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The Fiend.

There are fiends who torture and murder and
crave,

Like Jack the Ripper, of fame,
And fiends who cannibalize on the flesh
Of the men they capture as game.

There are fiends who play foot-ball, tennis, and
such,

And religious fiends pro and con,
And fiends who smoke cigarettes all the time
And think of the pants they have on.

Such fiends as these have always been known;
But as fresh as a new paper dollar,
The most fiendish of all that have ever been
found

Is the fiend that writes on your collar.

De Alumnis.

It is interesting to note the part taken by former S. U. I. students in the recent election. Some have been successful while others have been unsuccessful. The fifty-second congress will contain four graduates of this institution, three of whom spent their college days here together; J. A. Pickler, '70, South Dakota; M. N. Johnson, '73, North Dakota; J. J. Seerley, '75, first district of Iowa; and C. D. Clark, '74, Wyoming. W. M. McFarland was a graduate of the Law department in '80. Mr. Biggs, Law class '89, was elected county attorney in Nebraska. Some of those who were unsuccessful are Sweeney, Seaman, Wolf, N. C. Young and John P. Irish, who was a candidate for congress, from a district of California.

Corner Stone.

In another column will be found an account of the laying of the corner-stone of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. building. It is an important event, not only to the associations, but to the University as well. The project which was begun in '87 was brought to a successful issue last June, when Mrs. Helen Close came to the assistance of the associations with the magnificent donation which she made as a memorial gift for her husband. In appreciation of this liberal gift, we are informed that the associations have already passed a resolution, naming the build-

ing "CLOSE HALL," the formal announcement of which will be made at the dedication of the completed building. It will be a beautiful structure, and is designed to stand as an exponent of the Christian manhood and womanhood of the University. Its gymnasium and baths will furnish a much needed opportunity for physical culture. Its social rooms and parlors, its meeting rooms and all privileges connected with them, will be open alike to all students of the University. The building and lot will cost about \$35,000, and it will be ready for occupancy before the opening of the next college year.

Athletics for Women.

An article which appeared under the above caption in a recent issue of the VIDETTE seems to have turned some minds to a thoughtful consideration of the subject. We are glad to note that one mustard grain fell in fertile soil, and has developed into a thrifty vegetable with promise of fruit.

Last week there appeared on the bulletin-board an announcement that Lieutenant Read would meet at the Armory Saturday morning all Seniors and Juniors who wished to take single foil practice in fencing. Some one suggested that the field was open to young women as no discrimination was made in the call. The suggestion spread, and both classes took up the idea enthusiastically. The Lieutenant was surprised to meet on Saturday a class, the larger half of which were girls. It was soon apparent that they were in earnest. Their request was courteously heard and granted. Captains Cox and Rice were detailed to instruct the class, and the first lesson was very satisfactory to all concerned.

The popularity of the movement is shown by the fact that many outsiders are refused admittance for lack of room; the increased attendance on today's lesson, shows that those eligible are making the most of their privilege.

The adoption of this branch of calisthenics by the University girls is one of the many steps by which the S. U. I. is climbing toward our ideal.

The interest now prevailing will be increased by the gymnasium and we look for the immediate organization of a girls' boating club and a girls' military battalion in the spring.

Harvard Notes.

It may be of interest to some of the readers of the VIDETTE to hear a few words from Harvard. The students here are more seclusive than we find them in the colleges of the west and one may go through a year and form but very few acquaintances. While there are a few swells the genuine dude is rather scarce. Most of those in

the higher classes and graduate department have come to fit themselves in a special line of study and they make work the watch word. The students, as you might expect, are more mature than those of our colleges. But little interest is manifested in literary societies, and Greek letter fraternities are scarcely mentioned. You may wear pretty much what you please and still be in first class style.

The very surroundings here give one an aspiration. You can scarcely take a walk without coming across some object of historical interest. The tree under which Washington first took charge of the colonial troops is within sight of the campus.

Mt. Auburn cemetery, with its historic dead, is but a short distance away. Bunker Hill monument looms up in the distance. Concord and Lexington can be reached by a few minutes ride on the train. The very hills seem to speak to us of struggles severe and victories won. The finest building on the campus, Memorial Hall, was erected in memory of the Harvard men who fell in the late war. Of the other buildings there are twenty dormitories, a chapel, library building, gymnasium, Agassiz museum, Lawrence scientific school, observatory, botanic gardens, chemical, physical laboratories, etc.

The botanic gardens are very skillfully arranged and afford an excellent opportunity to study the orders of our common Phenogams. Many of both Phenogams and Cryptogams of the tropical regions and of other countries are found here. The botanical library is exceedingly fine, containing all the best botanical works published. The museum founded by Louis Agassiz and very much enlarged by his son, Alexander Agassiz, is certainly very fine. In the synoptic room you see representative specimens of the different classes of the animal kingdom. On the neat floors you find the fauna of the world arranged according to orders and lastly the faunas of the different countries are arranged in rooms by themselves.

