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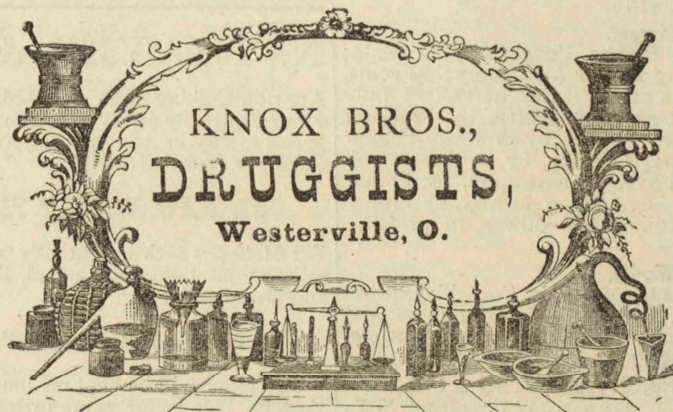
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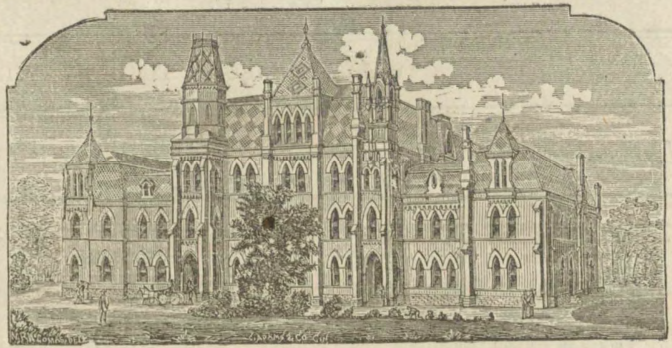
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THE CENTENNIAL HYMN.

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

Through storm and calm the years have led
Our nation on from stage to stage;
A century's space until we tread
The threshold of another age.

We see there, o'er our pathway swept,
A torrent stream of blood and fire;
And thank the ruling power who kept
Our sacred league of States entire.

Oh! checkered train of years, farewell,
With all thy strifes and hopes and fears;
But with us let thy memories dwell,
To warn and lead the coming years.

And thou, the new beginning age,
Warned by the past and not in vain,
Write on a fairer, whiter page
The record of thy happier reign.

AMERICAN MERIT.

A CLASS-DAY ORATION BY I. A. LOOSE.

[Published at the Editor's request.]

THE spirit of the times, and the nature of this occasion concur to draw attention to the present stage of society and the American Republic, which may directly lead to the consideration of American Merit. To-day is a grand epoch in the history of nations. The power of the sword is being laid aside and the weapon of intellect substituted. The great nationalities of Europe and America, yea of the whole world, are all alive to the spirit of progress. China and Japan are being resurrected from their strange slumbering tremor. Germany is throwing off the garb of rationalism and putting on the more comely dress of evangelical energy. France is learning the emptiness of vanity and superficialness of mere nicety. England is still struggling with materialism, but only to prove to herself the reality of a profound spirituality. But America is the common battlefield for all intellectual warfare, the nursery of scholarship, a field of great political triumph, a home for brave and free. National Merit may be estimated from comparison with other nations, but the proper test of all merit is truth, and it is only in the light of this standard that the just preeminence of American merit can be made to appear. To enter upon the track of our country's marvelous growth and brief though eventful career it is not necessary to explore the dim regions of antiquity. The facts of her history are comparatively recent. To those who chiefly value facts as illustrative of principles, and see in the course of events the grand problem of humanity, the occurrences in the new world, from its discovery to the present hour, offer a comprehensive interest. "There are relations both to the past and future which render American history the most suggestive episode in the annals of the world, and give it a universal as well as special dignity." It was a spirit, call it the genius of soul, the eternal force of God, or what you will, that prompted the hero of 1492 to sail for a new world which proved to be a new arena of life, a stage of action hitherto rudely occupied by rude men, but now thrown open to the influence of the combined power of humanity's intellect. The wisdom and criticism

