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STUDENT EXPERIENCES IN BERLIN.

Probably to some of the readers of The Stentor anything concerning the experience of an American student in Berlin will be but an old story, but perhaps to others what we have seen through another's eyes will be interesting.

The student's first thought upon arriving in Germany is of course to learn the language. He must hire a teacher and if possible find some one who is willing to converse with him for the sake of the English he may acquire. Such conversation must be amusing to both parties. Some ludicrous combinations of English words sometimes occur as in the following note written by a young German to excuse himself from an engagement which had been made for a certain Wednesday. He wished to be excused because it was a fast day in the Lutheran Church. The word "though" in the note means "thought" and it is presumed by the "miner" he meant his family, but it is not certain. The note was directed to a minister and red as follows:

"Your Reverence

Pray your pardon,—

I have done it though: Wednesday is holiday whom I like to dedicate the miner. I beg you around, me to not expect this evening. I shall see you again soon Thursday eight o'clock Wilhelms St. 34.

Most respectful,

The University at Berlin opens about the middle of October. On the opening days the student presents himself to the proper committee, which receives his credentials, asks numerous questions, and presents him with a card which is his pass, and one important factor in his student life. A diploma from an American school does not amount to anything. You are admitted because you are a foreigner.

After a man matriculates he must pay a certain number of lectures and then get the professor under whom he is studying to sign his name in a book which has been given him. This signifies that the student has been present at the beginning of the course. As the end of semester the book is brought again and signed which signifies that the student has been present at the close of the semester. This is all that is required. The student can attend when he wishes and stay away when he wishes. Examinations occur at the end of the course only, while a candidate for a doctorate degree must pass an examination in everything at one time.

One thing in connection with the lecturer, which is doubtless very gratifying to the professor, and incidentally very different from our average lecture here, is the fact that the lecture rooms are models of quietness during the lecture. Commencing at a quarter-past the hour the lecture lasts forty-five minutes. All students are in their places at a quarter-past and waiting for the professor. He never appears before that time, but at the first sight of him the students begin to stamp their applause and continue it until he gets behind his pulpit. He comes in with a rush, jerks off his hat and overcoat, and pulls his manuscript out of his pocket as he goes toward the pulpit. He often commences to talk before he gets into the pulpit. As soon as the bell taps for closing the students begin to fold up their notes. The professor closes immediately or if he does not the students soon show by restlessness that it is time for him to close. He ends with a little bow peculiar to the Germans, is greeted with another stamping of feet, looks to see if anyone is coming to have his book signed and if not he starts on a run for the door and is the first out. Woe to the student who comes into the room after professor! He is generally greeted with a scraping of feet. There is no whispering during the lecture. The professor is always greeted with the greatest respect.

The students have access to the Royal Library and the University Library, but this is not so great an advantage as it might seem from the fact that it is some what difficult to obtain the books desired. When a student wishes to get a book he must present his card at the library and buy some slips at two and a half cents apiece, upon one of which he writes the name of the desired book, deposits the slip and returns next day to find that the book is out.

The social side of life is not lacking among the students. A very enjoyable (?) evening was spent by an American with some German students at the house of one of the ministers of the city. The American was met at the door by the minister, who held a cigar in his hand, and was ushered into a room where six or seven students, all smoking, were gathered around a table upon which was a punch bowl containing perhaps four quarts of beer. As the American had not yet learned to drink beer he was offered seltzer-water. When supper was over they were entertained with music and after sat down again to their smoking and drinking. Perhaps it might be thought that some American students would succumb to the smoke laden atmosphere of the gentlemen's parlor, but not so with one who spent four years in the College building at Lake Forest.

One thing which the average college student would doubtless consider a nuisance is that books as they are put up for sale are bound in paper and it is necessary to
send them to a bindery and have them bound in cloth. There is an advantage in this as one can have all his books bound alike or in any manner which suits him best. The cost of the bindery is less than half what it is in America.

The student has many opportunities of having the finest music. Rubenstein, D'Albert, Joachim and Marcello Sembrich can all be heard in Germany's capital. No one would leave Berlin without visiting the museums of paintings, sculptures and archaeological remains.

