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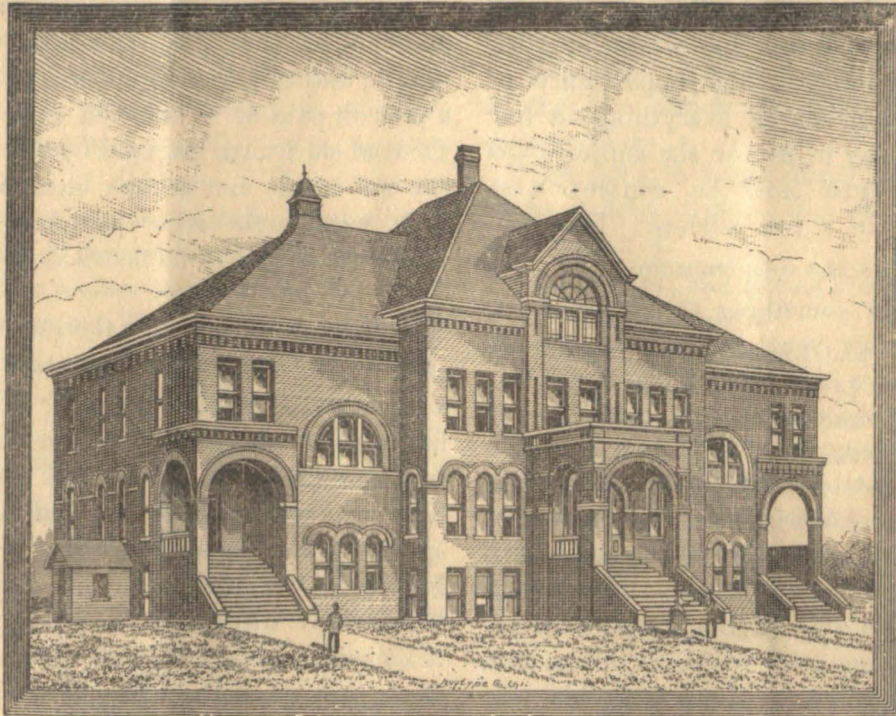
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WE do not wish to be considered as chronic fault-finders, but we believe that there are improvements that can be made from time to time, and experience has shown that a college paper is a proper medium for suggestions. We do not wish the STUDENT to become a medium for the discussion of petty college strifes, but we are sure that the question of how our Preps shall be treated is of sufficient importance to warrant its discussion. We therefore in this issue give the opinions of some of them.

The term system was introduced into every

department of the University this year. As it has only been in use during the present term, it may perhaps, be too early to pass any judgment. The common verdict among the students, however, seems to be that it is an improvement. But a certain class may perhaps think it a disadvantage. We refer to those who cannot afford to spend all the year with us, but stay only during the winter months. They do not now have the opportunity of obtaining a scattering of everything—a few weeks of *cramming* in five or six subjects—as formerly, but must now be content with thorough work in a few studies. Time will show whether this is a disadvantage.

Our library is something to be proud of, considering the few years our University has existed. We have now about 3,500 bound volumes, including the government reports, which in our case, strangely enough, form but a comparatively small portion of the whole. The greater portion — nearly 3,000 — consists of carefully selected books, embracing collections of standard works on all topics. Our list of standard magazines is large and well selected. Our reading tables seem to be supplied with all the news required. Along with his text books the college student should not neglect to study the daily papers. Senator Sherman says: "Almost every important measure brought before congress may be traced to the suggestion of some modest editor." We delight to see the interest that is taken in patronizing the library; and like to see the spirit displayed by some Sub-Preps, who can stay for two hours in the library without indulging in even such trivial violation of the rules as winking at a girl across the table. They set the Seniors a good example.

Considering the times and talk we have had since the last issue of the *STUDENT*, it may not be out of the way to recommend the following: "Among the features of Adrian college which

are not set forth in the catalogue is a 'best girl trust.' The young men are sworn to secrecy and to abide by the rules of the trust, the object being the monopoly of the best girls in the college. The organization began by selecting as many girls as there were members of the trust, who were divided by lot, the provision being that each man should entirely monopolize the lady assigned to him one month, and to allow no other man to escort her a foot on pain of a fine and imprisonment in the coal shed until released by the faculty. At the end of the month each member must trade girls with some other member, if required. The trust is said to be flourishing."

THE steps now being taken to organize a C. Y. M. C. A. in the University, is certainly a move in the right direction. It is a step that has been too short and feeble in the past. The fact that C. Y. M. C. A. work was instituted by a state university in this country, gives it a special claim upon us. The University of Michigan has the honor of being the first educational institution to form a Christian Association among college men. And in the same year, the college year 1857-8, another was formed, without any knowledge of the action of the former institution, in the University of Virginia. These two colleges are the two great state universities of the north and south respectively. That this movement was most timely and judicious has been shown not only by the history of these two individual societies, but by the history of the C. Y. M. C. A. work in general. Last year the Association of Michigan university created a building for its own use, at a cost of \$20,000. In 1884 there were one hundred and eighty-one college associations, with a total membership of about 10,000.

