PROF. DARWIN

Charles R. Darwin passed from earthly scenes April 19th, 1882. This was a great misfortune, for it took away from the world a world of influences lies between the dates. In this world Mr. Darwin had a prominent place. No man in this century has done more to change the current of thinking than he. No man has had more severe criticism. Some of his worst enemies have been his inconsiderate followers. Others have criticized without any knowledge of the facts he presented.

Darwin was fortunate in noble ancestry. His grandfather, Erasmus Darwin was a noted physician and poet; his father an eminent physician; his mother a daughter of the famed mechanist and inventor, Wedgewood. His early advantages were of the best. He graduated from the University of Edinburgh, then to Christ's College, Cambridge. He spent five years upon H. M. Beagle in a tour around the world, as a naturalist. Returning, he gave to the world his diary of this cruise. But for twenty years he studied and investigated the topics to which his attention had been called, before he gave to the world his first important work—"Origin of Species by Natural Selection." It ill becomes those who have never made this study a specialty to criticize one who had given twenty-seven of the best years of his life to its elucidation. While we may differ from him in opinion, we should certainly wish to the conclusion of his career. His grandfather in England, Goethe in Germany, and St. Hilaire in France was certainly the most enviable. In all his life he has never committed a wrong himself nor has he advised, encouraged, or permitted it in others; his voice has ever been on the side of liberty; his purpose has ever been the improvement of himself and race; his virtues have drawn to him innumerable friends. Before his time he had the inestimable pleasure of seeing his works bear fruit in the fresh and healthy thought of a succeeding generation, and now a nation of admirers are his mourners. No life could have been more quiet and devoid of striking incidents than his. Seven of his ancestors were Unitarian preachers. He was born at Boston on the 25th of May, 1803; graduated at Harvard in 1821; taught school for five years; studied medicine; and in 1828 was ordained as colleague to Rev. Henry Vane in the second church of Boston. But three years after, embarking some unorthodox views in regard to worship, he abandoned his profession, and retired to the quiet village of Concord, where he gave himself up to thinking and study. He was twice married, first to Ellen Tucker, in September, 1830, who died the following February, and again to Miss Jackson in 1838. The latter, Theodore Parker said. "Her life is faith put in action;" and what more noble could he said of any one? Emerson twice visited Europe,—in 1832 and 1847. His home at Concord was the resort of literary pilgrims every summer. He was for a time the editor of the Dial, in which paper many of his essays first appeared. He published a volume of poems, "English Traits," and several volumes of essays. The prevailing spirit of his writing, outside of his peculiar theory of the "Over-soul" is self-sacrifice, and one of the most qualities is his ability to inculcate this spirit into the minds of his youthful readers. In one place he says. "The true philosopher and true poet are one, and a beauty which is truth and a truth which is beauty is the aim of both. In this sense, Emerson is both a poet and a philosopher. Representing, as he does, all that is virile and healthy in thought, he is justly regarded as the founder of American literature, and as such he will be remembered and honored long after nature shall have granted his wish that.

Then may my mother yield
Not her fair stranger and his crown,
For the ray of light departed ever.

NEBRASKA CITY, Apr. 26.
Editors Vidette-Reporter:
I have wondered why Sanders was two years in getting that poem printed; I understand it now.

H. L. W.

On class day elections:
"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime:
And by wise manipulation,
Get elected every time."

Oscar Wilde has come and gone,
but you can still find handsome wall decorations at the One-Price Cash Bookstore.
THE BAD LANDS.

BY T. R. W'Bridge.

"Know you what silence was before? 
Here is no startle of dreaming bird 
That clings to his sleep or strives to sing; 
Here is no brach of branches stirred, 
Nor noise of any living thing." 
—Lowell.

I should like to picture for the readers of The Vidette-Reporter an outline of the Bad Lands and its surroundings; I would they might see old Fort Abraham Lincoln opposite and the white plain below on which the cattle graze and the high bluffs on the north and west which wall the prairie in and over which winds, like a narrow ribbon, the old gray army trail, once the only highway to regions farther west; I would fain write of the Heart river which flows afarward, of the beauty of a summer morning on the far-away Upper Missouri, and the sail of four delightful miles on the transfer boat which, in such leisurely fashion, brings together the opposite banks of the river at Bismarck to the benefit of the Northern Pacific railroad and its various patrons; but I must not touch upon one of these topics, for my subject is the Bad Lands of the Little Missouri, of which this is a hundred and fifty miles, and I may not even stop to gather a bouquet of the wild roses which bloom so profusely over all the lowlands about the steamboat landing and the city of Mandan lest my pen outrun its welcome to these columns.

