, and among the many who have given their lives and fortunes for her welfare, in purity of motive, his equal is not found.

## POETIC ART.

BY F. T. KING.

Nations, like men, develop characters peculiar to themselves. While some have been leaders in thought and action and models of culture and refinement, others have presented a sad spectacle of ignorance and superstition. That learning has always flourished where the fine arts were cultivated is an undisputed fact. This was especially true in Greece, Athens being the great center of learning with which no ancient city would bear a favorable comparison. Her architectural structures far excelled the Egyptian and Oriental in symmetry, in beauty, and in grandeur.

The Acropolis at Athens was adorned with temples and statues, displaying the glory of Grecian art. These magnificent works represent the high ideals of beauty existing in the Athenian mind. They are creations of imagination in tangible form. How much Athenian sculpture and painting have effected the destiny of nations would be difficult to judge; but that they have been powerful factors in educating the taste and moulding the character of people cannot be denied.

If creations of the human soul can be so expressed on painted canvas, and in blocks of wood and stone, as to influence the thought, the manners, and the customs of nations, how much more vividly, how much more clearly, how much more powerfully can the soul express its meditations in words; the direct messengers of thought. A painting may suggest many thoughts and awaken feelings of admiration, but ideas expressed in words penetrate the innermost recesses of the mind. We feel the power of the author's intellect operating through the medium of language. It is a direct communication with the soul.

Thus poetry is queen of arts. As we gaze into the mists of the past, we see her seated upon a high throne, wearing

a crown of laurels, and bearing the golden scepter of honor. For the early development of poetry, we must turn again to Greece, that school master of nations. Although learning has advanced since the Homeric age, where, in all the realm of literature, can a production be found equal in beauty of expression, in harmony of thought, and euphonic melody, to the Iliad or Odyssey?

These masterpieces were preserved for centuries only in the faithful memory of the rhapsodist. On many a festive day the Greeks were enraptured by the sweet melody of the Homeric song.

Homer contributed more than any other author to the education of the world. That poetry was the first form of literature, and for centuries was written only on the tablets of the memory, indicates that it is most pleasing and congenial to the nature of man. It performs an office peculiar to itself. Nothing can supply its place. History records, science classifies, philosophy explains, poetry creates.

With superior vision the poet sees what others do not. He perceives and interprets a meaning in the budding flower and the faded leaf. He endows inanimate objects with life. He gives a voice to the stately oak. He communes with the murmuring brook as it glides along its pebbly bed. The sighing winds, the rustling leaves, the raging billows of the ocean—all speak in an audible language. Horace says, "With a magician's art, the poet places me first in Athens and then in the Thebes." With the magic touch of an alchemist he changes the baser metals to gold.

He leads us into a fairy land created according to his own fancy. His creations are true to nature, but exist only in the imagination. He causes us to more fully realize that there is a God, the designer and maker of all things. How can emotions of pleasure be so admirably expressed as in verse? Rhythm is one of the laws of our being. Life is but a series of pulsation. The great universe moves in perfect harmony with an established law. Thus it is not strange that poetry was born as soon as there was a means of expressing the emotions of the soul. The rhythmic flow of poetry is pleasing alike to the youthful and the aged. It has a salutary effect upon the mind. It refines and gives proportion to the whole.

Although pleasure is the chief end of poetry, by what other form of expression are we made to so keenly feel the cutting severity of satire? Who can read the "English bards and Scotch Reviewers" without being stirred to the very depths of his soul by the rage and hatred of Byron's bitter nature? The deadly shafts of his satire, like the arrows of Apollo, are turned aside by no obstruction ere they quiver in the bosom of his foe.

Where have praises been so beautifully expressed as in the Psalms of David, "the sweet singer of Israel?" Where can be found such a display of wisdom as in the Song of Solomon? Poetry can kindle a flame of joy within a downcast soul. It can withdraw pains of anguish from a troubled breast. It causes the weary to forget their cares, and inspires the slothful to toil. It may be fathom-

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Dramatic poetry alone has been a  
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Of this class of literature, William  
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 "The man whom nature's self had made  
 To mock herself and truth to imitate."  
 He has in glowing colors portrayed every  
 phase of human character. In the  
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 we are made to see a crafty, scheming  
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 ever found, and vice condemned. The  
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 ture is beyond estimation. Where can  
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 His fallen angels are representations of  
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 "The least erected spirit that fell  
 From heaven; for e'en in heaven his looks  
 Were always downward bent, admiring more  
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Every sentence is laden with a noble  
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 That the world appreciates the poet's  
 labor is evident from the high position  
 he is assigned in the history of nations  
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 her Schiller and her Goethe, France in  
 her Victor Hugo, England in her Milton  
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 others could be mentioned, but these are  
 shining suns in the literary universe,  
 the brilliancy of which has illuminated  
 the pathway of thought, and is reflected  
 from many a satellite, whose soft rays  
 have penetrated the gloom of ignorance.

Although we may not be able to boast  
 of a Shakespeare or a Milton to-day, we  
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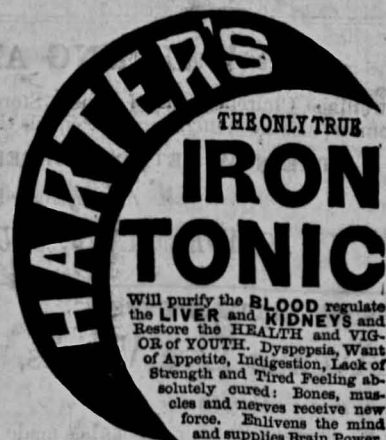
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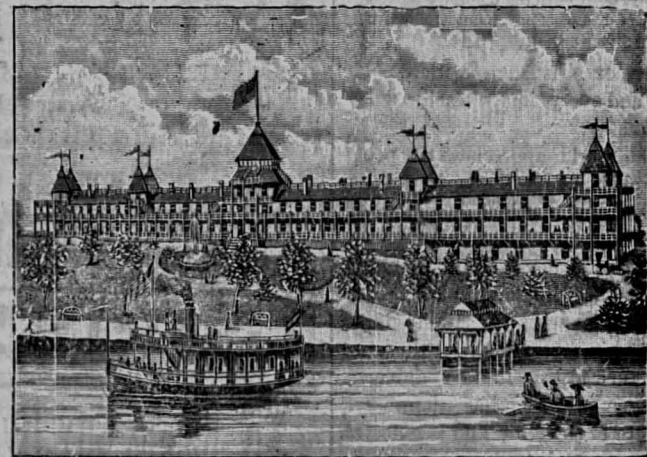
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