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It was on a rainy Thursday evening not long ago when the class of '93 forgathered at President Wheeler's annual reception. That the occasion was a pleasant one goes without saying, but not even while listening to the inspiring strains of "Forty-nine Blue Bottles" could the potent, grave and reverend seniors lose sight of the fact that it was President Wheeler's last senior reception. We had known all along that this was to be his last year, but somehow it came home to us stronger then, and with a start we realized that he who had been among us so long that he seemed like an integral part of the college was soon

to give place to another. What we lose in him we may never fully realize, and it is with no ordinary feeling of regret that one who has been within the sphere of his influence pauses to yield a slight tribute.

As a teacher, he taught several things that are usually neglected. He speedily disabused his classes of any superstitious reverence for the letter of the text, showing that authors and editors were fallible men who did not agree among themselves. He taught students to look for basal ideas, general principles and tendencies, rather than insisting upon the mastery of many details. With him a text book was a book of texts, and upon these he lectured to his classes, giving the ideas of other men, teaching a broadness of view, and giving a wide grasp of the subject that puts to shame the teacher whose idea of instruction is wholesale cramming of the text book. In language, his classes studied literature, not grammar only.

In him, as in few others, the thorough, polished scholar is joined to the shrewd, observing man of the world. A lecture on Roman Law was illustrated by a reference to the Homestead trial, a dialect passage from Shakespeare was paralleled by a slang expression heard yesterday. His is the happy faculty of making learning fresh, showing that what we read in books is no mere dead stuff, but the actions of real men.

Outside of the class room, his chapel speeches and addresses on various occasions have been models of sound thinking and vigorous English. The well-tried wisdom of a long and busy life was expressed in crisp sentences that stuck

in the memory like burrs. On the occasions—now grown too rare—when he filled one of the pulpits of the city, there was certain to be a crowd of students to hear him.

But perhaps the service that entitles him to the truest gratitude is his record as a man. Example is ever stronger than precept, and it is no slight thing for young people to have constantly before them an example of power without arrogance, wisdom without presumption, and over all the mellow influence of the Faith. To know such a man is a privilege, to be thrown in daily contact with him, to draw inspiration from his teaching and to learn deeper lessons from the man himself—these things go far to make a liberal education. May his successor leave behind him as enduring a memorial as Dr. Wheeler will leave in the hearts of those whose lives he has helped to form!

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From the traditions of the past we learn that there was once an organization known as the Kaldron Publishing Company, being a company composed of the five fraternities; that naturally this organization soon became insolvent, and that the fraternities found themselves in debt about two hundred dollars. This caused no surprise and little anxiety, but when it was learned that a good part of the debt would have to be paid, it almost gave rise to a panic. The tradition goes on to say that after the strong arm of justice had been invoked and the students terrorized by the presence of a minion of the law at chapel several mornings, the aforesaid part of the debt was paid, but as the unwilling purses gave up their gold, a solemn oath was taken that never again, while the rivers ran to the sea, would the payers have part or lot in the publishing of another *Kaldron*. So a faithful vow was made and a solemn pledge taken,

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The thing is done, and we hope that there may be no reason to regret it. But one thing we wish to say, and say it straight from the shoulder: Messieurs the editors and managers, you have led us to believe that this book can be published without loss; it is your duty to make good your promises. A second blunder like that of '91 will settle the *Kaldron* for good. You have undertaken to make the publication pay, and it is a point of honor to do it, even if your own work goes unrewarded.

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It is enough to warp the wall paper to hear the criticisms that are given in our literary societies. There are usually three men detailed for duty as critics. The first arises and speaks in this wise:

"I desire to commend the class as a whole for the excellent performances they have given. The first gentleman, I noticed, held his manuscript with both hands; this is a slight fault, and should be avoided. I have no further criticisms to offer, but again wish to commend the class."

Then number two takes the floor and says:

"The gentlemen are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have acquitted themselves. The second speaker was a trifle stiff in his attitude upon the stage, but will

doubtless do better after he has had more experience in the society. All the performers did well, and deserve credit for coming up so promptly."

