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HERETOFORE we have refrained from saying anything with reference to what has been said and done in the Legislature this winter in regard to the University. We have done so because we have been reluctant to discuss these matters, and have been of the opinion that they were better out of the college paper than in it. The students in attendance here have learned all facts of any interest from actual observation or through the local papers. But it is due to the alumni that we now say something in this direction. The terms of the Regents Richardson, Wright and Burrell expire in June. They were recently, by dint of a good deal of work on their part and on the part of their friends, re-elected for six years. Concerning their re-election we do not wish to say a single word. Our notion about their remaining on the Board can be easily conjectured from our former statements. We can not forbear to add, however, that since they are to be members of the Board another six years, we trust that the little good there is in them as Regents may be augmented, and the great evil diminished. The man elected to serve as Regent during the unexpired term of Dr. Huntsman, deceased, was A. W. Swalm of Oskaaloosa. He met with the Board for the first time a few weeks since. Coincident with the election of these men was the appearance of a pamphlet at Des Moines, from the pen of Dr. Hinrichs, in which were grave charges against Dr. Pickard, and still graver against Dr. W. F. Peck, coupled with a mad execration of the University in general, and of the Medical department in particular. The Regents were also denounced as a set of thieves and robbers, and venom of an especially deadly character was poured out upon the head of our dear Mr. Richardson, though the latter is not so bad a man probably as Dr. Hinrichs would

make him appear to be. There are several of the Regents whom we should not like to embrace and kiss, but any one of them is a saint compared with Dr. Hinrichs. With this doctor we are pretty well acquainted. All know the motives he had in publishing that pamphlet. He once held a chair in the institution, but was justly removed two or three years ago. He is now a defunct professor, most righteously made defunct, and though he professes himself loyal to the University, everyone knows that he would with supreme satisfaction blot the thing out of existence if he could, and would cheerfully make use of any means to gratify his malice and his hate. No doubt most of the charges he makes are grossly exaggerated, and not a few of them are probably false. But concerning their truth or falsity we shall at present enter into no discussion since a committee of the Legislature has been appointed to investigate them and some other matters connected with the University. It consists of two members of the Senate and three from the House, and is to inquire into the above charges, the advisability of abolishing the Law and Medical departments, the number of saloons about town, and the number of hours taught by each professor daily. The committee will be here soon, and we hope it will do thorough work. Hinrichs' pamphlet did not alone create all this alarm at Des Moines. The alarm was occasioned last June and has continued ever since. There was strong opposition to the re-election of Richardson, Wright and Burrell, but it was finally accomplished. It was opposed by alumni in the Legislature and the best friends the University has, and some of these same alumni were those most strongly in favor of appointing this investigating committee. As the acts of the Regents severally and collectively become better known, the anxiety for the ultimate welfare of the University increases, and this fact accounts largely for the easy credence which Dr. Hinrichs' pamphlet has received. The people of the State have the idea that affairs about the University have been and are going wrong, and they are determined to put the whole matter to a test. The committee is to report in a week or ten days. Meanwhile the appropriation hangs fire. Before money is voted, our legislators want to know how the money is to be spent. They have heard for instance that a certain professor in the institution draws a salary of \$1800 per year who in the fall term worked but one hour a day, who this last term has worked but two, and who next term will work but a trifle more than one. They have heard that other salaries of \$1800 are being drawn for two hours' work per day, or less. These facts we cannot deny, but it is forgotten that the character of the work

done calls for the salary given. We hope the committee will come here and satisfy itself and the body that sends it, that the atmosphere will be thoroughly and forever cleared up, that if wrong is found it will be righted, and that then a large appropriation will be voted, and the University commended to the confidence and patronage of the State.

Later it is learned that on account of the critical illness of Dr. Peck, President Schaeffer the other day requested that the proposed examination of the Medical department be deferred for the present, but asks that the committee be continued with power to sit in vacation, and that the investigation be made later. We presume this refers only to the Medical department, and that the other work of the committee will be begun forthwith.

A MOVEMENT which has excited considerable comment this week, is the formation of a University Temperance Alliance, the avowed object of which, is to assist in the enforcement of the prohibitory law in Iowa City. With this object the prime movers went to a number of the students who, they believed, had their cause at heart, and appointed with them Thursday afternoon to meet and organize an alliance. This they did and it speaks well for the moral standard of the students and the earnestness of this movement that fifty-five members were at once obtained. When all of those join, who wish to join, this number no doubt will be much increased. There are no ladies in the organization. The students have quietly stood back and hoped for the best, in the closing of these saloons, for a long time. There hopes have not been fully realized. They now propose to take an active part and see what aid they can furnish. In their work they are backed by the city alliance, many of whose members are business men of Iowa City; whose sympathies are all on this side, who are ready to go down in their pockets and furnish the money to carry this work along, but who know from experience and observation that they hazard their business when they make an open, aggressive warfare. There is one thing of which we may all feel assured; that the young men who have joined this movement are very much in earnest. Those who know them, know them to be the quiet, steady workers in the University; who know the value of work, and what it can accomplish. They will not be discouraged because dazzling results may not at once crown their efforts. They are ready to make a long fight of it, confident that in the end, however remote that end may be, they will accomplish their purpose. The success with which they have already met gives them much encouragement and greatly strengthens them in their determination. The alliance would like any student of the Uni-

