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Abuse of the Library.

There is a class of individuals in the world who evidently imagine that they form a very considerable and very essential part of the world's compositum; who conceive that the great plan of creation would have been very imperfect had not they been included in the Omnipotent flat.

You meet representatives of this class at every pass and angle of your experience; you're sure to meet them if they're there, for coyness is not their most prominent endowment. You could tolerate them if you did not meet them constantly, or if you did but meet them and pass and forget them; and you could complain only when you find their tracks everywhere, and their omnipresence oppressive.

Of course it is characteristic of the individuals of this class that they always have on hand a stock of suggestions and advice, not to say dicta, which the world is dying to hear, and which, if left unsaid, will occasion much hardship in the land; and it is the fitness of things, that they can give of the plenitude of their resources to the benefit of their fellow men with no privation to the indulgence of their own self-conceit. Perhaps they are laboring under a delusion; perhaps they are willing and waiting to be undeceived. Perhaps so; but I doubt it. Such traits of character are often constitutional and oftener cultivated for their own sake. Yet these people of misdirected energy are probably not past reform; and to those who find t lemselves in such a situation, the period of their student life in college af-

rection of their principles than for the cultivation of their art; better at least in visible results.

It is against the local operations of these busybodies, that, in common with what I believe to be a vast majority of our University students, I venture a

I've just laid down a book drawn L. B. ELLIOTT, from the general library, opened at one of the pages where the text is enriched with the annotations of erewhile readers, who have taken this means of labelling themselves Business Manager. of the genus indispensable, mentioned above. These commentaries are, as might be expected, as varied as the minds which gave them birth, and follow each other in a most unhappy disregard of any recognized standard. They are, likely enough, in many cases well-intentioned, are oftentimes comically serious, - indicating a bubbling over of the sympathies of the impressionable reader,-and then again they take the form of pale witticisms, innocent of point or purpose

It is scarcely to be expected that these slobbers, done en passant and entirely regardless of any effect save the unburdening of the overcharged commentator, should impart any additional beauty to the page; and so it turns out that the thought and execution are usually in keeping with each other, and both slovenly.

All these notes and marks of whatever character and of however good intent are out of place, and positively have no excuse for their existence on the page. Had they been offered before the book went to the press they might have been suggestive to the author-as showing the acumen of some of his readers. As it is they come too late for their only laudable mission, and serve only to reproach the writer and disgust subsequent readers.

There is another consideration of greater importance. Do students rightly appreciate the advantages of access to the book room, and of drawing books to be read at their leisure? In charity let it be assumed that they do. Then for them a most happy conception of by what right do they convert a generous privilege into a selfish license? The book which the student draws from the library is his in no sense of the word. He has performed nothing on his part which vests an ownership in him; and when, to gratify a spirit of vanity or vandalism, he breaks the rules of the library by making dog'sears on the leaves, underlining and bracketing passages, and defacing the pages by his weakly notes, he betrays an absence from his make-up of one of essential parts of an honorable or honest gentleman.

fords a better opportunity for the cor- apply to at least a few of the young la- cent of the highest offices. -Ex.

dies of our school it is the awkwardness of language and not the absence of necessary conditions which is responsible. For the evidence on record is by no means meager for showing that the fair reader has had her say on those points on which it is permitted to have an opinion, where good taste and a respect for rights and rules might render a written entry of it on the page un-

There are many institutions of learning in our land where the library bookroom is barred to the invasion of the student, and library literature is doled out to him in quantities, and of a quality calculated to foster a more appreciative disposition when he comes under a more liberal dispensation. Very few of our S. U. I. students have had any experience in such an institution. If they had we might safely count on a long continuance of our present very easy library rules, which we have sub stantial reasons to doubt, should the above abuses, and that more reprehensible one, which needs but to be men tioned to be universally condemned, of "faking" books from the library, be continued. For it is precisely these abuses which have driven the powers that be, in the other institutions referred to, to compel the student, while enjoying the benefit of the library, to occupy the space between the "chalkline" of the book-room and the walls of the building. Strait-laced rules became necessary. They will become necessary in our University as soon as the same abuses have progressed far enough to give a "standing" to the class of students who take such license. They would never become necessary if that sense of honor and high-mindedness so characteristic of the general deportment of our S. U. I. students, would assume in all, such a phase of inwardness as would recognize the censorship of conscience as not less exacting, because more just, than that of public opinion.

GROGANUS REGULUS.

Shakespeare's works are being translated into Chinese by the President of Pekin College.-Ex.

At the University of Cambridge resolutions have been signed by 1300 members protesting against any movement toward the admission of women to membership and degrees in the Uni-

The College of Mexico is the oldest in America, and it was founded fifty years before Harvard.-Ex.