The third varies the refrain in this way:

"The gentlemen who preceded me have covered the whole ground of criticism so thoroughly that there is nothing for me to do but second their remarks. The performers have done credit to themselves and the society, and the class as a whole has acquitted itself with honor."

And so it goes. Does anybody believe this nonsense? Is anybody helped by it? Is there really any use of having such criticisms? If the whole duty of critics is to distribute indiscriminate flattery, if the only things to be criticised are the speaker's position on the stage or an occasional mispronounced word, the office of society critic should be classed among the ornamental pursuits.

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But there's always some grass in the other fellow's yard, and while there is no particular reason why the critic should plaster on his praises so thickly, there is a reason why his criticism does not amount to more. The faults of the productions are not surface ones. There are few grammatical errors or examples of bad rhetoric, you do not see just where to find fault with it, yet you realize that something is lacking, it does not hold your interest,—in a word, it is flat, and flatness is an unpardonable sin. This is the chief fault with the essays and orations given in society. Their English is all right, but their interest is nowhere. They wander through a dreary wilderness of words with no sign of life anywhere, yet this very serious fault is one that is scarcely ever criticized.

The reason of this dullness is simply be-

cause the writer has paid far more attention to what he has to say than to how he will say it. He usually spends too much time upon a simple idea, expressing it in various forms and bringing in illustrations when it is already quite clear. He seems to lose sight of the fact that his hearers probably possess ordinary intelligence, and can follow a train of reasoning without having it side-tracked every few miles. He should aim to express or suggest his thoughts concisely, and learn to leave somewhat to the imagination of the hearer. Take this extract:

"He won a pinto from a Mexican horse thief, who cried bitterly when he delivered his pet pony to the new owner. The new owner, being a man of the world and agile on his feet, was only slightly stabbed that evening as he walked to the dance hall at the edge of the town. The Mexican was buried the next day but one."

Mr. Wistar does not say in so many words that the Mexican, being of a vengeful, treacherous disposition, and being provoked at the loss of his pony, determined to win it back by fair means or foul; that he waited in ambush that night in order to set upon the other and kill him, etc., etc.,—if he did, the recital would be spiritless. But you know these things perfectly well, and to tell them in this way is what distinguishes the writer from the mere word-carpenter.

Another way of successfully becoming dull is to use illustrations and figures of speech taken from books and not from life. Don't use the same comparisons people have been using ever since the days of Homer. If you want to speak of the various ranks of life, don't talk about the king and the peasant. We haven't any kings in this country or peasants either, people don't know what they are except as they have read of them, and they have heard this particular simile so often that they expect

it as a matter of course; the true way to impress them is to leave it out. If you want to say that a certain person defended a measure, don't make him "take up the cudgels" in its behalf. Did you ever see any one take up the cudgels? Do you know what the phrase means? These were good metaphors once; now they are mere conventional phrases, they have lost all their force. To have a figure of speech serve any purpose at all, it must call to mind something familiar, yet the comparison must be unhackneyed. When Miss Repplier tells us that a certain thing is as out of place "as a strayed Faun in a button factory," or when Mr. Appleton says that "Nahant is cold roast Boston," you see the aptness of the allusion and grasp the idea more readily.

To conclude, then, if you would avoid the black beast Dullness, don't be prolix, and don't talk about red-letter days and Parthian shots and robbing Peter to pay Paul and such allusions which do not allude. Use phrases people understand, not lifeless figures taken from books. By paying more attention to these matters some of our chrysalis preachers would save future congregations many a yawn.

Literary.

With Slippers On.

"Put on thy slippers, then I'll talk to thee."

NUMBER EIGHT.

They were discussing the question whether a thought could be better expressed by the brush or the pen.

"Words are the true colors," said the Poet. "Can any picture say as much and suggest as much as the *Cotter's Saturday Night*? In the *Ancient Mariner*, do you admire Dore more than Coleridge? Why, the poem gives the pictures half their value. You read into them more mean-

ing than they really have. The poem is the true key to the gates of thought, the lens that focuses elusive hints and wandering memories and exhibits truth most clearly."

