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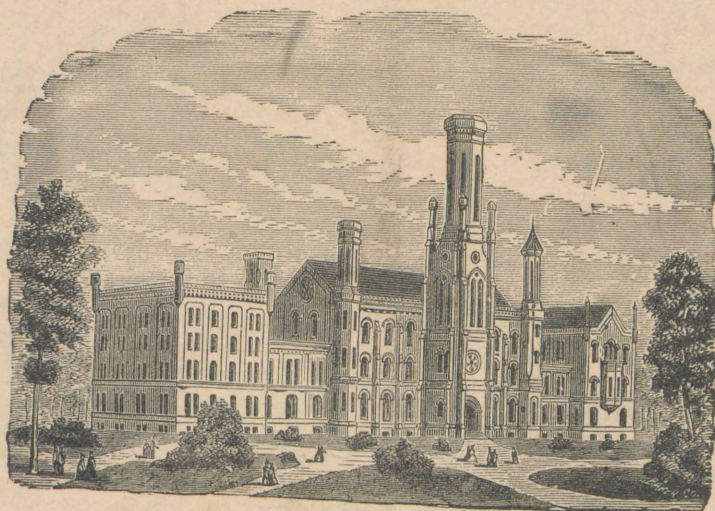


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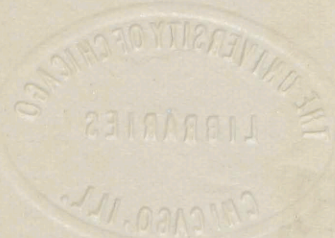
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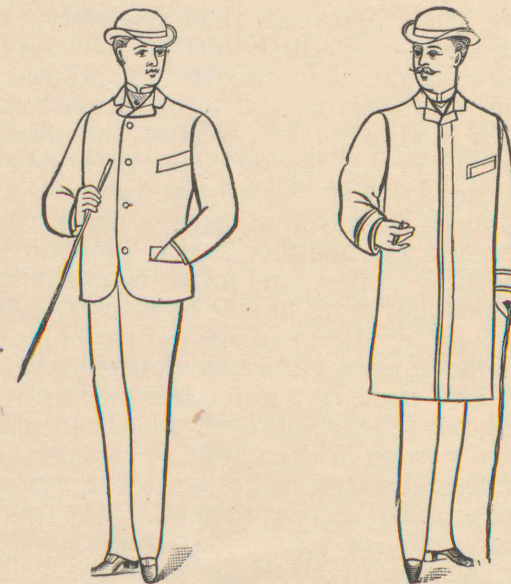
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For the fallen and the weak;  
They are slaves who will not choose  
Hatred, scoffing, and abuse,  
Rather than in silence shrink  
From the truth they needs must think;  
They are slaves who dare not be  
In the right with two or three.

—Lowell.

## MUSIC.

I was sitting at my window  
As the sun was sinking low,  
And the latest dying sunbeam  
Was in its brightest glow;  
When softly, the sound of music,  
Stole on the evening air,  
And methought some gentle fairy  
Was hovering round me there,  
Filling the air with music,  
In numbers soft and sweet,  
And it made me stop and listen  
To tones, so low and deep.  
Music, sweet music; thy sweet voice  
Can soothe the weary mind,  
And make the lone traveler rejoice,  
And forget the joys behind.  
There is naught can soothe like music,  
And naught like music cheer,  
It brings a sweet, a holy calm,  
And dispels our every fear.

## THE SPANISH ARMADA.

Place—the Mouth of the Tagus.  
Time—29th May, 1588.

Dramatis Personnae—Thirty thousand souls,  
including the best of Spanish blood, on board  
one hundred and fifty vessels.

By the vacillations of the Pope and the  
waverings of the Spanish king, by the death  
of Santa Cruz, who was to take charge; by the  
destruction of the first store of supplies for the  
expedition, and by the maneuvers of Drake,  
this mighty fleet, under the name of the  
"Spanish Armada," set out of port. Such a  
carefully prepared fleet, was perhaps never  
seen. The men-of-war were strongly built.  
The sails were well stretched. The ships were



well manned. There were the galleys driven by slaves. There were the store ships. The foundries of Spain had cast their best, and two thousand four hundred cannon formed the backbone of the fleet.

The line of white sails stretched far out to sea.

The priests had given the sacrament to all the soldiers and sailors, and the fleet was borne away on its sacred mission. Brilliant was the start. Solemn was the mass. Certain seemed the results.

But as though the "Invincible Armada" had looked upon the sea with contempt, the surface of the deep was suddenly ruffled.

The wind blew from the north into the very teeth of the fleet.

The stormy sea lashed its arms about the Armada, and threatened its quick destruction, as if to caution it to beat a hasty retreat homeward.

One mighty galley was swallowed out of sight. Two more, in the yawning aspect of doom, were given into the hands of the slaves, who, seizing their opportunity, overcame their guards, and four hundred and sixty-six self-freed slaves, cheating the Armada of their services, having slain more than their number of the Spanish soldiery, landed on the shore of France.

But dismayed, yet turned not back, this mighty, still bewildering aggregation of canvas, steel and will, pressed on. It was nearing the channel. English eyes looked out over the sea in anxiety. Two lines of sail are seen. These come nearer, and over the deep heaving swell of old ocean, there appears the centre of the crescent, whose two horns are seven miles apart.

