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ADDRESS TO THE SENIORS.

The following is the address to the Seniors delivered by Dr. Tuttle at the conclusion of his Baccalaureate:

GENTLEMEN—SENIORS:—The laurel was sacred to Apollo, the god of the fine arts. Those distinguished in these arts were crowned with the laurel-berries. The old Universities followed the custom, and their graduates crowned with the *bacca-laureae*—berry of the laurel—became *bachelors*. A baccalaureate may be called the act of laying a crown of laurel berries on the head of a student graduated in any one or all of the arts.

I have been speaking of the earth's expected millenium and reasons for belief that it will come, as the Baccalaureate of your class.

It has been said that "Whatever creed be taught or land be trod, Man's conscience is the oracle of God."

You have been educated at great cost. How are you to pay the debt? To-day, I answer, using the word in the broadest sense, you cancel the debt when you help on the world's millennium. It is not here yet. No, not by a great deal. The earth is merely scratched by an ignorant husbandry. It ought to produce ten-fold as much bread for man. It is your mission as scholars to teach and to help mankind multiply the "corn which is the staff of life." Oh! for the millennium of husbandry! "God has made everything beautiful in his time." The world waits for you to herald and help the millennium of taste. Teach people that life is doubled in its joys by

a patch of green sward by the humblest cottage or a flower in its window.

The original curse is still in force. Some men laugh at it, but it is here with its iron grip upon us. "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." The violation of law has caused mankind infinite miseries. The Christian religion affords infinite help.

As yet the millennium has not yet come to the sweating brow. The most of the human family still feel the unexpended curse of work. As yet "men must work and women must weep." Hope yearns for the day when there shall be "joy to the toiler" and thanks to God,

"That the dead have left still
Good undone for the living to do."

In my opening remarks I have referred to the expected moral millennium. The central figure in this is *man*. The tumultuous voices of the human race shall become heavenly concord when the Lord's Prayer shall be answered.

These Millenniums to which I have referred may seem even for ages to advance very slowly. This is God's method in nature, providence and history.

Some years ago in the Conservatory of the Albany Patroon was to be seen a century plant. It continued apparently unchanged for three fourths of a century suddenly a vigorous stem shot out at its center and grew with such rapidity that the roof of the conservatory had to be removed to give it room. And there it stood in its long delayed but swiftly fulfilled promise—a straight and beautiful stem forty feet high, crowned with clusters of flowers which continued in perfect bloom several months.

It is the figure of the expected millennium which is to render the condition of the human race infinitely better than it is now.

My young friends, the farewell which is to sunder your connection with this college shall lose its sadness if we see you going out into the great suffering world to help it.

Happy shall we be to note in your lives the conviction that Whittier gave voice, not merely to the yearnings and the belief of the human soul but also of your souls that—

"The eternal step of progress beats
To the grand anthem calm and slow,
Which God repeats."

I want you to help educate the world. Teach others how to labor and have joy in it. Give them the key to the vast treasures of wealth yet to be turned up by the plough and dug from the mines. Help them to make their homes home-like, their toils pleasant, capital however humble productive, the savings of labor in all its forms larger and more evenly distributed, the culture of the hand, the mind, the taste, and the moral nature, more thorough in all the harmonies of a perfect and true manhood.

In the center of your being—in its imperial center enthrone as supreme the love of God your Savior and of your brother. Win all about you to do the same. Do not curse the world by teaching men to scoff at "the man of sorrows," or by letting the leprosy of sin rot down your manhood to the infinite damage of yourselves and others.

Gentlemen Seniors, I welcome you to the select fellowship of those on whom this college has bestowed her crown of laurel—her bachelors—and I bid you farewell in words slightly tinged with sadness but full of hope—*macte virtute! hail to you and also farewell.*

THE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

It is generally supposed that there will be a meeting of the trustees of the college this Commencement. It may not be known that Wabash College has a Board of Trustees, as no one ever sees them around the institution, but THE LARIAT has it on good authority that there is such a corporation in existence. By looking over the catalogue it is ascertained that in this body there are twenty-one gentlemen, all capable and honorable. *Seven of them are graduates of Wabash College.* It is the opinion of the students and others particularly interested in our institution, that the trustees, as a rule, do not actively interest themselves enough in the college. And why should they? Two thirds of them have never received instruction within its walls, many of them indeed being Alumni of other institutions. Some of them come to Crawfordsville once a year and some of them seldom, if ever, get inside the campus. THE LARIAT does not pride itself on being a reformer but it but voices the sentiment of many Alumni or the college when it states that it is the general opinion that this corporation should be mostly *composed and elected* by those, who, as graduates, have gone out from the college. It is but natural that men who have neither interest or identification with the traditions of our college should take no especial interest in laboring for its advancement. But the Alumni, those who have spent the happiest years of their life within the college walls and under the grand old trees of our campus, they turn to their Alma Mater as instinctively as the boy grown to man's estate turns his thoughts to the old homestead with all memories of early days. If they are not given the power of electing all the members of the board, they should at least, as a body, be given the privilege of naming a certain number of its

members. Yale men elect the trustees of Yale College. Wabash College should be managed by her sons, all of whom take a vital interest in her progress. THE LARIAT suggests this as a fruitful theme for discussion at the Alumni reunion and would not seriously object if the few trustees, who come in on the morning train and leave early in the afternoon, would also give it some consideration.

