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THE VIDETTE-REPORTER,
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THE home oratorical contest of Iowa College was postponed one week. It took place last night, but we have not yet learned the result. The *News Letter* seems to think it has oratorical talent of no inferior quality. We hope it is right.

In the *News Letter* we notice an article of some length from the pen of Prof. L. F. Parker upon the life and work of Miss Hester A. Hillis, the pioneer missionary of Iowa College. The piece is a most fit tribute to the character of a noble woman and Christian worker.

THE *Monmouth Collegian* not long since criticized the *Aegis* for having no exchange department, and the *Aegis* took exceptions to the criticism, maintaining that an exchange department in a college paper is not desirable. We agree with the *Aegis*. Not for the reason, however, that the exchange department is always an admiration column, for it is not. Nor for the reason that it is sometimes a fighting column. We regard it simply as a superfluity. Often it is desirable to notice other papers, to comment them or to lash them. When this is so space can be found on the editorial page or in the miscellaneous columns.

THE Delta Tau Delta fraternity took a long progressive stride in social association Tuesday eve, Nov. 21st by opening its elegant and spacious halls and extending a generous hand of welcome to the faculty of the University and its fellow Greek-letter fraternities. Those invited responded appreciatively, and at nine o'clock about sixty couples were crowding the ample reception rooms. There was getting acquainted, talking, laughing, playing, refreshing, dancing and whatever else is attendant on genteel gatherings of this kind. There were facilities conducive to the enjoyment of

all. Age and youth were there; gray haired professors and verant Freshmen; the former young in spirit and the latter struggling bravely with the glad emotions of surpassing anticipations. Greeks met Greeks; animosities were laid aside; all rivalries, except of generosity and good fellowship, were suspended; old acquaintances were revived and new ones launered upon a broader, fairer stream of life. A prominent and most gratifying feature was the presence of the faculty, whose happy faces proved that the honor of their presence was gladly bestowed. It was not only a meeting of the fraternities, but a social congress, designed to enhance paternal relations in the broadest sense; as such it was the first ever consummated here, and the hosts with whom abides all the honor of having brought it about, may well feel gratified over its success and happy termination.

In reading the papers of small colleges a person of unbiased convictions is forcibly attracted by the defensive spirit so to speak, which in some is very prevalent.

The paper is more or less the mirror of the college. This spirit is not only seen in the paper, but is also a prominent feature in the conversation of the students of those institutions.

They seem to have an intuitive belief that their school is not the best in existence; yet keep continually telling its good points, to convince one that it is. They feel their weakness, yet try to convince themselves and others that there is none.

This narrow feeling is eliminated to a considerable extent with age and experience. It is a natural tendency, and asserts itself under different modifications.

The narrow man is continually trying to convince others that he is the very model of breadth, and really believes it himself, but the man of wide views does not find it necessary to try to convince others of his superiority. It is seldom, if ever, that you find graduates of the highest universities in the country who cannot see the elements of good in some university, besides their own. But there are many who graduate from lower colleges, and who will argue that their particular college far eclipses any that they could have attended. They will advise anyone seeking information to pursue the particular course at the particular college they did. Interest or desire in the human mind is a very important factor of prejudice, and is with difficulty overcome, but this will not excuse a person for instilling into others their narrow and false reasoning, whether based upon ignorance, prejudice, or falsity, and no true man can watch himself too closely. The utterly groundless and, indeed, false reports which the smaller

colleges resort to, in order to maintain themselves as opposed to the larger universities, although perhaps beneath notice, do not tend to spread the truth and justice, which is their principal aim.

THERE is a tendency among the students to neglect the opportunities offered by so excellent a library. After our lessons have been prepared we feel too much at ease, and do not consider that there are numerous masterpieces of literature, the benefit of whose reading approximates that received in the class-room, and which an educated person is expected, nay required to have read. Nor do we consider that if they are not read now, neither time nor opportunity may soon again be given. Very few of us are so crowded with work that we can not devote from two to four hours a day to reading. Indeed it seems to be intended that we should have considerable time to employ in this way. The affairs of active life will seldom grant so much leisure, and even if they would, it is highly improbable that we should have access to such a library. Hence while the lessons should be well prepared, it would be much better instead of spending the full time in pouring over them, as some do, to use a reasonable length of time in concentrated study and to devote the rest to the company of our great thinkers.

