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THE POETS.
[From the Atlantic Monthly]

The royal feast was done
Sought some new spice
And to his jestor cried,
Kneel now, and make

The jestor doffed his cap
And stood the mocking
They could not see the
Behind the painted gr

He bowed his head, and
Upon the monarch’s
tHis pleading voice arose
Be merciful to me, a

’Tis not by guilt the one
Of truth and right, O
’Tis by our follies that e
We hold the earth fro

Those cloudless feet, still
Go crushing blossoms
Those hard, unmeaning
Among the heart-sin

The ill-timed truth we a
Who knows how hard
The word we had not se
Who knows how grand

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CHARACTERS.

T. H. M’AU

’Tis many a flower is bloo

There grows in the clear ponds near Iowa City est of little plants. This in all its ways, and though never throws stem or sky, nor flares in color, single gay banner after royal kindred on hillside the margin of the very po The passerby, if he saw the call it a weed, and might o one at that; not exactly ground,” but at least “form or comeliness.”

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THE POET'S PRAYER.

[From the Atlantic Monthly for April.]

The royal feast was done; the king
Sought some new sport to banish care,
And to his jester cried, "Sir Poet,
Kneel now, and make for us a prayer!"

The jester doffed his cap and bells
And stood the mocking court before,
They could not see the bitter smile
Behind the painted grin he bore.

He bowed his head; and bent his knee
Upon the monarch's silken stool;
His pleading voice arose: "O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

"Tis not by guilt the onward sweep
Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay;
"Tis by our follies that so long
We hold the earth from heaven away.

"These clumsy feet, still in the mire,
Go crunching blossoms without end;
Those hard, unmeaning hands we thrust
Among the heartstrings of a friend.

"The ill-dimed truth we might have kept—
Who knows how hard it might have swung!
The word we had not sense to say—
Who knows how grandly it had rung?

"Our faults no tenderness should ask,
The clasping graces must cleanse them all:
But for our blunders—oh, in shame
Before the eyes of heaven we fall.

"Earth bears no balsam for mistakes;
Men crown the knave, and crown the fool
That did his will; but then, O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

The room was hushed; in silence rose
The king, and sought his garden cool,
And walked apart, and murmured low,
"Be merciful to me, a fool!"

CHARA.

T. H. MERRILL.

"Tell many a flower is born to blush unseen."

There grows in the quiet waters of some clear ponds near Iowa City one of the queerest of little plants. This plant is very lowly in all its ways, and throughout its whole life never throws stem or leaves up toward the sky, nor flares in color, nor flings out one single gay banner after the manner of its royal kindred on hillside or in valley, or on the margin of the very pool in which it dwells. The passerby, if he saw the plant at all, would call it a weed, and might call it a very homely one at that; not exactly a "root out of dry ground," but at least without any special "form or comeliness." As has been intimated, our plant is very low in rank, away down below the mosses, neighbor to the Algae; not quite brave enough to push out over moist rocks and logs and be a moss, and yet considerably above the long, silky threads of Alga floating in water about it. But for all this, in its way, this plant is just as beautiful and wonderful as any plant that grows and has a place in the literature of the last twenty years, which yields not in point of interest to the orchids or the roses, the Cedars of Lebanon or California. Hardly is a lecture given before learned society without reference to it; hardly can natural history be taught in our colleges without its aid; hardly does a man keep pace with the world who knows nothing about it. Its name is Chara.

Beauty is often associated with simplicity, and certainly Chara is simple enough, in outward form at least, to be very beautiful. But let us look at the plant more closely. Here is what passes for stem, made up of a succession of nodes or joints. At the end of each node appears a whorl of branches and secondary branches—branches or leaves, we hardly know which, for they contain chlorophyll, like leaves; and yet they are made up of nodes like the stem; moreover, round and round the stem in ascending spiral coils go bands of cells filled with grains of chlorophyll, so that, perhaps we might consider the whole plant as leaf. For convenience, however, we may call the outer row of each whorl, leaves, and the inner, branches, and for this time we will confine our attention to the leaves only. We may soon discover that these are covered all along with little round bodies which, to say the least, would suggest fruit. Tiny spheres, they are in pairs side by side, sometimes with a bract or leaflet intervening, one of each pair orange and the other green, and for distinction we may call the orange bodies globules, and the green ones nucules. And now we have gone as far as it is possible for us to go with the unaided eye, for these little spheres are just visible, mere specks, from 1 to 50 of an inch in diameter. Let us gently break on the stage of our microscope one of the globules. How we used to wonder in the days gone by at the contents of the mountain which yielded its wealth to the potent nema, but who with even a diviner's powers could have guessed the contents of that little orange ball? First we have eight little plates of elaborate construction forming the shell, and called the shields. From the center of each shield towards the center of the ball projects a handle which, to please our classical friends, we shall call manubrium. At the inner end of the manubrium we find a large, round cell, and clustered upon the surface of this, six smaller
The Vidette.

