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THIS is the season of the year when the "financial editor" is being inspired to write fervid editorials on printers' bills, the difficulty of dodging creditors, and the attendant embarassments. We will spare our readers a long list of "chestnuts" on this subject, as well as some original compositien, if our delinquent subscribers will come to the rescue and pay up.

WE are sorry to learn that two of our best students have been suspended for two weeks for leaving drill after roll-call without permission. From a military point of view this offense is a grave one and merited severe punishment. A military organization cannot be maintained without strict discipline, and in view of these facts, the sentence was not severe. Indeed, we are told that the faculty first considered indefinite suspension, but as Major Califf thought two weeks sufficient in this case, such was their decision.

THERE appeared in the January number of the *American Journal of Insanity* an article by H. S. Williams, M. D., on the subject of "Shock." The article is based upon a case which has recently come under the writer's observation and is deemed of much merit. Its perusal would doubtless be of interest to our medical friends. It is rather too technical to be fully appreciated by the common reader. It will be remembered by many of our readers that Mr. Williams was a member of the collegiate class of '87 and was one of the most promising young men of that class. He is now assistant physician in the New York City Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island.

THE first number of the *Collegian*, the new magazine of the Inter-collegiate Association, has appeared. We have not seen it for ourselves, but one of our exchanges speaks of it as follows: "It in every way meets the expectations of the college world. Tne first article is entitled 'Harvard Reminiscences of Fifty Years Ago,' by Edward Everett Hale; and an aspiring 'Harvard Junior' contributes a short sketch, 'From My Attic Windows.' Besides these, there are in the literary department two stories, an essay and several choice bits of verse. The editorial, eclectic and athleiic departments are all well sustained, and repay careful perusal. Under the Eclectic and Critical there are criticisms on the various college journals, and clippings from the exchanges. The February number will contain letters from foreign correspondents, and the last four pages of all subsequent numbers will be devoted to an extensive book review."

WE clip the following from the *Delaaware County Leader*: "Madison, Wisconsin, has, according to the *Wisconssn Prohibitionist*, a saloon elegantly fitted up, which makes a specialty of catering for the patronage of the students of the University. It says: 'The saloon is now making a specialty of Saturday night free oyster-suppers. They are a decided success. Saturday night, the 1st, the supper lasted until three o'clock on Sunday morning, and the carousing kept the neighborhood awake. Last Saturday night it was as full as it would hold, both the pool-room and bar-room. Within ten minutes—near eleven o'clock—we saw ten young men leave the saloon and nearly as many enter. One wore a Sophomore's mortar-board. The sams saloon is as open Sundays as is any other saloon in the city. It is boldly breaking the law, and shamelessly seducing the young men of the University.'

"The saloon is dangerous everywhere, but a saloon wnich deliberately seeks to decoy and to debauch young men ought in some way to be closed by the officials of Madison, reinforced by a wholesome, vigilant temperance public opinion."'

Thank heaven, Iowa City has no such place as that. Nor was there ever such, even in the palmy days of high license.

THE matter of Chapel exercises and attendance has been agitated somewhat during the past week in certain circles. Of course we are aware that this matter has been discussed without any apparent results and that many are tired of the subject. But we want to call attention to one or two facts and to make a few suggestions. In the schedule of our daily work there is no time set apart for Chapel exercises. It is generally understood that there are five minutes devoted to this purpose, but it is not so indicated on the printed schedules. This is not right. Whose fault is it? If a student attends Chapel, he is *liable* to be marked tardy at recitation for it. It sometimes happens that classes begin work before chapel is closed. We have noticed that a great many of our Professors do not attend chapel, and we think we know the reasons. A Professor can not attend chapel, run back to his class room and be prepared to meet his class all in five minutes. Moreover when he leaves his room, he probably leaves half of the class in the room. It has been suggested that chapel exercises be held from 9 to 9.15 o'clock and that fifteen minutes be deducted from the last recitation. At this time all collegiate students are about the campus and could attend, to say the least, the attendance would be much increased. "Variety is the spice of life" and it has also been suggested that we have a little spice. One plan is to invite the ministers of the city to conduct the exercises—each having a morning. Such a plan has been successful in the Academy. We respectfully, yea humbly, submit the above to the consideration of that august body which meets in Secretary Haddock's room every Friday afternoon, and we trust that it will set to thinking.

We have made arrangements whereby we will receive new subscriptions to the Forum with a subscription to the VIDETTE REPORTER for $5.00. The price of the Forum alone is $5.00 a year. It is "the foremost American review" of living subjects, and among its contributors are over 200 of the leading writers of the world. Is gives authoritative discussions of each side alike of every leading question of the time. *The New York Herald* says of it. "It has done more to bring the thinking men of the country into connection with the current literature than any other publication." This is an exceptional opportunity for every reader of the VIDETTE to secure the Forum.

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A GREAT UNIVERSITY.

