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ALVIN CLARK's bill for the great objective for the Lick Observatory is a matter of \$51,000.

It will be of interest to our readers to learn something more particular concerning the plans and progress of the building proposed to be erected by the Y. M. C. A. Association of the University. This organization has carried on a good work for several years. It wants to do more in the future, and in order to do so, it must have ampler means and better facilities. It is proposed to erect a building that shall be a beacon of religious influence for the students and a material evidence against the charge that has gone abroad in the prejudice against the University, that its influence is anti-Christian.

On the 17th of last June, accordingly articles of incorporation were adopted and plans inaugurated for the erection of a building, which plans are in brief as follows:—A building for the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations of the State University, which with the grounds and furnishing, shall not cost less than \$6,000, and shall provide a social room, business office for association, and reception, reading and assembly rooms to be used in common. It is proposed to fit out these rooms attractively, and to make them, as far as possible, the social and religious center for the daily use of the students.

The soliciting committee made good use of the three or four days of the spring term and secured subscriptions amounting to about \$800. Several hundred more were raised during the summer. The work of soliciting was resumed this fall. The enterprise has met with such hearty approval that already the subscriptions exceed two thousand dollars. Subscriptions are made payable in three equal installments; the first payable Jan. 1st, 1888; the second, Jan. 1st, 1889, pro-

vided \$4,000 shall have been subscribed; and the third payable Sept. 1st, 1889, provided \$6,000 shall have been subscribed. The \$2,000 already secured were subscribed chiefly by present students and professors of the University. The alumni, so far as solicited, have responded nobly, and we are assured that many friends of the University will cheerfully help this work along. Means were used at the State Y. M. C. A. Convention, recently held at Sioux City to spread abroad information concerning this movement over the state; for the state is concerned in this matter; not the state in its legislative capacity, but the private individuals of the state who have the highest welfare of the University at heart; all who care that the students who come here from every hamlet of the state, shall, as students by students, have as potent a moral and religious influence as possible thrown around them. The association, therefore, appeals to the state for assistance. A number of colleges in other states, and several towns in our own state, have or soon will have Christian association buildings. Nowhere is one more needed than right here. This is no *ignis fatuus*. The organization which has set this project on foot is in earnest. *The building will be built.* Iowans in the rank and file of Christianity! It is a worthy enterprise and a noble cause. The VIDETTE heartily bids the enterprise God-speed.

In the October *Commentator* is an article on "The Study of Science" which, if it were written to amuse people is certainly a success. We have read about people, who, several centuries ago, held opinions on this subject quite similar to some expressed in the article in question. We have fondly cherished a belief however, that all of those people were dead now and that scientific men were beginning to be appreciated. But many fond hopes are doomed to disappointment, and here seems to be a real live specimen belonging to a species which we had hitherto supposed to be extinct. Let us quote a few sentences:

"Occupation with natural science is essentially selfish, and often little more than a dignified pastime carried on under the world's sanction. . . . The study of science cannot bring culture,—it can never produce anything higher than scholarship; it can never bring the human mind to the point where it is capable of making an independent effort and grasping the intangible. The education that the study of science brings is necessarily materialistic; it can never produce the highest development,—that which can come only of the study of the supreme objects within our reach, the human mind, the great problems that concern man in his higher nature, and the possibilities of far grander results from the study of the subtle philosophy of the intellect.

Compared with the man who makes the world his school, the student of science is narrow-minded,—narrow-minded for the reason that the intellect is dwarfed by neglect of its highest capabilities. This is invariably true. Scientific study as a means of culture is a failure. It is an excuse for escaping the vital questions that concern men's lives. It is an undignified and unjustifiable method of gaining the world's favor without doing the world's work. . . . The world looks kindly upon the study of science for its own sake; . . . but it will never reform the world, never advance it, never give the common people higher aims, and never be anything but the substitute for idleness that it now is."

There, now you may breathe again. We never realized before what a poor, insignificant little wretch a scientist is. We never before had regarded the man who, with the meager compensation and encouragement he receives, spends a large part of his life searching for nature's hidden truths, as particularly selfish or narrow-minded. Such men as Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall, and a host of others we had never suspected of having "dwarfed" intellects or particularly lacking in culture. Our author is first willing to allow that occupation with natural science is dignified, but when he gets himself a little more worked up he even takes this poor boon away and says,—"It is an undignified and unjustifiable method of gaining the world's favor." We supposed that true science, whatever else it did, lead a person to the truth. Our author would have us believe that that truth is materialism. We have always believed and, strange to say, we still believe that science has done much to advance the world; that it has done very very much in bringing the common people away from their numerous and damaging superstitions. What little experience we have had with science has convinced us that it is an exceedingly poor substitute for idleness.