One of the annoyances is to have your mail handed to you on Sunday mornings in church by a chance acquaintance who got it from Herr Somebody, who got it from nobody knows where; the only trouble with the address being that the "West" was joined with the street instead of with the city, as "W. Potsdamer St. 14, Berlin," instead of "Berlin W., Potsdamer St. 14." Since there is but one Potsdamer St. in all Berlin it is enough to make one think that the German postman is not a flattering exponent of German shrewdness.

The continental Sabbath must necessarily impress an American vividly. Everything goes on upon the Sabbath just the same as on any other day. It seems to be the special day for delivering goods. The stores are usually open on Sunday from eight to ten o'clock and from twelve to two o'clock. Indeed the "Fest" or "Holy" days are more sacred than the Sabbath.

One feature of Berlin life reminds us somewhat of Chicago. The city maintains a "shelter" for those who have no protection from cold and hunger. In this place thirty-one hundred people were cared for one night this winter. Each was given a bath, something to eat and a cot to sleep on. By getting a card from the police a person can stay there for six days. It is estimated that in this shelter and in private institutions of a similar character, scattered over the city, twenty-five thousand are thus cared for every night. Berlin with its devotion to learning, its admiration for the highest arts and its aristocracy is not wholly lacking in the humane and kindly spirit which prompts our western metropolis.

E. E. Vance, '95

BIOLÓGICAL CLUB MEETING.

The program of the last biological meeting was unusually good. It is a commendable fact that the students in their turn are taking hold of their share of this work in the true spirit for which it was intended. Dr. Peckham's recent article on "Mental Powers of Spiders" was presented by Miss McKee. Mr. C. Thom reviewed a series of very interesting physiological experiments by Francis Darwin on growth as illustrated in Cucurbita. Mr. Swezey reviewed a paper by Prof. Sedgwick on experiments with the segmenting ova of Amphioxus. Mr. Uline gave a short talk on Adaptation of the Desert Flora.

CONVERSATION.

The following article from the Ariel is an admirable discussion of the use and misuse of English in talking, by those who ought to be faultless in this regard. We commend it to our readers:

To the man or woman not college bred there is nothing so surprising as the ordinary conversation of the collegian. They are surprised not so much at the matter, for they probably expect no great distinction in subject or treatment, but at the words employed and the construction of sentences and clauses; in a word, at the rhetoric and grammar. Here more than anywhere else, they seem to expect to find the collegian showing the results of his or her education. They expect purity of diction, facility of expression, a proper regard for the rules of grammar. In conversation with the average student they are unpleasantly surprised to find that although their companion seems to be at no lack for words, they are of a character so extremely slangy that it is difficult for one not well schooled (it ought to be said well colleged) in the language to follow the thought. This is a fact remarked by almost all who have an extended acquaintance with students. Slang seems to constitute a major part of their conversation.

This ought not to be the case. People have a right to expect that the collegian shall employ the English language not "as she is spoken" but in its purity. The doctrine attributed to one of the country's most prominent educators, that the sole object of education is to teach the student how to speak and write his native language fluently and correctly is too narrow to receive general acceptance. The student ought to know more than such a doctrine demands. But with such further knowledge he certainly ought to have the ability which such a theory, when put into practical execution, would give him. Without this ability he is comparatively helpless either in the battle of active life or the more quiet warfare of a scholar's life; with it he is doubly armed. Without it he is like a workman using unfamiliar tools; with it, like one whose hand knows every curve and dent in the handle of the keen edged knife he uses.

Generally speaking the student can express himself clearly, correctly, forcibly on paper. Fluency is not common even here. But require him to carry on an ordinary conversation without the use of slang and without violating the rules of traditional grammar and he apparently puts forth as much effort as the dentist in pulling a tooth and at the same time feels much as the patient does under such circumstances. Such an experience is apt to give the subject food for thought. If the thought results in resolution and action, he is generally thankful for it.

For the student, the acquisition of the ability to ex-
press himself clearly, correctly, fluently is a matter of practice. This is necessary but it pays well. The advantage which this ability gives the man who possesses it over those intrinsically his superiors is too much a matter of every day experience to admit of doubt. The college life offers the best opportunity for the formation of either habit. Our University ought to be known as one whose graduates and, in fact, all of whose students have formed the good one.