The museum of Archaeology and Ethnology is located a short distance from the Agassiz museum, but in a few years the intervening space will be enclosed. The gymnasium is a large structure and amply provided. One at first is at a loss to know how to use much of the apparatus but soon learns by seeing the men at work. The gymnasium is free to all but most of the men have gymnasium suits and that necessitates the renting of a locker which costs only a nominal fee. Shower, sponge and tub baths are provided. The bowling alleys are used a great deal. After seeing the extent to

which the bath rooms are used one is at a loss to know how a college gets along without such a convenience. In my opinion, the Y. M. C. A. building going up at the S. U. I. is one of the greatest improvements the University has ever had.

The out-door sports of foot ball, tennis and rowing are largely engaged in during the pleasant weather. Foot ball is the sport of all sports that calls out the crowds. Harvard has played from one to ten games per week with other colleges nearly every week since school opened. The great game of the season is to come off November 22, at Springfield between Harvard and Yale. Cornell was down here with her big team, but went back without a score. The Harvard team is in excellent trim this year and we all feel very sanguine about her success with Yale. The fields for out-door sports are very ample here. A new one of about thirty acres is now being fitted up.

There is not so much progressive religious work here among the members of the University as many of the Christian students would wish. However, I never met a more earnest, energetic and solid class of young men all together than one will find here in the Y. M. C. A. Squads go out every Sunday morning to the wharves and hold song service on board the ships in the harbor for the sailors.

There is preaching in the chapel every Sunday evening usually by some members of the board of preachers. We have had the privilege of listening to two of the ablest pulpit speakers of the east this fall, Drs. Phillips Brooks and Lyman Abbott. The symphony concerts given here are probably not surpassed any where in the nation.

It may be of interest to some who think of coming to Harvard in the near future to know something as to the expenses. The majority of students room in the dormitories. Rooms range from \$100 to \$300 per year. Furniture will cost \$30 to \$50, rent more and fuel \$15 to \$25. All the rooms in the dormitories are usually engaged in the spring. Rooms within a block or two of the campus are high, but at the distance of half or three-quarters of a mile, rooms can be rented for from \$6 to \$8 per month as good as can be obtained in Iowa City for that price. Board is high, \$4 to \$8 per week. The only cheaper place is at the Fon Croft Club where you pay according as you eat and this might be rather expensive for some. Tuition is \$150 with an additional \$5 for each laboratory course. Your own material in laboratory course will cost from \$5 to \$15.

I may give you a brief sketch in the future of what we are doing in some of the laboratories. G. W. NEWTON.

A Day With Fishermen In the Bay of Fundy.

BY S. CALVIN.

Grand Manan is the largest island in the Bay of Fundy. Its situation is just inside the mouth of the bay and much nearer the American than the Nova Scotian side. The very plain and simple folk that constitute the population of the island are congregated chiefly in a few quaint, old-fashioned villages scattered along the coasts that indent its eastern shore. The rocky and broken character of the interior of the island render it worthless for agriculture. The western and southern shores present a long series of majestic cliffs of igneous and crystalline rocks that rise sheer from the water often to a height of three hundred feet. The whole western and southern coast is practically harborless, and presents features as uninviting to a seaman as it is attractive to the seeker after whatever is grand and picturesque. Thus it is that the inhabitants are, perforce obliged to occupy the eastern shore of Grand Manan, and the same circumstances that determine the location of their villages, virtually limit their choice of occupations to the single calling of catching and curing fish. A few trades-people find employment in supplying the wants of the fishermen, but fishing is after all the one productive industry. Furthermore the fishing boats are not named; they are known only by numbers which are registered at the custom house.

Just off the eastern coast of Grand Manan proper are many small islands, twenty or more, varying in size from a few rods to a mile and a half in length. On one of these smaller islands, Nantucket by name, the University naturalists established their summer laboratory. For weeks star-fishes, sea anemones and other marine creatures with all sorts of pronounceable and unpronounceable names had been collected, and either dissected or stored in the great tanks of alcohol. A time had come when any new experience would be welcome. An opportunity to learn something of the habits and occupations of our neighbors is always welcome. One half the world may not know how the other half lives, but that ignorance cannot be set down always to lack of curiosity. It is unnecessary to say therefore that when Skipper Griffith in his good ship, number 80 and so, touched at Nantucket one bright morning in quest of mariners to help him work his ship and catch codfish on the fishing banks some eight or ten miles out, two of the University party volunteered to play the part of sailors and fishermen for the day as best they could, glad of the opportunity to experience something new, and to learn at the same time how one portion of the world provides itself with bread.

