

ample of terse and trenchant thought, and compact sentences. The first qualification makes the popular lecturer; the second the standard writer on literary subjects. The one fascinates upon the stage; the other has the most power when studied in print.

Mr. H. H. Wilson, in his oration, "A Lesson from History," sustained his enviable reputation as a fine speaker. He is unsurpassed by any in the force of his oratory. Not only was his delivery excellent, and his thought interesting, original, and logical, but couched in beautiful language, and strong phrases, replete with adornment. It was universally pronounced Mr. W.'s best effort.

Mr. W. C. Showalter's "Prophetic Vision" was the best of the humorous productions for which he has obtained a high reputation. He was interrupted frequently by storms of applause and peals of laughter. His imitation of the female voice was perfect, and convulsed his hearers with delight. Mr. S. has added new laurels to those won in 1874, for a similar effort.

The production which justly attracted more praise and more comment than any exercise of the evening, was the original poem by F. M. Lamberton. It was the third poem ever produced in the literary societies of the University, and the second which was of great merit, was by the same author. The plot was very interesting, the coloring and description fascinating, and the humor inimitable. Very little, if anything, was thrown in for filling. We have read many a poem, from authors of national reputation, of far less real poetic merit than Mr. Lamberton's. The production doubtless cost the author much time and labor; but he has not lost his reward. The Society has just reason to be proud of the poetic talent it can boast.

One of the most charming features of the Adelpian entertainment was the music, vocal and instrumental. The instrumental music was furnished by Misses C. Session, L. Wilson, and C. Thomas. Their efforts were highly appreciated by the lovers of music, who warmly applauded the young ladies at the conclusion of each performance. Miss Slaughter's vocal solo was charming. She is universally acknowledged, in musical circles, as one of Lincoln's sweetest singers. On this occasion she surpassed herself.

Several of the speakers were greeted with bouquets by persons in the audience. Like the Palladian, this entertainment was superior to all previous efforts of the Society. G. E. H.

OUR COLLEGE NEWS.

—Each of the society exhibitions was a decided success this year.

—We were shown the class badges of the classes of '73 and '74. They are very neat and tasty.

—Question of the day: Are you going to attend school next term? Yes, if the grasshoppers don't devour me before that time.

—Since the heavy crop of timothy has been mowed therefrom, the campus presents a beautiful appearance. If we only had a few shade trees!

—We were sorry that W. H. Snell, '73, and U. H. Malick, '74, were unable to be present at our closing exercises. We sadly missed their genial faces among the alumni present.

Burt's New York Hand made Shoes for Gentlemen—the best shoe made—Ladies' fine, hand made, thin-soled shoes. Give him a call. (tf)

Professor: (explaining an example in University Algebra.) Do you see it, Miss A.?

Miss A.: Yes sir, while I am looking at it.

—It is rumored that Miss Flora Alexander was the fair commander, whose taste and skill marshalled her bevy of gentle warriors to the decoration of the chapel for the Adelpian entertainment.

—At a recent debate in one of the societies, a Soph was excusing himself for not being better prepared. He said, "there have been so many things running through my head lately that I could not think of the question."

—The beautiful bouquets which adorned the stage on the occasion of the Adelpian entertainment, were generously presented to the society by Mr. W. Thompson, proprietor of the greenhouse east of town. The thanks of the society are tendered to Mr. T.

—At the recent meeting of the Board of Regents, it was decided to prepare the rooms in the third story of the University for dormitories. These will be devoted to the use of the young gentlemen, while the present dormitory building will be occupied by the young ladies.

A more obliging and attentive gentleman than our Janitor, Geo. McLean, we verily believe does not exist. Through his untiring labors, in spite of the G. Hoppers, much has been done to beautify the campus, in the way of flowers etc.

—A member of the Botany class was debating on the beauties of nature to a party of admiring friends; he said, "The *polygonian amphibia* flower is one of the most beautiful in nature."

Prof.: (in Physiology) Mr. C., you may give the situation and function of the liver?

Mr. C.: The liver is situated in the stomach, and it purifies the food before digestion.

—Those fashionable neck-scarfs can be procured at P. S. Sheldon & Son's where you will find all kinds of collars, shirts and everything that a young man needs in the way of stylish clothing. (tf)

—One of the boys, who boards at the "third class boarding house," recently received a letter from his duckie in which she said, "My dear, you are getting further and further from me every day." He says it is very doubtful about his graduating now.

—Two of the professors have put their worldly wealth into a common stock, purchased a pocket pistol and a silver dollar. They take shot about at the dollar, and the one who hits it carries it until the other makes a successful shot. Distance not given.

—At the Palladian exhibition, a college graduate (not one of our graduates), asked one of the students what was the meaning of the first two words of the society motto—*Forma mentis aeterna est*. He said he knew the last two meant "eternal rest."

ELOCUTION.—The following is told about one of the Adelpian orators, chosen for the late entertainment. Mr. S. was accustomed to rehearse his speech in his room; and on one occasion, while delivering a certain passage, which required the imitation of the female voice for its correct rendition, the landlady below was so thoroughly deceived by the dulcet strains of his voice, that she mistook them for the plaintive chidings of the washerwoman; whereupon she rushed to the foot of the stairs and exclaimed: "Bridget, you good-for-nothing hussy, do stop your everlasting scolding. You're enough to try the patience of a saint. I won't put up with such nonsense!" Mr. S. stopped in astonishment, but on the whole felt highly complimented at his successful personation. That's what perseverance does.