But the important question arises—"what shall I read that will be most advantageous?" A person on first entering the library, lost in such a maze of books, seeing about him the works of every author of any importance, becomes truly bewildered as to what to select. If he chooses his books in a desultory manner, he may waste his time on mere rubbish. The problem as to what is most profitable to read when everything is offered has ever been a perplexing one. It is said that Edward Everett, having access in his youth to a large library, and not knowing from the vast number of valuable productions, what was best to read, at length in despair began at one end of the library, determined to read everything in order, and actually did read four square feet of solid matter, among which were several encyclopedias, and it is stated, (though not on good authority) a dictionary or two, before he found that he was not in the proper course. In such a dilemma a good plan is to take one noted author, read him thoroughly, note from what sources he most frequently quotes, to what authors he most frequently refers, hence whom he most admires; then branch out upon one of those authors and make similar observations. It will not do, however, to follow these references too closely since the individual taste of the one referring, may occasionally single out a second or third class writer. It is advisable for a person just beginning a

course of reading, to select only those works generally accepted as first class. There are plenty of them, and they will be found to contain more, both of profit and of pleasure. We seldom hear Shakespeare called dry except by one uncultured, or who has not read him. Personally, I find Shakespeare the most interesting of writers, and first-class authors in general the most interesting; but if they were not so, an admiration of them could never be cultivated by inferior literature. Taste should not always be strictly followed as it may lead to narrowness, but when, all things considered, a certain taste should exist, and does not seek to acquire it by proper cultivation. The more we widen our knowledge by the study of an author, the more will we be able to appreciate him and his class.

Above all do not read, as many do, for the simple sake of saying you have read the work, for such reading is generally done too rapidly and too carelessly to admit of the process of assimilation. Read not to converse, not to write, but read to think, to expand, and if need be, to criticize. For he who reads to converse will at best only attempt to remember the name of author and outline of work, that he may thus give testimony of having read it. He who reads to write will probably only endeavor to reproduce the information acquired, while he who reads to think will weigh every statement, consider it in all its bearings, expand it, criticize it, and many a subordinate idea may be to him the means of suggesting a new branch of the subject and a new line of investigation.

Expression is the ultimate end of all education. Whatever we may intend as our profession power of expression will be requisite to marked success. It is not only necessary to get a thought but also to express it, and often the latter is the more difficult. Many a strong thinker has been condemned to obscurity because he could not give his thought to the world in a pleasing manner. From this arises the absolute necessity of studying the style and arts of expression of those authors whom critics generally agree upon as having excelled in this direction. It will not do to depend entirely upon the forms and sequences spontaneously suggested in our own minds, but they should be modified and subjected to certain rules of good taste. They may be original but still infinitely inferior to a successful imitation of some recognized master.

THE article on reading on this page was contributed by one of the students. We are always thankful for such favors

The Library will be closed at 4:30 P. M. for the remainder of the term.

A. NORTH, Librarian.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

Ten Days in Chicago—A Sketch

BY F. B. TRACY.

To one who for the first time emerges from his primeval haunts and betakes himself upon a journey to a great city come the ever-recurring thoughts of spectacles which he is about to witness, and upon his imaginative canvass he paints their outlines in the golden colors of fancy. In company with a gay band of University boys, the writer journeyed thus to Chicago in October last.

When one is finally in the streets of a great city, and sees around him the great mansions of wealth and trade, and the busy, rushing throng, his first feelings are of utter loneliness and solitude,—not home-sickness, for he has no time for that,—but of simple shrinking into the infinitesimal self. He sees the great crowd rushing by each one with his own life and secrets,—untold and silent, and at this sight the mind of man turns inward and seeks to find a justification for his former pride. Here are thousands of men, beyond over the world are millions more. We are but ants, and swarm in hills—great cities. Man's life seems but a trifle compared to men's lives. How sunken is man's self now, compared to the strutting Ego of yesterday! And yet in a few days this feeling passes away, and we come to truer views. Yes, indeed, the crowds are vast, yet they are only the commingling of man and man; and at the foot of the series stands the individual man in all his characteristics, and self-hood. Our verdancy wears off; we look around us and see faces much the same as our own, hear our own phrass and perhaps slang used; and we say to ourselves in our innocence, "And is this at last Chicago?" We are amazed to see people so much like those we have seen all our lives. After a few days, this feeling also passes away, and we become thoroughly acclimated and can say "here" instead of "in Chicago," as we said at first.

