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THE VIDETTE appears this week in a neat new dress, for which we are indebted to the Republican Publishing Company. We trust that our readers will appreciate the change, as well as our efforts to make a first-class paper in a very dull time.

WE are inexpressibly happy to announce that J. S. Tuthill has been elected President of the State Association for the ensuing year. This is honor, well bestowed and we assert with confidence that the mantle of the office could not have fallen upon more worthy shoulders. Three hurrahs for S. U. I.! Mt. Pleasant was selected as the place for holding the next contest.

In speaking of the University, the Oskaloosa *Herald* says: "Every element of successful work is found in all the departments of the University. The most cordial harmony prevails. The occupant of each chair attends to his business, with the interests of the institution always in view. The near future of the University has in it an era of prosperity such as it has never before enjoyed. The long and weary years of the past, which left their crop of falsehood and misrepresentation will not be repeated. The gossips and traducers have been met and vanquished—and from now on the people of Iowa will deal fairly and generously by the institution, which stands as a monument to the wisdom of the framers of State constitution.

The Contest.

The Fifteenth Annual Oratorical Contest of the Iowa Collegiate Association took place at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, on Thursday evening last and in point of attendance, enthusiasm displayed and high grade of oratory, was in no respect inferior to the former contests on this prospering association.

The eight orations selected were delivered in the following order: "Ruins," by C. R. Rogers, of Iowa Weslyn University; "Luther before the Diet of Worms," by O. R. Patrick, of Parson's College; "England in India," by Geo. B. Thompson, of State University; "Philosophy of Liberalism," by C. G. Stoakey, of Iowa Agricultural College; "The Spiritual in Nature," by J. P. Burling, of Iowa College; "The Triality of Events," by E. S. Ames, of Drake University; Luck vs. Pluck," by G. W. Cotton, of Upper Iowa University, and "Lincoln and the Slave," by V. B. Dolliver, of Cornell College.

Charming music was introduced at suitable intervals and with the lusty college yells of the various delegations, rendered the occasion highly interesting. The orations were the best products of the fertile brains of Iowa's young orators and their delivery displayed careful work and constant application. The decision, which gave first honors to O. R. Patrick, of Parson's College; second to C. G. Stookey, of, of I. A. C., and third to C. S. Ames, of Drake University, was generally received with favor though it is our opinion and the opinion of many more that *our* orator should have received more favorable recognition at the hands of the judges. There was some disappointment also expressed in regard to the place given to Cornell's orator, a brother of the silver-tongued Congressman Dolliver. But this disappointment will be but momentary and all will work with zeal and zest to accomplish the final victory of Iowa's orator in the Inter-State contest which will be held early in the spring.

NOTES.

The State University sent a delegation of forty.

Our thanks are extended to Cornell for her hospitality.

Bonson won, with thirteen to his credit.

C. R. Rogers, Mt. Pleasant's orator, spent yesterday in Iowa City, leaving for home in the afternoon.

Miss Chambers' charming singing brought forth a vociferous encore. Hear her at the Presbyterian concert Monday evening.

S. T. Mears, who won second honors in last year's State Contest, visited his old school, Cornell, during the contest there.

OUR Cornell delegation returned yesterday.

Cornell's society halls were greatly admired by all.

Gorrell emphatically declares that he *never* had a better dinner than he got at Bowman hall. The *attraction* was great.

The Widening Opportunities for Women.

A little more than a hundred years ago the President of Yale College wrote this certificate:

"*To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:*

"Be it known to you that I have examined Miss Lucinda Foote—twelve years old—and have found that in the learned languages, the Latin and Greek; she has made commendable progress, giving the true meaning of passages in the 'Aeneid' of Virgil, the 'Select Orations' of Cicero, and in the Greek Testament; and that she is fully qualified, except in regard to sex, to be received as a pupil of the freshman class of Yale University.

"Given in the College Library the 22nd of December, 1783.

"EZRA STYLES, President."