versity, who is in full sympathy with it, to become a member. The members want no one to join, merely because it is popular among the students. Only those whose heart is with their cause are of any value to them. We are glad this organization has been made. We look forward to good results from it.

ABOUT the time of the medical commencement, Dr. W. F. Peck in performing a surgical operation had his thumb slightly scratched by a diseased bone. Nothing was apprehended at the time, but the thumb and hand and arm soon began to swell, blood poisoning set in, and the doctor is now lying in a critical condition at his home in Davenport. We trust a change for the better will soon be announced.

A Sophomore-Junior Oratorical Association was organized in joint session of the Irving and Zetegathian societies. This association expects to hold annual contests to replace the regular "Junior Contest" of former years, which has been abolished by the University faculty. Sophomores and Juniors only are to participate in this, membership to consist of the above-named societies.

TUESDAY next the commencement speakers will be announced. Some of us will therefore be made very happy. The rest of us and the large majority of us sometime and somewhere in our course crossed the dead line and were spotted. The triumphant few will march forth over our dead bodies.

Dr. J. L. Pickard, late president of the Iowa State University, has been helping celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the University of Illinois at Champaign. When it comes to selecting the veteran educators of the west, Dr. Pickard holds first place for years of usefulness.—*Democrat-Gazette*.

OUR thanks are extended to Richardson Bros. of Davenport, for a handsome copy of "A Girdle Round the Earth," and for the Sunday edition of the *Democrat-Gazette* which we have the honor to place on our exchange list. An extended notice of the book appears elsewhere in this number.

THE committee from the legislature to investigate University and Iowa City affairs consists on the part of the Senate of Knight and McCoy, from the House, Craig, Wilber and Lewis. It is reported that they will be here Monday.

THE vacation of the VIDETTE-REPORTER this spring will begin with the Senior vacation, hence this is the last number of this paper for the present term. The next issue will be published April 14th.

WE extend thanks for the January number of the *Iowa Wesleyan*, It has just arrived.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

TO

Once did I see an eagle rise aloft,
 And bathe his wings in evening's mellow light,
 Spurning the earth in his high mountain flight:
 The while a shepherd, watching o'er his croft,
 Cleft the soft air with angry, hissing shaft;
 Swifter than e'er did eagle upward speed,
 The arrow swept to do the murderous deed:
 The air-king trembled, and as breezes waft
 A withered leaf, torn from its parent branch,
 He circled downward, tho' he upward strained,
 Until the sad earth, by the red drops stained,
 Mourned for the life-blood that she could not
 stanch.
 Thus my exultant hope, high-mounting, falls and
 dies,
 When wounded by a glance from —'s cruel
 eyes.

—J. S. NOLLEN.

THE NEW CRUSADE.

From the Divine Right of Kings to the
 Natural Rights of Man.

CARL K. SNYDER.

Opinions, not armies, have made history a chronicle of change. In the grand parliament of human thought, Discontent has ever stood forth as the radical leader of the Opposition. Discontent, then, and not ambition, is the real mother of Reformations—the true index of a progressive age. The warring of kings, the strifes and dissensions of the nobility, the quarrels and machinations of priest and clergy, all have contributed but little to progress. On the battle-fields of revolution, and not of conquest, have been fought those signal victories that have advanced and elevated the race of man.

Revolution, and not conquest; it tolls the tocsin for the assembling of a country's patriots; it sounds the knell of usurping despotisms; it lights the fires of decaying civilizations. It is the natal day of every era of freedom—the milestones of a nation's advancement. "Revolutions never roll backward." Revolution it is that has wrought the greatest changes of the past, this that must work out the needed changes of the future. The world is growing better. The Revolutions of the past, of to-day, have made it so. And still—the longed-for Utopia is not yet reached. There is famine and suffering in the midst of plenty. The gray hairs of sorrow mingle their faded beauty with the golden tresses of joy. With equality written all over our statute books and our laws, we have the most monstrous inequality in the world. There are hovels that ought to be homes. There are human beings turned into machines. Childhood is robbed of its pleasures and manhood of its nobleness. Industry is deprived of its just reward, and the very "leave to toil" becomes a boon. The shades of prostituted genius rise up to mock the artisan at his task: "Why toil ye?" they ask; "Grow ye richer thereby? The inventions of a century, surpassing all the wonders of fable and fiction, have they lessened the weight of our burden—have they increased your scant meed of happiness?" And by their side stands the demon of want, ceaselessly recruiting from the tattered children of poverty his vast army of the discontented. As yet, the masses have never flung up barricades in our great cities.