"Partly right," rejoined the Dictionary Man. "Thought should be expressed in words, but not in verse. To pluck the feathers off a truth and hold it up that all may see is no task for a poet. He is not exact, he covers up his meaning with many words, he has to worry about rhyme, and metre, and poetic fitness. Prose exhibits a truth in clear white light, poetry confuses with shimmering colors. Take that saying of Michaelangelo, 'Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle'; a poet would have expanded those eight words into eight hundred, he would have talked about the blue skies and true love, circling round the subject like a timid fish, and when he did say what he wanted to, half the effect would be lost."

"Why don't you stop talking and try it?" suggested the Unhappy One. "Let us take a common thought and express it in our own ways. For instance, the idea that merit lies not in the size of an object but in its perfection, that a drop of water may be better in its way than a mountain range."

This was agreed to, and taking each a sheet of paper, a pencil, and fifteen minutes of silence they set at it. Each worked in a different way. The Poet wrote a few words, stopped, rubbed them out, gazed into the fire for inspiration, looked at the others, wrote a few more words, then made his pencil race across the paper for some time. The Dictionary Man wrote a sentence, crossed it out, wrote another, crossed it out, wrote a third, same result—then caught the idea he was in search of, caged it up in words, and looked at the Unhappy One in triumph. The latter was bending over his paper very attentively, but presently finished, and the two waited until the Poet completed his verses, just as the time elapsed.

"Are you both through?" he asked.

"Yes, and waiting for you to read first," replied the Unhappy One.

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Harvard added another feather to her cap in winning the Harvard-Yale debate on January 18. Harvard won by 100 points.

One of the growing evils of the present age is lack of originality. It is no longer the man who is great who is original, but the man who is original is great.—*Buchtelite*.

Lord Tennyson was the eighth Poet Laureate buried in Westminster Abbey. The other seven are Chaucer, Shelton, Spenser, Johnson, Davenant, Dryden and Rowe.—*Ex*.

The *Buchtelite*, of Akron, O., is now a spicy weekly, appearing in the form of a weekly newspaper. Its reading matter is much improved, and in many ways the paper shows an advance. In general appearance it resembles the *University News* and *Transcript*, which rank among our best exchanges. Its managers are to be congratulated.

The following, touching upon city government, is clipped from an editorial on the Scholar in Politics in a late number of the *Aegis*, of Wisconsin University: Various difficulties beset our city governments and hinder reform. There is the influence of the saloon; the many difficulties arising from the large unassimilated foreign vote; there is "bossism," bulldozing and bribery. These adverse influences can be overcome only by

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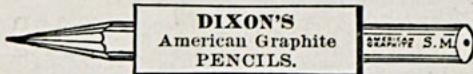


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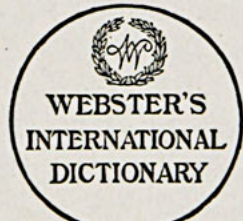
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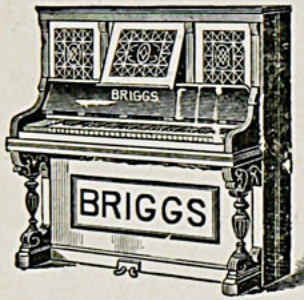
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West Vernon...	9 45	4 58		7 10	2 56
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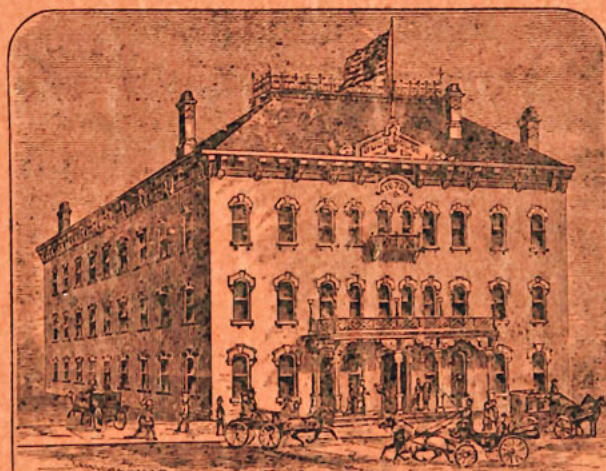
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"Well," said the Unhappy One, with feigned regret, giving a side glance at the Dictionary Man, "I suppose you know best. However anxious we are to hear your poem, we wouldn't think of urging you to break your good resolutions. So the Dictionary Man will have to read his prose."

