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The proposed Constitution as tending to take away all the reserved rights of the States, and so establishing a general government which would gradually encroach on that of the States until they possessed mere shadows of their former authority. Had this argument appeared valid to the majority, it is extremely doubtful whether the Coons which have been ratified by the nine States required. Against this view, Hamilton and Madison argued that, although the Constitution established a central government with power enough to carry out its decrees and to do everything necessary for the common welfare, it would still be impossible for the United States to encroach upon the rights of the States, for there is no constant States, because the people would have more affection for the local than for the general government. Three or four reasons were given to prove this last statement. It was said that the State government would have less officers than the State government within the jurisdiction of each State, that the people elected all their State officers immediately, while some United States officers were elected by the State Legislatures and Presidential Electors. For all these reasons it was strongly urged that the people would ever love their own State government better than they would the central authority.

From a view of these facts it appears that the people, in 1787, were more attached to their local than to their general government. That this was both reasonable and right there was no doubt. Yet why do we see this feeling now? In 1787, instead of the States, and that too the more powerful half, we see the people bound to the National government by the closest ties of love and veneration. The Constitution is entirely sacrosanct in their thoughts, affections and ambitions. This is due to a variety of causes, a few of which we will consider.

In the first place the migratory habits of the people of the North have done much to wipe out affection for a particular State in the individual inhabitants of it. The writer of this paper has practically resided and had his home in five States, and he is not yet of age. He expects to be a citizen of as many more States as he lives in the next 20 years. And it is the opinion of the American people will continue and increase its influence till the Southerner as well as the Northerner shall be first and supremely an American and a Virginian or a Georgian as a secondary consideration.

Another great influence in effecting this change is the great power of the National government and the consequent ambition to become officers of that government. After the adoption of the Constitution and long before, we quickly saw that the position of Representative, Senator or President of the United States was in every way preferable to that of State Senator or Governor. Consequently there was soon great rivalry between able men for these offices under the general government. People began to take more interest in the struggles for United States offices than they did in those for State officers.

The immediate effect of this was the division of the people into great national parties that ignored State politics, except as they paved the way and were necessary to the more desirable national spoils. In this way the people became intensely interested in national affairs, and so came to regard State politics as a matter of no consequence except as connected with national politics. So, on account of the inherent power of the central authority the people were gradually led to transfer their interest and affection from the several States to it. Passing by the influence of growing belief in the necessity and utility of union, which has now almost become an axiom, we may take up an influence which is not quite so prominent or potent as the preceding. After the thirteen original States had ceded to the United States a part of their sovereign attributes, the new government found itself with a territory which belonged to it exclusively. To this it added more territory bought from France, Spain and Russia, and ceded by Mexico. In this enlightened territorial government under its own authority, and afterwards, acting as directed by the Constitution, admitted these Territories as States. Now with these five States, those into which we had very little of the State loyalty doctrine in them for various reasons. Their inhabitants were made up of people from other States on whom the influence of migration before the Revolution was felt. But in the territorial position the people had been accustomed to look to the United States government for their officers, executive and judicial ones. With United States authority they were familiar, and to the United States they were grateful for their admission into the Union. And so, the Constitution, as well as a Republican, has been more a national sentiment than a local political interest. This is always true, and will be, and remains, a fact of political history.

The following strong statements are made by two eminent English educators: "There is no measure which would so powerfully and rapidly promote the education of the masses as the adoption of a simpler method of spelling." And again, in the ‘Gratorum’ of a new year, ‘What is still worse, fourteen per cent. of our population never learn to read.’

Again, the majority of our children never advance beyond the primary grades; yet, here at least, one-third of their time is spent in trying to learn to spell, for no one has ever yet succeeded in mastering English orthography.

In the light of these facts, it is easy to explain the oft-repeated truth that the Germist lad of a dozen years is greatly in advance of an American scholar, of the same age, in general knowledge.

We believe that an improvement in our spelling is not only in the highest degree desirable, but is actually practicable. It is not our province here to take up the many objections which have been urged against any change. They have all been so able and fully met that we have but to refer the reader to any of the many discussions of the subject. One of the strongest proofs, however, of the feasibility of reform is the fact that such journals as Chicago Tribune are adopting and successfully using a modified spelling.
paper, no exchange list was furnished them. They had to establish a new list. The names of many of the papers were left to us, it is true, but the P. O. address was not given even correctly at sea. This subject is

recommended to your attention. We hope you will think well of the change, and prepare for an election at the close of this present term, or at the beginning of next term. The editorial elected hold office only a year, from the winter term of their junior year, to the same term of their senior year.

