

then some one with better judgment should make up the program. If the music numbers are worthy a place and the performers are worthily chosen, then it is an unpardonable rudeness to treat them as they are almost always treated. There certainly is no escape from this conclusion. It matters not whether this thing occurs in what is known as polite society—even in Lincoln; society is neither polite nor considerate nor well-bred that tolerates this. What would be thought of an audience that treated a speaker in this manner? Yet what are the musicians but those who consent to speak to us with a language peculiarly their own, full of rhythm and eloquent harmony. Who would turn from a guest when he was speaking, to converse with a third person? Yet those who favor audiences with the results of their long study and acquired skill are peculiarly the guests of the evening—being present by special invitation, and occupying that which ought to be a position of marked distinction. The very nature of their work is such as to render them peculiarly sensitive to the slightest inattention or interruption; yet they are treated as though they were intruders, and simply to be tolerated, endured, so long as they must remain on the platform. A most superb piece of work on the violin recently was treated with so much (unintentional? customary? thoughtless?) rudeness that it was a marvel of patience and self-control that it was not abruptly stopped at the middle of the score; and how many students show due appreciation of the excellent and conscientious work done so uncomplainingly each morning, as students pass into chapel?

These are a few plain words about a plainly discourteous custom. It is not peculiar to this University, nor to the otherwise delightful society of this city—nor is it omnipresent in either the university or in Lincoln. But there is enough of it to warrant a plea for its abatement. Let us have in the societies, and at all public gatherings, a spirit of thoughtful consideration that will secure a respectful hearing and undivided

attention for even the most unimportant number upon even a poor program. Let us thus learn self-control and that first and leading principle of all true gentility—unvarying courtesy.

EXCHANGE.

A rocky recitation in geology is very gneiss.—*Ex.*

Wm. Astor has promised \$100,000 to found a Negro University in Oklahoma.—*Ex.*

At the University of Chicago, chapel is held at 12:30 p. m. daily, and is compulsory.

President Harrison will probably deliver lectures in the Leland Stanford Law school after his retirement from office.

The faculty of the University of Chicago wear "caps and gowns." How beautiful they all must look! So captivating!

The Yale eleven will receive as trophies a small gold foot-ball and a souvenir picture of each member of the team.

It is said that the University of Pennsylvania students have formed an association to do away with wine at class banquets.

A movement is on foot to arrange a platoon of cavalry at Iowa State University. Uniforms and equipage will be furnished by the state.

The coeds of the University of Michigan have petitioned the legislature for \$20,000 to build an annex to the gymnasium for the use of ladies.

How is this for a sensational heading:

"SOC ET TUUM."

It was only on account of an oratorical contest.

The museums at Harvard will hereafter be open on Sunday from 1 to 4 o'clock throughout the year, another modern idea brought into vogue.—*Ex.*

First newspaper man: "Did you ever do literary work on your voyage across?" Second newspaper man: "Yes, I contributed largely to the Atlantic."—*Illini.*

The foot-ball half-back pays his bills

And laughs with infinite glee;

For he sees how much easier now than before

It is to break a "V."—*Ex.*

The oldest paper in the world is "King Pan" in China, founded in 911, published intermittently until 1361, then made a weekly, since 1804 a daily, and now issued in three editions a day.—*Ex.*

Instead of writing a short essay each week, the sophomore class in English at Wesleyan will hereafter be required to write a short novel, to be handed in at the mid-year examination.—*Daily Cardinal.*