THE ALUMNI DINNER.

There are extensive preparations in anticipation of a very interesting time at the above mentioned occasion. Last year the dinner was a great success. So successful that it was deemed best to have another on the same line. It will be in the chapel with tickets at one dollar. Prof. McLain has received word from quite a large number of Alumni, stating that they will be here on that occasion. One would not expect it but as many have promised to come as did last year, the latter being, as we remember the semi-Centennial of the college, and an unusually interesting programme being provided for the Commencement exercises. The prospects all point to an exceedingly lively time as far as the Alumni are concerned. Of those who have written Prof. McLain positively that they will be here, are John Coburn, '57, Cleland, '62, Donaldson, '74, Finch, '63, Hovey, '53, C. H. Little, '70, Col. Merrill, '51, W. C. Whitehead, '74, S. E. Wishard, '53, S. B. Glover, '64, Crawford, '53, Gen. Carnahan, '66, McCramer, '78, Eccles, '81, Kingsbury, '55, Kingbury, '82, Condit, '54, Wilson, '80, O'Ferrall, '76, Merrill and Moores, '82, Hayes, '60, Fyffe, '85, Will Austin, '70 Spiller, '55, Sam Saylor, '80, Milroy, '78, Harry Wilson, '79, Austin, '50, Palmer, '81, Wishard, '76. Ed McCabe, '80, Keil, '76, Woods, '78, McCoy, '53. West, '79, is at Sumpter, South Carolina, and in re-

ply to an invitation to be present wrote, "I am doing a great deal of work, and why should the work cease that I may go down to you." He will not be here. Arthur J. Brown responded with a interesting piece of news, to the effect that he could not possibly be here for the reason as he indicated, as narrated in Luke 14 20. Austin will not be here to dinner. He will dine more pleasantly elsewhere. Eph Williamson cannot come either. It sounded strange to read his excuse.— "I will on the evening of the 14th be on the stage of the Opera House, in Topeka, hearing *my ten Seniors* deliver their orations."

At least forty will be here from abroad, and with about fifty near Crawfordsville, a large gathering will result. Scattered as the Alumni are from Texas to Michigan and Connecticut many find it impossible to come. Several have indicated a desire that the dinner be held next year promising in that case to come then.

VARNUM D. COLLINS.

Varnum D. Collins, of the class of '50, now living in London, England, recently visited the scenes of his college days. Since graduating Mr. Collins has been an extensive traveler, having been around the world three times and having visited every accessible country in the world except Australia. During his voyages he has been shipwrecked five times and at one time was at the mercy of the wind and waves for seventy-three days. Pursuing Bayard Taylor's plan he traveled through many of the countries of the old world "on foot." If he returns to the land of his adoption he will have crossed the Atlantic nineteen times. While here he was the guest of Mrs. Robert Blair and by request entertained a small company one evening with a short history of his travels. He has certainly seen much that is wonderful, ancient and beautiful,

and has looked upon humanity in all its phases. He is a brilliant conversationalist and as THE LARIAT man traveled with him from country to country and listened to the exquisite word painting of beautiful scenery and works of art, he forgot the prosaic present and for the time lived in the storied past. The beauties of the Alhambra described by him seemed a realization of the fancies with which we have clothed it since reading the beautiful legends of Irving. The catacombs, too, seemed so real when he repeated the inscriptions upon the plain marble slabs with names and dates. He was present at Jerusalem with Lieutenant Warren when he made the excavation and discovered the bridge of Zion, which Dr. Robinson had prophesied would be found at a certain distance from the arch discovered some time before. For twenty years Mr. Collins was a resident of China, being one of the party which was instrumental in securing the Burlingame treaty with that country. During his residence there he practiced dentistry and amassed a fortune. While in the East he married an English lady and made his wedding tour from Siam to Bangkok on the backs of white elephants kindly furnished by the king of Siam, with whom he was well acquainted. It took him six weeks to accomplish this journey. He was once wrecked off the coast of Siberia and for six weeks made his home with the family of an exiled Russian nobleman. Mr. Collins is a cultured Christian gentleman and during his travels has collected many facts to strengthen the truth and evidences of Christianity. He is a fine linguist and can speak with fluency many different languages. He is very proud of America and yields to her all we claim. Wabash College is very dear to him. He glories in her success which after the lapse of over thirty years is wonderful to him. He recalled many college jokes but said that few

land marks remained, all being changed. THE LARIAT regrets that some arrangements could not have been made by which Mr. Collins could have given all the students an account of his varied experience and the pleasure of listening to the poetry of his conversation.

PREPARATORY EXHIBITION.

