

We congratulate the lady on her happy power of expression.

Miss Mettie I. DeCou's recitation "The Bride of the Greek Isle" was rendered the most simply and unaffectedly of anything we ever heard. The lady is a natural elocutionist. Her description of the burning ship was rendered with a sublimity seldom heard. Her appearance on the stage was full of grace and simply perfect. She deserved the admiration of every true man and woman in the audience.

"English Politics" the oration delivered by N. Z. Snell was pregnant with strong practical common sense. Mr. Snell's voice is nearer what an orator's voice ought to be than that of any other student of the University. He was calm, self-possessed, eloquent. His comparison between Gladstone and Disraeli was elegant and decidedly in favor of the former. He scorned the policy of Christian England protecting Turkey, the persecutor of Christians. The gentleman shows great promise of making an orator of no slight powers.

The Union society need not feel ashamed of her chosen representatives. They acquitted themselves in a manner deserving of the highest praise.

#### UNIVERSITY ADDRESS.

The University addresses for the past three years have not been quite up to the standard. This year was no exception to the rule. The subject was well handled. It was a dry subject, and could only interest those who have made considerable advancement. The average student could not get interested. We heard some very flattering comments upon the address. We should judge that Chancellor Hammond is an eminent man, in his position, but doesn't seem adapted to interest a popular audience. It is to be hoped that the officers who have it in charge will after this see to it that this part of the Commencement exercises is on a more popular theme.

#### ORATIONS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning a procession of students and citizens formed at the University and marched to the Opera House, which was soon densely crowded. The orations surpassed our most sanguine expectations. They abounded in wisdom such as to show that the graduates are prepared for life's battles.

The first one who appeared was Howard W. Caldwell. His oration, "The scholar's mission," showed that he fully realizes what is to be expected of him. He made a very pleasing appearance and received the highest praise. His is a well balanced mind and we much mistake if he does not make a mark in the world.

Sam D. Cox made himself perfectly at home on the stage. He had a very dignified bearing and showed peculiar earnestness in depicting "The extreme tendencies of the age." His arrangement was logical and his views came strictly within the range of common sense. His disposal of the "woman question" was particularly indicative of a well wrought mind.

"Beginnings of History" by Warren Loree showed that the gentleman had been an attentive student of Darwin and Herbert Spencer as well as a thinker of his own accord. His voice was pitched a little too high but further than this his delivery was good.

David H. Mercer was greeted by hearty applause, thus showing that the audience was on the *qui vive* for something good. They were not disappointed. His delivery was forcible and earnest. A slight uneasiness on the stage as well as imperfect committal of his production told against him. His analysis of "Social forces" showed that his mind has been well trained.

The only lady graduate, Miss Emma Parks, proved to the most fanatical that the higher education of woman has been a success in her case. Miss Parks' subject, "The tendencies of modern science," was a hard one but she showed herself perfectly competent to dispose of it. We pronounce it one of the best written productions we have ever heard in the University.

"The individuality of the citizen" by Chas. E. Stratton, took issue with the practical value of the usual college curriculum, holding that the tendency is to destroy the students' individuality. The oration was a good one but we noticed a little too much affectation in the delivery. Naturalness is an indication of individuality; perhaps, however, this affectation was only assumed to prove his point against our curriculum.

Harry K. Wolfe spoke on "Philosophy and Christianity." His style was entirely different from the others. He was cool and deliberate. He sought to show that the Greek philosophy is the foundation of modern Christianity. His tribute toocrates was beautiful, more so, we think, than Socrates deserves.

"Freedom, the basis of history" was a strong plea against history being designated a physical science. James H. Worley was the speaker. The gentleman appeared in a little too great a hurry to get through, but the oration was sprightly and interesting.

Much credit is due the Episcopal choir for music during the exercises.

#### CHANCELLOR'S RECEPTION.

As usual the annual reception at the Chancellor's was a social treat. Nearly all the students were there and they were all firmly resolved that it should be no stiff kid-gloved affair. The Chancellor and his lady have a natural talent for hospitality. The citizens and state officers seemed to enjoy themselves just as well as the students. May this custom be perpetuated.

#### THE CIRCUS.

The grand finale of the Commencement exercises was held down on Historical square last Thursday. An immense audience was present, composed chiefly of alumni and students. The performances were replete with literary excellence. At least we suppose so, or none of the students would have been there.

#### Locals.

Next

Vacation.

