Oratorical Inertia.

CONDITIONS AT NORTHWESTERN THAT NEED FAMILIAR.- We copy the following editorial from a late issue of The Northwester, for which we believe the lessons thereof may be laid to heart in our own University:

"The orations of the candidates for the preliminary oratorical league contest have been handed into the judges. There were eight orations, a very insignificant number considering the students at the College. The halls are filled with men who are lamenting because they have not been selected. Many times we write, and we are sure promising for the future, which will fall as usual for lack of dorsal vertebral stuff. Such is luck; never win victories for Northwestern.

"Yesterday is a memory, to-morrow is a dream, and the present is the busiest part of the week." The latter is a saying which will have application to the events in Chicago, and is now building up a good practice in this city, where he is permanently located.

Grand concert.

By the Frank Howard Company.- Lovers of true vocal and instrumental music will be pleased to learn that Manager Coldren, of the Opera House, has secured for them a rare treat in the shape of a visit to this city by the celebrated Frank Howard Grand Concert Company. The company is now on a tour of the western states and is everywhere met with the greatest appreciation.

Mr. Frank Howard, the leading light of the company, has long been known as one of America's most popular singers and song writers.

One song especially of his many popular melodies, "Only a Piece of Blossom," has met with the greatest appreciation in America and Europe.

Mr. Howard's compositions, which have been sung by many of the best companies in the east, and of course appreciated, are his masterpieces, being sung by many of the best companies in the east, and of course appreciated.

The concert of Mr. Howard will be a treat to the advocates of vocal and instrumental music, and will be a fitting conclusion to the present season and a fitting commencement to the management of the library of the University.

The Library.

Under the efficient management of Mrs. Ridgeway, and her assistants, the General Library is fast becoming a favorite study place. At present there are about 22,000 volumes at the disposal of the students, and additions are being made continually.

Some of the most important works lately received are a set of "The English Text Society," consisting of 36 volumes, incised Edition of Samuel Johnson, and a splendid collection of Dodges's Old English Plays, plays in 15 volumes. Several hundred volumes on travel, embracing many rare and out of print works, have been received.

There has been quite an accession to the modern German literature, but at last report was getting along nicely. Mr. O. F. Adams, formerly of the class of '80, who, on accounts of sickness on his return from soldier life, was unable to enter school with his class, has been visiting old friends during his visit to our city. He expects to enter next year.

Many of the freshmen are learning how to prepare their own Historical specimens preparatory to section marking.

Miss A. E. Smith and Mr. L. W. Brown are the only students to take the examinations commencing.

Communications.

Edward Vodette-Harbert.- Why is that no one seems to consider it his duty to see that the snow is cleared from the walks in the campus and the steps to the various buildings, after a snowstorm?

It may be very amusing to the onlookers to watch the pedestrian floundering around in the snow, and, when the snow has turned to ice, at some expense, to see them slip down. It is certainly highly interesting to the luckless individuals themselves, but it is a rather peculiar state of affairs when the steps to the Central building are allowed to retain their full burden of snow, except as trampled down by the students, and nearly all the other steps, as well as the sidewalks, are covered with ice, the result of not being cleared off, at even this late stage, of the recent storm.

We would like to rise to inquire for what purpose the numerous janitors and caretakers employed, if not for duties of this kind?

Recitations.

The program at Hesperia last Saturday evening began at 6 o'clock, owing to some delay in closing Close Hall at 5.

The opening number was a speech by Miss Joyce, and the subject was well handled.

In place of the regular debate, a triangle discussion took place on the question: "In what profession is a woman best equipped for her time, labor and ability?"

Miss Burge advocated the teacher's profession, gave particular the medical, and Miss Steiger the domestic. The discussions were interesting and instructive, and were listened to with marked attention.

Miss Odier read an interesting paper on "Cyno de Bergame ."

Miss Pearson gave a declamation, "Learning Not To," which was very pleasing.

The program was closed with a piano solo by Miss Anderson.

Editorial.

Dr. Dean was unable to meet his class Saturday morning.

The Molfi house ball team was victorious over the Laws by a score of 20 to 8.

Surgical clinic was so large Thursday that there was not enough room, and an extra clinic was held on Friday morning. Medical clinics were also exceptionally large, Friday afternoon.

Debauchey, Wl, has been having a severe tangle with the grapple, and recently suffered a relapse, but is again able to sit up.

Wells, V. submitted to an operation for appendicitis, Thursday, and..."
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