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The base ball season is over, and ball players have gone into winter quarters. In the college league many good and some poor gains have been played, and our club has won the championship and the silver ball. This has not been accomplished without hard work and steady determination. We call attention to this fact, not to discourage the nine of next year, but to remind those who have it in charge that to retain the silver ball will be no easy task. It must be kept in view that several of the strong players of the present nine will graduate next spring, and of course the club will be deprived of their services. A pitcher must be found at once and put into training during the winter. The positions, first base and left field, which have been so excellently occupied by Messrs. Honor and Dean, will also have to be supplied. We have no doubt but that players qualified to fill these important positions successfully can be found in the University, but it is very desirable that the selection should not be put off till the next season is upon us. We would also recommend that a change pitcher and catcher be secured, if possible, for the nine, as it has often been shown how dangerous it is to have none to fall back upon in case of necessity. We hope these hints will be considered by our ball players, and, if found practicable, followed.

Few things in our college course have pleased us more than the requirement that essays shall be written during each term upon the subjects which we study. The evidence has often been to encourage oratory at the expense of composition, although the latter, besides being requisite to the former, is, of itself, we think, more valuable. People in these days form their opinions from what they read, and go to hear the "silver-tongued orator" to be entertained. The stump-speaker and electioneering orators of the late campaign were influential and successful in proportion as their opinions were agreed with those previously expressed by the great newspapers. Their audiences judged them by their favorite papers. If the orator had the knack of putting his own opinions into glowing periods and eloquent sentences they were immensely pleased, though, in reality, he had said nothing new. His work was not to convince but to strengthen them in the views which they already held. The writer, then, was the secret power behind the throne; the mass of real influence over men's minds. The orator simply clinched his arguments. The power to use the pen is not inferior to the power to use the tongue. It takes as much brain to use the
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LITERARY.

CREATION.

"There is a lay
Of fine Locnals with his white bread.

Eve, sweetly, said the band
Of Sophs, who stood warning his command,
"Bring on your Corsican, the table spread
We’ll guzzle and cull some mirth,“ he said.

With choicest wines, our dear lamented friend,
Whose name shall this heaven to a sacred soal
As a vase, has finished earthly toil.
His form we will not place beneath the soil,
But on the hill of his home in the sight of God,
Where many a noble heart has been slain.
The Freshman in amuck, and then
The dake shall break, his bundle hangs in air
Upon our ranks, and like vandals roar.
Because he has, as a mill, his strong gains,
Has breathed his last, they would have him live,
And teach us so, that we should give the last remains of life
That sound of the fire and the strew.
Thus Captain Ajax, at the midnight hour.

H. E. F.
A PEA FOR TURKEY.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Poultry must have been in high dudgeon over the Hon. W. K. Wiggin's, who was to deliver his celebrated oration entitled "A Pea for Turkey." The Hon. W. K. Wiggin's was promptly on hand and proceeded as follows:

"I have been informed that the turkey is the most unadaptable creature on earth, and that it cannot be successfully domesticated. I have therefore decided to give a turkey to the world, and I shall do so at once."

Fellow citizens, let us not be surprised at the Hon. W. K. Wiggin's action. It is not unusual for such men to take action which is seemingly peculiarly appropriate to the subject, but upon a second thought it is remembered that you, being unfamiliar with that language, might miss the vital points in my lecture, and I not yet having mastered it might fail to do the suffering turkey justice. As I just remarked, the subject demands our attention at this time. The death cry of the turkey is heard throughout the land. Talk of Servians massacred by Turks! Talk of the cruelties practiced upon them! Why, fellow citizens, the turkeys of this fair land are even now being slaughtered by the thousands! Having roamed through the fields and the meadows in unmonstrous security hitherto, how terrible that the chill breath of the grinn monster shall now suddenly deprive of them life. In the inspired language of the poet:

At midnight, in his guarded pen,
When the house of the day has fallen,
In the dark shadow of that bright hour
When first he sees a turkey harness,
He utters his despairing woe.

Who can avoid shedding tears when he looks upon this touching picture of an innocent gobble's death? Roosting in perfect security in the midst of a numerous family, he is entirely unconscious of the impending calamity. But:

And the thief who takes his life,
That bright dream was his last;
Here the honest chickens think,
"The men! They come! Oh My! What shall I do?"
When he first sees a turkey harness, he utters his despairing woe.

PLAGIARISM.

Though plagiarism should be condemned, yet there are many who are falsely accused of it, when their efforts and their exhibition of native ability are worthy of the highest praise. Who is a plagiarist? Is he one who uses the ideas of others, not to copy them, but to develop whatever may be suggested by them, and coin them according to his own ideas; so long as he takes the thoughts of others, not as his own, but as a source of information, and then, after he has thoroughly digested the material for an essay, and is certain that he can develop it without plagiarizing, he need not be afraid of being accused of plagiarism. But if the plagiarist should be accused of plagiarism, he is certainly justified in his defense, and is entitled to the same immunity as any other person in the United States, as it is not usual that such cases come before the bar of justice.

The EASTERN QUESTION.

The Hon. B. F. Feitozot, late Consul to Romea, delivered a lecture at Fawsett Hall, Tuesday evening, Nov.-th, on "Turkey and the Eastern Question," and also favored the students of the University with a short address, the morning after, on the same subject. He said it is certainly that a nighty conflict is impending over Europe. Two great despots confronting each other; whether the time had come for the extermination of the one or the further aggravization of the other on the powers, who had large interests at stake. We, the people of the United States, are the greatest power in the world, and our interference will determine the issue. But I must now close, as I have much to say on this subject."

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY.

The directors of the Chicago Astronomical Society held a meeting Sept. 30, to receive Prof. Collett's report. This covered a space of about three years, or from the time he began his endeavors to place the dome of the Observatory in working order. This he succeeded in doing, and also in securing an income to the society of $500 per annum, for time service. Prof. Collett has gratuitously performed a great amount of labor, both in putting the telescope in good order and in other respects; and for him our Observatory would have been practically useless. Prof. Safford has, in addition to his ordinary duties, contributed a valuable paper to the Transactions of the Williams College, Mass., for the coming school year, made the appointment of an acting director necessary, and upon Prof. Collett's warm recommendation, Mr. S. W. Burnham was elected by the Society to act in this position.

BASE BALL.