Despair strikes into English hearts. Spain has there thrice the number of ships under the command of the English Crown.

The now immense hosts of the enemy were soon to be reinforced by the forces from The Netherlands, under command of the Prince of Parma, of unrivaled reputation as a sea captain. The Spanish infantry were well equipped and finely drilled. The English forces were but volunteers. It seemed that this mighty fleet could surround and occupy the little English isle in short notice. Sixty days of sailing on this sacred mission, now brought the Armada to the scene of action.

Perseverance, through storm and aggravated elements, had been the motto of the Spaniard, —now he looked for success to end it.

But, the ports of England and some private patriots placed various small craft at the disposal of the Queen.

Howard and Drake were given command of

something like one hundred and eighty vessels. Though from these other sources, so many were rallied, yet, reliance could be placed only on a few, the ten or a dozen large, well fitted out ships of the Queen.

The contending fleets lay to, in sight of one another, and the dusk of July 30, closed around them. The Spanish signals read: A general action at daybreak! And in security of mind, the enemy rested in peace. The Spaniard awoke. The Armada strained every nerve, for now had come the critical hour. But, the English craft could out-run it two to one. And, while running about, out of reach, this nimble northern fleet, could fire four balls to their one. It was Sunday morning. And the day seemed against them. The wind was against them. It so leaned the vessels, that the cannons poured the fire harmlessly above the heads of the English and lifted their high hulks, a broad target for the English fire. Wasting their strength thus uselessly, the Spanish force spent the Sabbath. During the succeeding night, one galleon was injured by collision, and taken as a prize by Drake in the morning; and a quarrel among the officers, resulted in the blowing up of another galleon of the Armada. Her pride was falling. The eight following days, it was sinking fast. Splintered in her haughty hulks, her soldiers were bleeding in flesh and mind, from the sore shot which they were unable to return. Ammunition gone, strength spent, Drake, Seymour and Howard had reduced them from an "invincible" fleet, to a much lessened crew of battered, bewildered, bruised, bleeding, men, now barely with life enough to struggle and grapple for their own salvation. The Armada could now only beat a retreat. She called over her rolls, and four thousand failed to answer, who were killed or drowned. The thousands of the wounded were not taken into account.

Out over the North Sea, to the north of Scotland, a merciful wind drifted the fleet. Merciful, we have written! Whether the fire and destruction from their mortal enemy, were worse than what they did meet, is uncertain. For fogs and gales and their awful combination of perils, attended them, and the elements all seemed their deadly foe. And then the rocky promontories of the Orkneys, the Shetlands, the Faroes, with the awful headlands of hostile Ireland, were co-partners with the dashing waves, and sixty-six vessels were crushed.

Thousands of the crews of these vessels, escaping death by sea, were slaughtered by the infuriated Irish, who must needs obey England. Thirty ships had been left in the North Sea. The remaining fifty-four, not the best equipped,

not those vessels containing the flower of Spanish nobility—these were lost!—returned off the west of Ireland, to Spain, the fragment of the "Invincible,"—the remains of the Armada,—ninety-six vessels and twenty-thousand men lost! The pride of the Armada had fallen.

It reminds a student of history, of that more haughty attempt of Xerxes on Greece.

The end of the Armada resembles the condition of the rock-enthroned Xerxes, over looking his hosts, or what was left of them, at the close of the battle of Salamis.

\*\*\* "All were his!

He counted them at break of day—

And when the sun set, where were they!"

We imagine what would have been the outcome, had Persian hosts obtained the supremacy over Greece. We would not to-day enjoy the fruition of Grecian literature. Rome had then the necessity of going further towards the Orient, for her literary material and inspiration. A crisis as important, was, sword-like, hanging over England, on the advent of the Armada. The sword was thrust aside and fell rather on Spain herself. But had the armament proved successful, and England become subject to Catholicism, it is not likely it could have been freed therefrom, as easily as in the times of Henry VIII.

We can thank a kind Providence for turning this, the attempt of the Armada, into defeat, and making our lot, as Americans, so influenced by England's life and history, the happy one it is to-day.

#### DECEPTION.

In how many ways is man deceived. In how many ways is he a deceiver! Since the first parents were deceived and thereby became deceivers, till the Wooden-horse deceived the Trojans; till Cæsar fawned upon a public, that he might gain the empire; till, with the murder of the innocents and feigned reluctance, Richard III took the throne of England; till the politicians of to-day work their wires, humanity has ever been afflicted with this malady, deception.

There is a more open deception, the proverbial characteristic of the "rag-pedlar," the chief feature in depraved characters.

But we wish to consider the latent deception so prevalent to-day.

It seems to be attendant on a fast age. It must be guarded against. In business life this is manifest. There is a rush to get rich. A young man starts in business. He must gain the confidence of the public. He knows if they imagine that his business is a failure, they

will proceed to violently help him "down the hill." Now, if he can cause them to think that he is doing well, he will be talked of and much custom will come to him. If they think he is a shrewd man, they will have confidence. He puts on a plug hat, assumes business airs, invests in gas, with which he inflates all his business "deals" before the eyes of the public, carefully keeping hidden, all "risks" and adventures, and upon the public and his contemporaries in trade, practices the covert fraud, of pulling wool over their eyes.