In the March *Forum*, Kate Stevens published a review of the progress made in the United States in affording opportunities for the higher education of women, that is, perhaps, as remarkable a record of advancement beyond the position taken by President Styles as has been made along any line of American activity. She gives the statistics of the growth of all the larger institutions and shows that there are now more than 200 colleges where women enjoy advanced instruction, and that the attendance last year was nearly 4,000. She shows likewise the change of public sentiment concerning the pay of women teachers and the admission of women to boards of management, complimenting the more progressive spirit of the West. Among the institutions of which she presents a statistical study are Bryn Mawr College, Harvard Annex, Evelyn College, Columbia College, Oberlin College, University of Wisconsin, Vassar College, University of Kansas, University of California, Massachusetts, Institute of Technology, University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Wesleyan University, Syracuse University, Cornell University, Sage University, Boston University, Smith College, and Wellesley College.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an Allwise Providence to visit upon the home of our friend and classmate, J. E. Williams, the awful calamity of the sudden removal from this life of his kind and loving sister;

Therefor, we the members of the Senior Law Class, take this means of extending to him our sincerest sympathies in his late bereavement.

J. E. LEWIS,
H. B. HEBERLING, } Com.
C. H. DYE.

Iowa City, Ia., March 1st, 1889.

THE faculty has recently made some new regulations with regard to schedules. They are as follows: Each student shall be required to inform himself concerning the conditions leading to the degree for which he is a candidate, and shall be held personally responsible for the absolute fulfillment of the conditions on which the degree will be granted. Hereafter no schedule will be issued to students by members of the faculty; each student will be required to fill out for himself a schedule card of studies for the next succeeding term, the cards to be filled at such time as the faculty may specify, and filed without delay at the office of the President of the University. Without permission from the faculty, no student will be allowed to schedule for more than 15 lectures per week, or their equivalent, except as required or permitted by the published course of study. Students shall, as far as possible, pursue the absolutely required studies in the order in which they are laid down in the course. The faculty reserve the right, when deemed best, to change the studies selected by any student, or to change the hours for any study as specified by the student on his schedule card. Students are advised to confer freely with members of the faculty concerning their elective studies.

WE clip the following from the *Ægis*:

"The student is primarily a selfish being, he in his native state is a hog. He takes all he can get and asks for more and he keeps everything he can lay his hands on. He goes to business men and asks for their advertisements and then goes from store to store to see where he can save a cent, never thinking that "one good turn deserves another." That is the student in his wild state. The melifluous influence of the *Ægis* has rapidly instilled good sense into him on that subject, and the motto. "We patronize those who patronize us," is gradually finding a way to more and more students' hearts and purses. But there is another inherent blemish from which the *Ægis* has not yet weaned him. He asks various musical organizations to play at his Semi-Publics, and Junior exhibitions and he sits in the free audience and enjoyes their music, but when that organization gives a concert, and he is asked to buy a ticket, he becomes a liar of the deepest dye and says he has already purchased one. And at the concert there are a paltry two hundred. Student, be ashamed of yourself and hang your head to hide your blushes. You are small, very small, so small in fact that your smallness is all there is of you."

THE library of Wisconsin University has just received large invoices of books from London and Leipzic. It now numbers 1,720 volumes.

Literary Department

Orators and Oratory.

BY J. S. TUTHILL.

There is no music so sweet as the music of human speech. The purest symphonies of the organ must yield to the well modulated tones of the human voice. The ability to produce a concordance of melodious sounds upon an instrument is a wonderful power. But he who understands every note in the scale of human sympathy, and can deftly touch them with his tongue is mightier still. Burke is more powerful than Beethoven. Gladstone has more influence than Mozart.

Through all ages this power has been known and eagerly sought. Inherent in man is this desire to influence his fellows. It is natural to wish our views adopted by others. A few are content to let their lives speak for their creeds but the vast majority desire to persuade by argument.

It has been said that the days of orators have passed; that the burning eloquence of the Roman forum can not be reproduced; that the public press has usurped the place of the public speaker. But is this true? Has not the press extended his influence? In ancient times facts were inadequately known, learning was scant and meager, the sciences were in their infancy; to-day, accumulated knowledge predominates, the horizon of thought widens, the sciences pierce into the farthest realms of space and into the most minute atom of existence. Then, the massas were ignorant; to-day the newspaper enters every home. Bismark speaks in the Reichstag and the world listens. Why this desire to import the accents of Gladstone upon waxen tablets if the press has supplanted the orator? Why rush hundreds of miles to hear the voice of Talmage when you can read his sermon Monday morning? The influence of the orator has not vanished. The press has not destroyed it.