The University of Michigan has 2,100 students and thirty secret societies.

A LONG felt want that found expression last year in a request from the students, has been supplied by the lecture course that has been arranged for the benefit of the students. Already four of these lectures have been delivered, and have proved to be both interesting and profitable. Removed as we are from the city, little opportunity is afforded the students of availing themselves of the advantages offered there. The prices paid by some of the best colleges for special lectures, is evidence that college authorities consider such lectures of great value to students. These are an important factor in our education, and among the many benefits derived from them, the least is not the change they bring to the monotony of class room work. The lectures coming on Friday evening in the Dormitory parlors, occupy a part of the evening only and give opportunity for conversation. The first three lectures, "Paradise Lost," "The Atmosphere," and "Our Water System," brought vividly before us three important elements, fire, air and water. The fourth lecture introduced us to India and its people; the fifth, to the value of history.

SHAKESPEARIANA.

[By H. B. S.]

Sebastian. You were kneel'd to and importun'd
[otherwise]

By all of us; and the fair soul herself
Weighed, between loathness and obedience, at
Which end o' th' beame should bow.

The Tempest, II, i, 125-128.

Princess Claribel, daughter of Alonso, king of Naples, had been commanded by her father to wed the king of Tunis, whom she loathed. She hesitated between her sense of duty to her father and her strong aversion to the marriage. Filial obedience was in one scale; disgust at the proposed wedlock in the other. The question was, which end of the beam should go down; for Shakespeare uses the word 'bow' at least nine times in the sense of 'sink under pressure';

and uses 'at' as often in the sense of 'in reference to.'

The picture in the mind's eye, then, is of a lady holding suspended an old-fashioned balance or pair of scales, or standing in front of such an instrument, the 'beam' being horizontal. She is deliberating, 'weighing;' in reference to what? Simply, which end of the beam shall sink.

All this seems clear enough; and the reading of the line which we have given as in the earliest folios,

Which end o' th' beame should bow,
seems exactly right. But the commentators must tinker it.

Rowe (1714) and Pope (1725) struck out the o' and printed thus:

Which end the beam should bow.

Hudson follows this example, and adds that 'beam' is the subject, the line meaning,

Which end the beam should *cause* to bow.

Malone (1790) regarded 'should' as a corruption of 'she would.' Richard Grant White concurs in this, suggesting that 'she would' was first contracted to 'sh'ould,' and then to 'should.' He makes the line read,

Which end o' th' beam she'd bow.

Rolfe substantially coincides. Moberly makes 'should' equivalent to 'she should.' Abbott thinks that either 'she' is omitted, or 'should' means 'she would;' or else o' has been inserted by mistake. Deighton concurs as to the omission of 'she.' Meiklejohn makes 'bow' equal 'bend;' Schmidt defines 'bow' as meaning 'bend' or 'stoop.' The Clarendon Press (W. A. Wright) mentally supplies 'it' (i. e., the balancing or indecision of Claribel) before 'should.'

To us, the old text is better than any of these substitutions. The lady does not 'bow.' She might indeed at 'obedience,' but she would stand stiffly up at 'loathness!' The beam does not 'bow,' but only one-half of it; nor can it cause its end to go down. Claribel's inde-

eision or balancing might 'bow,' but such personification is far-fetched, and introduces a new difficulty, a supposed omission of 'it.' The 'end o' th' beam,' the end that sustains the scale of obedience, *that* 'bows,' i. e., sinks. By Shakespeare's *curiosa felicitas* of diction, the grammatical object of 'at' is the whole line, and there is no need of change.

The following is a contribution by a student of last year.

THE 'VARSITY GIRLS OF 1889.

"In the land of Minnehaha,"
Where the laughing waters play,
Dwell the girls of North Dakota,
Whom I'll mention in this lay.

I think of them often, one and all,
And place first Miss LaTourette, graceful and tall,
Then quiet Miss Jones, so steady was she,
Clock work could hardly more regular be.

Anna Smith, gentle Anna, departed you say,
To amuse in the parlor she'd sing a Scotch lay.
Brave Helen Bangs, may she prosper in life,
And to some noble man prove a good, worthy wife.

One from afar, to Dakota did go,
Clever Miss Lewis was "English, you know."
Little Miss Pope was thoughtful and kind,
I wonder what now occupies her mind.

Miss Benham could talk, interestingly too,
There you'd find stories, good stories and true.
Honest Kate Allen could blush, you perceive,
And when you were wrong, for you she would grieve.

