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LONELY.

The autumn winds now loudly sigh,
The sun is darkened in the sky;
Few are they, the passers-by,
And I am lonely.

The dead leaves fall thick and fast,
The sturdy trees obey each blast;
The present soon will be the past.
Ah, sure, I'm lonely.

Close to the house the old vine clings,
Among its twigs some song bird sings;
Twill soon for sunny lands take wings
And leave me lonely.

I think of one so far away;
It seems so hard for me to stay
Where I can not see Hope's bright ray,
And be so lonely.

O say, does Fate so harshly deal,
With all to whom life seems unreal,
And never fail to make them feel,
Like me, so lonely?

But ah, some day I this shall know:
That one true heart will truer grow;
And where I please and choose to go,
I'll not be lonely.

Nov. 3, 1893.

"WHITLKBERRY."

University Life in Norway.

As you are all pretty well acquainted with English and German college life, I will omit that but try to give you an inkling of Norway college life as I have observed it.

Norway is a small country and has only a population a little larger than that of Iowa, so it can boast of only one University, founded in 1811 at Christiania the Capitol. From small beginnings it has grown to considerable size and importance, not only in Scandinavian countries but in the college world of Europe at large. The professors, such as Steffin, the philosopher, Abel, the mathematician, Michael and Ossian Sars, the historians, Ernst Sars, Munch and Keyser, the botanists, Schubeler and Blytt, and the philologists Sophus Bugge, Unger and Lieblein have become famous in their respective lines of research. Although several of these prominent men have been called away to other schools where salaries have been much larger and the field of research much more productive; still others through love of country and mother land have sacrificed good salaries and greater reputations, for the sake of remaining at the old college they loved so much, working faithfully trying to build up their alma mater. That those efforts have been crowned with success is best seen in the attention that has been shown Norse literature during the past decade beyond the borders of that sparsely populated country, where Ibsen, Bjornsen, Lie, Kielland, Garborg and Jaeger hail from, and from which university they have all graduated within the past forty years.

In the heart of the city, below the royal palace, facing Carl Johan's Gade, lie the handsome buildings of the University, which were erected from 1841-1851, under the guidance of the Norse architect, Grosch. These buildings are the most stately in the country, surpassing in beauty of architecture, the government building itself. The government, stringent in other matters, even cutting down the salaries of the royal house many thousand dollars, has always been liberal with the University in erecting buildings, supplying material for students, endowing chairs and sending many pro-

fessors and bright youths to other lands at public expense, in search of knowledge. Private endowments are also common by alumni and friends, and just a few days ago an old gentleman in Thronlyim, presented the head of this school with a check of \$20,000 to help higher education. This love of the people for the school is universal, and their pride in the alumni and the part they play in the literary world, are not easily exaggerated.

The library is a handsome building, well fitted up with public and private reading rooms. There are 320,000 books and manuscripts. The old Norse and scientific collections being very complete. Here students and others spend a great deal of time reading; and a college work is carried on entirely by lectures, it becomes necessary to do much reading in order to become familiar with the subject. One librarian and several assistants devote all their time in directing students in the use of books and where to find material in various lines of study. The assistants are very competent for this kind of work, for it seemed to me they could give a person a synopsis of any work and give the authors standing.

There are fifty-five professors and nearly 100 assistants. The students in attendance being 1,650. The professors do not come in contact with the students as much as they should. Their time is taken up otherwise than in entertaining students and only a favored few can obtain their society out of college, something that students in western colleges can not appreciate too highly.

The college girl here does not play the role in student circles that she does in America. It is true there are not so many, but for that very reason she ought to be looked up to and humored so much more. Quite a number take law, medicine and the common college course. It seems she is either above or does not care for the average college student, seldom associating with him. As soon as she passes the entrance examination she assumes the character of a book worm, surpassing her student brothers so far, that he no doubt feeling his own ignorance, is afraid to converse with her on their studies, so he prefers rather to sit around a table drinking beer with his jolly companions and composing poetry in honor of Bacchus.

It seems that students put off their studying until about time for examinations, when private tutors are employed, as well as "ponies," for these latter are more common here than in America. Even with these helps many students are sent home or fall through when examinations are taken. It has been asserted as true, that in the galaxy of names of Norse ancestors, not one made any reputation while at the University, a few scarcely showing that they were of average caliber. However, the professors have since asserted that they read every thing but their lessons.

If an Iowa student could take part in various amusements offered, he could scarcely understand why students do not employ their time better

in school. For the same money you hire an old boat for a trip on the Iowa River; you can here get a little steamer for a trip down the picturesque fjord. Here you can bathe in water warm and clean if you like, or you can stop along the many islands covered with Norway fir and climb a mountain peak a thousand feet high. Hundreds of steamers and sailing yachts can be seen on the fjord, going in every direction, while from every little hilltop music is heard, where people are enjoying themselves in dancing, singing, etc.