What is this snbtle power which sways the human heart? Can it be acquired? What creates an orator? Two elements are necessary. The first is genius; the second is material for genius to work upen—*a great man* and *a great occasion*. West Point may graduate a hundred cadets every year, but it requires the protracted scenes of a terrible war to produce a General Grant. These contests we hold, these struggles we make are for the most part but fruitless efforts to catch a phantom. They may produce ready speech and rhetorical perfection, but very seldom great orators or great orations. Oratorical contests may secure a dozen candidates for newspaper notices and local fame; but it requires a momentus question, a vital principle to give us a Philipic or a Reply to Hayne. True the fluency of speech, the beautiful cadences, the pleasing action, are all modified and augmented by art and practice. It was the pebble in the mouth of Demosthenes which made him fluent; but it was the genius of Demothenes and the aggressions of Philip, which made him the greatest orator of Greece.

Art is only the cold and lifeless body of eloquence. It requires a genius to breathe into it the breath of life. This done, and oratory becomes the means, conviction is the end. It requires the lofty intent, the steadfast belief, the sincere motive; lighting every feature, thrilling every nerve, inspiring every energy. The magnetic tones, the emphatic gesture, the piercing eye, and above all the earnest manner, are alike irresistible. The very soul of the speaker is infused into his hearers. The point at issue is gained. The inspiration of the orator becomes the conviction of the assembly.

An oration is not a material thing. It cannot be made to order. It is composed of the most subtle of all things—thought; conveyed by the swiftest and surest of all messengers—winged words. Its effect is as resistless as the tide. When certain atmospheric conditions exist, a tempest is the result. When certain social, political or religious conditions are present, an oration is produced. The one is as easily manufactured as the other. All attempts at producing literary masterpieces to suit inadequate occasions have resulted in failure. England has a Poet laureate whose business it is to write poems upon occasions of state. What has been the result? One great poem—"The Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington"—a magnificent monument to the memory of the Iron Duke. It will endure longer than any marble pile. The numerous verses written upon the births of princes and gala-days of the Queen exist somewhere in the royal archives, but they are not in the hearts of the people. The hand of genius penned the one, and the hand of genius penned the others; but the material for genius existed only when

"The last great Englishman was low."

The Congressional Globe in a vast cemetery of political oratory. The few speeches which escape its oblivion are the products of tremendous forces. But can it be said therefore that our National Legislature is destitute of orators? By no means. The essential conditions are not always present. The greater the occasion, the more distinct the conditions, the stronger and more pronounced will be the feeling aroused and the eloquence called forth. But let there be no occasion, no potent cause to fire the very soul of the speaker, and its place will be too often supplied by flights of rhetoric. Sounding words and pompous phrases are passed in review with mystical dexterity. They mean little, but their brilliant diction dazzles even the speaker. Distended phrases supply the place of plainer and more appropriate ones. In short the means has been magnified until it becomes the end. A flowery speech may touch the fancy, but it is not sufficient to produce a commotion or still a tempest. The polished style and pleasing cadences are commendable, but they must be for a purpose. Better were it to come down from the clouds and utter only the simple words of convincing speech.

In oratory there is an intense apprehension of results. No one can predict the effect of the speaker's words. In the bustle of a progressive age it is imagined that the heart has ceased to respond to the voice of eloquence. Hence in many minds there is eager solicitude for the principles of right and truth. Should the means fail, should oratory die, should eloquence be spurned, who can picture the result. But there need be no alarm. The whistle of the locomotive and the click of the telegraph indicate the progress of the mind; but the human heart remains the same. It is as sensitive to-day as when Paul spoke at Mars hill, Cicero in the Forum, or Webster in the Senate. Let the occasion present itself and the orator will be found. On April 14th, 1865, a surging mob gathered in front of the Exchange building in New York City. It was excited by tidings of assassination and rumor of great danger at the Capitol. A spirit of riot pervaded the crowd. It was an ocean in a tempest. It required a genius to speak the words "Peace be still." The great occasion was at hand. The genius stepped forth. "Fellow citizens! Clouds and darkness are round about Him. His pavilion is dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. Justice and judgment are the establishment of His throne. Mercy and truth shall go before His face. Fellow citizens! God reigns and the government at Washington still lives!" Instantly that infuriated throng stood still. The lightning of revenge passed silently into the air and was lost. In the awful hush a whisper broke the oppressive stillness, "Who is he?" The answer came softly back, "General Garfield of Ohio." That was a triumph of oratory—the conviction of a strong mind infested into the very being of his hearers. It was the inevitable result of two elements—*a great man* and *a great occasion*.

