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WILLIAM LARRABEE, Governor of the State of Iowa, in his late message to the State Legislature, speaks as follows:

"The services of several new professors, who have distinguished themselves in their particular lines of study, have been secured for the University within the last year, which will give students of this institution better advantages than have ever before been provided for them. It is the determination of the Board of Regents to place the University in the first rank of the educational institutions of the country. The people of the State demand a high standard of educational facilities to meet the wants of the future, and nothing should be left undone that will help to secure them. No teacher should be employed but those of the highest attainments. It will need increased income to provide such, but the funds should be furnished as fast as plans can be matured to properly use them. We cannot afford to have a second-class University.

"It is a highly-favored community that secures the location of such an institution, and especially so if its inhabitants have sufficient spirit and enterprise to make the most of it. While receiving the favor, a burden is imposed upon them to do everything which they can do for its highest success; for not only is literary education to be secured, but health is to be preserved, character is to be formed, manners are to be learned, moral principles established, a law-abiding spirit inculcated; and for all of these much depends upon location and surroundings, its beauties and opportunities for exercise, and the character of the local population. We should have at least one thousand students here, and I see but one obstacle in the way. The prohibitory law is not enforced with sufficient vigor in Johnson county to make it as effective as it should be to harmon-

ize with the sentiment of those who most desire to patronize the institution. Hence we have only about one-half the number of students at the University that we should have. Hundreds of students now seek other places for this reason. I desire to impress upon the good people of that county, and especially upon the younger generation, who are not wedded to the outgrown, evil customs of the past the necessity of enforcing the law and banishing the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage entirely from that vicinity."

On certain parts of what the Governor here says we forbear to make comments. But we think it only justice to the people of Iowa City and Johnson county to challenge the statements made with regard to the prohibitory law. The sole reason in the Governor's view why we have not 1000 students at our University is that the prohibitory law is not sufficiently enforced in this city and county. We maintain that the law is as well enforced here as in most other places in the State. Iowa City in this respect is not behind, for instance, Des Moines, Sioux City and Cedar Rapids, which the Governor cites as cities in which the law is and has been well enforced. We do not say that one cannot find intoxicating liquors here or men thoroughly in sympathy with the whiskey cause. What we insist upon is that Iowa City cannot be singled out as a special instance of a place in which the people will not enforce the law. Its enforcement is not perfect, not nearly so, but as nearly so as it is in almost any other city in the state of equal population. The University has little to complain of as to the people of the city. But even if what the Governor says were true, it would have very little to do with the question. Making due allowance for the fact that we now have no preparatory department, the University has had more students since the passage of the prohibitory law than ever before. Why does not the Governor apply his reasoning to Ann Arbor? Simply because he cannot; and this proves the fallacy of it. Michigan is not a prohibition state. That policy was rejected there not long since by a considerable majority. Ann Arbor is not a prohibition town. People can get intoxicated there. Drunken men have fallen in its streets. Why has not the institution there but five or six hundred students, and no more? We wish to give two reasons why we have not one thousand students here. In the first place, the University within the limits of the State has to compete with twelve or more denominational colleges. These colleges are supported by highly intelligent, thoughtful, serious and moral people, and are in many cases institutions of most respectable character. Moral sentiment is prevalent, denominationalism is strong, church affiliations are dear and church

institutions are warmly cherished. Especially true do we believe all this to be in this State. Four-fifths of those who go to college at all come from Christian families. When each considerable denomination of Christians in the state has one or more colleges asking for its support, it is not very wonderful that the University has not more students than it has. A man does not advise his son to go to Cornell College or Iowa College because there a boy cannot go to the devil and here he can, but because that is the college of his church, and therefore the college of his choice. Another reason why we have not one thousand students is because the University has never been a favored child of the state, and has indeed sometimes scarcely begged enough to keep it alive. It has not been the favored child of the state, either as to money or to management. Funds have been held back or given reluctantly and stingily, and legislators have not always been solicitous or even careful to select good, competent and wise men to control the affairs of the institution and decide the important questions relating thereto. These we believe to be the chief reasons why we have not ten hundred students. The first cause we have no desire to see obviated. With the second, the people of the state and the Legislature have to deal. In the present General Assembly, the University should be carefully studied in all its parts, its needs seen clearly, and action taken accordingly. Granting again that what Gov. Larrabee says is true, it does not well become him or any other member of the Board of Regents, or any citizen of the state, just now to complain specially of the citizens of Iowa City for any saloon influence that may lie about or near the University.