While the College men of the United States are only a fraction of one per If the above remarks do not seem to cent, they hold more than fifty per

According to the statistics of the higher educational institutions of Prussia we have the following figures: Of every 10,000 Protestants, 71.7 attend a higher institution of learning; of every 10,000 Catholics, 44.3 attend; of every 10,000 other Christians, 47.9; but of every 10,000 Jews not less than 489.3. In proportion the Jews are represented with eight times the strength of all the Christians combined. Data like these go a good ways toward the explanation of the "anti-Semitie" agitation. - Ex.

The first college for women in Rome, Italy, is to be opened in April, 1891.

At Harvard, Cornell, Ann Arbor and Johns Hopkins, attendance at recitations is optional.-Ex.

E. B. Bloss, '94, broke the Harvard record for the running broad jump, by a jump of 21 feet, 10 inches.-Ex.

A Yale student was fined \$20 for carving his class number.—Ex.

Vassar College rejoices in a beautiful new gymnasium, the gift of Alumnæ.

Princeton is to have a \$250,000 auditorium, the gift of an alumna, Mrs. has. Alexander.—Ex.

"The idea of genius aside from labor is mere phentasy."-Ex.

Rev. Sam Small has become president of the Utah University .- Ex.

A chair of the Irish language is to be established in the University of Pennsylvania.- Ex.

Columbia Theological Seminary expelled one of its Professors, because of his belief in evolution,-Ex.

Jessie B. Carter was awarded the Stinneche Scholarship of Princeton. This scholarship amounts to \$1,800.

"Stop that!" roared the exchange editor as the sporting editor struck into the first bars of "I'm saving it all for Mary." "What's the matter? mildly asked the offender. "Why, when you sing, your voice sours my paste," was the explanation.

Official report shows that the invested funds of Harvard College amount

He writeth best who stealeth best, Ideas great and small;

For the great soul who wrote them first From Nature stole them all.-Ex.

A patriotic student is never a chronic kicker. Never attend an institution that you can not heartily endorse. -Ex.

One third of the students in Europe die prematurely from the effects of bad habits acquired at college; one-third die prematurely from the effects of close confinement at their studies, and the other third govern Europe.-Ex.

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S. U. I., 1867-70.

T. S. PARVIN.

The catalogue of the S. U. Lof 1866-7 reveals the name, for the first time, of Prof. A. N. Currier, succeeding Rev. Dr. J. T. Robert in the chair of Latin and Greek languages and literature.

The succeeding catalogue of 1867-8 displays at the head of the Faculty, (there was but one then), the name of Rev. James Black, D.D., President and Professor of History.

The Faculty as it was at that time constituted, consisted of eight professors and six assistants and tutors. Of the fourteen, Prof. Rush Emery, an alumnus of the University, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, and President Black, alone are deceased, while Prof. Currier, alone remains connected with the University, being the Dean of the Academic Faculty and Professor of the Latin Language and Literature. The catalogue shows an enrollment that year of near four hundred and fifty students, one-half of whom were in the "Preparatory Department."

In those days there were no Law, no Medical, (old or new school), no Dental, no Pharmaceutical or other departments, than the old time Academical.

Dr. Black had at the opening of the scholastic year, succeeded Prof. Leonard, who had been the acting President since the resignation of Rev. Dr. O. M. Spencer, (appointed consul to Genoa, Italy). Dr. S. had been preceded by Rev. Dr. Silas Totten since the reorganization of the University in

The papers, (Iowa City excepted), of the 24th and later dates, have made known to the public the death of Dr. Black, which occurred at Wooster, Ohio, the 23d inst. For fifteen years Dr. Black had ably filled the chair of Greek Language and Literature in the young and growing University of

As many of our people will remember the Dr. and his family, his history will be of interest to the Faculty and students of the University, over which for three years he presided.

I, as one of his old associates and intimate friends, may be pardoned for presenting the readers of the VIDETTE-REPORTER a brief resume of his life and labors, which we largely collate from the Wooster Republican -except as it relates to Iowa.

Rev. James Black was twice honored, receiving the degree of D. D., in 1866, from Princeton College, (now University), and LL. D. from some other institution in 1883. He was a native of Pennsylvania and born in Westmoreland county, April 27, 1826. While he had not reached the Scripture age of three-score and ten, he had in the sixtyfive years of his active life been the means of leading many a young man up the hill of a higher education and into a better life. He was graduated from Washington College, Penn., and studied theology in the Western Theo-

his ministerial labors in 1852, and the following year was ordained to the gospel ministry. In this holy calling he labored for six years at Jefferson and Connellsville, Penn., where he was elected to the chair of Greek in his alma mater. There he spent the next ten years of his life, being also part of the time vice-president of his old college. During all these years he served the churches acceptably at points near by.