Yes! Oratory has a mission. It has a mission peculiar to itself. In war it urges armies to victory. In peace it preserves harmony. Whenever vital questions are being agitated, and the principles of right are hanging in the balance, oratory will be the most potent force "to urge man's life to grander issues."

Incidents in the Early History of the University.

BY PROF. T. S. PARVIN.

Too Much "Love Making."—Recently we were spending a few days in Clinton, where we met an old student (as indeed we do everywhere we go) who asked "what ever became of that young student who used to do his courting in the halls?" The students of to-day will no doubt laugh at the query, if not they will at the answer. The fact that the incident left its impress so long upon the memory of our old friend, shows that it was somewhat out of the usual course of events. The student in question was a young Frenchman, beautiful, intelligent and vivacious as his race usually are. His father, the Elder Bloomer, had beeen a Senator, and was at the time of Napoleon's *coup d'etat*, when the Republic was overthrown, and the Empire of France established, and Napoleon the III became Emperos. All of the Republican members were awakened from their slumbers, and save the few who like Mr. B., effected their escape, cast into prison, and later banished from the country. Senator B, when he heard the *gensd'arme* ascend the stairs of his hotel, climbed out a window upon the roof of a neighboring building, and successfully fled to Havre and America. Arriving in this land of the free, he sent for his family, and young Arthur found his way to Iowa and our University, where he became a universal favorite. He was a good musician, and like his race, fond of music, and by his attractive graces and winning ways, won the love of Miss Alice ——, a promising young lady from a neighboring county. So fond were they of each others company that not only daily but hourly, between bells, did they meet in the large hall of the stone building, and spend the five minutes in the corner "billing and cooing," first to the amusement, then the disgust of students as well as professors. The President, who had evidently forgotten his boyhood, deemed it time to call a halt, not that the faculty were opposed to the theory of courtship, but to its practice so openly and constantly. The young couple were therefore summoned to appear before the august tribunal when such affairs of the heart, if not the State, were to be tried and determined. As the veil of secrecy has not been removed from the deliberations of that senior, we may at this late day only say the sinners were bid to go their way and do their "love making" at home, and not about the University. The young lady married, but not our hero, and renewed her youthful recollections by attending an alumni dinner a year since.

A few years ago we were passing up one of the leading streets in St. Louis, when, casting our eyes across the street, an old and familiar name above the door of a large "music store" attracted our attention. A second look, and we saw the once familiar face of the owner, our *quondam* student. Thereupon we crossed, and no sooner had we stepped upon the curb when the gentleman rushed forward and gave us an old time greeting. Accepting his invitation, we entered to find a large estabment, and our early pupil the proprietor of a fine business. Subsequently he disappeared, and we lost all trace of him. He had married, but not forgotten the incident which has called forth this reminiscence of that early day in the history of the University. And should these paragraphs fall under the eyes of the surviving students of that day will no doubt provoke a smile.

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CLIPPINS.

Cornell has a class in French conversation.

Electric lights are to be put in at Amherst.

Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Cornell have weekly papers.

The University of Pennsylvania has a course in photography.

Oxford can do printing in one hundred and fifty different languages.

Yale has no chair of German, and no regular professor of German.—Ex.

The 1100 students of Cornell were recently photographed in one group.

A young ladies' base-ball club has been organized at Alleghany college.

The Baptists propose to build a university in Chicago costing $1,500,000.

The Boston Institute of Technology will offer $100 as a prize for a college song.

Amherst is agitated over the question of required church and chapel attendance.

John Clarkson, of the Bostons, is coaching Harvard's base-ball men this year.

President Angell, of Michigan University, passed his sixtieth birthday last month.

Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., will soon build a new chapel and society hall, to cost $40,000.

The chemical laboratories of the Ohio State University burned lately. The loss is about $25,000.

Indiana State University will hereafter require all the members of the Senior class to take part in the commencement exercises.

The concert by the Harvard Banjo and Glee Clubs in Chickering Hall, New York, Dec. 22, netted nearly $1000 for the University crew.

The new catalogue of Oberlin College reports an attendance of 1,576 and 56 instructors. Of the number in attendance 522 are preps and 694 are in the music and art department.

They don't do things by halves at the Ohio Wesleyan. A base-ball ground costing $2,000 has been lately laid out, a new gymnasium is about to be erected, and also a chapel capable of seating 1500 people.