And now it occurs to us, as we thus finish, that it would be worth while to add in order to make less the risk of being misunderstood that the non-enforcement of the prohibitory law here has very little to do with the number of students so long as there is no gross and palpable violation. We wish further to explain that we have no defense or excuse for those who in the least violate the law in question.

BLAINE'S assertion that the revenue on tobacco should be abolished because it is "to millions of men as a necessity," is rather startling, when at the same time he would continue it on whiskey, because a reduction on this commodity would greatly increase its consumption. Many good people will be disposed to wonder in what sense one is a necessity more than the other, and if the rule which applies to whiskey is not also applicable to tobacco.

We wish to congratulate all our students who were married since the last issue of our paper.

THE discussion between Dr. Field and Col. Ingersoll that runs through several of the late numbers of the *North American Review* is interesting and shows much skill on both sides.

THE air is full of contest. The coming week is to some of our ambitious ones a week full of anxiety and trials. We must treat gently these brothers of ours, until the time of their affliction has passed. When boldly they do "stab" or meekly they do "flunk", we should not lift up our voices in hilarity, but sadly reflect that it was ever thus, and these are but symptoms of a transient disorder that in time will pass away.

THE following persons have been appointed and are requested to assist in entertaining the orators and delegates of the State Oratorical Contest, which is to be held in this place Feb. 23rd 1888., by serving on the following committees.

### ON ENTERTAINMENTS.

Jul. Lischer, Howard Gates, Kate Legler, Kit Hudson, W. L. Drew, Mary Barber, Bertie Williams, Carl Stutsman.

### ON DECORATION.

Nora Barnard, Ernest Fowler, W. A. DeBord, Annette Slotterbec.

### ON BANQUET.

Zoe Williams, J. S. Nollen, J. C. Monnet, Nan Shepherd.

### PRES. ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION.

Hal Wickham presented to the museum several new specimens of reptiles. They are rare species from New Mexico and Arizona. Mr. Wickham is now at work mounting a collection of beetles, which he will present to the museum.

### Clippings from Iowa Normal Monthly.

Prof. S. N. Fellows was one of the veterans present at the Association. He has missed only two meetings in twenty years.

T. D. Hitchcock, assistant in the Oska-loosa High School, has resigned his position there, having secured an appointment in the Surgeon-General's office at Washington, D. C.

Dr. Chas. A. Schaeffer, the new president of the Iowa State University, was present for the first time at the Iowa State Teachers' Association, and took an active part in the proceedings.

H. H. Seerley, principal of the Iowa State Normal School, was an active participant in all the meetings of the Association. He is recognized as one of the leading spirits in Iowa educational circles.

The *Republican* also said, "Ex-President Pickard and ex-Professors Fellows and Parker are on the ground, and it would be hard for Regent Matthews, of Dubuque, were he here, to find in the Association any 'younger blood' than courses through the veins of these veteran educators."

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## A STANZA.

The husky, rusty rustle on the tassels of the corn,  
 And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;  
 The stubbles in the furries—kind o' lone-some-like, but still  
 A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they growed to fill;  
 The straw-stack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;  
 The horses in their stalls below—the clover overhead—  
 Oh! it sets my heart a clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,  
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

The above stanza by James Whitcomb Riley has its charms. Aside from the "kindo'" and "medder" there is a rich and mellow autumn thought running through the verses until you reach "Oh! it sets my heart a clickin' like the tickin' of a clock," which is entirely out of tune with the rest. The sharp click of the clock introduces a foreign thought, and the delicate harmony is broken. Moreover, the comparison of a throbbing, emotional heart with the sharp, regular click of a clock, is, to say the least, bad. Why, then, was the verse admitted? Through carelessness, or wantonness, or humor? No. For the sake of "clock" to rhyme with "shock," and the rhyme mars the stanza.

## Ingersoll, the Agnostic.

BY J. CLOSZ.

Robert G. Ingersoll, the agnostic, the infidel, as he is proud to call himself, is a great man—great, because he has great power and publicly uses it.

