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The year 1858 marks an epoch in American history. It was a time of trouble. Everywhere was discontent, agitation and contention. Man fought against man; principles were forsaken for prejudices; truths were trampled under foot by passion; and justice was smothered by class interests. What was the cause of it all? Nothing more than the absence of whiteness in some of God's own creatures. And because the face of the negro was black, some white people thought his soul black also.

The country was divided on the slavery question. The South had made great gains, but she was not satisfied. The North was equally energetic in counteracting the advances of the South, and her opposition was slowly but surely making its way in Southern territory. The South grew aggressive. Her institutions were at stake. The vast amount of wealth represented in slave-property was about to be lost. Threats of disunion were heard. The constitution was condemned. The Abolitionists were denounced as rebels and traitors. In answer to her call for a second Calhoun, the greatest advocate of slavery she ever had, and upon whose altar she sacrificed unstintingly, there was not a response. No promise was too great, no office too high, no honor so dear, but she would sacrifice them all at the feet of a Calhoun now. In the South she searched in vain.

But such prospects of glory did not pass by in silence, that tempter of the political aspirant—ambition. She had taken possession of the body and soul of a free man in a free state. That man was Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois.

He was young, a shrewd politician and an ambitious lawyer. He dared to clash and beat down the mental swords of a Seward, a Chase, a Sumner. He dared to conquer such men. Their immortal words in behalf of ancient liberties and human freedom were scorned and sneered at by Douglas, as the petty articulations of sophists, when compared to his elaborate, but long since forgotten theories of "popular sovereignty." And yet Douglas was the victor. He was the peer of any man on the floor of the Senate. His successes were uninterrupted. He did wonders for the South. He practically repealed the time-honored Compromise of 1850. He was the author and advocate of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill. For these the South hailed him as the promoter of her institutions, and the Savior of her cause. Nor did she waver from her estimate of the man, till ambition played him false, and he, in turn, acted the traitor to the South, and to the party which put him in power.

I refer to the positions Douglas took upon the Dred Scott Decision and the Lecompton Constitution. Apparent conformity with his theory of "squatter sovereignty," and reconciliation with the South, forced him to accept the former; and personal aggrandizement in the North, compelled him to denounce the political crime embodied in the latter.

Douglas had come to the "parting of the ways." Heretofore, he had been balanced by the two propelling forces—the North and the South. He had been the undisputed leader of the North, and his hold upon the South was largely acknowledged. But his political devices and treacherous actions of the past few years brought him in disfavor with the Administration; the South was breaking away from his leadership; the North was uncertain and wavering as to its course. The political situation had changed, and when in 1858 his term as Senator was about to expire, in order to save himself from defeat he returned home to canvass for his re-election.

In his own State he met the greatest obstacle to his political ascendancy he had yet encountered. An obstacle which his intellect could not belittle; which his magnetism could not attract; nor his logic rend asunder, or his audacity embarrass. That obstacle was Abraham Lincoln. In striking contrast with his opponent, Lincoln was hardly known beyond his own State; he had accomplished no great deed for the cause of his country. He was simply "Honest Abe Lincoln," a reputable lawyer in Illinois, having strong convictions on the slavery question which he was not afraid to utter.

The Republican party nominated Lincoln as their candidate in the Senatorial contest. That action decided the fate of this Nation. The North and South were irremediably severed. The forces of the two sections of the country were marshalled to the front; the generals, in full armor, with weapons drawn, were in the van awaiting the signal to clash in mortal combat. It seemed as though the battle ground was the State of Illinois, and that the agent, either to dispel this vast array of dissension, or to bring them in bloody conflict, rested with the victor of this contest. And so it did. Here the advocates of the North and South were at last brought face to face in personal contest; the two champions were
representative men of the times; their arguments were carefully weighed in the balance—the weak ones yielding to the crucial test of inequality; while the strong ones stood out in all their distinctness as living entities, stripped of all prejudice and feeling and exposed to the test of reason a truth.