Another we find, a bright, happy lass,
This student, I mean, is Mattie R. Glass,
She could make a point and sustain it well,
She loved a fair girl whose first name was Nell.

Two sisters, Blanche and Rena by name,
Faithful, industrious, always the same.
Florence Brennan composed; but listen and glean
Fragments of wit from her speech, I ween.

Henrietta's apartment was cosy and neat,
A very good student in Latin and Greek.
Another young lady, frank, joyous and free,
Alice Nelson, fore'er running over with glee.

A stately girl whose *first* name I'll tell;
At table she thought the goodies went well.
The girls lingered often at Emma's will,
For all at *that* table must eat their fill.

Youngest of all, there's a little girl,
With dark brown hair, too short to curl.
Away from her mother she tried to be brave;
Lotta, I assure you, would always behave.

Wherever a headache or heartache was felt,
There our dear Nora in sympathy knelt.
She will in the future find friends *everywhere*,
For this modest girl is a jewel rare.

Delicate Madge was loving and kind,
A sweet smiling picture she'd leave in your mind.
Many others there are whose names I've not told,
But the untold ones are as dear as of old.

These 'Varsity girls, they are aiming high,
They'll reap the benefit by and bye.
Oft tried and perplexed, but firm in right;
Success, at last, will crown them with light.

Then when earth's sunshine and clouds are done,
When victory by each has been nobly won,
May all meet again in the heavenly home,
From eternal happiness never to roam.

—A. E. S., Cottage City. Martha's Vineyard.

QUAE CUM ITA SINT.

HONOR him whom honor is due," or words to that effect, is a very ancient, just and useful precept; but of all unwelcome creditors the man who thinks that honors are due him and tries to collect them, and that too with the addition of compound interest, is the most disagreeable spectacle. Therefore, those that have done something for which humanity should be grateful do not publish their charges, although they are, no doubt, subject to abuses far more "humiliating" than those of which THE STUDENT complains in its last issue. It is humiliating I suppose to the captain of an ocean steamer to know that the man who runs the ferry boat is a "captain" also; humiliatng, is it not, for the professor in higher mathematics to address the dancing master as a "professor." North Dakota announces in the papers that funerals and weddings, according to the University ritual, are performed to short notice. But since all these things are so, and since all the offended ones say nothing about it, why should the students of the U. N. D., speaking through a periodical, a majority of the editorial staff of which is composed of college students, with such comical earnestness tell us how humiliating it is for them that fond fathers and mothers, who have never been initiated in the mysteries of college life and consequently do not know the difference between a student and one who studies, let

their children be "advertised" as "University students." In writing this I do not share the dramatical indignation made manifest by the Preps during the last two or three weeks, for I am, at least, partly a "University student," and was, in the local items of your last issue, placed in the class of '94, neither do I account myself a martyr for the offended cause of the students' paper; for I do in some studies attend the preparatory department; but it seems to me that it would be far better for all concerned if pupils of the preparatory school would recognize the undisputed precedence of the college men, so as to render unnecessary their asking for it in the "want column" of our paper. Finally seeing that "we" must keep our "Preps" a little longer, seeing also that the government of this state and the Faculty of the University, not "we," are the ones to decide about our keeping them, we had better keep them on our subscription list of "THE STUDENT" too, and by doing to others, as we wish that they should do to us, promote a friendly college spirit, even if we must do it at the expense of our "living up" to eastern standard, one of which, according to some enthusiast, is that the higher classes should abuse all classes below them.

EDW. SKAGEN.

STATE EDUCATION.

OUR government does not recognize any religion, not even Christianity. It claims no right to prescribe — or to enforce any religious prescription. We glory in the fact that religious liberty is a fundamental principle of our government. Who is there that would have any religion, even the Mormon, wiped from our land, simply because the doctrine does not agree in some respects with the more generally accepted doctrine of Christianity? If any there be, they are enemies to the law that man is entitled to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

They would say we have the right to prescribe what you shall believe and practice. And if any of the many forms of belief, not agreeing with theirs, should be allowed to exist, it would be toleration on their part. Religious toleration is intolerable to our minds. Such sentiments are dangerous to our nation, it matters not how much religious zeal prompts them. Liberty without law for any and every religion, is our motto.

Again, the state cares not what a man is, other than a loyal and an efficient citizen. What is it to her if the man be a Pagan, Mohammedan, Jew, Christian or Infidel? Is she under any more obligation to a Christian than to an infidel? No, the rights and immunities of the one are those of the other. Neither does the Christian owe an atom more of duty to his country than does the infidel.

The interest of the state in the man, and vice versa, the man in the state, is only a temporal one. It is none of the state's business to know whether a man has a hope of eternal bliss or not. And when he dies it expects no more from him. All former relations are absolved. The duties of citizenship do not extend beyond a faithful service in human relations of the present life. The government is civil, not religious.

