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"The Amish Mennonites."

The State Historical Society has just published a neat monograph containing a sketch of the Amish Mennonites and their settlement in Iowa, together with an appendix containing their creed. The author of this monograph is Barthinius L. Wick, A. M., '93, former Fellow in History in the University of Iowa. Mr. Wick traces very carefully the early history of this people, many of whom have formed some of the best citizens of this county. The word "Mennonite" takes its origin from one Menno Simon, who proclaimed as a doctrine of peace that the christian church had no right to defend a creed by force. The Mennonites, however, ascribe the foundation of their creed to the Waldenses. The Mennonite movement first made its appearance in the valleys of the Piedmont, and finally developed into a creed in Holland. Many of the early followers of Menno Simon came from the Anabaptists, an extremely religious sect which became very prominent in Germany and the Netherlands during the Reformation. The Anabaptists passed under various names in different countries. In principle, however, their creed was the same. They denied infant baptism, imitated the Apostles by going in bare-foot, held gloomy views of future judgment, etc. The object which the Anabaptists sought was to carry on the reform of Luther, but their existence as a distinct sect was of a short duration.

The word "Mennonite" is used to designate, not the individual opinions, but the religious doctrine of the eminent expounder whose name it bears. Menno Simon was born in a village in Freisland, in 1492, consequently he was contemporary with Luther, Melancthon, Calvin, Zwingle and other noted reformers of the time. Menno Simon renounced the Catholic church, and in 1536, together with eight persecuted followers, he formed the first society which afterward became known as the Mennonite Society. The history of the society in succeeding years is one of persecution. In 1632 a synod of this society assembled at Dort and adopted a confession which since that time has been the recognized creed of the Mennonite church.

The Amish or Omish Society was founded by Jacob Ammon, a native of Switzerland, who later removed to Alsace. Ammon's followers were irreverently spoken of as Hookers, because they wore hooks and eyes on their clothes instead of buttons. For some time previous to Ammon the confession of 1632 had not been rigidly adhered to, but with his few followers he made it his chief purpose to strictly enforce this ancient ordinance. Ammon, although not possessing the intellectual qualities of Simon was, nevertheless, a great leader of men. Since the organization of the first Mennonite church there has developed a number of divisions, but all of them look upon the Confession of 1632 as the fundamental doctrine of their faith. The chief differences being only in regard to the prohibition and retention of ancient customs. Their creed has been practical

rather than philosophical. The practice of feet washing; the shunning of expelled members; denying the rights of settling difficulties by going to law, etc., are strictly enforced. They have always been opposed to slavery, the use of intoxicating liquors, the use of tobacco, and extravagance in dress. Their present make of dress is similar to the Dutch peasant of the first half of the sixteenth century. The possession of luxuries is also forbidden.

The early history of Pennsylvania contains largely an early history of the Mennonites in America, Germantown being the chief center of their spiritual and intellectual life. Persecution in Europe led to their immigration into America. Their number increased to about fifty-two thousand above the age of sixteen in 1890. Their migration westward took place slowly. A few took up their abode in Ohio, but it was not until 1840 that a party found their way as far west as Iowa. They first landed at Burlington, then came to Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, and back to Chicago. They finally settled in Goshen, Indiana. Before the end of the year, however, a settlement had been formed near Keokuk, Iowa. Their object for settling in Iowa was because the land was cheap, and for the purpose of carrying out the community plan. In 1845 a party of Amish from the east came to Iowa and finally settled about twenty miles southwest of Iowa City. This nucleus developed into what is now the largest and most important Mennonite center in the state. Thrift and economy have made them a prosperous people. Various other small settlements are to be found throughout the state.

Mr. Wick devotes the last few pages to a comparison of the Amish and Amana Societies. The previous study which the author has made of the Amana society makes him very familiar with both of these institutions, and the interesting and original comparison which he makes can be read with considerable profit. The Amish Society is communistic, while the Amana Society may be called a quasi-community. The members of the Amana Society do not toil hard, and as a rule live longer, being so regular in their habits. The Amish on the other hand work harder, put in more hours, and get much more work done, but are ignorant of the Colony motto, "to make work a pleasure, not a pain." The diversity of employments which the Amana Society offers makes it preferable to the Amish Society, where agriculture is the only employment. By their honesty, temperance, thrift and industry, both have won the respect of all.

The monograph is concluded with an appendix, "The Dort Confession of 1632," which is their adopted creed. This monograph, written by Mr. Wick, is one which no student should fail to read. It will be found extremely interesting as well as profitable.

Cambridge University has organized a banjo and mandolin club.

The faculty of Williams has rescinded the rule prohibiting dramatic entertainments during the winter.

Law Bulletin No. 15.

Law Bulletin No. 15 has just been published, and in many respects is superior to previous editions of this year. The first article consists of thirty-one hypothetical cases in equity arranged by Professor John T. Ney. Professor Jas. A. Rohbach has an article of five pages on "The Corporation at Common Law." The article treats of the origin of the corporation; its division by law into sole and aggregate corporations, and the division of sole and aggregate again into ecclesiastical and lay corporations in respect to their nature. This class was again divided into civil and eleemosynary. A corporation must have a name, implied or expressed. It was also necessary that the corporation have a home and for many years the seal was necessary to give expression to its acts. The article discusses the various privileges and disabilities of the corporation.