Who is Henry C. Carey? Not a few who glance at this page will ask. The answer should be, he was one of the most profound thinkers of the age, and a man whose memory should be dear to every true American. Some ten years ago Mr. Carey, in a kick, Back Bay, threw him over the rail to the present writer at not having seen the light for the first time in Boston. "Have I been born in Massachusetts no one would now ask. "Who is Henry C. Carey?" he said. But, although a native of Pennsylvania, Henry C. Carey succeeded in establishing his reputation as one of the foremost writers on social science, both in this country and in Europe.

He was born December 15, 1792, in Philadelphia, where his father, a native of the north of Ireland, had a thriving book business. Young Carey entered the same business, enlarged it considerably, but retired, 1835, into private life in order to devote his entire time to social science. He died October 13, 1879, nearly 80 years old. He published successively a series of important works, of which the most noteworthy are the following: "The Past, Present, and Future" (1858), "Harmony of Interests" (1820), "Principles of Social Science," his chief work, published in 156 and early in 1857, at a period of an apparently unprecedented national prosperity, by no means a calamitous one, and that no cataclysm which we designate as a "terrible crash of 1857." In the same work he pointed out the laws which, if obeyed, would lead to a real and enduring prosperity, and which he had early and accurately foreseen in accordance with Carey's doctrines, and which the proof of a doctrine more strikingly furnished than that by the experience of this country during the period which commenced with the Mormon troubles, and continues to the present time. During this period the country has prospered as never before, and this in spite of the terrible sacrifices of blood and money during the war for the maintenance of the Union, and the great disturbances incident to the financial revolution leading to the resumption of specie payments. Mr. Carey was one of the most decided opponents of the forced resumption of such payments, as he feared the suffering it would bring upon the people. Fortunately, the good that sprang from the practice of his other teachings was too great to prove him in all respects a true prophet in a matter which he was, perhaps, too old then to grapple with successfully. His predictions certainly proved true as far as the distress occasioned by the policy of resumption was concerned, but he had not fully calculated the enormous efficiency of the protective policy in turning the stream of gold, that formerly set for Europe, back to our shores, thereby making resumption a success. And yet, as early as 1856, Mr. Carey, in his "Principles," had most positively predicted that it would do this. The great points in Mr. Carey's system are briefly the following: All true civilization is in the ratio of the possibility for large numbers to live in close association. This depends upon the growth of individuality, which leads to the development of the resources of the intellect, and of the eye and hand. The greater the individuality, the greater the wealth of the associated numbers, because of the increased power over nature gained by the increased intelligence and skill. Isolated man is the slave of nature; by association he becomes her master. In order that man may be able to associate with man there must be diversity of employment. The study of these laws of association, and similar ones, is the chief purpose of social science, while the measures suggested by such study are more particularly the subject of the branch called political economy. The injurious influence of one industry of another must be met by such measures as will insure steady progress. If, for instance, a country like England, in possession of enormous wealth and machinery, uses these advantages in order to prevent the rise of rival industries in that country, or, at any rate, its steady and normal development in other countries, these countries are in their right if they have recourse to such measures as will enable them to gain the highest efficiency in art and industry. Mr. Carey showed that by judicious measures of protection the producer and consumer would live in closer neighborhood, and that by attracting population to our shores more benefit would, in the long run, accrue to our farming population by thus bringing the market to their door than by sending their products thousands of miles away, paying more in freights than the value of the articles at home, and losing the most valuable productions of the soil on which they grew. Economy, and political economy especially, should point out the means by which this expense (freight and fertility) can be saved to both the manufacturer and producer. He proved by numerous tests that his table argument, that people would do all this of their own accord, without legislative measures, by simply trying to consider their individual interests, is a fallacious one, and that all countries ever succeeded in gaining industrial independence or a high state of industrial efficiency except by protection of some sort, as long as such superiority was already possessed by some other people. The recent action of Germany, returning, by a large majority of her Parliament, chosen on the basis of universal suffrage, as our own Congress, to the policy of protection, the protective policy of France and Russia, of the very colonies of England—the Australian ones and even of Canada—and, finally, the striking success of this policy in these United States, all these and other evidences furnish the clearest proof of the correctness of Mr. Carey's doctrines. The common sense of the people everywhere is in this matter, as in many other matters, a safer guide than the fine-spun theories of a science by which we are taught that is taught in the majority of our colleges. Political economy, above all others, is a science that deals with realities, with tangible facts and figures, and the more theorizing in closet or lecture room will never advance a step.

