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THE VIDETTE-REPORTER,
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THE Mormons of Salt Lake City are in for having another college.

THE Controller of the Treasury has urged that \$585,000 be appropriated by the Government for Agricultural colleges and experiment stations.

By the will of the late William Hilton, Boston, Harvard, Amherst and Williams receive \$5,000 each to aid meritorious students in getting an education.

THE death of Professor Asa Gray, of Harvard, takes away one of our most scientific men. In his chosen field of botany he undoubtedly stood without an equal.

THE Association of College Alumni has compiled statistics as to the occupations of lady graduates of twelve American colleges. Of 2619 graduates, 998 are married and housewives, 949 are teachers, 132 are in other occupations, and 539 are now engaged in remunerative work.

A BILL appropriating \$1,000,000, has been introduced into Congress for the establishment of a National University in the District of Columbia to educate teachers. The United States is to furnish tuition, board, lodging and stationary free of charge. Each student must pledge himself to teach ten years after graduation.

THE College Young Men's Christian Association is a vast organization. It is the most widely organized society to-day in the world. It exists in nearly three hundred institutions in the United States, Canada, Japan, China, India, Ceylon, Syria, and Turkey, and comprises in its membership over eleven thousand Christian students. Its power for good is eminent.

DR. P. H. MELL, Chancellor of the University of Georgia, died at his home in Athens, on Jan. 26th, aged seventy-four years. As an educator his name was a household word throughout the Southern States. He has been called to the presidency of colleges in Kentucky, North Carolina, Mississippi and elsewhere, all of which he declined. Dr. Mell was educated in Amherst College, Massachusetts.

THERE was a meeting of Methodist clergymen in Baltimore recently, in which a resolution of censure was passed upon President Cleveland for his gift of a handsome bound copy of the Constitution of the United States, to Pope Leo, on the occasion of the latter's jubilee. The passage of this resolution has given rise to discussion as to its propriety. For our own part we think the President committed a great error when he made the gift. American civilization owes very little to Catholicism.

THE Rev. Prof. A. C. Zenos has been elected to and accepted the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Hartford Theological Seminary, in place of Prof. Riddle, who resigned some months ago. Prof. Zenos is a native of Greece, about thirty-five years old, studied in Roberts College, in the University of Athens, and completed his course with a year at Princeton College, and three years at Princeton Seminary. He has unusual attainments in the ancient and modern Semetic languages, besides his familiarity with Greek.

ERMINE SMITH, who is to be commemorated by a scholarship at Vassar, was perhaps, the foremost authority in this country in regard to the aborigines. She lived for years among the Indians, was adopted in an Indian tribe, and became a thorough Indianologist. She received a government pension for services rendered in her investigations and researches. The money for the memorial scholarship has been raised partly by a woman's club founded by Ermine Smith in Jersey City, and partly by Sorosis.

WE notice in the January number of the *American Naturalist* an article by C. C. Nutting, in which he describes a newly discovered species of Acinetan, a group of microscopic animals. The animal was first found by Prof. Calvin in an aquarium in the biological laboratory, and turned over to Mr. Nutting for investigation. Mr. Nutting spent considerable time last term in its study, and reports the results in this article. He names this curious animal *Podophrya compressa*. The article will be read with much interest by those of a scientific turn of mind.

THE following are the orators and delegates of the several colleges in the Iowa Collegiate Association who will come here this year:

- Agricultural College, Ames—Orator, Sherman Yates. Delegate, W. H. Wright.
- Central University, Pella—Orator, Wm. Cooney. Delegate, Miss Nettie Bryson.
- Coe College, Cedar Rapids—Orator, Stanton Warberon. Delegates, De Wit Pelton, C. G. Stookey.
- Cornell College, Mount Vernon—Orator, S. T. Mears. Delegates, W. E. Hanger, W. M. Wright.
- Drake University, Des Moines—Orator, O. T. Morgan. Delegates, F. A. Morgan, J. L. Allison.
- Iowa College, Grinnell—Orator, I. K. Wilson. Delegates, L. M. Swindler, F. E. Palmer.
- Lenox College, Hopkinton—Orator, F. F. Merriam. Delegates, H. B. Smisle, Miss Chrystal.
- Simpson College, Indianola—Orator, R. C. Harbinson. Delegates, Mattie Stahl, R. V. Cozier.
- Parsons College, Fairfield—Orator, F. S. Arnold. Delegates, O. R. Patrick, Miss Mary L. Huffman.
- Tabor College, Tabor—Delegate, E. J. Burkett.
- Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant—Orator, W. R. Gray. Delegate, W. F. Reinut.
- State University, Iowa City—Orator, C. K. Snyder. Delegates, D. I. Coon, G. B. Thompson.

WE have received a paper from Spring View, Nebraska, in which we see the law card of Marmon & Horton. In another part of the paper we find this: "The firm of Marmon & Horton began existence as a firm on January 1st, although both the gentlemen have been practicing law here for some time, and are rising young attorneys. Mr. Marmon is an abstractor of titles and county superintendent." Mr. C. L. Marmon is a recent graduate of the Law department.

