

## TO A MALEFACTOR.

There was a flower on a wayside stem,  
 Nobody saw it, only you  
 Crawling over your trailing moss,  
 Caught in a tangle of dodder floss,  
 Twisting and wriggling through.

All the flower leaves shook at once—  
 Stung at the stem by your crinkling feet—  
 Swaying, as high on the stalk you swung  
 Till on its slenderest height you hung  
 Under the petals sweet

There is a flower on a wayside stem,  
 Blackened and dead in the morning dew,  
 All in the heart of its withered leaves,  
 Holes where the filtering dew-drop weaves,  
 Where you have wriggled through

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*The Bates Program.*

The program given by the Union Society in favor of the writer of "Songs of Exile" was a surprise even to those among us who have known Mr. Bates longest. Many old friends and perhaps some old enemies went away feeling that they had never known the man who used to wear out his strength and patience over our 'productions.'

After a vocal solo by Mrs. McMichael, a letter of greeting from Mr. Bates was read. Mr. Shreve read "The Man who was Afraid of the Dark." No attempt at criticism of this powerful story can be attempted here but those who have not read it will do well to look up the *Arena* for Nov., 1893.

A violin solo by Walter Christenson, rendered with a mastery seldom known in society halls, relieved the long strain of the story of horror and madness and night.

The character sketch of Mr. Bates, written by Anna Prey, and read by Miss O'Sullivan appears in this number of the *HESPERIAN*.

Mr. Searson read a unique production entitled "The Crimson Stain," which immortalized in pathetic rhyme the wail of the writer of freshman themes, and voiced the protest of the great 'average man' against the exactions of 'genius.'

After the reading of several selections from "Songs of Exile," by Miss Mabel Dempster, the program closed with the beautiful song, "Good night, Daddy," by Miss Annetta Abbott.

It was a small tribute to the man who has been the inspiration to some of the best literary work done in the University. He understood and remarked always, the *best* in our work, and no stronger incentive to genuine and original work has ever been ours, than his sympathetic appreciation.

*Society Elections.*

PALLADIAN: Pres. Mr. Piper, Vice Pres. Miss Philbrick, Sec. Miss Stanton, Music Sec. Miss Reed, Critic, Mr. Pearson, Sergt. at arms, Miss Bullock, Historian, Miss Matthews.

DELIAN: Pres. Mr. Killen, Vice Pres. Miss Graham, Cor. Sec. Mr. Gates, Sec. Mr. Hollingworth, Sergt. at arms, Mr. Allen, Critic, Mr. Roedy.

UNION: Pres., Mr. Warren, Vice-Pres., Miss O'Sullivan, Sec., Miss Abbott, Cor. Sec., Miss Curtiss, Critic, Mr. Kinton, Sergt. at arms, Mr. Cameron.

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