

closely written descriptions, with tables and numerous diagrams. The peculiarities of the structure are mainly due to the fact that the narrow flexible petiole permits the blade to droop into a vertical position, thus exposing both surfaces about equally to the light. The thesis, besides being praiseworthy from a scientific standpoint, shows a very smooth and entertaining literary style.

E. R. Tingley has worked up the geology of Lancaster county. He has given a history of all formations and traced the development of the natural features now seen. The stratigraphy, topography and paleontology are fully described. Seventeen or eighteen pages of drawings, containing nearly one hundred figures add to the value of the thesis. Nearly all fossil shells and plants of the county are illustrated.

G. W. Gerwig has traced the "Development of Simplicity in English Writers." The authors from Chaucer down to modern English and American authors have been made the subject of the investigation. The classification has been made upon two bases—the number of predications to a period and the proportion of simple sentences. The conclusions reached are put in tabulated form and show that among English authors, Macaulay has attained greatest success in the matter of simplicity, and among American authors Emerson is to be ranked first in this respect. General Grants "Memoirs" rank high according to both standards. The results of Mr. Gerwig's investigations tally closely with the results reached by Professor Sherman in his investigations of sentence length.

#### ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS.

Any information as to location or occupation of those who have been students in former days will be thankfully received. Will alumni please notify us of any change of residence or any great things they may do.

'89—Harry Hicks, once of '89, was noticed in the halls Thursday.

'91—Miss Myrtle Robertson, formerly of '91 was visiting Uni friends last week.

Miss Nellie Young, who for the past year has been studying violin music in Boston, will return soon.

'86—James R. Foree is a member of the firm of Peterson & Foree, "Lands, Loans and Collections," Tekamah, Neb.

'87—Paul Clark was around the Uni, Friday, getting "kicked" for not going to Ulysses to umpire the ball game for the U. of N's.

'87.—Elton Fulmer will take his second degree (M. A.) on commencement day. His thesis is a study of the water from the artesian wells in the post-office square and at the salt works.

W. W. Robertson, of the *Sidney Telegraph*, will be down commencement week to see his former classmates take the final step from the sheltering walls of the University into the cold, cold world.

Miss Mabeth Hurd, one of last year's students, is progressing rapidly with her art studies in the Massachusetts Normal Art School, Boston. She recently received a flattering offer to teach drawing in one of the public high schools of Massachusetts but did not see fit to accept. Miss Hurd makes a specialty of illustrating.

Mrs. Emma Cherry *nee* Richardson, who had charge of the art department in this institution seven or eight years ago, and who has been studying in Paris for the past two years will return to this country in June and will make Denver her

future home. Her work was admitted to the Paris Salon in '88. Her many friends in Lincoln are pleased to hear of her success.

MARRIED.—At Humboldt, Nebraska, May 22, Mr. W. S. Perrin, '87, and Miss Eugenia Linn, a well remembered former student. THE HESPERIAN takes pleasure in noting these unions between fellow students and in this particular one is the more interested as Mr. Perrin was formerly editor-in-chief of this paper. All the friends of both parties to the happy affair unite in wishing the pair all the happiness this life can give. They are now "at home" at Roca after having taken a tour to Denver.

#### PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

THURSDAY, June 6, 8:00 p. m., in University chapel; annual exhibition of Philodicean society.

FRIDAY, June 7, 8:00 p. m., in University chapel; annual exhibition of Palladian society.

SATURDAY, June 8, 9 12 a. m. and 2-6 p. m., University campus; Field Day sports. 8:00 p. m.; annual exhibition of University Union society.

SUNDAY, June 9, 8:00 p. m., in Opera house; Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Dr. Duryea.

MONDAY, June 10, 9 12 a. m.; competitive infantry drill. 2-6 p. m.; competitive artillery drill. 6 p. m.; dress parade, and awarding of prizes by Governor Thayer. All on University campus. 8:00 p. m., University chapel; annual exhibition of Delian society.

TUESDAY, June 11, 9:30 a. m.; Class Day exercises in chapel. 5:00 p. m., alumni reunion, University chapel, address by G. E. Howard, followed by Alumni supper with toasts.

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 10:00 a. m., Commencement exercises in Opera house. 8-12 p. m., annual reception in Grant Memorial hall.

#### COMMENCEMENT HESPERIAN.

We are very glad to say that the double number of THE HESPERIAN will be published. The greater number of the students and the faculty have shown their appreciation of the enterprise and enough copies have been ordered so that the business manager will make the venture. If possible the issue will gotten out so that the papers may be delivered as the audience leaves the opera house on commencement day. If this is not possible they may be gotten in THE HESPERIAN office in the afternoon of June 12, or at the reception in the evening. In undertaking this it has been assumed that every copy ordered will be taken. The honor of the students has thus been trusted. But printers can not be paid in promises and there will be almost no chance to collect money after the paper is out. It will be quite necessary then for as many as possible to pay for their copies before receiving them, thus preventing much trouble and risk. All copies which have been ordered and are not delivered before 9 p. m. of Wednesday, June 12, will be mailed to the address given in catalogue and the amount due for them, 10 cents each, should be remitted to E. R. Holmes, Kearney, Neb. All those wishing copies should give their order beforehand as only a few more than are ordered will be printed. Every effort will be made to furnish a well written account of all happenings of the week, as full as space will permit. The graduating orations will be given in full. Payment for extra copies should be made to business manager, E. R. Holmes, or to H. P. Kerr.