It need scarcely be said that there are other advocates of protection besides Mr. Carey. What distinguishes our author from others is the wide grasp of his subject, the scientific thoroughness of his expostulations and arguments. Let any one used to acute thinking carefully study the chapters on "Wealth, Value, and Rent" in the first volume of his "Principles of Social Science," and on "Food and Population," and "Government in the third volume of the same work, and if, after such a study, he is not prepared to subscribe to what is here said of the author I will confess myself greatly mistaken.

I made Mr. Carey's personal acquaintance in 1876, after having been in correspondence with him for several years. The last time I saw him was in August of that year, on my return from a European trip. I had made it a point, in the spring of that year, to call on him previous to my departure for Europe, and had met with such a cordial welcome and invitation to call again in the future that I availed myself of the opportunity to see more of a man whom I had so long studied and admired. He occupied, during the day, two large rooms on the first
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'77. Robt. E. Goshorn is studying law in Judge Mott's office at Winterset.

'77. Eli C. Ogg drinks in legal lore at his home in Newton.

'81. E. M. Feaster abandons his class and learns law in an office.

'78. W. M. Martin again trains the Solonites.

'78. E. B. Butler is teaching in Owatona, Minn.

'78. W. D. Evans practices law at Hampton. Has good position.

'78. Albion N. Fellows is Principal of Knoxville High School.

Geo. McClellan and Cal. Wright are practicing law in Des Moines.

'76. J. J. McConnel is Principal at Atlantic.

'77. J. W. Conley attends the Chicago Theological Seminary.

'78. J. J. Hamilton wields the pen as editor of the Bloomfield Republican.

'78. Allan Judd is about to enter the Episcopal Ministry.

The Hesperian Society gladly welcomes the return of Mary Noyes.

Law '78. A. Myers Harrah has his own law office at Newton, Ia.

Law '78. Junkin & Deemer are practicing law in partnership at Red Oak, Ia.

Moral and Autobus, of the law class of '78, are practicing law in Kansas.

Will Needham swings his shingle to the breeze as attorney at law in Oskaloosa.

J. J. Bowies is improving his cheek near Des Moines, as agent for the Encyclopedia Britannica. He is doing well, we hear.

'78. John S. Frazeis still teaches at Glenwood; salary advanced. This speaks well for smiling John.

Ed, McLeod is in Chicago; has in charge the office of the Pulvernacher Galvanic Belt Company.

Class '81. Isaac B. Henyan is not with his class this term, owing to his father's death.

H. C. Warden, a former member of Class '82, is in the law this year; and, more than that, is married.

Frank B. Cowgill gave an Educational address before the Albion Seminary. We understand he was complimented very highly.

Mrs. M. N. Johnson, nee Stella White, is at present in Decorah, but will spend the winter in Des Moines, Mr. Johnson being a State Senator.

Judge Day, of the Iowa Supreme Bench, honored the University with a short visit recently. His son is attending the Academic Department, a member of the junior class.

Class '80. Geo. W. Fehlisen disappoints his classmates. He makes his $2 per day in his profession, carpentering, near his home in Newton. Intends teaching this winter.