THE ATHLETIC ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment given under the auspices of the Athletic Association on Friday evening last was successful in filling the Art Institute, consequently bringing a large amount of money into the association treasury. We congratulate the committee in charge on the complete success of the evening.

The first part of the program consisted of mixed selections, the second part of a one-act play. The Banjo Club began the exercises, followed by Mr. W. E. Danforth in a character recitation of "Knee Deep in June," which captivated the audience. Mr. G. W. Wright sang the popular "Drill, Ye Terriers, Drill," accompanied by the Double Quartet. W. E. Henges rendered a violin selection, and Mr. Wright read Dickens' description of the "child wife," from "David Copperfield." The Mandolin Club played a selection, and the Glee Club gave an excellent pot pourri. Considering the fact that this was practically the first public appearance of any of the musical clubs, their performances were highly creditable.

The short play that followed was an excellent bit of acting, and surpassed that of average amateurs. The characters were well assigned, and their several interpretations excellent. Caffer's (Goodman) easy felicity contrasted admirably with the abruptness of Paddles (Lewis). Miss Dillin as the servant gave an original and realistic interpretation. North, as the old uncle, was natural but rather quiet. The parts of the heiress and her friend, rendered by Miss Pate and Miss Stoddard, were also realistically interpreted, and revealed careful preparation. The whole production, in fact, bore evidence of study and care. In one or two places only the conversation fell a little short of the requisite amount of snap and life. The following was the cast of characters:

Robert Capper, a young artist, much in debt
Mr. Gargle, his uncle,
Paddles, an oil and color man,
Annie Pestle, an heiress,
Bertha Bingham, her penniless friend
Mrs. Mills, Capper's old servant,

Scene—The Artist's Studio.

Of every ill is love the cure,
Howerer so great that ill may be;
But if thy ill be love itself,
Alas, no cure is left for thee. —Ex.

ATHLETICS.

It looked for a while as if all the fellows who go to the gymnasium this year were honest, but lately several boys have had money taken from their pockets. One afternoon last week about five dollars were taken. Put in lockers, and stop the stealing.

Of late there has been considerable damage done to windows and apparatus in the gymnasium, and in almost every instance it is traceable to some of the smaller Academy students. These boys seem to have no respect for anybody or anything, but throw the apparatus around the floor, bother persons who are trying to exercise, and some of them make it a business to interrupt hand-ball by rushing back and forth across the courts right in the middle of a game. The older Academy fellows dislike this just as much as the college men. Perhaps it would be a good scheme to allow those below a certain age to use the gymnasium only during third-class hours.

Captain Hayner is hard at work with the baseball candidates. He is getting them in shape by light work every afternoon, principally in passing the baseball and playing handball. Most of the work is done by the nielfers and the batting candidates, although the outfielders are put through some general work. It is probable that the ball team will take a trip this year, and every one who has ever played ball ought to get out and practice in order that there may be a large number of candidates to choose from.

This is probably the most successful year financially that athletics have ever had in Lake Forest. Instead of starting in the spring with the association in debt, we start out this time with a considerable amount in the treasury.

Northwestern has started out as usual with a lot of bluster. They have elected Kedzie, the famous Yale catcher, as captain, and as usual expect to defeat everything "in the usual way." Mr. Frank Griffth, last year's captain and pitcher, and their famous centerfielder, Barnes, will assist.

A RIDE.

I was trotting out my Latin,
'T was a lovely winter night,
All the world without was lovely,
'Neath the moonbeams' yellow light.
"Oh, how fair with horse and buggy
O'er the hills and vales to go!"
But my room-mate just retiring,
All at once cried out with woe,
"Why, this bed's a little buggy!"
"Good, that's what I want," I cried,
"Let us hitch it to this pony,
And we'll go and take a ride."
—Lafayette.
Tariff discussions are perhaps a little outside the realm of college journalism, but there is one feature of the Wilson Bill on which we cannot forbear to comment. If we are rightly informed, the bill retains the old tax of twenty-five per cent upon English books. It is difficult to see any justification of such a duty. The revenue gained is slight. As for encouraging "home industries" it is valueless, for a tariff on books cannot affect the literary work of a country. The infant industry of authorship does not respond to political coding. If a carpenter wants a manufactured article, such as a hammer for example, which is covered by a protective tariff, he will take an American-made hammer, but if a reader wants Edwin Arnold's poems his requirements cannot be equally well met by the writings of some American author.