The exhibition of the Preparatory department took place in the college chapel on Friday night. The chapel was filled with an elegant audience and the speakers did honor to the occasion. The following were the speakers: W. H. Leech, Dunlapville; W. H. Cooter, Columbus, Kansas; W. F. Hoult, Chrisman, Ill.; W. T. Hartley, Christman, Ill.; W. E. Humphries, Alamo; W. B. Krits, Waveland; J. H. Cooter, Columbus, Kan.; and Park Daniels, Rockville. The Judges were A. B. Anderson, S. C. Campbell and Rev. Everet Thompson. The first prize was awarded to Park Daniels, second to W. F. Hoult and third to W. E. Humphries. Professor Osborne also announced that the following young gentleman had been awarded prizes as Essayists. First prize, W. J. Greenwood, Harrodsburg; second, Ned Arthur, Portland. The third prize was a tie between C. L. Pulliam, of Mt. Vernon and W. H. Evans, of Delphi. Professor Osborne, in a very felicitous speech, presented the prizes, which concluded the evening's performance.

Professor Campbell and family will make a flying voyage down the St. Lawrence to Montreal and come around home by the way of Boston—the city of intellect and large footed girls.

A. J. Johnson, once with '83, is now County Superintendent of the public schools of Vermillion county,

Rev. Dr. Barrows, of Chicago, delivered one of the most magnificent addresses ever heard here on a Commencement occasion last Sunday night at Center church. His theme was "The American Nationality, its Origin and its Needs." Dr. Barrows is a comparatively young man and already stands in the front rank of Western ministers.

The Commencement hop which is managed by the Seniors will be an elegant affair. Music by Cameron, the floor in the best shape possible, beautiful decorations, and programmes which are simply works of art. The gallery will be thrown open and all given the privilege of hearing the music and looking down upon the dancers.

Judge Speed S. Fry, of the class of '47, was recently nominated by the Republicans of Kentucky for Lieutenant Governor. The half-dozen Republicans of that State are evidently playing a joke on our old Alumnus.

W. H. Bede and family, of New York, are visiting Col. Elston. Mr. Bede at one time was a resident of Crawfordsville and as musician officiated at many college exhibitions and entertainments in the days gone by.

C. N. Browning and daughter, Grace, of Wilmington, Ohio, are in the city, the latter to attend the graduating exercises. They are uncle and cousin to McKee.

Messrs. Merrill, Moores, and Mr. Vanburen, graduates of Yale, but at present practicing law in Indianapolis are in attendance at Commencement.

Colonel Wilson, of LaFayette, of the class of '40, delivered the Decoration day address at Terre Haute.

The Anthem Sunday morning was evidently too rich for those who rendered it.

F. C. Monfort, editor of the *Herald and Presbyter*, will attend the Alumni dinner.

Professor Hovey's lecture on Cave Scenery was well received.

THE COLLEGE GRADUATE.

Mary H. Krout in Crawfordsville Journal:

It has become a habit of the press to poke fun at the aspiring college graduate. He is ridiculed because of his dwelling upon themes relating to antiquity and ancient history. His impassioned oratory is burlesqued and his aspirations and ambitions are derided. At the same time those who have had the great good fortune to have had the benefit of a college education forget altogether that they have passed through precisely the same experience themselves. They have imagined that the gaze of the multitude was fixed upon the extensive secret society badge that dangled at his lapel like the decoration of some hereditary Grand Duke. They have thought that the world hung breathless upon the result of their prize contest. They have seen the day when they thought the wit of Sidney Smith pale and spiritless beside the scintillating humor of their class jokes and college songs. A boy without enthusiasm is a milkslop. If he did not take an absorbing interest in his class record, his contests of one sort or another, even his base ball match, he could be safely set down as an indolent, effeminate youth who would do little in the world notwithstanding his opportunities and advantages. Underneath all the sharp jokes and rough comment there is in the heart of the newspaper man a kindly feeling for the boy who imagines his Greek and Latin much more important than civil service reform, who discusses obstruce subjects and settles all the vexed questions in society and politics once and for all in the debates of his literary society. He, inwardly, admires his clear, keen eye, his graceful bearing, his frank, honest face and his youth full of hope and energy. He wishes him success, and he knows that time will soften his faults and give him the wisdom that comes with the hard knocks he must receive when he meets in hand to hand conflict with the

world. He knows that even the college graduate must grow old. He cannot escape the burdens that fall upon the shoulders of all. He must sober down and get bald headed and probably obese as the years advance. Yet out of such stuff have the heroes of the world—many of them at least—been formed. The names of the greatest statesmen, scientists and literateurs and artists may be found among the names of the Alumni of our universities. Yet the Oldest Inhabitant, notwithstanding this, cannot refrain from quoting this which he saw the other day in the columns of an exchange:

"I have come," remarked the graduate,
As he stood with smiling face
Within the open doorway—
On his features all the grace
Of a Belvidere Apollo,
And of base ball lore a trace
In the broken-jointed fingers
That were won on second base—

"To say to the biggest editor—
He that Right 'gainst Wrong maintains,
And weapons of cold logic
On the ranks of Sophism trains—
That, to help his worthy paper,
I have loosed my seething brains
And evolved therefrom a paper
On the subject: "Why it Rains." "

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There was n'er a larger funeral
Went out the city's gate
Than that which followed slowly
The corpse of the graduate.
He was laid beneath the willows,
O're his grave the daisies nod,
And the essay on the rainfall
Rests beside him on the sod.