of ages had their channels of access. The lessons of the past now found a sphere where they might be demonstrated to actual realities and spirits of oppressed found refuge. It was thus that our America entered upon her career free and independent, as it were a new world whose golden gates were thrown open by the hand of Providence that lever of ages for man from all parts of the earth, giving him a new field, a fresh impetus to enlarge the powers of mind and matter, to hasten toward perfection the progress of society and the progress of individuals, the two grand and central elements of civilization. With this excellent ground of establishing a nation, what now is the reputation she has earned for herself in point of improving the condition of man, what glory does she merit in the eyes of humanity, what have America and the spirit of the American people done for the melioration of the social system and the expansion of the mind and faculties of man? Certainly for the former she has done a great deal in generating kindly feeling and ministering to natural wants. The inventive genius of our country has supplied every demand which its rapid development has created. To Americans, the world owes the application of steam to navigation, the invention of the electric telegraph, with a host of like facilities and some of the most important discoveries in the realm of chemistry. Europe teems with the material products of American genius. In a word, America is the leading nation in all matters of material invention and construction, and no other nation rivals nor approaches her.

In the higher departments of intellectual effort our country has kept equal pace with her growth in riches. Her literary efforts are marked by rude and untutored vigor, by charity and broadness of sympathy. The American is not a bigot to his own country. He recognizes no one person as the personification of government. The intellect and soul are nobly developed. The names of our painters and sculptors and poets, historians and scholars are familiar to all. Certainly our record is one of peculiar grandeur and essentially American in its development. The English delight in telling us how our own history was but a practical demonstration of the principles which the noblest spirits of England advocated with their pens and sealed with their blood; how the colonists fed upon the noble vigor of English letters, the rich literature of the Elizabethan age and the times of Cromwell; that the intelligent votaries of American liberty should be considered as lineal descendants, in the love of freedom and humanity, of Milton, Locke and Sydney. But with all this talk, however frequently it be repeated, it is nevertheless true that the American people merit the credit of having really vitalized and energized these ideals, and even more, it must be acknowledged as well that these ideals were the outgrowth of American individualism and individual Americanism. It was a grand principle of liberty and independence that the American continent, if not the American soil developed. Liberty and freedom triumphed so remarkably from the fact that the American colonies were planted in a country itself removed from the powers of despotism. It is because these colonies felt at a distance from the fetters of physical violence that they gave play to the natural impulses of the soul with so

remarkable a triumph. In fact, the chief and characteristic merit of American institutions and American culture is the grand fact that it is a grand development of the natural instinct and impulse of the soul. Whatever credit then is due to American institutions, to American culture, to American liberty, to American freedom, it must be remembered that the triumph and achievement of the same is due to America and the spirit of the American people. The natural advantages of our country, rich in resources, varied in products, magnificent in physical aspect, contribute to give man a many sided and powerful development. Nor has the American failed to profit by these advantages. He has planted a free government on the largest and most liberal scale known in history. He has projected a civilization which, though as yet but dimly traced in outline, is the vastest and grandest in the world. A civilization, an American civilization, a people, that will not submit to the behests of tyranny. It is determined not to be hemmed in by the fetters of force. It is free from the despotism of power and ignominy of superstition. It instinctively asserts and enforces human rights, and moreover it is essentially Christian. As the silent forces of Christianity have made America what she is, grandly she has right to defend it. She may legislate against every encroachment upon her liberties, even though it be under the form of a church organization. To-day, the "Red Hat" which crowns the head of the Romish Cardinal in opposition to her cherished principle, personal merit the only badge of distinction, ought to be sunk in blood. America, with her just and broad estimate of equal rights, pre-eminently merits the credit of having given an impetus to the human race, so that breaking the bonds of its servitude, and escaping at length from its long imprisonment, it struck out across the fields of sublime possibility, the promised pathway leading to the final triumph. Though there are still doubts and fears arising in the soul of the philanthropist as he turns his gaze to the future, there are hopes also, tokens of the substantial victory of truth, inspirations of faith swelling up in the heart of the watcher, as he scans the dappled dome of the coming day.

THE CHOICE OF A PROFESSION.

ONE of the first questions that meet the student, and one too, second in importance only to the question of his personal salvation, is the question of his life calling; the proper decision of which demands his best thought and the closest scrutiny of his natural endowments and peculiar traits of character, as well as his acquired ability. Notwithstanding the importance of this question, and the difficulty of its proper decision it meets us at the very threshold of life. It must be decided before one can safely and wisely go forward. A failure here has set many a valuable life adrift upon the great ocean, to be driven hither and thither by the changing breezes of its own fancy, falling and rising with the ebb and flow of the tides of fortune, until the morning has receded and the day begins to wane with but little of the task of life accomplished. Whether or not this question should be decided before the student enters upon his college course, when the mind is yet in an undeveloped state, is a debatable

question, but there can be no doubt that, when he goes forth from his alma mater to take his place as an actor in life's drama, he should know what part he is to play.