Our reading-room looks deserted this term. Five cents a week from each student kept it in good running order last term. We need some periodicals. And a careful selection of reviews, magazines, together with a few of the weeklies, would furnish us with such in-
formation as we must seek at the Public Library, where it is often so inconvenient to find, that the student goes uninformed rather than undertake so much of a task. Let some energetic student who is a good collector make the effort, and see how much he can raise toward furnishing us with a reading-room once more.

It seems to be the prevailing belief that this paper exists for the special improvement or amusement of the few who happen to be on the editorial staff, or at most, to chronicle the events of the Senior class. It is true that in previous years the majority of references were to the upper classes for the simple reason that the editors were from those classes, and it was much easier to write up events whose classes than to scrape together matter from the others. The conditions are the same this year, and the tendency to fall into the former custom still remains. To prevent such a result from ac-
tually occurring, we pray that each student cease to con-
sider this paper a Senior organ, a Society organ, or an organ of any sort other than that of the Chicago Uni-
versity as a whole, and feel that the Freshman, as well as the Sophomore and Junior, has some interest in it and will do something toward its support, even though it be nothing more than add his name to the subscription list. But he can easily do more than that. When anything happens which he thinks will be of interest to others, or will afford amuse-
ment, he can make a little item for the local column, or a longer article for the communication department if a
grief exists among the students there is no better place to vent such grievances than through the organ which represents the students. Our columns are equally open to replies. If the Prep hereafter complains that the paper contains nothing of interest to them it will not be because they have no opportunity to make it interesting, or if the Freshmen claims that they are not represented, it will be through their own neglect.

A regular corps of reporters would be a good thing, but our College is at present not so large but that each mem-
ber can consider himself a reporter.

And now if by chance a student should have a bit of news or fun for us, we desire to say that it will reach us safely if dropped into the mail-box on the west side of the hall. We beseech you not to drop it into the box on the east side, for the messenger opens that, and he may not be able to stand College jokes. Malmsten opens the other and he, you all know, is impregnable.

It was our good fortune recently to come upon a file of the College Times, the predecessor of the Volante. Many points in these papers of "Auld Lang Syne," are so interesting and so entwined with pleasant mem-
ories, that we cannot refrain from presenting some items to our readers. It may generally be said of one's college life that the pleasures of anticipation are far surpassed by the joys of retrospection. No theme is more apt to strike a responsive chord in the heart of an alumna than a review of college days. This is necessarily true to a less extent of an undergraduate, because he has not as yet so large a fund of pleasant associations, and these are not so mellowed and beautified by the lapse of time.

Yet the Times yields many facts regarding the past history of Alma Mater of interest even to an undergrad-
uate. Thus we learn that the Freshmen of the Univer-
sity once wore college caps. "The Evening Post of last Friday says: Those young men with a sort of military air, marine caps up with 'U. C.' in gilt letters are not soldiers. They are students of the University of Chi-
gago."

We have frequent reference to a defunct Index, prede-
cessor of the Volante.

If we permit our thoughts to follow the irregular, de-
sultory course natural to relaxive, we must note next the poetical poems beardring the literary department for the years 70 and 71. The majority of these are signed "W. M. Penn," but—we hope we are revealing no secret—are from another pen, that of our esteemed contemporary Mr. Fred Perry Powers, now of the Chicago Times. Others are the work of a fellow member of the class of 71, A. B. Tucker.

Mr. Tucker is most happy in his letters, signed "Jerry Simmons," in which he alludes a truly Addisonian case and grace. It is long since we have read anything more pleasing than these charming productions. Of the editors at this time, only two in number, Mr. Tucker was one, Mr. C. A. Snowden the other, now chief of the Chicago Times bureau at Washington.

From the personal, as showing the versatility of a professor's genius, a clip the following: "J. D. S. Riggs, of '71 is in the boot and shoe business in Rockford.

Would that he were worth of us."" Edmonston Lane in the black socks.

And poor through the lowest paws."

"She thinks she's a kidl, and, with her eyes

Glimmering all the while, her heart's in

Worth where of spoken words, that look."

For now I know there is a heaven.