Well, let us drop musing and set ourselves upon the real business of the visitor, sight-seeing. We are supposed to be attending a military encampment; and at its grounds we eat and sleep, but our real lives are far away from this, and the encampment presents no attractions to one eager for intellectual and visual delights. Of course we take in the Parks: everyone does; Lincoln, Garfield and South Parks are the great parks of the town; but as the flowers are all gone in October, these Parks have lost their chief charm, and the only things left are the drives and the lakes. But the drives are a mere mockery to us, and with a sigh for our penury we pass on. Unless one sees the Stock-yards, he has missed one of the greatest sights there. Mounting to the top of the tower, one can see the cattle and hogs from a thousand hills—a great source of the farmer's wealth—gathered there to be transformed and to sacrifice their animal lives for the sustenance of those of a higher order. The Packing House effects this change, and we wander up to its top

and follow the brute from the High Chief Executioner to the Shipping Clerk. We shall not offend the aesthetic tastes of our reader by giving in detail all the minute processes of "hogotomy"—suffice it is to say that the student of political science can here see a vivid illustration of the advantages of the principle of division of labor. With a piece of limberger near our olfactories we leave the place and wend our way to town and camp again. The same old horse-car, and holding on to the straps, all for five! These cars are intolerable nuisances as everyone knows who has ever squeezed himself into one of them and held down his strap for his joyous five-mile stand. Happy indeed will be the day when the cable-lines are extended all over the city or the elevated trains are adopted. One can use only abusive terms in speaking of the horse-cars and their management. The cable station is quite a sight. From a gigantic wheel, thirty-feet at least in diameter, runs the endless cable which pulls so many cars. This cable runs a few inches under ground and thro' a slot in the middle of the track drops the "grip" attached above to a rod to tighten or loosen it as the car is to start or stop. Progress is rapid in these cars, while in the horse-cars if one goes two or three miles an hour, he is in a state of mind bordering on rapture.

The Exposition is visited and you see the fishes, fountains, machinery, taffy, and hear the "Boulangers' March" *ad nauseam*. The panoramas are upon all programs, and comment on them is superfluous. They are as near perfect as a work of art can be. This applies to Gettysburg and Shiloh. "Jerusalem on the Day of the Crucifixion" is in comparison with the others a hideously plastered daub. But it is new, attractive to church-people certainly, and is having a large patronage. We all try to see the Anarchists, but the jailor, evidently mistaking us for their comrades, refused us admittance. On Sunday we scatter out to various places, some to church, some to the parks, others to hear Lunatic Train talk on the Anarchists and his own greatness. We all go to hear the howls and see the gesticulations of the Board of Trade speculators and many of us take a trip on the lake. The only social pleasure we had was a reception to the S. U. I. band, given by Mrs. Hall, whose daughter attended the University a few years ago. The home on Washington St. was thrown open to us, and we passed a pleasant evening mingling in society from which we had been so long separated. If Miss Hall and her relatives, and Dr. Pickard who wrote to them of our presence, have received no formal token of our appreciation of their kindness, let this express it.

But the chief attraction in Chicago to me is left to the last. Chicago's theatres are always fine, and during the period of our stay they were especially so. Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett at the Chicago Opera House, were playing a three weeks' engagement. Besides this, there were Lotta, Jefferson, Minnie Palmer, Rosina Vokes, and others equally noted. During the time that we were there Booth and Barrett played

"Julius Caesar," "Othello," "Hamlet" and "Macbeth," and most of the band saw them all. Chicago is emphatically not the nome of culture, and in no place is this exhibited better than at the theatres. One can endure the applause at the Grand when Lotta is getting off some of her time-worn, hoydenish chestnuts, but at the Chicago, where only a better class of people would go to attend an entertainment of such a character, where seats in the pit are \$2.50, and you find dress suits and silk hats in the gallery, you would expect a large measure of intelligent and judicious appreciation, but we were disappointed. They repeatedly (to show their good will I presume; it couldn't have been sincere, for their better tastes would have restrained them) pounded the floor, and applauded in some of the tenderest passages where even tho' fine speeches are made, the loss of a second mars in a great measure the dialogue. Of course the better class usually hiss and succeed in quelling the tumult, but it shows the lack of true appreciation of great acting. In the opinion of most of us the performance of "Othello" by the combination repaid all our trouble and expense of the trip. Booth, in his interpretation of the scheming devil Iago, was Booth in all the genius of the Booths, and the part of the jealous Moor, was made identical with the performance of Barrett. The latter gentleman is not a favorite with Chicago reporters, and their cry of "Too much rant!" is undoubtedly well sustained by some of his performances, but in "Othello" he exhibited none of this, and his low, fervid, passionate tones carried the audience by storm. They both played Brutus and Cassius well, and, as Booth's name will ever be linked with "Hamlet," nothing need be further said of that. Macbeth, or McBeth, as Donnelly puts it, was done as well as that dark butchery tale will admit. In fine the acting of Booth and Barrett is almost ideal. One can see a few points yet they are few indeed. It used to be the fashion to sneer at tragedy and we yet find many people who will carelessly speak of it and pass it by, to take in a minstrel-show, but they show their own superficiality. It seems at first thought indeed that life is a mere commonplace existence with very little tragedy and more comedy; but we well know that this is a false thought. If we could lift the veil from the inner heart of every man and every life we would see there tragedies of which we, in our own selfish troubles, little dream. Our lives are more than mere play and dumb show, they are real, and our own inner struggles prove how true this thought is. No one more thoroughly understood this than the Bard of Avon, and in his immortal dramas the tragic element, the real element of life, figures largely, and 'tis this which has led mankind to so eagerly study them. And when we hear those great thoughts voiced by men who can understand their meanings, we are deeply affected with gladness at the offering.