COMMENCEMENT DAY.

Wabash College will this year graduate fifteen young men. Of these, nine have pursued the Classical and six the Scientific course. In years the members of the class are younger than the average of the classes heretofore sent out. In scholarship the average standing is excellent. Most of the young gentlemen have been in attendance at Wabash College for four years and some of them for six. Probably no class has ever graduated from the institution which has been charac-

terized by a more harmonious history than has been '83. The Seniors having been a unity in their feeling and action during their college days, are also unanimous in regretting that the end of their college days is so near. They recognize the fact that they are about to close an epoch in their lives which is rich in tender memories and which has been the occasion of the formation of many strong and dear associations. The last act in the drama will be performed in Center church on Wednesday morning, when the fifteen orations will be delivered, after which they will leave forever, college haunts, and grapple with the stern matters of the practical world. The following is the programme:

- E. H. Anderson.....Anthony, Kan.
The Religion of the Future.
- H. R. Hess.....Indianapolis.
An Impersonal Religion.
- E. W. Hiller.....Peru,
Individualism.
- H. F. King.....Robinson, Ill.
The Solitude of Greatness.
- C. B. Landis.....Logansport.
Conservatism.
- D. R. McGregor.....Antigonishe, N. S.
Inaudible Voices.
- W. P. McKee.....Crawfordsville.
Cromwell.
- A. E. Reynolds.....Crawfordsville.
The Progressive Church.
- F. R. Rosebro.....Crawfordsville.
Saracens in Europe.
- W. C. Sivyer.....Fort Scott, Kan.
The Practical Age.
- George Skinner.....Kempton, Ill.
The Master Spirit.
- O. A. Smith.....Bridgport, Ill.
Insight.
- A. E. Thornton.....Michigan City.
A Mistaken Greatness.
- J. T. Tomlinson.....Logansport.
Utility of Vice.
- Thomas Wilkins.....Linden.
Duality in Mental development.
- Address to Class, }
Conferring of Degrees, }President Tuttle.

Greigg says that THE LARIAT is a little hard on him and that he will see that their is a pause. 'Tis well. There is nothing so essential to a dispenser of the gospel as meekness and humility and it is these two virtues that THE LARIAT would cultivate in our pious friend, Greigg.

The lot of the graduate is not a happy one. In addition to looking a poorly written commencement speech in the face and making his farewell calls, he is compelled to measure a pyramid of indebtedness with one eye, while with the other he gazes deep down into the depths of an empty pocket book. In other words, nine Seniors out of ten are bankrupts. Custom will not permit a college boy to make an assignment and he is reduced to the necessity of writing home and making a "clean breast" of the whole matter and asking for money. If ever a college boy feels meek and lowly and friendless, it is when he serves notice on head quarters that he needs coin. He feels like an orphan asylum and will acknowledge to anything. Students are a badly imposed upon class of citizens and there should be a clause inserted in our constitution relieving them from the embarrassment which the necessity of paying debts brings with it.

Professor Coulter is at present engaged in preparing two papers to be read before the "American Association for the Advancement of Science" which meets at Minneapolis next August. These papers are both for publication. One of them is entitled "Organogeny of the flowers of *Composita*," being the results of careful microscopic examination of the development of the flower parts of our *Composita*. The other is entitled "Some Functions of Stomata," being the announcement of some discoveries he has made in the study of Stomata.

The Seniors are considering the advisability of endowing a chair in the college with the surplus of the bountiful donation given by the college toward defraying commencement expenses.

A large number of new residences have been erected in Crawfordsville during the last year. It is to be hoped that this will have the effect of lowering room rent somewhat next year.

AN ADMIRABLE CHANGE.

Since the publication of the last catalogue some important modifications of the course of study of the Senior year have been made. In the judgment of the faculty the change is a judicious one and as it is what the students have been asking for several years it is in their estimation an admirable move. The following is the course to be pursued by both Classical and Scientific students during the next Senior year:

FIRST TERM.

- 4. Astronomy.—Loomis' Astronomy.
- 4. Mental Science.—Porter on Human Intellect.
- 3. Zoology.—Lectures (Packard.)

SECOND TERM.

- 3. Moral Science.—Hopkins.
- 4. Constitutional Law.—Andrews.
- 4. Geology.—Dynamical and Structural (Le Conte.)

THIRD TERM.

- 4. Political economy.—Thompson.
- 3. Law.—Woolsey's International Law or Lieber's Civil Liberty and Self Government.
- 4. Geology.—Historical Geology, with field work.