Andrew D. White, formerly President of Cornell University, and afterwards Minister to Germany, is vigorously insisting on the establishment, at Washington, of a great university. After explaining the usual facilities for University work given by the Government libraries and laboratories and museums, he says in the course of an article in the February *Forum*: "I fully believe that within a few years such a university would be one of the most useful and flourishing in the world, and that it might fairly expect finally to equal in the numbers and character of its students, as well as in the attainments and reputations of its faculty, the University of Berlin—the highest point which any university organization has yet reached. The city of Washington is rapidly becoming a great metropolis; it is developing the atmosphere which is to give character to the executive, the judicial, and especially the legislative business of the nation. What shall that atmosphere be? Shall it be made by luxurious millionaires, anxious only for new fields in which to display their wealth Shall it be an atmosphere of riotous living, without one thought of better things? Shall it be redolent merely of political scheming and stock-jobbing by day, and of canvas-backs and terrapin by night? In such a future, legislative cynicism and corruption, will be of course; for they will present the only means by which men can adjust their lungs to the normal atmosphere. Shall it not rather be a capital where, with the higher satisfaction and graces of civilized living, there shall be an atmosphere of thought upon the highest subjects, of work in the most worthy fields, of devotion to the noblest aims? Such an atmosphere a great university with the men and work involved in it, would tend to develop, and in it demagogism would wither and corruption lose the main element of its support. We may well suppose that some considerations of this kind passed through the mind of him whose great name our capital bears, and that these were among the thoughts which prompted him to urge, again and again, the founding there of a university worthy of the nation."

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The following books are missing from the Library:

Bacon's Works, Vol. VIII.
Motley's "Netherlands," Vol. II.
Field's "Yesterdays with Authors
German Dictionary.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

Additional Incidents in the Early History of the University.

BY PROF. T. S. PARVIN.

"Compulsory resignations," or their resultant dismissals, have become so "chronic" of late that the history of the first may, with all due respect to the opinions of mankind, be given as a warning that passion, prejudice and an undue yielding on the part of those in authority to the "ravings of the populace," should no longer be the rule of action.

To the better understanding of the *facts*, we shall relate a few introductory statements. Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., the first President of the University, was a native (a fact overlooked) of New England, educated under the influence of her institutions, and for some years president (the first we believe) of Trinity College, (an Episcopalian institution) Hartford, Conn. Later he had become connected with a similar institution, the old "William and Mary" College, of early colonial days, at Williamsburg, Virginia, and out of this grew the cause of future troubles to himself and the institution. Dr. Totten entered upon the duties of his office in September, 1860, when the very air was full of evil thought, forerunner of evil deeds. He was at the same time the rector of the Episcopalian Church, of this city. Among his parishioners was a poor widow with an overgrown boy, about as weak in his upper story as he was strong in his lower limbs. He was quite as dependent upon the charitable action of the church as his mother, and the rector had to look after both to see that the means of their livelihood were supplied. The church was then weak in numbers and not rich in means; but the Doctor had a horse, so he purchased a cart and placed not only the two at the disposal of the boy, but lent him the aid of his counsel to get and direct work, whereby he might support his mother, as well as earn his daily bread.

This was the state of things later when the war broke out. The whole community were excited. The drum and fife daily, hourly indeed, could be heard upon the streets and in front of the rendezvous (near where the Lee Book Store now is, on Washington St.), open for enlistments. Arguments, persuasions and mental excitement, were used to arouse patriotic impulses in the hearts of men, and boys too, in order to induce them to enlist. The son and only child of this lone widow, upon whose aid she depended for food and raiment, was beset upon all sides, by many, to go to the front, while they, or some of the leaders at least, might stay at home. In times of danger, as well as times of peace, one may well exclaim in the ritual of the church, from all such patriots "Good Lord deliver us." Surrounded on all sides by these influences, the boy went for advice, not to Doctor, President, or even Rector Tottin, but, to his son Richard a young man a little older than "the widow's son," and a student (the only Senior) in the University. The son said to the boy and would-be soldier, "Who will support and care for your mother if you go? The church cannot, and father is not able to take your place in the performance of this duty. He has bought a cart, and loaned it and his horse without cost to you, in order that you might do your filial duty, and should you now leave what will become of your mother?" The boy reported these sayings to the officers in charge of enlistments, when at once there went up a howl from the mob "Away with him, crucify him," and maddened with deep-rooted prejudice, because of *supposed* "southern proclivities," (the family having as we have related, come to Iowa ftom Virginia) the excited crowd went in search of young Totten, whom, had they found, they would no doubt have seriously injured if not proceeded further in their rage. The friends of "law and order" kept him concealed for several days, and when their malice could not be wreaked upon the son, they forthwith brought their batteries to bear upon the innocent father, as if he had been at the bottom of the whole affair. Too cowardly to assail him or his home, as they threatened, they induced others to act upon the Regents of the University, who soon assembled, and with "indecent haste," demanded the *resignation* of President Totten, upon the ground that his usefulness was at an end, just as if Iowa City was the State of Iowa, and all the people of the State as narrow and contracted in their views of patriotism and duty as the multitude at that time in this city. Unable to resist the tumult, or stay the action of the authorities, the President acted the better part, and surrendered his authority, rather than be "crowded to the wall" upon a charge of which he was innocent, as the most patriotic of his persecutors. The *matter* of this, and the *manner* of the removal of a later President, Rev. Doctor Thatcher, was simply infamous, and were we speaking rather than writing our calm judgment of these two acts, we would use a more forcible adjective to express our detestation of such conduct. Dr. Thatcher was, as those of that period all well know, upon the platform commencement day conducting the public exercises, when a note was thrust into his face, and before the audience demanding his resignation. The Doctor, as any man of spirit would, read the note, and denounced the act and the actors in no measured terms. When changes become necessary, as they have and will in the future, let all things be done "decently and in order," or let the actors be held up to the public contempt their acts deserve. We use no "honied phrases," but our native English to express what we both know and feel, even at this late day, when we recall those things.