Politicians cry that such mad anarchy would be impossible in a land where all are equal. Yet this much bruited equality—who has seen it—who has felt it?

France before the revolution presents a startling likeness to the picture of the America of to-day. There, it was serfdom and feudal tenantry; here, it is industrial slavery and the leasehold of alien landlords. There, ignorance and fear hung like a mantling cloud above the heads of the peasantry; here, the Croesus-like employer banks his millions of money against millions of men! An arrogant plutocracy gathers unto itself the haughty robes of an ancient aristocracy, and the vaunt of gold replaces the boast of patrician ancestry. A century of protection for the manufacturer has reaped—a harvest of riches, and wide-spreading acres crowned with the magnificent palaces of opulence attest its magic power. A century of unprotection for the working man has reaped—a harvest of broken promises and barren regrets, and the squalid huts and crowded tenement houses of penury bespeak the hollow lie! Not unfrequently has bribery trod almost unchallenged the halls of the American Congress. More than once has justice put forth the foul hand of the wanton, begging for tribute. Unblushing robbery and legalized theft are crowned with the trophies of success, while millionaire criminals walk our streets unchained. Yesterday it was a despotism of titled names; to-day a tyranny of Mammon; to-morrow—what?

"For ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
 Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

By the examples of the past we may map out paths for the future. In the light of history alone may our statesmen hope to work out wisely their appointed quota in the solution of the great problem of the ages, the relation of man to man.

To such an example, therefore, let us turn.

The French Revolution—that wonder of modern times—truly the pictured battle of the gods,—its history the grandest epic of literature,—its lessons the most profound in all the philosophic teachings of history,—a grand drama of confusion, destruction and change, that dispelled as with an enchanter's wand the Cimmerian gloom of the centuries,—the new crusade; for as centuries before, the followers of the lowly hermit, inspired by the fires of religious zeal, swept in mighty hordes far over the land and over the seas to wrest from the ruthless hand of the Infidel the tomb of Christ, so with a not less holy zeal, did these enthusiastic children of the revolution brave the horrors of civil strife and the might of the armies of Europe to regain from the torrid grasp of usurping monarchs and mailed marauders the rights of man!

The French Revolution! Before us, in the fast darkening shadows of the past, rises a vast, majestic, spectral Coliseum; and in the presence of the assembled audience of the ages, behold this titanic tragedy unfold itself! Again we are amidst that wild, untamable play of the elements. Again we strive to comprehend this wondrous riddle—this strange mixing of the tragic and the grotesque—

heroic bravery and maudlin buffoonery—wherein its actors are raised into beings half divine, only to sink into lives of half bestial depravity.

Behold the prelude to the play. We see the five-and-twenty savage millions of France, marshalled, as it were, into one forlorn soldiery of the poor, with misfortune and endurance for captains, and uniforms cut as if by the shears of fate itself into one woeful pattern of want; and a universal sombreness enfolds them in a visible comradeship of work. We see sad-eyed peasants gazing anxiously from the never-ending march of toil. Before us drearily winds this procession, ever decimated by famine and fatigue, yet forever swollen by fresh living recruits. 'Tis the Quarter or St. Antoine—a picture of misery—a poem of sorrow—a song of woe. The scene shifts. It is now the princely luxury of the villas in Fauborg St. Germain, where brocaded dames and bewigged Monsieurs babble of the Contrat Social and the rights of man! Honor, bravery and manhood have vanished from a once-chivalrous land. True, her wounds are hid with laurels, and her groans are drowned in songs of victory; but the foul miasma of corruption blots out the last trace of happiness and contentment from the face of sunny France. And the cry of her tattered, haggard children, begging at the gates of the rich for bread, is the faint, wafting breath of the coming storm.

The play is on. The convocation of the States-General is the signal for the curtain, and the wild drama of revolution has begun. Before us appears that strange anomaly, the insurrection of the women. We are at Versailles on that awful night with sullen sky. We see the sheltering palaces of court, nobility and clergy—within, beauty and splendor—without, the wild, raging tumult of the savage peasantry. Outrage maddening! Injustice unsurpassed! Strange counterpart of the sad tragedy of old. There, the court of Belshazzar: here, the court of Louis the Unforgotten. There, the drunken revelry at the feast of the gods; here, the mad debauch in honor of the soldiery. There, without, the assembling hosts of the Persian king; here, the endless legions of the new king, Democracy. There, the tragedy of a nation; here of a dynasty. And the same guiding hand of Destiny seemed to write its lesson above the ruins of both.