Seven times did these intellectual giants face each other in this State; at seven historic spots the eyes of the nation were drawn, as if by a magnet; and on seven occasions these men were the mouth-pieces of the two sections of the country, and the issues which they advocated were zealously applauded or mercifully condemned only after due and weighty deliberation. "The real issue," said Lincoln, "is the eternal struggle between the two principles—right and wrong. They have stood face to face from the beginning of time, and will ever continue to struggle."

To my mind this debate may be likened to a great Supreme Court in which the Almighty presides as the Judge, and the slave is the criminal. The attorneys are the debaters, the one having everything to lose, the other having everything to gain. The witnesses are the North and the South, while the jury is composed of the people at large. And at this period of our progress, when peace reigns, and sectional differences are allayed; when the clouds of strife and dissension have become dim and finally lost in the horizon of tranquillity—it is only fair to add that history has set the seal of approval upon the decision of the men of the North."

The immediate result was a victory for Douglas. But characteristic of the two men, Douglas fought for immediate results; while Lincoln battled for principle and held communion with the larger audience of the future. He willingly waited for that greater decision, the result of the second and more sober judgment of men. That second thought was convincing, and the people realized at last that the right man was found for the right cause. They felt they had listened to the appeals of an honest man uttered from an honest heart.

As if by a miracle a new light had shone out from the heavens and scattered its rays of dazzling brilliancy over the earth. The eyes of men were blinded by it, their minds reeled in seas of darkness; but within, their hearts were quickened with a new feeling, and the slave for the first time breathed the air of freedom. When the spell had broken and the path of vision had cleared away, the eyes of slave and freeman were raised aloft and there, embellazoned in the starry heavens, they beheld the inscription—"With charity for all, and malice toward none," and just above that, as his foundation stone, was reared the towering form and the peerless character of the Patriot, the Statesman and the Martyr, Abraham Lincoln. 

J. W. HURACHEK '97.

A. J. Hanson spent Sunday in the city visiting with his parents.

Mr. W. L. Burnap was unable to meet his classes Friday last on account of sickness.

W. S. McCullagh returned to college Tuesday of last week, after an absence of about a week.

Prof. Thomas preached in Pontiac Sunday and on Monday visited the high school of that place.

C. J. Hannant now has an electric bicycle lamp with a silver-plated reflector which he plated himself.

Prof. Harper is now devoting a part of his lecture hours on Botany to the description of flowers growing in Lake Forest.

Professor E. T. Harper, of Chicago Theological Seminary, visited here with his brother, Professor R. A. Harper, last Saturday.

The May number of Scribner's Magazine contains an article on Golf by H. J. Whelgam, who was formerly an instructor in English in the college.

We have often heard that "distance lends enchantment," but it is hard to believe that seven miles could be so cheerfully overcome either by wheel or on foot; yet Messrs. Mullen and Hanson say they enjoyed the exercise.(?)

Seniors entertained the Juniors in an "Onion Spread," at Mitchell Hall April 30th, at 9 o'clock.

Mr. J. A. Conro attended the dramatic and dance given by the Montrose Club, of last Thursday evening.

Any new invention in the line of pneumatic golf stockings would be very acceptable to many of our student body.

An energetic kick has been registered against the weather clerk, for so complicating dates, as to arrange for a snow storm upon May 1st.

Captain J. K. Anderson, Jr., while training upon the cinder track last week, fell upon his knees, and as a result was unable to be out for several days.

Miller has recklessly spending his nickles for "Moxie," at the soda fountain this week. Someone having told him that it was an excellent nerve tonic.

A large part of the mail received by the students last Tuesday, was pretty well cut to pieces, owing to the Lake Forest pouch being run over by the train.

Prof. Smith visited the high schools at Peoria and Decatur last Thursday and Friday, and Prof. McNeil visited the high schools at Ottawa and Streeter last Wednesday and Thursday.