The sequel to this true tale is soon told. The boy returned within a year from the war minus a leg. The church minus a rector would render no aid to mother or son, when they were cast upon the cold charities of the world, for the maddened spirits who had persuaded him to enlist and persecuted his benefactor even to banishment, were the last men under heaven to help him whom they had helped to maim for life, a sad commentary upon human actions.

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NOTES OF AN AMATEUR EXILE.

Not many years ago, a young man from Philadelphia came to visit in our quiet Iowa College town. Among his traps was a fine rifle and a good supply of ammunition. On being asked why he had brought these military stores to such an inoffensive place, he reluctantly confessed that one purpose of his visit had been to hunt the deer and buffalo on the Iowa prairies,—he had read that the royal game could be shot from the cabin window,—and perchance to take part in a battle with the noble Indian, and to carry back a belt full of gory scalps as trophies of his prowess, each to furnish the text for a tale of carnage that should send the cold shivers coursing down the backs of the Pennites. He added mournfully that when he had seen our waving grain-fields and neatly-fenced pastures, and no fiercer animal than the festive hog, his first error had vanished; while a view of the Iowa specimen of noble red men, ragged and dirty, begging in the streets, followed by a yelling mob of boys, had utterly dissipated the other. He began to see that he had labored under a misapprehension.

When I started for Switzerland, I thought I was going to a land of perpetual ice and snow, a sort of Arctic, polar-bear region, where people wear three suits of clothes and a fur overcoat, and walk on snow-shoes. I pictured to myself how novel an experience it would be to sink into a snowdrift, and be dug out by a big St. Bernard dog with a keg of Schnapps tied about his neck. That's the way the pictures put it, but those pictures are glorious frauds. The autumn weather here has been superb; an Iowa fall could not be nearer to perfection. Winters are not nearly so cold as in Iowa,—the lake freezes over only once in half a century, and when I speak of a climate that produces a hundred degrees in the shade, and ice two feet thick, the natives smile and raise their eyebrows in gentle incredulity. They are too polite to draw from their vest-pockets a card bearing the legend "I am somewhat of a liar myself." At any rate, I had labored under a misapprehension.

The most prominent features of Switzerland are its mountains; next come its hotels. The Swiss hotel is ubiquitous, and its name is legion and something more. No peak is too hard for it to climb and perch upon, no byway too unfrequented to claim its familiar presence. The tourist may leave civilization far behind and clamber at the risk of his life up some desolate mountain height; the summit is before him, and his bosom swells with the pride of discovery,—that indefinable joy of firstness; he begins to quote from "Ye Ancient Mariner," or, what is worse, to breathe some original lines, when he turns a corner and lo! before him stands a five-story Swiss hotel, and the genial host rubs his hands softly at sight of a victim. That feeling of firstness dies away, and a feeling of cheapness fills the void. And it is even so. If you see two houses by a roadside, one is sure to be a "gasthaus," and the other may be a restaurant. In Brunnen, a village on Lake Lucerne, I counted thirty hotels, some of them four times the size of the largest in Iowa City. In cities like Lucerne, one could hardly throw a pebble anywhere without breaking a hotel window. There are advantages in this overplus of hotels. Any one who has had the experience will testify that there is no such feeling of homesickness and utter ennui as that of the traveller who is dumped down by a Western junction, with nothing in sight but a shanty station with a sleep-destroying bench in it. Such a situation in Switzerland is impossible. There is no place here so lost to civilization that a few steps will not lead to a gasthaus, where one may find certainly something to eat and drink, and probably a copy of "Fligende Blatter" to look at.

Switzerland is German in its taste for beer, and French in its penchant for frogs. The former is the universal drink, with "most," or pear cider, as an active auxiliary. Wine is also used in large quantities. While going up the Rhine and gazing with startled eyes at the endless miles of vineyards, one wonders, with Mark Twain, where all the wine goes to; but after a short stay on the Continent, the wonder is where all the wine comes from! The sturdy Schweizer saunters into a wirthhaus, and orders "epis wie," which means "a little wine;" the servant brings, not a glassful, but a litre (somewhat over a quart) and that is but a starter. As for beer,—I was taking lunch at the restaurant of a beautiful Zurich station; a delicate, refined-looking girl, almost a child, came in, sat down at an adjacent table, and gave her order; the waiter reappeared, bearing a huge schooner brimful of foaming beer; I was astonished at his effrontery, and expected to see the girl blush and reprimand the fellow for his absurd mistake; instead, she simply raised the mass of foaming stuff to her lips, drained it to the last drop, and sent the empty glasss to be refilled. It certainly will take a long, weary time before Europe has "evouted" up to the Iowa standard on the liquor question. It must be confessed, however, that the species of "tanglefoot" used here is infinitely purer and less harmful than the rank poison with which bibulous Americans commit slow suicide.

Leaving out extremes, the American home really has no fit counterpart here. Wealthy people, of course, have "all the modern conveniences," and there are places where poultry, hogs and humans live on terms of social equality; but I am speaking of the average citizen, who earns his bread by manual labor; his house has not the comfort and cozy cheerfulness that meets his brother republican of the Union when he returns from his day's work. The exterior of the Swiss house generally is either solid or pretty; sometimes the outward orna

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Harry Richards has been using his crutches this week.

Bonson (the old one) is the most graceful athlete in school.

Grand special sale of Prince Albert suits at the Golden Eagle.

Wonder if Cox and "Billy" Bremner received letters this morning?