But I have wandered widely and must return only for a short time however. I have touched on most of the things of

interest to me on this trip. Others would see and emphasize differently, and I might dwell on many other topics, including a great game of ball, but 'twas much the same as we see, and the players frequently exhibited their ability to throw a ball twenty feet over a baseman's head in the same classic style so often seen on S. U. I. grounds. So I shall close and journey homeward, feeling that the immense cavity in my purse and the ever-recurring hobgoblin future examinations have been fully compensated by the pleasure and enjoyment I have experienced in Chicago—a verdant youth in a great city.

LAST Monday evening Prof McBride gave in his room in the Science Building, a very interesting lecture before the Agassiz Society. He had for his subject, "Insects as Agents in the Fertilization of Flowers." We think it is too bad that such a lecture should not be announced beforehand. There were a few present who were not members of the Society, and we know of many more who would have availed themselves of the privilege if they had known of it.

THE tube and mechanism for the thirty-six inch telescope, the largest in the world, just finished for the Lick Observatory, are described as follows: The pedestal is a column of cast iron, 10x17 feet at the base and 4x8 at the top, and weighs eighteen tons. On this column rests a head weighing four tons, in which the steel polar axis is 10 feet long and 12 inches in diameter, and supports the declination axis, also of steel, 10 feet long and 10 inches in diameter, weighing 2,300 pounds. The steel tube, fifty-six feet 4 inches long is four feet in diameter at the center, tapering to thirty-six inches at each end, and weighs over four tons. The driving clock and balcony for the assistant Astronomer is reached by a spiral staircase at the south side of the column. The center of motion is thirty-seven feet above the case, and when the telescope is pointed to the zenith the object glass, which is thirty-six inches in diameter, and now in the vault of the observatory on Mt. Hamilton, will be sixty-five feet from the base. The total weight of the telescope is thirty-five tons.—*Occident*.

MISS HELEN M. SHAFER the new president of Wellesley, is a graduate of Oberlin, and was for some years engaged in school work at St. Louis, under Prof. W. T. Harris. She is credited with uncommon executive ability.

FOR the benefit of some who have made inquiries, and others who may not remember, we have looked up the following facts:

Orations for the home oratorical contest must be handed to the president of the association, Miss Lloyd, on or before Jan. 13th.

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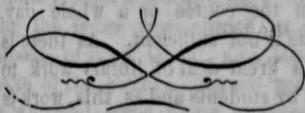


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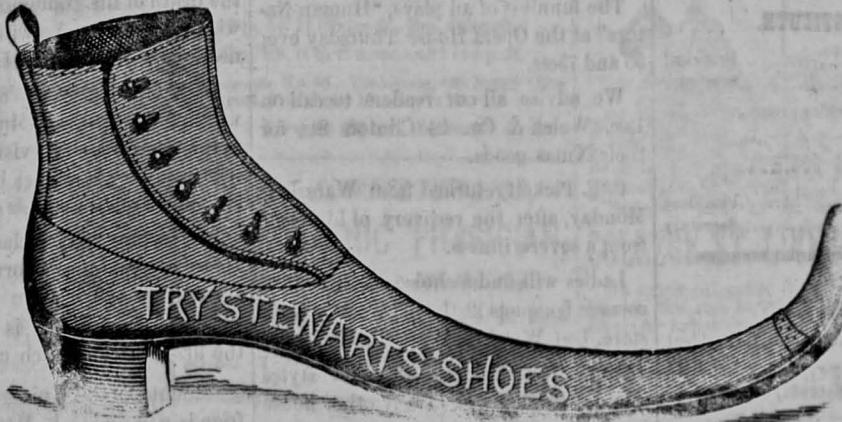
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LOCALS.