A chance for college students. A prize of $100 is offered by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the best essay on "The Effect of Humane Education on the Prevention of Crime."

Some of our exchanges still insist that "at Cornell, a holiday is given on Monday," and that the plan is pronounced a success. We wish now to assert once for all, that the only day at Cornell which is not given to university work is Sunday. Aside from that we have no holiday.—*Cornell Era.*

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The societies had good audiences last night.

March came in like a lamb. Now look out for the lion.

Lischer is about his regular work in the Law department.

See the elegant new neckwear just received at the Golden Eagle.

Did you report to the Prof. of English with your essay yesterday?

The Senior's are busy making preparations for Commencement.

A goodly number of our students attended the "Ticket-of-leave Man."

Prof. Veblen lectured to the Baconians last night, on the "Polarization of Light."

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We acknowledge the receipt of a ticket to the Baconian club for the session of '89.

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The Heps. decided that marriage is not a failure, at their session last Saturday night. Good.

President Schaeffer went to Chicago yesterday to meet Mrs. Schaeffer. They returned to-day.

Gilberl L. Houser was not in his classes Monday and Tuesday on account of a severe cold.

Pres. Schaeffer returned from his southern trip, last Saturday, and reports a very pleasant visit.

The parents of Mr. F. M. Harrington have moved to the city. They reside on South Governor street.

Nobby hats at The Golden Eagle.

Mr. W. M. Danner, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. has been in the city for several days on business.

Well, we gained two points this year in the oratorical business. Give us time and we'll get there.

Carl Stutsman, in times past of '89, visited old scenes and friends in the earlier part of the week.

Rev. Arthur Beavis, of the Unitarian church, is taking a special course in chemistry in the University.

"Here I am," as an Esterbrook Pen said when a customer asked the stationer for thebest pen in his place.

Mr. Summers, of Iowa College, visited Bremner a few days this week. He reports his school in a flourishing condition.

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The Bloomfield papers speak very highly of Dr. Schaeffer's address, delivered before the Normal school there last week.

The Sophomore German class has finished "Hermann and Dorthea," and have tackled "Egmont," that "tragedy of idioms."

Wefel has been very sick this week. His mother came down from Webster City, Thursday, at the request of President Schaeffer.

John Lyons, of Parsons College, Fairfield, stopped over a day or so on his way to Cornell College. He was the guest of Boyd.

On Thursday J. M. Grimm made his first appearance after an illness of three weeks. As usual he comes up shining and jolly.

H. O. Weaver came back from Columbus Junction "under the weather," but not sick enough to quit work. This case looks bad, Weaver.

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Have you noticed how frisky the Medics, Dents and Pharmics have been for a few days? Don't get too giddy gentlemen, or we'll attend to your cases.

Owing to the inconvenience arising from the difficulty of making connection with Friday's recitations, quite a number of our students refrained from going to Cornell.

Class in mathematics using only Greek letters:

Prof.—"Mr. —, did you get that ex.?"

Student—"All but the Greek letters which I did not kn w what to do with."

Prof.—"It is there the trouble lies, their is nothing else to get about it."

Mr. Blank.—"Miss Blank, can you tell me whether *Maine* is a state or territory?"

Miss Blank. (blushingly)—"No, I can't, you horrid thing."

The young people of the Oxford League of the M. E. church were very successful in their "High Tea" or "T," it being one of the most successful socials of the winter.

Mr. C. E. Rogers, the orator who represented the Iowa Wesleyan in the State contest, stopped in "Athens" on his return, to visit J. E. Conner, and his other Mt. Vernon friends.

Miss Holton of the Commercial, left for Washington, yesterday morning to see "Our Ben" inaugurated and visit her father who is a delegate from Washington Territory in Congress.

The following is for La Force:

'Tis sad to be a band-man, and
With the band-men stand;
To watch the graceful waltzers, with
A tuba in his hand.—*Ex.*

Several parties have complained of late that the papers are not always placed on file promptly. As promptness is one of the requisites of a good library, we respectfully suggest that this be attended to.

J. H. Drew, of St. Louis, has presented the University with a copy of the "Life of Rev. C. L. Goodell" by A. H. Currier, of Oberlin Seminary. The book is a well written record of a useful and interesting career.

