

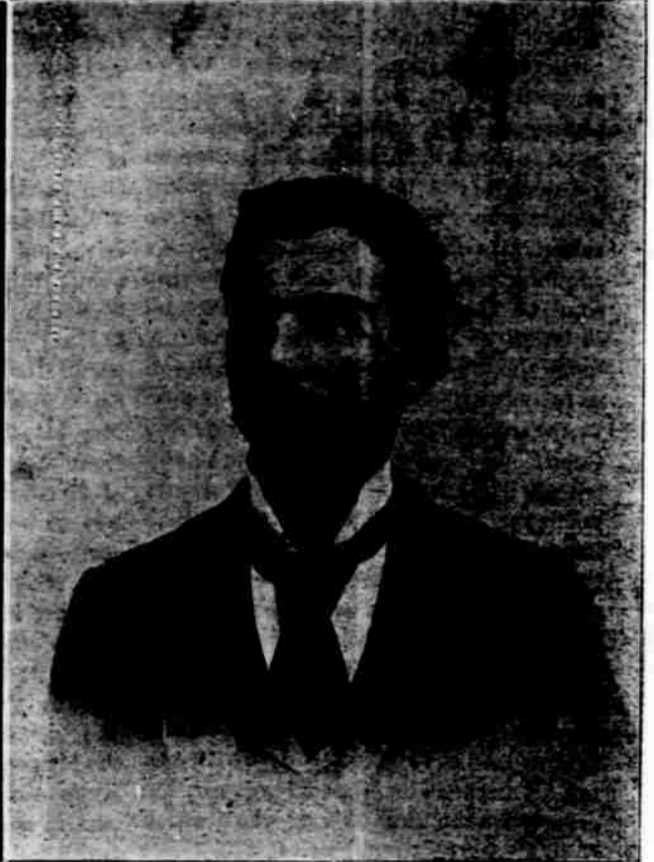
Some Members of the Palladian Society.



William H. Snell, '73.



Flora Bullock, '97



Amos G. Warner, '85.

The Palladian Souvenir.

To A. G. Warner of the class of '85, the man whose career most fully illustrates what one student can do for his society and what the Palladian society can do for one of its members, this volume is affectionately dedicated—is the dedication to the souvenir of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Palladian society. It is a very neat little booklet of seventy pages, containing five cuts. The frontispiece is a picture of the first president, Mr. Wm. Snell, who was graduated in 1873. The other cuts are of Amos G. Warner, '85, the well known writer and lecturer on economics, and to whom the souvenir is dedicated, of Miss Flora Bullock, the presiding officer of the anniversary exercises of the first hall which the society occupied, and two large cuts of the present membership. Printed on heavy smooth paper, the typographical workmanship is unusually excellent. The peculiar en-

thusiasm which has always characterized Palladians appears in the account of the celebration of the anniversary which forms the prologue to the history of the society. The history is divided into three parts. Mrs. A. W. Field ('82) relates the story from 1871 to 1880. She took an active and impressive part in the exercises and politics of the society, and as president first displayed her rare abilities and judgment as a presiding officer. Mrs. Field says that "members of the faculty must have attended those early meetings. They are often mentioned in the reports of the secretary as taking part in the debate or even favoring the society with a recitation.

The original constitution and by-laws, though set forth with more wealth of language than those of the later date, seem not to have been entirely satisfactory, since at almost every meeting of the society, for the last year, one or the other of them was amended, and at one meeting, the secretary gravely informs us, the entire constitution was suspend-

ed. About this time the janitor was instructed to fasten the seats to the floor so that they should be four feet apart.

The programs must have been enjoyable for the society felt it necessary to pass a law prohibiting all applause, and the secretary's record often ends with these words: "The gas was turned off and the society adjourned." It was in these stirring days that Mr. George Francis Train was elected to honorary membership.

It is interesting to note how gradually but surely the society grew out of these first primitive regulations and came to be almost a law unto himself.

The Palladians inaugurated their custom of holding exhibitions early in their history. The committee for this first entertainment selected nine (9) members to take part, limiting each of them to fifteen (15) minutes, then there was prayer and several pieces of music. Lincoln audience in these early days must have been patient and long-suffering.

A comparison of the names of the committee on the exhibition with the names on the program of the exhibition shows that here, also, was the beginning of another custom; the appointment of a committee, which would appoint its own membership to places on the program—a custom which extended through many years in which there were exhibition committees, where every member was also on the program."

Jay Amos Barrett, '88, reports the half decade from 1880 to 1890. He speaks of the affectionate, proud enthusiasm for the society which all genuine Palladians possess, which is different in kind as well as abundant in quality, and which impresses strangers as mystic adoration of an unknown deity. Mr. Barrett treats the Frat-Barb Fight rather gingerly but asserts that the expulsion of the fraternity members was for the good of the society. On this point opinions differ. The socially and mentally brilliant young men and women who are excluded from the literary soci-