A great man is a type of his class; and Ingersoll is the acknowledged leader, the perfect ideal of Infidelity in this country at present. He has thousands of followers, more admirers and many defenders. I have a word to say against him. My aim is to be fair. I shall deal more reverently with Ingersoll, than he deals with Christianity and its God; I shall acknowledge more merit in him than he acknowledges in religion of any kind.

A public man must be judged by his public works. Against Ingersoll the social man, the patriotic citizen, the successful lawyer, I have nothing to say; but I have something to say against Ingersoll the proud agnostic, the confirmed infidel as a lecturer on religion. And, again, I have nothing to say against Ingersoll the honest agnostic, the honest doubter. But against Ingersoll the ruthless destroyer of faith, the irreligious fanatic, the blasphemous humorist, the would-be-destroyer of Christianity, I could wish for the magnificent presence, the brilliant intellect and matchless eloquence of Ingersoll himself.

For the present purpose we cannot consider details. Our views must be general and generous. Ingersoll represents a system and contends against a system. It will be necessary to com-

pare the two in order to arrive at an intelligent conclusion.

It is said that religion and faith of some kind are innate in humanity. But coeval with these are infidelity and doubt. There have always been positivists who claimed their way the only way. There have always been rebels against tyranny and narrow-mindedness. Conservatism and radicalism have struggled side by side, and between the two, our present Christianity has been evolved. Christianity is an evolution. Ingersoll finds fault with this evolution—not so much with what it is as with what it has been—with the manner of the evolution.

I said that I had nothing to say against honest agnosticism and doubt; because they are natural and necessary to independent progress and individual improvement. But doubt is always a shadow in the light; while faith is a light in the darkness. Doubt may be good; faith is always superior. Doubt should always be able to substitute a nobler, better faith; otherwise, it becomes purely destructive—even vicious.

Simple acknowledgment of ignorance is manly. Socrates concluded that he was the wisest man of Greece because, that whereas he did not know everything, he did not care to know it. He was an agnostic in a certain sense. But he believed in a personal Providence, and implicitly and reverently obeyed the dictates of his enlightened reason and conscience—his faith. He believed in learning, teaching and doing the best he knew. But how many have doubted and disobeyed the best they knew and become depraved wrecks?

Ingersoll claims the right to entertain an honest doubt. No one denies it. Christians doubt. Their prayers and confessions are full of expressions of doubt and faith. They doubt in order to learn—in order that their "faith may triumph o'er their fears." Ingersoll doubts to destroy—to destroy only. Christians have the courage to express an honest faith as well as an honest doubt. But where has Ingersoll expressed an honest faith? Where has he had the courage, the manliness, the liberty to express a little honest faith in the good of Christianity? Nowhere. He sees no good in it whatever—none. He denounces it as utterly false and corrupted.

Ingersoll has a creed. He says: "Reason, Observation and Experience, the Holy Trinity of Science, have taught us that happiness is the only good; that the time to be happy is now, and the way to be happy is to make others so. This is enough for us. In this belief we are content to live and die." His gospels are: Cheerfulness, Good-living, Liberty, Intelligence and Justice. Wonderful wisdom! He has his gods, too. They are the brains of men. Among them he worships one supremely and that one is himself—Ingersoll is his own god. He believes in altruism—in sacrificing one's life for the good of others. This has been the central doctrine of Christianity for 1890 years. In fact all that is good and true and beautiful in Ingersollism is contained in Chris-

tianity—and infinitely more beside.

Liberty and freedom are the constant cry of the "silver-tongued orator." But where are personal rights and political equality most prevalent? In the most enlightened Christian countries. Where are the most charitable and educational institutions? Where the Bible is mostly read. But Ingersoll denies all this. He says science has done it all. But strange to say, science does not flourish out side of Christianity. And yet he has words of praise for every heathen and pagan religion in the world, past and present; but only calumny, abuse and misrepresentation for Christianity. With brazen impudence and gilded blasphemy he stamps interrogation points indiscriminately upon the most enlightened religious faith, the most charitable works—upon all that confesses the name of Christ, upon the very throne of God Himself! Is such the result of his glorious gospels? Is such the moral cowardice of the worshipper of brains that he dares not admit what every intelligent school-boy knows?