S. E. Grunstein is making arrangements for the publication of the "Commencement Bulletin." A. J. Coleman will be general manager and Henry White circulating agent.

The change in time of meeting for the Y. M. C. A., from Tuesday evening to Sunday morning, following the regular church services, has lent much more interest to the work, and in no way is this more clearly shown than by the large increase in attendance.

In as much as Jim, the Ferry Hall janitor, has not seen enough sunshine for several days, to enable him to compare the clock with the noon shadow, the clock, to keep pace with its surroundings, accelerated ten minutes, consequently J. K.'s. circus at the "Gym," Saturday night closed prematurely.
Invitations are out for the Ferry Hall Senior party, to take place Friday evening next. Those favored are harboring suspicions of a most delightful evening, in accordance with the acknowledged ability of that class to entertain.

All students attending the 'Cad ball game last Saturday, were well entertained. Although not a scientific game, it had some of those rare qualities which claim even the attention of the non-interested spectator. Authority, to say the least, was much in evidence.

The new suits for the Varsity have arrived, they are made up in University colors, ruby red and black. The caps and suits are red with black stockings and belts; across the breast of the shirt is "Lake Forest," in black and the caps have a black "L.F." monogram on the front.

SPECIAL.—The L. F. U. Alumni baseball team will play the Varsity here Thursday, May 6th. As their team is composed entirely of star players, who have represented Lake Forest on the college diamond in the past. We should all turn out and give them a hearty welcome on their visit to Alma Mater. A good game and plenty of fun is assured.

CAP AND GOWN.

The Senior class has decided this year to adopt the cap and gown during the last month of the college year. It is a custom that has been more or less frowned upon by previous classes, and so has never become established, but the members of '97 are unanimous in believing that it should be an established custom in Lake Forest and propose to do all in their power to make it such.

LITERNARY SOCIETIES.

Alethian programme for April 30 was rendered as follows: Vocal duet, the Misses Wood; recitation on Spring, Miss Williams; essay on Spring; Miss Stec; Ruskin's ideas of Nature, Miss McNitt; violin solo, Miss Clara Thomas; "Our Early Spring Flowers,' Miss 'ell; reading, Miss Ethel McNichol; solo, Miss Jean Wood.

The following programme was given by the Zeta Epsilon Literary Society last Friday night: Religious exercises, A. J. Coleman; Inaugural Address, R. O. Stoops; Selection, "A Lawyer and His Client," W. A. Newton and W. J. Rice; Oration, "Lincoln and Douglas in 1858;" J. W. Hubachek; Debate. Resolved, "That the Civil Service Act should be extended to all departments of the Government service." Affirmative, Henry White. Negative, J. Wilson Ramsey.

PHI PI EPSILON ENTERTAINS.

The Phi Pi Epsilon fraternity entertained at a dancing party at Oakenwald last Friday evening, April 30. The house was comfortably filled by a company of about twenty couple, and a program of thirteen numbers was danced. Music was furnished by Tanasa's string orchestra and light refreshments were served. The fraternity enjoyed the pleasure of entertaining Miss Sargent as chaperon. As usual a most enjoyable time was reported by all present.

BASE BALL SCHEDULE.

The following is the schedule of the Varsity ball team for the coming season:

May 5. Rush Medics at Chicago.
  "  8. Oak Park at Oak Park.
  " 12. Northwestern at Lake Forest.
  " 15. Elgin at Elgin.
  " 22. Bankers A. A. at Chicago.
  " 24. Iowa State Univ. at Lake Forest.
  " 29. Armour Institute at Lake Forest.

June 3. Northwestern at Evanston.
  " 8. Alumni at Lake Forest.

To be cut out and kept.

Upon Saturday evening, May 8, Lake Forest is to have an especial treat in the line of lectures. Dr. W. H. Peck, of Chicago, is to give an illustrated lecture in the Durand Art Institute, on the Roentgen X Rays. The Doctor comes highly recommended, and brings with him one of the finest equipments of the kind in America. Let no one miss this opportunity to witness a demonstration of what all have read and so much about.

