

The *Southern University Monthly* pleads nausea in the face of facts and arguments. That is a childish complaint. We wish, moreover, to explain that we do not complain but claim.

The much talked of monthly literary magazine of Brown university, present Vol. I, No. 1, for April. It is a very good exhibition of college literary ability. Its poetry is considerably above the average college variety.

The *Tuftonian* asks, "Is the college press free?" Most emphatically no. College editors, like politicians, to get an office must be prudent with their tongues or rather with their pens. If you don't think so write to the exchange editor of the M. S. U. *Argus*.

Some time since the *Norfolk Collegian* wanted someone to please tell them all about "McGinty." Wonder if the "dear girls" have yet found out. If they haven't and will wait a little longer, perhaps the old man himself will come back and tell them a wondrous tale, more marvelous by far than any of Jules Verne's.

The *Owl*, Ottawa College, "disclaims the remotest connection with the Mutual Admiration league," at which we hinted several issues back, but yet acknowledged that it "is a fastidious bird, and not every kind of food is agreeable to its taste." That is nearly what we said and we are glad thus to be confirmed in our statement.

This editor has at last got hold of the Nebraska W. U. paper. It is now called the *Ecritean*, more classical, you know, than *Hatchet* and besides comparisons with George's hatchet story are odious at least just at present. The paper, however, is very well rooted for so young a growth. We predict that the next issue will make the hair fly.

The *Vassar Miscellany* thinks that THE HESPERIAN's arguments against fraternities would gain much in force if they were to lose somewhat of their bitterness and personal per-judice. This is but a sample of the general charges brought against THE HESPERIAN by different college papers. If they would give some specifications we would appreciate it. Moreover we never expect to become more prejudiced or bitter than those that attack us. Furthermore it is only by making arguments which cut that we are able even to receive a reply from a servile college press and besides we are in this matter to fight and not to give sugar coated arguments. We mean to have the courage of our convictions and to let them be known, for truth will out.

In reading the criticisms vented in some of the exchange columns we are often reminded of the story of the high school student who cribbed an essay from Bolingbroke, who was noted for the brilliancy of his style but at the same time a lack of thought. Now, this student handed in the essay and received a fair mark from the professor, together with the remark that there was considerable immaturity in his style, but that his thought was excellent. Similarly, some time ago, some paper, we forget which one, criticised an oration that appeared in THE HESPERIAN as being but fair in style and lacking in original thought. The *College Review* now says that it is a well written oration giving in eloquent words of praise the admirable works of its subject, Charles Stewart Parnell. It is said that great minds run in the same channel. Is it possible that small minds run in different courses. We would not think so.

The *Simpsonian* denounces THE HESPERIAN's attitude toward fraternities. It says that among its exchanges there is but one parallel to THE HESPERIAN and that is the exchange department of the *Niagara Index*. A beautiful simile!

It then says that whether we continue our fight for notoriety or because we are genuine anti-frats, we but disgust other people and produce no effect. As to disgusting people it makes all the difference in the world who and what they are, and judging from the notices we are constantly receiving, we are led to believe that some little effect at least is being produced. The *Simpsonian* declares our accusations against the Greek system to be ungrounded and false. In reply to this mere assertion, it gives us great pleasure to look to the inside a moment and refer to a letter written by a member of the *Simpsonian* staff to the organ of his fraternity, the *Palm*. In this letter he gives the inside of matters at Simpson. He says he is compelled to report a growing feeling of opposition to fraternities and a consequent lack of frat activity. He accounts for this by saying that fraternity there has come to mean nothing but scheming for office and that the chapters located there have for the past few years assumed but little prominence except in these capacities. He then goes on to say that when they saw that this was hurting them (and he assigns no other reason) they quit their meanness. In view of all this, then, shall they say our statements and accusations are ungrounded and false? And are we to feel that we are talking to the wind even though our paper is such an insignificant sheet, as some of our frat exchanges are pleased to call it? May we never so belittle ourselves as to try to belittle the utterances of any exchange of however low a rank, by taunting them about their position.

The following from the *Practical Student* of the Ohio W. U. is interesting reading to say the least:

"The inter state oratorical contest will occur at Lincoln, Neb., on Thursday evening, May 1 under the auspices of Nebraska State University. Mr. H. C. Peterson, chairman of committee on entertainment, sends out a letter from which the following is an extract: 'It has been suggested to have a ball immediately after the banquet. All the denominational schools of the state have objected for reasons probably sufficient to them. If the visitors are to be kept here until Friday evening it will be necessary that the entertainment that evening be especially good. We have the unqualified approval of our plan from the executive committee of the inter-state association. One of the members of this committee is from the Ohio Wesleyan University, probably as Christian a school as Nebraska can boast.'

We quote this to protest against the use made of the name of our university as apparently sanctioning the proposed ball in opposition to the ideas of the denominational colleges of Nebraska. While Mr. Allen was a student here at the time he was elected to his position in the inter-state association, he has not been in college for nearly a year; and whatever his opinion in regard to the ball, we do not believe that with his knowledge of the position of our university on the amusement question he would pretend to give the proposed ball the sanction of the university. We cannot believe that this letter, emphasizing so especially the fact that the representative of the Ohio Wesleyan University, a pre-eminently Christian institution approves of the ball, was published with Mr. Allen's approval."

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