

of the court of Charles II. They gave the last blow to the Romantic drama. Having borrowed some of the intrigues from the Spanish drama, and exercised a diseased imagination, they were fit prototypes of the dramatists, so called, after the Restoration.

Seldom have writers adopted such a uniform standard as those of that day, and unconsciously they wrote true poetry. Perhaps it was because of their oblivion to this fact that they succeeded so well. The tumult and yearnings of the soul were revealed upon their pages. The emotions of people had been stirred by the translation of the Bible, their longings increased by the discovery of the New World and the intellectual life quickened by the spread of learning. These were the causes of such a wonderful concentration of dramatic energy within so short a period. From the midst of revelry, we have the most glorious results, for the old dramatists in their deepest degradation caught glimpses of the pure and good; with the poets sceptre they swayed the multitude.

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### *Drift.*

The joint meeting between the Palladian and Union societies which took place in the chapel on the evening of the 16th was very interesting and well attended. The proceeds were donated to the Annual through the kindness of the two societies. The chapel was comfortably filled by an audience of between two and three hundred. Most of the hearers were students, but we noticed a good sprinkling of town people. The orations of the evening were delivered by Messrs. Frankforter and Shepherd. The first named gentleman reflected credit on the Union by a thoughtful and well delivered speech. The subject was "The Result of Scientific Thought," and it was handled in a manner that clearly showed a deep interest on the part of the speaker. Mr. Shepherd favored the audience with a review of the study of art and especially of dramatic art. The gentleman showed a thorough acquaintance with his subject and delivered his oration in a clear, ringing voice supplemented by appropriate gestures. Neither of the orators was remarkable for originality so much as for artistic composition and effective delivery. It would be impossible to form an opinion as to their relative merits, since both were excellent and of an entirely different character, and if one could, it would not be in order to express the opinion since the intention of the two societies was to make this meeting as little of a contest as possible. Miss Mary Jones of the Palladian delivered an essay on Jeann Darc. We have nothing but praise to bestow upon the production and its delivery. Miss Allie Lantz recited a tale of a maiden who was drowned by the incoming tide. Although the piece was simple in tone it presented an opportunity for variety of voice and intonation which was taken advantage of by the reciter in a neat and masterly manner. The debate,—whew! Never before was a question devised that stirred up so warm a discussion as the one on the tapis,—"Resolved that College Fraternities are beneficial." The editor of *DRIIFT* is a red-hot, boiling-over fraternity man and does not mean to "officially" express an opinion. See him privately and hear his views. When we say that it was nearly twelve o'clock before the general debate was closed and that it would not have been then, unless two thirds

of the audience had departed and the rest were fast vanishing, words may form some idea of the vehemence of the discussion. Perrin and Mockett were the regular debaters and bore themselves credit. Both of them did "official." Messrs. Will O Jones, A. G. Warner, Jesso (Holmes and H. P. Barret exterminated the fraternities in general debate, and Messrs. J. H. Mockett P. F. Clark and the wielder of this gifted pen, joined in upholding the banner of brotherhood. The Anti-frats were unprovisionally victorious ("official.") The Frats rolled their exponents in the dust ("unofficial.") In short, no one knows which side beat. Probably both did. The music interspersed among the more weighty parts of the programme was excellent and heartily applauded. We hope to see another joint meeting before many years. May we not be disappointed.

Commencement draws near. The Seniors are loafing as hard as they know how and are supposed to be thinking over their grand culminating effort, which will electrify the world on the 11th. Reviews have commenced in class room. The poor wretch who has done no more than he could half the term time is now scratching around as lively as he can to make up a deficiency that ought to awe any sane man into unquestioning silence. But it was always thus. The boys work like nailors and then flunk. Painful isn't it.

To say that there is a general flunk among our students is drawing it very lightly indeed. The spring is always productive of a group of students who are compelled to spend the whole time in Ichthyology, Botany, and kindred branches. This is hard on the dryer portion of the curriculum. The Profs. seem to understand the true state of affairs for they are very lenient to the unhappy ones who spend more time in the woods than in their study rooms.

The nine is going down to Firth to be waxed by the professional country nine that inhabits that locality. The cadets are going to Milford to feed mosquitos for a spell. The band is going along (hope they will finish the band and deliver us from torment.) The bad man that does the business managing for the paper is going off to San Francisco for fossils. He will be back in time for ex's. It looks like a general exodus, don't it.

Why don't more of the students of this respectable institution take a deeper interest in the affairs of the University? A lamentable want of enthusiasm is every where manifest. Yes, it is even conspicuous. The same crowd on an average which has to manage this and that matter is already engaged in bringing some other scheme to a happy conclusion. All rivalry seems to have died out. We cannot account for this. Students should remember that they do not come to college to spend their whole time in boning away at books. A man may burn the midnight oil and stand at the head of his class during the whole four years of his course and still, when he leave his Alma Mater, depart with less polish than he possessed at the beginning of his college life. Study is the main thing, but a "dig" takes nothing away from college that will be likely to affect his after life except myopia, which is not by any means beneficial. Either extreme is