OPTIONAL STUDIES.—In addition to the above, each member of the Senior Class is required to have four exercises a week in an optional study. The study to be pursued during the year must be selected at the beginning of the first term. The following optional studies are provided: Latin with Prof. S. S. Thomson, Physics with Prof. Campbell, German with Prof. White, Chemistry with Prof. H. R. Thomson, Greek with Prof. McLain, Biology with Prof. Coulter.

THE VERDICT OF THE COURT.

The trials of Green, Phfaler and Throckmorton, the three young men charged with attempting to cremate the college buildings, came off week before last. Green was sentenced to the county jail for one year. Phfaler was let out on his good behavior, while Throckmorton, who was only charged with complicity in burning the out house, was declared "not guilty." The college authorities and the students breath easier now that the affair is over. Surprised and astounded at the reckless and desperate attempt to lay in ashes the result of half a century's labor, the college authorities and the students, naturally, at the time, felt the outrage and indignity keenly. But as time passed their indignity turned almost to pity and nothing was done by the college to force the court to visit the extreme penalty of the law upon

the young offenders. The terrible suspense has certainly been punishment enough and the clemency of the Judge, Jury and Prosecuting Attorney will do more in assisting them to become good citizens than a term's imprisonment. The trials through which these young men have passed should be a lesson to us all and teach the student that it only takes the thoughtless act of a moment to place him in a situation, in which, in the eyes of the law he will appear a common felon.

OXFORD FEMALE SEMINARY.

The members of the Senior class are in receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement of Oxford Female Seminary which takes place Thursday morning, June 14th. Taking the word of Profs. Campbell and Coulter for it the class of '83, of the Oxford Female Seminary, is composed of twenty-two as bright, charming and beautiful young ladies as generally appear before the public on occasions of this kind. There are fifteen Seniors in Wabash College who would be delighted to take in the graduating exercises at the Seminary were it not that our own Commencement comes the day before. Wabash College boys take a general interest in the Seminary at Oxford, and were Professors Coulter and Campbell at all accommodating many a one of us would have accompanied these gentlemen as "assistant," during their lecturing seasons at that institution. The writer, who prides himself on being a native of Butler county, has worked the wires for four years to get within the walls of that college under the protecting wing of a Professor but all to no purpose. Now that there is an opportunity, it is deucedly provoking that circumstances prevent. To the young ladies the Seniors express their regrets, supplementing them with their best wishes in whatever matrimonial or other hazardous undertakings they may venture.

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Editorial.

THE proof reader, on the last issue of THE LARIAT, is an individual who cannot be found. If he could be, grievous are the burdens he would have to bear. He ought to be torn, mangled, and sawn asunder. Please read on the editorial page, for, "Our one time *fraud*," "our one time *friend*." For "Westminister *Card*," read "Westminister *Creed*," and for "*grain and truth*," 3rd column p. 6. read "*Grim and Terrible*."

THE man who considers it an easy affair to be a college president, is much mistaken. No more trying position can easily be found for a man. As Dr. Tuttle has often remarked to the boys who

were criticising his plans and methods, "There are a thousand items and reasons which come in, young gentlemen, that you know nothing about." It goes with the saying that a man who has so admirably stood at the head of Wabash College for twenty-two years, is the man fitted in every particular for the place.

IN this period of Commencement, when fifteen young men are just stepping to the front, ready in a manner, to *begin* real living; we are called upon to turn our thoughts, for the moment, to those who have ended life as they begin. Only one summer has passed since the death of Mrs. Maggie Thomson, wife of Prof. H. R. Thomson. Again death has come, and loving as he does, a shining mark, has taken the wife of Prof. Jacob Norris. She, accomplished and beautiful with christian graces, has gone to her reward. We weep with those who weep, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Professor in his great bereavement.

FUN is sometimes made at the expense of Western Colleges, that they are not up with the lively times seen East. If the hazing by the students of Madison College, N. Y., is a sample of the so called liveliness, let us fervently pray that Wabash may never be "lively." No doubt in some respects we westerners are a little rough and uncultured, but the kind of politeness required to nail a student up in a hogshead, and roll it down stairs with him in it, savous more of Heathenism and Mediaeval Barbarism than of Christian culture. Such episodes are a disgrace to civilization, and the man who points with pride to such act of "spirit," has some wrong with his moral backbone.

COMMENCEMENT expenses are a

source of much talk and difference of opinion. Some say that every thing should be on a highly expensive order. Programmes for the graduating exercises should have a special cut, made for the class. Programmes for the Ball must be of silk and gold, worth keeping forever as a memento. Others say, Let the whole thing be on an economical line. Some would have a lawn fete and charge the natives a dime to get into the campus. They would print a palladium and by various schemes pull the expenses down to thirty-three cents per member. So one class did not long ago. This year on the contrary the expenses are higher than ever before, and no money made in any way.