The third and final game with the Racine club was played on Monday, October 30th, on our own ground. The day itself was all that could be desired, old "Prosso" seeming to have reached the conclusion to show fair play, as far as he was concerned. Quite a large crowd was present to witness the game, and a respectable number of ladies added variety to the scene and inspired to the players. The first game in the series had been won by Racine, the second by Chicago; and, as the latter had already vanquished Evanston, the championship depended upon the last game of this season. It was in consequence looked forward to with much interest. Moreover, the games between these two clubs have nearly always been close and exciting, parties early the clubs. Adams was the first on an error by Raymond, stole second, and third, and then came in on a passed ball. McDowell won applause by a fine two-base hit, but that should not have given him a run. A passed ball, however, let him in. With Adams and Cleasby full victims to catcher and short stop, respectively, at the end of this inning the score stood three to two, in Racine's favor, but our boys had not yet found their best form. They were determined to win, and, for that matter, so were their heroes of the game. The sixth inning brought forth, among other things, a somewhat strange ruling by the umpire, Mr. Allen, who declared R. L. Landis pitching "out of order." He presumes that nothing unfair was intended by this decision, but, to say the least, it was absurd. Luckily McVey, of the White Stockings, was present, and to him the matter was referred for decision. He decided, of course, that the pitching was fair, and the decision of umpire Allen was overruled. Both sides having given the linguistic powers a satisfactory show, cheerfully went at it again. Adams suffered Faulk to put him out at first. Gardner reasonably followed his example, while R. L. Landis varied it a little by giving Black a pitch that hung. The purple socks coming to the stick. Martin was put out by Hare; Hare forced out to Low, and Allen gave Gardner a chance to put him out on a foul bound, which chance was taken advantage of.

The seventh inning was the critical one of the game, and was intensely exciting. Honore was retired at first; L. L. Landis went out on a fly to second; then Dean put in a rattling single, and was then on base and tallied on a passed ball. Black first took on first, and was safe, sending his position almost resembling that of a second, and so did Black and Raymond. The fielders had little to do, and did that well.

Our opponents, though defeated, played a strong game. They played their reputation as good men as well as ball players, indulging in none of that bluster and noise which, in certain quarters, we always look for and never fail to find. As to the disputes which so frequently arise during games of this nature, we suggest that another convention of the college league be held, and such measures be taken as to prevent their occurrence hereafter. They are not, only disagreeable in themselves, but they waste time and disgust spectators. The second game was won by Chicago, 3 "R," 2 "P," 8 "R.," 7 "B."
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HELLUM THEOLOGICUM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE VOLANTE:

My Dear Sir,—Allow me to call your especial attention to the story of "the little hatchet" contained in the Life of George Washington. The lesson of that story is one of great importance to every boy. George Washington always told the truth and became a man of great worth and like many a word to the wise, etc. Lection you will find the substance of what I said in regard to the removal of the Seminary, which I should be glad to have you publish in the next issue of THE VOLANTE.

I remain yours truly,

G. W. Norrman.

We cannot re-print the whole of the enclosed circular, as it would take up too much of our limited space and be an unwarranted infliction upon our non-theological readers. So much of it, however, is pertinent to the article in question we reproduce:—

The chief business of the student during the limited time he can spend in a Seminary, is study. He looks first to his instructors, to the library, to mutual intercourse with his classmates, and to prolonged, uninterrupted investigation and thought. This will be greatly facilitated by being a little removed from the noise, distractions and allusions of a busy city. The new location does not remove him from the desirable advantages which the city affords, etc.

The Seminary now stands immediately in the rear of the University, which was once a village and is now a city. The new location does not remove him from the desirable advantages which the city affords, etc.

We now have entirely mastered the moral of the story to which Dr. G. W. (George Washington) Northrup refers. He is a junior at the Mis Waite, the Seminary, and is a member of the editorial staff of THE VOLANTE. A college paper should represent the views and interests of all classes of students, and hence we are disposed to look upon the innovation with favor.

LOCALS.

James T. Fields’s lectures were highly enjoyed by those of the students who were so fortunate as to hear him. The Athenaeum indulges in printed programmes of his exercises occasionally. They are neat as they are useful.

Bids for wholesale consumption of roast turkey, et al., on Thanksgiving day are freely indulged in, and, as far as we are able to return, the returns indicate gratifying success.

The bulletin board is well utilized. Some of the specimens of orthography there exhibited would make the angels weep.

"Dean vector babus female progenitor" was translated by a Senior in French class as: "She follows the goddess as she is drawn by female oxen."

That was an egg-stounding blunder a certain Senior made the other day in German recitation, when he remarked that he had omitted the "comet." Professor—"Mr. R., translate the fifth sentence, please." Mr. R. (who reads French at sight) says: "Tres (s) quelles sont un grand pepe;—Sittus the Fifth was a grandfather."

Student reading a German phrase—"Es fang an, hell zu werden," translates a certain word wrongly, and the Professor excelled, exclaiming, "Hell, hell, what’s that?"

The latest way of putting it. Professor—"I am rudderless, of the students who has just murdered the pronunciation of a sentence in French." Mr. R., would it be cruel to ask you to read that again?"

The Seniors are buried in abstractions. They wander up and down the lawn inquiring, "Am I, or am I not? Am I a body or nobody?" We assure them that they are somebody.

The new rules of the Library meet the wants of the students exactly. No one can now have so far as the facilities for using the Library are concerned, any legitimate excuse for not reading diligently and with profit.

We are informed through a reliable source of the great probability that, in the spring, we can all exercise ourselves and maintain our good health during the long winter months, will not be built just yet.

We enter a plea against the rapping on the windows, which is so often heard from some of the rooms on the south side of the building, when ladies are passing on University Place or leaving the campus.

It’s fun to see two "clumsy" persistently vacating their room for days at a time this cold weather, just to see who’s got to build that fire again. That’s right, boys, come and be men (I trust) and condescendingly take up our time for study.

Two of the University ladies were the other day accidentally overhear confidentially discussing the various fashions: "Oh, says one, those wide belts with big buckles are such nice girlls this cold weather." "Pahaw!" says the other, "they aren’t half so nice a girll as a convivial five pounds.

Very Latest—Victory! All our special dispatches say that the turbkeys, assisted by the chickens, have abashed the field to the victorious students. Nearly printed programmes were provided for the occasion.