With a well stocked lunch basket the recruits clambered on board. Then anchor up and all sails set the boat sped away before a stiff breeze, out past Nantucket, past the fog-horn station on Big Duck Island, past White

Head with its plain wooden dwellings and singular looking smoke houses about as numerous as the dwellings and used for curing herring, straight out toward the Nova Scotian shore that lies in the "loom" and haze away off on the eastern horizon.

Clearing the islands, and standing out to sea, Gannet Rock light house is sighted away to the south. A lonely light house it is, and built on a ledge so small as to leave scarce room to walk around it. But the rock was a dangerous one in days gone by, and the sea round about is full of sunken ledges on which many a vessel, carried beyond her reckoning by the phenomenal tides of the bay, met disaster. And so a light is established to warn mariners of danger when the air is clear, and guns are fired at intervals when, as so often happens, the air is thick with fog.

Away off to the southeast is quite a fleet of fishing vessels anchored on a thirty-fathom bank and fishing for haddock; but Skipper Griffith is after something better than haddock and holds his course northeast toward the codfish banks. The sea meanwhile has become very rough and the boat pitches and plunges at a fearful rate. The sea is nearly always rough in the bay; for with conflicting tides, and tides conflicting with the winds, and tidal currents plunging over shoals into deeper basins, the navigator of the Bay of Fundy engages in no holiday experience.

One of the new recruits becomes deathly sick. He always does under such circumstances, but he holds out manfully and struggles with grim determination to conceal the fact. He talks, he smiles though in a ghastly sort of way, and does his best to convey the impression that never in his life did he have an experience half so delightful. Let us hope that such transparent efforts at deception will not be imputed as deliberate falsehood. To postpone the crisis as long as possible the skipper is plied with questions relevant and irrelevant. The good man freely voices his grievances which are the same as those one hears from every islander he meets. Grand Manan is part of New Brunswick. The United States afford the people their only market, and the United States imposes a duty on cured fish. When the Canadian takes his fish to market he realizes only the market price in the United States after deducting the duty. Flour, cured meats, clothing, boots, shoes, rubbers, and similar necessities are produced in the United States more cheaply than in Canada, at least our skipper thinks so, and when he buys such articles he pays the market price in the United States plus the duty which the Canadian government imposes. And so he feels himself between two tariff millstones, the United States' duty on his fish being so much deducted from his income, while the Canadian duties on the goods he buys are so much added to his expenses. "Grand Manan is going astern very fast" is the way Skipper Griffith puts it.

It is true that people who can get away are leaving the island and making homes elsewhere, while those that remain hope and pray most earnestly that they may be annexed to the United States. With the possible exception of postmasters and other public functionaries there is not a loyal Canadian in Grand Manan.

A tack or two must be made before the fishing banks are reached, for the wind is not quite fair. The sea becomes more boisterous than ever, and one of our amateur sailors manages to shift all his duties to the other. This is his hour below. At last after much sighting and noting of points and headlands, and taking of bearings, we are informed that we are on the banks. The anchor is let go, and the line runs out forty, fifty, sixty fathoms. The tidal currents are too swift yet for fishing, so dinner is to be prepared and eaten while we toss at anchor. And such tossing! Sailing was rough, but sailing was blissful peace and rest and perfect stability compared with this. How the poor boat is tossed like a bubble, now up on the crest of a wave and now down in the trough with horizon limited to a score or two of yards. How she pulls and tugs at the hawser and shakes herself from side to side as if to twist it in two. One minute she is standing on her head and the next the prow is high in air. And all a landsman can do is hold on for dear life and make believe that the whole affair is perfectly enjoyable. The ease and unconcern with which those sailors go about their duties is something remarkable. How they can have any appetite for dinner is still more remarkable, at least to one of our amateurs, for there are sensations in the gastric region that render the very thought of food unwelcome.

But it is time to fish. The lines are got out and cleared. How long they are I do not know. The depth is thirty fathoms and the lines must reach bottom. They do not go straight down, however, but when thrown overboard, notwithstanding they are weighted with several pounds of lead, are swept along by the tide until probably twice thirty fathoms must be paid out before bottom is reached. There are two hooks to each line and portions of herring are used as bait. All hands soon are busy. One man feels that his escape from paying Neptune's utmost tribute depends on working with all the energy he can summon. The baited lines are thrown overboard and allowed to run until the lead rests on the bottom; then, hand over hand, they are pulled in, when at least one, but more frequently two, large codfish will be found as the reward for each man's several effort. And so the work goes on while the slack water lasts. As fast as lines can be let out and pulled in codfish are added to the accumulating stock on board. The sea bottom must be literally paved with codfish. Our amateurs catch as many as the professional fishermen. No skill is needed in this part of the work. It is true the unaccustomed fingers are blistered by

pulling on the slender lines but that matters not. The spirit that leads to making no account of cerebral and gastric disturbances, prevents any intimation that the work is in the least degree laborious. Besides were we not there to learn by such actual experience as one day could afford, how fishermen labor and for what rewards?