The fall of the Ancient Regime was sudden. Volumes have been written to trace its causes. Yet it was not anticipated, scarce expected. Philosophy and skepticism had driven fear and superstition from the minds of men. Antiquity, proscription, the sound of great names had ceased to awe mankind. Like some gaunt, grim, giant spectre, before the speeding rays of the awakening morn of human thought, it starts, pales, and has fled—into the silence of the past.

Old France is dead; the new Republic is ushered in upon the scene. Its birth was like unto that of some vast, continental area, lifting itself, as with a giant's might, amidst the tempestuous rage of the elements, up out of a desert waste of waters to meet and greet the gladdening glance of the morning sun. Not easily

did it throw off the crust of ancient privilege and former right. Again and again did the waves of imperialism threaten to blot it out from the map of the world. Again and again did it rise like a towering Colossus and send them back beaten. The storm is not yet over. The thunders have not yet ceased their rollings, nor the lightnings their flashing play. Yet behold: the rainbow of promise has set its seat in the skies, and, pure as the blushing tints of the newborn day, it has imprinted its arching beauty on the boundless azure of hope—a kindly omen of ultimate triumph, of ultimate peace!

The play rolls on. The first two acts are already past; behold the culmination and the last. The needed reformation deepens into red revolution. It is now that this boundless, boiling cauldron of insurrection stands forth in all its grandeur and awful horror. Before us rises the majestic Mirabeau, standing like another Moses on a mountain eminence, in that stormy midnight of terror, bearing the tablets of the law in his hands, preparing to lead the restless children of France out from the gloomy yoke of bondage into the glad sunlight of freedom. Like a protecting deity of Liberty he seems, and yet—he too has vanished, and License usurps the throne. Genius lays its head upon the block, and towering Mediocrity plays the king. Yet Robespierre, like Danton, falls. The fate of the Republic hangs on the issue of this sad October day. The streets of Paris run red with the blood of her murdered citizens. The on-coming Sections are broken and routed. The whiff of grape-shot has come at last. The Dictator has triumphed, and the silencing of the guns announces to the world that the advancing tide of liberty in Europe has been rolled back full half a century.

The play is ended. The deepening shadows linger fondly for the moment, and are wrapped in the embrace of sable night. The spectral scene before us, its theatre, its audience, its actors, has faded, too, and vanished. The French Revolution lives only in the realms of the past; yet its spirit, like the shadow of some brooding vulture, keeps its tireless watch above the dominions of tyranny, and crumbling monarchies and tottering thrones attest its omnipresent power.

History, you say, but repeats itself. This Revolution is but the counterpart of others gone before. Aye, it does repeat itself; not like the endless sweep of some revolving planet;—nay, more like some grand spiral, ever widening, ever rising, as it pursues its majestic sweep through the heavens, parceling eternity into years, marking out one increasing purpose as it through the ages runs, fearing not the mists that veil the future; and it will still continue its lordly flight on through the appointed centuries, only to lay down its completed and ended mission at the throne of the Infinite itself. It is the grand axiomatic truth of progress—the demonstrated problem of the life of man.

Darkness falls from the wings of night; and in the dim distance, on the great camping grounds of the future, behold the assembled hosts of the Grand Army of the Republic of Progress, marshalled into legions of the nations, their voices rising in one grand, harmonious, choral anthem. "forever singing as they forward throw the line, the hand that guides us is divine!"

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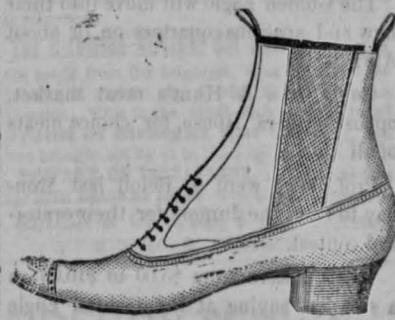
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STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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 President's recitation room. All
 are cordially invited.

LOCALS.