PROF. W. R. HARPER, editor of the *Old Testament Student*, is putting forth efforts of some consequence toward having the study of the Bible as a classic embraced in the work of colleges. We have read an article on this subject in one of the religious journals and give the most important parts of it:

"Letters from the Presidents of Yale, Princeton, Amherst, Dartmouth, Wooster, Oberlin and other colleges, all testify to the conviction that study of the Bible as a classic would be very desirable. Moreover they say it can be done, and that now is a propitious time. The reasons given for desiring this study to become universal are many. As a classic, from a literary standpoint, the Bible is the peerless book of the ages. From a historic point of view, no other book can more legitimately claim the careful study

of the student. The Hebrew Commonwealth has had an influence upon all succeeding political institutions of marked importance. Moses has exerted a greater influence upon the laws of nations than Lycurgus or Augustus. And when studied as a contribution to ethics, the teachings Jesus of Nazareth rise, by common consent, to the point of man's ideal. The question of inspiration is not to be urged. Aside from the consideration of its origin, facts of its existence and influence for so many centuries upon mankind in the highest state of civilization are enough to justify its claim upon the attention of men. And in addition to the study of the Book itself, its extraordinary history would afford a most remarkable supplementary chapter, while its relation to modern humanitarianism should not be overlooked. Out of it themes for almost all the grandest productions of the great masters in music and art have come. It can not be denied that the majority of the young men who are graduated from our colleges are lamentably ignorant of the Bible. Yet many of them would willingly adopt it as a text-book, were they sufficiently informed as to its worth aside from devotional consideration. A popular lecture at the opening of the college year would not fail to attract a large hearing. This would be especially true if the lecture were delivered by a man who has secured the respect and admiration of the young men. This would apply to the upper-class men, whose example the newcomers would not be slow to follow. There is much in the suggestion of President Dwight, that 'the instruction should be given by intelligent, large minded and inspiring teachers.'"

It is indeed true that there is much in the suggestion of President Dwight. We believe this scheme a good one, and that the reasons given above justify the attempts that are being made. We do not speak piously; we do not speak religiously we do not speak out of reverence merely when we say that the Bible is really the book of books. We speak purely from an intellectual standpoint. That is, we speak so in the present instance. Were a college professedly atheistic it might most properly and consistently place the study of the Bible as a classic in its curriculum. Since the majority of the schools and colleges are maintained by Christian enterprise and cherished by Christian feeling, since the vast majority of college students come from Christian homes, other reasons might be given for an intelligent, large-minded, fair, liberal and inspiring instruction in the whole Biblical field in the colleges of our country. We trust that some day, the sooner the better, what is now a matter of hope and prospect in this direction will become a matter of fact.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

A FRAGMENT.

When our grand primeval forests
Shall be leveled to the ground,
And our great and crowded cities
Shall in poverty abound;

When our free, extensive prairies
Shall be coveted and dear,
And the labors of production
Be more constant and severe;

When the greed produced by plenty
And the indolence of ease,
Shall demand more self-denial
Than at present time would please;

When the selfish claims of sections
Shall defy the common good,
And the soullessness of factions
Mar the name of brotherhood—

Who will say what dread convulsions
Then may shake Columbia's throne,
And how many bleeding millions
Must for ignorance atone?

Who will say what is not needed
To preserve our liberty,
And what emblem of devotion
Then shall plead for loyalty?

That shall show our country's freedom
Did not come by idle chance,
And that patriots who bought it
Ask eternal vigilance;

That shall teach that e'en in freedom
There can be no happiness
For a soul by sin encumbered—
No content for selfishness;

And that human wrongs and hardships
Have no fetters that can bind
Souls, inspired by life immortal,
Springing from enlightened mind.

Richard I of England.

BY W. R. PERKINS.

(Continued from last week.)