Only for an hour or so at a time does the fishing last on these banks. As soon as the tide turns we must look to our anchor or otherwise we may have to cut the cable and sail home without it. The productive part of the day's work ends ere it is well begun, and the small hours of the early afternoon sees our little vessel headed homeward. The net result is probably a hundred pounds of fish to the man, a very meager result compared with the labor it has cost. Remember that the preceding day had been spent on the "rippings" catching herring for bait. The best of fish may be worth, in market, four dollars a quintal. *Kentle* is the way they speak it here but it means the same thing. Before however these fish on board can be converted into money they must be cleaned, salted and dried and packed and conveyed to market. Not more than fifty pounds of each man's share will reach market, so that when all has been done, the net proceeds to each from the days catch will be less than two dollars. The fisherman who averages a dollar a day the year round is doing remarkably well.

The homeward trip lies through some of the worst "chop" imaginable. The tide is running up the bay with the wind dead against it. Our boat from its size and peculiar build goes comparatively dry, but that little sloop on our larboard quarter is having a wet time of it. She is sailing close to the wind, keeping a close luff, dipping her bowsprit under with every plunge and taking water from every wave that breaks against her windward bow.

Before half the distance home is made the wind sinks almost to a calm, and the little that remains veers round until it is almost straight ahead. We had hoped to reach home by the middle of the afternoon, now the prospect is good for remaining out all night. Have you ever waited at some out-of-the-way station for a train that was indefinitely late? Have you ever waited and watched for any delayed hope until you grew sick and weary and at last concluded that it made no difference whether it ever came or not? That is a little like waiting for wind and sea. Yonder is Nantucket. It is only a few miles away. A half hour before a good breeze would place us alongside the wharf; but the half hours drag by one after the other, and the island seems about as far away as ever. The skipper declares we are moving, though to our impatience it looks as if we were standing stock still. The sun settles at length behind the hills on Grand Manan; the evening star comes out and gradually sinks until it touches the tops of the spruce trees on those same hills; the thrushes have almost finished their evening song in the spruce groves over

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yonder; but before the twilight fades wholly into the night, the skipper, by judicious use of the several "cats-paws" that came dancing at intervals across the sea and fretting the heaving surface into myriads of ripples, is able to lay the boat alongside the Nantucket wharf. We step ashore glad that we went, but gladder still that fate does not compel a daily repetition of this day's experience.

In reply to President Schaeffer's inquiry as to whether reduced rates during the holiday vacation could be secured for the students, he received the following:

CHICAGO, NOV. 18TH, 1890.

Dear Sir.—I have your favor of the 18th instant, regarding reduced rates for students to enable them to return to their homes during the holiday vacations.

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 The night school in drawing numbers forty-three.
 There will be no issue of the VIDETTE next week.
 The latest thing out—the parlor lamp.—Sears?
 John Hull, of Des Moines, has entered the University.
 Mrs. Bennett, sister of Mary Holt, visited in the city last week.
 There has been added to the Library since September, 450 volumes.
 P. A. McMillan has again resumed his studies after a week's sickness.
 F. A. Stowe is confined to his room by a severe attack of typhoid fever.
 Erodelphian, with Irving, will present a unique program this evening in the North Hall.
 Annie Buren, formerly member of '92, is teaching in the Princeton, Mo., public schools.
 Miss Kimball was called to Shell Rock last week by the sad intelligence of the death of her mother.
 From the outlook at present quite a number of enthusiasts will accompany our foot-ball team to Mt. Pleasant on Thanksgiving.
 We announce with pleasure the election of W. F. Kessler, law '86, to the position of county attorney of Cavalier Co., N. Dakota.
 The pillars for the Y. M. C. A. building are of St. Cloud granite from Sioux Falls, and not of Massachusetts granite as was stated last week.

Mr. Noble, '87, is taking a course in literature during his vacation. He holds the position of assistant professor of English in Michigan Agricultural College.

We are greatly indebted to Prof. Parvin for his well written and instructive article in remembrance of Mr. Van Valkenburg a former instructor in the University.

President Schaeffer has endeavored to secure special excursion rates for the students during the holidays, but he has been informed that such rates will not be granted.

President Schaeffer, Chancellor McClain, and Professors Currier, and McBride, left the city Thursday morning to attend the Alumni banquet given at the Hotel Booge, Sioux City, Iowa.

