

at hand for congressional recognition of this truth, and unless the congressmen do recognize it the people will try representatives whose ears are not dumb to the clamor of their constituents.

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The Medical College of the University

When a thing is done in huffer mugger, immediately the suspicion arises that there is something crooked, something rotten in Denmark. The regents, Chancellor and professors who consummated the plan of placing the medical department of the state university in Omaha kept still about it until the arrangements were made and the vote taken. The Omaha medical school has found it difficult to meet expenses, and by the present arrangement the university teaches the students in the first two years of laboratory work, while the last two years of the course are spent in Omaha. If one college of the university is located in Omaha, why may not others be located in various parts of the state? If the institution is spread thin it will reach over more of the state. Why should it be concentrated in Lincoln? The action of the regents and of the head of the institution resembles that of the council gang composed of ward politicians and schemers who voted to suspend the rules in order that a railroad might lay its tracks at midnight on one of the down-town streets.

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Mormon Missionaries

There have been, and perhaps they are still canvassing the city, Mormon missionaries who are distributing their tracts from door to door. They go to the back doors of the dwelling houses, leave tracts with the maids and in a day or two return and argue their creed. It is in this way that the propagation of this most superstitious and immoral religion is carried on. The missionaries are men of pleasing address. They sympathize with the lives of the maids and endeavor to convert them to Mormonism. We are not Boxers and can not use their methods. These men do more harm than the slot machines, but we can not remove them. The Mormon church looks forward to a time when their converts will be spread over the land. They can not have any influence with educated women, but among the ignorant, ingenuous hordes of Europe at work in the kitchens, the missionaries are making progress. If they came to the front door the mistress would inquire of the doorkeeper their errand, but they go to the rear door and the maid who answers their knock has just learned the English language. Mormon means no more to her than Methodist or Baptist. He explains that he is a Christian, and she thinks it is some lover of humanity seeking souls who has found out her loneliness. Her heart is softened, and not being protected by prejudice against the nefarious doctrine, the poor girl is sometimes a pitifully easy victim. If she has lived long enough in this country to have the habit of the American Bible, the newspaper, she knows something about the sect and snubs its apostle as he deserves.

In spite of the objectionable religion which the emissary represents, and in spite of his sneaking methods, there is nothing we can do to put him out or keep him out of the community. A lie can not prevail, however it may seem to be spreading. There is really no danger of the triumph of the Mormon church so long as the very imperfect and poorly adjusted system of public education continues. And if it improves there is still less reason to be troubled on this account. In earlier days, not so very long ago in Nebraska, when it was part of the border of civilization, a Mormon missionary who attempted by Mormon seductions to deceive the ignorant, would have been ungently hustled out of town if not shot. The advanced degree of culture we have reached in Lincoln has its disadvantages. When a son of Beelzebub arrives we are obliged to treat him politely or at least not to subject him to

discomfort so long as he does not break the laws. He is teaching a doctrine as false as the one in regard to the moon being composed of green cheese. But we could not arrest a piper who should lecture on the moon, and we can not prosecute a disciple of Joseph Smith who teaches stuff that was found by the man who buried them on the copper plates. But the aboriginal, unconquerable impulse in the breast of every man who is a man is to kick him out of the city limits.

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"The Fiddler of Gmund"

Father Bradley, Catholic priest and chancellor of the diocese of Lincoln, has written a little book of poems, published by the South Platte Publishing Co. of this city. "The Fiddler of Gmund" is a legend told in rhymed couplets of a fiddler who played before the statue of St. Cecilia. The musician was penniless and hungry, and he played a prayer for help to the saint.

"Smiling sweetly down she stoops,
Starting out of stony calm;
From her foot the gold unloops,
Throws it to the son of song."

When the citizens who have set the statue in the shrine and dressed the saint in a silver mantle and clothed her beautiful feet in golden shoes, found the tramp with one of the golden shoes, they immediately concluded that he had stolen it. On the way to the gallows, for stealing was a capital crime in the middle ages, the procession passed the shrine where the saint still beamed beneficent. The fiddler asked permission to play before her again and the headsman consented. If the

saint pitied his hunger she would surely pity and save him from the disgraceful death to which the public-spirited townsmen had condemned him. He played an appeal which would move a stone or the fishes of Orpheus. The saint heard, stooped again and gave him the other little golden shoe. The citizens saw, and though they were loth to give up the execution, they had seen a miracle and thereafter all fiddlers who straggled into Gmund were sure of a welcome and a feast. Father Bradley's lines are a translation of Kerner's poem.