Fred Comstock responded to the toast "Concentration" in a manner that showed he possessed considerable of that element himself. For wit, originality and coherence Miss Florence M. Holbrook surpassed all. Her toast, "The Ladies’ Conundrum from the President’s Standpoint," will long be remembered by the class of ’79. Mr. Watson, the last speaker, made some of the happiest hits of the evening.

The Misses Church favored the class with an instrumental duet. The class know how to appreciate good music, as the encore given the ladies showed. By special request Miss Holbrook declaimed "Surgeant Burnet’s" Oration" in her own inimitable way.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Church and family for their kind hospitality. To the surprise of all it was found that the "two small hours" were at hand, so there was a general basting, a locking of arms, a few partings songs, then the class decayed, conscious of having spent one of the happiest evenings in their lives.

STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION.

Owing to Mr. Biale’s resignation of his position as one of the editors of THE VOLANTE, the Students’ Association met Wednesday, Nov. 29th, and elected Miss Waite, of the Senior class, to take his place. While the remaining editors regret to lose the valuable services of Mr. Biale, they feel assured that his place will be ably filled by Miss Waite. The Ladies’ Department now numbers over thirty members, and is therefore justly entitled to be represented in the editorial staff of THE VOLANTE. A college paper should represent the views and interests of all classes of students, and hence we are disposed to look upon the innovation with favor.
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We heard an address to our genial Professor of Greek, the other day, down town, from a graduate of Ann Arbor, which we print for the benefit of any of our higher class-men who may find it useful to remember. A member of one of the higher classes was talking, when the Prof. asked him to give the principal parts of one of the verbs. The student thought a moment, then said, "I can't do it, Professor." "You could have done that in your Freshman year, Mr. S." "Yes, Dr.," replied Mr. S., "but I have given up many of my Freshman tricks." "Oh, I beg your pardon, Mr. S.," replied the Dr., "I forgot; you have passed an examination on that once, and I ought not to have called it up again.

We note with pleasure the action of the Tri Kappa Society in arranging for a joint contest with the Adelphi Society of the Northwestern University. In former years these contests were quite frequent between the two Universities, and were events looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by all the students. With the organization of the State Oratorical Association these contests were abandoned, on the ground that carrying on both the Oratorical contest and the Society at the same time is a strain on his energies, for the students too much from their studies. But, having dropped them now for a couple of years or so, the students of both colleges have felt to see that they could not spare time enough also for the society and the athletic societies. The last time the two groups met was in the spring, when the two clubs were almost at the end of the season.

The last reception given to Mr. Baird suggests the idea that a repetition of the same character would be very acceptable. It was a success in every sense of the word, and was an event much enjoyed by all. Students here do not enjoy as many social advantages as students in other locations, where the college makes the town. We think it would be a wise idea to have these receptions about once a month, if possible, rather than at that rate. We hope to see some such project definitely settled upon and started before the end of the year. We simply mention the matter, in order to call the attention to the desirability of such a project.

One of the charming fair ones of '79 walking with a Freshman on one side, and a second year Prep on the other. Freshman, to fair one, "Shall I call for you Saturday evening for choir meeting?" Fair one, regretfully, "I am sorry, but I can't attend the choir rehearsal this week." Freshman, under the impression that Mr. M.'s will be with me Friday evening?" "Indeed, I should enjoy it ever so much, but really I must appear in the literary society that evening." Second year Prep, instantly, "May I have the pleasure of accompanying you to the Society?" "Thank you, I shall be delighted." Freshman goes to his room in disgust, and writes an essay on "check" in which he bears heavily on the poor Prepe.

The Lake Forest University, under the sheltering wing of the Presbyterian Church, began operations Sept. 5th, with a class of Freshmen, fourteen in number. Most of these graduated from the Chicago High School this spring. As some of our readers may be acquainted with them, they will be interested to learn that among their number are Messrs. J. D. Smith, C. F. Ward, A. E. Barr and J. F. Kohorst, (ex-editors of the Oracle) and the Misses O. Schuyler and L. J. White, who, at the graduating exercises, read a fine poem on "Scaling the Heavens." Considering that "infant diarrhea" is a doctrine of the Presbyterian Church, we sincerely hope that the college is "prospered" to remain as high rank among the colleges of the West, for there is always plenty of room for more. This reminds us that the college which was in process of erection by the Reformed Episcopalians has met with serious but not uncommon obstacles, to-wit, lack of money, and hence is at a standstill.

We are glad to note the flourishing condition of our two literary societies. They are by no means progressive institutions. They certainly have kept up with the times, and we can easily see that they are in many respects ahead of the societies of three or four years ago. A more general interest is taken in them, which perhaps is due to the presence of ladies as much as to anything else. We have music now, or at least we have tried to make music on the organ, and the societies have met at least once a week. There are some who are disposed to look upon these innovations as detrimental to the best interests of the societies, but such persons are few. We like the change, not only because it is a pleasant relief from the dull, prayer and uninspiring style of things which formerly existed, but because we believe it to be for the better in every way. It is a very interesting thing for a young speaker to address a mixed audience than to speak to a group of his own sex. It has been objected that the timid Fresh, or Prep, would, on his first appearance, be so utterly overcome with terror and confusion that he would never venture to appear again and "speak in public on the stage." The objection is a trivial one, and is not borne out by experience. The boy or girl who has not enough spunk and backbone to get over their natural fright would not be worth having in the society. The music is an unobjectionable as the ladies. Like the latter, it furnishes inspiration to the speakers, and besides, there can be no harm in listening to such excellent music as has always been performed in the two societies. General culture is an aim of these meetings, though literary culture is the main object. The cultivation of a taste for good music is an important element in general culture, and is very desirable.

There are two things, on the other hand, with which we are not so well pleased. We refer to the disturbance which is sometimes made while music is performed. We presume it is the intention of the speaker to offend the performers or the rest of the audience by his voice, but we are not certain of the result, and we hope they will be more thoughtful in the future. The second fault we find is not so serious. It has been frequently observed that speakers, especially in debate, are guilty of many trivial errors, such as mispronouncing words, violating the most common rules of grammar, etc. When we say trivial, we mean that they are trivial themselves, and by a little care can be easily avoided, but that they are not sufficiently noticed with the force and dignity of the arguments the speakers wish to set forth.

PERSONAL

Bosworth, of the class of '76, is keeping books in Elgin.

