There is just so much original thought in the universe. Some of it we have, and there may yet be a little undiscovered and unclaimed. Trace a proverb or how word from England to Athens, from Athens to Rome, and we may say that it has all been said, and we live too late to be original. It may be, but we cannot be certain of it all is too late to be certain of anything save the vanity of all things mundane. Truth is truth, and no worse for the repeating. Thought is a kaleidoscope; the same bits of colored crystal are at first but as all, then delineate—a star, you shift it, and behold a rainbow. No man can build a religion and exclude the tables. If it be a product of a new intellect, the outpourings of a fresh heart, different from any that has existed or will exist again, may find a response where it has never found before. Where an affinity exists for its peculiar setting. Gold, if it be worn smooth by use, will show its quality, and freely pass from hand to hand, but if it become corroded—rusty through lying in the icy cayes of conservatism, let us reckon it, that we may know its color and its kind, for we may have thought it but some baser metal.

**SOCIETY REPORTS.**

**THE IRVINGS.**

The Irvingians commenced this week's programme in a well-paced and interesting programme. The retiring President, Mr. O. A. Byington, in a few well-chosen remarks, delivered the Society gavel to Mr. J. E. Dodge, who received it with an appropriate inaugural address, in which he thanked the Society in behalf of himself and fellow officers for the honor conferred upon him. Mr. Dodge delivered "Sketch of the Volunteers" in a manner which shewed him to be at home on the floor, and won for him the hearty applause of the audience. Next on the programme was an "Address to Inquiring Classes," by James Miller. Mr. Miller, with open arms, welcomed the Freshmen, many of whom, with eager faces and with open mouths, had gathered to hear the words of wisdom that might fall from the lips of "one who had gone before." Among other good advice, he warned them that they had best not attempt to dislodge the Medes and Persians from the South hall, for, like a certain well-known animal, they were more endurable to society when left to pursue their way unmolested. Miss May Congdon once said, after which the audience listened to Hancock's prospects of election. Wicks and Snyder affirmed that they were good, and Pentzer and Rice said nay. The debate was made interesting by Snyder and Rice, especially distinguishing themselves. Decided in the negative. A vocal solo by C. C. Clark was well received by Ed Cornish delivered a comic declamation. His effort was appreciated. The valedictory, by W. F. Skinner, was, in our estimation, a superior production, which did credit to the author. Miss Alice Freeman closed the programme with music.

**THE ZETS.**

The Zets last night, had a good house and a good program. Smith drewl a neat and brief retiring address, as president; Kerr blathered his response in a frantic appeal for purity. Miss Alice Freeman's vocal solo was peculiarly adapted to her fine voice, and admirably rendered. Then came the debate.

The question, "Resolved, that the interests of the country demand the election of Garfield," was ably handled by all concerned. Arnold showed himself a stalwart; we prophesy he will prove a tower of strength to his party. Jordan was keen and forcible. Wilcox proved himself the able politician, and delivered, by all odds, the best speech of the evening. Hosteller, a fine speaker, closed the debate, doing the subject full credit. While the judges were deciding to give the question to the affirmative, Miss Schell pleased the audience with an exquisite vocal solo, "Maggie's Welcome," and with Miss McSwain's dramatic entertainment, held the attention of the audience absolutely. Mr. Fellows has steadily improved as a declaimer, during the last two years, and now stands in the front rank of our University eloquentists. He did himself and his society full justice. Reader's oration on Randolph was a remarkable production, brilliantly rhetorical, and as thoroughly exhaustive as the time would allow. The exercises closed with a superb solo, from Mrs. Fowler, of Cedar Rapids. We would say more of it, but feel unable to do it justice.