How does such a man compare with a poor sinner who vows before his God, confesses his sins, pleads for mercy and rises with tears of repentance stealing down his cheeks, the light of forgiveness in his eyes, the seal of peace upon his lips and the consciousness of life and freedom in his soul?

How does the eloquent champion of altruism compare with the thousands of homes of foreign missionaries—men and women who sacrifice their lives amid untold hardships and self-denials, with no incentive but to do good, and no hope of reward but the approval of the Master?

Ingersoll believes in progress. The end of his progress is the annihilation of Christianity and every other religion and the substitution of science.

He believes in progress. Who are carrying the light of reason, intelligence and science into the benighted terror-haunted jungles of Asia and Africa to-day? Infidels?

The apostle of Infidelity rises before intelligent audiences and pronounces blasphemies too terrible to repeat; in brilliant colors he paints the crimes and infamies of superstition; all the cruel horrors of religious persecutions pass in review, red with the blood of innocence, stained with all the wrongs and vices of humanity, and he charges them all collectively against Christianity of to-day. "And," says he, "when I read about these things it seems to me that I have suffered them myself." There are places in this world to-day where, as he says, "numerous altars are reddened even with the blood of babes, and beautiful girls are given to slimy serpents." Why in the name of all his tenderness and sympathy does he not enlighten those regions by his scientific facts and theories, or at least persuade scientific missionaries to do so if he cannot afford it himself? No; he will wait until these missionaries whom he traduces in unspeakable terms shall have introduced the enlightenment of Christianity. It will then be time for him to follow and

tell those benighted people that Christianity is a fearful superstition, and that God has most shabbily performed the work or religious evolution. A hundred years hence, when those benighted people shall have built large, magnificent lecture halls, the deicide of Ingersollism will make his debut and announce the startling fact that he believes in the "institution of marriage;" and then they will cheer their "silver-tongued," and next morning, the dailies reporting this scientific discovery, will subjoin in parenthesis, "loud laughter and prolonged applause."

But the question arises: why do so many people so readily believe in Ingersollism? For the same reason that it is easier to go down-hill than up-hill. The fault is partly in insufficient instruction. We are generally not taught to doubt and to believe; but either to doubt or to believe. Thousands grow up to maturity and begin to doubt—ought to doubt and learn to believe independently. They have been taught—yes urged—urged, to believe only. They read Voltaire, Paine, Ingersoll and others, and hail the doubt of those—so like their own—as a God-send—a God-send, I say—and thousands continue to doubt only.

The vital question is, are such men as Ingersoll needed to-day? The only good that can be claimed for him is, that he provokes investigation and purges Christianity. Does he do this? I take the liberty to answer, no; nor does he desire to do so. He says: "to really reform the church is to destroy it." He wants no investigation, no reformation; he wants destruction—pure destruction, utter annihilation. He does not obviate the evil of one-sided extremity which we have just considered, but rather encourages it. Believers recoil from him in disgust, and unbelievers continue blindly to believe in unbelief. He claims to be ahead of the times, but he is behind them because he is a fanatic. The progressive men of to-day are those who extend the tender hand of charity and patiently unravel the toils that bind the soul, and with the hand of faith point out the way to liberty and life.

What, I ask myself, are the motives of Ingersoll? Can a man be sincere who makes a jest of sacred things? Does he desire to make money only? No. For strange to say, whether, on the way to heaven or hell, we like company. Ingersoll wants company. He scorns the protective policy of many Christians, but he himself desires to be assured and comforted by the masses believing and applauding his infidelity.

It is my humble judgment, that if Ingersoll were arraigned before the highest tribunal of the present civilization, the inevitable sentence—all his eloquence notwithstanding—would be: As a religious instructor thou art great but mean; thou has used thy power selfishly; thou hast told more falsehoods than truths; thou hast weighed down more souls with leaden chains of doubt amid the breakers of despair, than thou hast freed intellect from superstition; thou hast done more harm than good to others; thou hast stifled thy higher aspirations, blunted thy conscience, and scorned the bread of life; thou art a parasite of Christianity.