WITH mingled emotions, one turns from the halls of Alma Mater. Heretofore she has marked out the work, and applied the cogency to make one do it. Now the cogency is gone, and with it the guidance. There is much here one regrets to leave. THE LARIAT is not disposed to flatter much; never has made that its business. It has spoken always fearlessly, sometimes rashly, of the men and methods here employed. Whether the judgments have been just or not, they have always been friendly. But what we wanted to say, was this—Wabash under its present management *deserves to prosper*. There are no perfect institutions here, moral, educational or other, but Wabash exerts an influence, which, while aggressive and potent, is conservative and safe, and what is more, the President and faculty have the universal respect of the students.

FOR years THE LARIAT, and the boys in a body, have been calling for an elective course of study, in the Senior and Junior years. The faculty have considered the case carefully and at length, and now the change has been

made. Hereafter during the whole of the Senior year, there will be given a choice of several lines of study. One may take German or Greek or Biology or Chemistry or Latin. This is as it should have been before. THE LARIAT has taken occasion before to remark, that some have no particular need of German, who have a very great need of Greek. It is eminently proper to allow election in such a case. One provision guards well the tendency toward looseness. It is this. The choice at the beginning of the year must be held to throughout the year. This is a good rule and it is altogether a sensible move and will make Wabash the more worthy of the patronage it receives.

SEVERAL times during the present year, Prof. Coulter and Prof. Campbell and Prof. White have been called away to lecture before the students of other colleges. This is an honor paid to them and through them to the college, and a high one. It is an acknowledgement from other institutions of our superiority, and of a desire to be benefited by it. Wabash is also benefited by means of these lectures outside of her walls. To say nothing of the heightening of her reputation with her sister institutions, there are always present at these lectures strangers, who in this way receive a most favorable impression of the college in every respect. The alumni all over the country when they hear of these things experience a pardonable feeling of elation and like to think that they acquainted with the lecturers and that they were once students under their care.

THE LARIAT has lately published some articles that have gone right home and hit the nail squarely on the head. We know this because there has been "wailing and gnashing of teeth"

from various quarters. The gentlemen who have objected so seriously to what THE LARIAT has said might better have kept still. "If the coat don't fit don't put it on." That THE LARIAT's comments and criticisms were just and timely is shown by the fact that the recipients squealed so lustily when they were hit in a tender place. Everybody knew that they were being punished without this audible demonstration on their part. They complain about the "howling" of THE LARIAT. They should not judge us by themselves. We are not "howling." We have nothing to "howl" about. We are all right. The fact is that these gentlemen have "howled" so much that they can't do anything else, and think that all the world is "howling" because they are.

THE writer recently noticed that a newspaper in attempting to depict the future of the average college graduate actually spoke of them with some degree of fervor and ventured to predict that they would make successful citizens and not be utter failures. This was such a remarkable admission on the part of a newspaper that we could scarcely believe what we read. It is always customary for the papers to pitch into the college graduate and to make fun of him in every possible way. This is considered by the newspapers as an annual duty that they were bound to perform, and they do it with a vigor that is worthy a better cause. The young man is attacked because he has roseate views of life, because he has high ideas how life should be spent, in short he has a thousand theories that would make the world a paradise if they could be carried out. The theories may be all right, but because the editors of the country think that they cannot be carried out, those who originate them, or think of them in any

way, are severely criticized. Well suppose that they young man in question does have some pretty theories about these things. They wont hurt him or anybody else. If they are impracticable it will be discovered soon enough, after he is out, and if they are not, why all right. He might better have ten thousand of these theories and out of that number have one that was practical, than to never have any at all.

THE great question to the Senior, now, is what to do. It seems that the students for the ministry are in a condition to more satisfactorily answer the question than any others. The Law is full, Medicine is full, and other professions are in a similar state, while the ministry is in a sense empty. There is a great demand for every competent young man who comes from a seminary. A salary of eight hundred or a thousand dollars awaits his his graduation. On the other hand, the student at law, has, instead of a demand for his services, to make an opening for himself. In the outset, it appears, that even on a financial basis the ministry is an inviting field just now, when the push and crowd in the other professions make a beginning very difficult. Still the financial showing does not influence men, as a rule, to enter that profession, for while it may look well to begin with, it increases in value, very slowly if at all.

WHATEVER grumblers may strive to make appear, there is no denying the fact, that Crawfordsville is one of the finest little cities anywhere to be found. The gravelled streets, the brick sidewalks, extending to the very suburbs—the miles of shade trees,—the general air of cleanliness and beauty over the entire place, renders it very desirable to

live in, and one which a student, who has for half a dozen years enjoyed its advantages, is most loth to leave. Not all, by any means, of a liberal education, is gained in the class room, nor was it ever intended that it should be so. Society, to an educated man, is in most cases a necessity. Here it is that Crawfordsville excels. Society, in some districts, means a hospitality which is narrow and ungenerous—and a sociability which is formal and selfish. From this city on the contrary, will go many a student, to descant on the advantages, and the pleasures, he has derived, from a wholesouled and cordial welcome into the best elements of Crawfordsville society.

DEATH OF MRS. NORRIS.