**SYMATHIAN SOCIETY.**

The first on the program was the Inaugural Address, by Whipple. The gentleman assumed a very good attitude upon the floor, and spoke, in a forcible and energetic manner, a short but well written production. Then followed a declamation by Grindeland, "War, War to Death." Grindeland has a clear and heavy voice, which shows culture. The next was a disputation, "Resolved, that a Congress of Nations would be Beneficial." Williams spoke on the affirmative, and brought forward some good points. He appeared rather awkward on the floor, which we know was simply carelessness on his part, and should not be indulged in, even in a lower society. Evans closed the disputation with good arguments. Seaver spoke extempore upon Garfield. Seaver is a very enthusiastic young republican. Sellick spoke extempore upon Hancock, probably, is an enthusiastic young democrat. This closed the literary exercises of the evening. In all the performances there was too little spirit. The members should take more pride in preparing and delivering their productions, both for their own interest and that of the members who are to succeed them. The society, we believe, has been rather inactive, and need the attention of all our members to give it force and spirit. As the cases have been so inactive, we feel impelled to give another hint to our active friends. We trust that they will not overlook this final attempt of the society tooderspect its members from being idle. Before closing, we would say that the society has a bright star before it, and we hope that it will not fail to keep pace with its active friends in other societies.

**SOCIAL HAP penings.**

*The interests of society often render it not expedient to utter the truth.*

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18—C. C. Swafford and Miss Sarah Albon, at Alton, Ill.
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Miss Prof. Sudlow and Mrs. Currier entertained the young ladies of the University and friends in the residence of the latter, this afternoon.

L. R. Waldron, a druggist of Chicago, a former well-known student of the S. L. I., dropped in upon us this afternoon.
THE LAW CLASS.

"A smile among ye, takin' notes, And faith he'll print it." —BURRS.

The Duties of the Citizen.

THE OPENING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON LECTURE, DELIVERED TO THE LAW CLASS, SEPTEMBER 22d, BY PRESIDENT PICKARD.

It was bulleted that the lecturer would begin to class at 2 A.M., but it was just twelve hours later when he got down to work, making among others, the following remarks:

Public property is just the same as private property, and if any distinction is made it should be in favor of that with which the citizen is peculiarly intrusted. Of government, there are three ideas,—that the government is the people, and on this is based the assumption of sovereign incomparelty—that the government can do no wrong. The second idea puts government as a sort of policeman, with club and gun, to put down every form of crime. The last is, that government is of, and the servant of, the people. John Stuart Mill says that the correct province of government is to do the most good and the least harm to the people constituting the nation.

A government should have, as ours has, a liberal elective franchise, and having it, there arises the greater necessity for studying the meaning and importance of it. In some of the European states, but two per cent of the population are voters, while in this country eighteen per cent exercise the right of suffrage. All voters should have the good of the State at heart, and intelligence as to mode of franchise.

The speaker here related an anecdote of a voter whom he knew, at the time of "Tipppecanoe and Tyler, too," who cast his ballot for Harrison, but declared he had not voted for the tail end of the ticket because he cut Tyler's name off.

The political history of the government should be thoroughly studied; the citizen should understand its resources and means of development; he should have high moral tone. A convention was recently held in one of our cities that took action to endeavor to secure the repeal of the laws against the circulation of obscene literature, and one of the grandest speeches ever made by Robert G. Ingersoll was in defense of these laws. When the convention insisted upon its point, Colonel Ingersoll, protesting, withdrew from the liberal convention, of which he was a member, in disgust. [Applause.]

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The citizen should be posted on public education, intelligent on social laws, the manufacturing interests and commerce. The question is an important one, whether the commerce of the Nation use shall be bottomed, or encourage and foster shipbuilding at home; the management of railroads, and whether or not the monopoly of them is injurious or beneficial, should be considered; and one of the most important of all national questions, that of finance, that should receive the attention it warrants.

In referring to education, he stated that of fourteen millions of children of a proper age, only nine millions are found in the public schools. It is important to know whether the vast remainder are running wild, and if so, the matter should be in some way seen to. He touched on the great question of capital and labor, and the Indian question, concluding with the assertion that on all these questions the citizen should think for himself, and if he vote intelligently, he will be according to his own thinking.

