

The following are the sentiments of our fair co-eds:

Let the old smoker take delight
In the good company of his pipe.
I simply ask you give me some
Of my own favorite chewing gum.
Take my good name, take my good looks,
Or take my money or my books,
Yea, take my friends, but leave me stacks
Of my own favorite chewing wax.—*Ex.*

Vol. XX., No. I., of the *Aurora*, coming from the literary societies of the Iowa State Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa, presents a very neat appearance, is well arranged and contains very good reading matter. It is not as large nor perhaps of as high a standard as one would suppose, to be coming from so many literary societies, but we presume this is due to the fact that there are other papers published at I. A. C. We have not seen the *Aurora* on our table before, but it has probably been a visitor here in the past, and we hope it will continue to be in the future.

A TWICE TOLD TALE.—“I went over intending to spend a long evening with Alice some time since. As we sat on her Mars porch in close conjunction, I had just touched my lips to her fair cheek when the old lady, who had Orion on us, came out, her brow blacker than I have ever seen under cloud. “Jupiter?” she said. No, I didn’t, Earth ought to be said I. “You’re a Lyra, Beta quarter,” she said, and I don’t want you coming around to Borealis any more.” If Uranus off—I dodged and went home thinking, a man may planet it, but he can’t comet.—*Ex.*

The above is very ingenious. The author must have been a star gazer or rather a planet gazer, and very proficient in the business.

The following appears in *The Ecritean*:

“We wish to congratulate *The Delphic* on its contest edition. We look at the cuts of the orators and the general “make up,” then at the contest edition of THE HESPERIAN of last year, and then with tears of sorrow rolling down our cheeks, we cannot help but sob, poor Nebraska, she is “never in it.”

We would like to amend this to read as follows: “We wish to congratulate *The Delphic* on its contest edition. We look at the cuts of the orators (at ten dollars a look) and the general “make up,” then we think of the fate of our orator who won tenth place, and with tears of sorrow rolling down our cheeks we cannot help but sob, poor Nebraska, she is “never in it.”

The Bema contains an account of a ball game between the faculty of DePauw University and the senior class. This was quite a novel game and must have been quite interesting. The faculty adopted the scale of 10 per cent. as their standard and were given seven per cent by the scorers, while the seniors did not confine themselves to such narrow bounds and consequently walked off with the laurels. This game establishes a good precedent and the idea should be carefully considered by the faculties of the different colleges. It would be very hard to get the faculty of our institution to “enter the diamond” for the members are very busy. In fact they are so busy that they find it impossible to attend chapel exercises.

From the tone of an editorial in *The Ecritean* it would seem that there is talk of starting another paper at the Wesleyan. The editorial is a good one and should be heeded. If we were allowed to give a little advice on the subject, it would be this: let every student of the Wesleyan rally to the support of its representative paper and make it the best sheet possible. There is nothing that will publish to the whole college world a division among the students of a school, especially if it is a young institution with a reputation to establish, better than to have two or more poorly edited papers issuing from the institution. Again, there is nothing that

tends to keep the students divided more than to try to maintain two papers whose representatives are antagonistic to each other. It is annoying to an exchange editor, and we suppose, to readers in general, to have four or five papers coming in from colleges where there should be but one. As a rule they are mere excuses, and could the cream be skimmed from each one, a very good paper would be the result, while the milk remaining, would soar if kept on ice. In some of our eastern institutions, such as Cornell, Harvard, Yale, and others it is all right to have a number of papers. Such schools may easily support them. But in nearly all of our western colleges, one college paper is enough. Don’t start the second until it is absolutely necessary. Hence we would suggest to the Wesleyanites that they stick to *The Ecritean* and make a paper out of it instead of trying to maintain two excuses.

ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS.

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Alumni Editor HESPERIAN:

As I have no well defined idea of what is expected in a letter of this kind, I shall presume that it is expected to touch briefly such topics as I might discuss more in detail if I were afforded the privilege of spending a garrulous hour in the company of one or more of the alumni whom I had not met for many months.

In the first place, for the information of those alumni who do not frequently visit Lincoln, and with the assumption that in a letter of this kind no apology is necessary for making the capital “I” the central point of the writer’s remarks, I may locate myself in the field of alumni activity. I have been engaged in newspaper work in Lincoln since 1883. For the last three years I have been making a study of the social and political system through the medium of proprietary journalism. As to the guiding principle of my work, I may summarize it as an effort to promote the general movement of society toward a satisfactory plane of equality by leveling up morally and leveling up and down financially; an effort which involves the persistent encouragement of worthy influences, the fearless puncturing of pretending frauds and the vigorous espousal of the social and political reforms which are tending toward a broader and deeper humanity. As to the fruits of my experience in so far as they might be of value to the younger readers of THE HESPERIAN who have not yet chosen a profession I may say a few words. Journalism as a profession can hardly be satisfactory unless combined with journalism as a business, and journalism as a business probably presents more difficulties than are encountered in any other business in which men engage. No journalistic experience can be entirely satisfactory in which the freedom of the mind that does the professional work is limited by another mind which rules the counting room or directs the editorial policy. No intellect can be strong without being free. No man can sell his intellect into slavery without dwarfing and degrading it. This statement has reference only to those departments which involve the forming and expressing of opinions. There are specialties in newspaper work which have nothing to do with opinions; but in the highest department of newspaper work the editor can work satisfactorily only under the freedom that comes with ownership, or at least with the entire control of the paper’s policy.

When the alumnus looks beyond the personal affairs of himself and his fellows, his next interest is his alma mater. The alumni of Nebraska university are now numerous enough so that they should exert a strong influence upon the affairs