THE Young Folks Christian Endeavor Society, of the Presbyterian church, entertained the young people of the Congregational church, on Wednesday evening. The leap year valentines, the beauty contest, and various other games were so enjoyable that the guests forgot themselves and lingered beyond the appointed hour.

A number of the delegates to the State Oratorical Contest are ladies.

THE Irvings and Erodelphians will join hands next Friday night and present to their friends a decided novelty as an exhibition. There is scarcely a doubt that the old "regular program" can not be of equal interest and afford the same entertainment that the new and varying policy does, which was adopted last year by nearly all our literary societies. With this idea, to enhance the pleasure of their patrons, the above societies will render a drama, which is both humorous and instructive, at once classical and farcical, droll, unique and moral, namely, Oliver Goldsmith's famous comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer." It is an English play with the peculiar costumes and manners of the last century, and it is a standard work of one of the most popular authors in English literature. The talent of the two societies will certainly render it in a creditable manner, and they should be rewarded for their efforts by a large audience. The rehearsing has proceeded for a long time under excellent supervision. Fine costumes have been secured from another city, in short, no pains have been spared to make this the best society exhibition which was ever offered to the public in Iowa City, and it should be attended by all.

WILL Kenyon, who went from Iowa City to Iowa College, at Grinnell, is now teaching Political Economy and History in the Presbyterian school at Ft. Dodge.

Prof. Calvin has been quite unwell for some weeks past. He has met his classes many times when we could not help but feel that the proper place for him was at home.

Everybody should make arrangements to attend the State Contest at Iowa City. A trip to the University is always pleasant and Cornell should be represented—*Cornellian*.

MISS Hattie J. Cochran, class of '84 and Mr. Ed. Robinson, were married on the 8th inst. Mr. Robinson's health has been poor. We trust it will speedily improve. Our sincerest congratulations are extended.

DR. Darnall, the Chairman of the University Visiting Committee from the Legislature, was here taking notes last Saturday. He was accompanied by a brother of Prof. Calvin who is a member of the present Legislature.

ALL who have a curiosity to know what the markings were on the "sore head" contest will find them on the bulletin board. With the material now waiting for publication it is simply impossible to publish them.

Prof.—What do you think of the execution of Mary Stuart?

Student—Why—I—think it was awful.

Prof.—Well, that will do.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

An Ink-Bottle's What-Not.

BY SUEZ.

NOT THE SECOND. — DREAMS GULPED DOWN
BY AN INNOCENT COOK.

Again we find our hermit and his friend situated much as they were before; and we hear Wagisse say:

"And what have you been loading your hours with since I last saw you?"

"For the last few days I have been reading Transcendentalism by Joseph Cook; and I read a little in a book of his on Orthodoxy."

"Pretty solid subjects for one so young as you are. Did you get transcended, transcend yourself, get supernaturalized or get orthodoxed?"

"I got muddled; and the other night I dreamed I was away off somewhere in space, dangling at the end of a thread that I thought every moment would snap, and send me — where?"

"You were being supernaturalized beyond the peradventure of a doubt. Come close to me, and let me see if I can't smell star-dust on you. Did you knock any celestial system out of gear with your heels? How did your dream turn out?"

"After I had hung awhile the thread began to stretch, and let me down easy until I lit on the Transcendentalism I had been reading. I found the edition had been much enlarged. And"—

"Then you got transcended."

"Then I let the string go, and it sprung back, and made a hole through something, I don't know what. I don't know what the other end was fastened to. Then Joseph Cook came along, and asked me why I was making so much disturbance in the firmament. I was going to say something to him when the fire-bell woke me up. I'm glad I woke up."

"I am glad you did, too. I presume your flesh is somewhat rarefied. You will be content to stay on the solid earth after this, won't you?"

"I guess so. Anyway I don't care about being away off in space with nothing more solid to cling to than an India rubber thread."

"Ah, these dreams are queer things. Night is the play-time of the mind. The old horse has his harness off, his master is gone, he is without restraint, and he cuts up some wonderful capers. I have at times been surprised at the extravagance of my dreams. I have dreamed all round the world more than once, wandered over the whole universe, seen the end of the world, heard the awful crack of doom, watched the nations of the earth march up through the air to be judged, seen the righteous turned into Heaven and the wicked into Hell. After the Devil had fastened the last bolt on Hell-door, I found that the powers had made a compromise on me, and that I had been denied one place and had escaped the other. Consigned thus to a glorious and eternal neutrality, though I was very lonely, I reflected that perhaps I was very lucky. I dreamed once that I skimmed the milky way, churned the

cream, and that the butter just when I had got it, set my churn on fire. But I consider that the most remarkable dream I ever had was that of throwing clods at Adam. One cloudy day I ran across him and Eve and Cain bathing in a creek. For some reason, maybe because the principle of original sin was working unconsciously within me, I began to pelt my old ancestor with clods. Just at this moment it began to rain. Adam and Eve took up the creek, and Cain took down, and my mind took off to some other tom-foolery."

