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It has occurred to many of the students here and specially to a number of Seniors that a course of lectures on the political problems now occupying public attention in this country would be of immense service in preparing them for the intelligent discharge of their duties as citizens. It is a lamentable fact that many students leave our halls every year possessing a knowledge of social and political questions but little superior to that of many who have not had the advantages of a so-called liberal education. A large number of the present Senior class have been heard to emphatically express themselves on this point, and to lament the general lack of intelligent ideas on these subjects.

So far as the present outgoing class is concerned the course is too near completed to permit of a general study of these subjects unless it be in the way of a few lectures by men of high authority and general attainments in these various directions. But a way of solving the problem for the present and furnishing members of the Senior class with much needed information has suggested itself. Any student listening to President White's lectures in Modern History, and the frequent and valuable comment he makes on the applications of the lessons other countries have learned, to our own national conditions and needs, must feel that we have among our own Faculty one who can give us the very information we seek. It is well understood that our president wishes every student that goes out from the University to be a power for good in the community. His often reiterated expression of this desire can leave no doubt in that direction. We do not doubt but that a large proportion of the students re-echo this sentiment. We would suggest that no better means could be undertaken promoting this end than the discussion of

the duties that at once confront a graduate by President White with his class. General historical knowledge will not avail in this connection; it must be made to apply to the conditions peculiar to American life before its full benefits can be appreciated, and its lessons made practicable by students. One informal talk for instance on the legislative power in tariff, or the financial problem by President White would do much to disentangle the few fragmentary ideas possessed by students in general upon these subjects from the mass of unsound thoughts gathered round them and place us in a better condition for grasping them and acting upon measures regarding them more advisedly. We feel that we voice the general sentiment of the class when we ask President White to give us an occasional talk on these and kindred topics of national interest and importance.

Cornell Alumni.

The members of the Northwestern Alumni Association of Cornell University held their sixth annual banquet at the Palmer House last evening, some forty guests sitting down at the table. About 8 o'clock the banqueters, with memories of the roseate-hued college days uppermost in their minds, began to assemble in parlor O. For over an hour old faces were recognized, followed by vigorous hand-shaking; inquiries as to present whereabouts and occupation were made and answered, the incidents of college life ever fresh in the minds of those who participated in them, were rehearsed, and the time enjoyed as only those can understand who have participated in similar events.

The following members were present:
Louis Falkenau and Edgar L. Jayne, '73; Henry Tift, Harvey Pierce and Frank P. Wheeler, '74; Charles S. Harmon, George W. Murray and John N. Ostrom, '75; Geo. A. Gibbs, '76; A. C. Lindemuth, F. G. Andrews and W. B. Throop, '77; C. W. Hinkley and Alfred Millard, '79; E. S. Adams, George T. Baker, H. W. Snyder, Wil N. Rudd, Western Starr, W. H. Fox, Dr. C. E. Manners, F. L. Force and George Schramm, '80; H. H. Buckley and Dr. Frank Carey, '81; W. C. Bradley, '80, Cedar Rapids; John Worthington, '75; Hon. Thomas Worthington, Jr., '73, Springfield; Fred Mann, '77, Milwaukee; R. B. Gelatt, '79, of the Times, Dubuque; William Niles, '73, Los Angeles, Cal.; J. N. Tilton, '80.

At the expiration of the hour thus pleasantly passed a move was made for the dining hall, where during the continuance of the genial con-

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version a fine course supper was served and discussed over an artistically set table.

The real pleasure of the evening began when the last dish had been tasted and remains removed. By this time the college mates had become convinced that the faces around them were real and would not fade away, and, secure in the thought, settled themselves the better to enjoy the companionship and the "after dinner speeches." If anything was needed to fully bring to mind the incidents of the past it was found in the college songs, which were joined in heartily by all. The toasts (Mr. Charles E. Nixon, toast-master,) replete with wit and amusing references, were as follows:

"Footprints of the Pioneers," response by T. W. Murray: "Alma Mater," R. B. Gelatt: "Our Army and Our Navy—an Uncertain Quantity," Captain J. N. Ostrom: "The Ladies—Sweethearts, Wives and Babies," the Hon. Thos. Worthington: "The Ethics of Cornell," George Schumm of the *Radical Review*: "The Bitter Sweet of our College Life," J. N. Tilton: "Our Latter-day Saints," Western Starr. During the toasts a poem was read by Mr. A. C. Lindemuth, of Richmond, Ind.

It was the intention of the officers of the association that ex-Minister Andrew D. White, President of the University, should be present, but much to the disappointment of all, this was impossible. He sent, however, a letter which was read by the president of the association, Mr. J. D. Flannery.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

Communications.

The editors of the Sun cannot be held responsible for any sentiments expressed in articles under this head.