Occupying a region of varying width, but several hundred miles in length, Bad Lands of various kinds form nearly the entire Ter- tiary deposits of the Upper Missouri Valley. About these Bad Lands or Terres Montes every body looks upward, everybody knows something, and everybody possibly thinks he knows more than he really does. But whatever may have been the influence of the traveler, the Bad Lands are sure to be to him a surprise, but never a disappointment. The suddenness with which their peculiar features break upon the view makes them a sort of surprise to the landscape of their own surroundings. There is really such a thing as a "first view" of the Bad Lands. The train that carries us thither, moves for hours over a prairie land, having but few features to save it from the dreariest monotony. Now we follow for miles the winding of some slow-courscing thread-like stream, often at the bottom of a deep chasm; now cross the same stream again and again over the trembling pillars of wooden piers; now pass at

about the same level, give the impression of some majestic wall extending for miles and miles; and, for the time, one cannot enter the shadow of a tree, or, on, on over the boundless emptiness of an unsettled prairie. At length, late in the afternoon, after a gradual ascent made noticable by a number of shallow cuts, we enter one longer and a little deeper than the rest, forming a passage-way through the crest of the watershed, and in a moment the Bad Lands, with all their wonders, are before us. Such is the general surprise that in one instant all monotony vanishes; everybody is on the gut. The world might, as well have turned suddenly over and over. The most listless passenger on the train roars himself into an almost continuous napping trance, "If you like rosy crowns on the summits of the hills of a wide area, while further on the same colored but with a different texture, are seen to the right and left, far and near, the whole region about the same level. 

Eighteen miles of scenery like this brings us to the Little Missouri river,—a winding stream not quite as large as the Iowa river, but with the strange perspective which many frontiersmen have, of running north. (How it does vex a man or ordinary orientation to be sent down by some fine stream, the Yellowstone, for instance, and be assured that its course is north.) Across this little river the railroad company have constructed a fine bridge and on the west bank there is a Cantonement of the U. S. Army, a camp, barracks, hospital, garrison, etc.,—the usual military position at that, where a little garrison of thirty or forty soldiers day by day go through all the details of military routine. A few miles beyond is a call, sick-call, mounting-guard, ostensibly and really for the protection of railroad property at this point; for it is understood that the U. S. Army performs through out all the Territories a sort of police duty, and one finds little companies here and there all over the northwest, the scattered stations being now connected by lines of telegraph. "To true this distance lends enchantment to the view" (as it does perchance now to my readers); but, however, the scenes from the car-windows so far may have been, yet our curiosity, if nothing else, prompts us to venture a nearer acquaintance to make a closer inspection. The hospitality of the little camp just mentioned enables one to do this; for, of all generous men whom he has been any good fortune to meet, none are more liberal in their kindness than just these same soldiers, of- ficers and men, in their isolated lonely outposts. It is said that after Terre Mo-

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**LAW DEPARTMENT.**

**RALPH D. BELLE, Editor.**

The Professors have sat down on reading notes.

Base ball seems to have taken possession of the boys.

The Law Literary Society is now a thing "that are." Messrs. Emery and Calender are the only Laws that are patriotic enough to drill.

For a change, the boys are now having the pleasure of reviewing a hundred pages or so a day besides regular lessons.

We understand the Catholic Church reaped a handsome profit from the Laws, as they were very faithful in their attendance.

Mr. Putnam was elected permanent Secretary of the Class on last Friday. After school closes his address will be Davenport.

One of the students, on being requested to distinguish between the different species of the toad, said he did not know exactly, only that in the second degree, there was not quite so much of it.

The class was honored by a visit from Oscar Wilde, who favored them with a few remarks, in which he said the only objection he had to law was that it was not very artistic.

Mr. Hansen received the sad intelligence, Tuesday, of the death of his father on the 18th inst., after a protracted illness of many months. He was 71 years of age, and one of the oldest settlers of Minnesota, having settled at Rockville in 1856.

The boarders of two different houses in the city, having regard for the feelings of their land-ladies, and forgetting the fact of the shortage of last year's grain and vegetable crops, and the sudden rise in beef, have organized themselves into two ball nines for the purpose of demonstrating the staying qualities of the "hash" of their respective houses. The clubs are appropriately named after their houses—Mygatt and Luse nines.