Let it be conceded the government has the right to conduct a system of schools. The law of self-preservation grants her this. Of the kinds of education, physical, intellectual and religious, how many and how much may her system include? It naturally follows, that the state, having no part in religious matters, cannot have any regard for it in its schools. But the question arises, can the state secure the best citizenship by ignoring religious education? If not, she should change her policy.

It is not to be doubted but that religion makes a better citizen of a man than he other-

wise would be. But religion is a personal matter. The state cannot impart it. If a man sees fit to become religious, and thereby a better citizen than the state has power or right to make him, let him do so. He is free in that direction. All that the state may exact of a subject is the simple obedience to her laws, and the exercising of the civil virtues, truth, justice, honesty, temperance, chastity, courtesy, etc. These are temporal relations. And although religion cannot do without these virtues, *they* may exist separate from religion.

Intuition, one of the intellectual faculties, gives ideas of right and wrong. Judgment and reason determine when an act is right or wrong. There is another faculty of the mind quite necessary to secure a continual practice of these civil virtues. That is conscience. But it is inherent in every man, and unalterable in its nature. No teaching or training can make it act otherwise than to sanction or condemn the person's own acts, according as his judgment or reason decides them right or wrong. Conscience is always right. Judgment may be wrong. The only one of these faculties concerned with right and wrong, which can be educated, is the thinking faculty, judging, reasoning, etc.

Since intelligence for exact obedience of law, and intelligence concerning right acts and wrong acts for knowing the civil virtues, are supplied by an intellectual education, *then all the education that the state may exact is an intellectual one.* The more of it the better. Of religious education none. He who would put religious education into our public schools would destroy the religious liberty of our country.

As to physical education. The state's duty is not simply to herself, but it is her duty to do all that she may *rightfully* do for her subjects. Physical education would be a wonderful boon to the people of our country. We see no

reason why the state should not give it. We have such training to a degree in our own institution. Why not in all public schools?

Both intellectual and physical education should be given by the state.

Religious education, which by all means should not be neglected, must be furnished by other than the state. Fathers, mothers, the home, the church, you all have *this work* to do. Do not neglect it.

W. S. H.

RAMBLE THROUGH SLEEPY HOLLOW.

A FLAVOR of romance fills the tranquil vicinity of Sleepy Hollow, and one can only say with Irving: "If ever I should wish for a retreat whither I might steal from the world and its distractions and dream quietly away the remnant of a troubled life, I know of none more promising than this little valley."

The ordinary visitor cannot be anything but charmed with its quiet beauty, and one familiar with the legend would surely be interested in the places which have been so picturesquely described. Taking the old Albany turnpike, we pass the spot where the unfortunate Major Andre was captured. A monument erected in 1880 to the memory of his captors marks the place, and around it are beautiful weeping willows and evergreens. The brook which Irving mentions as flowing drowsily along is but a very miniature brook now, and the gnarled old tulip tree, which caused Ichabod Crane to be so nearly overcome with fright, passed away long years ago. Pursuing the way which Gunpowder and his valiant master took, we pass many exquisite summer residences, two or three churches, the courts of the tennis club, and then come to a bridge across the Pocantico; supposed to be the veritable one over which Ichabod took his midnight ride so long ago. There is a diversity of opinions as to whether this is *the* bridge or not.

—it certainly has an extremely modern appearance for one of such long standing. But we must not question the traditions of the place or the glamour will be lost. We toil a little farther up a steep hill and are rewarded by a sight of the tranquil, old, Dutch church, thickly surrounded by trees, and partially covered with vines. There is an air of solemnity about the little church, with its quaint Dutch architecture of the seventeenth century and old bell from Holland. Another church, larger and more elegant, has been built not far from the old one, which of late years has fallen into disuse except during the summer months, when services are held for the sake of summer visitors.

A little to the left of the church entrance a small tablet is set in the wall commemorating the generosity of Martha and Frederic Felypson, by whom the building was erected in 1699. Entering the little hall, we blindly grope our way about in semi-darkness till we find the door opening into the body of the church. Here, too, is a dim religious light, but after opening the shutters we find our surroundings much more cheerful. The whole building has been remodelled to suit the taste of a later generation, but an air of antiquity still clings around the place. A very high pulpit at one end faces a gallery in the back of the room. This gallery is about the most interesting part of the church, so we return to the hall searching for some means of reaching it. Through a very creaky little door, and up a steep and narrow staircase, we climb until we reach the dusty loft now only visited by some wandering and curious sight-seer. The wheezy old organ must now take its turn, and such lively, though somewhat discordant, music issues forth as would have shocked the staid old churchgoers of an earlier period.

Looking over into the straight-backed pews we can imagine those portly old colonists with

their wives sitting there listening to the fiery eloquence of some old time preacher. Through the windows can be seen the old headstones, close up under the protecting shade of the church; here and there a newer one gleams out white among the grey, moss-covered ones of the eighteenth century.