"I overflow that she is feeling gala,

That promise bearing laws,

For in that hour I loved to solve

The mystery of love.

Among other familiar features this number contains a vigorous editorial on the Reading Room and another on Tom Foley's fine new billiard hall. Occasional ar-
ticles from the faculty, especially from Dr. Burroughs are seen—something which we wish was more frequent at present.

Before laying aside these time-stained reminders of by-
gone days, we venture to give an extract from one more poem, a parody entitled Quadrivium.

"Classics to right of them

Classics to left of them,

Pain is front of them,

Twain's to come right.

Classics how man can tell,

Boldly they read and tell,

Though mathematics passed,

Now they're prepared at last,

Now for the wiser class,

Future Alumni."

"Scarcely all their old pets there,

Scarcely from the Franklin's thing

Answering the questions rare

Venustus, Venus, Venus, Sutherland and Egbert

On the demise of the Times the Volante was estab-
lished by the Society. The Times has continued all from the Senior Class. Of the number we are inspecting, for January 73, the editors were Wellers, Olson and Newman. It would be interesting to know whether any of those is responsi-
bile for the poem inspired apparently by a simple but

prettier incident of real life, At the Window, from which we quote a few stanzas.

"She closed the door with quick resort,

How amiable she's grown at last.

Why at the first bit noticing glove

Would follow to the gate?"
apparatus was kept in good order, and the room kept passably clean and well heated. There was no clearly marked case of lawlessness during the past year, and if we could say the same for this year, we should be most happy to do so. And we are sorry to be compelled to say that there are any students among us who act in any manner that is not becoming to gentlemen. It is not size that makes the man, but it is the spirit of the individual that decides us in our choice of the name by which we designate certain persons. A wrong spirit is among some of our students. But we shall look at the recent vandalism that has occurred in our gymnasium, destroying so much of the apparatus and injuring the room in as mild a light as we can, we shall say that it was the result of thoughtlessness on the part of those young men. The love of fun led them too far. We shall take that view in the present instance, but only in case it does not happen again. As editors of the Volante, we desire to see such a public sentiment in our little world as will always discourage any destruction of college property, or the defacing of our college halls by pencil or knife. In fact, we wish to see such a gentlemanly spirit exhibited as shall not again necessitate reproof from us.

Communication.

SPHINX OF COLLEGE JOURNALISM.

BY PROF. H. H. SANFORD.

The college paper is a growth of modern times. Long ago it was not uncommon for a sheet to be prepared once or twice a year, to put in a form, convenient for reference, the different departments and organizations of an institution.

Now the college without its periodical could hardly be found.

This very fact shows that there is a demand which these publications are designed to supply. Recently, however, the legitimate sphere of college journalism has been a subject of no little thought and discussion. The propriety of such a discussion is evident from the variety of opinions which have been expressed and from the character of the various publications.

While we have no special theories to maintain, and can claim no great advantage from experience, we would venture to suggest a few thoughts, which, though they may fall to the current magazine as a precipitate to assist in clearing away some of the prevailing misconceptions.

It is possible that some colleges may be able to command the money and talent necessary to produce a first-class newspaper, magazine, or even a profound critical review in science, art, literature, religion, or politics. In that case a public patronage would be assured which would justify all their claims. But such a case would be exceptional and could not be used as a guide or example.

The first question to be asked in regard to any enterprise is, whence and what is the demand? A correct answer would determine the precise nature of the successful supply.

The chief demand for a college paper evidently arises from the students themselves.

Each institution is a little separate community, having its own peculiar organizations and characteristics; its own laws and events of interest. To some extent the Alumni and patrons, and even other like institutions share in this interest; but the general public is almost totally indifferent.

Events are often occurring which involve the general or individual interests of this community. But as rumors and reports are very uncertain, and few have the time or facilities for ascertaining the precise facts, some reliable means of information is desirable.

Questions of vital importance to the community arise which they wish to see carefully and impartially discussed. So, too, events and questions in other colleges may be of general interest to all like institutions, and as the students cannot all have access to the facts, they wish to have them furnished in their own journals.

The chief demand is therefore for that which is of purely local interest. A few considerations may assist in determining from what it should be.

Simple correctness and justice would demand that the primary objects of the organ of any community should be to promote the best interests of that community. Nothing should be admitted which would tend to introduce demoralizing or discordant elements.

