

study of them is out of the question from lack of time. Then, make this distinction: compel thoroughness in the one case; be lenient in the other, and the value of a college course will be much increased.

IN MEMORIAM.

Little did we think last June, when we wrote for the *STUDENT* a short account of the life of James Sturdevant, and mentioned his success upon his graduation day, that thus soon we would be called upon to announce his death. Then our duty was a pleasant one; now it is full of sadness; and we do not know as we can express our feelings better than in the words of another friend who has written:

"So suddenly has the Death-angel come amongst us and stricken down one of the noblest and most promising from our midst, that we can scarcely realize that he is gone. Every heart is sad; for he was very dear to us all. Just in the morning of life's active earnest work; just about to enter upon a future bright with promise of christian usefulness and noble deeds, he has been called from us, and begins the morning of a better life in that world where the Savior reigns. In the fall of '74 Mr. Sturdevant entered the State University at Lincoln, Nebraska, where he remained until his graduation last June. He was a hard ambitious student, and accomplished the labor of a six years course of study in five years. He was always first in his class work and had already given considerable promise as a public speaker. After taking his degree, he came to Wahoo, and was soon afterwards sent as a delegate from Saunders county to the republican state convention at Omaha. He was an earnest christian worker; a spotless private character and open-hearted disposition, were united with lofty aspirations. He had not been feeling well for some time and about Tuesday of last week he was taken with typhoid fever and congestion of the brain and

grew worse until yesterday [Wednesday, Nov. 12th] evening when he was relieved from the terrible pain which he had been suffering; his countenance settled into a peaceful smile as his spirit was set free and returned to God who gave it. There are very dear friends and relatives to mourn this sad loss which we all feel keenly, and some there are who feel almost heart-crushed by this sudden blow. To these may it be a comforting thought that there is a better life beyond the portals of the tomb 'where parting is no more.'"

THAT POLITICAL CIRCULAR.

Doubtless, most of the readers of the *STUDENT* have read the circular that appeared a few days before the recent election, professing to be from the clergy of of this city. The cause of this attack is not a new feature in Nebraska politics. It owes its origin to a difference of religious opinion. Its aim was directed against Regent Gannett—a man who had so conducted himself in his official duties for the past six years as to merit from the Republican convention a re-nomination, and from the state a re-election.

At the first appearance of the circular, considerable comment was made, as to the propriety of such an act on the part of the Church. But now that those whose names are attached to the document, deny that they ever signed it, the question of its authorship assumes considerable interest. For if the circular be a forgery, it was devised for political capital. If it be not a forgery, was it a personal attack that demands vindication.

As to its authenticity, we do not propose to say, though if it be spurious, it was a sad mistake that the public were not accordingly informed, previously to the date of election.

It is the principle involved, that for a single moment engages our attention. We have ever been accustomed to consider the students of the State University as