In considering this matter, the question should not be "What profession shall I adopt that I may pass through life in kid gloves and satin slippers?" or "What shall I pursue in order to amass the greatest riches, or gain the popular applause of the multitude?" but "What shall I do that I may be most useful to man and best glorify God?" Although having the glory of God and the good of man in view, there is great danger of a mistake in the choice of a profession. Many a young man, with an earnest desire to be useful, has been led to adopt a profession to which he had but little adaptation, simply because it seemed to be the most direct route to the accomplishment of his purpose, and the one in which success had been attained by others, forgetting that what is an efficient means in the hands of one may be very inefficient, and even destructive in the hands of another. A helmet of brass, a coat of mail, and a sword of steel, may be the armor for a Saul, but David will do better execution with his staff, a shepherd's bag, and a sling with a few pebbles from the brook. While the learned professions offer abundant opportunities for usefulness, all cannot be doctors, else where were the patients? neither can all be lawyers, or preachers, else where were the clients and the parishioners? nor indeed are all, or even a majority adapted to these professions. There are men to-day practicing within the bar whose burning eloquence ought to be calling to sinners from the pulpit. There are others in the pulpit who, though they are inferior preachers, might make first class physicians, and in each of these professions there are men who ought to be teachers, farmers, mechanics, merchants, or something else for which they are better adapted. The world is wide, and the work to be done is varied, but equally varied are the talents and idiosyncrasies of men; so there is a legitimate work for every man, and a man for every legitimate work. And there are more employments in which the faithful workers may become useful and even renowned than many of us have "dreamed of." But the question still comes "What is *my* work? and how shall I find it?" As I have already indicated there should be a careful analysis of the peculiar organism and temperament of the mind; a candid consideration of the wants of men, and last and most important, a willing and cheerful submission of the whole matter to a Divine Providence who has promised to guide us into all truth. No man should be a preacher because a fond and doting mother, or some other cherished friend told him when a boy, that he would make a preacher; nor should any one adopt any other calling for a like frivolous reason. We should be if possible what God would have us be. Having thus carefully and prayerfully chosen our calling, we may reasonable hope for success, if, with a proper devotion, we pursue the work before us. A man must throw his soul into his business if he would succeed. He must "be a hero in the strife."

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

BY PROF. J. HAYWOOD.

TO the philosopher the study of mankind in those phases which become conspicuous in a heated, political contest leads to some conclusions which are not very creditable to our nature and not cheering to our patriotism. Were it possible to be-

lieve that this earnestness and enthusiasm were called out in the effort to secure for our country the very best and wisest men to be found, the case would be different. But when there is so much self seeking, it requires a vigorous exercise of faith in the Divine attributes to rest satisfied, that in all this turmoil the highest good of the race is the result to which we are tending.

But leaving that phase of the subject let us look a moment at the Presidential office. This is considered by our politicians as the highest prize in the political pool. The eagerness, the agony with which so many struggle for the office; and even for the nomination are, I think, on any correct estimate, out of proportion to the value of the prize. Some have labored so arduously to attain this, that health and life were sacrificed; and still the prize was not attained. But if it had been attained, still it would not have been worth the sacrifice. If duty calls one to a position of sacrifice, of danger and of death, he can well afford the sacrifice. But no earthly honor or office or emolument is worthy of such sacrifice. The language of philosophy as well as religion is that these things are vanity. Still it is undemable that there is some principle in our constitution that responds to the appeals of wealth and position. That principle is planted in us for a good purpose; and if we give it only legitimate scope confine its action within national bonds; we shall do well.

This leads me to the consideration of the way men ought to look at such positions as are considered prizes. They are places of great responsibility needing for the proper fulfillment of the duties pertaining to them, great wisdom, great virtue, fortitude, a spirit of self-sacrifice, patience, and shall I say modesty or at least so much humility as will prompt one to stay back until he is called to the position. If men thus qualified should be brought to the front in the forthcoming election, we could well afford all the cost of it.