In society, how prevalent is secret deception, sometimes flagrantly open. To appear wealthy is the ambition of so many. A fine mansion is built. The owner supports a gaudy livery. His family come forth as peacocks to show their latest plumes, flashing diamonds, and French paint. Soon, the man is bankrupt. The public are undeceived. He was and is a poor man after all.

In society, knowledge of literature is admired. And a fashionable seminary course gives a lady a smattering of French, Latin, Music, Painting and general literature. The more ground gone over, and the least thoroughness of knowledge, fits one best it seems, to appear well in society. To be able to tell the books one has read, perhaps the scores of a Southworth or the myriads of a Holmes pattern, will be worth everything, in gaining notoriety in some quarters.

Now, one cannot truly read so much, unless he is sick, or a recluse, or unsuited for other occupation. In this hasting time, then, to appear well, a person is led to skim over books, instead of studying them, to get a smattering here and there, to help out, as the silk dress did the wife of the bankrupt. This is a deception. Let people dress and act as their means will warrant, let them say: "No, I've not read such and such a work. My attention was directed to my closer duties." In other words, be honest, and the admired simplicity of our forefathers, may not be lacking now.

A public speaker is heard to "hem and haw" in his speech. It has become a habit to him. But time was with him, when he began it. Why? To deceive. When? While he was at a loss for a word, that he might fill up the space and have no apparent break. Such is the case sometimes.

Then again, the public shrink from the horrors of highway and train robberies. But a play is produced, enacted, and gains thunders of applause. It is the work of a Jesse James, enacted on the stage, with high coloring, before the enraptured gaze of the public. They exclaim, "What a hero!"—and lament his death. So that what they before loathed,



through deception, they have come to extol and admire.

To do a deed for "policy's sake," even in the realm of respectability, partakes of deception. In college life, to one who has been able to see, there is ample room to deceive, and it would seem, all that room is taken. When we learn that in our higher colleges, men "get through" by a regular system of frauds, not in reality, being able to meet the requirements for entering college; when men will seize the opportunity to buy a diploma, medical or otherwise; when ponying is so common and the skill in riding, rather gloried in; when notebooks, little ones on the cuffs sometimes, are so boldly used under the very eyes of the teacher; when character is so weakened, and conscience so depraved, as to allow of such action, it is time to "call a halt," and examine the charges.

Every year at college there is a corps of these personages, working their wiles so nicely, many times so smoothly, that even the Professor is deceived.

From him who should be a stalwart senior, to the amateur "prep," the followers of these devices are found. It damages the deceiver more than any one else. It is "little," in all the ignominious sense of that term. The deceiver is of course a relative of the first serpent, and in the eyes of those who read him through and through, is a disgusting object. His own character is hurt. Is he to go out and give the influence of that character to those about him?

His mental drill is not accomplished. He cannot have that poise of mind that comes from honest work.

Lastly, he does injustice to the teacher and his fellow students. Thus, universally, is there a spirit to dissimulate, to feign, to hide, to misrepresent. And it is pre-eminently mischievous.

The remedy for the malady is, sincerity, frankness, and true honor.

ENTHUSIASTIC Prof. in Physics, discussing the organic and inorganic Kingdoms: "Now, if I should shut my eyes—so—and drop my head—so—and should not move, you would say I was a clod! But I move—I leap—I run—then what would you call me?" Voice in the rear: "A clod-hopper." "Dismissed!"—*Ex.*

"Ho, chum! Say, how is it that the Prof. does not see that fellow copy from his note book, right in class?" "Oh, he is contemplating higher things." "No, it is because the Professor did not generalize about note books, and logically conclude."

#### FROM SHELLEY'S "SKY-LARK."

Hail to thee, blithe spirit—  
Bird thou never wert—  
That from heaven or near it  
Pourest thy full heart  
In profuse strains of unpremeditated art.

All the earth and air  
With thy voice is loud,  
As, when night is bare,  
From one lonely cloud  
The moon rains out her beams, and heaven is overflowed

What thou art we know not;  
What is most like thee?  
From rain bow-clouds there flow not  
Drops so bright to see  
As from thy presence showers a rain of melody:—

Like a poet hidden  
In the light of thought,  
Singing hymns unbidden,  
Till the world is wrought  
To sympathy with hopes and fears it heeded not.

Teach us, sprite or bird,  
What sweet thoughts are thine:  
I have never heard  
Praise of love or wine  
That panted forth a flood of rapture so divine.

Teach me half the gladness  
That thy brain must know;  
Such harmonious madness  
From my lips would flow  
The world should listen then as I am listening now.

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Greetings, bows,—are these expected from the editors?

A "concatenation of concomitant circumstances" conspiring to bring us here, we take up the editorial maul, and what we are going to do, cannot be told,—what we have done, can be afterwards related.

The students, for whose interest we are at work, can help. Give us news, articles, conundrums, and subscribe for the paper—only one dollar.

An article we had hoped to obtain from Prof. Fraser for this issue, may be looked for in our next.