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"Human Nature" next Thursday night.
J. H. Lloyd spent Thanksgiving at Charles City.
Miss Anna Lalor spent vacation at Burlington.
J. F. Bailey ate turkey with his uncle at Marion.
Smoke the Spanish filled cigar at Louis & Greer's.
Frank Beard, the celebrated humorist and caricaturist.
H. G. Clark has been spending a few weeks in Missouri.
Co's. C. and D. received a double dose of tactics Wednesday.
If you want a nice bottle of perfume call at Louis & Greer's.
A new line of scarf pins just received at Louis & Greer's.
V. G. Sullivan was in the city for a brief stay Thursday.
Mrs. Hattie Parker Campbell has returned to her western home
Tickets for "Human Nature" on sale at Fink's on Wednesday morning.
Will H. Stutsman, of Burlington, class '87, spent Thanksgiving in this city.
Prof. Eggert has promised the German class a treat in the form of a lecture on Goethe.
If you know of anything in the shape of locals, do not be too modest about informing us.
The class in Physics had some very interesting experiments in electricity and magnetism.
J. H. Trundy at Millett's dye works blocks and repairs hats. Silk hats a specialty.
Go to Cash & Hunt's meat market, opposite Opera House, for choice meats of all kinds.

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C. E. Pickett returned from Waterloo, Monday, after the recovery of his sister from a severe illness.

Ladies will find a choice assortment of corsage bouquets at the University book store, Lee, Welch & Co.

You can always find the best styles and double the stock of any other house in the city at Furbish's.

We had a strong hint of approaching winter last Sunday. We will have our shortest day this month.

A large number of the students went home Thanksgiving. We don't know whether "Andy" did or not.

Keep a watch on Lee, Welch & Co's. windows for the finest display of holiday goods ever shown in the city.

The Misses Lewis spent Thanksgiving with their sister at Burlington, attending Modjeska, Wednesday evening.

Miss Lulu Miller, who was a guest of Miss Hannah Hoering, returned to her home in Davenport last week.

We have it from good authority that the Freshmen and Sophomores will contest this year on the declamatory arena

It would doubtless be a much less complicated task to give personals of those who did not leave the city Thanksgiving.

The class in Astronomy was deprived of some very interesting and instructive lectures last week by the illness of Prof. Weld.

J. J. Hamilton was about the University for a short time last Thursday. He had been in Kansas for two weeks hunting for geese.

R. S. Walker spent Thanksgiving at Cambridge, Ill., where his brother, W. M. Walker, class of '83, was at that time ordained for the ministry.

Students are warned against going home for the holidays without taking something with them from the University Book Store of Lee, Welch & Co.

Morris Evans, of the Sophomore class, has gone home to begin a four months' school Monday morning. He will join his class again at the beginning of the Spring term.

T. J. Stevenson requests his VIDETTE changed from Sioux City to Bridgewater, Dak., until further notice. He reports reasonable success doing duty for a Sioux City real estate firm.

Many of students prolonged their Thanksgiving vacation, yielding to a strong temptation, and found it somewhat difficult to get excused therefor. It is well enough, Monday morning was the time to put in an appearance, and not Monday afternoon.

F. A. Burdick, class of '89, was called suddenly home Monday by the news of the death of his grandmother. We hear with regret that he will sever his connections with the S. U. I.

W. L. Hall, class of '89, who is now working on the Des Moines Register, was in the city for a short visit last week. He will resume his studies in the University next Fall, with class of '80.

The lecture to the class in American History yesterday morning, was considered by the class to be a very superior production. It is by no means the first deserving such comment.

Students of the University and their friends will find C. L. Mozier's 125 Washington street, the best place to buy supplies in his line. His stock represents the novelties as they appear in market, is large and varied, and his prices are always popular.

Prof. Andrews has been at Knoxville, for two weeks, as a witness in the notorious wife-poisoning case from Pella. Prof. Anderson's testimony is of the most importance since he made an analysis of the contents of the stomach. His testimony is overwhelming against the defendant.

Ed Munger, Bert Boies, Howard Gates and Calvin Lichty came home from the Iowa State University to spend Thanksgiving day. The boys state that the resignation of Prof. Fellows occasioned general regret, as his high qualities endeared him to the students.—*Waterloo Tribune*.