SOCIAL INSANITY.

By W. M. B. '76.

As a sound and well developed mind elevates the individual, so a sane and normal state of society exalts the nation. As an insane mind degrades the individual, so a deranged state of society disorders the community and the nation.

Social insanity manifests itself in several ways. Society gossip generally portrays a streak of it. Some one oversteps the old beaten paths of a few social conservatives or offends a little innocent of society which are the occasion of a month's gossip. This becoming stale, the weaknesses of the individual often form the most interesting and lasting themes of conversation. The present failing to give anything further of interest, the annals of the past are searched and researched in hunt of some defect in step or word. When found, it is to them sweeter than honey and the honey comb; if not found his virtues must be dissected and described according to the strictest method of their anatomical skill. Social insanity here appears in the fact that tales thus started by a few are frequently made current in the community by society in general. There are always such persons in a community that have soft places in their heads and we expect them to be a little insane in their manners and conversation, so that society ought to guard itself against the incoherency of their tales.

Social insanity is sometimes portrayed on the part of individuals. The greatest sore in the side of a social circle is a young lady or gentleman without company (i. e. when they want it right bad); or a

young lady or gentleman who are all the company in the community they de-ire. The times are out of joint to them. Some are always socially erring in their estimation. The trouble with them is they are socially insane.

While the latest fashion or the latest novel should receive passing notice, they should not be the chief theme of conversation. For there is not enough substance in them to feed an immortal mind for a whole evening, afternoon or even an hour, whatever social circle chiefly feeds on them will become deranged.

Social insanity is oftenest exhibited in the estimate society puts on money. The doors of society are often open wide for the man with well filled pockets. Money hideth a multitude of sins; money never faileth, is the philosophy of many. When a stranger enters a community almost the first question is whether he is rich. If he has plenty of money he has plenty of friends. If he is scarce of money, he must work his way in on his own merit, just as every one ought to be made do. When parents have before them the question of their children's marriage, how much money is there in it, is too often the vital point. The other day a lady remarked in regard to her daughter, who was about to be married: "Sarah's husband hasn't much wealth now, but his grandmother is very wealthy and his mother is the only heir, so he will be very wealthy some day and, of course, Sarah is doing well." Not long since a young lady said she couldn't marry a certain young man because he was poor, and she had declared she would never marry a poor young man. Her declaration was good but her judgment was deplorable. For the poorest mortal on earth is a man with plenty money and little brains. These cases, which are but illustrative of a general tendency, are owing to the false estimate society places on money. What consummate folly! What extreme insanity! A social circle receives a man with open arms because he is rich. A parent marries a child to money and a young lady wants to marry for money. "Man the beauty of the world, the paragon of animals" sought for not on account of what he *is*, but what he *has*. It's man that makes society, not his money. The wealth of a Cræses and the beauty of an Adonis will not render society good and sound, nor a husband wise and virtuous. A full head and heart will elevate society far more than a full purse and pocket. Then in the choice of a profession society expects a man to choose one that will pay the *cash*. I have been asked time and again whether my profession would pay. I used to try to answer each one where-in I thought it would pay. But I have come to the conclusion that the best way to answer each one is with a silent "God have mercy upon your soul."

When a young person starts to college society says, "study what is practical and that which will give you the speediest returns, the sooner into a business or a profession the better." The fact is the sooner into business or a profession, the sooner out of it.

All this cry about money shows a diseased state of society. It is social insanity. For it makes money the "open sesame" to honor and preferment. It is exalting that which of itself tends to degenerate, and depreciating that which tends to elevate society. Money should be a means and not an end. Whenever society makes it an end it is insane. True culture chiefly ennoble society and makes it excellent. It is that which the individual has *in* him and not *on* him that exalts him and society.

The cause of social insanity is with the individual. Society is just what the individual makes it. As a diseased member of the body often induces insanity of the mind, so a deranged member of society frequently brings on social insanity. As for the one, so for the other a hospital for the insane is the best place. Both need medical treatment, or as Governor Kirkwood of Iowa once advised the speediest way to get the rebels out of the North was for the young women not to marry any of them and there would be a final extermination. So the surest way to get these gossips and money-blinded persons out of society is for the socially sane not to marry any of them, and there will be a gradual, final and *glorious* extermination. For, even if they do marry among themselves, it will be all the same any way. Let the socially sane set up as the Serpent in the Wilderness, a normal standard of culture, excellence and sociability so that the bitten may look upon it and be healed. Then will society be more nearly what it should be—*sane*.

