

HESPERIAN STUDENT.

LINCOLN, - - MAY, 1872.

SMALL.—The composition class on last Thursday.

WE are under obligations to W. P. Roads, for favors, during the last month.

WE were happy to meet our fellow student, W. L. Sweet, who paid our city a short visit.

WE are always glad to receive contributions from any one, and especially from students of the University

THAT "red hot shot" thrown by Mr. — into the ranks of secret societies burst before it reached them.

THEY are at present engaged in planting trees in the University grounds. When it is completed there will be above 2,000 trees.

THE late hail storm broke twenty-one window panes in the University. Some buildings in our city were very much injured.

"If you want me, just whistle for me, and I will come to you." We are not personal in the above, but it will be recognized by some one.

WHAT is better exercise than riding? the Professor in Greek says, and he should know, studying the fifty-third page in "Harkness' first Greek book." We admit that it is good exercise, but prefer riding just for a change.

THE members of the "Palladian" have concluded to give a public exhibition at the close of the present term. In our next issue we will be able to give a full programme, and also the names of those who are to perform.

WE may, by simply reversing it, very aptly apply the saying of the Apostle Paul, to some of the Greek students. Paul said: "Though I am absent in body, yet I am present with you in spirit." The students are present in body, but absent in spirit.

SOME of the students spend their time very unprofitably while waiting for the ringing of the bell, by throwing up their books and catching them, talking, laughing and various other amusements. We do not think such things should be tolerated during the time for recitation.

THE following is a verbal extract from a sophomore's essay: If I should say nay, ye might say yea, and if I should say yea, ye might say nay and if I should say nay, I would feel that I was surrounded by the Cape of Good Hope." The professor is satisfied that it is an original production — *Chronicle*.

THE hearts of many throbbed with joy as the magnetic Wires gave assurance that Dr. Livingston, the great African explorer had arrived in safety at Zanzibar. It has been over two years since this great traveler has been heard from, and many have mourned him as dead. We have now, reason to believe that this great philanthropist well yet be among us, and unlock the secrets of the great African continent.

THURSDAY was a day that will ever be remembered by us all as one of great interest. The students laid aside their books, and many could be seen "wending their way" to the Campus with spades and shovels, and high hopes of immortalizing their names by planting trees and shrubbery, designated as their own and over which they shall ever have a parental care. To say the least the Campus has improved much in appearance and if this energetic spirit is continued we look forward to a time when we may have as beautiful ground as can be found elsewhere. Much praise is due to the students for the interest they seem to take in this enterprise.

PALLADIAN HALL, April 15.

The society was first entertained by Declamation from Messrs Cropsey and Davis. These were well rendered, and if all members of the society would try to perform their parts as well, there would be no opportunity for finding fault. After this came the very able essay by Miss Creegan. Next followed the debating class, and in justice, due to the members of that class, we must say that it was the best we have had for some time. Each speaker seemed to comprehend the subject, and his arguments were presented with force and clearness. After some miscellaneous business the society adjourned.

PALLADIAN HALL, April 26.

The society was first occupied with declamations from Messrs Hohmann, Snell and others. These were all very well rendered. After this followed a very good essay by President Roads, also, one by Mr. Maléck. The question for discussion this evening was:

Resolved, That the co-education of the sexes should be encouraged.

This was first vigorously discussed by the regular class; after which, the house continued the debate in a very vigorous manner for some time. Perhaps the principal speech on the negative was made by a "Baconian," who in the true sense of the word, threw "red hot shot into the ranks of the enemy." After some general debate, the society adjourned.

PALLADIAN HALL, May 3.

The society was first entertained by declamations from Miss Creegan, Miss Metcalf, Mr. Snell and Mr. Dales. These were in the main well rendered. There is one feature especially that is worthy of note; and that is, the accuracy and perfectness with which they were committed. We do not believe that there was a single hesitation on the part of any one. Some of the members who are in the habit of half committing their declamations might do well to make a note of this. After this followed two very able essays by Messrs. Kulman and Rogers. Question for discussion this evening was:

Resolved, That the existence of political parties is favorable to a State.

The members of the class entered heartily into the discussion of the question, and some very good arguments were produced on both sides of the question. Miscellaneous debate was next in order, but owing to the lateness of the hour, it was not continued very long, but was conducted with much vigor. In a short time the house adjourned.

What is There in a Name?

The celebrated John G. Whittier, on being asked for his autograph, wrote the following: "The name is but the shadow, which we find too often, larger than the one behind." How very few there are who realize the truth of this sentence, so characteristic of the man who wrote it. And yet it cannot be denied, there are many who occupy important positions, without being qualified for them. Indeed, people everywhere are striving for a name, with an earnestness which deserves a better object.