For what reasons do we attend college, and what is our aim? We surely must have some end in view, or we would travel back and forth day after day, spend time and money, and exert ourselves to a great extent, in order to maintain a worthy position among our fellow-students. Some, there may be, who do this simply because they are obliged to, but we know that is not the case with all. Some wish to acquire knowledge and become masters in the arts and sciences. This is quite right, but why do we wish to do this? Here is the place where many fail, whose hearts are not in the work, but who do it simply because they have nothing more agreeable with which to occupy their time. Ambition is the motive which prompts others to action, who desire to be looked up to by others as very learned persons. But is there no higher motive than this? Surely there is. Our Maker has given us talents to use and improve. To some He has given only one, to others, five, and to still others, ten talents, and he will surely require his own with usury. This will apply to students as well as to others. Here we have the means and power to improve the talent entrusted to our care. If we do not do this, we will be held responsible. If we have only one talent, let us

go to work to gain another. But let those to whom ten talents are given remember that, to whom much is given, of him shall much be required.

#### ANOTHER YEAR.

The "long" vacation is at last over. With ninety days of freedom from books, of general relaxation, of more or less physical application and mental rest, the halls of the old college home, fill up with a crowd of health-retained students, whose faces and forms have lost the lassitude of June last, and taken on a vigor and activity, evidently a good preparation for the year's work.

Now, at the reveille call of the electric bell, each day's duties of this, another campaign, are ushered in.

Each campaign is nine months in being accomplished.

In this new campaign, each one enlisted feels, in coming into line from his varied peregrinations, to more enthusiastically than ever, prosecute the work, and render the service required.

The Preparatory Student, perhaps a raw recruit, is looking forward on this, his first, second or third campaign, and is eager for the fray.

If he has been here before, and is not more eager for study now, than ever, he has mistaken his calling or is very neglectful of his duty, careless of his loyalty to the cause.

The enterprising Freshman, weighted with the full appreciation of his own position and high attainments feels that, like a French Hussar, having passed through many a stormy campaign, he can encounter any thing before him.

The subtle Sophomore, with the little S. E. corner of his cerebellum, much enlarged since he finished the first College campaign, looks with greater equanimity over the work of this year, that having masticated Greek and Latin roots hitherto, he can now surely live on the maturity of vegetation found in Homer and Horace.

Above all, he [or she] rejoices that this year, he can say to mathematics, that trial and too often overcoming temptation of his college warfare thus far, "Get thee behind me!"

The Junior is going to take first prize at the "Ex.," and so is complacent.

But he looks forward sometimes to the occasion when he will be through his tasks here. He has wondrously come through each campaign, sometimes without a scar, sometimes with marks, it may be by his shrewdness at missing the thick of the fight, and now will soon be out—discharged.



The Senior loves the old camping and battle ground. His third, or perhaps fourth return to the old grounds is significant as being his last. He or she may have sentiment enough around about somewhere, to love old haunts, become endeared to a place of many pleasant associations, and realize that now is inaugurated the last campaign. The old University halls, silent through another vacation, now resound to joyful voices and student clatter, for the last autumn in his warfare. The dear, gray walls of this architectural pile, will shelter him but a little longer. He wishes them to succor many another and be the scene of glorious action and triumph of many a future student hero or heroine.

Yea he feels, while progressing in this campaign, that, having been long on this camping ground, he is now daily, pulling up the stakes, ready for the folding of his tent, to make his last departure.

All are glad to welcome and be welcomed by the Faculty, wish them success in leading the campaign now begun, and wish that quiet and harmony may reign throughout the year.

#### OUR POLICY.

This shall be a non-partisan paper, supporting the present administration of the University, favoring every high and noble enterprise conducive of good to the student.

Purporting to be above the N. Y. *Sun* in sentiment and aim, it will not vent spleen permiscuously, or enter the *muddy* arena of politics.

It intends to represent the ideas of a college community. Hence it should be thoroughly a literary paper. The most interesting papers we have ever seen, not only had live, fresh, literary matter, but kept their personal and local columns well filled, by the interest shown between the college paper and the Alumni.

By our own energy, through the assistance of our Alumni, and with contributions from our Faculty, we hope to accomplish the former. To gain the sympathy of outsiders and obtain more personal matter, we will attempt to increase the circulation of THE VOLANTE, among the Alumni, Trustees and friends of the University.

If they respond, in their generosity and unselfishness of spirit, they will help themselves, keep blazing the fires on Alma Mater's altars, and encourage the struggles of

#### THE STAFF.

N. B. Invitations to visit Yellowstone Park, and complementary tickets to the lectures hereabouts, will be gratefully received, with any other marks of attention shown editors generally.

#### THE REINFORCEMENT.

As the Seniors go forth "in their sheepskins," &c., we are left, not to lament, but to press on with new adjuncts. For in the economy of the college world, reinforcements come in, to help fill up the ranks.

A goodly number of aspiring students join us this year. We give them hearty welcome into all that college life affords, and hope they may realize more than those before them, the full good of this new experience. Get into the harness and stick there clear through. Your duties are to concentrate your efforts to a development of yourselves. If possible, know in setting out, what you are going to make of yourselves, and *make* it.

Bend all energies to do the work of the college, in all departments, thoroughly, with an eye to your future work. Be alive to the general news of the day. Do a careful work in literary society,—so constantly put in practice what you are learning. Subscribe for the college paper, be filled with college enthusiasm, and honorably get as many college honors as you can.