After a few strokes from the old bell—the rope hangs down over our heads invitingly, in the loft—we leave the church and go out through the cemetery, between graves with headstones to the memory of a VanTassel, a TenEyck, or some one with an unpronounceable Dutch name. These old headstones, some of them adorned with strange little figures that seem almost caricatures of the conventional cherub, are quite interesting to the antiquarian; now and then one finds a startling, if perhaps truthful, epitaph, such as our great grandfathers delighted in.

We take the path of all tourists, across the cemetery to the newer part on the side of a hill where is the grave of Washington Irving. From here the Pocantico and the mill pond can be seen below, with glimpses of the blue Hudson in the distance.

There is nothing grand about the grave. A square plot is fenced off, and surrounded by a few others, is a simple, white, marble headstone. This stone, being the third erected there, is entirely without corners. The others, having been defaced by relic hunters, were removed. So far this one has withstood the hand of the vandal, as there is no corner on which to commence. The little plot with its thick hedge, barbed wire fence, iron gate, and sign to trespassers, seems quite formidable to lady vandals at least.

The setting sun reminds us of the long walk we must take homeward, and after stopping at a marble cutters below the cemetery for a few pieces of Irving's second tombstone, which is kept there, we retrace our footsteps with

many pleasant memories of one of Nature's fairest localities.

EMERSON.

PERSONALS.

Rev. Mr. Spence called Nov. 18.

Wilton Crew is attending a veterinary college in Toronto.

Messrs. Mann and Cole, of Devils Lake, called on friends in Ladies' Hall Nov. 22.

Miss Hershey spent Thanksgiving day with Miss Wadsworth, near Grand Forks.

The popularity of our flutist, Lieberg and cornetist, Hansen, is increasing.

Mr. Marcley made a business trip to Minto on the 7th inst.

Miss Kellogg spent the vacation visiting Mrs. Young in the city.

Mr. Elmslie of Devils Lake called on friends in Ladies' Hall, Nov. 20.

Nov. 15th, Misses Rena and Blanche Percival dined with Mrs. Logan, in the city.

Miss Josephine Anderson has been a regular attendant at the Friday evening lectures.

Mr. Austin, of Reynolds, visited the University, Nov. 30, and took part in our Sunday evening song service.

Mr. and Mrs. Babcock, of Minneapolis, are spending a few weeks with their son, Prof. Babcock.

Miss N. Emerson Jones and Miss B. Sophia Percival took tea with Dr. Patten at the Dacotah, Nov. 12.

Miss Nora Niles spent Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15 and 16, with Miss Madge Cocks in Grand Forks.

Anton Engebretson has completed a successful term of school at Mekinock. Students of two years ago will remember him, as the poet.

Miss Minnie Benham spent Thanksgiving vacation with Miss Alice Nelson of Larimore.

Mrs. Crew, of Buxton, and J. Crew, of the Fargo College, formerly a student here, visited the University and Dormitory during the first part of the month.

Per Gradus has decided that Ireland is entitled to home rule. Some of the loyal descendants of the Emerald could not be persuaded to argue the negative.

Mrs. A. L. Marcley, mother of Senior Marcley, has been engaged by the regents to superintend the boarding department of the dormitories. Mrs. Marcley will take charge the first of January.

Miss Emma Grandy had to return to her home in Bathgate on the 15th, owing to the illness of her mother. She expects to be with us after Xmas.

Miss Nora Niles spent Thanksgiving with Miss Gertrude Deitz, at Northwood. We are sorry that illness prevented Miss Niles from having a very pleasant vacation.

Mr. Frank VanKirk started last week for the Pacific coast, where he will spend the winter. He intends to keep an eye open for a location. If successful, North Dakota will lose a practical farmer. His many University friends will miss his jovial presence.

Report comes to us through Dr. Logan, that Louis Fiset, '90, is making his mark in his medical course, and indications are that honors will be won by our talented Louis. The Doctor has great confidence in the ability of his former pupil.

LOCALS.

"Just going down to the gate, Dear Ma!"

This time it is not "shawlum," but "brachium."

Target practice was in order on the 26th of last month.

Mrs. Hodge has been successful as instructor in instrumental music.

Singing, under Prof. Hodge's direction, has been added to the morning chapel exercises.

The week after vacation, music lessons were suspended, owing to the illness of Mrs. Hodge.

Young ladies, be careful about giving yourselves away, especially when there is a good deal to give.

Refreshment smashers would be an applicable name for the passenger brakemen, so some of the young ladies think.

We hear that a prominent book store in the city has a full line of 'ponies.' "Equo ne credite, pueri!"

The interest taken in the "new science" is waning, as no opportunity has been available to test its practicability.