C. B. Phillips has added his name to the list of the wedded. We are sorry he could not find a partner here to suit him, but wish him much joy as he is. He is now located as a teacher at Guthrie Centre, Ia.

Mourning Edwin will lecture in this country until about November 1st, then will go to England and Scotland, give lectures there awhile, and then return to his native home, Birmah. Wish him a pleasant trip.

Mrs. North, former State Librarian at Des Moines, bringing large experience and genial manners, now deals out ancient and modern lore from the University Library.

Dr. Thomas, of Chicago, gave a lecture at the Opera House, recently, under the auspices of our esteemed cotemporary, the University Reporter. His subject was "Doubt," and while some thought he handled the subject with great vigor and ability, others thought it far interior to his commencement oration. Our own very humble opinion is that they lost much who failed to hear the "Old Man Eloquent," and we therefore congratulate the corps on their excellent choice.
Editorials, locals, and notices of exchanges will hold the position usually accorded them in papers of this kind. If in the course of time opportunity should offer, and it should seem expedient, a course of lectures may be arranged, to be given in the interests of the paper. In thus entering the arena of College journalism the Vidette would be speak for itself an ample fold of the mantle of charity from all, and a liberal patronage from its friends.

Seniors, this is your last year. Only one more thread to be worn away before the Damocles sword of inevitable reality falls on your theory-stuffed, classic-washed heads. Possibly, only one more year into oblivion. Your purile cloak of fancied dignity will soon fall from your shoulders, while on-pressing time will soon jostle and crowd you from your front seats out into the nether ranks of mediocrity. Make the most of your "chief places in the Synagogue" while you have deferential Freshmen, good-natured Sophomores, and complacent Juniors to yield to you and observe your would-be becoming supercilious haughtiness. Overshadow as many as you can, you're a Senior. You have an inalienable right to do it; and then, you may never have another chance. Graduation is getting to be a disgrace; it's so common: everybody graduates, but never mind; tell everybody; let everybody know you are a Senior; they will respect you; they must respect you; tell them you'll leave the institution if they don't; take it as a downright insult if the Professors don't take off their hats to you; they certainly must know by this time that you almost possess the united wisdom of them all; insinuate to them that you may use your influence in the Legislature some time e'er long; attract attention; do something peculiar.

We wouldn't advise the ladies to start new fashions. They might go crazy in doing so, but reinstate old ones if you value your individuality. Allow us to suggest that shakers are comfortable and becoming. Revive waterfalls; trails are simply indispensable; of course, don't use the same colored paints that those in the lower classes do. With these you will be the "observed of all observers."

To each gentleman let me say, "act well your part." Get a hat on, one already; borrow some buttons; tie it so everybody must sit up and notice you. Give people may think they grow out long, or start to make some gold put on the wrinkle—whether you need it or not. Let your finger nails be kept neat, your hair in the mid summer must have a little polish; let your sides especially; if not, you'll be discouraged; mediocrity will engulf you if you don't care; don't go with the crowd, saving up some judgment; don't get into that yachting trim of smoking cigars 79 by smoking cigars. Above all, for the sake of your health, and the respectability of your course, study as much as you can, and you can," to quote our dear old Professor.

It is said that the Miss Constantine, a lady of Constantinople, always wore a musky odor of jambro. More than a century ago the mortars with which her profile was charged were removed; there is nothing of it there to-day.

So is it with the education of a nation. Certain purity is built up in the atmosphere; but, as everything is indistinct, it is destroyed. As the atmosphere is destroyed, however it may be, there is no life can really exist. When a life and a life can be preserved, however it may be, there is no life can really exist. When a life and a life can be preserved, however it may be, there is no life can really exist.
your part." Get a new hat if you haven't one already; borrow somebody's cane; swing it so everybody must see it; get a big watch-chain and guard; string on some coppers, people may think they're gold; let your hair grow out long, or shave it off short—either way can't fail to produce some sensation; have some gold put on the front part of your teeth—whether you need it or not it will help some; let your finger nails grow; get several big finger rings; if you're fortunate enough to be an editor, by all means part your hair in the middle and get a dog (you must have a level head, and times may be dangerous); let your whiskers grow—burnsides especially; if not naturally, send off for inducements; mediocrity, with all its terrors, will engulf you if success crown not your efforts; don't go with the girls unless you're engaged, or want to be—people might form hasty opinions; lay awake one or two nights studying up some jokes, it will give you prominence; don't ape the custom of class 70 by smoking cigarettes; use meechuams. Above all, for the sake of the institution, put on a Socratic look and keep silent.