Prof. Veblin performed some very interesting electrical experiments before the class in Physics, Wednesday evening. We are sorry some present conceived it their duty to imitate a menage and distract attention from the object for which they were supposed to meet.

Our good friend, James, has of late been doing some good work in perfecting the drainage about the walks near the University buildings. Shallow trenches have been dug along the walk between the central and south hall and Medical buildings. These walks ought not hereafter to be covered with ice.

The *Waterloo Tribune* contains this little notice of Harry Allen, who was at one time a member of class '85. "Harry Allen came down from Minneapolis last week to spend Thanksgiving and a few days with the folks at home. Harry is looking healthy and is in tip top spirits." Allen is in partnership at Minneapolis with T. J. Chrischilles.

Prof. Nutting did a very nice piece of taxidermy in mounting a fox, also the skeleton of the same, making two complete mountings from the one animal. It is a very difficult operation, and one in which few taxidermists succeed. All specimens brought to the Museum receive marked attention, and are cared for as well as is possible.

The short vacation last week was taken advantage of to renovate some parts of the University. The transformation was most conspicuous in the de-

partment of History. Various coats of paint of divers hues, now greet the aesthetic eye. Numerous works of art adorn the walls. The windows will soon be exquisitely draped with curtains. The stately and the famous Rosetta stone have yielded their former supremacy.

Home talent will present the play "Mikado" at the opera house on the evening of Dec. 19th. This will be a fine affair. It will be for the benefit of the Silent Ministry, and should be largely patronized. In the cast we see the names of Nell Cox, Alice Freeman, Alice B. Chase, Mrs. D. D. Donnan, and Mr. H. W. Clark. The chorus will be very large, and composed of excellent singers.

The college Y. M. C. A. has secured Dr. J. L. Pickard, Prof. A. N. Currier and a third party, a citizen of Iowa City, whom these two shall select as a permanent finance committee. This arrangement will add stability to the organization, inspire confidence in its projects, and insure a judicious disposition of funds paid in for the erection of the proposed building. The association is to be congratulated upon securing the co-operation of such trustworthy and able men.

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Students in need of Shoes can save from 25 cts. to \$1.00 per pair by buying from Furbish on the corner.

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The colored race has distinguished representatives. One of them is Frederick Douglass, the other is Blanche K. Bruce. The pleasure of listening to the latter in his last Wednesday evening "Problem." We were so struck at the excellence of the composition and the speaker Mr. Bruce's expectations. He speaks with splendid articulation, confidence and much power. His style should call didactic. The race problem is the colored people of the consummated to a sufficient anticipates no race conflict near or remote.

The house was not so have been, but the speaker to with great interest, applauded most heartily. able throughout for his spirit. There were no nesses or censure. He spoke of the virtue of the and the righteousness. Had that great struggle fought, we thought, that night be the ignorant cotton-planter in Georgia made it possible for his manhood to develop.

The Thanksgiving

Following an old tradition students and young folks one of the most Thanksgiving evening held here for years.

At 8:15 p. m., exact, announced, the program and at least thirty couples of terpsichore, began joyment that will long by them. The band with its responsibilities and moved as one.

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The house was not so large as it should have been, but the speaker was listened to with great interest, and at times applauded most heartily. He was remarkable throughout for his candor and good spirit. There were no words of bitterness or censure. He stood there a proof of the virtue of the anti-slavery cause and the righteousness of emancipation. Had that great struggle never been fought, we thought, this man might tonight be the ignorant chattel of some low cotton-planter in Georgia. Emancipation made it possible for his race to rise, for his manhood to develop.

The Thanksgiving Dinner.

Following an old time custom the students and young folks of the town gave one of the most delightful parties Thanksgiving evening that has been held here for years.

At 8:15 p. m., exact, as had been announced, the programs were distributed, and at least thirty couples of the lovers of terpai chore, began an evening of enjoyment that will long be remembered by them. The band was wide awake to its responsibilities and all the dancers moved as one.

Many and rich were the beautiful costumes, and to enumerate the prettiest would be to describe that of each lady present. The gentlemen did their best to be in keeping with the ladies, but looked quite modest and retiring.

Among the ladies from abroad were Miss Brooks, of Rock Island, and Miss Bird Lake, of Des Moines. Several gentlemen who had come home to spend the vacation were there. It was a common remark that never before had there been a Thanksgiving dance so enjoyable to all. The gallery was filled most of the evening and was resorted to by many of the dancers for the beautiful view it gave of the movements below. The Wright Bros. and German are to be thanked for their efforts in getting up the dance and may we have more like it.