Young men, don't carry a young ladies' satchel that you cannot distinguish from your own, or it might be rather embarrassing. It is the advice of a local-ed.

Johnnie's bull dog spent a very interesting afternoon at the University. The dog was of a friendly disposition, and many attractions sprung up (between the dog and tin pans).

Wellwood Fee, when last seen by one of the editors, was studying life insurance. We wonder if he intends taking out a policy in favor of his partner in the "shawl business."

The Freshies have been exercising their poetical muse. Their young lady friends may expect to receive an acrostic soon. Don't be surprised if they are not accurate descriptions of yourself, for it is meter, you know.

"You're the feller" echoes and re-echoes in "the Lord's" ears.

Mrs. Smith entertained a number of the students at her residence in the city on Thanksgiving day. They report a particularly pleasant time.

A certain Adelpian who moved to "adjourn to meet in the future," and then proceeded to 'meet' in the hall, has a decidedly calculating mind for a literary man.

Some most eminent preachers believe in the 'series' plan. They give their sermons, receptions, etc., *a la series*. That is the principle we go on in respect to STUDENT business managers; but if the "series" doesn't soon come to an end things will be decidedly "serious."

Prof. Hodge's lecture on "Our Water Supply" was of practical interest to all. If precaution is not taken at an early date, we shall be impressed by forcible examples.

Mr. Budge is setting out some large, stately elms along Broadway. It will improve the attractiveness of the University in a wonderful degree. It will only be a few years before the students will enjoy their grateful shade.

Quite a number of students went to hear "Il Trovatore" in the new opera house, Nov. 12. Wonder if the divine Emma noticed the unusual brilliancy emitted by the "gallery gods."

A petition, to secure a Sunday train for church accommodations, was circulated the latter part of last month. The general passenger agent has decided that it would not be to the interests of the road; ergo no train.

Married Saturday, Dec. 6, '90, at Northwood N. D., Mr. T. M. Schall and Miss Gertrude Deitz; Mr. H. C. Deitz and Miss Rose Schall. Both young ladies are former students of the 'Varsity. THE STUDENT extends best wishes. May Hymen's face ever appear smiling to them.

Gaulkey's serenade terminated rather disastrously to the favorite soloist of the boys' dormitory. Instrumental music now engages his attention. We hope he will not allow his vocal powers to deteriorate while practicing instrumental selections.

Professor Macnie's lecture on India revealed many interesting and important facts. The young ladies were much interested in the progress of Woman's Rights there. Many expressed a wish to hear another lecture on the same subject.

One morning about the middle of November, there seemed to be a very sheepish attraction about the Senior's table. In comparison, probably the prairie appeared brown and sear to his lambship.

Owing to the thin ice on the coulee, the Bacteria, Amoeba, Vorticella, Rana Temporaria, Asticus Fluviatilis, Malacobdella, and "such small deer" in the mud at the bottom, gave C. Rucker a decidedly cool—even for a cool-ee—reception. There is a whisper afloat of a young lady having a similar mishap, but the news was accompanied by an unfortunate, "Don't tell."

T. W. Heyland, '91, our "divine" student occupied the pulpit of the Grand Forks Baptist church Nov. 23 and 30. The boys turned out *en masse*. The girls wanted to, but couldn't.

A very excited debate was carried on among some of the young men as to who was entitled, by the rules governing the rights to rooms, to occupy a vacant room. The Prep mathematicians were called in and figured the points down to infinitessimals of the second order; when the decision was reached, the litigants refused to accept it. We advise those wishing to appeal to call on the students of Calculus and have the points differentiated.

Prof. of Latin—"Can you give an example from history of a law that was just, neither in the eyes of gods nor men?"

Practical Student—Yes, sir! The McKinley bill."

An act of charity is open for all. Make breaks, get into scrapes, do funny and unheard of things, so that the veracity of the local editors may not be sacrificed, and their scattered wits may not be made to supply pungent things from imagination.

Mrs. Bessy Star Keifer, of the Grand I. O. G. T. Lodge, delivered a most interesting and entertaining lecture on the effects of alcohol and tobacco. The lady possesses the wit to which all public speakers aspire. Two hours and a half were profitably spent in listening to her. It has been proposed to organize a Good Templars' Lodge. Who will take the initiative?

Students attending the University (Preps included, notwithstanding their violent attacks upon a certain bulletin board notice,) also former students who are now absent, are invited to contribute to this department any news of interest they may happen upon. The local editor will be glad to receive such contributions either in person, or through the door of STUDENT office, room No. 10.

One of the young men had a very narrow escape. While standing on a step ladder near the banister on the third floor, a part of the ladder broke and precipitated him on the banister. Luckily his grip was good; or he might have fallen to the main floor.

