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LOCATION, BUILDING, ETC.

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It should not satisfy the friends of this institution to see it merely kept abreast of some colleges and so-called universities, the backwoods or in country villages; having its place in this great, growing, and wealthy metropolis of the west, it needs protection and a degree of progress more than has been given it by the past. This is the light of what the University of Chicago should be made, and can be made, it ought to be able to call traits head a man whose reputation, as a man of energy, and executive ability, as a man of trust, and a man begetting confidence, would insure beyond peradventure its attainment of this success, its assimilation to that ideal Chicago University. We ought not to be satisfied with anything less than the for the qualifications of our future President, and can well afford to put up with a temporary provision for a year or even longer, if necessary, than that which has been so long a name will fail to bring with it, respect, influence, and power. We believe in all confidence that the University will not disappoint the expectations of even her most ardent friends, but she can afford to look well to her bearings, can afford to beware that she shall not be caught napping or lagging in these progressive times, lest a more fortunate rival, arising in this City of the Lakes, should chance to outstrip her in the race, usurp her proud title of University of Chicago, and having successfully asserted this pre-eminence, leave her to an humbler cognizance.

The Index Niagarensis seems quite wrought up of late upon the subject of the Public Schools. Bursting forth upon the subject of the extent of two articles in one number, it makes itself ridiculous by its attacks upon one of the noblest institutions of a great and free Republic. It accuses "all the immorality, dishonesty, and general depravity of our citizens to the barren and ungodly inferences of the public schools." By this we mean that we would be led to infer to the realms of Lucifer could only be abolished, and the myriads of youngsters, belonging to parents lacking the worldly substance necessary to give them any education whatever the streets afford, should grow up like "the poor Indian, whose untutored mind," &c., why then our answer would have a little trifle on its own hook, and there would be no more weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth. It cannot see what right the Index has to make laws for the entire country, and states that dismal old cry: "We should have our share of the public money separate, and be better able to support our own schools. It seems to us, we must caution you pretty cool to say the least, to talk of the almost entire unanimity with which our public schools have been suppressed, as the legislation of one section, or an accent of bigotry and prejudice of one sect, or rather a portion of one sect, to demand the ab-}
LITERARY.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN RELATION TO TRUE MORALITY.

ROBERT LEISLER, N.Y.

Educational systems are to be commensurate to the necessities of the present, must sustain intimate relations to true morality. We live in an age of rapid movements and great changes; movements that affect the individual in every station and that penetrate the social frame. Changing the frame of the social and individual life in a state, reveals the true character and tendency of these movements. Thus, empirical, hasty with the traditions of centuries—China and Japan, are emerging from the barrenness of a barbaric, into the fruition of a rational, if not Christian civilization. Spain is laying aside the extravagant and cumbersome robes of royalty, and arraying herself in the simpler gaited attire of republicanism. France is struggling through a bitter experience to a better appreciation of popular education, and of moral worth in the state. Italy, liberated from the ultramontane inquisitorial boot, in which, for ages, her energies have beencrippled, is giving herself for the onward movement, and coming up shrewd of the nations. Germany, with something of the energy already displayed, that manned and maneuvered theIMER ships in the Baltic, is pushing on and eradicating from her native and intellectual life the last tracks of the cloven hoof. Thus, the nations, with free growth under the crown of civil and religious liberty.

Even in staid old England the tidal wave of reform is still rising, bearing upon its bosom the church, lifting her up from the meshes of state balustrades that have so long over-shadowed her, and then, for ages, her energies have been crippled, is giving herself for the onward movement, and coming up shrewd of the nations. Germany, with something of the energy already displayed, that manned and maneuvered the Imer ships in the Baltic, is pushing on and eradicating from her native and intellectual life the last tracks of the cloven hoof. Thus, the nations, with free growth under the crown of civil and religious liberty.

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SECRET SOCIETIES IN COLLEGE.

The last number of the Volante contained an article, entitled "Secret Societies," which was intended to attract the attention of the students of the university and fraternity societies. They are represented as utterly bad and mischievous, powerless for good and potent for evil as dangers to the public welfare. The author of the article, in describing the effect of college sociability, quotes from the Order of Jesuits, and suggests that the influence of the Order is thought to be to civilize institutions; and every count in its indictment is set forth and argued with all the vigor of a benevolent pin or other of a disappointed aspirant who finds himself left out in the cold by an unresponsive organization.

Now it is possible to write an article not only not misinterprets some of the facts in the case but also draws wrong inferences from such as are admitted. Certifi-


can fraternity members, with mildness and discretion, and the use of the open society. The fact is, it is idle to talk of the inevitable antagonism of the two. In respect to their effect on other and more open organizations, two distinct allegations are made against these fraternities. First it is urged that they bring into the open society such an eagerness for place and influence that the lowest arts of log-rolling and wire-pulling are resorted to, the hall on election nights is filled with "combatants at daggers drawn, and the society is literally torn torn with internecine convulsions; a remarkable physiological effect truly, and one that appears to the present writer somewhat incompatible with the second charge, that they absorb the energies of other members of their exclusion from the open society.