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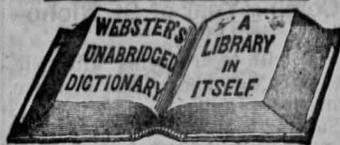
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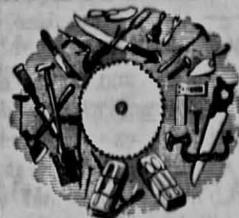
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Wesley Aldrich, class of '87, is located in Cedar Falls and is reported as having a successful practice.

T. J. Evans and wife have just returned from Williamsburg after witnessing the marriage of D. M. Evans, who graduated in the class of '81 of this department, and is held in high regard by his many acquaintances, and the well wishes of this department are extended to him and bride.

The Supreme Court of California, in the case of Pratt v. Whittier, 24 Alb. L. J., 314, passed upon the vexed question of what constitutes fixtures as between grantor and grantee. A deed of a hotel conveyed the same with "the appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging." It reserved to the grantor the right to remove from the upper rooms of the hotel "his furniture, carpets and pictures, but none of the permanent fixtures or appurtenances to said property shall be removed." Upon this provision it was held that gas chandeliers affixed to pipes in the hotel, a cooking range and attachments, mosquito transoms and window screens affixed to window frames, etc., were fixtures, which, in absence of reservation in the deed passed to the grantee, and that the grantor was not entitled to remove them from the hotel. The reservation of certain articles by agreement of parties to the deed fixed upon the remaining chattels in the hotel necessary to its use, the character of appurtenances to it.

The Right of a Judge or Jury to Question a Witness: It has been somewhat a discussed point with the modern commentators upon the Roman law, whether a judge may, or may not, interrogate a witness upon points which are designed for his own information, or which counsel have advertently or inadvertently overlooked. On the one hand it is often insisted that the judge is or ought to be confined to the testimony elicited by the parties of whatever nature it may be. But, on the other hand, it is argued with equal force that it is preposterous for a judge not to have the privilege of questioning a witness and therefore ascertaining the truth. The practice is at present both in England and the United States for the judge to use his discretion; and he seldom fails to use it for the purpose of interrogation if he thinks the ends of justice will be advanced thereby. And for this purpose a witness may be recalled by the judge. Nor is the court when such discretion is exercised, bound by the rule prohibiting leading questions. An answer not in itself evidence brought out by a question from the court may be a ground for reversal.

No one who has a proper appreciation of the intrinsic dignity of the profession of the law can look upon the spectacle of

the American bar as a body, shrinking from all contact with the defense in cases of high criminal importance, without a feeling of amazement and a blush of shame.

A member of the profession should yield to no man in his abhorrence of the crime of murder, but should be trained in a school which held that the true lawyer should be ready to face even the avalanche in the discharge of his duty. Gen. Butler, in his letter to Mr. Scoville, has eloquently expressed this in words, but Brougham, when he faced the anger of a king in Queen Caroline's case: Mr. Phillips, when he derided the howling mob in the case of Courvoisier; and Malesheibes, when, he upheld the law for Louis XVI, under the eye of Robespierre and the shadow of the guillotine, practiced what the General preaches.

All modern civilized codes demand justice and fair play even for the vilest, and as Pliny says, "Patience is a very considerable part of justice." Many say that this is not the time to exercise anything but the swift wrath of an outraged people. But to these unthinking ones the answer of Richelieu is most apt: "For justice, good my liege, all place is a temple, and all seasons as summer."

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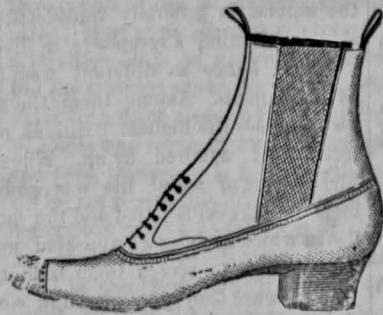
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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

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Hundred and nine students thus far.

Wolfe is still away at that murder case.

Dr. C. P. Jackson, of last year's class has located in California.

Material for medical clinics is scarce, every body seems to "Sagwa."

'Tis bliss to be locked in; but torture to be locked out. So thought a medic last Sun. night.

The boys were glad to see Dr. Geo. Beatti in attendance at clinic the other day. Geo expects to begin practicing in Dakota next spring. Can a duck swim?