If individuals or societies get into a quarrel, the college paper should not be the arena of conflict. No person should be allowed to degrade the paper and the institution by making it the medium of venting his spite or spleen. Legitimate criticism is allowable, but simple fault-finding never.

And yet are there those who do not seem to be able to distinguish one from the other. True criticism requires wisdom, mere fault-finding shows but the lack of it. And yet we often see persons who seem, at least, to think that fault-finding manifests superior endowments. The weather is always, for them, a little different from what it should be. And yet we cannot help thinking that if they knew more they would see that it is best as it is.

Such persons are always troubled with the courses of study and the regulations and requirements of colleges.

They look through the key-hole and conclude that the machinery is driving the whole concern to destruction. The most narrow-minded are those who complain most of biguity and narrowness in others. Doubtless it is best to let such people talk, for it is a source of great gratification to themselves; but a college paper should not be a waste-basket.

If any institution makes its sports more prominent than its literary works, there is no good reason to complain if their college paper does the same.

Speech is said to be "the mirror of the soul." A college paper will reflect the prevailing spirit of an institution.

As a refined and cultivated mind can be detected in any ordinary conversation, so we read between the lines of every periodical. It is not necessary that a paper should be loaded down with literary articles which no one but the author ever reads; and yet when some production has given so much pleasure that the students wish to have it in a permanent form, that would be a sufficient reason why it should appear.

If editors and contributors keep in mind their own position, and the character and tastes of those whom they address and of those whom they represent, the college paper will never be in danger of being mistaken for the organ of a race-course or play-house.

The legitimate field of college journalism is broad enough without the assistance of Dardalus, Pegasus or Phaethon, certainly without the aid of Bacchus of the Harpies.

Locals.

Circus.

Infinity.

Winter is near.

Four new students.

Put that flute away.

The reading-room is deserted.

Beware of the Turkey, young man.

H. Law.

Keep quite.—October issue.

Keep quiet, H. Law.—September issue.

What has become of the S. R. P. O.? Will they have a sleigh ride this year?

Devotional meetings Tuesday Eve., 7 o'clock P. M., in Society Hall; all are invited.

Prep.: What does Dr. Anderson mean when he says "The Law and the Prophets?" Wicked Senior: "Why, by the first, that means that man with the white mus-tache who plays on the flute; and by the profits he means Hall & Malmsten, the University bankers.

The rooms occupied those occupied by Prof. Howe are being fitted up for Prof. Hough.

Remember the Circus. Performance begins promptly at eight. For further particulars see posters.

Rumor says Mrs. Helen E. Starrett is to deliver a lecture on "The Ethics of Manliness." Isn't it just a little hard on resident students to shut them out from what little comfort there is to be found in Doctor's room and in the chapel?

The last fly was noticed to crawl up the south side of the building, stretch his wings and sigh for the happy days when the mercury stood 90° in the shade.

Library hours are changed, so that students who reside outside of the University may secure books on Mondays and Fridays from 10:40 A. M., till 12:30 P. M.

Thanks Doctor.

An exchange says that the ladies of Eastham College have organized a base ball club, and practice daily. Yet our Freshman and Sophomore cannot get up enough to have a rush.

Senior in English Literature: "Prof. aunt Lyrics a little more top on than prose works in the present century?" Sensation: Decision as to relative merits of prose and poetry causes.

The appointments for Junior Exhibition are as follows: Miss Myra E. Pollard, Miss Ella F. Haigh, Miss E. C. Cooley, Misses A. H. and N. D. Thompson, H. O. Durburrow, J. W. Wright, and S. R. King, if he returns.

The University parlors are being refitted. We trust that the work will be thorough; and that a new carpet may be placed upon the floors, and curtains of different style and hue from the former beauties may grace the windows.

Since our last issue we have had the following chapel notices: Oct. 28th, F. W. Barber, subject, "The Dutch Reformation." Nov. 4th, C. S. Brown, subject, "Permiss._" Nov. 11th, F. H. Clark, subject, "The Power of the People._"

Fulton is one of the seven Sleepers. Three alarm clocks and a lively room-mate are required to make a slight impression. Said impression may be only an incoherent expression in French, as he relapses into his coma state.

We are glad to note the spirit of rivalry that has sprung up between a Prep. and a Senior on the subject of Elocution. We know Mr. Malmsten's ability, and of course can recommend him as a first-class artist. Mr.
THE VOLANTE.