Lee, Welch & Co.'s Bookstore.
 Society elections last night.
 Declamatory contest March 24.
 Fish market, 123, Iowa Avenue.
 Wooden foils are getting to be the rage.
 The Seniors' vacation will commence Tuesday.
 Dr. Peck is reported this morning as improving.
 Wild-cherry cough drops at Louis, Greer & Co's.
 The number of plug hats among the laws is increasing.
 Miss Mitchell has been on the sick list the past week.
 Regents Richardson and Wright were in the city Thursday.
 If any one finds a cuff button, please leave it at the library.
 The Hesperians have their last meeting of the term to-night.
 David Evans is out for vacation, and is in the city for a short stay.
 Mrs. N. C. Young is on the program in the Hesperian hall to-night.
 The announcement of the commencement speakers will be made Tuesday.
 The ladies hold separate Tuesday noon prayer meetings in Miss Loughridge's room.
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 Prof. Booth went to Beloit last Monday to train the Juniors for their oratorical contest.
 You will save from \$5.00 to \$10.00 on a suit by buying at the Golden Eagle before April 1st.
 Miss Minnie Preston, of Des Moines, will be a guest at Prof. Calvin's until Sunday evening.
 Preston Hyatt, class of '86, now studying law with his father at Webster City, was in town Monday.
 Major Califf presented to the Museum an alligator which he procured from friends in the South.
 Will Stutsman, of Burlington, is in the city for a few days. He came in time to attend Irving election.
 Prof. Patrick has prepared and will soon publish a treatise on the ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclites.
 Students in need of shoes can save from 25 cents to \$1.00 per pair by buying from Furbish on the corner.
 E. H. Moss, of the Dental department, was in town this week. Ah—why so soon, when partings are so sad?
 Prof. Nutting will give a lecture before the Agassiz Association at the Unitarian church, next Thursday evening.
 Jack Bacon requests us to announce to the public that he has fallen heir to \$50,000. The story is incredible.
 The finest line of Prince Albert Coats and Vests ever brought to Iowa City is now displayed at the Golden Eagle.
 Schedules have been issued this week and it is surprising to find how many say they got just what they wanted.
 The Sophomore and Junior declamatory contest will be held at the Opera House next Saturday evening, March 24.
 A new poet has turned up, as will be seen from an examination of our literary page. The *debut* is certainly very creditable.
 Miss Carrie Pennock contributes to the last number of the *Hesperian* a very readable essay on the late Prof. Asa Gray.
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 Miss Julia Cavenaugh, class of '82, teaching her fourth year in the Newton High School, is home for a two weeks' vacation.
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The committee on Commencement invitations has been appointed, and is taking active measures to get up a first-class invitation.
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 The programs for next term's work are out. The scheduling was to have been done Thursday and Friday. We suppose the most of it was.
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 The Political Economy classes enjoyed some extra 'strolling on the campus' during Dr. Pickard's absence from the city Wednesday and Thursday.
 Several young men met at the office of Burns & Sullivan last evening and formed the nucleus of a young men's Democratic Club.—*Waterloo Tribune*.
 The school taught by Miss Eva Elliott, near the city, closed yesterday. Many of the S. U. I. students attended the final exhibition given by her last evening.
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 The Hesperians elected as follows: Minnie Howe, President; Hattie Stimmel, Vice. President; Florence Brown, Secretary; Edith Prouty, Treasurer; Kate Legler, Orator.
 We neglected to notice last week that W. M. Stafford, C. E. B., '84, was visiting friends in the city last week. Mr. Stafford is flourishing as secretary of the Sun Insurance Co., Rock Island, Ill.
 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.
 A large number of the members of the physiology classes assembled in the basement of the new scientific building, this morning, to witness an experiment by which the heart-beats of the victim (a dog) were seen.
 The Golden Eagle seem to be doing a rushing business, by all appearances. While in their store this morning, they were crowded with customers taking advantage of the liberal inducements this live house is offering at present.
 Earl Maine, who entered the University with the present Senior class, is now engaged as civil engineer at Sioux City. Mr. Maine sent to the Museum the skull of a buffalo, which he found fifty-five feet below the bed of the Missouri River.
 G. Paul Smith, the well-known impersonator, has been engaged by the Young People's Societies of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches to give an entertainment about the last of April. From Mr. Smith's success on a former visit to Iowa City, we may expect a pleasant entertainment this time.

