

tor farms his own land, his reputation as a farmer may suffer. For the Boer is thrifty but lazy. He rides a horse and shoots a gun. He has made his money by grazing cattle and his slaves watch over them while he lolls on the piazza of his farm house. The American farmer will be an example as well as a competitor to him.

Mr. Bryan says in answer to The World's despatch to him at Lincoln, Nebraska, asking his views on the suggestion to invite the Boers to America:

"The Boers are industrious and intelligent, and have shown themselves lovers of liberty. If they lose their fight for independence I hope they will come to the United States. I wish they could come soon enough to help save this country from the imperialism that is driving them from South Africa. A small part of the money now being expended on a war of conquest would, if spent in reclaiming arid lands, furnish homes for all the Boers and thousands of our people besides.

"I wish there were more of them in this country. They would well take the place of a good many republicans who believe in the imperialistic policy of Great Britain."

Along Those Lines.

In the daily papers even the professional reporters reporting the Biennial meeting at Milwaukee sprinkle an alongtheselines in nearly every stick of copy. It is more difficult than it appears to make a club speech, or report a club meeting and leave out club terminology. But because spring is still with us, because the rains have made this part of the world look fresher and newer than it has for a hundred years, because the Federation itself is new, young, enthusiastic, of unmeasured energy, club women should select their phrases fastidiously. Loose phrases which were in use a long time ago by high school graduates in white swiss music, ought to be discarded by members of an organization whose reason for being is the hope, the will and the ability to freshen a great many things that have been decaying ever since woman began to stay at home and attend to nothing outside the four walls of her dwelling.

The English language is our noblest institution and inheritance. It may not be perfect, but humanly speaking, and as other languages go, it is. French is more flexible, has more shades, but lacks depth and seriousness; German is more rigid, it has depth and large seriousness, but it is also frequently lugubrious and it is always heavy and in sound guttural. Italian and Spanish are musical and poetic, but the history and genius of a romance language unfits it for the medium of expression of an Anglo-Saxon race. Club speakers cannot reform the language, but they can relieve it of the rubbish which succeeding generations have deposited upon it,—careless ancestors ignorant of its rules and unmindful of its beauty, responsiveness and cunning enginery. These people have fastened on to the language loosely, (and they may be easily detached) meaningless phrases and dislocated adjectives. The function of city improvement societies is not to build monuments but to set an example of tidiness, wholesomeness, and respect for city ordinances and city officers. One mission of the club woman as heir to the riches of the language that Shakspeare wrote, is to restore it to its original purity, to lovingly and reverently endeavor to exclude from her own vocabulary silly and meaningless phrases and words, and fastidiously to choose from her

stock the words which will *exactly* express *her* meaning. For notwithstanding all those who have written and spoken English, no two have thought exactly alike. Therefore each must express his own thought and select his own words. If the work of assortment is carefully done it will take more time. Essays will be fewer and better, speeches shorter, flavored more by personality of virgin freshness. Of such essays and speeches we do not tire and the complaints so often made, of the monotony of a woman's club program, would grow fainter were such rules followed.

Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

Representatives of Nebraska University Alumnae have accepted the invitation extended them to join the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. Although the A. C. A. was organized in 1882 only twenty-two colleges have been admitted to membership. The invitation to this university is a recognition of its curricula, faculty, and the correlative scholarship of the graduates.

The organization was created to associate college women, for the purpose of increasing their usefulness to communities and to each other. It is in the way of becoming a bureau of employment, and it has efficiently united the alumnae of the universities in membership, united them socially, and in work. It keeps the alumnae in sympathy with college work and it is proposed that the Lincoln branch hold monthly meetings and cultivate the acquaintance of under-graduates, that there may be lines of communication open between the new and the old.

Statistically the A. C. A. has made valuable contributions to facts about alumnae. By letters addressed to a large proportion of women college graduates in this country the association has been enabled to refute fossil lies about alumnae, their poor health, the small percentage of successful matrimonial experiments among them their poor eye-sight, superfluous book-knowledge etc., etc.