"Ha, ha, ha! I'd like to know what things don't go through your brain asleep or awake."

"I call these dreams my epic dreams, as appropriate a name as I can give them. They do not deal with common wares. Fantastic, incongruous things! The stuff that dreams are made of, and how the mind works with that stuff! My old horse in the harness is tricky enough, but out of it what shall I say of him? Little enough can we pry out the workings of our sober, wakeful mind. Will we ever come to know the secrets of our dreams? 'We are such stuff as dreams are made of.' After all, that is the most we can say of ourselves."

"Do you think that dreams are ever foreboding or that they warm us of things that are going to happen?"

"I scarcely know. But in my own case I suspect not. I have several times had occasion to think the contrary, too. Once in particular I remember I dreamed of seeing a railroad train running with difficulty over a very uneven and crooked track, and that finally it met with disaster. This proved to be a parallel of the experience I was undergoing at that very time. But in this multifarious world with a billicen and a half of human beings in it, it would be strange if many and remarkable coincidences did not occur. Well, each man is a universe within himself, and it would be equally as strange if he were not sensible of coincidences in his own experience hard to explain as mere coincidences. Lincoln's fast sailing vessel dream seems almost inexplicable without acknowledging it to have had some subtle prophetic power. But I can speak only for myself. How did you like your Transcendentalism and your Orthodoxy?"

"Well, they treat of interesting subjects. I haven't a very elaborate opinion in regard to them."

"What do you think of Joseph Cook?"

"I do not know much about him. He seems to have dived down deep into these intricate questions, whether he knows more about them than some other people I can't tell. I guess he is esteemed one of the greatest orators and thinkers of the country. Wish I could hear him speak. Do you know very much about him? Did you ever hear him?"

"Yes I have heard him, and have read a great many of his lectures. When he first made his appearance on the platform, and showed his talent for argument and eloquence, he was looked upon by a great many as the strong and mighty defender of Zion. It was

thought that no infidel could look upon his face and live. The man has done a good work in his way, but the trouble is he doesn't seem to know that his work is done. After his vein was pretty much exhausted, he began, so I think, to apply stimulants to his declining fame. He uses them to this day. Ego is a dear word to him. He is very fond of telling his hearers some remarkable circumstance pertaining to Joseph Cook. He delights to say something, also, that may startle his audience, imagining, I take it, that they being the recipients of such an abundance of novel information as he can furnish in the space of two hours, will think him gifted with foresight and acumen beyond all others of the human race. Several years ago after he had just returned from around the world I heard him deliver a lecture on the Seven Modern Wonders of the World. He appeared to me to be anxious to tell that he was an eighth and the greatest modern wonder of the world, but he did not. I suppose on account of the public's sense of modesty, surely not on account of his own. He indemnified himself for this great self-denial by telling a great number of stories about himself. How he had stood for four and a half hours before a Japanese audience answering through an interpreter such questions as 'How do you reconcile the doctrines of Fate and Free Will?' The wisdom of Joseph's answers of course astonished the inquiring natives. How the papers were lashing him, several at Chicago, and one at San Francisco; and how little their lashing could hurt him, the valiant polemico-theological Achilles, invulnerable, heel not accepted. How he so utterly confounded some man in argument by asking him just a single question. How some man was going to horse-whip him, and didn't do it. He made considerable use also of his startling material in this lecture. Several times in course of two hours he shaded his mouth with his hand as if his tongue were looking toward sun-down, and gave us a bolt of electrifying intelligence, such as that in Canada, he was amazed to hear so often the whisper, 'annexation;' or that from what he had observed in England he regarded it as a dead certainty that there would be trouble when the Prince of Wales came to the throne. The infidel's Terror is injuring him-self by such work as this, and unless he comes to his senses he will soon be not a Joseph Cook, but a Cooked Joseph. I doubt not that he has done a great deal of good, though his ego habit makes him sometimes actually disgusting. We must learn to take men with their faults as well as their virtues, and be as charitable toward the former as is compatible with the highest regard for the latter. That is a grand paragraph of Carlyle's in his lecture on 'The Hero as a Prophet' in which he treats of faults. I have never forgotten it since I read it.

"I remember marking that passage. I shall be sure to avail myself of the first opportunity to hear Mr Cook."

"Do not fail to. You will learn by it. The conversation between our two

friends continued for awhile on various local matters uninteresting to us, and at length subsided, when Luppitta took his leave, and Wagisse returned to his readings and his musings.

ORIGINAL THINKING.