The Seniors are having their pictures taken. Besides individual photographs, they will have a class picture and a composite of the entire class. The letter will be something new and novel in the history of Iowa, and, of course, handsome.
 The officers of the Erodolphian Society for the spring term are: President, Myrtle Lloyd; Vice-President, Eluvia Wright Recording Secretary, Bessie Peery; Corresponding Secretary, Dora Gilfillan, Treasurer, Nora Barnard; June orator, Anna Lalor.
 The following are the officers elect of the Irving Institute for the ensuing term: Julius Lischer, President; A. W. McCausland, Vice President; C. S. Clark, Treasurer; M. Bannister, Rec. Sec.; C. E. Riggs, Cor. Sec.; F. W. Myers, Sergeant-at-arms; and Carl Stutsman, June orator.
 Zetagathian officers for the ensuing term: Fred Lohr, President; J. E. Allen, Vice. President; S. V. Friend, Secretary; C. A. Lichty, Treasurer; M. L. Kennefick, Cor. Sec.; H. C. Gardner and H. F. Rall, Sergeant-at-arms; J. S. Nollen, critic; D. I. Coon, June orator.
 This is the way the paper of the Nebraska State University puts it. We are easily credulous: "A great number of the students attended Bill Nye's lecture on 'The New South,' and seemed to enjoy the few jokes which he got off. He assiduously left the subject alone, and the boys all seem to agree in calling it a 'sell.'"
 Baldrige, the valedictorian of last year's medical class, and his wife are in the city seeing old friends. Dr. Baldrige is located at Omaha, and reports that his prospects are all that he could desire. He says there are a great many S. U. I. boys in Omaha and that all of them are doing well. Dr. B. returns Monday. His wife will probably remain longer.
 Mr. Rohde, of the Senior class, has committed Oedipus Tyrannus to memory in the original during the past term, committing his lessons daily. Eighty pages—1500 lines—of Greek tragedy at "tongue's end" is no small matter, and the feat argues wonderful capacity for mental labor on the part of Mr. Rohde. We are proud of our powerful Greek. It will be next in order to present a Greek tragedy in the original, à la Harvard and Cambridge.
Program of Junior and Sophomore Declamatory Contest.
 The Power of Poetry in Battle - Robertson
 Charles H. Burton.
 The Diver - Schiller, Trans. by Bulwer
 Walter A. DeBord.
 Unjust National Acquisition - Corwin
 George B. Thompson.
 A Man Overboard - Hugo
 John T. Bailey.
 The Pioneers of Iowa - Runnels
 William B. LaForce.
 There Is a God - Valmah T. Price.
 The Cause of the Graechi - A. J. Craven
 Julien C. Monnet.
 The Treason of Slavery - Schurz
 Chas H. Maxson.

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versity boys (it must have been a law,
dressed up for the occasion) went to the
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went forth to show his honored guest
the city. They went around where all
the saloons used to be, and it was ex-
plained how rigidly the law is enforced
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the poor victim. One daring maiden
thought to display her valor, and, with
club in hand and fire in her eye, was
about to aim a deadly blow at the crea-
ture, when a beseeching wink and a
pleading squeak touched her tender (?)
heart, and she leaped upon the table,
(she was an expert in this line, for she
had been in training under Lisch in the
S. U. I. Gym. for the last term). Then
there was a wild chase. The senior girl
got her right hand smashed by a misdeal
from the brave (?) girl. They knocked
the limbs of the radiator off, and hurled
them at the unwelcome intruder. The
ladies kept up a continual song and
dance, greatly to the edification of the
regents in the adjoining room. The crea-
ture sought refuge in the hidden recesses
of a tiny (?) rubber. Bang went a board,
over went the table, and with one leap
she stood upon the enemy in triumph—
a victor without the spoils.

THE ACADEMY CONTEST.

The Academy students, last Thurs-
day evening, following out a precedent
established three years ago, held a de-
clamatory contest in the Zetagathian
hall. Considerably before the time to
begin, every chair was taken; but the
crowd still poured in as long as there
was standing room. There were eight
contestants. We do not know why they
were all gentlemen but such was the
fact. They were: Horatio Baker, Phil.
S. Cory, S. K. Stevenson, B. F. Sham-
baugh, W. W. Kaye, M. H. Lyon, H. E.
Kelly and Sam'l Younkin. The speak-
ing, on the whole, was very good. To
one who is unacquainted with the qual-
ity of the work done in the Academy,
the excellence of some of it was sur-
prising. They must have had faithful
training in order to accomplish what
they did. Mr. Shambaugh was awarded
first place, Mr. Lyon second, and Mr.
Kelly third. The judges were, Prof.
McClain, of the Law department, Miss
Prof. Call, and Milton Remley, with Wm.
Drew, as referee. We believe that the
decision was almost universally satis-

factory Mr. Shambaugh and Mr. Lyon
were considerably superior to any of the
others and the contest between them
was very close; but it seemed to us that
Mr. Shambaugh showed an ease on the
rostrum and a quiet power that was not
possessed by any other speaker of the
evening. Miss Ida Creger, the presi-
dent, deserves special commendation for
the distinctness with which she made the
announcements. Good music was fur-
nished, and altogether the Academy con-
test was quite a successful affair.

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Randall has returned from Davenport. Most of the boys are expecting to spend the vacation at home.

Examination in "Trial and Judgment" about the last of next week.

We will not receive our grades on Criminal Law and Attachment till the last of the term.