Thus adjured, he read this sentence:

"I would rather be the author of a respectable wood-house than of a tottering cathedral."

"Pretty good," said the Poet, "it expresses the idea exactly. New for yours."

The Unhappy One held up his sheet of paper. There was no writing upon it, only a single line, drawn from side to side of the paper, straight, uniform, perfect.

The Establishment of Phi Delta Theta.

The mother chapter of Phi Delta Theta was founded at Miami University in 1848. The chief mover in its organization was Rev. Robt. Morrison, who is still living and one of the most enthusiastic members. The fraternity is one of the famous "Miami Triad," composed of Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, and Phi Delta Theta.

The organization had a slow and healthy growth, and, when the war broke out, had seventeen chapters, the majority of which were in the country soon to be devastated by the terrors of war. The close of the conflict found the fraternity very weak, but seven chapters remaining alive. In 1870, however, new life was infused into Phi Delta Theta and its growth began to be very rapid. For the first decade, it reached out its arms principally in the Central and Southern States. In recent years its extension has been chiefly into New England, where it now possesses six chapters. The latest charters granted have

been to Amherst College, Brown, Tulane, Washington, and Leland Stanford Universities. The total number of active chapters is sixty-six, situated in twenty-seven states. Alumni chapters have been organized in twenty-three cities. The total membership is about eight thousand. The fraternity is divided into seven provinces, each designated by a Greek letter. National conventions are held every second year, and province conventions in the intervening years. The next national convention will hold its session at Syracuse University in the fall of 1893.

Among the prominent names in the membership roll of Phi Delta Theta are the following: President Benj. Harrison; Vice President-elect A. E. Stevenson; Secretary of State Foster; U. S. Senators Vilas, Blackburn and Allen; Gov. Mellette of S. Dak., Rev. David Swing, Dr. Worrall, Eugene Field, and others, including ten college presidents. These members were all regularly initiated, as the fraternity does not grant honorary membership.

The fifty-third charter to be granted by Phi Delta Theta was to a body of petitioners from Allegheny College, and was known as Penna. Epsilon chapter. The designation was afterward changed to Penna. Delta. The installation was held on May 30th, 1879, and the ceremonies were conducted by J. A. Langfitt, of Washington and Jefferson College, now a prominent Pittsburgh lawyer. At the time of the birth of the new chapter, the ground was already occupied by Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Tau Delta. Considerable dissatisfaction with the chapters then in existence was what led to the application to Phi Delta Theta. Most of the applicants had already received invitations from the older fraternities, but preferred to try the new one. Although the new chapter met with continued opposition from its sister organizations, it flourished and soon took the ground which it maintains to-day. The meetings of the chapter were for a short time held in students' rooms, but rooms were soon secured in the Post Office block, which was its home for many years. The next step was to enter the rooms of the Royal Arcanum in the

Phoenix Block. Early in 1889 the chapter began to make plans to enter rooms exclusively their own. With the liberal aid of their alumni, the present home of Penna. Delta, in the Kitchen Block on Water street, was remodeled and newly furnished. The "housewarming" was a large reception given in the spring of '89. The chapter house idea has several times been fully and freely discussed but has not been looked upon with favor either by the alumni or by the members of the active chapter.

Since Penna. Delta's appearance, it has initiated about one hundred men, eighteen of whom are active members. Four deaths have occurred. About two-thirds of the non-active members have taken their degree.

The chapter is in Alpha Province, which includes all New England, New York and Pennsylvania chapters. The next Alpha Province convention will convene with Penna. Delta in the autumn of 1894.