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FALL Term opens August 9th.

THE exercises of Commencement week occurred in the order announced in these columns last month. A detailed description of them is given in another department of this issue.

MANY of our former students and alumni are attending the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia. The present writer met some of them there June 21st, and they seemed to be enjoying the show.

UNAVAILING were all efforts to find a certain Professor of Latin on the Centennial grounds, whither we were informed that he had gone. A search through the great halls and the Art Gallery with its annex failed to unearth him, and the conclusion was forced upon us that he had succumbed to the enticements of the Trois Freres Provencaux.

THE buildings and grounds of our University are now fresh from a thorough cleansing and dressing. In the long vacation they wear their most attractive appearance, situated as they are in the midst of a town famed for its summer-time verdure and grateful in foliage.

THE lecture of the year was delivered before the four literary societies on the evening of May 30th, by the Rev. W. Langdon Sanders. No address in all our lecture course has given such general satisfaction. The man is a perfect oracle of sound doctrine. His lecture was entitled "Backbone." He showed in a glowing and forceful manner, the great need of stability and decision. No one could readily forget the lessons of truth brought out by the evening's lecture. To the lecture association of future years, we could recommend no man more readily than the great platform orator, the Rev. W. L. Sanders.

THE *Atlantic Monthly* for July is well stocked with good matter. It begins with an agreeable chapter by Charles Dudley Warner, "From Jaffa to Jerusalem," which is followed by a vigorous second installment of Mr. James's novel, "The American;" Mrs. Kemble's "Old Woman's Gossip" relates in a vivacious style her first appearance on the stage, and contains anecdotes of Sir Thomas Lawrence, and many other entertaining passages; General O. O. Howard's "Campaign and Battle of Gettysburg" is an interesting and valuable record of the great battle and his part in it; Charles Francis Adams, Jr., calls our attention again to "The State and The Railroads;" and Oliver Wendell Holmes contributes an amusing and spirited poem, "How the Old Horse won the Bet," which forms an excellent pendant to the famous "One-Horse Shay." The Centennial Exhibition is treated suggestively by an anonymous writer; and Mr. W. D. Howells, in "A Sennight of the Centen-

nial," presents a vivid picture of the variety of the affair. T. B. Aldrich adds to the number a very graceful poem, "The Night Wind," and H. H., Mrs. Piatt, Kate Putnam Osgood, and Celia Thaxter, stand with him in the list of poets. In "Recent Literature," Charles Dudley Warner and other authors are discussed; there is a well-prepared section on "Art;" "Music" contains a review of the several Centennial compositions; and "Education" gives a summary of Southern school reports, with comments, which supplies a view of educational doings in the South impossible to obtain elsewhere.

SAUNTERINGS.

We had occasion to say in the course of an article in the last number of the DIAL that travel has long been recognized as a right valuable educator, and that the present vacation will offer unusual opportunities to see the world, without quitting our own shores. We have not, physician-like, disdained to take our own medicine. These lines are written nearly a thousand miles from home, and though we have not yet "done" the Great Exhibition, we have taken a cursory view of it, expecting to inspect it more narrowly ere long, and we have visited two of the greatest colleges of the Eastern States.

The College of New Jersey, hallowed by so many historical memories, by the name of Alexander, Witherspoon and Edwards, has under the presidency of Dr. McCosh taken a great stride forward. With a matter of 250 students eight years ago, she now has about 500, and graduates this year 123 Seniors.

We were more than surprised at the large number of costly and admirably planned buildings already erected and in course of erection. With such munificence as that of Greene and Stewart, the college has found herself strengthened for a grand and far reaching work, and she is doing it. Conservative to a fault, Princeton seems some way to keep abreast with the age, and the young ardents must not expect easily to outvie her.

New York sits as ever majestic the queen of the new world, enthroned on that wonderful island, with a great bay at her feet. We find the old land-marks much as when we looked upon them a dozen years ago. Stewart's Mercantile Palace has during this time gained a corner, so as to occupy the entire square bounded by four streets, but has lost its great projector and owner. The Academy of Design has grown in the estimation of the people, and its art treasures are visited by thousands. Great printing-houses in which the mammoth dailies have established themselves are now the pride of the city. The college of the city of New York and Columbia College are doing a work of increasing usefulness, and are successful in attracting attention and recognition to letters and morals "in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation."