In midsummer Richard and Philip met on the plain of Vezelai, and a gallant army of one hundred thousand pilgrim-warriors marched toward the south. At Lyons they separated, Philip taking the road to Genoa, and Richard to Marseilles, but they were to meet again in Sicily. When Richard arrived in Marseilles he found that his fleet had not yet arrived, and impatient of inaction, he embarked in a small ship with a few attendants, crept along the shores of Italy, and having arrived in the Kingdom of Naples, took up his abode at Salerno. This city was famous for the skill of its medical professors, and the celebrated medical poem in Leonine verse was dedicated by these learned men to Richard. Before leaving Vezelai, he had given the command of his fleet to two bishops and three knights with the title of constables, and how fit the title to our modern interpretation was, is indicated by the regulations which the king prepared for the preservation of order. In case of murder the homicide was to be tied alive to the dead body of his victim,

and if the crime were committed on shipboard, was to be thus cast into the sea—if the crime had been committed on land, the dead and the living tied together were to be buried in one grave. If any man in a quarrel drew blood with a knife, he was to be punished by the loss of his hand. Convicted thieves were to have their heads closely shaven, they were to be tarred and feathered, and to be sent to shore in that condition. Such were the manners of the times that the severest and even barbarous punishments were necessary to preserve decent order among the pilgrims, who, consecrated to the service of religion, were journeying to rescue the Holy Sepulchre from the hands of the infidel. Yet it must not be rashly inferred that this was no real religious impulse which bore them from home to endure suffering and privations, and in many, in most cases, death. High aims are sometimes compatible with lives which in their general tenor are devoid of the charm of gentle manners and irreproachable conversation, and in that age of the world men were quick to wrath and swift to revenge. The humanizing effects of Christianity had not yet fully displayed themselves, it is only this century which sees the enthronement of true Christian philanthropy. I pass by the meeting of the two kings in Sicily, the quarrel with Tancred, and the arrival of the Queen Mother Eleanor with Berengaria, the Princess of Navarre, Richard's destined bride, after a delay of some months in that lovely island, the seat of Grecian, Carthaginian, Roman and Norman kings, Richard sailed towards the east and cast anchor off Cyprus. Isaac Comnenus, a descendant of the Byzantine line of that name, was Emperor of Cyprus. He was inclined to be treacherous and Richard demanded satisfaction from him. As he absolutely refused it their armies met in battle and the Emperor was defeated. A conference was then held, and Richard appeared upon a Spanish charger, clothed in a silken tunic of rose color and a mantel embroidered with crescents of gold. The Prince of Cyprus promised his aid to the Crusaders, but treacherously violating his word, was seized and sent off to Syria, where in fetters of silver he was confined in a castle upon the coast. Cyprus was lost, and after its subjection the King celebrated upon its shores his nuptials with the Princess of Navarre.

When Richard arrived in the camp of the Crusaders he was received with the most enthusiastic joy. The siege of Acre had lasted now for more than two years, and the attack and the defense had been conducted with the most obstinate bravery. The entrance to the harbor was watched by the Pisan galleys, and around, the army was encamped in a semi-circle. But the besiegers were themselves besieged—from the mountains Saladin watched every movement. The number of Crusaders who had perished was almost incredible. A hundred and twenty thousand are said to have been buried in one year in the great cemetery; and in the catalogue of the dead were numbered six archbishops, twelve bishops,

forty earls and five hundred barons. After the capitulation of Acre, which occurred soon after the arrival of the king of England, and after blotting his fame by a cold-blooded massacre of five thousand prisoners, Richard marched along the coast to Joppa. As to the Crusade, it is enough to say, that, after a year's stay in Palestine, the task of retaking the Holy City was abandoned. But the romances are full of the camp-life, and of the chivalrous deeds of Richard of his quarrels with Conrad and with Philip, and his encounter and his friendship with Saladin. From Saladin he extorted the praise which his bravery demanded, but in a comparison of the two men we shall be inclined to award to the Moslem the palm of superiority in every thing which constitutes the true man. They were in many respects alike; generous, humble and liberal; both were men of more than ordinarily cultivated minds; both were excellent examples of chivalry, but the true and profound love of truth and justice which appears in Saladin is lacking in Richard. It has been well said, in summing up the traits of character which distinguished them, that Saladin was a good Moslem, and Richard was a bad Christian.

The adventures of Richard on his homeward journey are too familiar to bear repetition; his capture by the Germans as he was passing through Germany in disguise; his confinement in the castle of Tygenstein; his sufferings and the insults heaped upon him by Henry VI. At length after threats of excommunication Henry consented to release him upon the payment of an immense ransom.