There are translations from Horace and from several German poets. The original poems are the expressions of a deeply religious and meditative man. Some of them suggest the midnight oil, but the note of sincerity and of true feeling is unmistakable. The author says that the poems were written at various times and under the influence of other skies. "Nor would they now see the light of day but that the writer hopes by their sale to benefit a cause which he has very much at heart, to wit, the prosperity, spiritual and material, of two communities which he has had the pleasure of serving for a number of years." Everyone who reads the little book will hope that the author's hopes may be fully realized.

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From a return lately laid before the reichstag, says The United Service Gazette, it appears that last year 1,645,845 young men became nominally available for service in the forces of the German empire. From this number, however, large deductions had to be made—135,168 men had emigrated without leave, and 97,819 were absent without leave from other causes; 573,799 were sent back for a year; 25,175 had entered the army and 1,269 the navy as volunteers; 82,118 were detailed for Ersatz reserve, others were found medically unfit, others were disqualified for other causes, so that finally only 222,667 were drafted into the army and 6,184 into the navy.

CLUB NOTES

THE WEEK'S REVIEW

Sorosis met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. L. Wharton. Mrs. C. L. Hall talked of Ruskin and Turner.

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An important business meeting of the Matinee Musicale will be held Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, at Walsh hall. All active members are requested to attend.

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The open meeting of the Matinee Musicale, announced for next Monday evening, the twenty-first, has been postponed until Tuesday evening, the twenty-second. It will be held in the new chapel of the state university. The public is invited. Admission free.

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The Century club closed a pleasant and profitable season with a kensington given Tuesday afternoon at the executive mansion, with Mrs. E. P. Savage as hostess. Eighteen ladies were present. Current events were discussed, Cecil Rhodes' will taking much of the time. At four o'clock a dainty luncheon was served in two courses, on small tables, placed in the drawing room.

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The society of the Hall in the Grove met last Friday with Miss Jeanette Green. Mrs. A. E. Kennard read a paper on "The Women of the White House." Mrs. F. W. Gibson gave the views of the leaders of religious thought on the "Higher Criticism." Mrs. E. Lewis Baker talked of Brazil very entertainingly. The next meeting will be with Doctor Ruth Woods at Thirteenth and N streets.

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The last open meeting of the Matinee Musicale, for this season, will be given next Tuesday evening in the new chapel at the university. The public is invited. Admission will be free. The following program will be presented.

Choruses for ladies' voices: (a) Spring, C. B. Hawley; (b) Snow, Elgar, violin obligatos, Miss Ensign, Mr. Hagenow; (c) Minuet, Patty Stair. Matinee Musicale chorus, Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond, director.

Piano—(a) Bird as Prophet, Schumann; (b) Warum, Schumann; (c) Reverie, Moszkowski. Miss Marie Hoover.

Soprano—Leiti Signor, Meyerbeer. Mrs. Mark Woods.

Organ and strings—Capriccio Italien, Tchaikowsky. First violin, Miss Ina Ensign; 2d violin, Mr. Willie Mudra; viola, Mr. Charles Hagenow; bass, Mr. Leon Baker; cello, Miss Lillian Eiche; organ, Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond.

Piano—Scherzo in B minor, Chopin. Miss Emily Perkins.

Vocal duet—Il Regatta, Rossini. Mrs. R. A. Holyoke, Mrs. E. Lewis Baker.

Violin concerto in G minor, Max Bruch; Allegro Moderato, Adagio, Allegro Energico. Miss Silence Dales, violin; Miss Marie Hoover, piano.

Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond at the piano.

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The Woman's club met Monday afternoon at Walsh hall. The program was in charge of the literature department. It was expected that Reverend Rowlands would give a lecture upon "Walt Whitman," but owing to a misunderstanding with regard to the date, he failed to appear, which was a distinct disappointment to the audience. An enjoyable musical program compensated in part. The following numbers were presented:

Impromptu in B flat, Schubert, Miss Cora Herrick; "Love's Sorrow," Shelley, Mrs. Eugene C. Tullis, accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Johnson; "Doris," Nevin, Mrs. E. L. Williams, accompanied by Miss Griggs, pianist, Mrs. F. L. Maddox, violinist, Mr. Steckelberg, cellist.

Encores were demanded and granted, after all the numbers. As the officers will be absent at the time of the next meeting, the retiring president, Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, gave an address in which she thanked the members for their support, and spoke of the pleasure and profit she had derived from her two years as president of the club. The other officers gave their annual reports. The last meeting will be held the twenty-eighth at the university gymnasium, when Miss Barr will talk of physical culture, and give an exhibition drill.

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