It is said that the Mosque of St. Sophia, in Constantinople, is always fragrant with the odor of musk. More than a thousand years ago the mortar with which its walls were cemented was charged with musk, and the odor of it is there to day.

So is a noble spirit wrought into the associations which cement the walls of society. A certain purity is built into the walls and diffused in the atmosphere, which will linger there as indelible as the solid masonry itself. As no force in nature can ever be destroyed, however it may change its form, so no life can really cease and no influence be lost. When a life and its events have vanished into forgetfulness, still will its influence be undiminished, its spell unbroken. The great structure of human life will always be redolent with the fragrance with which its walls were charged, for "no life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife, and all life not be purer and stronger thereby."

Why do we not sing college songs? This seems one of the natural prerogatives of every college student, and we have so seldom claimed our right we are almost insensible of the loss. Few distinctive college customs have been introduced into our University. We do not engage in cane fights, we do not squander our brilliant talents on mock schemes, we do not burn Livy, and even the time-honored classday exercises have never become firmly established among us. In dispensing with most of these we suffer no loss, but college songs do not seem objectionable, and they have an office which nothing else can so well fill.

The college song has sometimes been called an "intellectual safety valve," by which the surplus activity may escape. If a student has any life and spirit they cannot be repressed continually; they must have some means of escape, and a lively college song is a more commendable vent than some of the practices that are made to answer this need. The mind is incapable of a continual strain without some relaxation, and we believe that a more healthy growth and development takes place when occasionally all care is thrown off and the mind is at rest.

Class songs are powerful in awakening a common interest and feeling, and among the pleasantest recollections of college life are those of the old songs.

Of course, in college songs we do not find much sense, nor do we expect it. In some both melody and rhythm are wanting, but whether we find in them harmony or discords, whether sense or nonsense, yet they are all admirably adapted to give vent to the pent up energies of a student who has devoted himself for several years to hard study. The work of a college curriculum, and the additional literary work assumed by nearly all students, need as their complement something furnishing, not culture and discipline, but relaxation; and nothing seems to serve this end so well as a rollicking college song. Its purpose is to amuse, not to instruct, and it fully answers the demand for something in perfect contrast with the regular work and rigid discipline of the industrious student.

The Old, Old Story.—Old things are passed away; lo, some things have become new. These old stoves, once the pride, ornament, and comfort of the rooms in the central building, are yielding to advanced civilization in the shape of steam heaters. The central building is supplied this fall. The South Hall will also be furnished some time
in the future, probably not until next year. West of the central hall rises the grandly-imposing, sixty-foot smokestack, at the right of the neatly-built, stone and brick building, 24x35 feet, the lower part of which will be taken for the engine room, while the upper portion will be occupied by the military office and armory. Though expensive improvements, they will be permanent, and in the end wise economy.

The Seniors are to have a room they can call their own, the former advanced law class room. Good. It's to be hoped they will take greater interest in class matters, have more class meetings, and draw more definite class lines.

We hope all Hesperians and Zetagathians who still feel an interest in the old South Hall will become subscribers, readers, and frequent contributors of the Vidette. We shall endeavor, as far as possible, to make personal mention in this column of all who have been associated with these societies in past years.

To this end we cordially invite all old members to communicate to us their present locations and occupations.

The members of the different classes will certainly be interested in knowing where each classmate now is, while the early and late members—those who established and those who have since maintained our societies—will gladly meet one another here.

Our sympathies are too often bound by class lines; or, at the most, to us those only are Hesperians, those only are Zetagathians who work with us. Those who preceded us and those whom we precede are unthought of, uncared for, unknown.

With the establishment of this, a society journal, we anticipate a desirable change. Though we leave South Hall, we will no longer be separated from its inmates.

And while we especially wish for personals concerning the widely scattered members of our societies, we by no means expect to confine ourselves to these.

While we recognize with pardonable pride our society relations, we feel, also, that we are Students of the State University of Iowa, to which ever must belong firmest allegiance, sincerest sympathy, most earnest endeavor.