F. E. Davidson, a member of the Senior class of the Iowa Agricultural College, was at the hour of graduation denied his diploma on the charge of plagiarism. His oration was delivered at the inter-state contest in Ohio five years ago.

Seminary methods are still gaining in popularity. The latest is a Latin seminary which meets in the southwest corner of the Library Reading Room every morning at 8 o'clock. If it is true that "noise is business" we may expect some startling results from that quarter before very long.

The Y. M. C. A. hold their usual Sunday afternoon Gospel Service at 4 p. m. tomorrow, at the Christian chapel. The service will be led by H. J. Baird. Subject, from John 3: 18, "How do we know that we are not condemned?" All young men are invited.

Theodore W. Parvin, Collegiate '75, Law '76, is visiting his parents in the City. Mr. Parvin has been engaged as civil engineer in Mexico during the past ten years, formerly on the Mexican Central where our Prof. Jameson was engaged at the same time, but later on the roads east and south of the city of Mexico.

The Hesperian Society will celebrate the coming holiday by a novel entertainment given in the Society Halls on next Friday evening. Refreshments, amusements, costumes, etc., will be such as never before were on land nor sea. The amount of enjoyment which such an affair can furnish is remarkable. You are invited, and all your friends.

The Baconian Club held a very interesting and entertaining session last evening. It consisted of all voluntary reports by several of its members. Prof. Calvin spoke of the life of the bacteria, Prof. Veblen of the electricity of light, Prof. Andrews of drinking water, Prof. Patrick of the brain of Laura Bridgman. Schimek reported on a species of snail found near Rock Island; Dr. Gilchrist gave a short talk on the rupture of blood vessels, and this was followed by problems of nature by Prof. Nutting.

A GREAT DAY FOR THE S. U. I.

The Corner Stone of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association Building — Interesting Proceedings.

Never before in the history of the S. U. I. has there been an occasion of greater interest and importance than that of Friday, November 14th, when the students, Faculty, and citizens assembled for the exercises attending the laying of the corner stone of the new Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. building.

Promptly at 3 p. m. in the M. E. church, Dr. Schaeffer announced the opening hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldier," which was sung by the choir and congregation. Rev. M. S. Johnson, pastor of the Christian church, read the Scripture lesson from 1 Chronicles, the last chapter, following which Rev. T. R. Evans, of the Baptist church, led in a fervent and eloquent prayer, asking for a special blessing on the noble work for uplifting society. The Y. M. C. A. quartet, Messrs. J. C. Money, C. E. Laird, J. E. Connor, and C. E. Hunn, then sang "Nearer to Thee."

Dr. Schaeffer then introduced Miss Kate Wickham, who spoke on behalf of the Y. W. C. A. She told in a very pleasing way of the beginning of the Association work in the University only four years ago, recounting the discouragements they had to meet and the beginning of the building movement, when State Secretary Baldwin attended one of the meetings in June, 1897. At first it seemed to many that it would be impossible to raise even \$5,000 for a building, but faith increased with knowledge, and last spring when \$20,000 had been secured by a general canvass, Mrs. Close added the splendid gift of \$10,000 in memory of her husband. C. D. Close, who before his death had given \$1,000. Mr. J. E. Connor spoke on behalf of the Y. M. C. A., and Mr. A. E. Swisher responded most fittingly for the citizens of Iowa City. Dr. J. I. Pickard gave the main address of the day. It was scholarly and thoughtful, well suited to the occasion and was listened to with closest attention.

After singing the Association hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and the benediction by Rev. Elser, the large audience proceeded to the new building, where a throng of people had already assembled. The streets were literally packed with people. A temporary platform had been erected on a level with the basement wall, which was occupied by those taking part.

At the building all joined in singing, "Coronation." Prof. Currier read a selection from 1 Corinthians, 3d chapter, and Rev. Bullock asked the divine blessing on the laying of the corner stone.

Assistant State Secretary Parsons, representing the state committee, gave a stirring address upon association

work—a work as broad as the needs of humanity, and founded upon Christ as the chief corner stone.

J. H. Stotts then announced the contents of the box and Miss Salome Dugan placed it in the cavity, and with a dainty trowel spread the mortar. President Schaeffer and Dr. Pickard then placed the stone—a beautiful piece of pink marble, with the inscription, "1890." The choir sang the Doxology and Dr. Barret pronounced the benediction, this concluding the impressive ceremonies of an event that marks a new epoch in the history of the University.

The Professional Departments in the Junior Annual.

To the Members of the Professional Departments of the S. U. I.