It was while serving as vice-president of Washington College that the trustees (now Regents) of our University called him to preside over this institution, in which position he remained and acted as Professor of History till the close of the year 1870, when he returned to Pennsylvania. He had, before resigning his post here, accepted the presidency of the "Pennsylvania Female College," at Pittsburg, where he remained till 1875. In the fall of 1880, I visited that institution and spent a day and night with his successor, and could then understand why the Doctor sought so pleasant a retreat from the cares and annoyances of a State Institution, too often the foot-ball for contending legislative factions. That year, 1875, he removed to Wooster, Ohio, and entered upon his labors in Greek, which he continued till death released him from all earthly labors. For many years, he was here, too, vice-president.

But it is as a Christian minister, President of the S. U. I., and a colleague, 1867-70, that I would now speak of him.

The Doctor was an easy, fluent speaker or talker, never using the MS., or even notes. In these reports he much reminded me of my old professor and president, Dr. W. H. McGuffy, famous as the author of the "McGuffy Readers," of the Eclectic Series, even now, as in 1838, in general use. The Doctor was, as one might infer from his antecedents, a Presbyterian, and often filled acceptably the pulpit in this and neighboring cities. As President he was immensely popular with the students, more so than with the Faculty, who thought him too easy in his disciplin, for be it known that the Faculty then governed the students and not they themselves, as largely now. Another trait, and a most remarkable one, served to win their respect and love-his wonderful memory. He would npon the opening of the year in chapel, (which all were required to attend, professors and students), call the roll of students as made out by the Registrar, require each to rise that he might look into his or her face. The next, and every succeeding day, he would, when and wherever he might meet the faces once seen, call the person by name, and with a pleasant smile and bow pass on. I might, were this the time and place, relate many pleasing anecdotes of the Doctor's intercourse with the professors, students and citizens, for he was a welcome visitor in many a home and among all goodly companies. The

Dr. James Black, President Licensed to preach by the presbytery daughter, Miss Lizzie, who survive page 49, of the catalog, we read "that of Redstone, he at once entered upon him. From my own personal knowledge I can truly say, "he was a man of God, able, faithful and beloved, a wise and stimulating instructor, a kind and impartial counsellor, a generous friend, a great favorite among the students, and a cherished fellow-laborer in the Faculty." His kindly eye and cheery voice yet lingers upon the pleasant memories of those by-gone years when he went in and out amongst us. His sermons, so simple and true, like the man and his character, his prayers original and oftentimes quaint, now and then come up in remembrance to prove his noble traits of Christian manhood which one loves to recall.

I am sure that the few who remain widow and daughter, who with thoumourn the loss of the husband, father, college. instructor and friend.

Iowa City, Dec. 28, 1890.

S. U. I. vs. Beloit.

When a student visits another college he naturally seeks to compare its advantages with those of his own Alma Mater. Having had the pleasure of seeing and hearing various things about Beloit College, Wis., during the holidays, I attempt to give such few items of difference which I noted, as may be of interest to V.-R. readers.

In number of students, Beloit does not rank high, but Amherst gets good ings. results by limiting their attendance, as do also many of the leading female seminaries of the country. Beloit's present enrollment is 344, of which 231 are "preps," leaving only 113 in the college proper, Though we are loath to admit it, yet Beloit does have higher requirements for entrance than S. U. I. This is only in the classical course. however, and just as they pay special attention to this department, so their superiority ends here, for in equipment for scientific work they have almost nothing compared to our laboratories and facilities. Their buildings are smaller and with one or two exceptions not as substantial as those on our campus. Stoves being still in vogue as heaters, frequent complaints of "miserably cold" are heard. A new chapel and science hall are being erected. Though the chapel will cost \$30,000, yet it will not be the only building of importance, as is the case with an Iowa college, in Des Moines, called Drake "University." Beloit's new buildings are made possible by large donations from Mr. D. K. Pearsons, of \$50,000, the income of which is to be loaned to the needy student at the low rate of 3 per cent, and payable 5 years after graduation. This together with ten scholarships of small amounts and an "Employment Bureau," furnishes valuable aid to the poor, but ambitious students. Also, prospective ministers pay no tuition. But does not S. U. I. have inducements to him whose desire

no student need be excluded from the University by reason of inability to pay tuition." Yet there is room for more prizes and scholarships, and here too, is the opening for a class that wishes to leave its mark of remembrance. And I suggest, fellow Juniors, that we establish a "'92 Scholarship,'