R. G. Odle, '76, is at Rush Medical, and is very enthusiastic in his praises of that institution.

O. W. Philbrook, of the class of '78, is now attending to his father's business; will return to school next year.

W. W. Cole, '77, also attends Rush Medical, and expresses himself as highly delighted with the facilities and advantages offered the students there.

A. J. Fisher, '76, is writing for some weekly paper, and occasionally exhumes the ghost of our editorial sanctum, with those familiar words, "Rome had it." W. D. Gardner, '76, drops in upon us every once in a while. W. D. is studying law, and talks learnedly of Blackstone, etc.

J. F. Rhodes, '76, is in California, having a good time, taking in the Yosemite Valley, the Sierra Nevada mountains, and all the beautiful scenery of that region.

"Jake" Newman and George Ingham, '73, paid us a flying visit in our sanctuary Thanksgiving. Jake's first ques-
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Clippings.

Soph., reading quotation from Emerson: “No sensible person ever made an apology.” “That’s a lie; I’ve made lots of apologies myself!” — Exchange.

Prof. (reading): “Where the ocean’s billows lave cape Horn.” Sleepy students, (partially awake): “Have a horn I certainly, by all means. Take something yourself.” — Index.

Scene in Mechanics.—Felicity Peiter puts his pedal extremities on the seat in front of him; instructor logs: “Mr. Z., if it would not be inconveniencing you too much, I would like to be able to see the gentlemen in the back part of the room.” — Berkleleys.

A Senior was endeavoring to ascertain by a series of convincing experiments which was the harder, his seat or the chairs, when the Professor pleasantly inquired: “Mr. Z., are you trying to dash your brains out?” — Acta Columbiana.

Dr. Chadbourne, the President of Williams College, recently stated in an address called forth by a sermon that, so far as that institution is concerned, no evil effects have flowed from the secret societies. “On the other hand,” he said, “their influence has been rather for the good.” — Exchange.

A Chinaman’s teeth began to chatter over the ice cream. He buttoned up his coat and swallowed another mouthful. That settled it. He jumped on the table and started for the window where the sun could shine upon him exclaiming: “Whoopee! Plenty cold grub! No cooked stuff! Freeze belly all same like ice wagon.” — U. Herald.

Scene, an examination. — Tutor sees a mysterious and suspicious-looking paper fall upon the floor. He also sees an opportunity to distinguish himself. Cautiously he advances to the attack, and captures the paper. He reads, “Sold again.” — Dartmouth.

Robert M. Ireland, a graduate in the classical department of the University of Chicago, class of ‘74, has just opened a law office in Elgin. Mr. Ireland received a degree in the Union College of Law, Chicago, last spring, and with the extended drill which he has had, combined with native ability and persevering energy, he will deserve a share of Elgin’s legal patronage. — Elgin Advertiser.

Exchanges.

The Williams Athenaeum is a clean, neat looking sheet, and is one of our most valuable exchanges. Its editorial and local departments, especially, are well managed, and the items are racy and entertaining.

We feel almost annihilated when we read the oracular advice of the Round Table. We think we can perceive in the wise dissertation of the Round Table the complanet assurance of another “Nation.”

We like the Berkleleys, and always did like it. It comes up more nearly to our idea of what a college paper is than any other, with one or two exceptions, that we know of at present. We acknowledge Taggar’s compliment, and coming from that source we appreciate it all the more highly.

The College Mercury has generally held a good position among the western college papers. We hardly think this number so worthy of commendation as some of its past numbers. The general outside appearance is, however, very creditable to the publisher.

The Nosaen. It is once more before us, and, as usual, we read over its columns with pleasure and profit. Its make-up is tasteful and pleasing; its typography almost perfect. The various subjects treated are handled in a graphic and interesting style. Unlike many college magazines its vivacity and piquancy is not altogether swallowed up in the depth and solidity of its articles.

We take up our old friend, the Index, and, even before opening it, we seem to “sniff the battle after.” Of course, we turn to its notes on exchanges. We see the reputation of what we always supposed good papers blasted forever by the sordid criticism of that aspiring exchange editor of the Index. We will only say that all the criterions the Index applies to the Jabber Review might, with all propriety, be applied to itself.

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We have often sought to express our estimation of a course of intelligent reading. We have been gratified to find that a large portion of the students look at the matter in the same light, and have availed themselves of the abundant opportunities offered for reading by the college library, and the public libraries of the city. They do not read books merely for the purpose of stealing thoughts for essays or examinations, but for general culture. They read not merely for the pleasure of reading but for the gathering of a useful store of knowledge.

Base ball has lost its attractions. The men who spent all the day in hitting "fly," making "bases," or "foul," "boots," or "batting" their opponents, and dreaming it all over again at night, have now thrown the home-plate under the bed, chopped their bats in pieces for kindling wood, and stuffed their sand-bags into the broken windows. They gather around the base-burner, whose genial warmth reminds them of the summer's scorching heat, and while the wind howls without they light their battles over again.

Once more Evanston's ambitious nine is annihilated, and Illinois bows to their supremacy. Then they think of the silver ball, and pride fills their hearts. They resolve to keep it, if luck and determination will do it.

Anybody who has kept his eyes open, and watches the conduct of the students with whom he has come into contact, cannot have failed to observe that some of them invariably fail to "come to time." If, for instance, one of this class is appointed to read in an essay or deliver an address before the Athenaeum, or the Tri-Kappa, he is sure to come up, if he comes at all, at the very last moment, with some plausible excuse. In recitations he is as often a "finck," as anything else, and he is "eats" upon the smallest pretext. He is extremely shy of all labor, and never does more than he is compelled to. He is wholly irresponsible. His word is not worth the breath in which it is uttered, and nobody takes it for what it is worth. Yet he claims to deserve merit, and is offended if it is not accorded him. When his unfortunate comrades have done his work, he coolly steps in and takes all the credit for it, and looks down upon them with haughty condescension.

In accordance with the strictly enforced rules on attendance in chapel now, everybody is allowed the privilege of indulging in a cold, abhorring stay there of fifteen minutes or more every day. In the recent severe cold snap, the chapel was, as usual in such times, cold as an open cow-shed. We don't object to going to chapel, but we do object to being compelled to endanger our health by remaining in chapel under the above conditions. We would mildly suggest, to make the attractions for chapel attendance a little stronger, that double window sash be put in, or that a coarse matting be put down on the floor, or even that the janitor be instructed to build the fire an hour or so earlier. Perhaps then there would not be any call for such a severe system of surveillance in order to keep up attendance on chapel.