The *Boston Journal of Education* gives these as excerpts from the examination-papers and essays of "original thinkers" in grammar and high-school grades: "Jaundice—a scandal," "Mosquito—a child of black and white parents;" "Herodotus was a descendant of Herod the Great, and he was King of the Jews;" "The Aryans spoke the French language;" "Virgil was a great American author;" "Diogenes was a great philosopher, and a successor to Alexandria the Great;" "Longfellow wrote 'Paradise Lost' and 'Paradise Regained;'" "Hawthorne wrote 'Moses from an Old Manse;'" "Plato was the Father of Language, and his language was so perfect that it is said that if Jupiter were to speak he would speak Plato."

United States Chief Justices.

John Jay was chief justice from 1790 to 1795, and was succeeded by John Rutledge, of South Carolina, who presided for one term only of the Court, his appointment not being confirmed by the senate. Oliver Ellsworth was the next appointment; serving from 1796 to 1800, when he resigned, and was succeeded by John Marshall, of Virginia, who served from 1801 to 1835. Roger B. Taney, of Maryland, was next, and he presided over the court for twenty-eight years, from 1836 to 1864, and in the latter year gave place to Salmon P. Chase, of Ohio, who served for nine years, and in turn made way for Morrison R. Waite, of Ohio, who has held the office since 1874.

If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.—*Franklin*

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, in spite of her advanced age, is fond of out-door exercise, and walks from five to seven miles daily.

Vassar alumnae added \$14,000 to the endowment of the Maria Mitchell chair of astronomy last spring, and every well-wisher of the college will hope that after a well-earned period of rest, Prof. Mitchell will again be the presiding genius of the observatory.

Henry Ward Beecher's life, by his son and son-in-law, assisted by Mrs. Beecher, will probably be published next month. It seems that Beecher had begun the first chapter. This will be used, together with Mrs. Beecher's reminiscences of her early married life in the West, important letters, and sermons.

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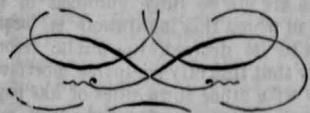


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Bill Nye, Monday evening, February 20th.
Minnie Maddern, Monday night in "Caprice."
Special sale of hats at the Golden Eagle.
Overcoats at almost your figures at the Golden Eagle.
Seats reserved at Wieneke's for next Friday night.
G. B. Thompson is contemplating a visit to Kansas.
Erodolphian and Irving Exhibition, Friday, Feb. 17th.
Sprague's hand-book of Volapuk, at Lee's Pioneer Bookstore.
The library has subscribed for the Davenport *Der Democrat*.
Co. B. has cast its vote for war, and is now drilling accordingly.
See the tailor-made Prince Albert suits at the Golden Eagle.
Master Oddie Voss, of Avoca, visited the Library Friday afternoon.
Bollinger went to Davenport yesterday, to spend Sunday at home.
Every student should have a copy of Volapuk; Lee, Welch & Co. have the books.

Go to the Opera House to-night for first-class shave and hair-cut.
Mrs. Ada North has gone to Des Moines for a few days' visit.
"She Stoops to Conquer," next Friday night at the Opera House. Go.
The Zet senate is settling many weighty questions of our government.
It is one thing to stump it on the stage and another to "stump" it to a dance.
Rehearsals are now progressing for the Soph. and Junior declamatory contest.
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Pres. Schaeffer is in Des Moines this week looking after the appropriation.
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Have you seen Craig's cartoon on the Contest? Frank Beard is clearly outdone.
Perhaps we can tell you something about Waterloo next week, when— returns.
We are unable to ascertain the cause of R. C.'s visit to Waterloo, but we are all in sympathy.
Last attraction before Lent, at Opera House, Monday night. See Minnie Maddern in "Caprice."
Reserved seats for Bill Nye 50 cents. General admission 50 cents; Saturday morning, at Wieneke's.
You can always find the best styles and double the stock of any other house in the city at Furbish's.
Greet Mr. Beard with a large audience; his lecture will be highly appreciated by all who attend.
Mrs. Schaeffer has not yet returned from the East whither she was called by the sudden death of her father.
Lee's Pioneer Bookstore, Washington St., has just received the most beautiful stock of valentines we have seen.
The costumes for "She Stoops to Conquer" have been secured from Davenport, and some of them are very fine.
A merry crowd from Cedar Rapids will be down to hear Bill Nye, an excursion for that purpose being arranged.
The literary societies failed to adjourn last night. This is the second time this term the new custom has been broken.
The assistant librarians are to be complimented on their management of the library during the absence of Mrs. North.
The sermon at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening, by Rev. Matthews, was largely attended and highly appreciated.
Tickets for Bill Nye's lecture on sale at Wieneke's next Saturday morning, admission, 50 cents; no extra charge for reserved seats.

