Iowa City, Iowa, Saturday, October 29, 1881.

The Vidette-Reporter.

The eight annual contest of the Illinois Oratorio Association was held at Bloomington on the 14th inst. The first prize was won by Mr. F. G. Hanchett, of the Chicago University. His subject was "The old and the new civilizations." Judging from the reports that come to us in our Illinois exchanges, the contest was anything but a harmonious one. From every side there comes up the cry that the visitors were shamefully treated by the students of Wesleyan University. A banquet had been prepared by the Wesleyans, to which an admission fee was charged the visitors. This was thought to be a rather cool way of entertaining visitors, and consequently a great many of them "kicked" and would not attend the banquet. This was the beginning of hostility which led to a general row.

The musical art seems to have a very peculiar effect upon many who study it. There is something about music which seems to "strike in," and the baneful results of the attack show themselves whenever the patient practices the art. For instance, a young lady goes to Chicago and spends several months studying vocal music. She returns to her country home, bringing with her the knowledge of lessons well learned according to her style. Expectant friends request her to favor them with a song, whereupon the young lady strikes an attitude beside the piano. While the accompanist plays the introduction, the singer works up her feelings. Then, as she begins to sing, it is observed that which has "struck in" becomes visible. Her eyes roll in their sockets in a horrible manner, now seeking the ceiling, now gazing homesick-like into space, now resting upon a spot in the carpet, and finally, as the last thrill sounds through the room, closing in a weary, sleepy manner. In the meantime she stutters on every "et" if she doesn't pronounce it "ah," twists her neck, bends her body, and in other ways shows very clearly that something troubles her inside. The sounds she makes are very melodious, and it would seem that they would have a tendency to cause graceful motions of face and form, but the contrary seems to be the case with many. Not ladies alone, but those of both sexes, are affected, and instrumentalists are attacked as well as vocalists. The fact that many, if not all, of the musicians who have been this illness, leads the writer hereof to believe that it is a mistake of the small fry and not a necessary accomplishment of good music. Anything that does not add to the good effects of music, certainly detracts from its value, and ought to be omitted. The musical art is grand enough to merit the expenditure of one's best powers and most noble efforts in its study and practice. Trilling is not an attribute of this art, since nothing trilling is grand, and if musicians would enter into the true spirit of their art, they would be raised instead of degraded.

RETROSPECTION is the source which feeds present action and directs future hopes. That traveler is above all most unfortunate who has no time to stand on the hill-top and look back on the path he has traveled. A view from some distant point of observation is more comprehensive than an inspection of particulars immediately surrounding us. It is, to say the least, very unfortunate that college students haven't the time to look backwards. This misfortune is either a necessary result of a college course of study, or else it is a result occasioned by its general abuse; it is more natural to think it is the former. We go to college, and are crowded through the four years like cattle through a gangway. The result is that we suddenly plunge into the sea of actual life, with our diplomas for war against the reception of which all our tastes and inclination rebel. The Lord intended that the successful man should be a specialist. Any student that attempts to digest all the details of college studies, regardless of his own likes and dislikes, is like a blind, naked, fuddled, sitting in the nest with his mouth open, waiting for anything and everything to be placed in it. All the difference is that Providence has arranged it so that the bird receives only the food that it can assimilate, while the student has to suffer the cramps of indigestion. Permanent growth is slow. Haste and worry in our school work can bring no result but shattered nerves and poor health. We are here to prepare for life. Let every student make a specialty of those studies which will give him the most benefit for his own use, and let the miscellaneous details of other studies go. If any individual, who has attained the age requisite for admission to college, does not yet know what he is going to work at in this world, the best thing he can do is to stop all else, and sit down and settle that question immediately. Our professors may wish us to make a specialty of every study, but even they themselves must confess that they are best at one thing, and that their pre-eminence in their respective departments of knowledge is due to the fact that they have followed their natural inclinations, and made a specialty of those studies which they best liked. As specialists, we may have some time for retrospection. All is not hurry and confusion, knowledge acquired is not chaotic. Every new fact may be compared with those already gained. Relations may be established, and what little we do know will have more symmetry and strength.

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Elva Colby, one of Johnson county's best teachers, is teaching at North Liberty.

C. C. Lester has returned to his home at West Liberty, on account of poor health.

J. C. Blythin is teaching. We hope he meets with the success which he so well merits.

U. B. Zimmerman, formerly a student of the Academy, is teaching his first term near Amish. We wish him success.

The Academy is represented in the city by the following persons: J. A. White, Elva Colby, J. H. Poppejoy, and T. H. Loth.

D. W. Evans, Class of '81, was in the city last Tuesday, visiting his friends. He is meeting with good success as a teacher.

A. J. Sayre has left school on account of poor health—probably for the year. He has been known during his attendance at the Academy as a hard-working and faithful student.