We never felt very proud of the character of our singing in chapel; nor have we much reason to feel proud of it now. Formerly a whisky, gasping old organ ground out execrable melodies, and desolated all traces of solemnity and reverence in the exercises. Now that this evil has been removed, another as bad, if not worse, has stepped in and taken its place. The singing itself has deteriorated steadily this year, and for the only reason, as far as we can see, that there is no recognized head to lead. There are, we think, just as many, if not more, good singers now in college as in any previous year; yet the time kept is simply excruciating. Most of the time the organist is nearly distracted trying to adjust his rate of playing to the fluctuating ideas of time of
The Volante.

The joint meeting between the Adelphie Society of the Northwestern University and the Tri-Kappa took place at the University Club on Friday evening, Dec. 8th. The cutting wind which was blowing a perfect gale, sent the thermometer down to ten degrees below zero, and seemed determined to freeze everything. But, after all, it was exposed itself. The excellent reputation of the two societies, however, served to attract an audience fair in numbers, though not nearly so large as it would have been under more favorable circumstances. At 8:15 the exercises were opened with music by the Chicago Quartette, although, according to the programme, prayer was the first in order. None of the young theologues present could be persuaded to make a prayer, and so the god of music received the first offering. W. C. Carr, President of the Adelphie, in a few well-chosen words made the audience acquainted with the object of the meeting. He contrasted the sentiments in the ancient and modern worlds with the present friendly meeting, where the weapon was not steel, but language.

R. W. Grover, of the Tri-Kappa, then delivered an

oration on "God in Nature." This effort was one of the best of the evening. It was characterized by unusual depth of thought and forcible reasoning. We shall not attempt to give any synopsis of it. The peroration was particularly brilliant and vivid. It was delivered with ease and in a manner befitting the subject.

J. W. Waldron declaimed the forces of the Rebellion through a very fine manner. The piece was almost too long, but he kept the close attention of his freeing audience throughout. The delivery was full of genuine Irish fire and spirit.

Mr. C. A. Dew, of the Quartette, having accomplished a solo, Mr. C. W. Thornton, of the Adelphie, argued the affirmative side of the question, "After the year 1860 should the right of suffrage be restricted by an educational qualification?" He said that men must be intelligent in order to cast an intelligent vote; that an ignorant man is dependent upon others, and cannot judge for himself, and does not cast his vote for the interest of the State. If the right of suffrage were restricted, he would be compelled to educate himself. Mr. Thornton spoke rapidly and forcibly, and both his speeches were full of good sense.

Mr. Sutherland maintained the negative, saying that the time for restricting the ballot on the educational basis has not yet arrived. The poor and ignorant man's time for educating himself has not yet arrived. Even an intelligent ballot might not be too far. If the right of voting were taken away from the ignorant, strie and difficulty would arise. A law of this kind would be a splendid chance for disfranchising politicians. The boys would be educated at the expense of the girls. Mr. Sutherland's speeches were received with applause. His reasoning was forcible and convincing.

Another solo was sung by Mr. C. W. Smith, after which Miss Julia Hawley read the Tri-Kappa paper, which goes by the lugubrious name of "The Sepulchre." The laws of Psychology were enumerated and illustrated in an original and effective manner. College Recitations were explained to the uninitiated. The jokes were fresh and original. The young lady read the paper in a clear and distinct tone, and with animation.

R. W. Grover delivered an oration on "Our Pub-

lie Schools." The main idea was the opinion of the Catholic Church to popular education, and how to meet this opposition. The oration was good, but not quite perfectly committed to memory. Otherwise the delivery was excellent. The Chicago Quartette closed the meeting with a couple of songs.
serve credit for turning out in such a large number to swell the audience. Many of them brought ladies. About a dozen only came down from Evanston.

SLANG.

The term "slang" is of such extensive application in our country that it might properly be called the national idiom. But does the universal use of slang in our conversation and by our every-day authors thereby demonstrate its utility? No, we reply, by no means. Our country is celebrated far and wide for the remarkable slang expression of her citizens. It is a characteristic peculiar to this country, and seems to be growing with its growth. It pervades all classes and conditions of society. We hear it in the splendid parlors of aristocratic residences, as well as in the equal kitchens of hovels. The learned as well as the unlearned indulge in it. Accomplished and educated ladies and gentlemen embellish their conversation with it. Able contributors to the leading magazines and periodicals of the country intersperse it plentifully in their articles. Its influence is active and progressive. Many use slang in order to eat the unrefined taste of those who employ slang because they are ignorant of better phraseology. Others make use of it because they imagine it strengthens the expression of the thought,—a natural mistake, because they do not sufficiently realize the importance of the English language and its capacity, and blindly follow the general current. When the classical English of Macaulay, Irving and Hawthorne becomes inadequate for the expression of some thought, then we think that thought had better be left unexpressed.

We claim that ideas should always be embodied in the purest and most irrefragable English. Sentences always true in form and expression are the language of the thoughtful. Professors and students, students especially, who have at most unlimited facilities for studying the best English writers and talkers, lead their every-day remarks with sickening doses of slang. Popular slang phrases issue as readily from their lips as from the illiterate Irishman. Their table-talk is garnished abundantly with expressive though decidedly inelegant current slang terms. Even ministers are not free from this. They use slang in the storehouse of words which is the especial stock of the most eminent divines, often teaming with slang. This wholesale substitution of slang for good, respectable English is becoming a dangerous element in our language. It threatens to demoralize and lower the excellence of the language from which a Johnson, an Addison and a Pope fashioned such immortal gems of literature and poetry. Such mighty intellects as Milton, Shakespeare and Dryden could find comfies and variety to select from among the numerous fusions of English the sublime conceptions, the most dazzling flashes of wit and the most withering satire; yet to-day a mediocre intellectual activity increases its mediocrity by adopting the language of the ignorant and depraved, and weakens its pungy ideas by the coarse and unreserved vocabulary of the slums of society. This a strong statement, yet we think we are warranted in making the statement by the universality of slang, and its evident origin among the lower classes. Enter our seats of learning and mingle with the occupants. Slang will be found as universally prevailing there as in less exalted abodes. Every one makes use of it, ladies as well as gentlemen, and no one of us is as likely to be quoted as slang, slang, slang, till you are absolutely sick of it. No matter with whom you converse, sooner or later you are edified with the most starting slang expression, spoken with an air of conscious approval and expectant approbation. Enter the literary societies; debaters spar against each other, giving vent to numerous utterances of the worst slang. Meet the card-tables, the race-grounds, the contradancing, and you will perceive, that ladies and gentlemen equally expressive with slang words. The ladies are no better than the gentlemen. Sweet lips that ought to be more appropriately exercised (guess how much more appropriately) utter slang with a rapidity and versatility at once nauseating and disgusting. The gentlemen might poorly be called the teachers of the ladies, for they have better facilities for learning the latest slang terms, and therefore they are the first to introduce it, when the ladies are not slow to pick it up and add it to their already large stock. At any rate, dear editors, we would enter a strong protest against the wide-spread practice of the habit in our Universities, and would suggest that we follow the advice of the popular song, and when one disconveniences and frowns down this horrid encroachment of our language, he does his part toward preserving the purity and simplicity of our mother tongue.