Having left the city by way of the Grand Central Depot, a monument to the enterprise of Commodore Vanderbilt, we were in a few hours carried along the shore of the Sound to the modest city of Elms, New Haven. The manufactures of New Haven in locks, in cabinet organs, in rubber goods, have long been favorably known to our Western people. Great as these are, and interesting as it would be to witness their processes, these did not attract us to this place. It was the manufactory of scholars that we desired again to see.

We arrived here just in good time to hear the prize speaking for the DeForest medal which is awarded to that scholar of the Senior Class who shall write and pronounce an English oration in the best manner. The exercises were held in the new chapel of the College, called Battell. We could not discern that

either in composition or delivery the efforts of the young men were superior to performances of a similar kind by Otterbein students. They were good, well conceived and well expressed, except in the case of one young man, who possessed a quite untrained voice, and besides, had the misfortune to forget his piece. The structures already erected as the beginning of the quadrangle, the treasures of the School of Fine Arts, the pleasant quarters of the Divinity Students and the scholastic air of the place could not but charm us, and we pronounce Yale College a good place to visit. Writing as we do from this place, and anticipating further literary feasting in the exercises of the Commencement week just before us, we are led to hope that we may be able to give the DIAL, after these are past, some less desultory comments on what our saunterings among the colleges may bring to our notice.

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HYMN TO "O. U."

TUNE—AMERICA.

To thee, O Otterbein,
Fair wisdom's holy shrine,
Our Song we raise.
Dear are those halls of thine,
Round thee our hearts entwine,
Sweet memories combine
To chant thy praise.

Our mother thou hast been,
Protector from all sin—
Our guardian true.
Our teacher in the way,
Our guide by night, by day;
When e'er we went astray
Thou did'st pursue.

Us still with strength endue,
With faith and courage true
From day to day;
Oh! may thy circling arm
Still shield us from all harm,
And every foe disarm
Along life's way.

Oh, may thy portion be
Sweet peace and harmony
Through all the years.
May fortune's sun still rise
To gladden all our eyes,
Dispelling from thy skies
Darkness and fears.

BEOVER,
LORENZ.

COMMENCEMENT.

To those who were in Westerville from May 24th to June 2d "Commencement" is an old story. Yet perhaps not all the readers of the DIAL were thus favored, so that a short article upon the subject may be interesting.

The exercises of the week really began on Sunday, but the societies Thursday and Friday evenings put on holiday smiles, and the President's reception on Saturday evening for the Seniors and others is said to have been a pleasant affair, by those who attended. Sabbath morning Baccalaureate address by the President, which all pronounced excellent.

Sabbath evening, Rev. J. H. Snyder, of Westfield, Illinois, preached. Monday evening the joint anniversary of the four literary societies was held. The speeches were very good, but some of them entirely too long. Right here I might mention that more of

the former students returned than is usual. The exercises on this evening were mostly by graduates or old students. One of the attractions of the Commencement was the meeting of friends, long separated. Some were here who attended school over twenty years ago, while almost all of last year's class were back, and held a reunion, as also did some of the other classes.

Tuesday examinations closed which relieved the feelings of many students. The funeral of Mr. Jones, our former janitor was held in the forenoon and attended by a large audience, for he had many friends, and was called "a good man" by all who knew him.

Tuesday evening, a lecture before the four societies by the Rev. W. Langdon Sanders upon the subject "Backbone." The audience was of good size and very attentive to the interesting words and manner of Mr. Sanders. After the lecture the societies presented their graduates with diplomas.

Wednesday morning the grades for the term were read. That afternoon was "class day." Members of the senior class had exercises. The "History" was amusing, if not all literally true. Alumnaal meeting in the evening, the oration by Mr. Funkhouser, and history by Mrs. Landon, were very entertaining and instructive. The poet, D. Surface, was absent, which was a great disappointment. On this day too, intelligence was had of the death of a former student, Wes. Kanage, which saddened many hearts.