"The Ethical Element in Law" is the subject of a nine page article by Professor Isaac A. Loos. After a short discussion of the distinction between law and morality, between jurisprudence and ethics, the Professor proceeds to show: 1st. How in the origin of law ethical and legal factors are merged. 2d. The recognition of the ethical element in law is a principal condition of legal progress. 3d. The science of jurisprudence owes its kinship to ethics. The article is a very systematic treatise of the subject, and no Law student can fail deriving much benefit from reading it.

Thirteen problems in sales have been arranged by Chancellor McClain. While the cases stated are not purely hypothetical they involve to some extent the facts of cases which are reported. The particular cases, however, are not cited, as a discussion of the points involved is of more importance than the decisions.

Under "Miscellany" there is a short note on "Administration on Estates of Person Living," and one on "Pleading Negligence," taken from the *University Law Review*.

In the announcement of "Recent Books" we find two by Professor Eugene Wambaugh, of the Harvard Law School, formerly professor in our Law Department. One book is on "The Study of Cases," and the other on "Cases for Analysis."

Base Ball.

For the past two weeks the candidates have been practicing daily, and the prospects are that we will have one of the strongest teams in the west. The windows in the gymnasium have been covered with netting and the boys are batting daily. A trip east is being arranged and we will meet the best college teams in Illinois and Wisconsin. The trip south has been definitely arranged. The team will leave here March 19, and arrive in Nashville the 20th. The following games will be played:

- Nashville League team, March 22-23.
- Memphis League team, March 25-26.
- Birmingham League team, March 27-28.
- Vanderbilt University, March 29.
- Evansville, Indiana, League team, March 30.

Baconian.

At the meeting of February 8, Mr. Walker read a very interesting paper on the subject of "Alloys." He spoke at length on the nature and composition of various alloys and combinations of metals, and upon the effect on the character and behavior of various metals of even small amounts of impurities or foreign bodies. Many alloys melt at a temperature much lower than the freezing point of any of the constituent metals. The addition of small amounts of certain metals to bronzes causes them, in the "pickling" process, to assume the varied and beautiful tints and hues for which the wonderful art bronzes of the Japanese metal workers are famous.

The essayist gave a very interesting description of many of the processes by which these oriental artists attain results of such marvellous delicacy of beauty.

Professor McBride presented a voluntary report upon "The Effects of Pasturing Sheep Upon Wild Barley," introducing several photographs to illustrate the resulting ulcerations of the jaws of the animals.

Professor Veblen made some suggestions with regard to Darwin's "Missing Link."

Professor McBride asked for information concerning the remarkable fossil giant which Regent Swalm is reported to have purchased for the University Museum.

Professor Calvin replied that the idea of this fossil giant was a creation of the imagination of some newspaper man hard pressed for "copy."

Dr. Hutchinson wished to know the cause of certain large man-like tracks or footprints, from Colorado, exhibited at the World's Fair. Professor Calvin, although he had no certain information concerning these impressions, suggested that they might have been left by some prehistoric saurian, but surely not by human foot.

Mr. Barlow offered a report concerning the recent increase in the yield of gold from the South Africa gold fields, due to improvements in the method of refining the ore. He presented a description illustrated by diagrams of the processes employed by the refiners.

Mr. Arner reported concerning the "cold pole," or coldest spot on earth, it being a locality in northeastern Siberia, where the average temperature for the month of January is 60 degrees below zero. He also described the conditions incident to the production of a "cold wave."

Lewis, Amherst '91, the well-known Harvard center, has been elected by the undergraduates of Amherst to represent Amherst on the board which will decide upon the charges of professionalism made by Williams and Amherst against Dartmouth.

It is reported that a movement is on foot among influential college graduates in New York to have a foot ball league formed between Harvard, Yale, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania. The proposal is that Harvard should play Yale, Princeton play the University of Pennsylvania, and then the winners meet to decide the intercollegiate championship.—*Harvard Crimson*.



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Fact and Rumor.
Mrs. Cook, of Webster City, is visiting her daughter Mabel.
Eva Michener, of West Branch, visited classes yesterday.
Dawn Bauserman, '97, has returned from her home in Marengo.
Helen Clapp's mother arrived in Iowa City last Friday to spend a few days with her daughter.
Mrs. Hazard, wife of Dr. Hazard, of this city, has recently matriculated in the Medical department.
Invitations are out for a musical reception to be given by the Erodelpians in their hall Feb. 26.
Ed Porter, ex-'94, who has been spending some days in the city, returned to Oskaloosa yesterday.
Rodney Aery has returned from his home in Cedar Falls where he was obliged to go on account of illness.
A. M. Rogers, after being confined to his room for some time, on account of illness, is able to be out again.
Miss Maud Grey has received the news that her little brother, aged 3 years, is very ill with typhoid fever.
Governor and Mrs. Larrabee, who visited in the city over Sunday, returned to their home Monday evening.