A vigorous effort is being made by The Dial to enlist the friends of culture, irrespective of party, in an effort to secure the removal of the duty upon all books printed in the English language. It terms the old law the "protection of ignorance, a tax upon enlightenment," which places obstacles in the way of communication with the thought of other countries.

Our neighbor, "the great" Chicago University, has money professors, and ample equipment, but despite that fact she seems to be suffering from a dread disease. This almost incurable malady is known as "lack of college spirit." To make matters worse at Chicago, it has been discovered that the complaint is not merely local, but deep-rooted and general. Let the following dire words from the U. of C. Weekly be a perpetual object lesson to Lake Forest students not to abate in the least particular the present healthy college spirit, but rather to go on to upbuild and strengthen it:

"The failure of the mock congress is a sad commentary on the enthusiasm of the student body. And yet it only serves to prove that the men who attend this University care for naught save themselves, their own advancement, and
their own pleasure. We decline ourselves in thinking that we have any college spirit or harmony. We have failed to show any in our conduct toward the college literary societies, in our athletic organization, and lastly in our attitude toward the Mock Senate. College clubs and college societies live on college spirit. When a little enthusiasm and love for the University can be pumped into the inanimate majority here, athletics and society will thrive.”

**THE** Government postal authorities have recently ruled that periodicals issued under the auspices of benevolent or secret societies and colleges and institutions of learning cannot be admitted to the mails like other newspapers, at one cent per pound postage, but must go as third-class matter at one cent per copy. It is presumed that this ruling is made on the ground that such publications are published only for advertising the institution or society by which they are issued, for under the present law all papers having a regularly paid subscription list, and not published for the exclusive purpose of advertising a particular business are allowed the mentioned low rate of postage. The ruling is evidently based on a misconception at least of the aim and scope of the college papers. When it comes to paying postage there is no reason why the ordinary college papers should not be classed with ordinary newspapers. In order to have no doubt about the matter, however, a bill has been introduced into both the House and Senate to amend the present law, so as to admit to the mails as second-class matter all periodical publications of the class named. This act is called the “Manderson-Haines Bill,” and it is earnestly requested that as many of our readers as can do so, write to the senator or representative from their state or district urging the passage of the bill. It is not a partisan measure, but a simple act of justice, which if not passed means many dollars of additional expense to a class of publishers who do not deserve, and who can least afford to meet it.

**COLLEGE LOCALS.**

Dr. Coulter was in Indianapolis from Thursday until Sunday.

The University catalogues are expected to appear the first part of next month.

D. D. Lewis’ father and mother attended the Athletic entertainment of last Friday evening.

The Stentor was slightly delayed in making its appearance last week, owing to a fire in the office of the Craig Press.

The Chess Club now has sixteen members. A schedule of games has been made out, and several games already been played.

The light-fingered gentry got in their work down in the gym. one day last week. Several fellows report losses of money, in amounts ranging from 50 cents to 2 dollars.

Owing to the athletic entertainment, the societies held no meetings on Friday, and meetings for the coming Friday have been postponed on account of the lecture, which comes on Feb. 23rd.

The Lake Forest University Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs were photographed last Saturday at Harrison’s Studio, Chicago. Two very satisfactory negatives were obtained.

Professor Booth’s classes in elocution will this semester take up a study of Shakespeare’s “Julius Caesar.” The play will be studied principally with the view of ascertaining and reproducing its dramatic effects.

Dr. Coulter’s article on athletics in our last issue is deserving of special thought and attention, particularly his views in regard to making some provision for the young ladies of the college in the line of gymnasium facilities.

The Easter vacation, scheduled to begin, Wednesday, March 21, will probably commence two days later—at least such a change has been suggested, and would doubtless prove more satisfactory to all. There is no reason why the change could not be effected, as we will not have the usual spring examinations to contend with.

The blizzard of Monday showed that some repairs are badly needed in the roof of the Art Institute. The students, particularly those who recited upstairs Tuesday, were kept dodging to avoid a ducking from the descending streams of water.