by some means essays in society by so doing, let him remember that every principle has its martyr. COMMUNICATED.

STUDENTS AS TALKERS.

As a class, students are not noted for being good talkers. At first sight this appears strange. It is naturally thought that students are by no means so put by a severe driller in the critical use of language, not only in English, but in Greek, Latin, German and French, who read the best works of ancient and modern genius, and who are active members of debating societies, ought to be first-class talkers. Such, however, is not the fact. A student who is at the same time a good scholar and a good talker is rarely found. To seek the reason for this, the first suggestion presenting itself would probably be that translating word for word from the classical language would impart to us the power of expressing ourselves with exactness and correctness. The use of slang is the same as the use of rough and coarse words. He has no power to form words that are apt to commend themselves to the understanding of others; he has no power to express his ideas in correct language, to convince himself and repeat. It is no doubt true that the labor of careful translation is more favorable towards learning, and that the more he does this the more perfect and polished will be his production; the latter cannot recall and after a single word after it is once spoken; to be a polished talker he must neither hesitate in his speech, he must not be afraid of the influence of memory on his utterance. A few examples might be quoted of men like Ben Johnson, who were profound thinkers and at the same time celebrated for their linguistic abilities, but they are rare exceptions. Mentally speaking it appears that the extension of talk is in an inverse ratio to the depth of thought. Students are supposed to do more thinking than talking, and applying the rule to their case they ought to be better, but the deepest thinkers of all we talk to is the case. It must, however, be admitted that they have a wider range of topics for conversation at their command than their less fortunate brethren. But these are fruitful and interesting as they are, do not appeal so directly and forcibly to their personal interests as the latest news in politics or society appeal to those of the politician, business man, or the man of the world. In this respect they are immediately introduced, not as a disadvantage, and though they may be acquainted with the most valuable literary treasures of the world, he is unable to rival the elegant, precise and forcible language of a politician, or a man who lives in the midst of the public eye. True, it might excel him in weight, but not in the manner of saying it. Now it may be thought that it is more important to say something poorly than to say nothing well. There is, however, a limit to the number of exceptions to these extremes. But we are not. Deep thoughts may be clothed in elegant language and lose nothing in force. It has been said that language has taken the place of steel. It is for this reason that I say that thought is essentially necessary, and language is the sword of steel. It is first of all requisite that the steel should be good and true, then the execution will mainly depend upon the weight, shape and keenness of the blade. I trust that such minds will never be in want of such blades to do the work of the world. If they do, then they will, may manufacture blades superior to those of Damascus or Toledo. They have it in their power to become great orators or great talkers as well as thinkers. We do not wish them to talk more than they do talk. More precision, more energy and truth, less halting and obscurity of construction, less slang and common-place are the positive and negative qualities which are demanded. Only careful attention and a determination to become good talkers can enable us to maintain our position and to secure success. Our ideal of a good talker is a man who can resist the temptation to say smart things when he ought to hold his tongue; who can say what he wishes to say to a group of ladies; who can display his thoughts in plain, unassuming language, and who when he talks only to his peers with whom he converses. This is the idea of our college talker, which we wish to present, and which we think is the most likely to be approved of by the public. We do not wish to see any change in the present state of affairs; this is the idea of what a good talker really is, and of the right way to become one. The shadow may be mistaken for the substance, and instead of the brilliant, sensible talker we may find the wind-bag.
they go over which determines how much they have accomplished, rush headlong, as it were, and attempt to crowd into one year work sufficient for two men. No violation of nature’s laws can be more fatal to a young man in his endeavor to make a literary life a success. It is simply weakness, either mentally or physically, or both. No one can become an original or a profound thinker who is obliged to hurry and cram from morning till night, and to have his mind in a turmoil, in search of words and cares, in order that he may finish the college curriculum in the least possible time. While the mind is being educated, nature requires that there should be time for reflection, periods when the knowledge which we have been drinking in may have an opportunity to settle and become a part of us.

We have now mentioned three habits of study to which students in college should pay attention; we would add the following to those already enumerated, especially recommend, as it implies mental application and concentration of thought, and excludes undue mental exertion, since one cannot take the same pleasure in any pursuit when his mind has been overworked.

The second, though it may be beneficial for the time being, as far as outward appearances are concerned, is detrimental to one’s character, from the fact that it is prompted by wrong motives. The third should be avoided at all hazards. If the only object which a student has in life is to get through college at a certain age, regardless of attending evils, let him resort to the cunning process.

It is certain that no one can go through college without forming such habits of study as shall be of any practical use to them. The knowledge which they have received is like seeds cast upon a rock. If a studentattained to that degree of mental development which is second to none, nor to the individual, but to the intellectual life of the student. The student must look into his own mind, and ponder the thoughts of his predecessors. The importance of the sciences, and the idea it is so pleasant to do in one without passing to consider it. It is very natural to think that it is a sad loss the building young men who are shut up within the college walls, to deprive of the refining and elevating influence of ladies’ society for such a long and critical period. This we are ready to admit at once, but the admission does not contradict our opinion. What do we go to school for? Is it for play, for studies, for the purpose of becoming polished men of the world? We think few men in college have these purposes. No, we come here to be students and nothing but students. Do these ends contribute to the quality of students? We think this question must be answered in the negative. In the first place, they take up the time which ought to be devoted to study. The four or five hours which are spent at study meetings would be better spent in a more active way, and in the hands of a man of the community. The examination is as much as one can be and is to be expected to keep at the subject and be expected to keep to the subject in mind.