Harvard boasts of a fencing club of fifty members. That's nothing. We have a fencing club of 50 members and don't think it's so very unusual. By-the-way, our fencers are doing unusurlly good work, under Major Califf's guidance.

M. L. McEniry was called to his home in Cass county, last Monday, by the sickness of his sister. "Mac" does not expect to return to the 'Varsity till next fall. In the meantime he expects to grow in strength so that he will be able to down any two Sophomores that ever walked—Stotts included.

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From the Normal correspondent of the Davis Co. *Republican*, we take the following: "The Chemistry class was pleasantly surprised, Thursday morning, when they were informed by Prof. Galer, that Dr. Schaeffer would take charge of the class. The Doctor is a specialist in chemistry and made good use of the hour assigned to the class."

We will have a busy time next week. The Dentists graduate Monday night, and will be addressed by Regent Swalm. Rev. E. N. Barnett will address the Homeopathic Medical class at their graduating exercises on Tuesday evening. The Medical department will graduate its class on Wednesday evening. Judge Love delivering the address.

Prof. Jameson has made arrangements with Carnegie, Phipps & Co., proprietors of the famous Union Rolling Mills, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, by means of which they agree to furnish the Engineering department with test pieces of all the different grades of iron and steel that they use in the manufacture of rails, bridges, boilers, etc. These pieces are furnished carefully planed and cut to fit the testing machine and in any number desired.

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During the past week some additions and improvements have been made to the testing machine of the Engineering department, and it is now, without doubt, as exact and as perfect on a Torsion Testing Machine as there is in the country.

The kid Medics have all left us, and the examinations of the Seniors are progressing finely. In a few short days we will be alone again. The dissecting room will be cold and bare. The shriek of the Medic will be heard no more. The "Cad" will have no one to "pass him down." The dogs in the city will commence to grow tame as they sigh after the last Medic. The cat will now once more haunt the dream of the peaceful citizen. All life will be changed. Verily the Medic hath his place. The life of Billy Green will be one long winter, until he is awakened by the first Medic yell next October. Farewell, Medic, farewell.

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Academy Column.

Miss Jennie Sperry has been unable to attend school this week.

Miss Bird Story and Miss Carrie Waite, of Wellman, were the guests of Miss Rose, this week.

Miss Alice Clifford has been visiting her sister Myra, this week, and has made the Academy classes several pleasant calls.

Thursday evening a merry party of invited guests gathered at the home of the Misses Inez and Will Taylor, and proceeded to have a good time. Excellent refreshments were served, and partaken of heartily, and it was only when the hour glass had run itself again and again in pleasant conversation and sweet music that the guests dispersed with many thanks to their hostess for this very enjoyable occasion.

One of the late style Commencement petitions was set afloat in our political sea about two weeks ago. It has found its way to many a quiet harbor, propelled by the winds of aggressive partisanship, but in most cases a little breeze of popular feeling has sprung up and wafted it far out at sea again where it may be found at present buffeted by the very waves whose equilibrian it seeks to destroy. Do not fear its approach. It will soon become water-soaked and sink out of sight beneath an institution which has stood he test of years and needs no defense.

Longfellow day was appropriately observed by the members of the American Literature Class, who by the way, have just completed the study of that author. In the morning session a program of an hour and a half was given treating chiefly of Longfellow's early life and poems. In the evening the class met with their teacher, Mrs. Tripp, at her home. Several specially invited guests were present. To these the class must have appeared more like an audience than like a "family circle," although but thirty-seven of the number were present. The following program was rendered:

Solo—"The Bridge,".....Miss Speer
Essay—"His First Poem.".....Miss Cochrane
Essay—"Longfellow as a Professor,"..Mr. Kaye
Solo—"The Day is Done,".....Miss Howe
Essay.....Mr. Van Horn
"Influence of Longfellow's Poems."
Recitation.....Miss Slemmens
"The Old Clock on the Stairs."
Critique of Character.....Mr. Young
Recitation—"The Famine,".....Miss Lay
Review—Shorter Poems.....Miss Speer
Essay—"Genius of Longfellow".....Mr. Chaffee
Recitation—"Great Grandma and I".Mifs Sperry
Solo—"The Rainy Day".....Miss Slemmens

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Tripp addressed the class briefly, expressing her delight in literary work and thanking the students for their ready compliance in doing the work assigned them. She then called upon Prof. Tripp; now the Professor is never going to be taken by surprise, not if he knows it, and this occasion was no exception. He made a short speech commendatory of the work done by the class as a whole and evincing especial pleasure in the program of the evening. This neat little speech paved the way for an hour of pleasant conversation which terminated in pleasant good night.