Ask some Sophomore to give you the latest rendering of Spencer.

This is a fac simile of the way our esteemed cotemporary's big editor patronizingly opens fire on newcomers:

Editor—Are you a new student?
Ans.—Yes, sir.
Editor—I'm a senior here; are you from the State?
Ans.—Yes, sir.
Editor—I graduate this year; what county are you from?
Ans.—
Editor—I'm a member of the Senior class; are you from the College?
Ans.—No, sir.
Editor—Being in my last year, my name is a household word; what might your name be?
Ans.—My name is
Editor—I am just finishing a complete course; do you intend to take a course?
Ans.—Yes, sir,
Editor—I am senior editor of the Reporter; do you want to subscribe?
Ans.—Yes, sir.
Editor (lowering his voice)—I wouldn't take that Vidette either.

When a certain fair junior receives semi-weekly documents inscribed in bold hand, it is no wonder that a suspicion is excited in the mind of her room mate that a few of them at least are not from "My brother.

Our institution claims three advanced thinkers among the lady students. Hence, a recent stump speaker addressing his political harrangue to "Ladies and Gentlemen."

There are one or two irregulars in the "Evidences of Christianity" class, who have manifested a strong disposition to omit superior wisdom by proving, or rather trying to prove, the reasoning and argument of the lectures to be shallow and fallacious. It takes the Professor just two minutes to set down on them.

What's the policy in rushing down stairs after Society is adjourned, and raising clouds of dust that would do honor to a herd of wild buffaloes? None that we can see. But many persons, we have lately observed, border that very closely. Besides, several half-grown young men (?), as they leave the Society Hall, annoy and almost insult persons by pushing and striking each other. Reform! Reform! Let these things not be thus.
The Vidette.

Our Literary Societies.

Another school year has come, and again we have gathered at the "Athens of Iowa." The object of each one is, or ought to be, to gain that preparation which brings success in life; and we believe there is no branch of the University more conclusive to that preparation than our literary societies.

It has been estimated that fully one-half the benefit derived from a college course comes from work in society, yet it seems to be the opinion of some that such work is of very little value. They seem to think that the highest ambition of a student should be to gain high grades in the class room, and it is a well-known fact that to accomplish this the student must necessarily put most of his time on his text books, and by so doing may have the proud satisfaction, when leaving school, of saying: "I had the highest grades in my class!" But this will be of very little consequence when he goes out to meet the realities of practical life. He will then find that he needs something more to rely upon than the strength he has drawn from text books. Nor will the world throw over his mistakes the mantle of her charity because he was the valedictorian of some graduating class. We believe that the most brilliant and successful men of our age are those who, while in college, were not the closest students, but the most extensive readers and the most active literary workers.

Our college has been for many years noted for her literary societies, and the large and refined audiences which weekly crowd our elegant halls prove that the citizens of Iowa City appreciate our endeavors and are interested in our success. Let us not disappoint them the coming year, but let us put forth every effort to make our societies better than they have ever been before. It is the boast of Cornell College that her literary societies are the best in the State. Of course we do not believe it; and although we will not assume the arrogance to say that ours are the best in the State, yet we will not acknowledge them inferior to those of our sister institution.

The Zetagallians were greeted this fall by a large audience eager to hear the first programme of the season. The retiring President, Mr. Oliver P. Myers, in a brief speech thanked the society members for the honors they had conferred upon himself and his colleagues in office. He then delivered the society gavel to his successor, Mr. J. S. Enlow. Mr. Enlow had chosen for the subject of his inaugural address "Social Warfare." He treated it in his usual clear and logical style, and merited the applause which he received. The programme consisted of orations, declamations and debate, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, and, on the whole, it was a successful beginning of the year's work.

It is thought by many that the University ladies surpass the gentlemen in oratory, and hence the ladies' societies are always well attended.

The Hesperians gave their first programme October 11th. Miss Amy Cavanagh yielded the Presidential chair to Miss Leona Call and took her place again among the "common members." Miss Call's inaugural was a worthy production, and the entire programme was successfully carried out.