#### COMRADES.

In no calling, in no associations, military, political or professional, do associates feel more pleasantly the ties of companionship, than in college life. We feel like comrades.

Those in the higher classes, come to feel that they are veterans together. This should always be.

Our common pursuit is the most noble,—the improvement of mental and moral man. The only salvation for the race, (has it not been iterated again and again?) is christian education. The raising of one person, through a college drill to high moral and intellectual standing, may influence hundreds of others, whom he touches by that most subtle but sure agency,—his good and wholesome influence. A man educated by himself, is apt to be and continue a recluse, who has no particular place in this active age. Mingling thoughts, having controversies, exchanging ideas, is mutually beneficial to the several members of a class. Helping each other so, they become comrades, in the true sense. One may say little to another; but by earnestly doing his work, incites the other to mental application, which is fulfilling the promise of his coming hither.

#### IMPROVEMENT.

That is, in the curriculum.

Five years ago, the *work* done here was most excellent, as it has continued to be.

Since then, however, the *course* has been so

improved, that, though some cavilers might have had subjects to work upon then, they cannot now, we think. The preparatory department has been made thorough, for gaining the elements and much general knowledge, specially in the scientific course.

The last improvement is the substitution of "Civil Government" in the place of Chemistry which is taken in the Junior year, without the preparatory or elementary chemistry.

This supplies a study, the want of which has hampered some older, who had not the chance to study what is a part of general *High School* education.

#### THE CAUSE.

On the first Thursday morning, Dr. Anderson, gave a chapel talk on the cause that more and more engages men of action and thought in the world,—*Education*.

In his usual forceful way, he presented the claims of higher education, particularly to *fit men* for practical, business careers. He related the experience of one of the most business-like men, Mr. Pillsbury, the great flour mill man of Minnesota, himself a college man, who goes to the senior classes of classical schools, to select a man for his employ. More reliance can be placed in such drilled men. Then, when great men, like Cooper and Stephens, men of learning and wealth, support many students in college, and when a Vanderbilt will give his check for \$3000.00 to the support of 30 hard working New England students, there is a hopeful outlook, and education may yet gain more favor in this practical age.

Will all friends and Alumni, having old numbers of THE VOLANTE, who feel they can spare them, send them in to us? The object is a worthy one.

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We begin to file them now, and old ones sent in, will there be preserved.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

Under this head, the students may address THE VOLANTE, with any subject that interests them, that will benefit the readers, that will be intelligible, written and signed in the writer's right mind.

The communications must be subject to the approval or disapproval of the staff, which latter will not be responsible for the sentiments of the articles.

#### PERSONALS.

- '82. Stone is with Rand, McNally & Co.
- '83. Harper is seen about the city occasionally.
- '81. Ege is now Sec. Y. M. C. A., Burlington, Ia.
- '81. Gardner has just returned from New Mexico.
- '86. I. C. Fargo is now at his home in Norwood Park.
- '86. J. B. Blake enters Champaign University this year.
- '84. King returned Saturday from his pleasure trip into Iowa.
- '87. H. J. Furbur, Jr., spent most of the summer in the city.
- '84. F. S. Cheney enters Dennison University, Ohio, this fall.
- '87. D. H. Leland spent the summer at his home in Wisconsin.
- '82. J. A. Talbut enters the Chicago Medical College this fall.
- '89. W. S. Perrine is again among us looking hale and hearty.
- '83. Miss. Cooley is teaching near the city, in the Town of Lake.
- '82. J. V. Coombs is now President of a college in Southern Illinois.
- '85. F. M. Larned has not forsaken the old halls. He is going through.
- '85. Lu. Sherman formerly of '85 is now editor of the *So. Chicago Post*.
- '86. W. S. Wan Osdell does not return to class work this fall owing to ill health.
- '86. Miss Jennie Griffith spent summer in and around Milwaukee and Waukesha.
- '85. Miss Daisy Springer spent part of summer in Ohio visiting friends and relatives.
- '86. Miss Jennie Gibson after summering in Kansas returned in time for school work.
- '85. T. M. Hammond spent part of the summer in Dakota "doing" Insurance business.
- '79. C. D. Johnson is now doing honor to his Alma Mater and himself at Washington, D. C.
- '81. H. C. VanSchaack has entered the law office of his uncle, Peter VanSchaack, on Dearborn street.
- The Misses Loomis and Wells were rusticated at Park Ridge, this state, a part of the summer.
- '86. A. N. Cooley is now living in the building, not going to his home in Morgan Park, but once a week.



'83 and '87. Miss. Haighs have remained in the city during vacation, while their parents were in Europe.

'84. Geo. Walsh has decided to remain, and if possible graduate with the class this year. Welcome George!

'85. E. R. Anderson has again entered the University, expecting to spend the next two years in College work.

'84. Saum Song Bo, after attending Yale commencement, spent the summer visiting in the various Eastern States.

'88. Miss Nellie Springer formed one of a party to spend the summer in fishing, boating, etc., on the Northern Lakes.

'84. Lawrence Johnson has again entered his classes intending to complete his course, whether he goes to the Seminary or not.

'81. Ora. P. Seward went abroad last July and does not expect to return for two or three years. When last heard from he was in Germany.