Gentlemen, please don't attempt to make such sneaks from drill.

Examine the large line of Prince Albert suits at the Golden Eagle.

Mercy Hospital came near being destroyed by fire a few nights ago.

Novelties in Valentines at the University book store. Lee, Welch & Co.

Dr. W. A. Dickinson, of Des Moines, has been in town for several days.

Mr. W. E. Doan, of Eima, Iowa, visited his brother-in-law Prof. Weld, last week.

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The observatary is now in good running order. It is open every Saturday night.

Dr. Shaeffeffer addressed the Buchanan County Teacher's Association last Friday.

"Drop sixty-five cents in the slot" and get the VIDETTE for the remainder of the year.

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An attentience listened to a fine literary program in Hesperian hall, last Saturday evening.

See the cheap sets of Macaulay, Hume and Gibbon at Lee, Welch & Co's. University book store.

A letter from Morris Evans informs us that he is progressing finely and enjoys his work very much.

We want some choice spring poetry in a short time. Poets please govern themselves accordingly.

The three champion horizontal bar performers of the S. U. I. are Bonson, Prouty and Valmah.

The attendance in the collegiate department of the University will be larger this year than ever before.

Mr. Frank Childs has returned to his home in Mt. Vernon, Ill., after a week's visit with his brother Oliver.

The Botany class is now wrestling with parenchyma, prosenchyma, sclerenchyma and such isodynamous terms.

The six favored orators have been busy all the week preparing for the final struggle, which took place last night.

The members of the Zo-ology class are highly pleased with the manner in which it is conducted by Prof. Nutting.

We have just received a line of Prince Albert suits equal in style, fit and finish to the best custom make.—The Golden Eagle.

A gentleman from Mediaopolis, who was in the city Thursday, reports Gibson and Joe Anderson in good thriving condition.

The Sophomores were favored by the presence of visitors at Elocution this week. They made more noise than ever (the Sophs, we mean).

Heald says his letters from home are about as follows: Enclosed find $1.20; Make it go as far as possible. Gov. Bertie, you must be a very bad boy.

We understand that a Homeopathic Medical journal is to be started soon. Dr. Coverperthwaite is to be one of the principal editors. It will be published at Cedar Rapids.

Remember that the VIDETTE is the the paper of the students, and it is your duty to assist in making it a success. Let us have some lively discussions of college matters.

Mr. John P. Swisher, a prominent young lawyer of Cedar Rapids, and a graduate of the University Law school, died last Saturday. The funeral services occurred in this city last Monday.

Dr. Sudduth's lectures have been attracting general attention of University circles. The lectures for the public were given on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of last week. The lantern will not be used next week.

In the Centerville *Citizen*, of recent date, we see a very neat compliment paid to the business ability of J. C. Dooley, a former student of the S. U. I. Mr. Dooley is located at Moulton.

After February 8, the meetings of the Baconian Club will be held at half-past seven, instead of seven o'clock. Visitors will be admitted to the meetings upon invitation from any member or associate.

As a rule our brother scribe does not thirst for the blood of his fellow man, but when he attends a contest, and is continually disturbed by the whispering and tittering of some young duck and his girl, then he longs to be a very large man with a very large fist.

The late signal victory of Boulanger brings him once more to public view. It will not be out of place therefore to direct our readers to a fine portrait of him which may be found in the eleventh volume of Appleton's Encyclopedia.

The gentlemen who live north of the University a short distance, and who amuse themselves by throwing light into the Physical and Chemical laboratories, should make it a point to avoid a meeting with certain Professors, most interested.

We are happy to announce the promotion, to a First Sergeantcy, of Ed. Ely, an old Iowa City boy, now at West Point. Notwithstanding a spell of sickness, he alone was successful in the rigid examination which took place but recently. This will be good news to his many friends.

Recognizing the need of physical development as well as mental, some of the enterprising Law students have fitted up and furnished the room in the Central building, known as the "study room," for a gymnasium. They have their apparatus in place, and expect to begin operations soon.

Still they come. The Beloit dances, we mean. Wednesday evening witnessed another of those most charming hops which have been, and will continue to be, the delight of the wintry season. We will not torment our readers in reproducing those stereotyped expressions so oft employed in "writing up" occasions of this kind, but will simply say it was a pre-eminently pleasant affair.

We note the following additions to that portion of the library relating to Botany: A Provisional Host-Index of Fungi of the United States; The Second Part of Tuckerman's Lichens of N. A.; Puff-balls and Morels of Wisconsin. Two periodicals have been added to the journals of this department, viz.: *Garden and Forest*, and Garduer's Chronicle. All of the above are to be found at the Botanical Laboratory.

At future contests the officers should see that no one is allowed to enter the hall while the orations are being delivered. At least two orators were very much annoyed by this last night.

In using new steel pens the ink sometimes will not flow readily. This can be avoided by sticking the pen into a potato. Try it the first Esterbrook Pen you use.

—The oldest and most reliable house in the trade is C. L. Mozier's, 125 Washington Street, where you can always find *good goods at low prices.* His stock of dress goods and fancy goods is fine. He is the only party in the city carrying a line of the "*Cleanfast*" *Hosiery*, warranted not to crock or fade.

There was but little betting on the oratorical contest. The signs of the times are good. Verily, our moral atmosphere is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Seerley, both well known in University circles several years ago, have been in the city for a few days. Mr. Seerley is now the General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Oshkosh, Wis. On Wednesday evening, he delivered a very interesting address at the Methodist church. Mrs. Seerley, it will be remembered, is a daughter of Mayor Holmes.