—Some of the students have been circulating slanderous reports about fellow students without any foundation whatever, and one came out with a card in one of the daily papers of this city, with the intention of injuring our paper and Business Manager. Every one who claims to have a spark of manhood should frown down all such malicious attacks, and let the perpetrators know they have no friends in their sneaking course.

—We had the pleasure of attending the recent commencement of the High School, held in the Opera House. The attendance was very large—the house was packed from floor to gallery. Probably thirteen hundred were present. There were seven graduates, all young ladies. The exercises were all very creditable. The essay of the valedictorian, Jessie Parker, is worthy of special mention. We understand that several of the young ladies contemplate entering the University to complete their education. We hope the report is true.

—On account of the low state of our finances we were unable to issue the HESPERIAN for May. We have replenished our treasury, however, to some extent, and hope to proceed without further interruption. It is due the Association to say that our financial embarrassment resulted principally from mismanagement and neglect on the part of those entrusted with our financial matters. Under the efficient control of Mr. H. H. Wilson, however, we anticipate great prosperity in this respect in the future; indeed he has already done nobly.

—As we were going through the University yard, a few afternoons ago, we were surprised to see our Janitor in a terrible passion. We stopped and attempted to pacify him, and find out what was wrong. He said, "I am a member of the church, and try to live like a Christian should; but, after the grasshoppers have eaten the flowers to the ground three times, now when I am trans-lanting for the fourth time, to have them sit in the shade and wink at me—it is more than human nature can bear."

—Our "devil" is a genius, and in every great question that is before the people he takes a stand far in advance of the times. The present great question to be solved is "how to get rid of the grasshoppers." He has been experimenting, and says he has finally struck a plan, by which he is confident they can be exterminated. It is to take a quart of benzine, put it in a seeder, and sprinkle it very carefully on an eighty acre field. You must be sure and thoroughly soak every part of the field. He visited the field the next morning, and says, "The hoppers were all dead; their broken heads could be scooped up by the wagon load."

A GENEROUS GIFT.—The Adelpian Society is indebted to the generosity of Prof. Manly for a handsome present, consisting of Rollin's Ancient History in eight volumes. They were presented as the nucleus of a future library. The Society returned the Professor a hearty vote of thanks. It is earnestly hoped that the Society will act upon the suggestion, and commence laying the foundation of a good library. Professor Manly has been relieved from his duties in the University for a year, on account of his failing health. We, as students, deeply regret to lose the Prof. from the number of our instructors, and hope that he will return at the end of the year with health perfectly restored.

—A couple of the Preps who are novices in the "manly art of self-defence," borrowed a pair of boxing gloves and repaired to the fourth story to try their hand. They supposed it was impossible to be hurt while they had the gloves on, so at it they went in good earnest. No. 1 struck out from the shoulder and knocked No. 2 down. No. 2 jumped up, put in a good one on the proboscis of No. 1 and spoiled the bosom of his clean linen. No. 1: "You do that again and I'll tell my big brother." No. 2: "You hit me so hard again and I'll go home, so I will."

A. H. Waitt has received a full line of the latest styles of Boots and Shoes. (tf)

—The boys should patronize those who stand by us, and P. S. Sheldon & Son keep a nobby stock of hats, caps, &c. (tf)

—Friends, this issue of the student closes the present college year. We trust we will be with you next September again, recruited for a new start in the race for an education.

—H. H. Wilson is now Business Manager of the STUDENT, and any favors shown him will be duly appreciated by all who have anything to do with the paper.

We were surprised on looking over the stock of goods kept by Jacobs Bros. & Oakley, and at the extreme low prices at which they hold their goods, and think it will pay every one to give them a call before purchasing. (tf)

PERSONAL.

'74. F. P. Hurd was in Lincoln commencement week. Grangering appears to agree with him, as he looks rugged and healthy.

'74. W. M. Stevenson was up to visit his friends, during commencement week. He is opening a farm near Unadilla, and, from various indications, we should judge he has been studying the second chapter of Genesis, verse 18.

Geo. E. Dovey came up from Platts-mouth, to see the Palladian exhibition, as he was a member of that society, when he attended school.

L. R. Kuhlman is going with McBroom's surveying party this summer, as one of the engineers. "Bully" fellow, by the way.

Dr. Snowden Jr., better known as "Demosthenes," has been studying Physiology this term, preparatory to attending a course of medical lectures in Philadelphia.

Henry McBroom has charge of a surveying party in the northwestern part of the state. There is some danger to be apprehended from the Indians, but Mac has been practicing the "art of self-defence," and will entertain "Lo" in good style if he calls on him.

The smiling countenance of Sam. English can be seen at his father's store.

G. S. W. Roberts has gone to Minnesota to spend the summer. We hope he will be back in time to attend the opening of school next fall.

Our well remembered friend, H. K. Metcalf, *alias* "Hank," former editor of the HESPERIAN, graduated at Evanston at the June commencement. Out of a class of twenty-five graduates, he was one of ten chosen to deliver orations. The Chicago Times speaks quite highly of his production. Henry contemplates entering the clerical profession; indeed, he preached his first sermon in Chicago. We are much pleased to hear of his success as a student. May he be equally successful, and may a broad career of usefulness await him in his new calling.