The realm of England which had remained loyal despite the treachery of John, came swiftly to the rescue. Plate was melted down, the abbey and the altars were stripped of their precious vessels, a tax was laid upon every knight's fee, and at length the hero of the Third Crusade landed at Sandwich after an absence of more than five years. The direct influence of the Crusades was not seen in the accomplishment of that object which had impelled them. Syria and Jerusalem remain until this day in the hands of the Moslem, but the indirect influences of those great movements affected and do still effect almost every social and political question. England shared with other nations the new ideas and the more liberal views which result from intercourse with distant and highly civilized peoples. The arts of the East, the science of the Saracenic schools, a more intimate knowledge of the great theaters wherein had been enacted the dramas of Roman and Grecian history; all these entered into the hearts and homes of Englishmen. And more than this, brought face to face, as England was, with her allies and her enemies, with France and Germany, with Sicilian politics and intrigues of the Papal See, she learned to estimate far more accurately the strength and weakness of her neighbors.

Thousands of Englishmen from the East had seen the wonders of the past; that past, before a dim half-seen, vision, had lived before their eyes in the stately monuments of the Eternal City

and in the yet uninjured Grecian temples of Syria; the splendid architecture of the Byzantine Empire and the castled shores of Sicily had taught them that the past was real and had known imperial splendor. Thus as they reentered the Europe of the West they brought a wealth of new ideas which far surpassed the slender hoard of their ancestral knowledge, and, becoming the educators of the mind of the nations, they were in truth the real forerunners of the Renaissance.

That such a knight and king as Richard should be forgotten for want of a historian was in the nature of things impossible. In his work as soldier of the cross, and in the achievements of his mighty arms against the Moslem he had the strongest claims upon the sympathy of those in whose hands the writing of history lay—the monks and clergy—and though Richard was not an Englishman and passed but a few months of his ten years' reign in England, his deeds were chronicled in the English tongue by Roger of Hevenden, by William of Newburgh and by Ralph of Coggeshall.

Begin with the infant in his cradle; let the first word he lisps be Washington!—*Mirabeau.*

Lord Tennyson wrote better things before he tried to divide his attention between writing poetry and being a Lord.—*Bill Nye.*

If novelty is the great parent of outside pleasure, familiarity is the parent of home pleasure.

Mrs. Craik, author of "John Halifax, Gentleman," died last month of heart disease, at the age of sixty-one.

A poem of the sixteenth century, in the Dutch language, has been discovered in the Palatine Library at the Vatican.

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.—*Hugo.*

Beecher says: A look seems to pass from himself and to enter the memory, and to hover in a silvery transformation there, until the outward look is but a body and its soul and spirit are flowers to you, and possess your memory like a spirit.

Dr. Smiles' new book on "Life and Labour," will treat of the following topics among others: Great Workers; Great Young Men; Great Old Men; Plants that Flowered Late; Lineage of Talent and Genius; Heredity; Town and Country; Over Brain-work, its Penalties; Single and Married, etc.

The confidence which new friends give to each other, usually develops gradually. Common occupations and tastes are the first, in which a mutual agreement appears; after that communication will extend itself over past and present affections; and especially over love adventures; but there is something still deeper, which discloses itself when the relation is to perfect itself—they are the religious sentiments, the concerns of the heart, which have reference to the imperishable, and which, at the same time, established the foundation and adorn the summit of friendship.—*From Goethe.*

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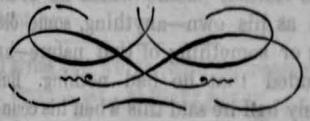