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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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Mr. Mitchell has gone home sick.

Ask Foster how he enjoyed his buggy ride.

Stevens has reformed. Boys, give him full credit.

Prof. Gilman presided at Moot Court last Wednesday.

Judge Love is lecturing to the Juniors on Evidence.

Hageman and M. A. Walsh received the highest marks in Criminal Law.

What's the matter with Stephenson's moustache? It's all right, give it time.

"Uncle Dick" is in Clinton. Will some one tell us what the attraction is?

Messrs. Draper and Smith are confined to their room on account of sickness.

New Jeweler in town. Hunt the Avenue over and perhaps you will find him.

Charlie Searle was sick for a couple of days this week, but is again back to his classes.

Kenyon has been looking feeble and wants a guardian appointed during his leisure hours.

Mr. Hunt, a former class-mate of Hodgon's, visited with some of his friends in the Law department, this week.

Judge Adams' course of lectures on corporations were quite interesting and, his occasional genial story, highly appreciated.

Stevenson, we are very sorry to learn, has gone "star hunting" again. Take friendly advice and look to the great star—the law.

A very interesting trial was in progress on Thursday, at one of the Justice's courts, and a large number of the boys attended.

The House of Representatives held their first session, last Tuesday, before a large audience, and as usual presented a good program.

Judge Love delivers the annual address on behalf of the faculty, at the Medical commencement, next Wednesday evening. Go boys.

Contracts are over, and examination next Saturday. Judge Dunton has conducted this recitation, and the boys are very well pleased with the results.

The Laws are certainly enthusiastic skaters. On Wednesday there were eleven Laws and several small boys on the ice, nobody else caring to venture out and attempt to skate on the soft slushy ice.

Prof. McClain left us on Monday evening for an eastern trip. He will visit several of the large eastern law schools during his visit, and will probably be in Washington for the inauguration. The class all join in wishing him a pleasant vacation.

SMITH & FOSTER'S QUIZ.

Here comes Ku——, the Pres., and following in the rear, marshalled in array, Ca——, the drummer, and Li——, the literary man, and last in this warlike array, comes S. & F., (the quizers).

"Chorus."—O, good-bye, good folks, I am goin' where work ne'er comes.

"ONE OV U'M."

It is finished. A gaunt but relieved looking assembly of Laws came together in the class room on Tuesday morning after the ordeal of the afternoon before. The details of the struggle are about as follows: At two o'clock all were in their places, and started in bravely. The hands of the clock stole around to three and then to four, and a tired look began to spread over the assemblage. Another hour passed. The sweet and innocent smile on Jimmie B's face waned and vanished, and were replaced by a meaningless blank. E. R. M's look of dignity gave place to a fierce look of determination. Dye pulled frantically at his whiskers and still wrote on. Darkness began to draw her mantle over the scene, and an adjournment was had to the Junior room, and the struggle recommenced by gas light. Seven o'clock, and still the valiant survivors wrote on, undismayed by the dull and aching void in the region of the stomach. Deep and intense darkness had settled over the outside world, when the last man done, stole softly from the central building, a wild, blank look overspread his features, and a meaningless stare replaced the former brightness of his eye, and he muttered to himself an incoherent defuntive of thirteen kinds of possession of real property.

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THE SIBERIAN PAPERS,

by George Kennan, are attracting the attention of the civilized world. The Chicago *Tribune* says that "no other magazine articles printed in the English language just now touch upon a subject which so vitally interests all thoughtful people in Europe and America and Asia." As is already known, copies of *The Century* entering Russia have these articles torn out by the customs officials on the frontier.

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From a Lecture on Hygiene Before the Students of Cornell College.

[Continued from last week.]

The sensible man who properly values health should find what are good sleeping habits for him. Sleep should be restful and sufficient. Do not be deluded by what old people tell you of the advantages of discomfort. They spin yarns how when they were boys they slept in attics where the snow drifted on them. To this they attribute their youthful vigor. It is the tendency of such old romancers to bewail the degeneracy of modern youths, and to assure them that the only way to be healthy and happy is to suffer as they did. It is bosh, pure and simple. Exposure to low temperature involves a struggle to maintain life. In the winter one encounters all the cold needed to keep him well, without taking it to bed with him. Generally speaking, bedrooms should not be used for sitting rooms, dormitories should be well aired during the day, and should have a fresh wholesome smell, but when occupied should be kept comfortably warm.