'83. Eugene Parsons has accepted a call to the Baptist College, situated at Des. Moines, Iowa. He takes the position of Professor of Languages.

C. W. Henson started last Thursday for Hoboken, N. J., intending to take a complete course in Engineering at the School of Polytechnics situated there.

Prof. Fraser returned last month from his trip abroad much improved in health. He brought his family with him, and can now be found at his old place in the University.

F. L. Anderson, R. S. Mott, D. J. Lingle and Dell. Topping, were encamped at Delavan Lake the last two weeks of vacation. We understand they enjoyed themselves hugely and are laying plans to return again next year.

C. S. Thoms spent a few days in the city a short time ago. He says the best summer resort in the country is at Elgin, this state. The officers of this well known institution inform us it will be impossible for him to return until October.

Dr. Anderson has been in great demand the past summer, having given the Baccalaureate address before the graduating class of Madison University, Wisconsin, and preached nearly every Sunday during vacation, besides tending to his other duties. Nevertheless, he looks as though he had spent an enjoyable vacation, and returns more enthusiastic than ever.

'84. F. R. Swartwout was married to Miss Eva L. Hall of Grand Island, Neb., on Thursday evening, June 28th. The ceremony being performed by Rev. P. C. Johnson. This was

a surprise to most of your friends, Fred., who thought you might have hinted something of the kind, if you were too bashful to tell us outright, that we might have shown our good will to you. Nevertheless, if not too late, accept our congratulations and hopes that success may attend you in the future.

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The Second Years are to have Civil Government in place of Chemistry this term.

At Prof. Fraser's lecture last Wednesday, Mdme. Modjeska was among the listeners.

The numbers in each department this term is: College, seventy; Preparatory, eighty.

Prof. Olson was compelled to be absent from classes the past week, owing to business calling him East.

The resignation of Miss. Dexter, from the VOLANTE Staff, was accepted and Miss. Grace Reed elected in her stead.

The subject for the Senior English prize essay is: Erasmus and his Relation to the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century.

The University has added several chairs to its equipment. They are of the wooden sort and adorn the Doctor's recitation room.

Prof. Howes was compelled to seek new quarters for his German class, owing to its being much larger than in former times.

We learn that hereafter the Scientific Course will include Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis, giving one year to this branch.

The Y. M. C. A. have begun their regular weekly meetings of the term—the officers are—President, F. R. Swartwout, Secretary, A. N. Cooley.

We learn that White, Hazin and Dilliard do not intend to return to school this year, but will spend the year making money in Iowa and adjoining states.

Owing to VOLANTE work and pressure of studies, Miss. Fuller of '84, was compelled to resign the presidency of Tri Kappa. Her resignation was regretfully accepted.

The hours at which students may obtain

books of the Librarian have not as yet been fixed, the Librarian desiring to collect all books out before doing so.

Prof. Stuart was suddenly called to attend the funeral of his mother, who died last Thursday. Prof. S. has the sympathy of the entire school in his bereavement.

Word has been received from State Secretary Lily, saying the Oratorical contest will be held in the Opera House, Rockford, Ill., on Friday evening, October 5th.

Let the students give our Orator such attendance to the State Oratorical Contest, at Rockford, that he may go as a delegate from Chicago University should go.

Under the careful management of E. R. Anderson, our new Curator, the museum is beginning to put on a new face. After being rearranged and refitted, it will be open again to the students.

Miss. Dexter, who had been elected on The Staff, handed in her resignation, on account of other duties which prevented her filling that office. We regret her having to resign. Hope to hear from her through the year, any way.

D. J. Lingle was elected on Sat. evening, Sept. 22, to fill the president's chair of K. K. K., in place of Miss. Fuller, resigned. We wish to D. J. and to L. J., prosperous terms of office, with a hearty, kindly spirit of rivalry.

Will not the Literary Societies take it in hand to see if we cannot have a Sociable that all professors and students may meet for an hour's social, and that strangers in the University may become acquainted? Let us see to this.

We understand quite a number of the students will attend the Oratorical contest this year. We are assured it will be made as enjoyable as possible, and good times are anticipated. The fare will be only three and a half dollars the round trip.

Again we are called upon, to call the attention of the Gymnasium Association to the present condition of the Gymnasium. If they cannot put it in proper order again let us all as students unite and place things in order, that we may all have a place where we can exercise during the winter months.

The U. S. Government have located a Signal Service Station on the University Campus. A temporary building has been erected which will be replaced by a two story stone structure as soon as the next Congress meets. The present building will be furnished with all the necessary instruments for Signal Service use.

Can we not in November, have a rousing, joint literary meeting of Athenæum and Tri

Kappa? It is five years since such an interesting meeting was held. Let it be no longer. The Societies are in harmony of feeling, have the same end, (a literary one,) in view, and this meeting would cap the climax, secure the cement and what not, for binding us together.

We have been asked a number of times why it is the Registrar asks the ages of the student when registering the names, classes, &c. An answer we are unable to give at present. It is a custom that seems to us unnecessary, as it is not practiced in the majority of the schools of the country, and we know not why it should be required here, unless it be the curiosity of the Professors.

At a called meeting of the Students and Oratorical Association, on Tues., P. M., Sept. 25, several matters of business were transacted. Mr. King was made our Representative, and Messrs. D. R. Leland and C. L. Geiger were elected delegates to the State Oratorical contest, at Rockford, the 5th prox. We offer our Representative the encouragement of our strong faith in him.