Any change in the University is sure to meet with more or less dissatisfaction, and so far as can be avoided by proper precaution, is to be deprecated. Such was the case with the library. Prof. Currier had become so intimately connected with it, and so successful had his management proved that the proposed action of the Regents met with disfavor from the Professors and students alike, and few augured well for the new librarian after the change had been effected. This feeling has been, however, to a great extent dispelled by the pleasant manner and evident capacity of Mrs. North, and many are beginning to see that in time the change cannot but prove advantageous. At some time such a change would of necessity have to be made, as the constant growth of the library would soon compel Prof. Currier to leave his work there or in the chair which he now holds—a thing which the University could ill afford. Moreover, by the present method the students will be freed from the inconvenience which has always attended the change of assistant librarians, and will have all the advantage to be derived from the constant presence of one who has devoted her whole time to the library.

Considere the future of the school we think the change was advisable, and join in the welcome to Mrs. North, but at the same time we wish to stop and unite with that large body of Professors, students, and all interested in the school, in giving a heart-felt thanks to Prof. Currier. His fitting abilities and untiring industry have rendered the library one of the most prominent features of the school, and his kindly interest in advising concerning the choice of books has led many an eager but desultory reader to a systematic study of literature.

Last Friday evening the Zetagallian and Irving Societies met in joint session to decide the momentous question, which of the three political parties should assume the power in 1880. The disputants, conscious that great interests were at stake, exhaust all the resources of logic, wit, and eloquence, and so cogent were the arguments advanced that every one went home feeling sure that his own party was the proper one to rule, and that its claims had been well represented in the discussion.

The Irving have begun the year's work with good prospects. Mr. Simon H. Snyder takes the chair as President.
Introducing Reporter Lecturer—"Now, don’t be afraid, friend Thomas, ’tis I; just go though your little piece; I’m a senior, and will stay on the stage and see that you ‘get there.’"

How joyously, and with what manifest courage and patriotism do the fresh Freshmen shoulder arms and march to the front. It’s almost equal to that with which the Captains fling their double-edged scimitars.

Some in the Mental Science class have given themselves up so entirely to foreign languages that they can scarcely read English. Others are trying to find out impossibilities they can’t conceive of.

The member of the Zets possessing the longest legs, and the one honored with the reddest head and the shortest legs, made quick time, lately, walking over to Cedar Rapids. Our authority did not tell us why they went.

Several socials have already been given in different Churches. It is an excellent plan. We should all feel grateful to the citizens of Iowa City for thus extending to us the pleasant hand of welcome, and hope all will take advantage of these means of social culture.

"Open the door!" emphasized the grim-visaged Professor, rising and pushing up his coat-sleeves. The astronomy class looked up with widening eyes, in great expectancy. ‘Tis due the usually pleasant-voiced Professor to explain that it was a sultry morning.

Faculty and Senior class are puzzling their brains over the tough problem of how many little seniors with big speeches can come on commencement day, and what the lucky numbers are between 1 and 46. Divers and manifold suggestions are aired.

Simply incalculable—the pure will power necessary to force out a Senior mustache. The present class, however, is doing remarkably well, with few exceptions. Some, we are forced to admit, are as yet decidedly embryonic. The girls of the entire institution are immensely delighted.

Financial agent of Reporter approaches new student and says:—"Have you subscribed for the Reporter?"

New student:—"No; not yet.

Financial agent:—"You must, then."

New student:—"Is it required by the Faculty?"

Financial agent:—"Most certainly it is."

New student:—"Then put my name down."

Sentimental Sophomore reverie)—"Was it the moon that came so sweet to the silver tones of a far-away, a change coming his dream? "Thou wilt again see the squawking junior and wedding way.

Junior officers for this year: Miss Minnie F. Clark, Miss Lill E. Lewis; Henry F. Arnold; Secretary Hosteter; Corresponding Secretary, C. Clark; Treasurer, E. J. Janitor, W. D. Dickinson (for two terms), James A. Call, Member of the class; Miss Lill E. Lewis; C. F. Kuepper.

After listening to the President Pickard at the last meeting, a stolid, studious senior was heard to say that he could wipe a foot and insert 80s in his speech; but the man wants to go to College, and thinks that precocity will never be heard from again. He just goes along and the respect of the President Presidential chair in great abundance.

