

The societies are soon to meet each other on the bloody arena for a literary contest. The champions have not yet all been chosen. Their names will be published in our next.

The next time we make a quotation from the German, it must be very important. One of our German instructors says that it is a disgrace to the language to have it flaunted before the eyes of the public in such poor company as plain United States.

When the Cadets declared that they would not go to Omaha and then unanimously decided to attend church in a body on Sunday evening, it looked very much as if a reformation was beginning. But when one boy apologetically remarked that "of two evils we chose the less," our faith was somewhat shaken.

If the scissors and paste-pot editor of that metropolitan sheet, the *Lincoln Daily Times*, will come back to the University and relieve us of our onerous duties, the faculty and students will arise as one man and call him blessed, while we will sneak away to our "native cornfield" for the improvement of our complexion.

A pedagogic Sophomore, being seated at table by the side of one, was requested by another young lady to pass the potatoes. He answered "Yes, if it is about your lesson." An explanation developed the fact that the gentleman had imagined that he was "teaching deestrick skule" and that the young lady had asked to speak. Query: why such absent-mindedness?

And now the fact obtains that if two boys are seen quietly throwing and catching a ball within the campus, they are at once summoned before the Faculty; but if a herd of cows sees fit to come into the enclosure, tear up the walks, trample down the flowers, and browse the trees, it is treated as a matter of no consequence. Verily the physical servitude in which we are held is greater than that of cows.

The question as to whether mental culture increases moral courage has been settled in the negative. For proof of the above let a mouse loose in the same room with a certain young lady Senior. When the experiment was tried the y. l. S. screamed two or three times and then quietly went on to explain "that the time down a semicycloid is always the same." She will be enrolled among the heroic women of history.

A few days ago two members of the surveying class were ordered to calculate the distance from the University to the Capitol. The next day when asked if they had performed their work they replied that the distance to the State House was of no practical use but that it was just 1100 feet to the Dormitory. The best part of all is that one of them began boarding at the Dormitory the very next day.

Boone county must be a Utopia. A new student from that county had frequently heard the boys talk about being "mashed." He reasoned that, as University students used the word, it must be found in the dictionary. He looked for it, but strange to say, had to give it up. Now he goes

around inquiring of every one he meets the meaning of the word. To settle all further difficulties we would say that "mashed" is synonymous with sleepless nights, long meditative walks, sweet dreams, bad lessons, absent-mindedness, summons to appear before the Faculty to answer to the charge of neglect of duty, wise nods as you pass by, with a sudden awakening to the fact of a term mis-spent, a cause lost, and one more fool in the world than you had before thought. (Ye Local has evidently "been there himself."—Printer.)

At a meeting in the Opera House a few days since great amusement was caused by the highly original method with which a certain gentleman treated the Opera chairs. He quietly sat down on the round without taking the trouble to unfold the chair. But man's endurance is somewhat limited, and after tiring the first chair he quietly esconced himself in the next one in the same manner. Then it was that his countenance was brightened by a smile of triumph. But his effort to appear cheerful was a melancholy failure. This chair grew tired more rapidly than the first one. He thought it unadvisable to change to another place so soon, so he began a systematic shifting of his position. This was kept up at regular intervals throughout the lecture. The installment plan may be a very good one theoretically, but practically it is not a success. Of course this gentleman knew well enough how to sit down, but he wanted to be eccentric. If he enjoyed it as well as the rest of us there is no cause for complaint.

Obituary.

This issue it is necessary to perform one of the painful duties of life. It is to chronicle the death of our much esteemed fellow student, Mr. Owen Q. Adams. Mr. Adams was born in Goshen, Elk Hart County, Indiana, Jan. 6th, 1852, and died Oct. 18th, 1880, aged 28 y'rs. 9 mos. and 12 days. He had been connected with the University a good part of the time since 1874 and, if he had lived, would have graduated next June. Mr. Adams was a faithful student and from boyhood has been an exemplary Christian. In the University none knew him but to respect him. To be cut off just at the opening of a promising career seems hard, but it must be remembered that our destinies are controlled by one wiser than we. During his sickness of nearly four weeks he was rational only at long intervals; but at those times he showed that he was prepared for death and when the summons came he met it with the faith of a true Christian. He leaves fond relatives to mourn his loss.

The funeral services were held in the Chapel Wednesday morning, Oct. 20th. After the sermon a procession was formed to conduct the remains to the B. & M. depot for removal the home of his parents at Hastings. The procession was headed by the U. C. Band followed by the University Battalion, of which the deceased was a member, the hearse, mourners, Faculty, and students and friends. It made a very beautiful appearance and was a tribute of the esteem in which Mr. Adams was held by the members of the University.

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