ACADEMY.

Mrs. Hyde has been visiting her brother, Professor Dudley, for a few days.

As the wheel of fashion goes around, Cutler appears in short pants.

Mrs. and Miss Lichter, of Chicago, spent Saturday with Mrs. Barnap.

Kennedy is sick at the cast dormitory. We hope he will soon be able to be around.

Mrs. Minima, of Batavia, Ill., spent Sunday with her son at Annie Durand cottage.

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Banning visited their sons at Eliza Keunin cottage this week.

The chapel exercises on Tuesday were conducted by Dr. McClure. Dr. McClure has a large place in the hearts of the students, and they are always glad to see him.

Mr. Bowman, Assistant State Secretary, addressed the Y. M. C. A., at its regular Tuesday evening meeting. Mr. Bowman is an earnest worker and all who heard him speak, felt the truth of what he said.

ALUMNI.

At the Schuyler Presbytery which met at Augusta, Ill., J. A. McTianghey, '96, was licensed to preach and arrangements were made for his ordination and installation in the Inshbell church, May 12th.

Mr. Arthur McIntosh, '06, of the Academy, has been initiated into the Sigma Chi fraternity at Northwestern University.

The Manual of the Southern Teachers' Bureau, explains several plans of registering and locating teachers, and contains a true and charming love story of college days. The story is written by a Southern woman, but the scene of the story is laid principally in one of the Northern educational centres. The book will be sent to any address for ten cents. Address Rev. O. M. Sutton, Manager, Southern Teachers' Bureau, Louisville, Ky.
visit us, and all of our larger games we, therefore, had to play away from home, for with but one exception every home game resulted in a financial loss.

We are now at the opening of the baseball season, and we have a team in the field that is the strongest the Varsity has had in several years. They have already played and won three good games, and still the attendance has not been what it should be. Today and Saturday the Varsity plays in Chicago, but next Wednesday and Thursday there will be good games on the home grounds. Of course we would like to see a large number accompany the team to the city, but for the home games, and Wednesday especially, let us have out the LARGEST crowd Lake Forest has ever turned out to a ball game. It is this game that will open our collegiate ball season and the management has gone to considerable expense to get the Northwestern University team, which is one the best college teams in the West this year, to come up here for the first time in three years. So let everyone turn out, well supplied with colors and vocal organs and not let Northwestern's followers either out number or out cheer the supporters of the Red and Black. The attendance at this game will largely decide whether or not we are to have any large inter-collegiate contests here in the future, and we must not disappoint the management. Come and bring a friend.

**FERRY HALL.**

Several of the teachers took advantage of "cut day," to attend the "Child Study Conference," in the city Friday.

Misses Marguerite Harbaugh and Blanche Henso, chaperoned by Miss Treat were participants in the dance at Highland Park Military Academy, Saturday evening.

Miss Olive Hand, of Morgan Park, spent Sunday with Miss Metcalf.

Miss Fellnor, of Chicago, was a guest of Miss Goodwin over Sunday.

Miss Cora Wells, of Chicago, was the guest of Miss Olive Smith over Sunday.

Miss Plutella Chaffee, of Washington, spent Saturday with her sister, Miss Josephine.

Miss Alice Anderson attended the last Thomas Concert given at the Auditorium last Friday.

Miss Ruth Barclay, of Evanston, formerly a student at Ferry Hall, visited her cousin, Miss Campbell, Saturday.

Messrs. Howard and Ryan, from Chicago University, called on Miss Hotchin Friday evening and attended the Oakenwald dance.

Miss Corinne Calhoun is spending a few days with her father in Danville, before his departure for Cuba, where he goes as special envoy.

A repetition of one of "Oakenwald's most pleasurable informals," Friday evening, was appreciated by a number of the young ladies, chaperoned by Miss Sargent.