Their first match was played Wednesday afternoon, the Mygatts coming out with 12 scores to the Luses 11.

A very interesting jury trial was had Saturday last in one of the club courts. The criminal, of course, was a "cad," and who, consulting the general rule, had heretofore bore a good reputation. Out of due respect for the feelings of his friends we refrain from giving his name, hoping that this little bit of experience has taught him a lasting lesson. The charge against him was "general carelessness," a new offense, which has, however, been incorporated into the statutes.

A jury of impartial but ignorant men, composed of Laws, was selected, who had never heard of the case, and who had no opinion in regard to it, nor in regard to anything else—the last qualification essential to any man who is permitted to sit on a jury. The evidence was voluminous and quite conflicting. After the case had been ably argued, both for and tow, the jury retired, and soon returned a verdict of guilty, in manner and form, etc.

To evidence the fact that there are some persons besides the present members of the Law class that can draw up deeds, we clip the following from the New Journal:

Many of our bright young people have manifested a good deal of interest in the various problems that have been published in the Journal, and have displayed a good deal of skill in solving them. Would like to have them tell us the exact amount of land conveyed by the will which was received at the Recorder's office a couple of weeks ago. It is from John Smith and wife, of Texas, to Jacobus Boltschneider and the description reads as follows: "A track of land in Jasper county as follows: begin at a point ninety (90) rods northeast of southwest corner of the half south of township 34, range 22, in Blk. P. M. Iowa."

The following is an amended list of the whereabouts of the Laws, as forwarded by C. H. Merchant, Class Secretary, all of whom are practicing law, except those mentioned as otherwise engaged:

Anderson, Will, Shenandoah, Iowa.
Bailey, Charles, Atwood, Iowa.
Bagley, Charles, Atlanta, Iowa.
Barth, Charles G., Grinnell, Iowa.
Bailey, William H., Grinnell, Iowa.
Baxter, Delos Wurwiek, Rochester, Ill.
Benjamin, Fremont, Amana, Iowa.
Bickel, Henry Biddle, Fairfield, Iowa.
Brown, Joseph Franklin, Lewiston, Kansas.
Bruce, James E., Anita, Iowa.
Butler, James B., Atlantic, Iowa.
Byington, Otto A., Iowa City.
Cary, Eugene Emory, Eldorado, Kan.
Clark, Dan F., Dakota, Iowa.
David, L. T., Amana, Iowa.
Deer, Leander C., Estherville, Iowa.
Dennis, Samuel B., Mason City, Iowa; with law firm of Braun and Jaynes.
Pugh, John L., Marion, Iowa.
Sellers, O. W., Rockwell, Iowa.
Smith, Henry Clay, Anson, Iowa.
Smith, Rufus, Amana, Iowa.
Sprouse, John Miller, Davenport, Iowa.
Wightman, Allen Beene, Centerville, Ga.

Horner, Robert M., St. Louis Law School, Hawkey, Robert Phillip, Tampico, Ill.
Hunter, Robert, Butler College, Iowa.
Jackson, George Henry, Muscatine, Iowa; not practicing.
Ingham, Harvey, Nebraska; newspaper work.
Jackson, Douglass Viole, Muscatine, Iowa.
Kipp, Geo. C., Monroe, Iowa.
Law, Theron (Judge), Big Stone City, Minnesota.
Lewis, E. J., Fairfield, Nebraska.
Lyster, Geo. W., St. Louis Law School.
Long, Alan, Mt. Retz, Iowa.
Mathews, Royal, Davenport, Iowa.
Merchant, Cha. H., Griswold, Wis., Principal of Schools.
Mills, Arthur B., Cherokee, Iowa.
Mullin, Frank, West Liberty, Iowa.
Nevins, James M., St. Louis Law School.
Oakley, George Allen, Genoa, Wisconsin; teaching.
Perfect, Truman W., Manahawkin, Tenn.
Pollock, Charles, D., Davenport, Iowa.
Rudolph, Frank F., Tama City, Iowa.
Raymond, Nathaniel B., Des Moines, Iowa; not practicing.
Rice, Frank R., Rockwell, City.
Shelbinger, George H., Humboldt, Iowa; in Recorder's office.
Snyder, Simon Hanson, Wapello, D. T.
Stone, Elmer, Glenwood, Iowa (Kelly & Stone).
Stott, William J., Osage, Iowa.
Warga, Stephen, Leon, Iowa.
Willes, Frank K., Cherokee, Iowa.
Wood, Horace Lee, Nebraska; newspaper work.