On the Thursday session of the Appellate Moot Court, decisions were rendered in the cases heard by that Court on Tuesday. Of the three cases decided, two were reversed on the lower Court. The first case decided was one relating to domicile. The defendant, was represented by Sowers and O. W. Wheeler, plaintiff by Smith and O. D. Wheeler. The plaintiff in this case was a young man, who had lived with his parents at Marengo but who, when his parents moved to Iowa City, remained in Marengo with the intention of joining his parents in Iowa City in a few months. He carried out this intention, but arrived in Iowa City only a few days before an election was held. He attempted to vote, but was refused by the election judges. The action was brought to recover damages for this refusal. He was defeated in his action; it being decided that he had not acquired a domicile for voting purposes in Iowa City. The second case was one in which the plaintiff sought to recover from the City for personal injuries resulting from a fall on a defective walk. The question of negligence, contributory negligence and constructive notice were involved in the case. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. Bartlett, defendant by Mr. H. C. Taylor. It was decided that the city was required to keep its walks in good repair, and was negligent in not so doing; that the plaintiff was not guilty of contributory negligence in attempting, with due care and caution, to walk over the defective walk; and that notice was necessary, but only constructive notice was necessary to be proven, and that three or four days was a sufficient time to amount to constructive notice. The last case decided was one beyond our depth and we will not attempt to give a synopsis of the case. The attorneys were Laffey and Clemens, Laffey getting the decision in the lower Court but a reversal in the Appellate.

LECTURES VERSUS RECITATIONS.—A short time before our entry in the S. U. L., we had decided to enter the law department of the Michigan University, our decision having been influenced chiefly by two considerations, namely, that in the latter the number of students is very large, and instruction is imparted chiefly by lectures. Meeting with a lawyer of some ability and with much experience with law students, we mentioned these facts as our reasons for our preference. He at once joined issue with us and attacked said reasons with such effect that we changed our resolution, and the result was that we were soon matriculated in the law department of the great University of the great Hawkeye State.

We propose in this article to give the result of our experience and reflections upon the subjects above suggested, since our said matriculation. It is probable that large numbers of students necessitate lecturing as a chief means of instruction. This is shown by the fact that the great schools in Europe and the Eastern States have glided into this method to such an extent that it has become almost exclusive. If lecturing is the best method of teaching, then large numbers in a law school might be a good thing so far, at least, as it promoted this. But aside from this mooted question, we can see but little benefit in large numbers in a law school. The student of the law should be trained to independence, pluck, courage and self-assertion. Is this best secured in the throng? Rather is not his individuality repressed thereby? Does he not become diffident, retiring, timid, feeling himself to be a mere cipher in the multitude? But, be this as it may, we would especially consider the relative merits of lecturing and class recitations to the student in the law school. In the former method, the professor comes before the class or school, somewhat as the preacher comes before the congregation. He is the only active one in the audience; all others are passive. They sit and receive, as he gives. Questioning by the student on obscure points would be embarrassing, or unfashionable, or looked upon as annoying interruption. If allowed, few would have brass enough to avail themselves of the privilege, especially, if the audience were large, and they would be liable to criticism for impertinence, from the less forward. Quite different from this are the exercises in the recitation room. Here the student has something to do. He takes active part in the exercises, the professor being the leader and monitor. He not only listens, but he questions, he answers, he takes part in the discussions. Not only does he receive legal knowledge, but by the drilling he receives he becomes familiarized with it. He digests it, so to speak. It is made his own. More than that, he improves himself in the all-important art of expressing himself on legal subjects in legal language and in good legal style. Moreover, he acquires independence, originality, alertness, versatility, and aptness in questioning and controversy. On the other hand the professor is brought in closer contact with the student. He acquires a better knowledge of his aptness and deficiencies. He is thus better qualified to perform his duties, to explain, to drill, to simplify, to restrain, to encourage, as all of his class, or each, may need.

We would not detract from the value of lecturing. It has its important place in the curriculum and is of great profit to us. The fact is, that in so vast and complicated a science as jurisprudence, every means should be given and improved for its mastery. Every means should be given and improved to secure that mental discipline, which is indispensable to its successful pursuit. The legal, is a logical science. We want to be trained to think, to think promptly, to think profoundly. It is a practical pro-

fession. We want a training that will give us common sense, tact and shrewdness. It is a doing profession. We want a training that will give us decision, that will give us energy of volition to act, to execute, to accomplish. It is a fighting profession. We need a training that will give us spirit, independence, courage, a manly pride. Last, but not least, it is a profession, the object of which is the administration of justice. Example, as well as precept, should instruct us that here, as elsewhere, honesty is the best policy, and that no influence is so corrupting in the State, nothing so subversive of public or private morality as the perversion of the instrumentalities of justice, to wrong, to chicanery and fraud. Surely, various and complete must be the means to accomplish so varied and perfect an education.

We feel glad that we have cast our lot in this institution. We feel that we have placed ourself where these means may be enjoyed to the fullest extent. We have lectures to a proper extent, and on appropriate topics, and most interesting in style and method. We have our class recitations, subserving every purpose for which recitations may be made beneficial—recitations, where the student is brought in close contact with his instructor, and where he may catch his spirit and imbibe his enthusiasm. We have, too, our moot courts, by which we may be panoplied before we reach the field of conflict. And, taken altogether, there is an atmosphere in and about our halls, that already makes us feel like lawyers. Would it be reasonable for us to expect better opportunities anywhere else, better opportunities with different methods or with greater numbers? If we do not well prepare ourselves for our life's work here, where will be the blame? Certainly, in ourselves.