Thursday, at 9 A. M., the proper Commencement exercises, which can not be described here. There were fifteen graduates, and all did well in their performances. After conferring degrees by President Thompson, Mr. Sanders was called out, and made a pleasant and effective speech. He is a very lively, sociable, English gentleman, and made many friends during his stay here. Look for his name next winter in the lecture course. Alumnaal business meeting at 3 P. M. The concert in the evening under the auspices of the senior class, closed the exercises of the day and week. The "Barracks band" furnished the music on Commencement day. All acknowledged that this was one of the best Commencements Otterbein had ever known. And now vacation is at hand, enjoy it, ye tired ones as best you may for it is fast speeding from future to past, and the college bell will again call you.

THAT Junior who when striking a fly from his cheek was mistaken by his *love* for throwing a kiss at another lady, has sworn eternal vengeance upon the weaker sex. Ruined forever is *Pat*.

THE dew falls noiselessly upon the tender herbage the present passes silently into the past, the perfume of a kindly act rises heavenward unseen, but the parting of a Junior at the southern part of town "brayed horrible discord" upon the midnight air.

To that *mathematical* Junior "parting was such sweet sorrow" that as he stays with one long and lingering glance, he exclaims, "O blessed, blessed night! all this is but a dream, too flattering sweet to be substantial."

ALL was silent. Expectation was on tip-toe. Ears, eyes and mouth were all open anxiously awaiting the next witty remark of Rev. Sanders, and all of a sudden the stillness was broken. *Davy* was present.

ONE Senior was married on Commencement day and did not make any fuss about it either, but had a private wedding and did not tell any body for about a week after it was over. However they are safely married. May peace and joy go with them.

THE Pres. unable to procure *brains* for the Senior class, sent them a lot of *corn-plasters* which might prepare them to travel more successfully the rough paths of life. How generous.

STRANGE what effects class organizations produce. Such a care have the members for one another, that the Scribe took charge of the West Pointer's lady during Commencement week. What next?

MESSRS. Price and Terrier, immediately after the commencement exercises, took their departure for the "Centennial;" also to some of the principal cities of New York. We wish them a pleasant time.

A FRESHMAN in one of our Sunday Schools classes told his teacher that the heart did not change by conversion, which led some to remark that the mutation in the Freshman's conversion was not perceptible.

A PREP having waited for some time on Thursday night for his Juliet, even until etiquette seemed lost entirely to him, at last she came, and at the paternal mansion, he took the lead, opened the door and left Juliet to bring up the rear. If Young America has not cheek who has?

THE commencement exercises of the class of '76 was the most interesting we have had the pleasure of witnessing, having surpassed all others in remembrance. From the conversations on the streets, we would judge that every one was well pleased with the exercises, and that they exceeded their expectations.

THE preps bid defiance to all rules of the college on Thursday night before commencement, about five minutes before the adjournment of the ladies' societies, and could be seen loitering around the college building—some of whom were humming "Waiting for Thee," while others were whistling, "Thou art so near and yet so far." "The reward of the faithful is sure."

JUSTICE—A member of the class of '76, in a "carefully prepared" extemporaneous speech of eight minutes, delivered before one of the ladies' societies, said that his connection with the society had been very pleasant. Will the ladies explain why this act of injustice and why this deviation from their society laws, and relieve the minds of a large number of students?

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By request, Rev. H. M. Robertson, gave a lecture Tuesday evening, June 13th on what he saw at the Centennial. His description of the grounds, buildings, and what he saw of the exhibition, was very entertaining and listened to by a large audience who want to go there now if they never did before. Mr. R. returned with a high opinion of America as compared with other nations, though he said that in some things as "shoe and leather" business, etc., she is surpassed by other countries. But again they use farm implements across the water, that an American farmer would not even look at. He likes the "Japs" especially, as they have adopted the American costume. He is well pleased with America, the Centennial, and himself for going, and kindly described it to others, who could not go, answering many questions during and after the lecture.

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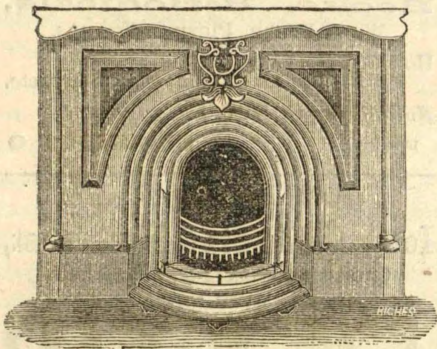
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