LATEST STYLE HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS AT BLOOM & MAYERS.

J. G. Marner, L. '95, gave an address on "Free Township High Schools," at Sharon Center, Friday night.

Miss Alice Chesbro has returned to the University after being obliged to spend a week at her home on account of illness.

Dr. Andrews and Professor Calvin are talking of organizing a camera club to meet on Friday evenings after the Baconian Club meetings.

County Superintendent S. K. Stevenson, and a number of Iowa City teachers were in attendance at a teachers' meeting at Solon, Friday.

Anti-toxin, the new remedy for the prevention and cure of diphtheria, which is now considered beyond the experimental stage, is to be manufactured at the State University. Dr. Shrader has presented the Faculty with a healthy young horse and the feed to keep it while the experiment is going on. The work is under the charge of Dr. Walter Bierring, who has made an especial study of the subject. It is expected that the serum will be ready for use in April.

The O. H. N. O's. Reception.

Among all the festivals held in honor of St. Valentine, perhaps none was more kindly conceived or more gracefully carried out than the party given by the O. H. N. O's. to the O. Y. E. S. Society, whose advent into the world of organizations was lately heralded. The reception was held at the home of Superintendent Cramer, on Church street, and the parlors shone with the bright colors and brighter faces of the hostesses and guests. A series of progressive games was part of the evening's program, and Anna Robinson, '95, and Pearl Colliver, '95, won the first and last prizes, which were dainty valentine souvenirs. A novel feature was the songs composed by some of the O. H. N. O's, for the occasion.

Late in the evening delicious refreshments were served and Abbie Safford, '98, toasted the O. Y. E. S's. in a most appropriate manner.

The O. H. N. O's. have certainly earned an enviable reputation as entertainers, and the two classes have cemented anew the friendship already existing.

"The Progress of the World," in the *Review of Reviews* for February, commenting on the sudden change in the Presidency of the French Republic, suggests as a desirable improvement in the French system the separation of the legislative and executive departments of government. The editor of the *Review*, in the same department, discusses recent events in Hawaii and Japan, the condition of Armenia, the troubles in Newfoundland, and many other topics of world-wide interest. In the field of English politics, such subjects as the revenue returns, the London municipal elections and the fortunes of the Liberal party, are treated, while Continental affairs of the day receive due consideration. On the American side, the editor presents a timely summary of the present condition of the national treasury, and demands that some means to secure revenue be devised by Congress before a plan of currency reform is permanently adopted; the changes in the composition of the Senate are noted, and State and municipal matters receive attention; numerous portraits accompany the crisp editorial paragraphs of which "The Progress of the World" is made up.



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No. 49. Freight for Cedar Rapids, 3:00 p.m.
No. 39. Passenger for Elmira, Cedar Rapids and West Liberty, 6:32 p.m.
No. 41. Passenger for Cedar Rapids, Minneapolis and St. Paul; also for Columbus Junction & Burlington, 9:30 p.m.
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No. 37. Passenger arrives from Riverside and Muscatine, 10:50 p.m.
No. 40. Passenger arrives from Cedar Rapids and Clinton, 10:30 p.m.
No. 45. Freight for Riverside leaves 10:50 a.m.
No. 4. Passenger for Burlington and St. Louis leaves 4:00 p.m.
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"Her Royal Highness." That Professor Wilcox ening his hold on the after University students, and better known and appreciated by the fact that the Bureau requested him to be the only foreigner in this year. With a few words, and with easy grace, he announced that the next year the course this year delivered in the Opera Tuesday evening, March Thursday, March 7th, as the tickets, by George R. of Washington, D. C., on "The Man of Galilee," and the speaker of the evening Blouet, better known as The lecturers this year two very commendable into platform practices. F. at the close of his address opportunity to those desiring information on his subject, tioned any statement which made, to engage in an heckling of the lecture. was known beforehand, free exchange of questions on the part of the speaker; this custom popularity on the English but, in that kind of a novelty in this country. Max O'Rell divided his two parts, and shortly o'clock allowed a restful of six or seven minutes; ity for changing position, and discussion of was thus given, which in the connection of the lecture appreciated by the large gent audience present. took the liberty of sticking in his pockets, but that the fault of his tailor; however, desired to be u al, was evident from the he took in resting his back of a chair with on he hid the other in his pronunciation is still t complaint on the part of used remarkably few I and any person who pai tion to the lecture coul very nearly all of it, wi difficulty. The subject of this re inform those who atten ture of what it containe the benefit of those who and for those who have lecturers book on "Jon Continent," as the same jokes are contained in most striking fact at th the lecture was the eg tion assumed by the spe to his opinion of a c France and other count France was the riches earth, in this manner per cent of her populat homes. As all Frenchm same, they care little f tries, and are consequ of the rest of the world strongly objected to I this country to lectur ing that he had signed do, objected no more