In conclusion, we will say, that if we put forth efforts honestly responsive to the good wishes and hopes of our professors, and make the most of the splendid advantages that we enjoy, and then, if, at the end of our course here, we be not efficiently harnessed and equipped for the noble profession we have in view, it will be because nature has not intended us for such vocation.



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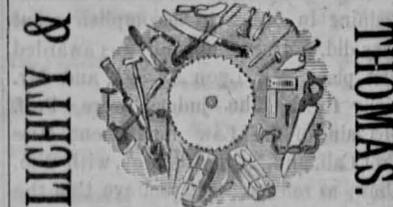
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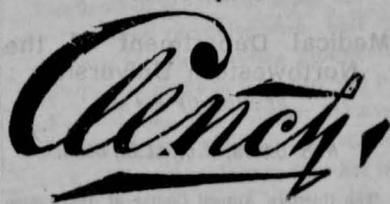
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MR. RICHARDSON'S BOOK.

We have just received a copy of "A Girdle Round the Earth" by Mr. D. N. Richardson of the Davenport *Democrat-Gazette* and recently re-elected regent of the University, and have examined with interest a work that has received such general notice from the press. All agree that it is written in a racy, brisk, vigorous and highly entertaining style and that it is superior in very many respects to any book of travel that has lately been published. It abounds in facts succinctly and briefly stated, it being evidently contrary to the disposition of the author to linger long upon any one subject, place, thing or feature. By the secular press the work is praised without important qualifications. By the religious press certain features of it are seriously condemned. The best review of the book we have seen, can be found in *The Nation* of February 23d. And one would expect in *The Nation* a pretty fair statement in this case. It concludes thus:

"The author would have done himself more justice, and spared annoyances to his readers had he spent a few hours in a library on his return home, and corrected some of his inaccuracies and many of his curious and superficial but mistaken notions. On page 60, he would have us believe that 'the nery, rice-fed heathen,' Japanese 'Coolies' at Yokohama (though properly speaking, there being no caste in Japan, there are no coolies but free laborers) beat an equal number of 'vigorous Highland soldier athletes,' because of their diet, instead of because of their life-long dexterity with the push-cart, which is a specially balanced machine, requiring skill even more than strength, whether gained by meat or rice. The talk on page 83, that the Chinese 'printed with type two thousand years ago,' is rubbish, and the author's general ideas about Chinese, chronology (p. 116, p. 122) are hazy and according to unrevised encyclopedias. Many of his statements of things in the Holy Land will not stand the test either of history or of the surveyors of the Palestine Exploration Fund. Many passages, such as those relating to Jerusalem (pp. 241-242), the Jordan (p. 257), are graphic and brilliant, but usually marred by some infelicitous remark may please the zealots who idolize or ridicule the Bible, but will disgust those who do neither. Indeed the chief fault of the author is his tendency to lofty and sweeping generalization, which betrays a lack of modesty such as culture alone can instil in a traveller. One is nauseated with the constant repetition in every chapter of the author's religious views, and his thrusting of theology into nearly every description given and opinion expressed. One might almost call his work 'The Sentimental Journey of a Theologian.' A little more reading and genuine culture must certainly improve an author who wields a trenchant pen with an ability not always well directed."

Mr. Richardson seems to be of the

opinion that the Protestant world has ideas that need knocking down and some old foggy ideas that need correction. It is too bad that the Christians of this country have not heard from Mr. Richardson before. It would appear that he regards all missionary enterprises as a humbug, and is quite ready with a sneer or slur for the poor deluded mortals who have gone to foreign lands to labor for the salvation of the heathen. He sees on board his outgoing vessel a pair of young missionaries, man and wife, and the great wells of his compassion are stirred. "Would I could send them back," he says, "if missionaries *must* be sent abroad, send in their stead some stalwart gospel men *who can be easily spared*, and who are better calculated to bear the brunt of this lonely and tiresome task." The italics are ours. The above is but a sample. Others might be cited, but we must hasten.

Yes, if the author had used his library before starting as well as after coming home, if he had taken more culture with him, and left some of his lamentable ignorance behind, we cannot help believing that he would have produced a better book. In the course of his work Mr. Richardson gives several choice bits of historical information. We find a great deal that we never found before and fear we shall never find again. Here is a specimen from page 360:

"We talk of the great powers now—the great powers of Europe. Why, Caesar's hand covered the whole of it—this boasted map, this patch-work crazy-quilt, and this was but a tithe of Rome's possessions."

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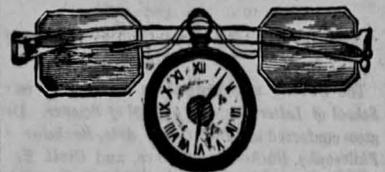
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