Just think of it Valentines day is close at hand. We may now look for the ancient, attenuated, stereotyped sketch of Valentines day in the newspapers.

We want to call the attention of students to the danger of skating on the river. Scarcely a day passes that the *Republican* does not record a cold bath for someone. Almost every year, the treacherous Iowa claims some poor fellow's life, and it is about time for collection again. Of course there is no danger in some places, but one is apt to grow careless and venture on dangerous territory. Be careful.

OUR ORATORS.

In accordance with a good and time-honored custom, the annual home oratorical contest was held at the Opera House last night. However true may be the statement that there is a general lack of interest in the contest on the part of the students, this year, it is not true of the citizens of Iowa City, for a large and appreciative audience greeted the orators last evening.

After a well rendered overture by the S. U. I band, the Rev. Bullock eloquently pronounced the invocation. The President, Minnie Howe, then introduced Mr. J. E. Conner, whose subject was "Liberty, not License." Mr. Conner spoke at a disadvantage, as there was a great deal of confusion. The thought was clear and easily followed; the style was straight forward with little attempt at flowery speech; his voice lacked the depth and rotundity of the model orator, and there was a certain stiffness which materially detracted from the force of delivery.

Mr. Willis Hall delivered an oration on "Gustavus Adolphus." This impressed

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us as a historical sketch, perhaps more of an essay than an oration. His conversational delivery was well suited to the character of the production, though at times he dropped to a monotone.

At this point, Miss Chase rendered a vocal solo in her usual charming manner. She was encored, and responded gracefully.

Then came J. S. Tuthill with "Orators and Oratory." "There is no music so sweet as the music of the human speech." The delivery of this first sentence was so excellent that all felt it was to be the best in that particular, as, indeed, it was. His bearing was easy and natural. The thought was clear and well expressed. Mr. Tuthill held the audience better than any of the others.

"England in India" was the subject of Geo. B. Thompson's oration. The thought and style were excellent. There is a beautiful climax in the picture of the results of the English government in India, but Mr. Thompson did not bring out its force in the delivery. His bearing was easy and graceful, but he lacked Tuthill's force. As Craven said of Mike Snyder, "he halted once for reenforcements," but sustained himself well.

Miss Blanche Ewing then gave a beautiful solo, which so well pleased the audience that they had to have another.

"Popular Sovereignty" was a well written oration by Mr. A. D. Slocum. In enunciation he surpassed all. But his gestures were poor. In our opinion, Mr. Slocum's oration merited a better place than it received.

Mr. J. E. Patterson's "Evolution of Government" seemed to lack an orderly arrangement of thought. There was no climax, no time when the audience was more moved than at other times. In beginning he commenced with too much force, yet there was an intensity of purpose which held the attention of all.

The University band favored us with some choice selections, and in a few minutes the President announced that the judges had awarded the honors in the following order: Thompson, Patterson, Tuthill, Hall, Conner, Slocum. So Mr. Thompson will represent the S. U. I. at the State contest at Mt. Vernon, and we do not doubt that "England in India" will win fresh honors for its author and the 'varsity.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Tuthill will attend the State Contest as delegates.

Throughout the contest there was an evident lack of appropriate praperation. The speakers lacked the grace and ease which should characterize such exercises. Hence, we suggest that our contest be held earlier next year. The orators were all members of literary societies. Mr. Slocum is from Irving, and the others from the Zetagathian society.

President Howe ably sustained her reputation as a presiding officer.

The Judges were Dr. Lytle, Hon. Milton Remley and Rev. Beavis, on delivery, and on thought and composition, Prof. McClain, Rev. T. R. Evans, and Mr. Johnson Brigham of Cedar Rapids. They gave very general satisfaction.

The audience seemed to toink that for general excellence Mr. Thompson's oration should rank first, while Mr. Tuthill was universally marked first on delivery. Taken all in all, the contest of '89 is a grand success.

The following are the markings of the judges:

	McClain.	Brigham.	Evans.	Remley.	Beavis.	Lytle.	Final Rank.
	Thought & Comp			Delivery			
Thompson	87	96	95.5	92	96	95	1
Patterson	82.5	98.5	95.5	96	88	94	2
Tuthill	80	90.5	94	97	93	98	3
Hall	83.5	88	94.5	91	89	92	4
Conner	88.5	91.5	92	90	90	90	5
Slocum	80.5	95	94	94	86	88	6

Died.—At his home in Council Bluffs, on Sunday last, Dr. W. D. Stillman, aged fifty-one years.

Dr. Stillman was one of the most prominent homeopathic physicians in the West, and a man of strict virtue and integrity, whose loss will be most deeply felt and deplored by his many friends and professional associates. He was influential in the organization of the Homeopathic Department of the State University, end was appointed lecturer on obstetrics, which position he filled until the lectureship was abolished, when he was appointed on the Board of Examiners of the Department—a position he faithfully and ably filled up to time of his death.

Death resulted from the inoculation of erysipilas poison by the scratch of a pin, while bandaging the hand of a patient suffering from that disease.

Chuck Schroeder writes that he finds life in the far West agreeable, and that business is thriving.