The officers of the two Literary Societies are as follows:—Athenæum, President; Lawrence Johnson; Vice-President, F. M. Larned; Secretary, A. N. Cooley. Tri Kappa's officers are: Miss Gertrude B. Fuller, President; W. S. Van Osdel, Vice-President; C. L. Geiger, Secretary; E. F. Perry, Treasurer. A membership committee was appointed as follows: Misses Daisy Springer and Jennie Griffith and Messrs. Perry, Geiger and Thoms.

There were, at last accounts, one hundred and fifty names on the Registrar's books, against one hundred and forty-four for all of last year. We were pleased to note this increase in numbers and still more, to note the fact that most of the new students enter college classes instead of the preparatory classes as in former years. We hope this will continue to be the case, and if the college classes increase in numbers as do the preparatory classes, the success of the University is certain.

Monday evening, Sept. 24th, was a very pleasant evening. '85 Allen A. Griffith, Jr., was the cause of a pleasant party on that evening, the 21st anniversary of his birthday. Printed invitations were out the week before, and seventy-five of his college and outside friends, Professors, students and others, responded. There was a brilliant reception and social, heightened by the presence of the Chicago Quartette, with their vocal charms. After the excellent refreshments were attended to, and tender tete-a-tetes enjoyed to the full, the party dispersed, often to recall the pleasant hours.



THERE has been a change in the list of instructors this year, Prof. Bastin resigning his place as Prof. of Sciences, owing to ill health, and his place being filled by Prof. A. A. Bennett. Prof. Bennett is a graduate of Michigan University, graduating with the class of '77 with the degree of B. S. He was called to the Professorship of Natural Sciences of the Methodist University, situated at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Having filled that place a number of years, he is now called to Chicago University. Prof. Bennett is a gentleman, a good scholar and an apt and careful teacher, and his efforts in this his new field will be fully appreciated by those who may be so fortunate as to be numbered among his classes.

A DEMAND is now being made by some of the leading Colleges of the Northwest, for a University Year Book, containing a list of all Alumni, the Records of the University, Prizes taken by members, and concerning all things that would be of interest to college men in general. But few colleges can boast of such a book, and it is this knowledge of the absence of such books that calls forth this demand from college men that we have such a book. This movement has but just been started, but it is one that is already meeting with great success in the active, live, colleges. Can we not get up some such book? Surely we could find enough to write about, if there were only some who would take hold of it, and go to work earnestly and faithfully. Will not one of our college men take this matter up and carry it on to success?

THE opening meeting of Athenaeum Literary Society, was held in Society Hall, Friday evening, Sept. 14th. A large number of members and friends were present, thus showing their interest in the welfare of the society.

The Inaugural Address of the President, Mr. Lawrence Johnson, was given in an earnest and interesting manner. He spoke somewhat at length upon the aims of the society, and sought to show that the possibilities for advancement in such a society were great.

Mr. Geo. Walsh read a carefully prepared paper entitled "Shelley," which he rendered with able effect. He gave us some insight into the life of the great poet. We cannot thoroughly appreciate the works of the greatest authors, without knowing something of their inner lives, that we may more fully enter into the feelings and emotions of the writer.

Saun Song Bo took for the theme of his address, "Labor and Capital," which he considered in a thoughtful, sensible and original manner, displaying considerable knowledge of

the principles of political economy. He expressed an utter lack of sympathy for the cry that Jay Gould and other capitalists must go, as if they were Chinese.

The society paper, "The Enterprise," was written in a pleasant and humorous style by Mr. T. M. Hammond. A sparkling account of his summer's experience in the far west, being thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

The debate of the evening upon the subject resolved: That suffrage should be restricted to native born citizens of the United States, was affirmed by J. C. Everett and denied by F. J. Walsh. The decision of the judges was in favor of the negative.

On last Saturday evening, the first meeting of the Tri Kappa Literary Society, was held in the University Parlors. By the time the President called the meeting to order, the room was very well filled with members and friends of the society. The following program was furnished:

Piano Solo—Miss Lucy Anderson.  
President's Address—Miss Gertrude B. Fuller.

Reading—Miss Jennie Griffith.  
Essay, "John Brown"—H. S. Tibbits.  
Society Paper—T. R. Weddell.

Debate—Question: Should there be an Anti-Monopolist party? Affirmed by F. R. Swartwout; denied by C. L. Geiger.

Critic's Report—F. R. Swartwout.

The President's address was spicy, yet to the point, and given in Miss Fuller's own peculiar manner. It was full of advice, which if followed by the society, will be sure to bring greater success to itself. The reading by Miss. Griffith was good and well selected, and seemed to be fully appreciated by the audience. Then came the essay by Mr. Tibbits. We think, had the writer spent more time, he could have given us a much better production. The paper by Mr. Weddell, was interesting, sound in politics, and full of sharp hits.

