

Hillsdale College claims to have a self registering "foolometer" by which the "amount of vacuum pressure" may be immediately ascertained.

*Foster Academy Review* looks about the same as it did before. It is rather thin and we would suggest the addition of an exchange column. The exchange editor, — no, the exchange editor's name is there but it seems to be mainly for show.

*The Blackburnian* for October prints the two leading orations of the Illinois State Oratorical Contest at Carlinville, Ill. They are respectively "The Mission of the Anglo-Saxons" by F. J. Walsh of Chicago University, and "France and the Huguenot" by T. H. Micheal of Monmouth College.

Michigan University takes the cake for athletics. While other college papers are pleading for gymnasiums and more interest from students *The Argonaut* comes out with a four page sheet with little in but the report of their athletic contest. This is what we admire. As Francis Parker says "Learn to do by doing."

*The Central Ray* receives a welcome to our table. Its department of college news is quite spicy but there are too many clippings. Almost the entire literary part is *not* original. It may be easier to merely clip, and perhaps just as useful, but we prefer to see the matter go through the mental hash mill. It changes the shape at least.

A correspondent of *College Chips* thinks that Luther College should pay more attention to oratorical contests because it makes a specialty of preparing for the ministry. Our experience is that while oratory may be a very good thing for a minister he will lose all other qualifications for that office by mixing in oratorical contests.

*The Northwestern* thinks college students should learn to sing. By the way the *Northwestern's* funny column has some good hints, e. g.—A poet writes: "I send you my poem, but I fear I made a mistake in not writing a refrain to it." Never mind; we will do the refraining for you. The way in which we shall refrain from printing it will finish the poem beautifully.

How's this? The Freshmen of the University of California have adopted for a class hat a white mortar-board. The Sophs threaten to pulverize every one that makes its appearance on the campus. Seriously, class spirit carried to such extremes is a curse to any college. Anything that prevents just recognition of individual worth should be banished from college life.

Our exchange from Notre Dame wastes over two columns in an effort to criticize the oration which won second prize at the Ill. Or. Contest. Some of the criticism may have been deserved but it should have been given in a more impartial spirit. It may be very hard for Catholics to smother their prejudice but their criticisms would be much more forcible did they do it.

We are happy to notice the *Wm. Jewell Student*. It comes from Wm. Jewell College Liberty, Mo. We are pleased with any extension of our exchange list. It gives us a wider range in which to spread ourselves. *The Student* is quite a neat little paper and contains some good pieces. It seems to us hardly worth while to include in a college paper so much that can be obtained in any ordinary town paper.

The students of Central Univ. of Iowa sign, on matriculation, a pledge requiring: 1st. Abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquor.

2nd. Abstinence from the use of profane language.

3rd. Submission to the requirements of the Faculty.

4th. That students shall not join any Greek Letter Fraternity.

*The Hillsdale Advance* for October 21st contains the third paper of "Lives of the founders and Builders of Hillsdale College" which to our dismay is continued. To our mind the effort would be more forceful written in more moderate and less extravagant language. If the article with the pretentious title of "Our March Through the Present" were divided into locals and editorials it would be more appropriate.

*The Vidette Reporter* says more weight should be given to delivery than either thought or style. The system in use in Inter-State Contest gives the delivery weight equal to both matter and style. There is much truth in the remark but out here they do it somewhat differently. The tender youth of one who fails in delivery is sufficient to excuse any break, while the evident necessity for encouragement gives him a mark of one hundred per cent.

*The Notre Dame Scholastic* has a long article on the crusades. Perhaps it is natural for the Students of Notre Dame to look at the question from a Catholic standpoint, but the writer has made some conspicuous omissions. He addresses himself to the prejudices and feelings of his readers. He speaks in glowing language of the pilgrims and barbarous Turks apparently forgetting that the Christians showed themselves more barbarous than their antagonists. No one ever strengthened his position by presuming on ignorance in his auditors and no true position was ever shaken by the truth.

We welcome the *Hesperian* in a new dress, but internally she is the same "old chip." Her sarcasm is sharp, but if edged with sincerity would it not cut deeper? Yet in truth, 'tis a relief to meet a new and spicy condiment in the *pot pourri* of the exchange editor's department. Keep it up, brother, your "chippiness" is ever welcome.—*University Quarterly*.

Thanks. We are confirmed in our opinion that, though variety may be the spice of life, it is not the only spice of a college paper but must share that title with sarcasm. Much obliged for the suggestion. So soon as we are able to find any sincerity around the HESPERIAN office you may expect to see our sarcasm take a better edge.

Apropos of college orations and oratorical contests *The Vidette Reporter* gets off the following, on the ordinary college spout:

"It is strained and unnatural. It tries to draw the hearer away from the ordinary language in which he thinks, to a swollen diction which introduces no new thoughts, but only buries the old ones deeper. It uses the same old stock of metaphors. It talks a great deal about the *cloister*, dwells fondly over the *past*, invariably says *toil for work*, is immensely concerned about the *starving peasant*, but its pet hobby is *civilization*. And all this is very interesting—to sleep under. There must be a change. What we want is vigor, and life, and naturalness. Let our orations talk, not rant."

*The Vanderbilt Observer* comes out with an article on the extremely new topic "Should the classics still be studied?" College papers need an example in this particular, and we are glad *The Observer* has taken the initiative in wading into here-to-fore unexplored fields of work. It does our heart good to see something like this on a subject that is of such great interest to every student. It is a subject on which very little is written and we return hearty and appreciative thanks to *The Observer* for its efforts to throw light on the subject. How thankful we are that we have one paper among our exchanges that is willing to be a pioneer in the unknown regions of thought. It is so much better to have subjects on which nothing has yet been written. *The Observer* sets a good example, and we commend it for the emulation of our exchange list.