Law is a stranger, and brings no recommendations. But a content every day at the fifth hour will enable interested parties to decide for themselves as to the respective merits of the Clays.

Prof. Sanford has removed to the room in the south-east part of the building, formerly occupied by Ege and Mears. It smiles when he thinks of what he experiences. Prof. Hough may be called to pass through when the Student's Association shall meet.

A typographical hack appeared in our last issue. The printer who made up the paper succeeded in twisting the communication hind-side before and inside out, in a truly remarkable manner. Those who tried to read it, found it built on the plan of the german sentence.

The Y. M. C. A. of the University has rejected its old constitution, and adopted the one governing the operations of the Illinois State Association of the Y. M. C. A. The officers elected were: President, F. W. Barber, Vice-President, E. T. Stone, Recording Secretary, K. Dillard, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, F. R. Swartwood.

We are sorry to record the fact that Dr. Anderson is seriously ill. The physician who was called diagnosed the case as pneumonia. On the Friday of the great storm, Nov. 11, the Doctor got very wet and took a severe cold, which his overworked system refused to shake off. On the whole, it is not supposed that he will be dangerously ill.

One of our innocent Seniors will tell you with great earnestness that "Crustaceans are divided into two subclasses, a higher, Malacostraca, and a lower, Ectomoastracata. Now, Tribolites, though belonging to the lower division, or Ectomoastracata, occupy a position near the confines of the two division, More definitely, they probably stand between the Iloops (Tetradacapso Malacostracta) on the one hand, and the Phyllopods and Limuloids (Ectomoastracata) on the other hand.

I remember once going from my room to the chapel. I said to a student, "what room is that?"

"That," said he, "is the chapel."

"When?" I asked. "I long and wide, but chilly. How far off is the stove?"

"Only a rod or two," was the reply.

"Is it possible that only a rod from us shall find a stove roasting as it must do to warm so large a room?"

"You may find it so sir." I found it, but not so.

The sight of that old stove on that cold morning, I never shall forget. It was black, smooth, beautiful and chilly. Into your seat you glide, books, bat, and exercises in good shape. You sit there and never cease to shiver. Now chapel is out. See the students rushing all around. How fast they pass that door. Shrieking, howling, out they go after that Jantor. Thousands are after him every day.

FEN SKETCHES.

A long on the plains, young man.
A dray in the brougham, young man.
Who don't own a one?
When he kicks a log, young man.
A disturbing Prof. Home, young man.
A play on the flute, young man.
A running and shouting, young man.
Who waltzes with Hall, and makes every one laugh.
"O, give in a rest, young man."
A reading-room running young man.
A school-boat sailing young man.
Who looks out for gains, which he makes with so young.
A drop butt a class young man.
A Louisiana and Dakota young man.
A Robinson-stall young man.
A much malnourished.
Fourth root of a radical, "Infinite system" young man.

The "Consp d'Etat" of Knox College with a modesty that is truly refreshing, prints the following in reference to the oratorical contest in which Mr. Handscht recently took the first prize. We are glad that she can find comfort in such a story.

Mr. Anderson was the only real orator who appeared on the stage. All the other speakers possessed what were undoubtedly very finely written productions, but they were not orators in the sense of the word. They lacked fire, enthusiasm, facility and grace of movement on the stage, personal magnetism, in fact, all the elements regarded as essential to the orator. Mr. Anderson, however, possessed all these qualities in an eminent degree. When he stepped to the front the audience felt that he was an orator; their attention was first attracted by his general bearing and afterwards chained by the power of his magnetism. From the beginning to the end of his oration he held the audience spell-bound, and when he sat down the audience was impressed with the tremendous and repeated rounds of applause such as no other speaker of the evening received, showing beyond a doubt the opinion which the audience held in regard to the manner of speaking.

It may moreover be a meritor of comfort to the Judges to learn of their supreme ignorance even at this late date. It is a little trying; however, to have such a conceited teacher.

PERSONALS.

80. Bass is going to the Union Law College.
73. R. H. Lewis has again betaken himself to law.
73. N. C. Wheeler has taken to himself a better half.
78. W. H. Hall is now in New York city in business for himself.
70. W. Q. Jones will not return from Europe until next spring.