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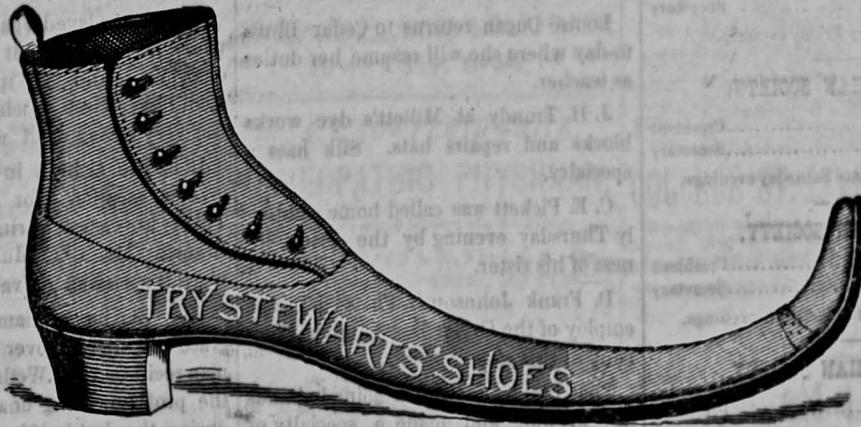
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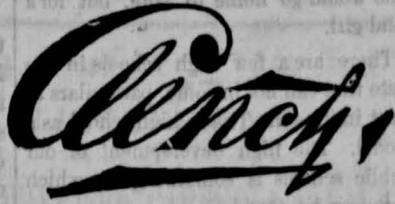
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The Tipton foot ball team will play here to-day.
We retail goods at wholesale prices at The Golden Eagle
A number of the boys went home to vote. Cobb didn't.
Prof. Nichols continues to be the best marksman in school.
Sophomores have target practice this forenoon at 9 o'clock.
German is reported to be authority on the age of horses.
Election this week is the cause of many a poor recitation.
Horace Clark has been sick during the past week with a fever.
The Tipton boys arrived here by rail at 9 o'clock this morning.
A special class in New Testament Greek recites once a week.
Charles M. Porter, class '86 is in from Kansas for a week's visit at home.
Thomas Jenkins has commenced a four months' school at Williamsburg.
D. Powell Johnson has recovered from his recent injuries, and is with us again.
We enjoyed Battalion drill down back of the University in the mud Mon. and Wed.
See Pratt & Strub for umbrellas, gossamers, handkerchiefs and hosiery. Prices low.
A. T. Hukill class of '87, and wife are spending a few days among friends in the city.

Go to the Opera House to-night for a first-class shave and hair-cut.
Fish market, 123, Iowa Avenue.
Smoke the Spanish filled cigar at Louis & Greer's.
Louise Dugan returns to Cedar Bluffs to-day where she will resume her duties as teacher.
J. H. Trundy at Millett's dye works blocks and repairs hats. Silk hats a specialty.
C. E. Pickett was called home suddenly Thursday evening by the serious illness of his sister.
D. Frank Johnson B. Ph. '84 is in the employ of the Green Bay Lumber Company of this state.
The literary societies joined hands last evening and made a specialty of regular programs.
G. W. Woodward is no longer at Omaha, but is now at Hastings, Neb. He is City Engineer there.
The foot race at Tipton was decided to be a draw; Cowden won by a couple of feet, but we were at Tipton.
1,000 boxes of paper and envelopes only ten cents apiece at the University Book Store. Lee Welch & Co.
C. Harrington, class of '90, was in the city for a short visit yesterday. He will continue his course next term.
The boys play foot-ball this forenoon at the new fair grounds. They charge a small gate fee to insure expenses.
Our last out-door drill for this season ended yesterday p. m. with dress parade. Everything went off in good shape.
William Murphy LL. B. '80, of the firm of Murphy Bros. of this city was elected auditor of this county last Tuesday.
One of the profesors has been visiting a number of the boys at their rooms recently. Such kindly interest is appreciated.
Joseph Mekota, class of '89, was in town yesterday. He intends to continue his studies in the S. U. I. next term.
Miss Carrie Pennock sends in her subscription for the V-R; and reports herself much pleased with the State University of Nebraska.
The week of prayer for young men will be observed by daily prayer meetings at noon of each day next week, to which all are invited.
R. G. Hargrave class '90 spent a few days among acquaintances in the city this week. He intends to spend the winter in Oregon.
One of our papers goes to Scotland. G. C. Hubner at Waverly Lodge, Kelso, is the subscriber, We received the other day a foreign P. O. order for seven shillings.
Prof. Perkins, in conclusion of his article on our literary page, gives some valuable accounts of the laws, customs and effects of the crusades at the time of Richard I.