Yes, there is one thing besides entrance requirements, in which Beloit temporarily surpasses the S. U. I., namely: a gymnasium, which though not elaborate is equipped with nearly all the apparatus necessary for proper physical training. But next September will see our Y. M. C. A. gymnasium completed, so that we have not long to wait until in that too we shall "lead among us who knew Dr. Black will them all." Their campus furnishes free join mein Christian sympathy for the of rent base ball and foot ball grounds. A boat-house and boats are also owned sands of students all over the land by the Athletic Association of the

> Their museum might be compared with the collection of the State Historical Society in this city. The library numbers about 16,000 volumes, especially strong in complete magazine sets, and old "arst-editions," and wanting in scientific works. The library is kept open during the evening as well as during the afternoon. Magazines may be taken out for a period of three days. High room rent forced the fraternities to build chapter houses, and the Beta Theta Pi's and Sigma Chi's have just completed neat and commodious build-

There are two literary societies, either hall being less than half the size of our halls, and not nearly as well fitted up, only one hall having a piano, and neither hall being carpeted. Yet these matters have not prevented good work from being done in them, as is shown by the rank which Beloit orators usually hold in the inter-state contests. Most of their sessions are with closed doors, the public not being permitted to enjoy the weekly lunch of literary morsels, as offered by our "open programs." A combination of the two societies for the purpose of joint debates, maintaining a reading room, establishing lecture course, etc., is called the "Archean Union." This union also choses the eight men who enter the home oratorical contest, only seniors being allowed to enter. The "Junior Ex." which large classes have long ago rendered impracticable here, still holds sway there. Yet if such comments as "tedious," "poorest thing of the whole year," which were heard applied to it, are the true criterion, it cannot be long lived there either; al-Chicago, and others Mr. Pearsons has | though the students seem to depend on also established a "Pearsons Fund" of it and similar affairs to drill the men for the final struggle in the "home contest" in the senior year. No doubt the plan of excluding the lower classmen from the oratorical contest has its merits. Knowing then that they have but one chance, and perhaps therefore regarding it as a higher honor, the students will make it their supreme effort. But again, by our system, may not failure correct faults and stimulate the logical Seminary at Alleghaney, Penn. | Doctor's family consisted of a wife and | for learning outruns his purse? On | more? And on the other hand, too, we know how often, aft aspirant is discouras up before making doubtedly be his mo believe the two pla Though it is hard established custom, another plan would sity stronger in the it not worth at least a change for the bet

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know how often, after trying once, the aspirant is discouraged, and thus gives up before making what would undoubtedly be his most mature effort. I believe the two plans worth thought. Though it is hard to change a once established custom, yet if it seems that another plan would make our University stronger in the field of oratory, is it not worth at least the trial of making a change for the better?

Beloit is not a co-educational college, and there are, of course, many students who can see nothing good in any other plan. There are also these who can see wherein co-education may be of value, especially in making stronger women, and more manly and cultured men, and it was one of those who told me of one instance where co-education might have exercised a refining influence. As an uncultured Freshman, this student expectorated on his hands and therewith, in lieu of hair oil, did each time on entering a recitation room, smooth his disheveled locks. Nor did he forsake his habit when he grew to be a Sophomore, nay not even when a Junior, and now, though his head is ready for the Senior's silk tile, he still does cling to his old manner, whereat his schoolmates are often much

W. T. CHANTLAND.

The Colleges of Nebraska have established an inter-collegiate field day.-Ex.

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Lieutenant Read is once more at his desk after an extended absence.

The Daily Congressional Record is on file in the Library, by courtesy of Senator Allison.

When Sargent heard that hair grows after death he sighed, "Well I'll have whiskers sometime then."

How much ability does it require to distinguish a newspaper article from an "admirable" Sophomore essay?

Do you know the V.-R. contributing box? Drop an article in its slot and see it come out,-in print.

Pres. Schaeffer and Profs. Currier. Calvin and Loos attended the State Teachers' Association at Des Moines last week

Miss Hattie Stimmel, '90, has been appointed Instructor in Free-hand of the same. The papers include three Drawing, and is already in charge of a different articles on Cements, also palarge class in that subject.

E. E. Dorr, M. D., a graduate of our Medical Department, now practicing at Des Moines, was married, Wednesday, Jan. 7, to Miss Mildred, daughter of the late Wesley Redhead.

The one dollar tax levied last term by the Athletic Association on its members, is now due. Will members please pay up at once, as the Association is in need of money. F. G. PIERCE.

Contest? Many good declaimers are eager for the fray. Are we to let this interesting feature of the year's work be forgotten and discontinued?