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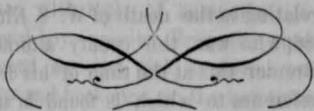
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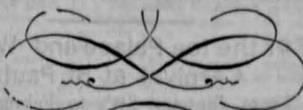


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We have snow enough now for sleighing.  
Guido Stempel will not be back this year.  
Doesn't Jim make a noble looking "Law?"  
Miss Nell Copeland spent the holidays in Muscatine.  
Tickets for Dan'l Sully, 50 and 75 cts., for sale at Fink's.  
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Miss Lloyd has been teaching school in the city this week.  
The leap year party, Thursday evening, was a grand success.  
The music at the Irving Hall last night was exceptionally good.  
A. B. Noble is with us again. He is taking a Post Graduate course.  
The University gains several new students this term, and loses some.  
The number of S. U. I. alumni in the present legislature is quite large.  
Sherman Yates, the Ames orator was here last Saturday and Sunday.  
Messrs. Sears and Oliver, who entered with the class of '90, have returned.  
Dr. Pickard is the new president of the Iowa State Teacher's Association.  
Misses Anna Musser and Waide, of Muscatine, are the guests of Miss Nell Cox.  
Prof. Loughridge of this city has been added to the faculty of the Iowa State Normal School at Cedar Falls. He takes the professorship of Latin.

Go to the Opera House to-night for first-class shave and hair-cut.

Miss Kate Musser, of Muscatine, is visiting her brother, Mr. Will Musser.

Miss Lillian Johnson is at her home in Sprindale for the remainder of the year.

Some of the boys remained in the city during the holidays to finish their orations.

Some were delayed from an early return from their holiday vacation on account of snow.

Munger will be out of school the rest of the year. Douglass takes his place as assistant librarian.

It almost makes us wish we were Engineers when we see how their drawing room is furnished.

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A. M. Deyoe of '87 is now principal of the schools at Rock Falls, and says he likes his work very much.

The Zets., on account of delay in getting down their new carpet, postponed their opening session one week.

Miss Lutie Beiderbecke and Miss "Tommie" Schlegel of Davenport are the guests of Miss Johannah Hoering.

W. O. Payne, A. B. '82, is first assistant clerk of the Iowa House of Representatives. So W. O. is still in politics.

Grimm's girl didn't take good care of him Thursday evening. When he arrived home, he found his ear badly frozen.

The home contest will be held at the Opera House the 27th inst. The State Oratorical Contest will be held here Feb. 23d.

G. W. Newton writes us from Grafton, Nebraska, that his work there as principal of the schools starts off very pleasantly.

The bird skins in the Museum are being mounted, and they present a remarkable change, by the skillful hand of Prof. Nutting.

About ten members of our Y. M. C. A. went up to Cedar Rapids yesterday, to attend a meeting of the state college Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Sherman Yates, who is the representative of Ames, in the State Oratorical Contest, was in the city last Saturday and Sunday.

We have cards announcing the marriage on the 9th inst. of Mr. James B. French, A. B. '82, to Miss Fannie Coffin of New York City.

The class in Physics has assumed large proportions this term. Prof Veblin will have all that he will wish to do to care for his numerous charge.

Go to Cash & Hunt's meat market, opposite Opera House, for choice meats of all kinds.

The clause in the Oratorical Constitution regarding the choice of Judges, was amended so as to exclude only Professors of the Collegiate Department.

Intelligence was received last week of the death of Mr. John Dearing of Colorado, who was married to Miss Lulu Gorton of this city, and of class '85.

P. L. Johnson, A. B. '83, was married to Miss Louise Brown, of Hastings, Neb., Dec. 21st. They make their home at Hastings, where P. L. is in business.

Students, patronize Waterman & Williams when wanting anything in the line of Dry Goods or Notions. 124 Clinton Street.

The museum is now open to the public. One of the main features is the opportunity presented for students in national science to obtain diverse material.

On the 29th of December occurred the marriage of Halleck W. Seaman, class of '82. The bride was Miss Helen Scott. Their home is 503 Seventh Avenue, Clinton.

Wm. A. Shepher, class of '82, ran into the city one day in vacation and took away Miss Nellie Hutchinson for his wife. Where they will reside, we are unable to learn. Congratulations.

The Iowa City Academy is taking on new life and vigor. About fifty new students were enrolled at the beginning of the winter term. A large number are preparing for the State University.