Otto A. Byington B. Ph. '80, L. L. B. '81 was Tuesday re-elected Superintendent of Schools of Johnson County. Mr. Byington is filling this office very satisfactorily to all.
We never played a game of foot-ball in which everything went off so harmoniously as it did at Tipton. The game would have been much shorter but for the very strong wind which prevailed.
It is the fashion in some schools to give a vacation for corn husking. This is the case at Springdale and West Branch. Mr. A. T. Hukill of the latter place is spending his vacation in the city.
Miss Bertha Williams presided with grace and dignity over the Senior German recitation last Wednesday afternoon the professor being unavoidably absent during the last half hour of the recitation.
We are sorry that Cobb's claim on that girl was insufficient to procure him a leave of absence. We like to see the boys assert their political rights, but who would go home to vote, but for a solid girl.
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Tehentin and Musser, members of the Soph. surveying class, did their first practical work laying out a ditch for draining the walk between Central and South buildings. "Jimmy" has had opportunity in the last few days to exhibit his rare ability in carrying out the more practical part of the plan.
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Prof. Nichols presented to the Museum last week, a fine specimen of the foot of a sus scrofa, domesticus, exhibiting the extraordinary phenomenon of five separate toes. It may be interesting to all who do not keep posted up in all branches, that this remarkable creature goes under the common name, hog.
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As two of the S. U. I. boys were going to the Tipton depot last Saturday evening, they were assaulted by a crowd of cowardly "toughs." Their plug hats were knocked in, and one of them was struck. The boys did not loiter around in such an unceremonious place long and were thereby relieved from more serious consequences. The people of Tipton wholly discredit the action, and if these fellows can be apprehended, they will feel the force of the law. It was a low and cowardly piece of business, and the city of Tipton should see that such things are not repeated.
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One of our fellow students being at a loss the other day as to where he should cast his ballot, since his "folks" had recently removed from his old home, consulted our worthy President regarding the matter. When the President asked whether he had any property whatever at his former home which he could claim as his own—anything, some old trunk or something of that nature—he concluded that he had nothing. But scarcely had he said this when his countenance lit up with a bright new conception. Yes, he did have something! "What is it?" "A girl" "Ha ha! I am afraid that will not be a valid claim," rejoined the President with laughter. Thus says *Madam Rumor*.
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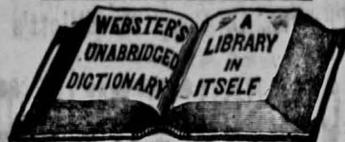
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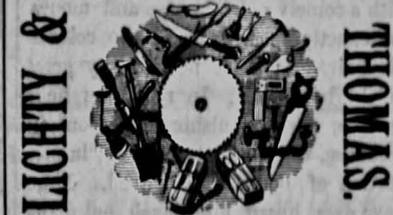
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RIGHT OF STOCKHOLDERS TO INSPECT BOOKS AND PAPERS.—Although the cases on this interesting topic are few in number, yet they are entirely harmonious in their rulings, and have settled the general rule in such a manner that its application to any given case must be a matter of easy deduction. The principle is, that a shareholder in a trading corporation has the right to inspect its books and papers and to take minutes from them, for a definite and proper purpose at any reasonable time and if he is denied this privilege the courts will tend him their authority by the process of mandamus. This right is not a statutory one, it rests upon the common law. The doctrine of the law is that the books and papers of the corporation, though of necessity kept in some one hand, are the common property of the stockholders. At the same time, the right may be limited or restricted by the charter of the company to which every shareholder assents or by statute, *Com. v. Phoenix Iron Co.*, 105 Pa. St., 117. Mr. Morawetz says: "In the United States the prevailing doctrine appears to be that the individual shareholders of a corporation have the same right as the members of an ordinary partnership to examine their company's books, although they have no power to interfere with the company's management.

But still there must be a proper motive for inspection. It must not be for the purpose of gratifying mere curiosity, nor because of a general dissatisfaction with the management of the concern, nor to use the information for improper or fraudulent purposes, nor to see if some complaint cannot be found against the corporation. It is necessary that some particular matter be in dispute between the members or between the corporate body, and the individual in it in which the applicant is entitled and in respect of which the examination becomes necessary; 2 *Addison on Torts*, 31,496. Thus in *Rex v. Merchant Tailors Co.*, 2 B. & Ad. 115, decided half a century ago, it was held that the court will not grant an application by members of a corporate body for a mandamus to inspect the documents of the corporation unless it be shown that such inspection is necessary with reference to some specific dispute or question pending in which the parties applying are interested; and the inspection then will be granted only to such an extent as may be necessary for the particular occasion, and the writ was refused, because the applicants merely alleged grounds on which they believe the affairs of the corporation to be improperly conducted and the officers unduly chosen and complained of mismanagement in some particular instances, not affecting themselves or any matter in dispute." *Com. v. Phoenix Iron Co.*, *super.* In *Martin v. Oil Works*, 28 La. Am. 204, it was ruled that a stockholder of a corporation has a right to know how its affairs are conducted, that the board of directors,

authorized by the charter to exercise all the powers of the corporation, could not deprive him of personal inspection of the books and papers that he might learn the condition of the affairs of the company so that he could vote understandingly at a meeting of the stockholders. But it may be questioned whether this case does not overstep the rule. A shareholder of a corporation is not entitled to inspection of the books for the purpose of proving a plea of justification in an action against libel imputing insolvency to the company.