There are a few Y. M. C. A. handbooks remaining undistributed. All new students who desire one should make application to either of the following named committeemen: J. E. Conner, F. G. Pierce, R. M. Cannon.

Any "gags" on members of any of the departments, occurring since Feb., 1890, that are dropped in the VIDETTE box, will be thankfully received by the "funny" editor of the "Hawkeye." When practicable give the date of occurrence.

Prof. Currier will conduct the Y. M. C. A. Gospel Meeting to be held tomorrow Sunday, Jan. 18, at 4 P. M., in the Christian Church. The topic will be "Personal Work," with Acts 9-11 as the key text. All young men of the University and city are invited.

"The Decline of Rural New England" is the title of an interesting article in the January number of the Popular Science Monthly, by Prof. Currier. We are sorry that space forbids us printing it in full. It has been copied by many of the State papers, and has been the subject of much comment and interest. All should read it with care.

What do the S. U. I. authorities mean by compelling Prof. Loos to teach a Prof. Anderson delivered a lecture in class of thirty-five "in a goods-box?" The room cannot be ventilated except Prof. Loos was unable to meet his by opening the door, when a sensation is experienced similar to that which would result if one were pitched from a Dutch oven into a snow-drift. transom should be made above the door.

> Lieutenant Read, the Professor of Military Science, of the S. U. I., has recently been awarded the prize medal offered by the Military Service Institution for the best essay on "A Practical Scheme for Training the Regular Army in Field Duties of War." The essay appears as the leading article in the January number of the Journal of the Military Service Institution.

The Engineering Society of the University has published a second number of the Transit, which contains several very valuable papers, This number of the Transit constitutes a journal of one hundred pages, besides photogravures of the two new buildings, and the plans pers on Preservation of Timber, A Simple Method of Determining Latitude, and Paving Brick and Brick Pavements. These are all of high order of merit, and show that the work done in the department is of the very best. The Journal is handsomely printed on good paper and reflects well upon the publishers.

The special issue of the Penn Treasurer. which any college should be proud. It men, select a place kept by a widow of judges, W. M. Beardshear, President of

What's become of the Declamatory is an edition, containing in full, the rather feeble physical condition and exercises held at the dedication of a new building, a prize, on account of which we extend hearty congratulations. The dedicatory exercises were held on December 23, which included addresses from many of the prominent educators of the State. Pres. Schaeffer delivered an address on the important question, "Why promote higher education," of which the issue contains a lengthy abstract. Among other things said by Dr. Schaeffer was the following: Leaving out of consideration the material benefits conferred on man by the higher education, there is yet a higher, a nobler object for which we must strive, and for the attainment of which, we are bound to put forth our best efforts, and to use all of the means which the Creator has placed within our reach,-the development of the perfect man." Other addresses were delivered by J. E. Rhoads, President of Bryn Mawr College, F. H. Loring, Regent Swalm and Judge Woodin.

> Prof. Anderson delivered the first lecture of his course at the Unitarian church, last Monday evening. Being the first, it was necessarily largely introductory. The speaker began by sketching briefly the growing tendency toward what the French call solidarily. The movement seems to many the one purpose that may be traced through history. Its continuation promises beautiful things for the future; in brief, the survival of the better elements of human nature, and the obsolesence of the worse. Our danger to-day lies in co-operating blindly, fanatically, superstitiously; the co-operation must be intelligent, and will consequently be of incalculable value. Before taking up Voltaire the speaker found it necessary to review the age which gave him birth. It was the most glorious age of French literature and philosophy, one of the most memorable ages in the history of world-literature. The great thinkers in the different branches of knowledge were characterized more or less briefly; after which the speaker passed to a brief consideration of the peasantry before the French Revolution and the causes in general which made that great conflict inevitable. The lecture was interesting, concise and remarkably strong. It promises a most profitable and enjoyable course.

Sartor Resartus.

MR. EDITOR: In your issue of Dec 19th I noticed an article entitled, "Some Holiday Faces," and when I came to the last subject, which treated of "Her Excellency, the Landlady," I just knew it was one of my boys who wrote it. My efforts to add something to the pleasure of the holiday season have been so much appreciated that I venture to offer you a few useful suggestions in regard to the selection of a boarding house. In order to enjoy that "personal liberty" and freedom from re- L. L. Elliott, '93. A copy of each ora-Chronicle, for December, is one of straint so much desired by some young

without any grown up sons. Even a widow with well developed muscles and vigorous constitution might be a serious drawback to the full enjoyment of your privileges, while a grown-up son is not to be thought of.