To our Student Trade:

On the first day of Feburary, 1889, we marked down the prices in our entire stock, except rubber goods, in figures never before named in Iowa City, this is not for a few days only but for the entire year round. Nor is it a "clearance sale" of old shopworn goods, for our new Spring Stock is now coming in daily. We guarantee a saving of 10 per cent on our previous low prices, and in some cases it will amount to more than 15 per cent. We do this because our large trade will Justify us in doing so and we desire to place our goods in the hands, or(rather on the feet) of our customers at the lowest possible prices—prices, that no other will attempt to meet. Our goods are well and favorably known in the University and adjacent buildings; it is unnecessary for us to say anything about them, as every pair that we sell advertises for us and and brings in new trade. We will save you money on anything you buy.

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W. J. Coughlan, '91, writes for the VIDETTE, and sends his regards to the boys and big girls of his class.

Aldrich, of class '90, renewed acquaintances Friday, and attended the contest in the evening. He leaves for Kansas to-day.

Mr. H. W. Stewart, a student of Monmouth College, has been in the city for some time past, organizing a class in "White's Memory System." Mr. Findlay has charge of the class in the absence of Mr. Stewart.

Oberlin literary societies have recently fitted up new halls at a cost of $3,500.—

Before me on the table,
Lie the bones of some old jade,
And I'm thinking as I look at them,
How wonderfully we're made.
How all these bones are fitted
For the places that they fill,
In the perfect mechanism,
Lying there so white and still.
Here's the curving spinal column
That will never yield again
To distribute every motion
That would jar the tender brain.
See! this column's made of pieces!
Rather rough ones it is true,
But each little point and facet
Has a special work to do.
Here, creeping 'neath their arches,
Like a tunnel under ground,
Is the slender neural chamber
Where the spinal cord was found.
How smooth it is! I wonder
What has kept away the bone,
And made so smooth a passage,
While around, these spines have grown!
Look at that flattened scapula,
What thoughts must crowd the brain,
As, through its roughened processes,
Charles Darwin speaks again.
"Men were not always fashioned
Like the men we find to-day,
But used to have their shoulders
Braced in quite a different way.
Long ere Eve, in that old garden,
Had the luck to meet the snake,
Men had lived and died for ages
With four collar bones to break.
They had wandered through the forests
With their fibulas intact.
But the cuboid and astragalus
Are bones they must have lacked.
Then, since 'tis naught but habits
That have changed the ancient plan,
We wonder how new habits
Will affect the coming man.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

GEO. H. MAYNE, T. S. KITCHEN,
Editors.

Mr. Higbee is home sick with the measles.

The "L. L." will have a special program in two weeks.

Mr. Jno. Hunt, of this city, entered the Junior class last week.

We are sorry to announce the sickness of Messrs. Bartlett and Draper.

F. W. Clark would like to debate on the subject "Is Marriage a Failure?"

Why is the Junior Law editor like the magnetic needle of a compass?—Guess.

The Seniors gained their reputation for making a noise last Monday, in Senior hall.

Ask C. H. Murphy who were those friends that said he was a widower with four children.

Bert Kerr is sick, and went home on Tuesday. We hope for his speedy recovery and return.

One of our Professors think that love and affection is not a good consideration, in order to compel a person to fulfill a contract.

The article in our last issue about the "Senior Law" should have had *contributed* over it, as it was furnished by a personal friend of the gentleman.

If you want to see
Our brother-in-*law*,
Please take a look at the
Dude *i. e.* Senior law.

The air was full of shoes in recitation on Wednesday forenoon, but the quick eye of the Prof. beheld the avengers. "Don't let it happen again, my boys."

This week terminates the study of Real Property, for the Seniors, and now comes the "tug-of-war" in the shape of an exmination; but we hope to be able to survive it.

No time in the history of the school, has there been more moot court work. Tuesdays and Fridays regularly, and interspersed with extra sessions, which are almost a daily occurrence.

Prof.—"Does a contract, in consideration of marriage, come within the statute of frauds, Mr. Clark?"

Mr. C.—"Themarriage relations—ah, um,—well, there's something peculiar about it, I don't understand it."

Judge Dunton was most agreeably surprised upon entering the Senior lecture hall, on Wednesday, to see the heretofore noisesome Seniors all in their seats awaiting his arrival, so much surprised that he almost forgot to proceed with the lecture, but "Jimmie" came to his rescue with a kerchief and things went smoothly.

A very interesting case was tried in the Senior moot court, last week. The case was one that was taken from Poweshiek county. The action was one brought by a man against the railroad company for erecting an embankment, thereby causing surface water to rise and causing a nuisance. Mr. Murphy appeared for the plaintiff, and made an able argument for the opening, and was followed by Mr. Price (Uncle Dick) for the defense, who also made an able address. Judge West rendered the opinion, and decided in favor of the defendant.

Three Senior Laws and a "Cad" were playing whist one evening this week. One of the Laws left and returned about an hour later, when the game was resumed. While he was gone, the other three concocted a scheme, whereby Frank was to be dealt a hand that would make glad the heart of a whist player, but the cards were so distributed that his opponents were to make a sweep in spite of his high cards. Everything worked like a charm, and Frank will probably tell you how the other side made a sweep when he held the ace, king and queen of two suits, king of another, and six trumps.

(Contributed.)

Our
Brother "P"—Owl,
How he did howl,
When a Junior law
Wrote what he saw
Of the sleigh ride escapade.

It was highly amusing
To hear them abusing,
Their younger brother with brains,
Who will hold the reins
At the bar before another decade.