The ladies of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity will hold their annual banquet and reunion at the residence of Gov. Pillsbury on Friday evening, April 21. We would suggest to the ladies that they take dry toast(s) with tea, in view of the muddy condition of the streets and the fact that they will have no company home.—Ariel, Muscatine.

Twenty young ladies voted on the question: Has a young lady the right to kiss a gentleman with whom she takes an evening walk? There were nineteen affirmative votes. The one negative vote was cast by a woman with red hair and one glass eye.—Ex.

Not Iowa: City girls.

**NOTICE.**

The work containing the prizeations of the Inter-State and Iowa State Oratorical Contests is now ready for sale. It is a volume of two hundred pages, neatly printed and bound in heavy paper. It contains the two best orations of each year's contest, both State and Inter-State. The organization of the association, besides a history of the organization and growth of the association, is of great value to those interested in oratorical matters, and will be sold at the low price of 40 cents per volume. Orders should be sent to S. B. Howard, Iowa City, or to W. G. Ray, of Grinnell. The money must accompany the order.

College papers, please copy.
The Freshman will carry off the base ball honors this season. Last Saturday they met and organized two nines, and still there are enough good players remaining to make up a third nine.

A certain Freshman, or rather certain Freshmen, are learning to fence. As a consequence, we may reasonably expect several accomplished fencing-masters to appear in the next Sophomore class.

Drum Major Donnan assumed the duties of that office on Monday last. It is needless to say that the band has greatly improved under his mystic wand. Apropos, Donnan has been detained at home several days on account of sickness.

We are in receipt of a card from editor-in-chief of the Know Student, stating that there will be a meeting of the editors of college papers, held at Indianapolis, May 3d. Howard and Craven are our accredited representatives, and we hope, as such, "Father Mooney of the Notre Dame Scholastic," will tenderly care for them and return them safely to the bosom of their friends.

The first nine of the Freshman class met on Tuesday last to elect officers. The election resulted in the choice of Dodsom for Captain, and Fred Pomroy for Treasurer. The result is satisfactory to all, as Dodsom is manifestly the "old reliable" of the class; who, rather than have his boys beaten in a game, would lose his—be about to say; but we will modify it by saying reputation as a base ballist. Pomroy, familiarly known as "Pom," is recognized as an honest man, and of course is to be relied upon.

It is really pleasant to note the heartiness with which both Professors and students welcome such a visitor as Mr. J.J. Hamilton. Many of us remember him as Assistant Librarian, always obliging and thoughtful. For sometime past he has edited the Bloomfield Republican, in which capacity his pen has ever exerted a powerful influence in the interest of the University. We take the following from the Burlington Gazette:

John J. Hamilton, who has brought the Bloomfield Republican into considerable notice during his three-years editorship, is to be editor of the Des Moines Daily Journal, after June next. Mr. Hamilton is one of the youngest journalists in the State, and more work is done among the best. A commendable feature of his editorial work is his principle of conciseness, and the entire absence of any effort of a self-grandifying character. The Gazette is glad to welcome him to the daily press of Iowa.

The dedication of the new Odd Fellows' Hall took place on last Wednesday evening. The dedicatory address was made by J. N. Clark, and he, as Grand Master, accepted the hall from the building committee, and dedicated it to the practice of the three cardinal virtues—Faith, Hope, and Charity.

The hall is in the third story of the block known as the Odd Fellows' block, corner of College and Dubuque streets. It is richly and elegantly furnished and decorated. The ceiling especially is beautifully frescoed, and all harmonizes so well. Great taste is certainly shown in furnishing and decorating. If Oscar Wilde could only have seen that hall, he would have gone from Iowa City with some hopes of us. The hall is said to be the finest Odd Fellows' hall in Iowa, and it is undoubtedly true. After the exercises at the hall were over, those who desired to do so repaired to Ham's Hall to "trip the light fantastic" and partake of the good things that make the inner man rejoice. Although there was a crowd, yet everyone voted the dedication the Odd Fellows' Hall a grand success, and that the Odd Fellows are the fellows.

MARRIED.

HOPKINS-MONTGOMERY.—At Mason, Ill., on the evening of April 28th, 1882, Miss W. H. Hopkins, LL.B., 81, and Miss Ada L. Montgomery.