On the subject of exercise it should be systematic, not too much or too violent. No man should train himself for an athlete before twenty-five. Nevertheless exercise abundantly but with judgment. Long and rapid walks with a free swinging gait should be systematically practiced. For young men who are devoting their best energies to the acquisition of an education, I would strongly recommend working to schedule. In no other way can the requisite amount of physical exercise be accomplished. There should be study hours and play hours, which should not be interrupted by any ordinary daily happening. To make out a timetable and adhere to it, involves some self-denial. It requires a regular hour of rising and a determination to make pleasure subordinate to duty. But if this habit is once acquired, it lasts for life. Form exercise clubs of from four to ten, and take walks and gymnastic exercise with a purpose. Due attention should be given to the expansion of the chest and the muscles that contribute to strength and endurance.

Health creates in our homes pictures that to us are fairer than any painted by men. Let us see that our doors are guarded, and that disease shall not enter through some neglected portal to spoil this matchless work. Time will do this full soon, but let us take care that his work is not anticipated and that if disease finds entrance, it shall not be through some open door or neglected window where duty bids us stand warder.

OLD MEDICAL BOOKS.—The rapid advance in medical science renders the old literature of little value except as matters of history. Hence old medical books published twenty years ago, and even some published later, are only worth shelf room when you have plenty to spare. This refers especially to the materia medica, and also to practice surgery and physiology, for the most part. Get the newest books and the latest editions, and then keep up with the times by perusing some, one or two, reliable medical journals. Then you will be obliged to renew your library from time to time, and if your sons or daughters study the profession, get them new books so that they may have less to unlearn when they get into practice.

Old medical books and old journals are of just the value of old almanacs; records of what is past. It is a true saying that "it is hard to learn old dogs new tricks," but it finds its exemplification every day in medicine and surgery. How many practitioners are to-day carping and sneering at asetpic surgery, and antiseptic, and how many keep on in practice of medicine, in the ways of their student age, and more than that, impress their conservative ways on their students.

Prof. Roberts, of Philadelphia, in a recent address, says of these things: "A great English surgeon has recently expressed his opinion, that the final limit of surgery had been reached, and we had attained in many or most of our important operations the final limit to which surgery can be carried. Need it be said, he adds, that he is an old man? Surely this is not the conviction of young mind." Our newer books contain many traces of the old ideas and notions because it is impossible for old writers to revise their works thoroughly, or of younger ones to get rid of the ideas of an old master. Prof. Roberts further says: "The continued life of the erroneous teaching of old text books and old-brained expositors, of whatever age, perpetuates the same mischievous conservatism. Why not let all this musty literature be destroyed, and by learning from the recent works of both old and young, keep in line with the quick step of surgical (and medical) advance."

I am reminded of this in looking over one of the newest revised books on materia medica. It is the best one in the market because it has all the new ideas of therapeutics and dosage and the new medicines, yet it has the fault that the author has found it impossible to divest himself of many of the old notions and traditions. It would be asking more of him than we could require of any one to burn all his old books and erase from his mind most of the learning that he acquired when a student. Not all of the old learning is useless, however, but only that which conflicts with the new. This piece of advice is to be given to medical students: Do not buy old books because they are cheap, buy new ones and new editions, and as time goes on buy other new ones.

"Don't tie it before you find it.

Bert Hull will take up studies in the Collegiate department for the remainder of the school year.

Carson was absent a part of this week, being called home by the sickness of his mother.

Ludewig went down to Davenport this morning and will remain over Sunday with his——friends.

Surgical operations yesterday. All were satisfied with the day's work, and also glad when it was done.

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With this issue we drop our Medic editorial pen, and in a few days we trust we are to take up a work, more important, than recording jokes, writing up scraps, and putting into rhyme such things as might please the medic ear. We wish to express our thanks to those who have assisted and encouraged us in the work entrusted to our charge. Especially do we thank Prof. Farnsworth, who was always ready to assist us. At times our two-fold tasks have seemed hard, and we realize many imperfections, but altogether, the work has not been unpleasant. In closing we would say that we trust, each year will find the medical columns well cared for and again we thank the class for the honor placed upon us.

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