A great deal of noise
May do sometimes, boys,
But in order to distinguish yourselves
in your sphere,
You must relegate such sleigh-rides to
the rear.

Ah there,
Stay there,
"P"—owl,
Don't howl.
You see
'Tis we!
And we know
That it's so.

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PEOPLE who have the idea that *St. Nicholas Magazine* is only for little children should look over the prospectus of that magazine for 1889, and they will discover that it is for children of all ages, "from five to eighty-five," as some one recently said of it. Indeed, while *St. Nicholas* is designed for girls and boys, it might almost be called a "family magazine," for the grown-up members of a household will find much to interest them in every number.

The editor, Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, calls the next volume an "all-round-the-world year," because it is to contain so many illustrated papers about the world in general—not dry geographical papers, but stories and sketches and tales of travel and adventure by land and sea—and all illustrated by the best artists. The features will include a serial story, "How We Made the Farthest North," by Gen. A. W. Greely, the well-known commander of the Greely Expedition; a serial about Canada, by Mrs. Catherwood, who is writing a serial story for *The Century* this year; "Indians of the Amazon," by Mrs. Frank R. Stockton. There are many papers about Europe, including a Christmas story of life in Norway, by H. H. Boyesen; articles on Holland and the Dutch, by Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge; "The Queen's Navy," by Lieut. F. Harrison Smith, R. N., with illustrations of many of England's finest war ships; "The Winchester School," illustrated by Joseph Pennell; "English Railway Trains," by Wm. H. Rideing, etc., etc. The French papers include "Ferdinand de Lesseps and his two Ship Canals," and there are several interesting contributions on German, Italian and Russian subjects.

Under "Asia," comes "Boys and Girls in China," by Yan Phou Lee (a recent graduate of Yale); "Home Life in the East," by Mrs. Holman Hunt, and a number of papers about Japan. Under "Africa" there is a sketch of Henry M. Stanley, by Noah Brooks, and several stories about Egypt. Australia is not forgotten, nor the islands of the sea, and there are even to be stories of under the sea.

Of course the bulk of the contents will relate to American subjects, as usual. Mrs. Burnett, the author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," contributes a story of New York called "Little Saint Elizabeth;" there will be papers describing how the government offices are conducted, papers about athletics, amateur photography, etc. The full prospectus will be sent to any one who wishes to see it by the publishers, The Century Co., of New York.

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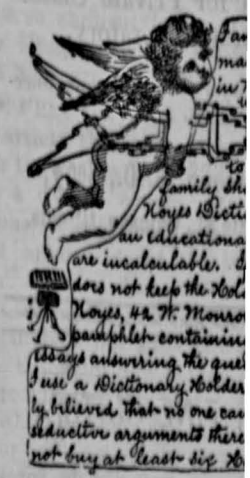

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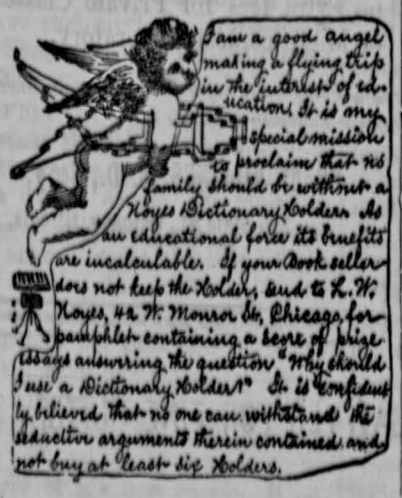

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Carson has the mumps. No complications.

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Belt says he's got a "character." How the Seniors must envy you, Belt.

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Dr. C. S. McCarty, class '88, is practicing in Germantown, Nebraska.

Any one wanting a small practice easily acquired, inquire of the editor.

Call on Smith & Rodgers and examine their line of instruments and give your list.

Folsom is on the sick list. Who would think of sickness overwhelming our baby elephant.

Matt Shaw will assist in keeping order in the dissecting room during the absence of Dr. Peters.

Embree says he wasn't napping during lecture. All right, Embree, we'll take your word for it.

Will some one keep us posted as to those who have the mumps. We would like to make out an honor roll.

Some of the Seniors have sold their plug hats and will turn them over after commencement. Salable property.

Invest fifty cents in the Medical library, at Lee & Ries' book store; every number draws a book worth fifty cents.

We can well believe that "Denver is the heaven of consumptives," when Prof. M. tells us it is 5000 *miles* above the sea.

From that notice on the blackboard last week, we infer that Ludewig is about to "sail" soon. Wonder if he is going alone.

Seniors who wish to sell their plug hats, and Juniors who wish to buy, may advertise through our columns. Send in your names.

The Juniors are glad to learn that there is a possibility of having our lecture amphitheatre seated with chairs before the beginning of next term.

PROFESSIONAL LYING.

(Continued from last week.)

Faith has a wonderful curative influence; with slight other means desperate cases recover. The physician should have faith in himself, and may resort to almost any means to inspire it in his patient.

There is another form of professional lying to which many young physicians, and some old ones, are addicted, that is not justifiable, and is disagreeable and offensive and useless. That is, boasting of their amount of business and income. It is assumed sometimes as a means of advertising, and becomes a detestable habit that is transparent to outsiders. It is uncomfortable to professional friends, and becomes disgusting and discouraging. An acquaintance, a classmate, a friend tells us of the great number of his cases, his success, and the large income he derives from his business. We compare our own modest success with his, and feel discouraged or dishearted. We do not wish to accuse him of lying or exageration, in either case not a pleasant conclusion. We almost always find out the fallacy, but for the time, experience ill feelings. I have many times crossed the street to avoid an otherwise good friend, who always boasted of his business and his numerous engagements. In the end, it appeared that my own summing up was as good as his Never boast or make a display of your success. It is like affectations, or worse, because it earns for you unpleasant reflections.