The Doctor's style is terse and pointed; his remarks were valuable in themselves, and doubly so in coming from his respected self, as suggestions of experience. Without knowing how he stands upon the question, we regret that he did not urge the importance of the great problem of the future. Shall women vote?

Law Prof.—"The government is undoubtedly swindled in this collection of excise duties, in ways that are dark and by tricks that are vain. Have I got that right? I ain't very well posted in Mark Twain."—

Our worthy Chancellor has shut down on the holding of class elections in the lecture room. So we are, "as mild a mannered" crowd as ever staggered at the difference between common law and equity, made to suffer for the sins of our predecessors.

Air! More air! And a good deal of it! Ninety-two registered.

We are going to have another hall.

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WHAT WE HEAR.

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A word to the Freshmen.

Each year there comes among the high schools in the state, a number of young men who do not, miss, fully conscious of the fact, early see that is to be a very small remainder in the four and college. The majority that have ability; they are, in so many ways, able to take care of themselves, and we can offer them, which should be an impertinence, were it not, that as strangers in our midst, we may well post they may be, to the world in general, we may not be posted locally in a few weeks of which they are yet igno-

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Epiphanes from the grassy slender stem,
Dame heart she holds a dew-

yellow while sister murrins half asleep,
From dreams, "This late; the
moon's pale ray

from the earth: close, love, your

"Lover's beauty for the day."

This phalene pride the scarlet flower

closed and l, for joy I cannot

air from heaven hath fallen, and it

glistens on my breast.

day, repeats the sleeper drowsily;

"Let so, for stars shine ever from

"fish" pleads the daisy, "Let her

Blowing it a star."

—Harper's Weekly.

A Word to the Freshmen.

Each year there comes among from the high schools and the

number of young men, mines, fully conscious of

being nearly all is to be

end, dissinfect of mastering and remain in the four

first college life. The majority

in it, fully capable of taking care

themselves, and any advice

we can offer them, might be

seen an imperfection, were it

that, as strangers in our midst

ever well posted they may be, the

world in general, we may

viso to be posted locally in a few

gro of which they are yet igno-

the result of our experience.

ticularly offer the following

gions:

—Do not do much think

for yourselves; that is what

professors are paid seventeen

dollars a year for. It is not

better for all concerned, if

you agree with them; but in

very careful to note the

appearance of each, or

any get things badly mixed.

Science, when address-

ing: be altogether classical

others; (but be careful of

its pronunciation); be devoted to

graphic with the third party.

we cannot well specify; we

have a general rule, that you be

in the South hall and a

gun in the North. If you are in

any, at any time, converse on

real topics, and avoid speaking

religion or your studies, for

worthy folly, as in many an

plain in a good deal of

human nature.

Second—Part of which might

in the above-attend

by all means, but there,

be very careful, deciding

where you will go according to the

course of study you pursue. The

Unitarian is scientific; the Meth-

odist is orthodox and metaphysical; the

Congregational, in a certain

sense, includes everything. Most

of the singers attend the Baptist,

and at the Christain Chapel you

will have the advantage of most

good society and frequent sociables,

one opera is performed in

every stew. At the Presbyterian

sanctuary will you find the moral

girls; or, if you be of the fair sex,

the Methodists offer good induc-

ments in the way of goodly young

men.

Third—Whichever sex you may

belong to don't fright; that is regard-

ed as the prerogative of Seniors,

or if you fright, don’t let it be seen.

The body of students are generally

so important, that if you go in a

corner of the campus, with the

love of a minute, to study your

Latin, more than four days in the

week, you are pretty apt to be

formed of a satirist, and you

be cut by those whom you

might in the future desire to cul-

tivate.

Fourth—Be careful as to your

studies during your freshman year;

if you can secure a hundred, or the

equivalent thereof, for two or three

years, you are all right for the

remainder of the course; while, if

you fall behind to begin with any

subsequent studies, will be of no

avail. If you can get a reputation as

"right down smart" during the

first year, you can be as stupid a

blockhead as you please for the

future without, in any way, injur-

ing your reputation.