The facts of the case are that the fraternity does introduc-

the University of the ancient, but more significant and the importance of this element cannot be over-estimated.

There is no secret society man but will testify to the stimu-

us, sixties, the "two of all the ages in the forensic faces time."

With one hand we may strike the keys of all the goals of whose name is called Woe; with the other, none
dies no ears have heard. The old is the possession of the dead. Let impious hands beware! The new is ours, forever ours, if we but seek it out. Then let the great world spin forward the brightness of the light. Let it open, and open, and open, until these words in letters of light span the high arches of the sky: "Old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new."
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Finally these general charges of "intrinsic viciousness," "psychological weakness," and "nothing less than a political liberal upon that great body of Alumni members to which our leading fraternities point with so much pride. These men, many of them now college officers, who have experienced the benefits of secret societies during their student life, and had ample opportunities for observing their workings since, knowing the insults they get to college work of all kinds, the checks they put upon dissipation, the opportunities they afford for social and literary culture, and their manifest superiority over those nameless associations and small cliques, without reputation, public professions or past record to maintain, which inevitably spring up where the Greek fraternities do not exist, lend to these latter their hearty support. By their judgment undergraduates can surely afford to abide, notwithstanding the abuses which creep into these organizations, as in all others that contain principles of real power and value.

CHICAGO, December 30, 1872.

"The Committee on University Organization.

"Gentlemen: Allow me to ask that at the meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held to-day, you present my resignation of the Presidency, which a year ago I placed in your hands. In making this request, I need refer to no other reasons than those which I have often urged upon the attention of the Committee, as well as that of the Board of Trustees in full meeting.

"So far back as the autumn of 1871, immediately after the great fire, some of you who were present at an informal meeting of Trustees, held for consultation respecting the interests of the University, will remember that I went to that meeting my unqualified resignation, assigning in full my reasons. Up to that time there was ground to hope that the effort to dislodge the heavy debt in which the Trustees unexpectedly found themselves involved on the completion of Douglas Hall, in October, 1866, was near a successful result, that I could be relieved from the double work of internal administration and of assisting to provide for financial wants, and allowed to devote myself to the work of the University. By the great disaster which then, suddenly had overtaken our city, involving many of the friends on whom the University most relied, it had been proved, and I was convinced, what had been done to provide for our debts must be done over again, and it would be disastrous to the University to neglect the care of its interests as an institution of learning—a work alone enough for the unaided strength of the best powers that could be commanded for it—should be devolved upon one who was expected at the same time to provide for its pressing financial wants. While all admitted the force of your contention, the remedy was sought in other means than my resignation, and for the past two years while discharging as best I could my duties as President, I have done what I could, with the greatest assistance of our financial friends. I am convinced..."
discovery of our real poetic genius, we will proceed.

We welcome to our table the Wittrunger, a good, solid paper, evidently handled by men of some caliber. It is a credit to the West.

The Abbey Review is perhaps the ablest paper we get from the Hudson, in our opinion, however, it takes up too much of its space in notices and detailed criticisms of its various literary exercises.

Our California Chief manages to keep its solemn eyes pretty well open for the most part. Ows, however, evidently don’t like to write too many editorials. Judging by the title, too, they are too much fond of kites.

The Aurora has almost too great a partiality for its scissors, we fear. It is improving though of late. The number before us has several interesting and spicy articles on such subjects as "Amazon Journalism," "Bashful Man," &c.

The Argus has ceased to have political subjects hampered out things. That is not the way you are truly a collegiate Argus, and your transfer from the blacksmith shop to the classic shades of Dartmouth was never made in vain.

The Tyro, from Canada, has a great diversity of matter, which is almost all of superior quality. It contains a very able review of the Volante.

Although on account of our large exchange list we have felt compelled to decline quite a number of offers to exchange, still the reputation for gallantry which the Volante enjoys is such that we have decided at once to give a place on our table to the Senatorial Budget, a spiffy sheet from California. May the beacons of our fair counsellors be encircled with the flowers of success.

The College Herald is an enterprising and interesting journal. The last number gives us a good poem, an article on "Co-education," and very energetically draws the National Exposition into the picture. This is the next event of the Tri-Kappa. Subject: "The Beneficence of Science." The column was well written, and delivered in a earnest style that held the attention of the hearers, for the most part, all the applause which followed.