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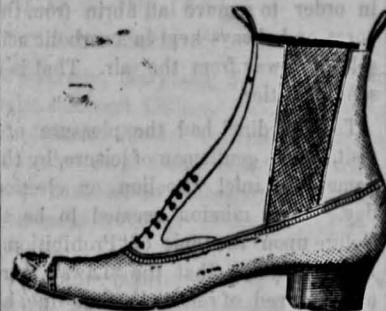
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"Everybody Medic."

Our friend with the disjointed steed has not been heard from since Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday forenoon gave the boys a chance to exercise their lungs.

Embree reports wonderful success with his first patient, and from appreciation shown, in shape of a box of good cigars, we envy him. We tried them and pronounce them excellent.

Our non-grade graduates are located as follows: J M Aikin, Clarinda, Iowa; S T Baldrige, Omaha, Nebraska; E E Barr, Beakleman, Nebraska; F T Butler, What Cheer, Iowa; W W Eastburn, North English, Iowa; J Grivelly, Arlington, Minnesota; P A Hoffman, N. Washington, Iowa; T K Hunt, La Mott, Iowa; C F Lennedy, Danbury, Iowa; O W McKellar, Ridgeway, Iowa; Mrs. A E Metcalf, Iowa City, Iowa; C W Miller Maquoketa, Iowa; A E Moore, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; P C Nauman, Burlington, Iowa.

There are twelve more whose whereabouts we are unable to find.

While enjoying the fresh air Tuesday afternoon we were favored by a call from one of the minstrel-men. We tried to make his welcome apparent, but, getting proportionately close to us, he all of a sudden was moved to retreat to the company of a few bystanders on the farther side of the street. We can not tell why such a procedure was taken, and the only solution of the problem is that he saw what fearful men we were. We smile at his timidity, for had he but taken up a rock we should, as we afterwards proved, have run fast for the door to escape from impending danger.

Some of the leading papers are commenting upon the fact that a case of surgical instruments were found in Pompeii which closely resembled those now in use. According to Encyc. Brit. the ancient Egyptians were masters in surgical work and performed lithotomy long before the Christian era. It is also asserted on excellent authority that the art of surgery reached a high state very early in oriental nations, and thus it is no longer true that surgery is only a branch of the barbers trade. On the contrary, it can trace as noble a record as any profession and a longer one than most.

In surgical work cleanliness is not only next to Godliness, but is the very essence of good success. Surgeon's sponges must be specially prepared and carefully kept. The best sandless, bleached sponges in the market should be selected and then thoroughly hammered or dusted that not a grain of sand may be left in the pores. They are then treated with a 5 per cent solution of sodium carbonate in which they remain for a few days. Thoroughly rinsed in clean rain or hydrant water till no taste of alkali can be detected by litmus;

they are then put into a weak solution of carbolic acid 1 or 2 per cent, and kept in closed vessels until used. After being used they should always be washed thoroughly in warm water, and then put through the carbonate treatment again in order to remove all fibrin from the pores, and always kept in a carbolic acid solution away from the air. That is a septic practice.

The "medics" had the pleasure of a visit, from a gentleman of leisure, by the name of Daniel Otoolion on election day, whose mission seemed to be to lecture upon the topic of "Prohibition." But concluding that the "Laws" were more in need of reform in that line, he soon wended his way, escorted by a delegation of Medics, to the Law department and walked right in, took for granted that he was in duty bound to make a speech, and proceeded forthwith to instruct the youth in that department how to live up to the laws of the state. But he was soon ushered from the rostrum to the side walk below. But jolly "Dan" didn't seem to take it hard, but continued to amuse the crowd by a song and dance act till suddenly, recollecting that his family of "19 little ones" demanded his presence, he took his way rejoicing.