Amon Hukill, at one time a student of the Academy, and who has since been teaching, called at the Academy last Thursday. We are glad to have our students call and see how we are prospering.

Every student should engage in literary work regardless of the time he expects to attend school; it will be found beneficial in after life. Many students having the best standing in school, meet with the least success, because they have neglected literary work, and are unable to impart the knowledge which they, by their diligence, have acquired. Quite a number of students in the University Preparatory refuse to take part in society work; whether they expect to spend four years in the University without taking part in society work, we know not; or whether they feel competent to enter University societies without previous preparation.

Programme of Athenian Society for November 4th, '81.

At Farnam.

Oration—W. L. Thomas.

Debate—Question: Received, That War is Unjustifiable.

Affirmative—J. G. Doeben.

Negative—N. C. Young.

Warren Whitle.

Debates—W. Minor.

Oration—Ed. Moore.

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The Homeopathic Medical Department opened its session at the usual time, the first Wednesday of October. Most of the Junior class and an encouraging number of new students are present. The opening remarks, addressed to the class by President Pickard, were so replete with sound advice and encouragement that they will long be remembered by each earnest member of the class. The introductory lecture delivered by each Professor, referring to the work which his chair furnishes, was listened to with interest, and the student has commenced his routine of work fully convinced that each chair is most important, and that each Professor will be most exacting. Class officers for the ensuing term are: President, Wm. ErvIn; Vice-President, C. G. Hallibur; Secretary, F. M. Knight; Treasurer, Miss E. A. Taylor.

Dr. F. M. Somers, a graduate of last year, has located in this city. If proficiency in school has located at La Porte, Iowa, the student will be fully convinced of last year, has locate in this city. If proficiency in school has located at La Porte, Iowa, the student will be fully convinced of last year, has locate in this city. If proficiency in school has located at La Porte, Iowa, the student will be fully convinced of last year, has locate in this city. If proficiency in school has located at La Porte, Iowa, the student will be fully convinced of last year, has locate in this city. If proficiency in school has located at La Porte, Iowa, the student will be fully convinced of last year, has locate in this city. If proficiency in school has located at La Porte, Iowa, the student will be fully convinced of last year, has locate in this city. If proficiency in school has located at La Porte, Iowa, the student will be fully convinced of last year, has locate in this city. 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When the bell strikes, announcing that the hour is up, the following, may judge by experience, will be a fair sample of the information gained by the gatherers of gems of thought: "I think she is so silly; always giggling." "The very same thing is true." "I threw in some sarcastic remarks." "Who will pay for it?" "The Roman Censor." "All the sympathy was on my side." "That is a fool of a head-schleter." "Heaven was so dazed in my life, when I got up there I could not collect my thoughts at all." "I should smile." "Just let me take your name." "Fix it to suit yourself." "Just look at those the Hope turn out.

These gems, as here presented, shorn of their brilliant settings by a borrowed light from which they shone with a doubled splendor, may seem dull; and the thoughts to which they give rise may be limited. But gathered fresh from the lips of the authors, proclaimed in soft soprano or manly bass voices, and pitched high or low, according to the degree of enthusiasm of the speaker, they were strangely fraught with meaning. To the student one who had come here for a quiet hour of reading, they meant disappointment in the loss of an hour; and he left the room with a feeling of having come through a hurricane of nonsense, only to find his own ideas shaken into one chaotic mass. Was it a casting of pearls before swine?

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I stood on the porch of evening,
When the sun went slowly down
And the blue sky bright, in the starry night.

Five minutes through the town,
Oh, sweet were the gentle slopes
That blew from the bays south,
And we fondly expect the hips
That I look for the pretty south.

Her hair was encircled
By rays so strong and true,
And I ask, "Whose lacy are you, love?
"Ears," she answered, "and whose are you?"

Oh, the hollowed lines of that evening!
Oh, the most superior of Pats!
She told, unknown, rises up from behind,
And leads me over the gain.

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Law Department.
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A. J. Paschal, '78, visited the class Thursday.

Goodwin & Snyder is the name of a new firm at Wahpeton, Dakota.

Wm. O. Schmidt, '77, was recently elected member of the State Legislature from Scott county, on the Democratic ticket.

The readiness with which some of the students take to technical terms is surprising. One speaks of a married woman as a "femme,"

J. E. Dodge has left the class on account of ill health, and returned to his home at Falls City, Neb. We are sorry to lose any of our number.

Married, at the residence of the bride's mother, on Wednesday evening, October 19th, by Mr. R. M. Hunter and Miss Olive A. Merrill, all of Butler Center, Ia. The above named gentleman will be remembered as a Law of '81.

W. D. Bruckart, Law of '72, made the class a call Monday. Mr. Bruckart is located at Independence, where he has won an enviable reputation in the legal profession. He is also widely known in State politics, being a distinguished member of the Republican party.

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