After getting your board and room rent down to a satisfactory figure, impress on your landlady's mind that you are not one of the ordinary sort of every day young men, that you have not been tied to your ma's apron string. Call your father the Governor and your mother the Old Lady. This will satisfy your landlady that you have been well brought up.

By this time you will have won her respect and by carrying out a few details you will soon win her admiration.

I will merely mention a few and your fertile brain will suggest others. If there is a gate in front be sure and leave it open, no matter how you found it. Somebody might, of course, run against it in the dark, but that's their lookout. When you pass through any of the doors, slam them after you, some doors can be shut in this way if you only slam them hard enough.

If you should close the gate or shut the door quietly you might be suspected of having an old fogy mother who taught you such antiquated ideas.

Be perfectly free to turn your room into a gymnasium whenever you feel like it, young men must have exercise you know. Your landlady may not like it, but if you have attended to my sug gestions about your selection of a boarding house, you need not fear.

Leave your slippers and dirty linen scattered about the room, split your kindling on the carpet, drive nails in the walls, or any other little innocent pastime, and it will be wonderful how these little traits in your character will give the impression that you are not one of the common herd, but a man who is bound to make his mark in the

Should your landlady mention the fact that you spilt a bottle of ink on the table cover and carpet, tell her not to mention it, that the entire bottle only cost five cents, anyway, and for her not to worry about it.

Now, thanking you for kind notice of me in the VIDETTE, and hoping that you may continue to shed the luster of your bright example wherever you go,

Yours sincerely, WIDOW McGINTY.

The Coming Contest.

The original oratorical contestants, handed printed copies of their orations to President Kelley, of the Association, on Thursday. The following are the names of those who entered: J. J. Crossley, '91; J. E. Conner, '91; C. A. Stutsman, '91; Frank Nelson, '92; W. T. Chantland, 92; B. L. Wick, '91; F. A. Stowe, '92: Ward Bannister, '93: and tion was immediately sent to the

the State Agricultural College, Snpt. J. T. Merrill, Cedar Rapids, and Dr. W. C. Shultz, Marengo.

These gentlemen will mark the orations with reference only to thought and composition, upon a scale of one hundred, and return them on or before Thursday the 22d inst. The successful six will thus have a week for putting the final touches to their preparations, the date of the contest being Wednesday evening, Jan. 28th.

When the orations are delivered at the Opera House the markings will be made only upon delivery, by judges yet to be chosen by the six successful men, -the six receiving the highest rank in thought and composition.

The University was well represented at the recent meeting of the State Teachers' Association, held at Des Moines, Dec. 3. Professor Cooper was Chairman of the Executive Committee, and presided at the formal opening of the Association at the Congregational church of that city. The Education al Council, which met at the room of the commercial exchange, discussed at length various phases of education. Professor Currier was a member of the committee on the nomination of this council. He also opened the discussion on the subject, "What Shall Precede the American University." The substance of his remarks was as fol-

"That the colleges, so-called, overlap on the one hand on the work of the university proper, and on the other, on that of the purely preparatory school. That high schools do work properly belonging to special schools, colleges and universities, and that the university proper, so called, has hardly an existence in the country. High schools, colleges and universities, overlap each other, and do the same work, thus duplicating unnecessarily the courses of study and wasting educational forces. The recommendation of the committee is that efforts should be made toward ultimately having a system something like that now in existence in Germany; in other words, that colleges should throw out of their courses all except disciplinary studies, and leave to the universities the work of teaching advanced and specialized branches. In this reorganization the high school should naturally take the position of a preparatory school for the

Dr. Schaeffer also took an active part in this discussion.

At this meeting also a committee was appointed to adopt resolutions on the death of R. G. Saunderson, late Superintendent of Burlington schools. Mr. Saunderson received his master's degree from the University in '75. The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the good Father to remove from our number our brother, R. G. Saunderson, by the hand of death;

WHEREAS, We, the members of the

educational council, desire to express our appreciation of his work; be it

Resolved: That, as a man, his inde-pendence of thought, his courage of conviction, and his uprightness of con-duct, have filled us with admiration;

That, as a teacher, his devotion to his profession, his power as an organizer, his depth and thoroughness as a scholar, and his inspiring influence upon both pupils and teachers, have marked him

That this council has lost one of its first and most useful members, one upon whose council and advice we could ever rely, and one whose genial presence and hearty co-operation we sadly miss;

That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of this council and a copy be sent to his family."

Prof. Calvin was made delegate to the National Convention.

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"A Cold Day" at Harper's Theatre.