The flowers that bloom in the Spring, tral a,

Breathe the promise of springtime and mirth,

They bloom on the hats of the Ferry Hall girls,

And cost fifty times what they're worth.

Saturday forenoon May 8, at 9:30 a.m., will occur the last indoor the last indoor basketball game between the two Seminary teams, at the College Gymnasium. Much interest is manifested on account of the previous even playing of the two sides.

Bicycles, kodaks and tennis are the source of much enjoyment to the Ferry Hall girls during the hours of recreation. The three tennis courts have been laid out, and the tennis devotees are utilizing all the spare moments in enthusiastic practice. The prospects of a tournament in the near future being an incentive.
Mrs. Marshall Carpenter of Chicago assisted by Professors Eager and Miss Ripley will give a concert in the Ferry Hall chapel, Friday evening, May 14.

Saturday evening will occur one of the most elaborate and anticipated affairs of the season. The last Fancy Dress Ball, at which many worthy personages will be present.

Friday evening some of the promising young actors and actresses made their debut "an theatre gymnasium du Ferry Hall." At 6:30 the curtain was raised before a crowded house, composed of the elits of society, the principal loges being occupied by some titled Frenchmen. Les Deux Farces, "La Dame de Noist," and "Les Deux Limitides," were artistically represented by the following cast: "La Dame de Noist;" La Dame, Fay Larned; Photographer's assistant, Corinne Calhou; Clerk, Leslie Farwell, "Les Deux Limitides;" A. Thebandier, Ge.trude Dietrich; M. Garadoux, Grace Wilcox; Jules Frennissen, Corlyon Ford; Cecile, May Jones; Annette Helen Paddock. The praiseworthy way in which the parts were sustained and the talent of the characters was evinced by the applause of the enthusiastic audience. The absence of embarrassment, the gracefulness, and clear enunciation of the actresses, were especially noteworthy. The success of the evening was due to the uniting and inspiring efforts of Miss Hull and her interested French students.

Messrs. McGrath and Murphy, of Morgan Park, were entertained by Miss Helen Chapin and Josephine Stewart, Saturday evening.

MISSIONARY DINNER.

One of the most enjoyable events of the year took place Monday evening the 25th, in the form of a "Missionary Dinner," arranged by Miss Sargent. After the dinner toasts were given; by Miss Lewis on "Our Missionary Society," "O, Spirits gay; and kindly heart, Precious the blessings you impart!"

The report of the most interesting things at the convention were given in a charming paper by Miss Hart, "Hear ye not the hum of mighty workings," following this came the bright and entertaining impressions of the Convention as given by Mrs. Pratt were very interesting. "The best that we can do for one another, is to exchange our thoughts freely."

Mrs. Yaggie presented her work with the "Steady Streams," in a very pleasing way. "For soor or late to all that sow, the time of harvest shall be given." "Foreign Missions and Culture" were explained and presented by Mrs. Halsey in an interesting manner. "Every thought which genii and piety throw into the world, alters the world." Miss Sargent acted as toast mistress. The opposite sex was represented by Professor Eager and Mr. Pratt, the latter closing the program with the song, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

ATHLETICS.

BASE BALL

Capt. Jaeger is doing wonderful work at the bat this year.

The new uniforms for the College team have arrived and the team present a unique appearance.

"Spiveins" Holden, of the Academy, was invited to play first base for the Highwood team against the Highland Park High School team, Saturday; the former being victorious. "Spiv," is accredited with 14 put outs and two assists and one error. Look out Runsey for your place on the 'Cad team.

The Academy base ball team played their first league game Saturday with Northwestern Academy and won easily by a score of 27 to 12. Both sides did considerable pound- ing of the ball.

Chandler and Baldwin were at points for L. F. A., while Moser divided honors with Smiley in the pitcher's box and Rodman wore the mask for the visitors.