The state of mind of the student, before and after the reception, is simply chaotic. Before the eventful night the “society man” is harrassed with doubts and fears as to what fair damsel shall be honored with his escort, and as to where he shall be able to borrow an overcoat for the occasion. He is incapable of applying himself to his lessons. When it is all over he manifests symptoms of insanity. He drops himself around with a vacant stare and a smiley smile upon his countenance. He lives in the past, and is “unprepared” when recitations come around. Without dwelling longer upon this phase of the question, I wish to add that history proclaims the fact that men of genius and eminence students have rarely been found to shine in society. They have chosen to lead a life of solitude, not because it was pleasant and suited to their natures but because they saw the necessity of withdrawing from the world of society, into which they might gain admittance. It is not idle to say that Dumas said: “Tant est l’avantage pour quelques jours de plage!”. We have but to mention with Dumas the names of Voltair, who spent five years at a time in the pursuit of his studies; of Montesquieu; of Adam Smith, who produced the “Wealth of Nations” after ten years of retirement; of Hume, who almost made himself ridiculous in society, and of a host of others. Says Dumas, “Solitude is indispensable for literary pursuits.” Now we do not wish to banish social culture altogether from college, but we still think that men of genius should not be too much sought.

When we decided to take a college course we bound ourselves to practice self-denial. If the highest scholarship and the highest social qualities do not go hand in hand, as apparently they do not, then, I say, it is our duty to choose one or the other. If we choose to cultivate our social qualities then the college is the worst place to do it, but if we choose to strive for distinction in scholarship, our most respectable mediocrity is our object, then let us sacrifice high scholarship, and let us attend receptions, parties, society and club festivals. Respectfully,

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C. E. Memory, of the class of ’23, is teaching school in Merton, Wis.

Young ladies, improve your time! Leap Year only lasts a few more days.

J. S. Me Sparran, of the class of ’23, is preaching in Washington, Iowa.
THE VOLANTE.

"What shall I do if I don't pass my ex?" Why, go to the Seminary, of course. There is some prospect of the Freshman class receiving an addition to its number next term. Billy Anthony, `78, will probably help our Nine retain the Silver Ball next year.

The addition of several storm doors has materially improved the condition of our halls.

"Grand Bonnes" are the order of the day now. We would recommend the sufferers to read a sensible article on "More Bonnes in the Round Table." The students have been very religious of late. Every one who comes down to breakfast late, with swollen eyes, "was down to hear Moody & Sankey last night.

The Senior class decided to have no poem on class-day, for the simple reason that no one felt himself on sufficiently intense terms with the Heavenly Mission to attempt the job. When a Senior starts to go home with his girl without taking her arm, it is necessary for his classmates, who may be standing around, to laugh till they can't stand up.

A student, when asked to give the names of the bones in the head, solemnly replied: "Professor, I've got 'em all in the head but I can't give 'em.

An unknown freshman stepped up to Prof. --, the other day, and blandly asked him, whom he voted for in the presidential election.

"What do you want to know for?" asked the astonished Prof. "I have a bet on it, sir!"

S. G. Johnston, `76, happened around the other day, on a short visit to the scenes of his college days. Sam says he would have been born a day in law, and we have grown fat on it.

Mail is collected in the University at 6 A.M. every morning, except Sunday, so a letter written and put in the mail box any time during the evening leaves the city by the morning mail. Mail is also collected (but not delivered) Sunday forenoon.

A committee on "highways and byways" ought to be appointed to keep the paths leading to and from the University free from snow. It is a disgrace to compel the ladies to wade through the mountain-high snow-drifts in the campus.

December 12th, a party of Seniors and Juniors with their ladies took a sleigh ride, all together in one large sleigh. They traversed Michigan Avenue and all the By-lanes, and returned at 6 p.m. delighted with their ride and determined to have another soon.

It was noticed as a peculiar circumstance that during the cold weather, when the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero, the Sophomores exposed their faces to the cut-}

ing wind with perfect impunity—not a single cheek was frost bitten. Too much "chubs" even for old Broeas.

A Sophomore was asked how he liked Sankey's singing. "Pretty well," he replied, "the piece I like best is-- I have forgotten the name of it-Old Hundred, I think.

"Was it not The Ninety and Nine?" said a Junior. "Oh, yes," he answered, "it is ninety and nine; I thought it was a hundred.

Looking back upon the term now ended we can honestly say that it has been a most satisfactory one. The days and weeks and months have gone and gone almost impercepti- bly. They have been filled with pleasure which only con- genital work could give us. May the rest of our college days be like them.

The Juniors are fairly enthusiastic over their Zoology under Dr. Doctor, this term. The class meets in the Mu- seum, and the Doctor uses every means to illustrate the vari- ous topics, and has succeeded in awakening hearty interest in this most interesting study. The class takes up Anato- my and Physiology next term.

Snow patches on the University building are not as numerous as some would desire, and when one is made, it is not done sufficiently early in the morning to avoid consid- erable inconvenience to the ladies who are often under the necessity of wading through two or three feet of snow in order that they may reach the building in time for class service.

We understand one of the members of the Northwestern University B. B. Nine, of the last season, is in the Insane Asylum, at Elgin. We did not think he would take the "B" so seriously. To be sure he claims to be a clerk in the institution, but of course we must make due allowance for the statement of an inmate of such an institution.

Why isn't music taught in the University now? It is badly needed, as any one visiting our chapel would soon find out. It was formerly taught here, and was a means of great ben- efit. The students all manifest great interest, and, if large attendance on the appointed days was any criterion of suc- cess, it would seem that the effort was a success. A branch of learning of such interest and advantage as music should be revived in the University.

A large number of students desire to take lessons in learning to read music, and would hail with delight any arrangement which might afford them an opportunity of so doing.

Cram? Oh, no! Our boys don't cram; and yet it is a remarkable fact that the Juniors and Seniors in the building all left their dormitory coaches at about half-past four, A. M., last Monday morn- ing, and any one looking upon them would have imagi- nated that "Barclay's Chemistry" was an intensely interest- ing novel. Prof. Wheeler has labored assiduously to make the study not only profitable but interesting, and we hope that some of the members next term will show a better appre- ciation of his courteous treatment of his classes, and endeavor to preserve a more gentlemanly decorum in the class-room.