Miss Julia Brown, ex-’96, has entered Tarkio College, Mo., where she will be a member of ’95. “whence,” she says, “we may judge the requirements for graduation, which are good as far as they go.” Her father, Rev. Dr. Brown, has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Tarkio.
Miss Bessie Beach, ex-'94, spent Sunday with Miss Gilliland.

The regular Friday evening meeting of the Aletheian Society was held on Saturday afternoon, after which a short reception was given for the purpose of meeting our honorary members and alumnas.

The Misses Adams, '93, made the Aletheians a visit Saturday.

Miss Pearl Tilford of Chicago spent a few days with Miss Oberne recently.

The Academy received a large amount of free advertising the first part of last week, owing to the unconventional way in which Lincoln's birthday was celebrated. The Chicago Evening Journal depicted the occasion in glowing terms, so the Times sent out a reporter to investigate. He was the proud possessor of a nineteen-story imagination that Rider Haggard might envy. His account was more than a thrilling word-painting—it was a verbal chromo in assorted colors. The Academy faculty are only now fully recovering from the shock which the newspapers caused them.

Programs have been distributed for the Bible Institute which begins on Friday evening of this week and extends to Sunday evening. The list of speakers and topics was published in the last issue of The Stentor. No one who can do so should miss the opportunity of attending these lectures, for the speakers are all men of high authority and entertaining address.

Messrs. E. A. Drake, H. G. Timberlake and J. H. Rice attended the District Y. M. C. A. convention at Blue Island last Saturday and Sunday.

The Prohibition Association of the state offers two prizes, the first of twenty dollars and the second of ten for the two best orations, to be determined at a contest in which one from each college in the state may compete, giving an oration on some Prohibition subject, not more than two thousand words in length.

A student of Rush Medical is reported ill with black small-pox. The patient is on a fair road to recovery.

The new catalogues of McCormick Seminary are out. A pleasing feature is a very neat cut of its buildings on So. Halsted street.

**TOWN TOPICS.**

The meeting of the Art Institute this week takes place at the home of Mr. I. P. Rumsey tonight. Mr. George L. Hunter, of the University of Chicago, will lecture on "The French Drama." Mr. Josef Vilim will render selections on the violin.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Durand and Miss Harriet Durand are attending the Midwinter Fair in San Francisco.

The Misses Florence and Helen Durand visited in Milwaukee Sunday. Miss Florence Durand is in Beaver Dam, Wis.

Miss Beth Haven gave a valentine party last Wednesday to the younger generation of Lake Foresters.

The blizzard of Monday, Feb. 12th, not only roiled the water in the lake, but by piling ice over the intake of the water works, prevented the filtering of the city water. Therefore the citizens of Lake Forest were compelled to use for a few days a very muddy and disagreeable liquid.

**LAKE FOREST ACADEMY.**

In accordance with the new scheme lately introduced into the Academy, it is necessary to drop the work in General History. The time of the class is to be given to Rhetoric, till the early part of next term. The work in History has been profitable and interesting, and many regrets have been expressed that it is to be discontinued.

The two Academy societies held their preliminary essay contests on Wednesday of last week. Mr. R. G. McKinnie was the winner in the Gamma Sigma, which Mr. A. O. Stoops will represent the Tri Kappa in the Spring contest. This ends the list of preliminary contests in the Academy, which have been going on this term.

It was the privilege of two of the Academy students to attend the last meeting of the University Club. In commenting on the paper on the Iliad which was read by Professor Barnap, Professor Thomas said that the entire architectural structure of the poem had been artistically presented.

Tri Kappa has had her new constitution printed and copies are being distributed among her members at ten per copy.

**WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.**

Thursday next we will celebrate Washington's birthday with appropriate exercises. Mr. N. D. Pratt will lead a large chorus of students in singing patriotic songs, and Hon. Wm. E. Mason will make the address of the day. The ceremonies will all be held in the Art Institute building at 10 a.m., President Coulter presiding. Everyone is cordially invited to be present. In the evening, in the college chapel, the three literary societies of the college will celebrate in a joint meeting by rendering the following program, with Miss Eudora Smith, president of the Aletheian society, presiding: Address of welcome by the presiding officer; "Relation of the College Societies," by Harry Goodman; "What Washington's Birthday Means to Us," by C. B. Moore; Sketch, by F. A. Hayner; a series of five-minute talks on Washington, before, during, and after the Revolution, by Miss Abbie Davis, A. P. Bourns, and David Fales, jr.; a poem, by Miss McLanahan; a society paper, by Miss Weatherhold and Messrs. Coulter and Bishop, and closing remarks by A. O. Jackson.
FERRY HALL.

Miss Somerville visited in Evanston Saturday and Sunday.

Miriam Hair, was the guest of Miss Birchel, Friday and Saturday.

Miss Eddy of Chicago, was the guest of Miss Bebel over Sunday.

Blanche Dean, spent the latter part of the week at her home in the city.

Misses Marder, Pride and Boton spent Sunday at their respective homes in the city.

The Senior Club, which was to have met Thursday, has necessarily postponed its meeting two weeks.

Miss Phillips, of Northwestern University, came up Friday p. m., to attend the comediatta given by the athletic association at the art institute.

On Friday p. m., Dr. Seeley gave a very instructive and entertaining lecture, to the teachers of Highland Park, taking for his subject of discourse, Herrbart.

The students of German had their regular weekly meeting Monday evening. This is a very good place for teaching aptitude in speech and should be encouraged by all who are studying this language.

The Zeta Sigma held its regular meeting Wednesday p. m. The hour was devoted to drill in Parliamentary rules, which is a much-needed requirement and we are glad to see the young ladies taking up the work with so much enthusiasm.

Prof. Eager very kindly chaperoned a party of twelve young ladies to "Which is Which" Friday evening. But this was not all. Those who were so fortunate as to go with him were given a delightful sleigh-ride before the play, and a grand ride home in the moonlight afterward.

The phrenologist, Dr. Howard, spent Wednesday and Thursday afternoon laboring over the numerous humps and ridges on the heads of a number of the young ladies. Later, the young ladies, on comparing notes found out that most of them possessed the same qualities, talents and weaknesses. Since this discovery, their faith in phrenologists is lacking.

News of the holiday given to the college and academy students, Monday, Lincoln's birthday, no sooner reached the ears of the deminaries girls, then they wondered why they couldn't have a vacation too. It was, however, too late to secure a whole day, yet the girls were not slow to accept the afternoon which was granted them, and with which they might do as they chose.

The following communication was received by one of the teachers concerning a Ferry Hall Student of '92:

"We are quite surprised yet pleased to learn that our friend, Miss May Cabot, had indulged in matrimony. Miss Cabot was a successful teacher in the public schools of this place from '85 to '88. She has since been teaching and attending college elsewhere. Miss Cabot is a highly educated lady, and possesses an unblemished character. She became the bride of Mr. Thomas Diller, editor of the Sterling Standard. We join Mrs. Diller's many friends in wishing her a married life free from all sorrow."

Last Tuesday evening, St. Valentine's eve, the Seniors were "at home" to a large number of gentlemen, all of whom were born poets (so the young ladies say ironically). They arrived in time to post their own (or some one else's) modest extravaganzas in the Fun mail box. When the receptacle was opened by Miss McIntosh and Miss Barnum, it was found to be completely filled with 'billet doux and billet amer. As the valentines were distributed a phrenologist would have had a good opportunity for character study, for clouds and sunshine chased one another across the faces of many individuals as they found a "slam" or the reverse. A little later, over cocoa and sandwiches, valentines were compared, analysed, criticised, and some came near being ostracised. Almost anything passed for a valentine if the lines ended like the following (you can supply the rest by intuition): "mine, thine, pire, — tine, — love, dove; kiss, bliss." Miss Bird read a valentine to the class by an unknown genius, and the unclaimed valentines for the prettiest and most entertaining girl of the class, and for the most stylish, were awarded by ballot to Miss Clark and Miss Parmenter. All present were charmed with the novel entertainment of the evening.

Seniors Valentine from a guest who was at Ferry Hall Tuesday evening, February thirteenth.

We meet to-night, St. Valentine's eve,
Tokens of respect to give and receive,
Some perhaps, are bent in jest,
But others are sent at love's behest.