Prof. Estes' lecture on "The Air," was interesting and instructive. All the experiments were successful and illustrated well the principal facts. G. F. Robertson acted as assistant.

And now "The Wandering Boy" and "Dennis" are no longer mangled by the cracked tones of our ancient and venerable piano. Even No. 1 has gained in cheerfulness under the new regime.

A certain youth found the old saying "Dreams go by contraries" to be a sad fact in his particular case. After an examination, he dreamed of shining among the nineties, but his bright fancies were somewhat clouded next day on hearing the ominous word "plucked."

A happy quartette, allured by the beauties of nature, set out to "roam o'er the prairie." They had not gone far. When lo! they saw a mansion "beauteous to behold."

First speaker—Let's go in.

Second speaker—Do you think we'd better?

First speaker—Why, of course.

Second speaker—All right, come on.

They boldly approach and enter to examine the mansion. Some one suggests, "Let's go up stairs." Three pass upstairs safely, but alas for the fourth! lath and plaster are not strong enough to withstand the avoirdupois. A crash! a scream! and Oh——! The curtain drops.

Colby Rucker's hat touched the surface of the coulee waters, and, unfortunately, Colby was under the hat. With the assistance of one of the boys and a long pole, he arrived on shore. The hospitality of the boys enabled him to appear at his afternoon recitations.

A very exciting rabbit chase took place in the vicinity of the University on the 26th of November. The hound was a match in speed for the pursued, but the rabbit by quick dodges gained distance; as the subject of the chase had almost reached his burrow, one of the boys proved his marksmanship by shooting the animal, much to the disgust of the young lady spectators.

Professor of Latin—"Mr. ——, translate the next sentence."

Normal (of abnormal speech)—"Ah! professor—eh! I mislaid my manuscript—ah—and consequently I cannot readily give a correct rendition."

Professor—"Next!"

Per Gradus' election was held the first meeting in December and the following officers were elected:

President—W. S. Henry.

Vice Pres.—H. Urdahl.

Secretary—Frank Douglas.

Treasurer—Blanchard.

Sergeant at Arms—Arthur Neyhart.

The election was a complete victory for the preps and normals. The lines were drawn on the editorial in the last *STUDENT*. Down with the college men was the election cry. Brennan seemed to be a popular nominee. Vick made a poor run as an independent candidate for treasurer. Those intending to offer themselves as candidates next month would do well to announce their candidacy through the columns of *THE STUDENT*. Prices reasonable.

Misses De Lorimier and Ferguson, former students of the University, have been giving a series of entertainments throughout the state. They have received the highest praise from the press, wherever they have appeared. Miss De Lorimier graduated last year from the Chicago School of Oratory. Miss Ferguson is a graduate in vocal music from the Minneapolis Conservatory.

The new uniforms have come and the boys are more charming than ever. And oh! they do admire themselves so hugely. As devotees of Venus in the halls, they appear very brave and manly; but as soon as Janus (in the person of a certain veteran Colonel) puts in an appearance, only vanishing backs and banging doors are perceptible.

A large number of our students listened to Professor Woodworth's sermon in the Presbyterian church Nov. 23. His preaching is as popular as his teaching. Higher praise than this is impossible.

A great number of the girls cannot understand why it is so necessary for the boys' health and general appearances to take military drill, while the girls have for physical exercise the doubtful pleasure of a walk on the railroad, and balancing on the rails for a side movement. When the weather becomes more severe, it will be necessary to give up even this. Such a state of affairs does not seem just in the face of the fact that the confinement of college life bears harder on the health of girls than on that of boys. The girls need and ask for some kind of calisthenic exercises, and we do not think it should be denied them any longer.

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated pleasantly by the large number of students who remained at the University. After doing full justice, for two hours, to the artistic and ample cheer afforded by the groaning boards, the students repaired to their rooms and labored over sheets, pillow cases, masks, etc., till 7:30 p. m. Then a ghostly array of weird looking figures glided into the parlor, and an amusing hour was spent before the masks were removed. After the following programme:

- Flute Solo Mr. Lieberg
- Oration Mr. Vick
- Recitation Miss Glass
- Song Mr. Burke
- Piano Duet

Misses Anna and Grace Braithwaite: all adjourned to the dining room. Luncheon over, the evening was devoted to sociability.

The following is a meteorological summary of the weather during the month of November, 1890, at the University:

MEAN TEMPERATURE.