Local.

John Danforth spent Sunday at his home in Warren.

Messrs. Hatch and Crane attended a masquerade at Garrettsville last week.

Prof. J. uses refined expressions in the class room, "let it soak" being one of his favorites.

The Business Manager is daily on the lookout for the \$1.50 for CAMPUS subscription. Don't disappoint him.

The advanced chemistry class is making an effort to have their work four hours Monday forenoon instead of the same amount of time scattered along through the week.

Dr. Montgomery is going to have his lecture room in Wilcox Hall so arranged that if a fellow is studying on the back seat during a recitation the Dr. can just reach over and, taking him by the collar, place him in a receptacle provided for that purpose, for future reference.

McElroy boards at the Hall now.

Misses Sackett and Veith are the latest initiates in Alpha Chi Omega.

Sir William bunted C. F. Stratton into Phi Kappa Psi on Feb. 4th.

The fraternities are causing photographer Fowler a good deal of trouble lately.

A number of students attended the Dau Sima Dalda party in the Richmond Block recently.

W. H. Gibson spent Sunday with W. R. Fruit at the latter's home in Fredonia, Mercer county.

The fine skating at Island Park last Saturday afforded pleasant recreation for professors and students.

The Glee club had another rehearsal at Philo Hall Monday night. Wonder when they will make their first appearance?

How far is this true? A young man remarked to a friend that all you have to do to get high marks in your classes and go through Allegheny College with flying colors is to join the Y. M. C. A. and study for the ministry.

A number of town girls gave the college boys a sleigh ride recently. It seems too bad, though, that some of the ministerial students should be out till 4 o'clock Sunday morning. Of course it would be a great deal worse for any one else to be out till 1 a.m. any other night.

Philo Franklin Hall was well filled last Friday night. The cause was that a mock trial was being held. Mr. Pickard was accused of murder. The prosecution was sustained by A. O. Davis and Harper, the defense by Darragh and Homer. Many of the witnesses were badly "rattled," and it was very amusing and at the same time instructive. All the attorneys did well. Davis in his flight of oratory nearly overpowered the jury, but his opponents' matter of fact way sort of put on the brakes and the result was that the jury after some strong words agreed to disagree. We hope to see a new trial.

Stratton, Sr., is now a Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Do you realize that the first half of the term is gone?

F. H. Murphy spent a few days out of town recently.

Ask Derby what he thought of the girl on the defense at the murder trial.

Robert Darragh visited Messrs. Douthitt and Peffer at Erie over Sunday.

It will soon be time to order that spring suit, or perhaps resurrect the old one.

"Tad" Douthitt was over from Erie to attend a *Kaldron* meeting last Saturday.

T. N. E. seems to have made its disappearance. Perhaps the boys have not forgotten last spring's work.

Merrill Wright was called home last week by the sad news that his brother was dead. Mr. Wright has now returned to college.

About sixty subscribers are still in arrears for last year's subscriptions. The Campus Publishing company needs this money to settle up last year's account, so pay up and save yourselves and us some trouble. The present business manager is authorized to receipt for same.

Maj. Cree thinks he will hereafter make promotions in the battalion after an examination in spelling, the only word to be spelled being the name of the office to which promotion is to be made. In the recent examination for promotion to Sergeant, only one of eight was able to spell the word correctly.

A system of demerits has been organized for the battalion, to go into effect the first of March. Something of the kind has been needed for a long time. It will insure both prompt action and a tidy and attentive appearance, things indispensable in a well regulated battalion. Major Cree is continually planning something for the good of the battalion, and it is to his untiring

efforts that the present excellent condition of the military department is due.

Alumni.

Frank W. Black, '92, is on the staff of the *Warren, Pa., Mirror*.

Frank Bray, '90, of the *Erie Dispatch*, was in town a few days since.

Harry K. Goodwin, ex-'95, is now a student of Adelbert College, Cleveland, Ohio.