Short trips can also be made up into the country for a small sum. For a complete survey of the city and the dale in which it lies, St. Hanshang, beyond the city limits, affords a panoramic view of charming description. A little to the west in half an hour we can reach Frognersater, and here we can lunch and climb lookout tower on "Tryvandshoi," 1600 feet, from which point we can view a considerable part of southern Norway, from the Swedish boundaries in the east to the mountains of Hallingdale and Thelemarken in the west. Again parks are found every where, in which bands discourse music every evening during the summer months. In winter, sports such as ski lobb skating and sleighing are common, and excite fully as much attention as our field day. Theatres and concerts are given in various places of amusement every night, so that the student not inclined to study can here find company and a place to spend the time.

Undoubtedly these attractions and jolly company in such a large city keep students from their books, and as the student class on the whole come from the wealthy class it can not be much wondered at that a great deal of time is thrown away on attractions and sports which might better be employed on books.

On the whole, I found the students not so friendly nor so easily to get acquainted with as in America. They are proud of the button and white-cap marks of their college. They also have an idea, the same many air freely in Iowa, that their university and no other is of any account; that their graduates, on account of their training, ought to surpass all others. The poor student here stands but little show for college honors, nor can he get into various college organizations, not on account of his abilities, but on account of his birth. This "caste system" is shown in all pursuits, and not less in college. For this reason no doubt the poor student generally gets along better and is kept away from his drinking brothers who seldom attend lectures, but always the sporting-club. After graduation, if not a theologian, he can seldom obtain a position at once, but must again work up the ladder, step by step, until his ability is felt, and he must be honored. On account of this "caste system" which stares them in the face at home, many ambitious graduates leave their native land for America, where, under freedom's banner, and equality for all, they can easier make a reputation.

With best wishes for a successful year at the University, and with

hopes for a large appropriation this year, I remain,

BARTHINIUS L. WICK, '91.

Sept. 22, 1893.

What We Need.

Professor Loos and Wilson spent a few days of last week visiting the the Northwestern University of Illinois, and also the University of Chicago, studying methods and comparing work and facilities with our own University. They both express themselves proud of the work done by their own students considering the many disadvantages under which they labor. Professor Wilson says that in both Universities, they have large and commodious seminary rooms fitted with tables and the best of reference books. In Chicago University the German library is placed in the German Seminary Room and a sub-librarian is placed in charge of the books. The library is large, including most of the best German books. Last year there was spent for German books alone \$4,500, a sum almost equal to the amount appropriated by the Iowa Legislature for our general library for two years time. Oh, if there were only a mill where Iowa corn might be ground into books! In Chicago University there are four persons teaching German alone, while the State University of Iowa has three persons employed in teaching German, French and Spanish, while the number of students in German alone is greater here than in Chicago University. The Professor of Modern Languages here is crowded into a small room, with a crowded seating capacity of thirty pupils, with just one window, and that to the west. Without light, without air, without room, without proper working apparatus, this little portion in this old historical building in Iowa is doing the double duty of recitation room and seminary room, and doing good work too. And yet, is there any wonder that there are rumors of resignation in our teaching force, that we can least afford to lose?

The Physical Laboratory.

The equipment of the physical laboratory has been very considerably enlarged and improved during the summer and fall. During his visit to the World's Fair, Professor Veblen secured a number of fine physical and electrical instruments. Many of these were bought from the American and foreign exhibits, and at considerable reduction from the ordinary prices. Some of the more notable purchases were rheostats, high resistance boxes and bridges, standard and other cells, a battery of accumulators, a condenser, and a number of galvanometers; also a circular dividing engine, reversible pendulum, a Fraunhofer micrometer, projection apparatus and electrically controlled tuning forks. Most of this apparatus has been placed in the laboratory to meet the growing demand for advanced work both in electricity and general physics.

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Fact and Rumor.

The Laws will have no school Tuesday.

Seaton, L. '94, left for his home at Newton, yesterday.

The Hesperians are working up a Cosmopolitan Program.

W. W. Wold, D. '94, has returned and will graduate with his class.

Miss Runa Henderson is spending a few days with her sister, Rose Henderson, '95.

Jessie Johnson, '94, was absent from classes Tuesday and Wednesday on account of sickness.

Bertha Traer, '96, was initiated into the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity Friday evening.

Professor E. W. Rockwood was chosen State Chemist by the State Board of Health last Thursday.

The Senior Laws, who distinguished themselves by winning the class cup, had their pictures taken Thursday.

There will be a business meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Monday, 5 p. m.; all members are requested to be present.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Minnie Humphreys, '91, to Cyrus H. Martin, of Chicago, November 8.

O. C. Anderson, '95, spoke on the political issues of the day on behalf of Jackson, at Norway, Iowa, last evening.

H. O. Pratt, '95, left yesterday for Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he will attend Cornell College. He will return next year to graduate with his class.

The Senate of Ohio has passed a bill making hazing a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$100 to \$300, and imprisonment of from six months to two years.

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Professor Burns, of Leland Stanford Jr. University, is making researches along the line of the veracity of children, and to this end is scattering circulars over the State of California, questioning parents on the truthfulness of their children, and if they are truthful, how often, and from what motives.

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