A graduate of four years standing, who had settled in a western town, lately made a visit to his old stamping ground. He was rather over tidily dressed, and in good spirits. He met a classmate who is struggling with reasonable success in a little city not far away, who told him quietly of beginnings, the friend she was making, and what he hoped to do. "Better come out with me," said the western friend. "I have made ten thousand dollars, at least, since I started out. I think I may safely say that I booked, last year, full $7,000, all good." "How large is your town," said his friend. "O, a little railroad place of about 700." "Other physicians in the county?" "Yes, ten or twelve--all doing something." "How many inhabitants in your county?" "3,500." "Do not want a partnership with you, it would be too unhealthy a country to live in," said his friend. "$7000 is two dollars apiece for every man, woman and child in the county. One-fifth voters (presumably men) who pay the bills, over ten dollar apiece, and ten of you to support. Would you not be willing to take a cipher off your book account?" Avoid unnecessary lying.

"Only a Medic."

Only a Medic, the citizen sighs,
As he turns from his slumber in bed
To list to a yell that is borne to the sky,
Like the wail of a demon in haste passing by.
And he wishes that Medic was dead.

Only a Medic, he muses and swears,
As he turns to his pillow to rest;
And he offers a prayer, though he's not used to prayers,
That the innocent Medic, who gets on such tears,
May never, in this world, be blest.

Only a Medic, warbles the "Law,"
As he stands on the old marble step;
And he laughs to himself, with a loud guffaw,
As he thinks of the Medics as "Toughs ye knaw"
And he greets us with Hep—hep—hep.

Only a Medic, the little kid groans,
As he passes us by on the street;
And he sings us a song in the coarsest of tones,
"Saw my leg off," he cries, "you poor old "saw bones,"
And his victory then is complete.

Only a Medic, murmurs the "Cad,"
As he rouses from classic repose;
And he wonders that Medics should all be so bad;
If the tales told are true, he's exceedingly glad
That another profession he chose.

Only a Medic, sighs the young "belle,"
As she thinks of the sleighride and ball;
And she passes him by for the worthless young swell,
With a sleek fitting suit, he's a "jolly nice fel;"
But he's nothing but dress after all.

"Only a Medic!" there will be a day
When these all will be seized by disease;
They will haste for the "doctor" to bring them away
From death's icy grip, and *promise* to pay
His hard earned and merited fees. —*B.*

ACADEMY COLUMN.

Our "Latins" were discussing, one day this week, whether Cæsar was killed in the engagement with the Nervii; or stabbed in the House of Representatives.

Yes, Prof., our bulletin-board is an unattractive, antique bit of furniture; but *our* program is delivered on the stage, *not* in the street. ATHENIAN.

Had Prof. Calvin been in the back part of the room, during his lecture, he would have thought his subject well chosen for more reasons than one.

Whoever wrote the sketch, "Annie's Ramble," which was read before the class in Literature yesterday and observed to be written after the analogy of Hawthorne's tale of the same title, certainly possesses brilliant powers as a writer. The description was fine; the diction faultless, and the style displayed an intensity of feeling, not to be seen in the average student's composition. There was a simple beauty throughout the production which was charming. Let us have more from that pen.

CRITIC.

Nearly the entire school assembled last Monday morning to listen to a lecture by Prof. Calvin. His subject, "The Life and Habits of Animals," was chosen, he said, as the student chooses his subject for an oration or an essay—from that field of knowledge which is most familiar and interesting to him. Having appropriately introduced his subject, he led us to all parts of the world studying and comparing the different orders of animal life and the dependence of animal and vegetable life upon each other. He gave many interesting illustrations of the peculiar, instinctive habits of animals; and the tendency of these habits toward one or all of three results, namely: The providing of sustenance; the escape from being devoured by more powerful enemies; the propogation of their races. Besides being very entertaining and instructive, as presented, the lecture contained many important lessons and much food for thought in other directions. The thought which most impressed the writer was that in this vast sea of human life we either consume or are consumed; the big fish eat the little; the success of our lives depends upon our habits.

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Two volumes of unusual have this week been place library. We refer to *The Commonwealth* by Mr. Jam of England. Volume I. trea political development of the and volume II. of the part social institutions, etc.

In the February *Harper* William Curtis says, "this ce the constitution will be n three notable events," viz., t sion of the suffrage, co-edu the older universities and th ance of *The American Comm* "And this last," says Mr. Cu DeTocqueville's *Democracy i* as one of the great treatises v progress of the American re certain to evoke from the n petent political students a vers."

IN THE *Youth's Companio* 31, is an article by Austin Fli LL. D., on the subject, "Just that's Wanted in the Medica sion." If the views presente article had come from a mo man we might have passed without a thought. But co a man so eminent in his pro is Dr. Flint, his words natur with them great weight.

Dr. Flint takes the decide this article that a boy who enter the medical profession s take a college course. He reasons. First, that "The what are considered the be seem to turn the mind a exact scientific knowledge." that there is not sufficient ti

We know not how it may h are considered the best col one who has pursued a scient in our own college is at a l the force of his first reaso