The base ball team from the Evanston Township High School appeared on the Varsity field Wednesday to play the postponed game with the Lake Forest Universitys. After watching Lake Forest practice for a few minutes, the Evanston captain confidentially remarked to one of his men -- "we have got this game easy." The score, however, does not coincide with this remark.

Jaeger and Crippen were at points for Lake Forest the first two innings, when on account of a sore hand, Crippen was obliged to retire to second base and Ryder put on the catcher's uniform and caught a good game, and when he was unable to catch the ball he did catch the crowd by his actions and remarks, which were, to use his own expression, "The best that ever came over."

The score was Lake Forest 18, Evanston High School, 1, after five innings.

TRACK ATHLETICS.

New pole vaulting standards are the latest acquisition to the equipment of the track team.

The track team are rejoicing over the decision of D. H. Jackson to remain in school and consequently he will again appear on the track.

The Gymnasium Entertainment last Saturday evening was quite a success, financially at least. The 1/2 mile was won by Rice, Crosby getting second. Shot-put, W. E. Jackson first, Lee second. High jump, Reed first, Bettis second. High Kicking, Reid first Jackson 2d. The tug-of-war proved a draw.

The three "Rubes," entertained the crowd for a time, by horizontal bar work and tumbling. McWilliams and Moore had around with the gloves.

It is to be regretted however that the management did not so arrange the program that all the events might have been run off. But what hitches did occur are excusable because "Ken" Anderson, who had charge of the entertainment, was compelled to remain in the house several days on account of an injury received while training.

TEKNIS.

The tennis season opens this year rather later than usual, owing to the continued wet weather. From now on, however, there is a reasonable prospect that fair and dry weather will predominate and playing can begin in earnest. Work on two of the courts has been completed and they are in excellent
shape for playing, the weeds and sod having been replaced with clay.

The west court at present is in very poor condition, being considerably lower in the northwest corner than the remaining portion, and the proportion of weeds being greater here than in the other courts. A narrow trench to drain the courts will shortly be dug along the western edge, and the work of replacing the sod with clay and bringing the north end to its proper level will begin this week. The north backcourt went down below the high wind of a week ago and to place it in good condition will require the substitution of seven new posts. It was in 1891 the backcourt were set up, so that it is not surprising that the posts should succumb, after having been in the ground six years.

As yet little playing has been done, but the courts will probably be in constant use during the remaining afternoons of school. Negotiations for tournaments with Northwestern and Peoria are pending and it is probable that a match with the former institution will be played here early in May. Last May a team of six men representing Northwestern, met defeat at the hands of a team of a similar number of Lake Forest players in the tournament held here. Although but two men, J. A. Coar and A. J. Coleman, of the six who composed that team, are now in college, there seems to be an abundance of new material to take the places of those who have left. The loss of J. H. McCune, W. U. Halbert and the Ferry brothers, will probably be made up from the following men: A. B. Loranz, E. R. Brown, W. A. Graff, R. H. Curtis, F. A. Schaefer and W. K. Herrick. Knuey, of the Academy, who with Mudge and the Ferrys, represented the Cad in the triangular inter-academic tournament last spring, may possibly play on the College team.

The record achieved by the team last year must not be lowered. Every man in College who can wield a racket is urged to get out and practice; no one has a "chance" on a team position. "True ability" will have abundant opportunities to make itself manifest and will receive due attention and credit. Any college man may become a member of the association by the payment of one dollar to the treasurer, R. H. Curtis, and thus have the privilege of playing on the courts.

ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. McReynolds has rented the Rhea's house for the summer.

Miss Margaret McLadden spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Larned.

Mrs. and Bessie Swift returned from a week's visit at Three Oaks, Mich., last Saturday.

Mr. Byron L. Smith, Dr. Fisk, J. V. Farwell and J. V. Farwell, Jr., have returned to their summer residences during the past week.

The cold weather of last Saturday did not stop the people from coming out to the opening of the Owentsia Club. The links and club house have been enlarged since last year and a gay season is looked forward to.