John L. Kennedy, Law '82, of the firm of Kennedy & Martin, Omaha, Neb. is mentioned by the "Nebraska Watchman" as one of the prominent and promising attorneys of that Western Metropolis.

Miss Grace Partridge intends spending the winter and coming summer with friends and relatives in Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo and Boston. She expects to return for the opening of the next school year.

We all hear with sorrow of the untimely death, at the hand of a base scoundrel, of W. S. Kingsley, of Waverly. He graduated in the Law Department of the State University with the class of '86.

J. H. Trundy at Millett's dye works blocks and repairs hats. Silk hats a specialty.

The University buildings are being supplemented in the form of an ice-house on the lower part of the campus. The inhabitants of the Medical building will be kept cool next summer.

The orations of the contestants were handed in Friday. The boys will be held in suspense for one week, when those who are lucky enough not to get on may commence enjoying life again.

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.

Mr. Chas. E. Mills formerly of class '88 has just finished a season's successful work as Division Engineer on the Cedar Rapids and Chicago Ry, and is now busy with some city work at his home in Cedar Rapids. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Mills has concluded to finish his education elsewhere.

Fish market, 123, Iowa Avenue.

At the late meeting of the county attorneys of Iowa at Des Moines the graduates of the Law Department were well represented by the following: E. B. Tucker, '76, Louisa Co.; A. M. Harrah, '78, Jasper Co.; J. R. Caldwell, '84, Tama Co.; Chas. W. Farr, '84, Jackson Co. The Association adopted suitable resolutions relating to the death of W. S. Kingsley, '86, who was the county attorney for Bremer Co. at the time of his death, a reference to which is found in another column.

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Mr. Kennan's Russian article in the January number of *The Century* is entitled, "Russian Provincial Prison," and it includes several chapters on various methods of communication among prisoners, one of the most interesting of which is the "knock alphabet," by which the prisoners converse from cell to cell by a system of raps. The first of Mr. Kennan's papers was printed in the November *Century*, and the publishers announce that they will send the November and December numbers free to all new subscribers who begin with January, '88.

### Dan'l Sully in Daddy Nolan.

Daddy Nolan, which is to be produced at the Opera House on next Thursday evening, is a play filled with touching pictures, homely incidents, fireside fun, and pleasing music. The famous Brooklyn Bridge is accurately reproduced in stage mechanism at every performance, illuminated by electric lights, showing cable cars crossing the bridge, and boats plying the river beneath it.

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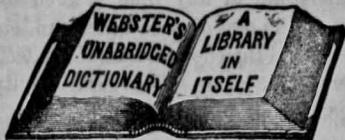
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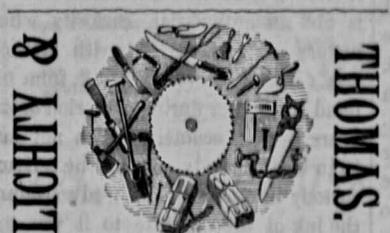
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The personal appearance of George Eliot is thus described:

"She was not, as the world in general is aware, a handsome, or even a personable woman. Her face was long; the eyes are not large nor beautiful in color—they were, I think, of a greyish blue—the hair, which she wore in old-fashioned braids coming low down on either side of her face, of a rather light brown. It was streaked with grey when last I saw her. Her figure was of middle height, large boned and powerful. Lewes often said that she inherited from her peasant ancestors a frame and constitution originally very robust. Her head was finely formed, with a noble and well-balanced arch from brow to crown. The lips and mouth possessed a power of infinitely varied expression. George Lewes once said to me, when I made some observation to the effect that she had a sweet face (I meant that the face expressed great sweetness), 'You might say what a sweet hundred faces! I look at her sometimes in amazement. Her countenance is constantly changing.' The said lips and mouth were distinctly sensuous in form and fullness. She has been compared to the portraits of Savonarola (who was frightful) and of Dante (who, though stern and bitter looking, was handsome.) Something there was of both faces in George Eliot's physiognomy. Lewes told us in her presence

of the exclamation uttered suddenly by some one to whom she was pointed out at a place of public entertainment: 'That,' said a by-stander, 'is George Eliot.' The gentleman to whom she was thus indicated gave one swift-searching look and exclaimed, *sotto voce*, 'Dante's aunt!' Lewes thought this happy, and he recognized the kind of likeness that was meant to the great singer of the *Divine Comedy*. She herself payfully disclaimed any resemblance to Savonarola. But, although such resemblance was very distant—Savonarola's peculiarly unbalanced countenance being a strong caricature of her—some likeness there was."