One of the saddest duties ever performed by the students of Wabash college was in following the remains of Mrs. Professor Jacob Norris to the train on the morning of June 2. The following is from the *Crawfordsville Journal*.

On Monday afternoon the people were shocked by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Norris. But two weeks before she had been among them seemingly in the vigor of health, and it is hard to realize that she lies to-day in that house prepared for all the living. She had not been well, however, all the Winter, but kept her illness, because it was slight, from her husband that he might not be made unnecessarily anxious over an indisposition which she believed would pass away of its own accord. Two weeks ago a cold which she had contracted developed into lung fever and almost from the first her physician knew there was no hope of her recovery. Through all her illness she retained her consciousness, and when she knew the end was near at hand she had her children brought to her bedside and bid them farewell, dying, then resigned, sur-

rounded by her family and friends. There are many things that make her death a sad one. The two little motherless girls whom she leaves have sustained a loss that the world, though all its honor and wealth be conferred upon them, can never make up to them. Now, while they are too young to realize their loss, they need her ministrations and her care. When they grow older they will long in vain for her confidence, her sympathy and her counsel. In all the crises of their lives they will miss her, even though they may scarcely remember her, and envy others to whom the sacred relationship has been permitted. The bereaved husband realizes that in his home the light has gone out—she who was its central figure, having departed from its doors to return not again. Such grief and such desolation would be intolerable were it not for the certain hope of immortality. There seemed to be every reason why she should have been spared, and none why she, of all others, should have been chosen by death. She was a woman of unusual beauty, and grace of manners, and of much more than ordinary culture and intelligence. She was a lover of books in its broadest sense, keenly interested in all the prominent topics of the day. Her associates in the English Literature class two years ago, remember the carefulness with which her lessons were always prepared, but few points arising in the recitations upon which she was not prepared to give an opinion and which she had not anticipated. Death, truly, is no respecter of persons. The young and the old, the happy and the wretched in God's good time depart. To them it doubtless matters little. But to those who survive, life seems a perpetual "why?"—a question which in time, for them also, it will be answered, as it has been for her, upon whose face we shall look no more. The funeral took place at Oxford, Ohio, on Thursday, President Tuttle, of Wabash College, officiating.

PROF. COULTER'S NEW BOOKS.

It will no doubt be of interest to the students and Alumni of the college to know that Professor Coulter is at present busily engaged in preparing two books for the press, the manuscript for which he hopes to have in the hands of the publishers at an early day. "The Flora of the Rocky Mountains" is the title of the first one, and in the preparation of this work he has been engrossed for over a year. From 1871 to 1873 Professor Coulter was botanist of the Hayden survey. The first year he explored the Rocky Mountains, more especially in Montana and Wyoming, and published in a government report an account of the botany of that region. The next year he confined his attention to the mountains of Colorado and as a result published the "Flora of Colorado," at the present time the only manual of the plants of any part of the Rocky Mountains. This, however, has long since been out of print and the demand has been growing ever since for a manual of the entire Rocky mountain region, including Colorado, part of Utah, Wyoming, Montana, part of Idaho, Dakota and Nebraska, in short a publication fitting on to Dr. Gray's manual to the East. Colleges, tourists and botanists have long recognized the importance and necessity of such a work, and having already become somewhat familiar with the flora of that region, Professor Coulter was naturally settled upon as the one most capable for preparing it. It is written at Dr Gray's instance and will be published with his indorsement.

Professor Coulter has also a text book of botany well on the way. It will cover in general, the ground of his lectures in this department which have proved so interesting and complete. There is no such text book in this country and colleges and high schools have for years demanded such a publication. Our present text books pre-

sent but the anatomical side of botany, leaving out of view the physiological, which is the new and indeed the vital part of the science. Prof. Coulter is an enthusiastic botanist and no one who has ever heard his lectures in the class room can be doubtful concerning the reception of his new publications. In behalf of the Senior class THE LARIAT speaks for fifteen copies in advance.

FRATERNITIES IN WABASH.

The students here are believers in secret societies. Five flourishing chapters exist here now. Trouble between them and the faculty is a minus quantity. They go on the even tenor of their way, initiating those whom they can induce to join with them, and the powers simply ignore their existence. They ask no favors and receive none. They are simply let alone. We maintain that fraternities are a blessing to Wabash. Here some fraternity squabbles often occur but a class wrangle is unknown. Senior and Freshman are terms which distinguish alone as to college class standing. Socially there is no possible distinction, such as is the case where fraternities do not exist. The Tau chapter of the Beta Theta Pi, with hoary locks and honored record stands first on the list, in the way of priority of founding. It was chartered here in 1845. Among its first members are John H. Coburn and John L. Campbell, names well enough known without the prefix "Hon." and "Prof." The Betas will graduate three men to-morrow, Hess, Landis and Thornton. They have besides these three half a dozen members in the lower classes.

The Zeta chapter of the Phi Delta Theta was placed here in 1852. Among its numbers may be counted many splendid students and gentlemanly friends. They graduate two this year, Walter Sivyer and Thomas Wilkins.