Miss Elsie Browning again brightens her home with her presence.
81. Morse is at Stillwater, Minn., "teaching young ideas to shoot."
76. Jay G. Davidson was married last month. Success to you, Jay.
77. J. Loring Cheney is at Halle, Germany, pursuing his studies in Hebrew and Greek.
83. Ernest Lutir is still with M. Field & Co., city, and will be glad to see his old friends.
83. Miss Crafts is disturbing the hearts of the Wesleyan boys. She is in the Junior class.
39. Rev. D. S. Stafford has undertaken a year's trip to the Old World, study being his object.

We met Metatchara Ongawa on the street not long ago. He is keeping a set of books and doing nicely.
83. Johnnie Cornell made his old haunts a visit the other day. He has returned to eat his Thanksgiving turkey in Hyde Park.
81. Van Schenck has returned from Europe, and brought a pair of Burnsides with him. He is now attending the Law School.

Under the skillful care of his father, A. J. Baxter, M. D., Lawson Baxter has completely recovered the use of his arm, recently fractured.
76. Harley B. Mitchell, well and jolly as ever, can always be found at his old stand, the office of the American Miller, Howland Bloch.
10. Kappas last programme was printed in a very showy form. The printer shows much skill with the pen, but little taste in the selection of colors.
72. A. P. Burbank, so widely and favorably known for his eloquentary powers, recently gave one of his enjoyable entertainments at Central Music Hall.

80. Barr has his abode in the Law Institute of the new county building, and is attending a dancing academy.

It is reported that Miss Hawley and Mr. Coon are to be married in the early part of December. Two by two they are stepping into the blissful land of wedlock. We expect to hear of Gardiner's departure next month.

Miss White is gaining distinction in the Medical College where she is attending. So well did she manage a crazy man, not long ago, that she was made Secretary of the H (name missing) Hospital. Her desire for a skeleton is now in a fair way of being satisfied, as she was noticed with a bundle of bones under her arm not long since.

EXCHANGES.

The Dartmouth comes to us in fine shape each month. We enjoyed the literary articles, but think it would be better if the article on "Engineers" had not been quite so long. We enjoy reading a good solid article in a college paper, if it is not so lengthy as to seem to have been published as a matter of duty, or out of respect for the author, aside from the merit of the particular article. The editorials are local in their interest, which is the proper thing. We do not agree with the idea expressed in the first editorial in regard to Senior Chapel speaking, and think that the editors would change their mind if the Seniors would improve upon the hint offered in the same article, that they give more time and study to the preparation of their themes. The editorial on the in-juries to Chapel furniture merits our approval. We have had the same experience. "Dartmouth Conservation" is an excellent editorial. We have the same marking system to contend against; we are also preparing to digitate the system of electric and optional studies. Success to you in your labors.

The Williams Alumnus is one of the most welcome of our exchanges. Enterprise is shown in the extra that is published and in the call for back numbers. The editorials are short and pithy. We can not understand, however, what pressure has been brought to bear upon the editors to induce them to reduce columns of their paper with such drivel as is contained in "Vioia Vassar's Venture." It is too much for endurance to be demanded at the close of the article that the gush is to be continued.

In looking over the exchange columns of Williams Alumnus, we are greeted with surprising remarks upon Western college papers. We are sorry to see such unqualified expressions from our favorite. We must beg leave to ask why this is so? Eastern colleges, many of them, have only age to offer as their prestige. A well organiz
College World.

The Inter-Ocean is publishing the histories of several of our colleges. At Trinity and most of the other eastern colleges there is a falling off in attendance.—Exs.

Next year the University of Chicago will give its press a commencement, “O tempora! O mores!”—Illini.

The average age at which students enter American Colleges is seventeen; a century ago it was fourteen. 

Round Table.

On account of the ill feeling arising from the elections, the faculty at Dartmouth has decided to abolish class-day exercises.

At Columbia college the Sophs. and Fresh. had a rush. Thirty Freshmen against fifty Sophs. At the end it was decided a tie. Hurrah for the Freshmen.

Rockford Ladies’ Seminary was admitted into the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association of this state. A lady orator will be among the competitors for next year’s prize.

The Chinese Government has recalled the one hundred boys sent to America to be educated, fearing, it is thought, the progressive ideas they would gain here.—Charter Review.

It is said that there is a movement about among the Germans in this country, for the erection of a University on the model of that in Berlin. Milwaukee is mentioned as the seat of such a university.—Exs.

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