For a long time it has been supposed that only a single specimen of the handwriting of John Harvard, the founder of Harvard College, was in existence. This is his signature to a document deposited in the Registry of the English University of Cambridge. Another document containing his signature and that of his brother Thomas has recently been discovered. A correspondent of the *Atheum*, which the *Library Magazine* quotes, says:

"I ask a small portion of your space for the purpose of recording the discovery of an autograph of John Harvard, and also of his brother Thomas, of whom I believe no other writing has been found. The brothers, as is known, held certain property by lease from the Hospital of St. Katharine, near the tower of London. Communications were, therefore, opened with the present authorities of the Hospital, by whom they were very kindly received, and a thorough search of the very numerous muniments of the hospital was made by direction of Sir Arnold White, the Chapter Clerk of St. Katharine's. The result, now first made public, was the bringing to light of the original counterpart lease from the hospital to 'John Harvard, Clerke, and Thomas Harvard, Citizen and Clothworker of London,' of certain tenements in the parish of All-hollows, Barking, the lease bearing date July 29th, 1635, and the counterpart being executed by John Harvard and Thomas Harvard. A feature of no little interest is that this is not an antiquarian curiosity whose history has to be traced, with more or less of uncertainty or doubt, from one hand to another during a period of 250 years, but a document which not only is in legal custody, but in the selfsame custody into which it passed so soon as the ink of the signature to it was dry, and in which, I may add, it will remain so long as shall endure. Custody is a point the supreme importance of which will be recognized without the need of further remark from me. Thanks to permission courteously given, a facsimile, of the full size of the original—some 17x20 inches—and in the very best style, is now being executed, copies of which will very shortly be procurable."

In science, nothing can be permanently accepted but that which is true, and whatever is accepted as true is challenged again and again. It is an axiom in science that no truth can be so sacred

that it may not be questioned. When that which has been accepted as true has the least doubt thrown upon it, scientific men at once re-examine the subject. No opinion is sacred. "It ought to be" is never heard in scientific circles. "It seems to be," and "we think it is" is the modest language of scientific literature.

In science, all apparently conflicting facts are marshaled, all doubts are weighed, all sources of error are examined, and the most refined determination is given with the "probable error." A guard is set upon the bias of enthusiasm, the bias of previous statement, and the bias of hoped-for discovery, that they may not lead astray. So while scientific research is a training in observation and reasoning, it is also a training in integrity.—*Popular Science Monthly*.

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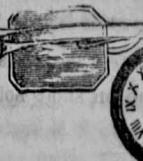
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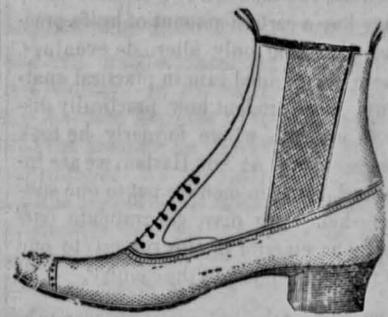
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E. M. Doyle will deliver the Valedictory address for this department this year.

Prof. Farnsworth will not lecture next week, allowing the boys the opportunity to digest "insanity."

Quite a number of the "Medics" attended the "Leap Year Dance" at Ham's Hall, Thursday eve.

We would like to know the pathological condition existing, when Geo. Kinne writes five letters a week to one address.

The boys missed the jovial presence of Carper during the past week. "Caper" has been laid up with a severe attack of Gout.

G. D. Beattie is attending lectures again. Geo. thinks that the heavy-weight blizzards of Dakota necessitate the presence of a full beard.

The university recently purchased for the Medical Department a number of stethoscopes, percussion hammers, etc., to be used by the class in Physical Diagnostics. These instruments bear the well-known brand of Chas. Truax & Co.

Dr. Albert Reynolds, of Clinton, will deliver a series of lectures upon insanity, during next week. Dr. Reynolds comes to us with the best of recommendations, having had a vast amount of experience in connection with the asylum at Independence.