This ardent passion for titles in Americans was gratified to a great extent during the late war. Many a poor man who had always lived in obscurity, and whose surname was hardly known outside of his own family, returned with the title of Capt. Col. or Gen. a distinction which will mark him while he lives. I have heard it said, that there is always some good to come out of evil. Is it possible that a man can feel himself compensated for a lost limb, by any of these sounding titles? Be this as it may, they have become so common that the plain Mr. is as much of a rarity among men, as is a plain dress among women on a festive occasion. I suppose that these titles originated in a desire to designate a man's profession by his name. It seems proper to do so. It is no doubt right to give a preacher the title of Rev. or a teacher that of Prof. But they have become so common, that a boy can scarcely teach school six months without having to carry the burdensome appellation of Prof. or deliver a brief exhortation in prayer-meeting, without being in danger of having Rev. attached to his name forever after. Among other titles, that of Esq. is exceedingly common, as well as nonsensical. According to Webster, it can designate almost any profession. It comes from the Latin, scutum, a shield, from the Greek, Skutos, the hide from which the shield was made. By consulting Webster, you will find that it may be applied to all persons, which means women as well as men. This being the case, women may look forward to the time when the startling Esq. may be added to their names as will to those of men. Mrs. is about the only high sounding title to which women are accustomed and I never knew until I just saw it in Webster, that in England, it is sometimes given to unmarried women of an advanced age. Girls, is it not encouraging to know, that when we reach an advanced age, we can go to England, and get Mrs. prefixed to our names?

But after all, what is there in a name? I answer comparatively nothing. When you come down to the real merits of the question, it is the man or woman behind the name, and not the name itself. As for names what can be better than man or woman. Why then should we seek those titles which are as sounding brass, or as tinkling cymbals. Better far desire the names of men and women. Then when we have departed this life, it shall not be added, "The name was but the shadow, larger than the man or woman behind."

THERE are two things which I abhor—the learned in his infidelities, and the fool in his devotions.—*Mahomet*.

I will listen to any one's convictions, but pray keep your doubts to yourself. I have plenty of my own.—*Geotha*.

COLLEGE NEWS.

THE University Hall at Ann Arbor will seat 4,005 persons.

OVER one hundred women are studying law in American Colleges.

THIRTEEN young ladies have asked admission to the Yale school of Journalism.

THE Massachusetts legislature has made an appropriation of \$75,000 for establishing a fifth Normal School.

A GENTLEMAN has bequeathed to the President and Fellows of Trinity College, Oxford, England, £8,000 for the advancement of mathematics and general science.

A WIT at Harvard suggests that all freshmen should be examined in swimming, the distance from the University to the square being the requirement; conditions, to be off by the middle of February.

Dr. J. Simers of this State deposited at our University a diploma for A. B. granted to D. Abner Morton, from Dartmouth College in the year 1799. It is quite a relic. It was placed here not only as a curiosity but to be preserved.

A SENIOR at Cornell, enraged during the examination in geology, at the pertinacity of the facts in eluding his memory, replied to a question as to the period in which an extinct species of animal lived, that it was the Potsdam or some other-dam period.

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The University of the State was opened last September under favorable conditions, and thus far has been prosperous and successful.

PROFESSORS.

The Faculty, at present, is composed of five Professors, skilled in their several departments of instruction. To these there will be added two more at the opening of the next College year.

ADMISSION.

Students of both sexes are admitted to the University, on passing examination in the common English branches, if entering the Latin School; or in studies of advanced classes, if claiming an advanced standing.

TUITION.

Tuition in all departments is FREE. There is an entrance fee of \$5. Books are furnished at cost.

APPARATUS, Etc.

The Institution is liberally supplied with Apparatus, Cabinet, Library, and all needful facilities for illustrating the subjects taught. The Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus is especially large and valuable.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

It is proposed by the Regents to open the Agricultural College at the earliest time practicable—probably at the opening of the next College year.

BOARDING.

Boarding is obtained at reasonable rates in private families, or by renting rooms the expense may be reduced to \$2 or \$3 per week. At present boarding in families is from \$4 to \$5 per week.

CALENDAR.

The Spring Term will begin Thursday, April 4, 1872. The Fall Term will begin the second Thursday of September next.

Correspondence is solicited by the Chancellor from those intending to enter College.

The health of our State and the facilities offered in the University, should be strong inducements for those seeking health and advantages for education.

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