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It is difficult to discover why Cornell needs the Honor System in the present state of affairs, because there is already a better plan in operation here. During the past two years the Seminary System has been introduced, in some form, in many departments of the University and has worked admirably; no good reason has yet been given why it cannot be carried into all departments which come within the scope of the Honor System. The Seminary System seems to possess all the advantages of the Honor System without any of its objectionable features. Both systems have the same ostensible purpose,—to encourage independent effort on the part of the student, to teach him to do for himself what his instructors are daily doing for him; but the two systems employ entirely different methods of accomplishing this purpose. The Honor System offers as an inducement a prize in the shape of an "honorable mention;" and in spite of the explanations and pleas brought forward by the advocates of the system, there are many people, not only undergraduates but also alumni and other men of the world, who are still unable to see any essential difference between the rewards offered by the Honor System and those offered by other prize systems. The Seminary System, on the other hand, when fully carried out makes independent work a part of the ordinary college training and this includes an "honorable mention" in each diploma. The Seminary System rightly assumes that the time has come when independent work should be made a part of the regular college course and should be pursued in

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 much as Cornell has heretofore been almost free
 from the puerile methods of the old conservative
 colleges, it is perhaps not surprising that the
 Honor System has found a hostile spirit here and
 that many students who were not at first unfavor-
 able to the system have upon further reflection
 gone over to the enemy. The question is not
 whether the Honor System has succeeded at
 some other institution, or whether Cornell can be
 pared and trimmed in the course of time so as
 to fit the Honor System; the question is wheth-
 er the Honor System fits Cornell and is needed by
 Cornell.

The men who have gone out from here in
 past years have been able to keep their heads
 above water without any assistance; are their
 successors becoming so degenerate that *Abba Ma-*
ier must provide her sons with something to keep
 them afloat when she shoves them overboard? Rather
 let her deprive them of all hope of such aid and
 instead give them a training which shall make
 "honors" both unnecessary and undesired.

CONTRA.
Sunbeams

—Senior orations will be given to-morrow at
 10 A. M. in Room T.

—A late number of the *Modern Age* speaks
 very highly of Tyler's American Literature.

—Major Burbank does not lecture to-day.
 His hour being given up to Modern History.

—It is desired that the Course Books to be
 written up this term should be handed in to the
 Registrar on or before Tuesday next.

—Professor Tyler delivers an address before
 the Irving Literary Society, Friday evening, Mar.
 2d, on "The acquisition of literary style."

—The Seniors in General Literature and Ora-
 tory read some excellent essays yesterday on Eu-
 ripides as an exponent of some of the problems
 of modern life.

—The empress of character, songs and change
 artists, the great Zittella, with the Little Hall
 Burlesque Company, at Wilgus Opera House,
 Saturday evening, March 3.

—Professor Corson's Senior section in Litera-
 ture having finished Julius Caesar begins An-
 thony and Cleopatra to-day. The Professor has
 given them a syllabus on Julius Caesar and will
 prepare also a syllabus on the other two Roman
 plays.

—President White began his lectures yesterday
 with one on Turgot. He will give a few lectures
 preparatory to the lecture on the French Revolu-
 tion which he could not give last term before
 taking up the regular course on the French Rev-
 olution.

—The section in extempore speaking dis-
 cussed yesterday the advisability of introducing
 industrial education in the public schools. Two
 reports were read, and the measure approved.
 The next question taken up will be the expedi-
 ency of suppressing the Passion play in New
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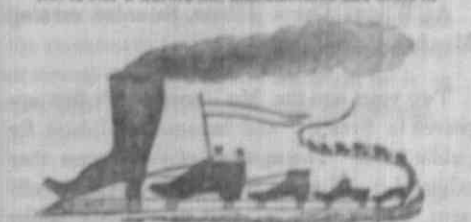
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Sonstrokes.

Prof. S. M. Babcock was in town a short time Monday.

Wend '84 has gone home to undergo the trying ordeal of "measles."

N. L. F. BACHMAN, of the class of '72, Hamilton college, has been visiting friends in the University for the last week.

GROTECLOSS '84 returned this morning from New York where he has been on business in connection with the *Cornelian*.

WEBSTER, formerly '82, graduated from the Buffalo Medical College on Tuesday morning. He favored some of his Cornell friends with invitations to the commencement exercises.

Miss J. M. BOULTON '83 has just returned from the Kappa Alpha Theta Convention held at Greencastle Ind. in which she was the delegate of the Cornell Chapter. The convention was attended by about 75 delegates from different colleges and universities.

Amusements.

"LILLIE HALL" COMBINATION.

Last evening the above combination appeared at Wieting opera house, and despite the furious storm that was raging, a good audience was present. The entertainment pleased the audience, which manifested its approval of the performance by frequent applause. Nearly everything on the programme was repeated in response to hearty encores, and laughter reigned supreme. The laughable comedy of "Coney Island, or Scenes at the Iron Pier," was rendered in a rollicking manner, and was followed by an olio, which introduced some of the most noted specialty artists on the stage. The burlesque introduced Miss Lillie Hall in the dual characters of "The Pretty Prince" and "Jerusha Ann." The entire company appeared to the best advantage in the burlesque, and mirth, jollity and song reigned supreme.—*Syracuse Courier*.

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