Students, patronize Waterman & Williams when wanting anything in the line of Dry Goods or Notions. 124 Clinton street.
There is a girl in Michigan six feet nine inches tall, and when her lover stands on his tip toes and pleads for a kiss, "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER."—*Ex.*
Frank Beard, who was to appear at the Opera House last Thursday evening, failed to make connections. He will carry out his program in the near future.
Frank Beard, who was unable to get here when advertised, will be here Tuesday evening Feb. 28th sure. Hold on to your tickets, your seats will remain as you reserved them.
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Reserved seat tickets for Minnie Maddern are now on sale at 75 cents and \$1.00. The entire gallery will be sold at 50 cents. Secure seats in advance, as it will save you time and annoyance.
A letter from N. C. Young, class of '86, says that he took a ride across the country with the thermometer at 60° below zero. N. C. is having a good law practice, and is well pleased with north-eastern Dakota.
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.
Minnie Maddern is going to have the big house of the season, as she richly deserves. She is one of the best actresses before the public to-day, and will present one of the most pleasing plays ever given in this city.
Manager Coldren is to be congratulated on being able to present such an excellent attraction as Miss Minnie Maddern in "Caprice." She has the same support that appeared with her for 56 nights at the Lyceum Theatre, New-York, and this engagement promises to be the Elite event of the season in this city.
It is now an historical fact, established by means of research, acrostics and cryptograms, that when Demosthenes went on to the beach and practiced for weeks with his mouth full of pebbles, striving to outbellow the billows and patiently clinging to the thread of his discourse, even while the loud boom of the breakers caught up his shrill remarks and hurled them into space, he was not preparing to make an impression upon the history of his time, as we have been taught. He was simply rehearsing a speech which he hoped to deliver at the Clover club, of Philadelphia.—*Bill Nye.*

THE UNIVERSITY.

Reports of the Visiting Committee.—How They Found the School.

[Special to The Republican.]
DES MOINES, Feb. 8.

Following is the University visiting committee's report:
To the Twenty-Second General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed under the provisions of House concurrent resolution to visit the State University of Iowa, state that they have performed that duty and beg leave to submit their report.

The public institutions of a State are usually accepted as a fair index of the spirit, character and prosperity of its people. They point the place on the great dial of progress reached by the State in its care for those humane, charitable, reformatory and educational interests which must concern the people in their representative capacity. Especially are these statements well said when the institutions devoted to the education of the youth of the State are concerned. The good that flows from them is not confined to the individuals who have passed the requisite course of studies there, nor yet in the grateful emotion of State pride they call forth; but it is in the hopeful, promising young men and young women, who, from year to year, having finished the prescribed course of these schools, go out from these places well equipped for the struggle of life, themselves the examples which inspire in others a desire for a better education and thus increase the general interest in educational advancement, and while the large sums of money required from time to time for the support of these institutions may seem to add greatly to the volume of other demands upon the public purse, they at the same time appeal with great force to a people ambitious for the future of their State.

That this institution has suffered to an appreciable extent from the agitation growing out of the great reform measures which have prevailed in our State should not be overlooked, in the opinion of the committee, in this report. This condition of affairs results rather from the fact of its location than from any cause within or connected with the control of the institution itself. Extended inquiry was made by the committee in this direction as to the present condition in this respect. The surroundings with which the youth of the State are to be brought in contact in these educational institutions is the legitimate subject of discussion and public concern. While it is no doubt true that the laws regarding the suppression of the sale of intoxicants are not so fully enforced in the city in which this institution is located as is to be desired, the public records show that this city compares most favorably with other Iowa cities of like population in point of order and good morals.

The changes that have been made by the Board of Regents in the faculty have inured to the public good, in that greater harmony and much less embarrassment to the progress of the institution, is insured. Under the able management of President Schaeffer and his assistants, the affairs of the institution are in a healthy state.

The report of the Board of Regents to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and of the President to the Board of Regents, for the biennial period ending August, 1887, already before you, embraces a statement of the names, and number of persons employed, and the salaries paid.

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Reporting on the first question sub-
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have been wisely and economically ex-
pended. Exceptions might lodge, per-
hap, against the terms of the purchase
of the Hornaday collection in the mus-
eum. This collection is called a gift to
the institution, but the provisions of the
gift imply that it was not wholly so. It
seems that by the terms of the contract
with Hornaday the authorities of the
college accepted a large amount of skins
of animals and birds, said to be worth
\$3,000, with the stipulation on the part
of the owner that one Ward, and he only,
should "mount" the specimens at a
price agreed upon, which was for the
specimens finally accepted, about \$3,100.
In answer to the inquiry of your com-
mittee regarding acceptance of a "gift"
of this kind, the reply was made that
"Ward was the only man in the United
States capable of doing the work." If
such were the case, your committee were
unable to see the necessity for the terms
of the contract.

In answer to the second inquiry in the
resolution, viz: "Whether they have
been expended for the object appropri-
ated," we would answer that they have.

Answering to the third inquiry: Your
committee state that no indebtedness in
excess of the appropriations has been in-
curred.

In answering, specifically, the fourth
inquiry, we find no diversion of money
from the specific purpose for which it
was appropriated.