The annual which is published by the Junior Class of a college, is, or ought to be, an encyclopedia of University knowledge. To be such an encyclopedia, it must contain information about every department and about every class, and society in the institution where it is published. In the Junior Annual to be published by the Collegiate Class of '92, on or about March 1, 1891, a space of about four pages has been set apart for the use of each department. It is customary for each department to have a full page engraving, representing their department, on the first page. Moreover, it is preferable that such designs shall be original if possible, and so if each department has some artistic talent among its members, it ought to be brought to light, and engaged to provide something unrivaled in the line of original design for the department to which such a genius belongs. To have such designs photo-electrotyped does not involve a big outlay, a contribution of a nickel a piece or less being sufficient.

A statement of what is desired further has been handed to some member of each department to bring before it at a meeting of his department. It is earnestly desired that each department will take action in this matter, and see that they are properly represented in the first annual of the State University of Iowa. If the committees appointed will call on the undersigned he will be glad to give them such other information as they may desire concerning the work.

Respectfully,
 W. T. CHANTLAND,
 Department Editor.

The Freshman class is noted
 For its rosy cheeks and health,
 But Sophomores are losing both
 To gain in mental wealth.
 The Junior's flabby muscles
 Quake with apprehensive dread
 As he gazes at the Senior,
 —Vanished! all except the head.
 —We need a gymnasium.

Will the party or parties please return to the team their foot ball without further notice.
 A. G. SMITH,
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Spoils.

The contest between the riflemen of the I. A. C. Battalion, which occurred on October 24th, resulted as follows:

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D. A. Thornburg,	22	20	10	52
H. H. Raymond,	18	20	8	46
Kaufman,	17	17	8	42
F. J. Bowne,	15	10	17	42
Weike,	16	18	7	41
Santee,	17	11	12	40
Strong,	19	13	6	38
Heck,	15	14	8	37
Zmunt,	10	10	8	28
Green,	10	10	5	25

Flags for all the public schools of Lyons, Iowa, have been purchased, and the school board has ordered a staff to be placed on each building.—*Ex.*

Daniel Webster was the editor of the first college paper.—*Ex.*

Will the love for the antique ever become so popular as to embrace an old maid?—*A Brute.*

"Good bye," said the poet as he dropped some MSS. in the post box. "Oh, no!" said the MSS., "au revoir."—*Ex.*

Oliver Wendell Holmes has said a multitude of good things, but none better than this: "The human race is divided into two classes—those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire, 'Why wasn't it done the other way?'"—*Ex.*

More short articles on live topics from our critics, please.

The centenarian who has smoked since she was fifteen without injury to her health is advised to try cigarettes.—*Ex.*

The exchange editor's work is mostly mechanical—he has so many old saws to file.

The Unit presents a moss-type engraving of Iowa College foot ball team. The boys "take" as well on the plate as in the field.

Our etomologist lately performed a remarkable experiment by which it was ascertained that a grass-hopper hears through the medium of his hind legs. He placed the insect on a table, and then struck the table a quick blow. The grasshopper jumped off. After pulling off the grasshopper's legs, he repeated the first operation; this time he failed to hop, hence the conclusion—that he did not hear the last stroke.—*College Reflector.*

Ethel—Why do you go around so much with Mr. Hollis, he is four years younger than yourself?

Maud—O no, he isn't; he's just my age, for we didn't begin to live until we knew each other.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

The Kansas State University Glee Club is "uniformed" in mortar boards and gowns.

One of Ann Arbor's students has been appointed to a professorship in Heidelberg University. This is the first instance on record in which an American has been appointed to a chair in a German University.—*Ex.*

Yellow and white

Is the rusher at night
When the struggle of day is done.

And black and blue,
In patches too
From the end of this famous run;

His ears are gone
And his nose is worn,
And of skin he has none at all;

Yet he still remains
Careless of pains,
For he knows he was through
on the ball.

—*Harvard Lampoon.*

Literary Note.

The Christmas edition of the *Cosmopolitan Magazine* is one hundred thousand copies. The order, as originally given to the printers, was 85,000 copies, but while on the press it was thought advisable to increase the number to 100,000.

It contains a feature never before attempted by any magazine, consisting of 123 cartoons from the brush of Dan Beard, the now famous artist, who did such wonderful illustrations in Mark Twain's book, "The Yankee at the Court of King Arthur."

These cartoons are placed at the bottom of each page of the magazine, and take for their subject, "Christmas During the Eighteen Centuries of the Christian Era," with variations, showing the way in which we modern christians carry out some of the chief texts of the Christian Gospel.

Above, and at each side of the page is a quaint border, the whole effect being novel and extremely pleasing, and with the unusually varied table of contents, will make such a Christmas number as is worthy to go into more than 100,000 households.

