

In spite of dire prophecies of disgrace; in spite of deep drawn sighs, and rumbling groans from pusillanimous alumni, the University has gone into the State Oratorical Association with flying banners—banners of sufficient size to wrap victory round about and forcibly retain her. The following officers have been elected: President, O. W. Fifer; vice-president, G. W. Gerwig; secretary and treasurer, T. S. Allen.

One of the second prep. girls, who seems afflicted with an overflowing amount of brain power, when she had been surpassed a few marks, wished a double lesson. In her enthusiasm she seemed to forget that many students are less bright than she, and that other things are of more importance than Latin. High marks are not evidence of ability. Remember this or perhaps some day you will receive a "heavy blow and great discouragement."

Baron de Stoughton,
The lord of the farm,
Though in title imposing,
Can do little harm.
Though his brain be capacious,
His limbs are not spacious.
His muscle need cause no alarm.
Besides
Jared G.
Smith, he
Has also a title of nobilitee.

DIRECT POINTERS.

Call on Eddddd. Cerf & Cooo.
Bargains at Chicago shoe store.
Go to Ewing's for fall overcoats.
Hats and caps at Ed. Cerf & Co's.
Cadet suits, gloves and caps at Ewing's.
Manley has the cream of the candy trade.
Go to Ed. Cerf & Co. for furnishing goods.
Clothing for every body at Ed. Cerf & Co's.
The latest styles in hats at Ed. Cerf & Co's.
Special prices to students at T. Ewing & Co's.
Webster & Briscoe, boots and shoes, 1023 O St.
Ten per cent off to students at W. W. Webster's.
Students will receive best of attention at Manley's.
Get your shirts made at Capital City Shirt Factory.
Go to Mrs. W. E. Gosper's, 1114 O St., for Millinery.

FOUR BOOKS LEARNED IN ONE READING.

A year's work done in ten days. From the Chaplin of Exeter College, and Houghton Syriac Prizeman, Oxford.

Coll. Exon., September, 1888.

Dear Sir:—In April, 1885, while thinking of taking orders in September, I suddenly received notice that my ordination examination would take place in a fortnight. I had only ten (10) days in which to prepare for the exam. I should recommend a year's preparation in the case of one so utterly unprepared as I was; but your system had so strengthened my natural memory, that I was able to remember and give the gist of any book after reading it once. I therefore read Lightfoot, Proctor, Harold Browne, Mosheim, &c., &c., and was successful in every one of the nine papers. The present Bishop of Edinburgh knows the facts. Faithfully yours, [Rev.] JAMES MIDDLETON MACDONALD, [M. A.]
To Prof. A. Loissette, 237 Fifth Ave., New York.

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

The *Academian* for November tries its hand at fiction. Everybody should read the "Captain's Romance." The fact that it did not "turn out right," only proves it is true to nature.

The *Haverfordian* for November has a very interesting article, "Notes on the Student Life in a 'Medical College.'" Since we have nothing of the kind in our institution such articles are doubly welcome and entertaining.

Brown University has raised \$80,000 for a new gymnasium. Cincinnati University is without a turning pole. *Cin. Univ. Review*.

Let us extend sympathy to our brethren in misery at Cincinnati. We are with you.

From the *Critic*, published at New Haven, comes a complaint that THE HESPERIAN is a waste of paper and ink. We have heard that before. Keep it up. We wouldn't have the *Critic* break the fault finding monotony of its exchange column by a complimentary notice, no, not if we never heard a pleasant word.

The *Hamilton Review* for October contains an article on the American novel that must meet the approval of every lover of what is good and pure and true in literature. The writer shows the result of the trashy, vile, immoral, degraded novel of to-day. Man is robbed of his manhood, woman of her feminine sweetness and purity.

In view of the fact that there is an utter lack of anything worth calling athletic in this college, it is refreshing to turn to such papers as the *Swarthmore Phoenix* and to read their athletic columns. Football seems to be the favorite game, and the *Phoenix* for November devotes half a dozen columns to accounts of the games between Swarthmore and neighboring colleges. May the time soon come when it will be possible for something of the kind to be done here.

Not all colleges are blessed with the freedom we of the University of Nebraska enjoy, as may be seen by the locals of our numerous exchanges. The *College Student* for November contains a well written article on "Compulsory Attendance at Chapel." The writer argues against compulsion on the ground that it is against the freedom of religion, contrary to man's idea of his relation to his God, and detrimental to a healthy growth of personal responsibility. The University of Nebraska is fortunate in having a faculty broad minded enough to think that students have some sense, of their responsibilities and that they are alive to their duties as students and as men.

A good many of our exchanges are late in coming. Those that have thus far put in an appearance are up to their usual standard of literary excellence. We notice a great amount of discussion as to oratorical work going on among the papers. Nearly every other paper that comes to THE HESPERIAN office contains one or more prize essays or orations, together with an account of some contest. This is as it should be. The training we get in an oratorical way is by no means the least valuable part of our education. The University has gone into something of the kind herself, in entering the State Oratorical association. Keep up your reports of contests, fellow collegians, and let us have the benefit of your experience and advice.

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