

adieu to its faculty and the associations that will "linger in your memories like a dream."

It is only by continuous reading, comparison, investigation and research, that those whom the world calls great and delight to honor; succeed in winning and maintaining the position they hold in society. Greater than the sword, grander than gold or riches are the benefits the possessor may derive, and mankind enjoy, from the diffusion of knowledge. Without it, both nations and individuals will be left behind in the progress of civilization. Some years ago in a published speech, Senator Brown, of Georgia, affirmed "Disguise it as you may, the New England states with their schools and universities have dictated laws to this continent." But once you win the crown from wisdom's fabled goddess, great achievements in the hidden possibilities of human events may be yours.

If prompted, as in time you may be, to select from among the great and honored names of earth those whose examples you shall emulate, let it not be such as Woolsey or Tallyrand, or even England's great premier who summed up life by saying: "Youth is a blunder, old age a regret." But, in the humbler walks of life, find those whose youth was hardship, poverty and toil, who notwithstanding, never faltered, never yielded to despair, but with high hopes and noble resolves have written high upon the roll of fame, names to which time will but add fresh lustre.

American history abounds with such, both men and women. In that brilliant constellation, poetry is enriched, art immortalized, labor dignified and made sacred, while history is embellished with scholars and statesmen, patriotic men and women, whose heroic deeds, and splendid achievements, stand out in bold relief, admired by all, excelled by none. Among them, seek your model, and determine, that with stern resolve, you will labor for "the soul's advance, the enlargement of its powers" 'ere the ocean that laves your feet shall bear you hence upon the swift receding waters of its out-going tide.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"America, the land of the free," so long true of our own America, must now be changed to read, "The Americas, the lands of the free." Not long ago was it that Brazil became a republic. Dom Pedro, her king, an old man of kind disposition and of philanthropic and liberal spirit, was forced to retire before the advancing spirit of republicanism. Unlike England, Brazil was not satisfied with a limited monarchy, that is, a nominal sovereign and a liberal government. The people of Brazil were determined to rule themselves, believing their government would move fully as well without an expensive royal figure head. The result so far seems quite to justify their belief. Brazil to-day is fully as great a nation as it ever was. Best of all, however, it has placed itself in a position to advance in line with the other progressive republics of the Western Hemisphere.

Now once more in recent months the ever growing spirit of freedom has asserted itself and has conquered. Balmaceda, dictator and well nigh king of Chile, has been driven from the seat of power. The liberal congressional party has gloriously triumphed. As usual, however, in states not fully abreast of modern civilization, the spirit of freedom, when victorious, is not a spirit of charity and magnanimity. Its triumph has cost too much in money and in blood. The opposition must pay the penalty for this loss. Balmaceda this time is the victim. He was practically forced to commit suicide, for his death was already compassed. No one will say

that the punishment should have fallen on another. Balmaceda was the head of the tyrannical government. Upon him the responsibility for the oppressive acts of the government lay. Upon him the revenge for those acts fell. Unfortunate this revolution has been in one sense, fortunate in another; for by it the spirit of progress has scored a grand triumph in South America.

Reciprocity, reciprocity, great is the reciprocity of James G. Blaine, says the republican press. Says the democratic press, reciprocity is a grand thing in theory, but that is practically as far as it goes despite the wonderful reports of its friends, or rather, those whose political fortunes depend on its success. The *Kansas City Times* (dem.) declares that the recent treaty with Mexico is a grand farce so far as benefits accruing to the United States are concerned. Coffee, hides, and sugar are to be admitted free into this country but Mexico will grant but little in return for that concession. Of the above named products this country purchases but few from Mexico.

Thus the discussion goes back and forth between the opposing party papers. Amid it all, who that is uninitiated can tell what to believe? What one paper confidently affirms another as emphatically denies. Political leaders and orators do likewise. Verily, amid all the light of the times, the path of duty for the average voter is a dark one. Maybe it is because there is too much light. If so then the common saying that the "politician's ways are dark" must be amended to read "the politician's ways are dazzling." Can there be too much light? Yes, when wrongly used.

ATHLETICS.

The Palladian literary society has appointed a committee to organize a tennis association among its members. This is certainly the right spirit. With an enrollment of over 500 students last year there was but one tennis court on the campus. The whole south western quarter of the campus should be taken up with tennis courts.

There was considerable talk last year of organizing a university bicycle club. This year there are fair indications that this club will be organized. There are plenty of wheels here and plenty of wheelmen, but some one must put his shoulder to the wheel and push if an association is ever formed. Some of the co-eds are becoming proficient in this kind of work and may form a club before you get started.

There was no mention in the last issue of the "Girls' field day" but the event took place nevertheless. The contests took place early in the morning and of course but few boys were up in time to see the sport. There were no judges and therefore no records recorded but in so far as we could judge—and we do not lay claim to infallibility owing to our cramped position in the fifth story of the main building—Miss Louis Pound showed the most skill and endurance.

Hyde, '92, acquired great fame as an athlete during vacation. He registered at a Nebraska City hotel (\$1.00 per day house) as follows: "F. D. Hyde, ball player, Lincoln, Neb." Now it happened that this was the day set for a great match game of ball in that river city and pitchers were in great demand. The rumor that a Lincoln twirler was in the city once started soon took possession of the people and soon our genial athlete was surrounded by an excited lot of ball players. After some hesitation and, we fear, prevarication