The frontispieces of the *Cosmopolitan* have of late become noted for their beauty, some of them having as much as four printings. That for Christmas, while in but two printings, is not behind anything that has preceded it in artistic merit.

An excellently illustrated article is one on teapots, by Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore. Literary Boston is treated with numerous portraits, and an article which comes with the nineteenth birthday of Von Moltke, sketches the life of the great Field-Marshal in an interesting way, and is by Gen. James Grant Wilson. Elixabeth Bisland has one of her charming articles.

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Examination in Equity on Monday.
C. F. Faucher, '35, is reported to have located in Chicago.

C. F. Maurer, '81, located at Vermillion, N. D., is visiting here.

Prof. Hirschl to good looking Junior: "Is the gentleman a married man?"

W. F. Kessler, Law '83, now of Langdon, N. D., is elected states-attorney.

Prof. Wanbaugh, commenced his series of lectures on "Insurance" Thursday.

N. Campbell, of Colorado Springs, is visiting his friend Evans, of the Senior Class, this week.

It is understood there will be two days vacation for Thanksgiving. Woe be unto the turkey gobbler.

E. Kregler, Law of last year, has just graduated with highest honors from the Agricultural College at Ames.

A. H. Garretson, '79 and Samuel J. Smyth, '88, have been elected members of the legislature of the new state of Washington.

Rev. Bullock, of the Congregational church, was a welcome caller in the general lecture room the first of the week.

President Schaeffer and Chancellor McClain are at Sioux City attending a banquet of the Alumni Association of the University.

From a moot court opinion delivered on Tuesday, November 18, 1890. It is difficult to draw the line between property which belongs to the owner and property that does not.

We are informed that Wiswall & McCreddie, class '90, who are now located at Vancouver, Wash., are doing lots of business and are well pleased with their new home.

Frank F. Cross, of Vernon Center, Minn., and John P. Kennedy, of Montrose, Iowa, became members of the Junior Class this week. Boys, we welcome you into our midst.

Prof. McClain has kindly consented to meet the Junior Class at 8:30 in the morning for the purpose of a quiz on "Remedial Law." The review of the subject in this way is proving very beneficial and is highly appreciated by the class.

Mr. G. W. Adams, one of our most noble Seniors, leaves us to-day for his home at Chapin, Iowa, where he takes charge of the city schools at a handsome salary. We are sorry to have you leave us, George, but hope to see you return in time to graduate with the class of '91.

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Medical Department.

M. J. KENZIE, W. M. BUTTERBAUGH
V. L. TREYNOR,
Editors.

Dr. Mullarky, class '87, visited surgical clinic last week. He is located at Holland, Iowa.

Pres. Schaeffer is making a commendable effort to abolish the use of tobacco in and about the Medical building.

The Dents have driven us from our stronghold, viz., the front seats in the amphitheatre. All Senior lectures, except Obstetrics, are now held in room 3, first floor.

Billy Greene would make a good surgeon; so say the boys. He can cut the heart out of a dog in less time than it takes to chloroform him. Nevertheless, we all love Billy.

Messrs Watts, Brady and Thompson have been on the sick list during the past week. The two former have reported for duty and the latter is on the road to recovery.

Mr. John Evans favored each of the Societies with a few vocal exhilarations on last Friday evening. All were highly pleased with John's singing. John's chest capacity still continues to expand.

Duffield brought a lady visitor from the Collegiate department to the lecture on Physiology Tuesday morning, and was brave enough to sit beside her during the entire hour. A Junior never does that twice.

Some Recollections of the Late Hon. John Van Valkenburg and the University in Early Days.

It was during the session of the Legislature of 1855-56 that I first met the then Prof. Van Valkenburg and formed his acquaintance, which ripened into a friendship, terminating only with his decease at a recent date.

The State University had the previous fall been opened, at least for the admission of students to the normal department. It was at that period divided into departments "as department of Modern Languages," of "Ancient Languages," of "History," of "Philosophy," etc., nine in all. The trustees (later styled Regents) had issued their "first circular" (an original copy of which lies before me) dated September 19th, 1855, with the imprint of Ballard & Lathrop, Iowa City. It is signed by the fifteen trustees and Supt. Pub. Inst. Eads and Gov. Grimes, *ex officio* members, and the former by statute President of the Board. Both of these officers and all of the members are now deceased save Mr. Lathrop (Librarian of the Historical Society) and Dr. Morsman, of our city. The circular stated that the Normal Department would commence its service the third Wednesday of September, 1855, and is signed by "J. Van Valkenburg, Professor." The

names of other professors are not given, but later a second circular was issued from which I learn that our fellow citizens, Henry S. Welton and E. M. Guffin were professors, the former in charge of the Preparatory Department. Of their associates, Prof. Hall, State Geologist of N. Y., Whitney, of Harvard University, and Rev. Frederick Hermpbrey, Rector of St. John's Church, Havre de Grave, Md., yet live to tell "what they know" of the University in the long long ago.