Next comes the debate on the question "Should the United States Government now attempt the expulsion of the Jesuits?" The affirmative was sustained by Messrs. Lambert, Fowler, and of the Human, and the negative by Halé and Fisher, of the Tri-Kappa. The debate was not as interesting as it might have been. The debaters made a great error in speaking so loud as to make a great error in allowing them so much time. Ten or twelve minutes is sufficient time for each one when there are four speakers. The first debater was Mr. Lambert. He had good arguments but his delivery was defective. His manner of walking and fro on the stage is quite unpleasant. Mr. Holt followed him. A little more enthusiasm and en

energy would have helped his debate. It was well written and the pressure was good. Mr. Fowler, the next speaker, started us by beginning on a pitch much to high, quite to his own incurrence and disadvantage of the audience. Aside from this he was a good speaker. Mr. Fisher, the last speaker, made the widest debate of the evening. He entered more into the spirit of the contest than any of the others, and acquitted himself with more credit than he ever did before.

The paper of the evening was written by A. J. Fisher, of the Tri-Kappa. It was written as Mr. Fisher knows how to write, and read in a style well suited to the subject matter. It was one of the finest papers we have ever heard.

The closing literary exercises was an oration by Mr. Knox, of the Human. The subject was "12 to 1," and was one most of the old dinner hour of our tabule, and succeeded in an exceedingly pleasant and witty. If the oration had been ten minutes, long instead of twenty, the audience would have been more pleased. The music of the evening finished by quartettes from the two societies, was of a high order, and was received with favor. After the meeting, the two societies, on bosom, retired to the dining hall of the University where they enjoyed themselves in faust and song until near the approach of morning.

On Monday evening, Dec. 15th, the members of the Sophomore Class were invited guests at N. 97' Prarie Ave., the residence of one of the members, C. T. Ott. Nor they alone; quite a number of ladies, by their presence, added much interest to the occasion. Music, and readings and recitations were performed at delightful intervals. Miss Prestins read a fine poetical selection, and Mr. J. A. Mitchell, formerly of '74, recited some comic pieces. Altogether the evening was very pleasantly and profitably spent, and will long be remembered by the classes as the last of the busy week that day in the case of the next exercise of the Tri-Kappa. Will Charlie and his kind friends accept the compliments of '74

One evening near the close of last term, the Sophos buried the burial of one of their friends in the ten-der trio of the class. Drives. If none and the disturbance of honest men’s slumber means success, then they were successful. Hasting was a successful one. Louis, Louis Paulson, Bosworth Sargent and F. W. Wallis, (oh, what a wail was that)! Their efforts were worth of nobler pens, but the oratory of the first speaker wasevery man that he the performer entered into the spirit of his piece right well.

One is reminded of the gay French caption when he goes down town nowadays. The streets are rendered ornamental by the honest faces, and the nice new red striped uniforms of "ye Commissioners." The pants are provided with pockets which are generally well filled, that is with the hands of "ye Commissioners."

The officers of the Athenaeum Society, elected for the present term, are as follows:

President:...
On Thursday evening of vacation week, the seniors spent a very pleasant hour with Dr. Matthews and lady. During his tour in Europe last summer, the Dr. collected quite a number of fine engravings of ancient and modern places, which he exhibited to the class, explaining them in a way that was extremely interesting. The Dr. advised us to visit the old world at some time, if at all possible, and we left, picturing to our enraptured vision a future year's sojourn beneath the skies of Italy and on Alpine hills.

The return joint meeting of the Adelphic society of the Northwestern University and the Athenæum will occur at this place on the evening of February 6th. The exercises will consist of music interspersed with two orations, a debate on a living question, and a paper edited and read by the Adelphic, but contributed to by both societies. The Athenæum president will preside. Coon will deliver the oration for the Athenæum, and Ireland and Lewis will debate. The exercises will commence at 7:30 P. M.

A young aspirant in Douglas Hall, a member of the class of '81, we believe, recently borrowed from one of his neighbors articles of apparel from meckie to overcoat inclusive, and then went to the concert in company with the friend's girl. This is a more glaring exhibit of metal than that of the Freshman who entered Latin examination room with lexicons under their arms and "Antithons" in their overcoat pockets.

Married men move slowly, at least they seem to be slow in returning to the University. Some won't come back and others are not well enough to come back, and probably don't care whether they come back or not. Is there a law on our statute books prohibiting the demijohns within these walls from tying such goodkin knots? If so, will not the authorities enforce it in future?

That was a sad affair of the Freshmen who climbed over the door into the room of a Third-year, and secretly conveyed therefrom a box of provisions, &c. Fancy their opinion of themselves when, on opening the box, sausages and empty bottles met their eager eyes. A very sad affair that; worthy of a reflection or two, and a moral.

The students interested in a gymnasiun met, formed themselves into a society, elected officers and appointed a committee to collect subscriptions and obtain the necessary apparatus. About seventy-five dollars are already subscribed. This is a good step in the right direction.

We once had hopes that '76 would graduate a valiant band, but they are failing fast "as sunlight melts the snow." Two of them, Olds and Ives, have already traveled the mystic way, and several, we hear, are waiting to join bands and hearts. "Who'll be the next?"

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