Why did you run? No one would have supposed that one man could have routed 20 or 25 Medics with a few rocks and some swearing. But Tuesday afternoon, while giving an open air concert on the front steps, a one-horse buggy, containing a form likened unto a man, passed by. Of course, as is usual from superannuated feeling, a score of voices rang out after the rig with various missions, and, to the surprise of all, the thing in the buggy turned the horse and came back, jumped from the buggy, and cursing at every breath, dared any one of us to come out and show how much brute force we had. None seemed to care to confront the so-called gentleman, and he immediately gathered some rocks and assailed the party, and the way the boys got inside was startling. Having transferred all available rocks from the street to the campus, and no one disputing his right, he got into the buggy and disappeared.

In an age like this, with medical schools so numerous, the profession is over run with narrow minded "pretenders," and the successful physician must be a man of broad intelligence. Our school in this respect stands ahead of any in the West. But we shouldn't be satisfied with this. There is no reason why the Medical Dept. of the S. U. I. should not compare with any school in the East; but to attain that position two things are necessary: firstly, a three year course, with nine months each. We can't expect to accomplish as much in five months as they do in nine. Secondly, a more liberal allowance from the state. The department that graduates the largest class every year receives the least aid from the state. The people of Iowa boast of having the most perfect school system in America. But when they

build up the common schools and not the higher, its to much like a ship without a mast, and surely if any profession is worthy of being fostered, that one which has for its object the banishment of disease, the relief of suffering and the advancement of hygiene should receive he first attention.

The W. C. Coup Educated Horses.

The horse as we have it now is a vast improvement over the steed of ancient times. It is dependent upon man for its very life, and man is dependent upon it. As it increases in size through man's interference and culture, it also increases in mental capacity, until one of the most intelligent, docile, useful creatures ever given by a Supreme Being to man is the animal, almost human, the horse. The remarkable specimens under Mr. Coup's management were wild, near Pendleton, Oregon, eighteen months ago. We give below a few sketches of their culture. This exhibition, including the Elliott wonders, the Moores, clown elephant, etc., make up the most pleasing and interesting performance ever seen, and, as General Sherman said, "Should be seen by every man, woman and child." From it the cowboy can learn the capacity of his pinto, under kind treatment; the owner of the draught horse can take a useful lesson; the lady with her driving horse may gain confidence in her pet.



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H'D'Q'R'S. UNIVERSITY BATTALION.

Nov. 6th, 1887.

The winter term of the Military Department will begin on Monday, the 14th inst., with drills, recitations and lectures, as follows:—On Mondays: Recitation in Artillery Tactics from 3:30 to 4:00. Artillery drill from 4 to 5 P. M.

On Tuesdays:—1st section in Infantry Tactics for members of Co. "A" and "B" from 3 to 4 P. M.—Drill for "A" and "B" from 4 to 5 P. M.

On Wednesdays:—2d section in Infantry Tactics for "C" and "D" from 3 to 4 P. M.; Drill from 4 to 5 P. M.

On Thursdays:—Lectures to Seniors from 3 to 4 P. M.

All Juniors (except those in the Band wishing to be excused), will be required to take tactics unless they have previously had them.

All Seniors are required to attend lectures.

The same rules relative to uniform and punctuality will be observed as in out-door drill.

Students absent from drill without satisfactory excuse will be required to make good the drill by appearing with the other division on next drill day.

The excuse "I had something else to do," or "I didn't feel very well" will not be accepted as a satisfactory excuse for absence. Students actually ill on drill day are expected to notify the commanding officer of the fact, and before drill if possible. Those able to attend to their other duties, and not confined to their rooms, are expected to report at the drill hour. By order commanding officer. J. M. GRIMM, Lieut. and Adj.

Report of Target Practice.

OCTOBER 29TH, '87.

	50 yds	100 yds	total.
Capt. Gates	21	13	34
Lieut. Gibson	20	18	38
1st Sgt. Anthony	20	19	39
" " Price	21	20	41
Capt. Smith	22	22	44
DeBord	21	8	29

NOVEMBER 5TH, '87.

	50 yds	100 yds	total.
Prof. Nichols	25	23	48.
Newton	22	19	41
Nollen	16	11	28
Lieut. King	22	10	32
Sgt. Bender	20	15	35
" Coon	15	5	20
" Allen	21	12	33
" Bacon	20	18	38
Cpl. Child	22	18	40
1st Sgt. Drew	18	19	37
" " Anthony	21	21	42
Pri. Closz	20	20	40
" Park	20	15	35
Cpl. Bailey	23	19	42
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