The class in Elocution, which meets every Saturday, is a decided success. It comprises about twenty-five members who are doing good work under the efficient instructions of Prof. Booth. It meets a want felt by many of the students, and those in the class speak very highly of Prof. Booth as a teacher. We have long regretted that a more thorough study of elocution was not provided for by the University, but since the authorities seem unwilling or unable to furnish it, we think the majority of the students would find it profitable to avail themselves of the very favorable terms of Prof. Booth, and join the class for next term. We must award the Professor the credit of conducting the first really suc- cessful class in Elocution we have had for several years, and hope it may become a permanent feature of our curriculum.

The abstraction of several articles of wearing apparel from the ladies' cloak room, last week, may serve to warn some of the students to be more careful in looking after their belongings.

We have at last stopped the students from opening their doors locked. In these hard times it is no unusual thing to see a hard-locked cage roaming around through the halls, nominally, perhaps, looking for old clothes, or selling some cheap chronos. He was at last caught, and tried, whether he hears a response or not. If the door is unlocked, and the occupant is out, the contents of the room are at his disposal. As the door is not locked, and the occupant is in, the occupant may be seen wandering about the halls with no apparent object.

A glance around the breakfast table, the next morning after the joint meeting, convinced us that Jack F. had done his duty astoundingly the preceding evening. "Ears, nothing but ears," explained, as he gazed upon the precipitous aerial appendages of seven or eight of the boys when we had seen sallying out into the dark- ness, taking their hair from the entanglement. One of the boys whose ears barely let his hat down far enough on his head ordinarily, has been a good deal exer- cised since to know what to wear when he goes out, as he can get no kind of head gear which those ears can tolerate. By all means be ausome in your attentions to the ladies, boys, but have an eye to friend Jack, these evenings, or you may be obliged to seek retirement, and remain a her- mit for several days.

The Holidays are upon us, and the prospect of vacation}

imparts a cheerful air to everything around us. "Ye Edit- ors," rejoice with the rest, and feel pretty thoroughly pre- pared to "drive dull care away" for a couple of weeks with a book or two. It would be a pity to let this time be wasted, and show "em the `glide' -- and his young burnouses, we add. Our fair editors will seek pleasure and recreation in the gayeties of festive Aurora. January will probably not leave the city, but will have a hard chase to catch him. The Junior editors will probably go home and afflute their friends with detailed accounts of their influence in college, their numerous conquests, etc., etc. We bespeak the char- mery of "good-byes" to many of our students who have been here but a short time.

But look out, girls! We heard one of them say, the other day, that he believed in the "Freedom of the Press." We don't know whether he means it or not, and some justification on that point would be thankfully received for our next issue.

Moody and Sanny have nearly finished their labors in Chicago for the present. The meetings have been attended quite frequently by a considerable number of the students, and, so far as we know, the general result is in regard to the work which has been done under the direction of this great- est of living evangelists is favorable. The assistance which they have received from the evangelical churches and from the religious press, has gone beyond the expectation of most people.

As a result of their labors, a large number of drunkards have reformed, hundreds have been led to a better life, and a deeper religious interest pervades nearly all the churches of the city.

If surrounding temperature has anything to do with reli- gious zeal, we do not wonder at the levity and lack of rever- ence occasionally witnessed during chapel exercises. The chapel has hardly been affected by the fire built a few months before chapel time, and many of these cold morn- ings students have sat and shivered until they begin to feel that forbearance may cease to be a virtue, and are agitating the question of resolving themselves into a committee of charity, and maybe it might go away down below 0, as it has several times of late.

We question the spiritual benefit derived from an ex- ercise from which the student comes chilled through, and cross enough to "cut" everything.

The double meeting of the Athenaeum and Tri Kappa societies came off Dec. 9th, and, despite the weather, was a very creditable affair. The object was to have the social element predominate over the literary, but this idea was only partially realized. As a social affair, it was a success; and the current sports and stationary exercises were of a superior character. Especially deserving of attention and praise were the paper written by Mears, Duf- field & Riggs and the declamation delivered by Miss Hol-
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The Campus is an addition to our exchanges which we hail with pleasure. It seems to be a wide-awake, progressive sheet, and promises to be one of our best exchanges. Its locals are written in an entertaining and lively manner, its editorials are all portentous, and its literary articles are read by all. We don't exactly like the make-up, however.

The Ashbury Review has fallen away somewhat, we think, from the stand it took last year among college periodicals. The locals are not interesting, the editorials are not particularly strong, and there are altogether too many advertise- ments interspersed in the literary part. We would suggest a removal of these ads, to the covers of the paper.

The Cornell Review is a sensible, reliable publication. Its literary matter is generally first-class and worth reading. We think, however, its success in the agricultural depart- ment approaches very near to a ridiculous failure, and its outside appearance we decidedly dislike.

The Transcript is one of our most welcome exchanges. There is always something to draw admiration and praise in its columns. The subject matter is generally ably treated, and its local and editorial departments are well managed. "A Revenge" is its title, but its brevity redeems it.

The College Mercury comes out in an improved holiday dress, and we read its pages inside with increasing reli- gion and zest. The poetry is much superior to any we have seen in any college publication in a long time. The locals are spirited and lively, and the whole number is far ahead of any issue for some time past.

The Colgate Collegian has some fine literary articles in this issue. Its editorial on "Reading; its Bearing upon College Work," we like very much, and would advise some of our lower classes to read it. They will find the College in the reading room at any time. It asks a question about chapel singing, viz., "Can we improve on the singing in chapel at morning exercises?"

The Rochester Campus in the December number, as one of the striking characteristics, displayed, as did the exchange edict when we personally knew him, a lamentable lack of originality. Its literary articles are upon odd, hackneyed, worn-out subjects, which have been everlastingly brought before our minds. In the treatment of them, its independence of thought or variety of expression can be claimed. Their locals are, as usual, poorly written, their jokes are pointless and their editorials hardly passable. That exer- cise in verse on Horace is a disgrace to the page and we would warn those who own a bias in favor of his com- petency to criticise journals from his massive but empty state, and turn his child-like intellect to matters that it can comprehend.
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