Robertson and Sinnett represent Chas. Truax & Co. this year, and students in need of medical supplies will find it to their advantage to see them ere ordering.

Students entering the medical profession should not spend too much time in the study of classical Latin, as most prescriptions are at present written in barbarous Latin.

Thus far, there have been forty-five cases trusted in the surgical clinics, giving a variety of almost all the general operations, and some of the severest ever undertaken.

Mrs. Walch of Wis. was called to the city last week by the sickness of her husband Mr. C. C. Walch of our department, who has been down the last three or four weeks with typho malaria.

Dissections are progressing to a close, and the tables are beginning to present a rather lonesome aspect, with only one or two at each. Most of the Seniors have finished and now for the final "pounding up."

The new edition of Gray seems to vary somewhat from the older one. To those interested in the lumbad facia, the aorta, etc., etc., it will be important to get the two views, though this only still more confuses the mind.

Would that the medical poet might again grasp the inspired pen, and let his thoughts soar unfettered above the commonalities of every day existence into the realm of poetic fancy, and therefrom weave a literary gem for the gratification of the many admirers of his rare talent.

Inquirer—"What was the diagnosis of the case last examined?"

First course student—"Oh! he only had malpractice in the fore arm." "O give me back my heart again." murmured a gentle voice at the hall door, and we waited to hear him softly whisper—but no: he plunged his hand deeply into his overcoat pocket, and gave her the spoils of an evening's dissection: and thus ended the sentimental parting.

"Insanity is any prolonged departure from the normal mode of feeling, acting, and thinking, without adequate external

cause." In the United States the proportion of insane to healthy is as 1 to 547, while in Iowa this relation is as 1 to 620. The rate of increase of insanity is 148 per cent, or more than twice the rate of increase of population. In probably no branch of medicine has so great progress been made as in the treatment of this dread malady. Among savage tribes the maniac is generally considered inspired—his mind a receptacle of divine thoughts, hence so different from the normal human. Among them the maniac occupies the highest positions, protected and admired by all. When a higher state of social life was reached mental weakness is pitied and the families in which such cases appeared, were very anxious to screen them from the public; hence they were placed in cloisters and kept permanently from their fellow beings. Still later the unfortunate victims of mental derangement became objects of horror and disgust, were called instances of divine punishment, and of course were excluded from society, and deprived of all that makes life worth living. This plan of treatment is well shown by the inscription placed over the entrance to a very famous Insane Asylum, "Leave hope behind, who enter here." It is only very recently that a rational scientific spirit has begun to investigate insanity. From being incurable it has become somewhat favorable in prognosis, from a condition worse than death it has become similar in treatment to other diseases, and subject to fixed methods. Though such rapid advance has been made here there still remains an unlimited field for research and discovery. The brain is the most highly developed organ of the body, its diseases must be the most striking; as but little is known of its functions, the pathology presents a boundless scope for original investigation.

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the writers now enter on the more important part of their narrative, viz.: the early years of the war and President Lincoln's part therein.

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with illustrations, will run through the year. Shorter novels will follow by Cable and Stockton. Shorter fictions will appear every month.

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will comprise several illustrated articles on Ireland, by Charles De Kay; papers touching the field of the Sunday-School Lessons, illustrated by E. L. Wilson; Wild Western life, by Theodore Roosevelt; the English Cathedrals, by Mrs. Van Rensselaer, with illustrations by Pennell; Dr. Buckley's valuable papers on Dreams, Spiritualism, and Clairvoyance; essays in criticism, art, travel, and biography; poems; cartoons; etc.

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THE VIDETTE

At a special meeting of the Regents of the Smiths held recently, Assistant Professor Samuel Pierpont was elected Secretary of the Institution, to succeed Spencer F. Baird.

HARDLY half of our subscribers paid their subscription. They pay now probably as it was at other time, and a great element for us. It would seem well to have all subscribers at the end of the present year. It is nestly desired by us that enough very soon to enable the new year square to be let each one who has not that he is hereby persuaded to remit right away.

FROM a letter received we learn that the oratorical contest recently was Mr. I. K. Wilson. His oration was "The Perry." Second place was Palmer on "Martin Luther." Mer is a brother, we Chairman of the Iowa last Inter-State contest. He thinks it has a good many contests will come down here in February in

It will be noticed in the paper that our University represented among the take part in the college program of the State Ter to be held at Cedar the holidays. We are serve that in these meetings of the colleges of the minor schools of the state. The best education