A large number of invited guests were present to offer hearty congratulations to the happy couple. We have received a list of the presents, which speaks well for the popularity of the "high contracting parties." Some poet has said "He never marries his first love, Jackie;" but rumors say that Hopkins, after various erratic wanderings, slipping the honey from willing flowers, returned to his early partner in the "manufacture of muddy pies." May the new partnership last as long as time, is the wish of many friends. The future address will probably be Danville, Indiana, where we will request Madame to send the bill.

OSCAR WILDE MEETING.

According to previous announcement a wild and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Law Literary Society for the purpose of making some arrangements toward receiving Oscar Wilde in an aesthetic and too-true manner.

Prof. N. D. Hebard was elected Chairman and R. D. Bell, Secretary.

Motion, carried, that Chair appointed a committee of five on arrangements. Messrs. Donnan, Calendar, Hyshem, Bell, and Payne.

Loud calls were made for Mr. Payne, who responded in a neat and appropriate speech. Mr. Payne said he was a true admirer of Oscar Wilde; that he believed the author of "A Trivial Pursuit" was a man of real education and great sensitiveness. He was simply a pair of low cut shoes and a sunflower; that aestheticism was one step toward civilization, and that in his opinion Oscar Wilde was the most complete artist he had ever heard of. Mr. Payne used no gestures, but struck the attitude to perfection. His speech was very effective, and he sat down amidst deadening applause.

After transacting some other business the meeting adjourned.

BALL AMONG THE BOARDING-HOUSES.

The long-delayed and much-talked of "event of the season" a ball at the boarding-houses came off at last, Thursday afternoon, at Carleton grounds. For a whole long, rainy week, appetites had been fully cherished which would have done the leviathan credit. Every available afternoon had been taken advantage of, and ladies and gentlemen had scoured the market, the gleaning of the thirst for exercise in their hasty boarders.

At p.m., however, the consternation of the Kenyonites and the Dunlap men, of Oscar Wildes, appeared in glistening heads. Every one of the latter party wore a fresh sunflower upon his left breast; every Kenyon man was attired in a parti-colored fabric which the city had been ransacked to produce. The well-known Martin umpired to his own safety, which, perhaps, is the least that could be said for fairness.

The first inning boded defeat to the well-fed Kenyonites. Dunlap smiling; although the score was made over twice straight scores. Nothing disconcerted, however, that Ulysses of ball-players, Cornish, whispered a few words in the ears of his men and a speedy turning of the tables took place. No less than twenty runs were made before a man was called out. Everybody hit it, some for three bases.

This inning sealed the fate of the well-fed Kenyonites. Dunlap's happy smile was made over straight scores. Nothing disconcerted, however, that Ulysses of ball-players, Cornish, whispered a few words in the ears of his men and a speedy turning of the tables took place. No less than twenty runs were made before a man was called out. Everybody hit it, some for three bases.

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SPRING.

The "ethical madness" is again upon us. With it, of course, comes the annual house cleaning. In the process of over-hauling the year's collection of rubbish in the back garret of the College Museum, the hired man came across the old machine. His curiosity being excited by the discovery, he began to turn the crank with the following result:

"The factory turned the mud on top and ended Winter's snows; The blanked newspapers greeted the storm Which drove away his blizzars. Again the practice day's shrill note Is heard over hill and dale; Around it his canine throat, But triumph in his tail.

"amongs are blooming free, And dancered from the sky. The tallow pulled the barehanded Be fully fitting by."

Passing a moment to see if any one was coming, he slipped up the stairway and "let her out."

"The angel turns the water on In the public drinking fountain; The horse tools to soon be gone Is used to high andsilent mountains. The iron wheels scrape up his wash To pay his mortuary rental, Rise up his duster, makes a dash For climate oriental."

Being of a musical turn of mind, the jingle of the thing leads him involuntarily to beat time with his foot upon the floor, while he whistles "Yankee Doodle" as a sort of rude accompany:

"The wood-pecker peeps forth from her lair With post-haste haste impatient; His quick draw goes in sudden despair Before the college student;"

"The college "out" with his plant-cane And pigeon lance Is now at large, and quick-given chase And is the man next door."

"From the balls where sporting cars are known to him each morning. Paul Georgi climbs the winding stair To visit the primal warning."

"The student fever—but be it known,—Rosalbold not in speechness."

He ceases a moment, to put his foot upon the aesthetic stop, when he hears a voice calling from the back stairs, and is obliged to suspend his amusement until another time.

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