The following changes have occurred
in the employers since report made by
the Board to Superintendent of Public
Instruction: Professor of Mathematics
and Astronomy, Not filled.
Chas. D. Jameson, Prof. O E; salary
per year \$3,000.
Orvill D. Wheeler, C. E; gone.
John C. S. Leader, error of printer
left out of salary \$950.
Chair of Demonstrator of Chemistry
and Toxicology now filled by F. A. Hol-
ton; salary as listed.
Lecturer of Insanity, Dr. Albert Rey-
nolds, salary as listed.
A. O. Hunt, Prof., of Dental Chem-
istry, draws the salary of "Demonstra-
tion in charge," in addition to his regular
salary.

The fifth inquiry has been answered in
the general statements preceding
specific enumerations of questions and
answers.

Sixth, There are no mechanical appli-
ances for fire escape, and your commit-
tee would recommend that authority be
given to the Board of Regents to pro-
vide means (if deemed necessary) for the
medical building.

Seventh, The sanitary conditions are
good. The site is on high ground with
a steep descent immediately in the rear
affording good drainage, if natural
conditions are taken advantage of. The
water supply is abundant, the buildings
are well-warmed and generally well-
ventilated, and the buildings and grounds
are in good condition.

Some of the buildings are in need of
repair; notably is this the case in regard
to the medical buildings; other buildings
will also require attention in this respect.
In the opinion of the committee a con-
siderable sum of money could be used
to great advantage in the proper and
needed repairs of the college buildings.

A building for the use of a chemical
laboratory is among the pressing needs
of the institution, arising out of the
largely increased growth of this depart-
ment. Apparatus for Chemical and
Physical laboratory are much needed.
Extra appropriations on the amount of
ordinary receipts from the State were
itemized to us, as follows:

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| Repairs and equipment, Medical and Chemical Laboratory..... | \$1,500 |
| Apparatus etc., Chemical and Physical Laboratory..... | 5,000 |
| Apparatus, engineering chair..... | 2,000 |
| Books for library..... | 8,000 |
| Cost of extending present chemical lab- oratory..... | 8,000 |
| Chairs dental department..... | 1,500 |
| Lecturers, dental department..... | 1,000 |
| For enlarging and repairing hospital..... | 8,000 |
| Additional lecturers, College department..... | 1,500 |
| Repairs to buildings..... | 5,000 |
| Contingent fund..... | 3,500 |
| Drainage..... | 1,500 |
| | \$41,500 |

CAUSES OF INCREASED ANNUAL EXPENSES.

1. Hitherto the President has had a
large amount of work as Professor of
Political Science. He has not had the
time to give the attention that was de-
manded to other departments than the
collegiate. Much trouble naturally re-
sulted and frequent complaints about
the University were made. The new
President, it is true, acts as Professor of
Chemistry in the medical department,
but at the same time he devotes the
principal portion of his time to the
management of the University as a
whole.

2. Owing to the growth of the Uni-
versity, better and more instruction is
demanded. To provide for this it is
intended to add another professor in the
Law department.

3. The work in English has been
very largely increased, requiring a
professor and an assistant, where before
this year only one-half of the time of a
Professor was occupied.

4. The work in Physics and Chemistry
has also been extended. Much more
Laboratory practice is now given. Two
years ago their work was done by one
Professor and one assistant. It now re-
quires two Professors and two assistants
besides the President, as already men-
tioned.

5. The Civil Engineering department
is now in excellent condition, so far as
the force of instruction is concerned. It
was found, however, to be absolutely
impossible to get the right sort of a man
for the former salary, and a considerable
increase was necessary. The salary
formerly paid was not sufficient to at-
tract anything better than a student just
out of school, with no practical experi-
ence.

6. Owing to the release of the Presi-
dent from the instruction in Political
Science, it was necessary to employ
some one else to do that work and an
additional Professor was appointed.
Your committee desire to express thanks
for the attention and efficient aid given
them in their labors by the President
and faculty.
N. V. BROWER,
On the part of the Senate.

J. F. THOMPSON,
On the part of the House.
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

I concur in all of the above report, ex-
cept those portions referring to the
moral surroundings of the University,
and the words of commendation for the
Regents for their actions in regard to
the changes in the faculty. On these
two subjects I must dissent from assum-
ing an affirmative position, basing my
action on the grounds that I did not
consider either of those subjects as
coming fairly under the scope of our in-
vestigations as ordered by concurrent
resolution under which we were ap-
pointed. I have opinions on these two
subjects not in harmony with the bal-
ance of the committee, but they are
simply opinions, and I need not seek to
give them the weight which they would
obtain by being incorporated as a part
of this report. I would, however, say dis-
tinctly that I should not consider it right
to hold the Institution responsible for
the moral surroundings, whether they
be good or bad, as I cannot see that it
is to blame therefor.

JAS. A. SMITH,
On part of the House.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

C. J. SEARLE, Editor.

J. S. Hoffman, of the Junior class spent Thursday and Friday with friends at Cedar Rapids.

At the Tuesday night session of the Justinian Institute very excellent music was furnished by Messrs Lewis and Van Auken.