Prof. Booth, of Chic weeks, giving instruct voice culture. His students are scarcely ever to produce those really interested as he, Professor will be with us of the school year. They have never done, and will not do, the few good voices of the line. Let us work, as much as we possibly can.

Mental Science, (Pro this argument)""Now I will moon differing in apple from a small saucer to a Mr. E. (earnestly)""—or; it seemed to me a house."
Sentimental Sophomore (started from a reverie)—"Was it the chime of a tiny bell that came so sweet to my dreaming ear like the silver tones of a fairy's shell?" (Fully awake, a change coming over the spirit of his dream): "Thunder! Confound that squawking junior and old piano across the way.

Junior officers for fall term: President, Miss Minnie F. Clarke; Vice-President, Henry F. Arnold; Recording Secretary, Harvey Hostetler; Corresponding Secretary, C. C. Clark; Treasurer, Miss Etta Wallace; Janitor, W. D. Dickinson; Editor of Reporter (for two terms), James A. Kerr; Historian, Miss Lill E. Lewis; Committee on Possible Contingencies, C. F. Kuehle, M. Moriarty, Lill E. Lewis.

After listening to the eloquent remarks of President Pickard at the opening of the term, a studious senior was heard to devoutly wish that he could wipe a few tears from his record and insert 80s in their places. The young man wants to go to Congress, and the President thinks that precocious, 100-loving minds will never be heard from after they graduate.

The young man vows henceforth to go with the girls, to eschew high marks, to win the respect of the President, and to occupy the Presidential chair in 1919.

Prof. Booth, of Chicago, was here several weeks, giving instructions in elocution and voice culture. His scientific method can scarcely fail to produce the best results to those really interested in the work. The Professor will be with us again the latter part of the school year. There needs to be great work done in this line. There are comparatively few good voices for speaking or singing. Let us work, and may we, in one or more decades, do honor with our tongues to our teacher and institution.

Mental Science, (Professor proceeding to his argument)—"Now we have, you see, the moon differing in appearance all the way from a small saucer to a large cart-wheel." Mr. E. (earnestly) — "You forget, Professor; it seemed to me fully as large as a house.

Professor—"Well—but Mr. E. you must remember the observer has to be in a normal condition."

Mr. E. manifestly subsided, the Professor broadly smiled, as the class "walked the cloudy welkin."

September 30th.—The University Oratorical Association met, and after working very earnestly for a while they found from the report of the Vigilance (?) Committee that those present were mostly inactive, taxes not having been paid. So marching home like a parcel of philosophers (?) and replenishing the treasury, the Association again met October 7th, electing Harvey Ingham, President; Otto Byington, Vice-President; Miss Hattie Dennis, Secretary, and E. Quinton, Treasurer. The Association expressed itself as favoring a postponement of the State contest until much later in the year, an example it is hoped other College Associations will be pleased with and follow.

"AGAIN TO THE BATTLE, ACHEANS."—Many will, doubtless, remember the hard-fought game of foot-ball, two years ago, between the classes of '89 and '91, in which the present Seniors, ever before invincible, lost eight games out of fifteen. Upon the challenge of the Juniors—the Seniors accepting conditionally—"red-handed war was again declared, and the drawn battle fought on Carleton Plains during the crisp, chill autumnal afternoon of October 18th—a day that is forever to be memorable in class history as the one upon which class '89 successfully struggled "to regain the blissful seat" of imperial power, even though the tyramnous conqueror of two years ago united with foreign mercenary allies to compass most direful results. The Seniors are more intellectual and crafty than they were in the middle ages." The Juniors are less barbarous than they once were, though still in transition. The gods of war are first propitiated with wordy libation and tacit vow. The bloody carnage begins—the earth groans—the heavens darken. With set teeth and flashing eyes, daredevil countenances and tiger vindictiveness all rush to the onset, and from the general "wreck of matter" the first laurel evolves for the Seniors. Varying, fortunes ensue; the tide of war rolls on till the fifth watch, when Freedom smiled as Senioric muscle, pride and shivairy gain unquestioned supremacy. Only seven innings of the nine agreed upon were played, the score standing 2 to 5 in favor of '90. Throughout the entire game there were magnificent displays of acrobatic feats, several noni-hominis making imperishable records. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed.
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