Give us a rest.

Congratulations.

All is well that ends well.

Did you pass in German?

Nobby Straw Hats at Ewing & Co.'s

Commencement bouquets have withered.

Straw Hats in great variety at the new hat store.

Visit Ewing & Co.'s emporium for fine clothing.

Nobby Scarfs and White Vests at Ewing & Co.'s.

Straw hats worth from 25cts to \$5.00 at the new hat store.

The new installments of the Alumni are becoming initiated.

Visit Ewing & Co.'s for Hats and Furnishing Goods.

A full line of Gents' Furnishing Goods at the new hat store.

For a clear Havana Dime Cigar call at Woltemade and Wolf's.

The very latest styles of neckware at the new hat store.

Manilla Hats Mackina Hats, Milan Hats, French Chip, and Laca Edge Hats at the new hat store.

#### Remember Your Friends!

Buy your groceries, cigars and toaccos of W. W. English, on 11th St. near N.

If you want a Havana-filled five cent cigar, call for the celebrated "W. W." manufactured by Woltemade & Wolf.

Call on Wilbur Snow for ice cream, confectionery, cigars, etc.; also a good circulating library. Opera House building.

We were greatly surprised that the Regents should dispense with the services of Prof. Palmer, instead of complying with his request—higher salary.

Boys! Visit R. Herminghaus and try the University and Capitol Cigars. He makes a specialty of fine tobaccos, smoker's articles.

The largest assortment of Meerschaum and Briar pipes, and a full stock of moking and chewing tobacco at Woltemade & Wolf's.

G. E. Woodbury, who taught in the University three years ago, has been recalled to take the professorship of the Celtic languages and Rhetoric.

Don't forget that Hermance & Cook have reduced prices on Groceries from five to ten per cent. Call at once to get prices.

Is not there something in the Book, News, Periodical, or Toy line to-day—If so Clason can supply—Call on him South Side O St. bet. 10 and 11.

That "Short Metre" Prep spoken of in last issue has been promoted to the Sophomore class. He desires us to say that this comes solely from beating a senior in a foot-race.

Several members of our Alumni visited us during Commencement. Their bright and joyous faces look as if they did not find the world such a cold and stern place after all. They look less care-worn than the students themselves.

Quite a number of our students have embarked into commercial pursuits for the summer. Some of them sell maps, others, the "Life of Zach Chandler," others still have turned insurance agents. Good people of the state, unchain your dogs!

Several of the professors have adopted the method of giving each student a copy of the examination questions so that they can have them for future reference. This is a little more work for the professors, but it is greatly appreciated by the students.

The students all assembled in Chapel last Tuesday morning to hear their fates. The reports of the term's work showed that the students have been a little like the ten virgins spoken of in sacred writ. Some were wise, and some were otherwise.

It is amusing to note the financial anxiety of many of the newly ushered in Freshmen. One of them came up to a last year's Freshman and with sorrow in his face, and tremulo in his voice, and tears in his eyes asked: "Does it cost very much more to be a Freshman? Will we have to give up our 'Prep cigars and smoke 'nickelers'?"

The reception of the alumni this year was held at the residence of Miss Mollie Carter, '78. Quite a number were present and it was a happy reunion. A grand banquet was served after which several very witty and pointed toasts were given. One of these was on the "HESPERIAN STUDENT difficulties," by H. H. Wilson, '78. It abounded in much sly humor at the expense of us undergraduates.

The circus was very instrumental in developing the etymological powers of the students. The word "Casanovia" down by the side-show caught the attention of a Senior and a Junior the other day. Senior (a Latin scholar) "Casanovia," *novus* means new. Junior (a German scholar) And *case* means cheese. New cheese. I wonder if they charge ten cents just to look at new cheese. These circuses are frauds anyhow.

The Commercial was favored the other evening with a serenade. Ejaculations like, "How much they have improved!" were freely used by the listeners. Mr. Imhoff, like the rest, was very favorably impressed with the skill displayed by the musicians, and he sent them down town to get some ice-cream. The next day he met the leader of the city band and thanked him for the serenade. The leader was not sharp but said, "we did not play last night. It must have been those University boys."

Let it be distinctly understood that this is our parting thrust at the Senior class; and let the gentleman not think that this is the "most unkindest cut of all." A certain Senior roomed up stairs in a house in which a lady and her daughter also lived. It happened also that this Senior and this young lady were very good friends inasmuch that the