They have a fair sized chapter now, numbering eleven. The chapter is in a flourishing condition as it has been generally during its history.

In 1866 the Psi chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was established here. "The Deltas," as they are always called in Wabash, have for many years had a strong chapter here. Among them may be found some of the best men ever graduated at Wabash. In fact no fraternity has or ever can have a monopoly of all the brains, or all the sociability there is in college. In Wabash, as elsewhere, the thing is divided up somewhat. This year the Phi Gamma Delta graduates one man, Fred. Rosebro. They have twelve undergraduates at present, and are numerically and otherwise a strong chapter.

Indiana Gamma, of Phi Kappa Psi, was organized in 1870, with eight charter members, who have before them many years of possibility in which to become famous. Among others we remember the names of Andrews, Cronkhite, Iddings, Lynn and Harry Milligan. This chapter has its share of prosperity also. Many excellent men have been on its roll in the thirteen years of its life. One of the most genial and popular of them all, is now Tutor in Wabash, J. H. Osborn. Robert J. Burdette is an honorary member of this chapter, also the Hon. Bayless W. Hanna. At present the chapter numbers thirteen members.

In 1876 the Psi chapter of Delta Tau Delta was established here. Its record was short and its life was not long. In its place in 1879 was put the Upsilon chapter of Theta Delta Chi. An Episcopal minister, the Rev. F. P. Harrington, was the ambassador at the initiation of the charter members. The only member of this chapter now in college is Tomlinson, of the graduating class. As far as it goes it is fairly rated A No. 1.

On the 14th day of June, 1878, a *sui*

generis local institution was organized, called the Athenaeum. There were thirteen charter members, belonging to '79, '80, '81, '83 and '84. A badge was designed, somewhat in the shape of a shield, mounted with a very large A. The symbolic letters F. J. R. C., appear in a cut at the head of their catalogue in the Palladium in 1879. This organization was short-lived; it soon was swallowed almost bodily by the Sigma Chi. The chapter is one of the best in college, and holds it own admirably with the other fraternities. Thirteen men are now on its rolls. Thus it may be seen that sixty members of college belong to some fraternity. By far the majority of the upper classmen are fraternity men. All take Preps in as full members, while all discuss and doubt the propriety of it. All combine at elections, and do all the necessary work to win. All have, also, conscientious scruples against combinations. Fraternities are here, and here to stay, and the best place for a student, other things equal, is as a member of one of these fraternities.

The Junior class day exercises will be held at the Opera House on Tuesday afternoon. Those desiring tickets should apply to any member of the class. The seats will be complimentary, as last year, and as then, we suppose the supply will not equal the demand. The Juniors have put in enough faithful work to give a meritorious entertainment and the expectation of the public is up to the boiling point. There has always been the best of feeling existing between the Juniors and the Seniors, and the graduating class is under obligations to the members of '84 for taking up the work and assisting them in making the week attractive.

Professor Coulter delivered the Scientific address at Purdue during their commencement.

CHAPEL SUNDAY.

Chapel Sunday has become quite a feature in the exercises preceding Commencement and as a result a large number of the citizens of this city, were present in the chapel on Sunday the 3rd instant, to hear Dr. Tuttle's address on "College Grades." The lecture was a very interesting one, on which much careful preparation had been made. Said the Doctor, "It is one of the unpleasant duties of a college officer, to grade those in his care. The figures are often very imperfect. Honors are questionable in their appropriateness. President White left on record his antipathy to them, and none have ever been given in Wabash College. Yet we instinctively grade, in our minds each student, and that grade is a fair one. We think of one as the First Honor man, of another as passably good, and of still another as good for nothing.

Grading is not confined to the college by any means. Habitually we grade those with whom we come in contact. We look at a man in a moral or intellectual light and say of him, very good, or good, or good for nothing. You young men know the grade you deserve. You can take the pen and paper and place your true standing, in black and white. I urge you to-day to grade yourselves. Are you lazy, idle and shiftless, grade yourself. Are you doing duty, the best you can, grade yourself. We have graded you kindly, and we hope, justly. You have graded us, let us hope it has been kindly. Now the great thing is that you look into your own hearts, and put upon the motives there the imprint of your own judgement, whether they are very good, or good, or good for nothing."

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SENIOR PARTY.

The Seniors were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Professor Campbell, at their home, on the evening of June 4. The ladies and other guests were conspicuous by their absence. In other words the doors were thrown open exclusively to the Seniors, who passed the evening in a delightful manner with Professor Campbell and his family. There is no use disguising the fact that with the class of '83, Professor Campbell has always been a favorite, and the class has always prided itself on the belief that the feeling to a certain extent has been reciprocated. We doubt if there ever was a man who could enter into the sympathies of young men any more completely than can he. While in the class room every thing is strictly business, and there he is the Professor and they the students, on other occasions he treats them as men and equals and whoever is worthy and honorable can count him as his friend. The Seniors will carry away many pleasant memories of their college days but to none can they refer with more pleasure than to their associations with Professor Campbell, both in and out of the class room.

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