A rattling good performance was that of Fisher's Company in "A Cold Day," at Harper's Theatre last night-The company is especially organized for the production of the pleasant musical comedy, with Fisher and Moroscoas the chief mirth-makers, and every scene and every minute are made the most of. The choruses were made the most of. The choruses were very effectively rendered, and the dancing of Carlotta in the third act is an artistic and taking feature. Carlotta, who is young and handsome, is dressed for the dance in a rich black costume, and her dancing, apparently unstudied, and certainly unhackneyed and unstilted, is worthy of all praise.—Rock Island Daily Union, January 11, 1891.

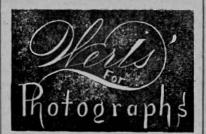
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Law Department.

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Everyone seems to be rejuvenated.

Yes, a pleasant vacation, thank you! Rev. Bullock was a welcome visitor on Thursday.

Junior moot court opens up in full blast on next Tuesday.

D. C. Lewis, class of '81, is making a reputation in Oklahoma.

What is the difference between a step-mother and a mother-in-law?

Why does Judge Baker look so lonely? He reports Lawson last seen in the wilds of Missouri.

William B. Allen, class of '82, is reported to have been elected Speaker of the North Dakota House of Represen-

H. C. Gardner and Fred Favill came in a little late in the year but are looking as though nothing unusual had occurred.

Judge Robinson, during the past week, completed his course of lectures on appellate practice. We are sorry that time will not permit Judge Robinson to pursue this important subject

Juniors enrolled this term are as follows: M. K. Culver, Riceville; Mathias Fell, Harper; Hans. A. Gilbert, Estherville; Louis D. Kenmerer, Grinnell; J. H. Sindlinger, Waterloo; G. E. Kruckman, Ft. Dodge; Luther A. Waterman, Villisca.

Care Name

H. K. Evans, a former S. U. I. student but now county attorney of Wayne county, was married a short time ago. T. E. Cassaday, Jr. part of last year, has been admitted to the bar and is now a member of the firm of Burke, Hewitt and Cassaday, of Council Bluffs.

Mr. Horace G. Clarke, class '90, son of Hon. and Mrs. E. Clarke, of this city, and Miss Mabel, daughter of Hon. R. C. Morse, mayor of Grinnell, were married at the residence of the bride's father, on New Year's eve. Quite a number of Iowa City relatives and friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke left on the evening train for an extended wedding tour in the east. They will return to this city, about February 1st., where they expect to make their future home. On the same evening another of last year's class, Mr. C. E. Nichols and Miss Laura Barber, of this city, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, in this city, and took the evening train for their home in West Liberty. The wishes of the class go with them.

The department opened Tuesday morning at nine o'clock, with a fair attendance.

Judging from the happy countenances of those present, it is safe to say, all had spent a very enjoyable vacation, and have returned to pursue the study of legal lore, with rewarded energy. After the usual roll call, Prof. McClain | forced exertion. He predicts that as | Spencer's Philosophy of Style.

extended to all a hearty welcome. He took up the subject of Criminal Law, in which he will continue to instruct the Juniors for four and one half weeks. At ten o'clock Prof. Hayes entered the the Senior hall and after he had received the applause generally tendered new professors, proceeded on his new field of labor of administering the necessary aid to the Seniors in the study of Real Property. At eleven o'clock Prof. Wambaugh resumed his course of lectures on the subject of insurance, specially treating the law of life insurance, and thus the work of the new year began.

Medical Department.

V. E. TREYNOR. Editors.

Hatfield visited all the medical colleges in Chicago on his trip east before Christmas. He says we have better lecturers here. The Chicago schools surpass ours only in clinical advantages.

Mr. Folson, of the Senior class, improved the holiday vacation by taking unto himself a wife. We congratulate him on his good fortune and wish himself and wife a long and prosperous voyage upon the sea of matrimony.

The experiment of killing a dog by injecting air into his veins was a failure because the air injected was so heavily laden with alcohol that it acted as a stimulant. The dog wagged his tail as though they had breathed into him the breath of life.

The professor in physiology registered a "goose egg" against six or eight of the boys in the Junior class in the recent quiz. This was done in rapid succession and was hardly fair for the reason that the question was a difficult one-However, it may serve to stimulate us to greater action.

Dr. Edward E. Dorr, a recent graduate was married on Wednesday, the 7th inst., to Miss Mildred Redhead, of Des Moines. The bride's parents are among the wealthiest people in the capital city. All former acquaintances of the S. U. I. unite in wishing Dr. Dorr and his fair bride a happy future. Billy Greene was the recipient of an invitation to the wedding.