The debate of the evening was good, except that Mr. Geiger might have given us a better debate, had he entered more into the spirit of it, and been better prepared, although toward the last, he seemed to wake up, and enter into the debate in earnest. Mr. Swartwout seemed to keep up his reputation, and gave us an earnest speech on his side of the question. On the whole the program, as given last Saturday night, exhibited the "stuff" Tri Kappa contains, and the program throughout was well received. Once during the meeting the society was disturbed by one of those "bands of Irregulars," who last year disturbed the meetings of this society. It is to be hoped that there

will be no more disturbances to either society, but that each may hold its meetings in peace—quiet be broken only by those upon whom it devolves to furnish the literary program.

## MISCELLANY.

"A stuttrer breaks his word."

SMALL BOY:—A backbiter is a "flea."

"An abusive beggar is a vague-rant."

EBEN E. REXFORD, the Wisconsin poet, lives a retired life in the dull village of Shiocon. He says he gets all the way from \$5 to \$40 for stories, and \$3 to \$25 for poems.—*Badger*.

"Wherever I go, there is a fraud," exclaimed a peevish student. "Oh, that is a self evident truth, a mere platitude. Do not be a phraser of platitudes, my boy," said the Professor.

"Ruskin is known by English youth (Oscar Wildes); but seal skin is known by sacks on ladies." Now a buskin is known by the company it keeps, and a buck's skin by the way he runs.

THE newspapers have much to tell of the "movements of the President." We have heard of the movement "cure," and wonder how near the occupant of the White House is, to being cured.

"MAMMA, you should avoid extremes," remarks a philosophic boy, when his mother boxes his jaws. "Very well, my son, I shall strike a happy medium," and she forthwith stretched him across her knees.

Question—"What is affectation in reading?"  
Answer—"It is affecting to hear a scholar when he gets up to read, to speak his words distinct and mind his punctuation marks. Affectation is sympathy for the piece."

Q.—"Define sugar, sincere, calf?"

A.—"1st. I can't define. 2d. Sincere, more sincere, most sincere. 3d. Calf, calves, and calves." Generous, was defined as a person with a free will; sugar, a mineral; scissors, spelled sizars; skull, schull; gnaw, knaw; "Pitch is a raising or lowing of the voice." "Emphasis is to place more distress on some words." "The Ohio River flows north-east, and forms the northern boundary of Ohio." "The Red Sea and Yellow Sea are in Europe." "Brazil is in Asia." "The beautiful scenery and fertile soil led to the discovery of America." "The number of broad acres lying untitled led to the discovery of America."—*Barnes' Educational Monthly*.

What a phase of the subject! This is so like the interesting candidate for ordination, who answered that the Euphrates rose in

Africa and set in Asia; or the Junior who answered that the Brachiopod was the quadruped which by metamorphosis, turned into a Polliwig; or the Senior who answered that a Concept was what a dog went after when he was on the scent.

## EXCHANGES.

To all exchanges THE VOLANTE extends salutation.

We greet you in the vigor of work newly begun. We have but a few exchanges on our desk, but wish in our first issue, to note these and open this column in which we will try to notice and give just criticism on all.

It is proper for college papers to exchange ideas.

A sort of rivalry is established. We influence each other, more than would be thought.

In the kindness of true competition let us each do dwell.

The *Badger* has come out of his hole or den, so to speak, and the first of that weekly paper is before us. It is an opening number, showing a lack of literary articles. In its editorial it argues for a College Year Book at Madison. We wish we had one. We hope to before many years.

A good feature of their work up there is the activity of the Christian Association. Among the *Badgerisms*, a delight is expressed, in the coming of Barnum and Jumbo later in the month.

The *Occident* comes orient-ward, and we have the 31st August number. It is apparently a vacation issue, smattering of rambling and recreation. A short article on Siberian Convicts is the first prose production. Then a miner's adventure is given by some student we suppose, who beguiled vacation hours listening to tales and yarns.

Both these exchanges have like features. Each has a rival. And it seems it would be better to concentrate all in one good, solid paper.

The *Berkeleyan* has reached us. It, as the older paper, at the Univ. of Cal., seems more matured, and in this number, is certainly in fair shape, for the opening of the year. The article on "Hypatia" is good. It should be under the "Literary" head. She who read the work, has been profited by a rather deep, historic novel, from such an author, and now, does a good thing, in out lining it. The notice of THE VOLANTE is kindly. We hope this "Staff" will bear out the VOLANTE's reputation there.

The *North-Western*, of an old date, with a



Wild pictured front, affronts the editor. As a neighbor, we wish to be kindly in our dealings with this Ex. Call again!

The Dartmouth, an old Stalwart, is out, containing lots of alumni news.

The Thielensian, (commencement issue,) Vol. 1, No. 1, is the worthy successor of the Chrestomatheon, and in its neat, journalistic form, before the ripe (!) judgment of the "table," has met with kind favor. Being its first issue, and at com'e't times, it is very literary and entertaining.

The Monmouth "Collegina" as printed on one page, has come. It looks as if it took its flight unfledged, which was somewhat the case probably. In quarto form, it looks like a newspaper more than a college journal. Haste. Take more pains!

The Notre Dame Scholastic, is the only other Ex. received up to press time.

The "Cap and Gown," from Sewanee, Tenn., sends a postal asking when our holiday is. We answer, Saturday and Sunday, Thanksgiving time, the Grant boom, and Washington's birthday.

By our next issue we hope to have the full number of Exchanges before us.

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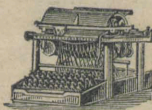
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