Cupid's arrows have been flying fast,
Piercing the heart of both lad and lass.
This meeting in L. F. N. has borne its fruit,
And in some hearts love's tree has taken root.

Not all in joy do we meet this night,
For some foresee, "to win," means to fight.

And in the not far distant day in June,
We'll feel, we've met and parted all too soon.

For when has come and gone this eventful day,
Some will not have said what they meant to-day.
And some will say 'tis just my fate,
And others will cry too late, too late.

So to-night, Cupid, our messenger will be,
And he shall carry what love's eye seems to see.

Other schools may speak of their ladies with pride,
Of their beauty, attainments and influence wide.
But to us none are so pretty good and true,
As the Ferry Hall Seniors of L. F. U.
COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Stentor:

I learn that there is some misapprehension about the charge made for the library lists. These lists have nothing to do with the $300 library fee, which is expanded on new books and current expenses at the direction of the library committee. It is I believe, customary to charge for such lists, and in this case all money received is applied on the printer’s bill. These lists were started and prepared on this plan of partially covering expenses.

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EXCHANGES.

The “marking system” has lately been abolished at the University of Minnesota.

Prof. F. P. Barnard of the Lick Observatory is expected to become head professor of Astronomy at Chicago University as soon as the Yerkes Telescope is finished.

Dr. Kinley of the University of Illinois is giving a course of lectures on “Money and Banking” at the University of Wisconsin. A live subject handled by a specialist is most interesting.

The University of Michigan is making elaborate preparations for its summer school this year.

Oberlin has recently received two bequests, one of $25,000 and another of about $14,000.

The S. U. L. Quill presents this week pictures of the football team, baseball team and track team of Iowas University accompanied by a symposium on the subject of athletes.

CHANGED REQUIREMENTS.

The Yale Scientific School has added to its requirements for admission in 1895, botany and French, either two, the latter to be translated at sight in easy sentences in Latin, one more book of Virgil is added, and also an examination is required in certain standard English works. Part of the new requirements can be taken at the preliminary examinations this year.

Flattery has been called the “basest of insults,” but most of us can take it in very large doses without becoming sick at the stomach.—Ex.

Metamorphoses.

A little iron, A cunning curl, A box of powder, A pretty girl, A little rain, Away it goes, A homely girl With a freckled nose.—Ex.

“Mr. Flunk, will you solve me this problem?”

“Don’t think I can do it,” said he.

“I shall credit you, then with a zero.”

Well, sir, that is nothing to me.—Ex.

Among our new arrivals we find a bright, interesting little quarterly, The Kodak, from Downer College, Fox Lake, Wis. This college was awarded a diploma and a medal for its exhibit at the World’s Fair.

The Eglets, of Madison, is now offering a first and second prize for humorous articles.

The editor of the Oberlin Review must have had a case of “blues last week.” He found fault with everything, from the curriculum to the Review staff, but he makes some very sensible suggestions about consideration for the comfort of others, and above all care that one’s influence shall be for the good name of his alma mater. Avoid the appearance of evil, for be sure some one will call it real evil and use it to injure yourself and college.

BOOK III, ODE IX.

First Prize.

Ah, Lydia, in those blissful days gone by,
When I alone thy favor did possess,
And from no other thou didst take care,
No Persian king was happier than I.

While thou didst celebrate no other name,
Nor Chloe had beguiled thee from my side,
My praises ever sounded far and wide,
And Ili could boast no greater fame.

Now Thracian Chloe’s mistress of my heart,
Whose songs are sweet, whose lute is played with skill,
For whom I’d die, if thus the Fates should will,
Sooner than from my darling ever part.

Love’s torch burns bright for me and for that boy,
To save whose life my own I’d gladly give,
Aye, give it twice, if only he might live
To comfort me, my pride, my only joy.

What if that love return in all its might,
And join these lives, to part them nevermore?
What if to thee I’d open wide the door,
And banish fair-haired Chloe from my sight?

Although the stars cannot with him compare,
And thou artickle as the passing breeze,
Thy wrath more fearful than the stormy seas,
My heart is thine; thy lot I’d gladly share. —Unit.

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