The Lincoln branch of A. C. A. will meet at the university next Thursday, June 14th. Everyone interested is invited, is urgently invited to be present

The Baccalaureate Season.

Chancellors, presidents, ministers and learned doctors of science and letters have been for two weeks giving advice to college, technical school, and high school classes. The characteristic of nearly all such addresses is, not erudition, though that effect is not absent, but a yearning tenderness for the youth about to take their turn at earning a living, supporting a family and bearing responsibilities which according as they are well borne or shirked in the next ten years will make this country better or worse.

The men usually selected to make these baccalaureate appeals are men who have lived clean, upright scholarly lives, in direct contact with under-graduate students. Their existence has not been without the trials and temptations of humanity, but in all probability they conquer more temptations than the ordinary man. Plain living and high thinking and the effect upon the character of being a sincerely good example for the young have made baccalaureates rarely good men and safe guides.

Acting Chancellor Bessey's address to the university class of 1900, was a tender, encouraging, inspiring speech from a man of character and of superb attainment in science. Genuinely sympathetic with the youth who

listened to him, the advice he gave them was that of a veteran general who addresses and seeks to inspire his troops on the evening before a battle or the beginning of a campaign wherein he knows many will be killed, some will run and others will fight it out to the end, to their own glory and their country's salvation.

The free gift by the unlettered workers of the state of an education such as that obtainable at the state university is not entirely appreciated by lower class men. Seniors and graduates begin to appreciate the largess of the state and their obligations to it. Doctor Bessey expressed very plainly the return they were in duty bound to make. His texts were:

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

"As my father has sent me, even so send I you."

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

Pro and Anti Thompson.

It is "indicated," as the palmists say, that there will be a difference of opinion at the meeting of the Abraham Lincoln club to-night. The adherents of Mr. Thompson, who from appearances are in the majority, have given dissenters a week's notice that the club will on Saturday night, the 9th of June, pass a resolution recommending, approving or sanctioning Mr. Thompson's candidacy for the office of United States senator.

It is a warm time of the year and men who inveterately come down town after supper to see a man, now affect a smoke in a willow chair or a hammock on their own porch or lawn. But to-night, wet or dry, hot or cool, the membership of the Abraham Lincoln club will face two ways on the personal issue which has created a schism in the club, in the county and may yet enfeeble the republicanism of the state. Old time leaders of the party, who are well acquainted with Mr. Thompson, who have associated with him in business and in society are convinced that he is not a suitable representative of the party. They assert that he offered at the end of the last struggle to vote with the populists on all bills but those involving the silver question, if they would elect him instead of Senator Hayward. They are convinced that this treacherous ruse and betrayal and the suspense of the hours after the republican caucus in which Mr. Thompson's supporters and the populists were considering it, caused the lesion of the blood-vessel which was the beginning of Mr. Hayward's fatal illness. They believe that Mr. Thompson's influence on municipal politics has been corrupt, that his tools who have done his errands and his bidding are not desirable friends of and conductors of patronage from a United States senator to Nebraskans. These are a few, and the mildest, of the opinions that will be expressed at the meeting of the Abraham Lincoln club tonight, if the indications are authentic.

Oom Paul's Heroism.

Oom Paul has little regard for his hero-worshippers and for his posthumous fame, which at least lasts longer than contemporary notoriety even if the departed is not in a position to enjoy it so much. For he has taken the treasure of gold of the Transvaal "republic" and fled to the coast where before the English get near enough his hiding place to make his capture inevitable, he will flee to

some other country willing to receive him and his treasure. The Transvaal troops have fought and died without pay, but Oom Paul has sent 2,000,000 pounds to Holland where he and Fru Kruger can buy the best there is and as much of it as they want. The climate may be a trifle damp for a farmer accustomed to the dry veldt, but it is preferable to St. Helena and more sociable. If Oom Paul wishes to escape in this inglorious fashion with the money of his Boer fellow citizens, no statesman will attempt to stop him. As a martyr on St. Helena, the old man would be a pathetic figure. As a double-chinned, Dutch burgher, smoking a pipe and enjoying the placid life of Holland, loyalty to him would be far-fetched and impracticable.

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