7 A. M.	24.7
2 P. M.	40.1
9 P. M.	28.3
For month.	30.2
Highest temperature, on the 20th	63.0
Lowest temperature, on the 8th.	0.0
Monthly range of temperature	63.0
Greatest daily range of temperature.	37.0
Least daily range of temperature.	9.5
Mean barometer	30.09
Highest barometer, on the 21st	30.58
Lowest barometer, on the 4th	29.39
Monthly range of barometer.	1.19
Mean dew point	23.8
Mean relative humidity	71.0
Prevailing wind, South.	
Maximum velocity, 54 miles per hour, from NW, on the 29th.	
Number of clear days	12
Number of fair days	15
Number of cloudy days	3
No. of days on which 0.01 of inch, or more, of rain or melted snow fell	2
Mean maximum temperature	42.9
Mean minimum temperature	20.0
Total precipitation	inches .12

G. S. SPRAGUE, U. S. V. O.

An editor's life is a variegated one. The color of our particular sky the past month has been decidedly black; at one time almost total annihilation was threatened by the Preps. It is not the province of this department to say who was right or who wrong. There may have been some ground for indignation, but we think those who attempted to give expression to their displeasure by boycotting THE STUDENT did very much like a boy who would kick himself because another had kicked him. THE STUDENT is the mouthpiece of every University student, be he a Sub., a Prep. or a College man, just as much as that of the appointed editors. Those who do not approve of the ideas

published in its columns have full liberty, and are invited, to give their own views. The magazine is professedly published "by the students," and it is their duty, as well as the members of the editorial corps, to make it a success and an honor to the University.

A few subscriptions, more or less, have no effect upon the editors, but they do have upon the magazine, and upon the impression it gives of the institution. The most forcible and practical way for the Preps to show that the editorial at which they took so much umbrage was a mistake, is for them to try to keep high the standard of everything connected with the University; and under this head, to strengthen their journal by subscriptions, contributions and good will.

EXCHANGES.

Vassar distributes over \$7,000 every year among her students.

Dancing is taught at Wellesley as a part of the course in gymnastics.

The Aegis of October 3 contains an interesting article entitled, "A Few Remarks on the German University at Berlin."

The November number of the *Carletonia* contains many excellent editorials. It is a very welcome visitor.

College students who are studying German would do well to read *College Chips* of Luther College.

There is but one college paper in England, and on the continent under-graduate journalism is practically unknown.

The old time idea that all classes of theatres are pernicious is gradually passing away. A theatre of high grade, where the ideas of such writers as Shakespeare may be impressed upon the minds of the young, in a most vivid manner, cannot help but be helpful.—*Ex.*

The *Earlhamite* of November contained an interesting article entitled, "The Yellowstone National Park."

George Bancroft, the historian, is Harvard's oldest living graduate. He was a member of the class of 1817.

The *South Dakota Collegian*, one of our old friends, has improved its appearance by a new cover, with engravings of the college buildings on it.

At Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio, the abolition of hazing was celebrated on the third of October by a reception to the Freshmen. This is as it should be.

Michigan University has seventeen graduates in congress—the largest number representing any institution of learning in the country. Harvard has sixteen and Yale eleven.

It takes all the vim out of a thing to have it told to you; but to work for it, to dig for it and then find it—ah! that's the glory of conquest.

The nomination of Prof. John Ogden for superintendent of public instruction, was a tribute to a noble man and a recognition of the educational interests of the state.—The Common School.

Sophomore (confused)—"I have an idea, but I can't express it."

Professor—"Well if you can't express it, send it by freight; there's no hurry about it."—*Ex.*

"It is said that Gladstone is so sensitive to adverse criticism that every newspaper, magazine, book or other publication that comes to Hawarden is examined by the members of his family before it reaches him, for fear some unpleasant opinion may upset his equilibrium."—*Current Literature.*

It is estimated that during the past year nearly five million dollars have been given to American colleges. It is very pleasant to turn from the appalling record of amounts wasted and lost, to such a showing of generosity on the part of liberal minded men.

Freshman—My lord, at which bell should classes be dismissed?

Senior—Good sir, at the first bell.

F.—Is it a custom?

S.—Ay, marry is't;

But to my mind—though I am a native here,

And to the manner born—it is a custom
More honour'd in the breach than the
observance.—*Ex.*

Other colleges, evidently, have distinguished dignitaries as well as we.

An editorial in the November number of the *Buchtelite* sets forth some truths which we heartily endorse. The following is an

extract: “Why should a student be continually berating his college? No school has obtained perfection. If you say nothing but bad of it, you ought to be somewhere else. If you are not willing to speak well of the college you are attending, to be loyal to it, the college does not need you.”

Prof. in Latin—“Mr. R., ‘dic’ is the contraction of what word?”

Sleepy Freshman, (who is not looking on his book)—“Richard, sir.”—*Ex.*

A freshman knows everything; he has explored the universe and has proved all things. A sophomore has the wisdom of an owl, but like that sedate bird, keeps still about it. A junior knows a little, but begins to be a little doubtful about it. A senior knows nothing. This is supposed to be the explanation of the fact that so much information can be found in our colleges. The freshman brings in a good supply of knowledge, and the senior takes none of it out.—*Copied.*

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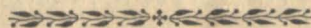
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