

HESPERIAN STUDENT  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

LABOR.

(FOR THE STUDENT)

Once, in a little western town,  
There lived a man of no renown,  
Except for sawing wood;  
It seems he had no other trade,  
Or else he chose this as an aid  
To get his daily food.

But let this be as it may be,  
As reg'lar as would come each day,  
He plied the saw and axe;  
I've seen him in a pile of wood,  
Enough to fence a neighborhood,  
Or pay a farmer's tax.

I've seen the people pass him by,  
Yet never once, alas! have I  
Observed them speak to him:  
They rather laugh at his low lot,  
While sawing through some stubborn knot,  
That grew upon the limb.

None seemed to question whence he came,  
None seemed to care to know his name,—  
Uncared-for toiled he on:  
Obscure his business may have been,  
Yet there a moral was within  
The wood that he had sawn:

This life is but a knotty life,  
And, in the unrelenting strife  
To gain a livelihood,  
The toiler should be eulogized,  
All labor should be highly prized,  
If only sawing wood.

WILL D. FERREE.

"'Twas the Most Unkindest Cut  
of All."

One of the young lady students, but a short time since, was asked if she intended to join the literary society, to which she replied: I don't know; there has been some trouble in the society which has finally resulted in the dissolution of the old Palladian, the gentlemen having withdrawn and formed another society, the *Roughs* remaining in charge of the former.

We are well aware that, in the few words we may say upon the subject, we shall in no way injure the feelings of the one who made the remark, nor others who might be equally lady-like; for doubtless, the opinion of one of the "roughs" would amount to but little in their estimation. We do not take exception to the word "roughs," for, in one sense of the word, we are obliged to acknowledge the truth of the young lady's statement—that is, figuring from the lady's standard of a gentleman. We may not be "Oh! so nice!" nor wear a necktie that is "so pretty!" nor "lift our hats so genteelly!" nor make "such a polite bow!" Yes, if those are the necessary qualifications for a gentleman, we are "roughs."

Our society is composed, to a great extent, of young men who came here without hitherto—either from inclination or poorer circumstances—having enjoyed the advantages of associating with the class of society to which the young lady belongs. We may be rustic in our manners, though we trust that the opportunity afforded for an education, and the many advantages of our society will be and are appreciated; that we may have some higher aim than to be known as gentlemen, simply from the clothes we wear, or the manner in which we lift our hats or make a bow.

This is not intended to cast any reflection upon the young gentlemen who have withdrawn from the Palladian. Many of them are particular friends, and all of them young men for whom we have the highest respect. To the members of the Palladian—one word; though that terri-

ble "cut" may have nearly extinguished your hopes, do not give up. You know the "roughs," (diamonds) after being polished, are frequently the most costly and brilliant.

We shall probably outlive the shock of that earthquake to our hopes, but surely, "'Twas the most unkindest cut of all."

PLEBE.

Obituary.

The STUDENT chronicles in this issue the death of ALICE C. WEBSTER, which occurred Sunday the 21st inst. Miss Webster was a student of the University at the time of her decease, and is the first case of death among the students since the opening of the University.

The death of Miss Webster is a severe affliction not only to her family, but to society and to the University. Her assiduity and ability, as well as her fidelity and correct deportment made her greatly esteemed by her instructors, and her presence was a healthful influence in the University. Possessed of a quick and active mind she gave promise of excellent scholarship, which can now be completed only in a higher presence, and under more favoring circumstances. She died in the firm hope of the better life, and with unshaken trust in the Savior's saving power.

The sympathy and condolence of the Faculty and students are given to the family so suddenly and grievously bereaved. Let us as students remember her virtues and emulate her example.

Indians!

Again we are startled by that horrifying word, "massacre." Again the mandate has gone forth, "vengeance, 'EXTERMINATION.'" Again the poor, oppressed, despised and persecuted Owners of America must flee, half clad, to the icy mountains for safety. Already they are driven from their homes in the forests, and made to wander without purpose, object, or hope, on the barren plains of the far west. Yet, still, the steely heart of power is not satisfied. New conquests will add to the luster of glory.