Dr. W. G. Ashby, of Alexandria, Va., advances a new theory as to hydrophobia. He defines it "Hydrophobia in man is a disease of the nervous system due to the inoculation of a specific poison contained in the saliva of rabid animals of the canine and feline race." These animals' skins have no excretory functions, hence when an excess of urea exists in the blood the salivary glands excrete urea which becomes changed into a ptomaine. When this is inoculated into the blood of man it gives rise to a disease similar in some of its characters to uraemic poisoning. Following the bite there is a period of incubation lasting from 5 days to a year and in this time a poison is being elaborated which acts upon the medulla producing phenomena resembling those from poisoning by vegetable alkaloids. "There seems scarcely a prominent symptom in this disease of the dog but admits of an explanation by the corresponding phenomena of uraemia in man." As treatment he advises sucking the wound by the patient immediately, and excision of all the exposed tissue. Then the most profound narcotism compatible with life should be long continued by means of the powerful nerve sedatives and antispasmodics—curara, cannabis indica, chloroform and chloral hydrate. Inhalation of amyl nitrite will overcome the muscular spasms so as to allow food and drink to be taken. Perfect seclusion, quiet and darkness must be maintained.

Following the custom of some eastern schools, this year's dissecting class is differently arranged than heretofore. Instead of dividing the body into seven parts, each cadaver is worked up in five sections, two students to a section. While they lose a certain amount of knife practice, dissecting only alternate evenings, there is a decided gain in practical anatomy. Each student now practically dissects one fifth where formerly he took one-seventh. At Ann Harbor, we are informed, fourteen men are put to one subject—hence we may congratulate ourselves as superior in this respect to one of the best schools in the country.

The use of the sub-nitrate of bismuth, as local application in surgery to open wounds, ulcer, etc., is proving very efficient. Far more agreeable than iodoform, it has shown splendid qualities. In a case of cancer lately treated, in several ulcers and open wounds its success was marked, and do doubt it will attain due prominence soon.

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Peter F. was recently examined by an eminent surgeon to whom he was sent with a diagnosis of "cancer of the left side of the nose." The sharp, shooting pains and many other symptoms were present to confirm the diagnosis. The treatment used was simply poultice, proceeding on the basis of a local theory of cancer, when incipient. In a short time sloughing began, and then all the diseased parts near were removed daily by scissors until clean granulating surface was obtained. Balsam Peru dressing and Bismuth applications were used—healing being obtained from the bottom. The wound was kept open for drainage all the time and now has completely closed leaving an insignificant scar. Conservative treatment here scored a great victory—an easy and rather rational plan would have been removal of the entire nose—but how much grander the result now accomplished.

**PASTEURISM IN TURKEY.**—An "antirabic institute" has recently been established at Constantinople, and orders have been issued that all persons bitten by mad dogs are to be taken there, without delay, for treatment according to the method of M. Pasteur. As Constantinople swarms with mongrel curs of every complexity of breed, most of them ownerless, and hardly any of them under any kind of control, the new institute is likely to be well supplied with clinical material.

**CASE OF GASTRO-ENTEROSTOMY.**—In the August number of *Lo Sperimentale* there is a letter from Professor Postempki, of Rome, announcing that he had performed gastro-enterostomy, by Woffler's method, on a lady suffering from cancer

of the pylorus. Antiseptic precautions were used, and at the time of the report, eleven days after the operation, the patient was doing well, the new pyloric orifice was established, and the food was satisfactorily digested. The sutures were removed on the ninth day. Professor Postempki states that this is the first time gastro-enterostomy has been performed in Italy, and that his operation is the fourteenth case recorded in medical literature.

At a meeting of the Senior class, it was decided to have a class picture. In addition to the class, the group will contain photos of the faculty, including the late Prof. Robertson,—also a cut of the University buildings. The work will be done at the Elite Studio.

### The Century Magazine.

With the November, 1887, issue *The Century* commences its thirty-fifth volume with a regular circulation of almost 250,000. The War Papers and the Life of Lincoln increased its monthly edition by 100,000. The latter history having recounted the events of Lincoln's early years, and given the necessary survey of the political condition of the country, reaches a new period, with which his secretaries were most intimately acquainted. Under the caption

#### Lincoln In The War,

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#### Miscellaneous Features

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