H. K. Stoner, '82, is a practising physician at 1210 Euclid avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

O. R. Thomas, '80, is pastor of the Baptist churches of Jamestown and Transfer, Pa.

Facts about the alumni will be gladly received by the local editors. The same will be published at the earliest possible date.

John Porter, '90, was married to Miss Augusta M. Fisher, of Oil City, in the latter part of January. Shortly after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Porter sailed for Europe.

Mrs. Clara Snyder Hollister, '85, died Jan. 26, 1893, at Fort Worth, Texas. She had been taken there for treatment for consumption, from which she had been a sufferer many months. The remains were brought to Warren, Ohio, for interment in Oakwood cemetery. The funeral was held Jan. 31, 1893, in Christ church, of which her husband was rector four years. Rev. F. B. Avery, of Painesville, Ohio, who officiated at the wedding of Rev. and Mrs. Hollister, assisted at the funeral, which was a very large one. The floral tributes, in beauty and profusion, equalled the decorations of the church at Easter time.

Mrs. Hollister was graduated with the class of '85. She was conscientious in her college work, faithful to the interests of the ladies' literary society, and most loyal in her friendships. In her death Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity loses her first alumna. A few of her sisters who knew her best were present at the burial.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

"Curved is the line of beauty,
Straight is the line of duty;
Follow the last, and thou shalt see
The first will straightway follow thee."

Annual meeting for the election of officers next Monday evening, Feb. 20, in Association Hall.

Cultivate the habit of always seeing the best in people, and more than that, of drawing forth whatever is best in them.—*Cuyler*.

Remark that the two most devoted men of the Old Testament, David and Daniel, were men constantly engaged in the business and cares of this world.—*Pond*.

Your manners will depend very much upon the quality of what you frequently think on; for the soul is tinged and colored with the complexion of thought.—*Marcus Aurelius*.

"Either change your name or honor it," said Alexander to an undutiful soldier who bore his name. Are you a member of the church? Do you bear the name of Christ without honoring His name?

The Erie District Committee has accepted our invitation to hold the next District Convention at Allegheny College. The date has been fixed at April 21-23. This will be the first Convention the College Association has entertained, and we hope to make it a big success. Before that time meetings have been arranged throughout the district as follows: Oil City, Feb. 11 and 12; Union City, Feb. 25 and 26, and Saegertown, March 11 and 12.

The series of meetings on and following the Day of Prayer for colleges was one of great interest and well attended. Those who were Christians were greatly strengthened and many learned something of the pleasure there is in trying to help others. Several students have decided to live for Christ and many others have almost decided to become Christians. Let us not close

our efforts with the meetings, but remember that our duty stands always before us.

Say nothing you would not like God to hear.

Eccl. 5; 2.

Do nothing you would not like God to see.

Titus 2; 7.

Write nothing you would not like God to read.

Heb. 4; 13.

Go no place where you would not like God to find you.

Job. 34; 21.

Read no book of which you would not like God to say, show it me.

John 5; 39.

Never spend your time in such a way that you would not like God to ask, what are you doing.

I Thess. 5; 15.—*Selected*.

Work has been begun on our new Y. M. C. A. rooms and already they show considerable improvement. The lower room, formerly used by Prof. Dutton as a recitation room, has been divided into two rooms; the first for a parlor and reading room, and the second for an office and committee room. Both rooms are to be papered, carpeted and painted. The upstairs room, which we have for our meeting room, has been completely changed. The old platform has been taken out, which adds much to the appearance and gives us considerable more room. A new carpet has been put down, new chairs, an organ, curtains, etc., have been added. Also, two new chandeliers have been ordered to take the place of the old one, which will be put in the reading room. When completed we will have very pleasant and comfortable quarters. The reading room will be open to all students and we trust it will be found a pleasant and convenient place to spend vacant bells. An electric bell is to be put in to ring at the same time as the other bells. The Committee desires to thank all those who have so kindly and generously contributed toward the new rooms. Up to date, one hundred and sixty-eight dollars has been subscribed. We still need about one hundred dollars. We hope that in a short time the entire amount will be paid, and we know it will, judging from the hearty responses we have already received.