And now the decree is flashed across the wires "extermination" Great Heaven! What does that imply? Does it sanction the wholesale murder of fellow beings—the taking of lives that none but God can give? Yea and whose immortal souls will appear before a just tribunal of awardment. But why this terrible intelligence—this proclamation of death? Why this last barbarous blow to the remnant of a once prosperous and happy people? A hero has fallen. And for the cowardly deed of a crimson stained fiend—yet a just retribution—a whole nation must suffer.

What burning thoughts of vengeance must fire the desolate heart of the Indian, when for a moment he contemplates his mighty wrongs. But meekly he bears his misrepresentation and patiently awaits a redress in the unknown future.

FONTENELLE.

Locals.

One of the "Sophs" seems to think that the chief feature of French literature is leaving out letters!

No weight nor mass nor beauty of execution can outweigh one grain or fragment of thought.  
Ruskin.

Several of our Professors were out of town during vacation.

Subscribers changing their Post Office address will save trouble and annoyance by informing us immediately.

Mr. Stone, who has been for some time janitor of the University building, has removed. His place is supplied by Mr. McLain.

The Spring term commenced on Thursday April 3rd, with the usually full attendance. We were glad to notice quite a number of new students.

The library is now opened from 12 to 2 o'clock, on Fridays, that the students in the college classes may take out books, and all day Saturdays for reference and reading.

We were pleased to receive from Gov. Furnas the Premium List of the Nebraska State Horticultural Society. The exhibition is to be held in connection with the State Fair, September 1st to 6th, at Lincoln.

Prof. Aughey has of late been engaged in several geologising expeditions to different parts of the state. The frequent calls upon him for this work and for analysing various substances show his services to be very valuable and appreciated.

If there is anything that appears like a "blind lead" in this issue of the STUDENT, it may be attributed to the fact that "ye local" was suddenly deprived of his "helps to read" by the gentle zephyr that lately visited our city. He has recovered, however, from the effects of the accident and looks as smilingly as ever through a new pair.

We are happy to chronicle the organization of a society, by the lady students, with the poetic name, Pierian. From our acquaintance with the young ladies of which this society is composed, we have no hesitancy in saying that they will make it a success. The officers elected for the term are as follows:

President, Ada Hurlbut.  
Secretary, Kate Monell.  
Treasurer, Mollie Baird.  
Marshal, Fannie O. Metcalf.

Persuant to adjournment the Palladian Society held a special meeting April 8th, for the purpose of electing officers for the present term. The following was the result of the election:

President, J. F. Hobbs.  
Vice President, W. L. Sweet.  
Rec. Secretary, C. H. Hohmann.  
Cor. Secretary, A. W. Fellds.  
Treasurer, C. L. Rogers.  
Critic, W. H. Snell.  
Usher, A. A. Cummings.

At a special meeting of the Adelpian Literary Society on Monday evening April 21st, the following officers were elected for the present term:

President.....J. S. Dales  
Vice President.....C. C. Brace  
Rec. Secretary.....H. M. Thurston  
Cor. Secretary.....C. M. Cropsey  
Treasurer.....U. H. Mallick  
Chorister.....F. P. Hurd  
Critic.....G. E. Howard  
Marshal.....W. M. Stevenson

College Items.

The Annalist, just received, is among our best exchanges. An eight page semi monthly paper. It is a credit to Albion College and the college press generally.

The Chronicle says a sophomore the other evening, was assaulted by four freshmen. He drew out a leather pocket-book and threatened to shoot them all down and they fled in dismay.

The Denison Collegian is a new exchange in a pamphlet form which we welcome to our list. It is published at Denison University Ohio, and has a neat appearance and excellent material.

Mr. Froude will begin a course of lectures at Cornell University in the latter end of October on "English Rule in Ireland." He will spend this winter lecturing before lyceums and lecture associations throughout the country.

The Societies of the Illinois Industrial University have formed a Senate, and as the ladies are taking an active part, they propose establishing a Grand Millinery Department, to be under the supervision of a Millinery General-ess.

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