

maritan's care we will always remain."

This struggle was the making of the Society. Its principles became dear to all members. The bond of sympathy increased. All were seized with an Alexandrian spirit of conquest, and up to the time I left the institution, the Palladians never lost a fight in which they entered, or took a step backwards. Whether over the HESPERIAN management, a fight against members of the faculty, or anywhere else, the Palladian colors always waved triumphant over the last ramparts assaulted.

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### *The Adelpian Society.*

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As the close of the second term of 1873 drew near, the spirit of faction in the Palladian Society ran high. The issues were mainly personal, but the contest was bitter. Mr. Cassius M. Cropsey was a leading candidate for the presidency, and enlisted in his favor a majority of the older and more advanced students, but found little favor among the younger class, and those who were there for the first term. The movement in his behalf had many of the features of an aristocracy of rank, giving to the older members of the society a superiority of influence and privilege that was galling to the democratic spirits of later arrivals at the University, and there was no lack of leaders to shape the revolt against hereditary privilege in society management.

During the previous term some of the members had grown indifferent, and allowed fines and dues to remain unpaid until they had been suspended from membership. Now these were carefully sought out, their views consulted and their interests allied with one or the other party, in many cases by the payment of their arrearages on the books so as to en-

title them to vote, and reinstate them as members. When the meeting for the election of officers was called to order, the Cropsey party resorted at once to the only tactics that could save them from complete overthrow, by an attempt to declare the restoration of suspended members by the mere payment of fines and dues standing against them, and without any action of the society, an illegal and void proceeding; seeking thus to throw out the recently reinstated members, of whom they had secured few, or none, and so reduce the ranks of the opposition to a minority. This action was not wholly unexpected by the opposition leaders, and they stood firmly by the position they had taken. About two hours were spent in heated controversy, the confusion increasing as the war of words went on, until the president, unable to decide who was entitled to the floor, and hopeless of bringing order out of the pandemonium that was reigning, declared the meeting adjourned and left the room, followed by the entire Cropsey party.

Thereupon the vice president took the chair and called for order, entirely ignoring the action of the president in adjourning the meeting, as there was no constitutional authority for such action. The withdrawal of the Cropsey party left the meeting without a constitutional quorum, and business could not proceed until two or three lukewarm adherents to the opposition, who cared less for the success of their friends now than for future personal considerations, could be found and brought in.

The bolting party assembled in an office downtown and took the preliminary steps for the organization of a new society, which, upon its regular institution, was christened the "Adelpian" with the motto "*Per ardua ad astra*," a good motto; and none who are conversant with the circumstances which led to