The boys seem to be well pleased with the grades they received on their examination in contracts. "What's the matter with Prof. Edwards?" "He's ALL RIGHT."

Geo. W. Dickinson, owing to the sickness of his mother, spent the greater portion of the week at home. She had so far recovered that he was able to return Thursday.

S. J. Smythe appeared as attorney for plaintiff in a case before a Justice of the peace, in which the landlord desired to oust his tenant for non payment of rent. It is needless to say the tenant was ousted.

The first case disposed of in the Junior Moot Court, in which Herberling and Kerr appeared for the plaintiff and Dye and E. L. Stover for the defendant, was decided in favor of the defendant by Justice Novak in a lengthy and well written opinion.

The total enrollment of students in our department is 76, 29 juniors and 47 seniors. The average age is about 24½; of juniors 23½, of seniors 24½. The apparent discrepancy is owing to the fact that the exact age could not be ascertained and that an approximation to correctness would be sufficient. The youngest man in the class is 18 and the oldest 35. Twenty members are graduates of colleges and universities, nine of which are graduates of S. U. I. The politics as nearly as can be ascertained is 4 Rep. 21 Dem. 2 Gaenbackers 4 mugwumps 1 Prohibitionist and 4 unknown.

The members of the law class learn with sorrow of the deep affliction that has befallen our friend and class mate F. J. Blake in the death of his father, Peter Blake at his home in Strawberry Point; and while we can not presume to enter into his grief, or to remove the shadow of a great trial, we can but express to him the feeling that the sorrow which rests so closely upon him, is appreciated by us all.

Therefore, it is resolved, that we take this opportunity of expressing to him and the bereaved family our earnest sympathy and condolence.

ALONZO RAWSON.
E. L. STOVER
CLYDE WARNER.
HENRY TAYLOR.
—Committee.

(Continued).

THE FORENSIC versus THE JUDICIAL.—In our last week's issue, we attempted to draw the contrast between the two classes of lawyers: we may well exemplify the characteristics of these classes by two eminent men who lived in our great sister state, just over the river on our eastern border. We refer to Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Storrs. Gifted, as few men are, with great fluency of speech, a splendid

imagination, acute reasoning powers, rare wit and humor, profound knowledge of men, and having the training of a large and varied experience in their profession, Mr. Storrs became one of the most accomplished lawyers in the West. For many years, he was known chiefly as an advocate; and, as such, he was equally distinguished before judges, before juries and upon the platform. In the management of a case, as a trial lawyer, in his arguments upon law and fact, he was almost without a peer. To him our former description of the forensic lawyer fittingly applies. He was capable of "making the worse, appear the better, reason." Whether on the right or the wrong side, he was the same brilliant and powerful advocate and orator. To win was his prime object. To this, all his rare powers were subordinated. And he too often triumphed when he should have failed,—triumphed over the right, triumphed over justice. We will not say that Mr. Storrs was a bad man. He was not. Nor will we say that he was without conscience. This would be untrue. But we will say that the moral faculty was not his guide and ruler in all cases. Nevertheless, he was respected, stood high among his fellow citizens, and reflected honor, especially, upon that class of his profession of which he was so brilliant a representative. Was Mr. Storrs a fit example, in a moral sense, for the imitation of the young practitioner and student of the law? Let each one of us answer this question to his own conscience.

In marked contrast to Mr. Storrs, we turn to Mr. Lincoln. In temperament, in mental equipoise, in his love of truth and justice, he was preëminently judicial. His high aim was the right as "God gave him to see the right"—the right in the abstract, the right in the concrete, the right in the law, the right in its application. He was not satisfied unless human laws conformed to the eternal principles of equity, as Jehovah had established them; and he was singularly capacitated in the compass of his broad and profound judgement, to discover and understand those principles. While, as a statesman, he would make the laws right, as a lawyer he would administer them justly; and so remarkably gifted was he in his knowledge of human nature, in common sense and tact, that he seldom failed in his practice to eliminate the false from the true, and so insuring the just administration of the law. His love of the true and the right was the governing principle of his great soul. Then came into his mental composition the other loves, strong and glowing, the love of men, the love of country, the love of the weak, the love of the suffering, the love of the depraved and fallen; the whole circle of laws subordinate, indeed, to his love of truth and justice, yet inspiring them with a charity that almost seemed to lift their possessor into the atmosphere of the angels. Of course, he despised fraud, chicanery and wrong, and was incapable of knowingly perpetrating them. Thus morally endowed, Mr. Lincoln employed all his powers, in every relation in which he was placed, whether as a citizen, a lawyer, a legislator or the chief executive of

a great nation in the most trying ordeal of its existence for the promotion of right and justice in their broadest and fullest sense. Thus morally endowed, he could succeed only when in the right. Then he was strong. Then he was invincible. Then he was always triumphant in confounding guilt and vindicating innocence. But upon the wrong side, he would have been like Sampson, shorn of his locks. Think not that we would wrong the memory of anyone, by the above contrast. It is not that we would respect and honor Mr. Storrs less, but that we would respect and honor Mr. Lincoln more. The one, as the world goes, was honorable, reliable, patriotic. The other was incomparable.