There is a report amongst tho boys that John E. Maguire, of East Dubuque, is about to abandon the study of medicine. Mr. Maguire was at one time a leading member of the famous East Dubuque Minstrels and we understand he is again about to return to his original profession. Mr. Maguire is a very clever specialist and his reappearance before the footlights will be quite an addition to the staff.

A British surgeon states that of 5000 decrepit or aged soldiers that have been brought under his notice, fully 80 per cent were suffering from cardiac trouble in one form or another, due to

large a percentage of the athletes of to-day will be found twenty-five years hence to be the victims of the same causes engendered by muscular strains. There are more people living in France who have passed the age of 60 than there are in England, the home of athletic sports, and there is probably no nation in Europe more averse to muscular cultivation for its own sake than the French. Great athletes die young and a mortality list of Oxford men who had rowed in the 'varsity races, shows that a comparatively small percentage of them lived out the allotted time.—The Journal.

New Books.

Philosophy.-

Middleton and Fellows, Memory Sys-

James, Psychology. Murray's Psychology. Royce, Religious Aspect of Philoso-

Hegel's Phanomenologie. Ebbinghaus Uber das Gedachtnis. Fauth das Gedachtnis. Berkeley's Works.

Berkeley's Life, Letters and Philosophy, by Fraser.

Hume's Human Nature. Green &

Hume's Essays. Kant's Critique of Pure Reason. Kant's Critical Philosophy for Eng-

Kant's Philosophy. Selections. Kant's Werke. 8 v. Fowler's Principles of Morals. 2 v. Fowler's Elements of Deductive Log-

Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. Paulsen's System der Etpik. Ferrier's Philosophical Works. Martineau's Study of Spinoza. Mill's Utilitarianism. Jones' Elements of Logic. Swinburn's Picture Logic. Schiller's Philosophical Essays. Mantegazza's Physiognomy of Expression.

General Literature.—

Great Writers. 35 vols. Meredith, Geo. Novels. 10 v. Meredith, Geo. Ballads and Poems. Morris, Lovers of Gudrun. Dryden's Works. 18 v. Lowell's Prose Works. 4 v. Snider's Goethe's Faust. Dudley's Poetry and Philosophy of Goethe.

Masson's French Literature. Rosetti's Shadow of Dante. Shakespeare, Furness ed. Sidney's Defense of Poesy. Ed. by Cook.

Traill's Coleridge. Traill's Sterne. Stephen's Swift. Jebb's Richard Bentley. Gosse's Thomas Gray. Colvin's Keats. Lanier's Science of English Verse. Whitman's Leaves of Grass.

Donnelly's Great Cryptogram. Moulton's Shakespeare as a Dramatic

Arnold's Essays. 9 v. Arnold's Poems. 3 v. De Vere's Essays. Morley's English Writers. 5 v. Milton's Poetical Works. Symond's Introduction to the Study of Dante.

Dowden's Shelley.

Clough's Poems and Prose Remains.

Chaucer's Minor Poems. Chaucer's Legend of Good Women. Skeat's English Etymology. Fitzgerald's Letters and Literary Remains. 3 v.

Boswell's Life of Johnson by Hill.

Pater's Essays. Jusserando's English Novel. Montaigne's Essays, 4 v. Heywood, How They Strike Me. Best Plays of English Dramatists.

French Writers-Victor Cousin, Turgot. Tr. by Anderson. Wordsworth's Poetical Works.

Bacon's Essays. Anderson's ed. Economics and Politics .-

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Bonham Railway Secrecy and Trusts. Baker's Monopolies.

Ely and Finlay, Taxation in American States and Cities.

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Andrews' Institutes of Economics. Thompson's Elements of Political Economy.

Hazard's Economics and Politics. Well's Recent Economic Changes. Patten, Economic Basis of Protec-

Ely, Labor Movement in America. Bilgram, Involuntary Idleness. Gladden, Applied Christianity. Smith's Emigration and Immigra-

Lowell's Essays on Government. Taylor's Origin and Growth of the English Constitution. Cooley and others, Constitutional

History of the United States. Wilson's Practical Politics. Sidgwick's Political Economy. Bagehot's Economic Studies. Donisthorpe's Individualism. Graham's Social Problem. Kirkup's Inquiry Into Socialism. Marshall's Economics of Industry. Jevons's the State in Relation to La-Chalmer's Local Government.

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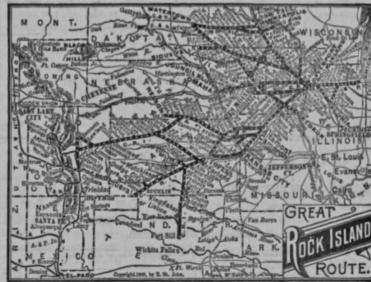
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