The Normal Department was opened in the old "Mechanics Academy" (now hospital) and several of the students enrolled therein and whom I met on that, my first visit, still dwell in our midst. One Mrs. Barber, *nee* Brainerd, one of the famous "B class" (there being a class or "Bs") had a daughter graduate from the University the last commencement.

I found Prof. Van Valkenburg a very pleasant young man of some twenty-two or three years of age, in charge of a school or "department" of some twenty-five or thirty pupils of both sexes. He continued in charge only for a year and was succeeded by Prof. D. F. Wells, whom I had brought from the State Normal School at Albany and placed in charge of the schools at Muscatine. It is a coincidence that Prof. Perkins, in charge of the Albany school, and upon whose recommendation I gave Mr. Wells his place, at a later day became an associate of his former pupil as Professor of Mathematics in the University. After his retirement from the University, Prof. Van Valkenburg entered the law office of a Chicago firm and qualified himself for his life work and won a high position in his profession of the law. As a proof of his success as a teacher and the estimation in which he was held by the Trustees, I may say that he was reelected to his position as professor, in which he was eminently successful.

John Van Valkenburg was a native of Canada, having been born in St. George, Ontario, April 16th, 1832. When but nine years of age his parents crossed over the border and located in "the States," and later they moved to Iowa and located on a farm in Sac county in 1846, the year Iowa was admitted into the Union as a State. In this county, at Ft. Madison he lived, labored and died.

At the age of seventeen he entered the preparatory school of the College at Mt. Pleasant, under the charge of Prof. Howe, a distinguished educator of his day. After a three years' course there he entered Oberlin College, but was graduated from Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., in 1855. An estimation in which he was held by the President and Faculty of that College is found in the fact that they highly recommended him for the appointment conferred upon him by the Trustees of our University.

From Chicago he returned to Iowa and entered the law office of Miller & Beck, the latter now and for many years one of the justices of our supreme court. In the fall of 1857 he was admitted to the bar and at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, and since 1875 was the senior member of the firm of which Hon. J. D. Hamilton was the junior member. Mr. Van Valkenburg was an able and successful lawyer and became an active politician of the Republican school. In 1864 and again in 1876 he was a Presidential Elector, both years making an able and successful canvass of his district, and in the latter year of the state.

In the secret societies of Odd Fellowship and Knights of Pythias he became very prominent, elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the former in 1880 and Supreme Grand Chancellor of the latter for the United States in 1883. In this latter order he was a great light and wrote a history of the order and the Monitor used in its Ritual, and other standard works.

In 1861 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Douglass, a native of Ft. Madison, and three sons, their issue, with the mother survive the husband and father.

Mr. Van Valkenburg was an active man whose influence for good was exerted in all measures looking to the public welfare. He was progressive, liberal and popular with all men. As a friend he was true and honest, generous in his praise and slow in his criticism of his fellow men. He was temperate, honorable and just in all his dealings with his fellow men, and in his family a model husband and father. So he lived and so he died, loved, known and regretted by all, passing away on the 15th of October last, leaving many to mourn his untimely decease in the prime of life and midst his usefulness to friends and the public.

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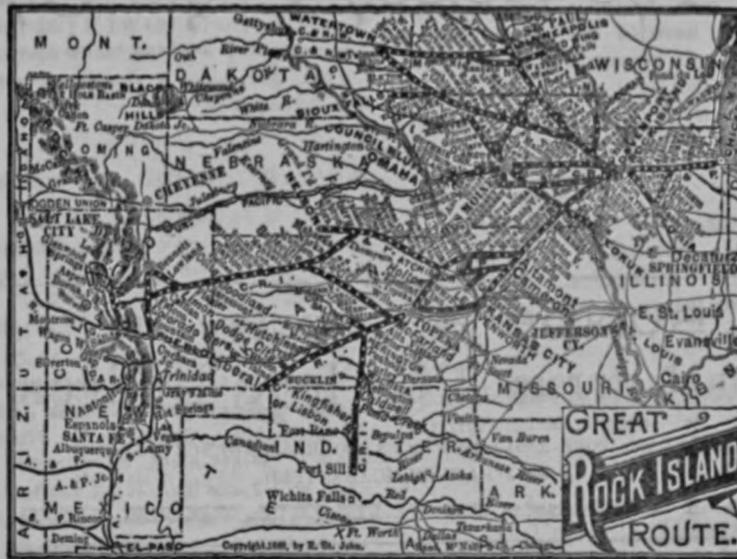
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