The contrast of character above presented leaves us the alternative of choosing between the two lines of conduct. We are now students of the Law. We will soon enter the arena of our profession. We will soon step upon the platform of action, clothed with the imposing garb of legal learning. Which example shall we follow? There can be but one answer. Would that we had a thousand Lincolns scattered all over this land, imbuing, by example, all the members of the great legal fraternity with more love for truth and justice, with more purity of character, with a broader and more generous patriotism. Then would this noble profession take a higher position in the respect and confidence of the people. Then would it become truly the main pillar in the great superstructure of the republic.

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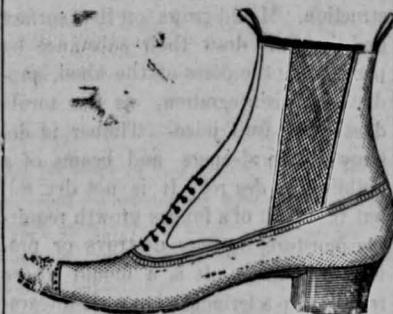
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Why is it that our numerous visitors of the fair aex, always sit near O'Connor.

The article upon Bacterial Science, contributed by Prof. Farnsworth will be read with great interest.

They have a Medical College in Rutland, Vermont that confers the degree of M. D. after a few lectures. It stands for Mind Doctor.

Mr. Truax was unable to meet the medical students yesterday, having been detained by business. He will be here the latter part of next week, and promises to knock the bottom out of the prices on instruments.

The following are the statistics of the hospitals for the Insane in Iowa, from June 30 to Dec. 31, 1887: Remaining June 30, '87, 1529; Admitted during the six mos., 383; Returned old cases, 36; Total under care for six months, 1948; Discharged total for six mos., 239; recovered, 115; improved, 74; unimproved, 61; Died, 64; Remaining Dec. 31, '87, 1550.

Bacterial Science.

Expose some grape or apple juice to the warm air and an invisible seed falls into it, that germinates and starts a plant, that multiplies so as to fill the whole fluid. The new plant does not excrete or create a new fluid but its presence sets up a chemical change, by taking something for its support and a new arrangement of the elements of the fruit juice takes place, a separation and a redistribution. Alcohol is formed and carbonic acid gas given off and some other products left. The gas escapes into the air, the alcohol destroys the plant that caused its formation. The sugary solution is changed or destroyed and, in modern parlance, "the poison" alcohol is formed, and the poison carbon dioxide escapes into the air. Let this new compound be exposed for a little time, part of the alcohol evaporates and a new seed falls into it and grows, changing the alcohol into vinegar or dilute acetic acid with the escape of more carbonic acid gas, and the new plant dies for want of nourishment and the poison it has produced. This illustrates the action on tissues of bacteria. They are fungi, that start from seeds in the air and multiply and decompose or disintegrate tissues animal or vegetable. They die from want of nourishment or a poison formed, but the tissue also is destroyed and becomes the prey of another set of decomposers; ferments we sometimes call them.

Vegetation living and dead is subject to the attacks of the same decomposing ferments, or bacteria. The fire blight of apple and pear trees, is caused by the entrance and growth of a bacterium. The potato rot, that created a famine in Ireland a few years ago, was caused by bacteria, that enters the tubers by the way of the stalks, decomposes the ligma

and sets up decay, or rot. Growing trees are destroyed by various fungi that enter by some wound or fissure, and produce decay. When the tree dies or is cut down, it is very soon attacked by a new set of parasites, whose roots decompose the wood and produce, rot or destruction. Mould grows on the surface and the roots draw their substance by penetrating the pores of the wood, producing a disintegration, as the torula does in the fruit juice. Timber is destroyed; the sleepers and beams of a building, by *dry rot*. It is not dry rot, but the result of a fungus growth requiring moisture; dryness destroys or prevents its growth. It is a mould whose roots set up a fermentation a disintegration. When an oaken railroad tie is placed in moist earth, several fungi attack it, and probably some bacteria, very soon it turns yellow and goes to pieces, rots, disintegrates by the fungi. Put another oak tie in its place and it is destroyed in half the time of the first, because the ground is full of the spores that produce decay. Either put in some other timber that requires a new kind of fungi or protect by an antiseptic.

Sterialize some fertile earth, heat it until all bacteria are destroyed, place in it a growing plant and water it with sterialized water; the plant will soon die from starvation, because the change set up by the bacteria is necessary for the production of the plant food. Investigations in these directions are now giving us the clue to animal disease. Bacteria grow and multiply in our tissues and change them, disorganize and destroys them, and also leave a poison behind. We breathe in these germs or imbibe them with our fluids or we inoculate ourselves with them. We are studying them, to protect ourselves against them and to find remedies that destroy them when they enter our bodies.

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