First appearances are every-

thing.

Fifth, and last: Don't be too fresh;

you know, and we know also, for

we have been of you, that you

know almost everything; but it

isn't necessary to mention it so

often as it is apt to incite envious

criticism from those not so

fortunate, it may make you enemies

among the stupids, and in no case

can be of material benefit to you

as your massive intellect must

make itself recognized in a little

Genius, like blood, will tell.

The Prof, says it is better to

look wise than to make a mistake

when you are asked a question.

That's for after we go out; in the

class room quiz, it won't work.

The VIDETTE hopes that more

attention will be paid to base ball

this season than heretofore. We

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ing the matter freely, and seeing

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Mr. M. E. Rudolph, a gentleman of experience and good looks, was, on Wednesday afternoon, elected law editor of the Reporter for the school term.

"Yes," says the subscriber, "I've decided to stop smoking; I've only smoked once this week, next week I'll bring it down to twice, i.e., give up smoking to three times; thus cutting off gradually, you know.

The Regents have put steam heaters into the society halls. Our compliments to the Regents, and any time one of them wants money for a circus ticket, we will take great pleasure in telling him where we borrow ours.

He was a Freshman or he never would have answered as he did, when she leaned over, gently murmuring, "John, what is heaven's best gift to man?" He drew back and stammered, "Really, I don't know—that is a horse." We note with pleasure the removal, during the vacation, of a number of trees from the campus, giving the grass something more of a chance than it had before; the good work could be continued with advantage, about the middle of the north side, and in several places south of the walk.

Under the charge of our efficient and popular President, the State University of Iowa rejoices in many material improvements. There are a few more to which we would call the Regents' attention. We need, and very decidedly, a permanent teacher of elocution. When Prof. Booth comes two or three weeks in the spring to prepare the Seniors for speaking their little pieces, he finds raw material, almost impossible to manufacture into good elocutionists in the time allotted him. Had all the students an opportunity of practising under an efficient instructor throughout the year, they would take a great deal more interest in their societies, and do far better work. If they had any idea that they had learned anything about delivering an oration properly, they would be more apt to write; as it is, they avoid the task as much as possible, and are turned loose upon a suffering public to become, in a majority of cases, professional men, or, certain lecturers, as the case may be, but half prepared for their avocations.

"Chucky" Powers showed his snuffling face on the streets last night.

If the angel chorus in Faust and Marguerite is a fair sample of that article, we intend trying to live so that we may never hear it again. The Devil's Serenade was better it was shorter.

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WHAT WE THINK.

It is pleasing to note the large number of new students who have entered the University this fall. Illinois some doubts have been expressed as to what would be the effect of cutting off from the course in two years preparatory work. Some friends of the University feared, and even predicted, that our four-year college classes would not be a large; that many who would have entered our institution would go into the denominational colleges throughout the State. It is, indeed, seemed to be the hope as an exception of the authorities of the colleges, since they did everything in their power to have the act defining the Sub-Freshman Department of the University pass the Legislature. But the large freshman class of the present year would seem to disappoint both those who feared, and those who hoped against his result. It is already as large as the freshman class of last year, the ad-hoc fair to be still larger; while, in prospect for succeeding years this is the result. The two-hour afternoon preparatory institutes of the Iowa City, the University's Academy and its Preparatory School, have enrolled a large number of students who far exceed the expectations of the proprietors. A large proportion of these will enter the University next year, and very many of the valent schools are shaping their plans to meet the demands of our catalogue for admission to the Freshman class. The people are becoming better acquainted with this institution, and consequently the more public against it, which have been generally fostered, are dying out; while, on the other hand, there is a strong and growing prejudice against denominational schools, which is sure to react in favor of the Institute. The student here trained—not as a savage whom it is necessary to watch and hold by the nose, which bounds by strict and arbitrary rules—but as a civilized being, who is supposed to have some of the ele-