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February 8 was an important day in the history of our nation. It was on that day that Pres. Roosevelt and Vice Pres. Fairbanks were formally declared elected, in a joint convention of the Senate and the House of Representatives, held in the hall of the House. As a matter of fact this question is decided with the fall election, but as a matter of formality it is not. The people have spoken last Nov. and have declared who shall be their leader for the next four years to come. At this meeting there is of course no doubt as to the outcome, because that is decided and recorded long before. As a matter of form and parliamentary dignity however it must be an impressive scene when those two houses come together. It is a rare occasion and one that every citizen of the United States should be desirous to witness sometime, to see gathered nearly 500 of the noblest citizens of this great commonwealth, the patres conscripti of our days, the great lawmaking body of the greatest nation governed by a parliament. So this formality is again completed. Within a month follows the inauguration, and we can again be at ease for four years because we know that the ship of state is guided by able pilots, whatever storm may arise and however high the billows of national or international difficulties may roll. The name of our worthy Pres. stands as surety for the fact that whatever difficulties may confront him or whatever obstacles may be thrown in his path, he will with Gods help guide his bark safely, with untroubled hand and with an iron will, into the haven of peace and prosperity. For Pres. Roosevelt it certainly is a consolation in his tremendous task to have so noble a man as Mr. Fairbanks at his side as Vice President. This is a luxury for the President which he has not been able to enjoy heretofore.
N interesting debate in congress has ended and the result of it has been that we are to have two more stars in our flag. If we study the history and growth of our nation, we find many an interesting debate recorded whenever one or more states sought admission to the union. Especially was this the case in those troubous times, which foreshadowed the civil war. One of the events that led up to the civil war and hastened to bring it about was the admission of states. When a slave territory sought admission the anti-slavery party, did its utmost to prevent it. On the other hand, when a territory expressed its desire to be admitted in the union as a free state, the advocates of slavery opposed the measure as forcible as only southern autocracy knew how. This often led to debating in which the most powerful eloquence, and the most brilliant oratory was freely displayed, and the most strenuous efforts were made in behalf of the party defended. Alas that it sometimes led to less commendable actions. At last it became customary to admit states by twos, one of each kind, in order that a balance of power might be maintained. We are thankful that this scene is no longer necessary and slavery is done away with entirely.

The different political parties however, canvass the territories that seek admission, as thoroughly as in former days, in order to know what the conditions are both financially and politically. Therefore the discussion often becomes a party strife. In the case of New Mexico and Oklahoma, both are claimed by the Democratic party. This of course is a gain for our weak brethren, not to be rejected. This time, however, the debate hinged on the consideration, whether Arizona and New Mexico were to be admitted as two states or as one. Arizona objected strongly to the measure to become a joint state with New Mexico, and preferred to remain a territory, rather than be made one with New Mexico. It is decided that Arizona will remain a territory. The territory of Arizona covers a large tract of land but is sparingly settled and contains little wealth. The population of New Mexico was nearly 200,000 in 1900 and has increased considerably since that time. Oklahoma had a population of 350,000 at the last census but is now estimated at 550,000 for it has increased wonderfully. Its citizens are prosperous and the state is in a splendid condition financially. This territory with more than half a million of prosperous citizens, certainly is ripe for statehood. It has a greater population than 12 or 14 of the other states had at their admission and probably more wealth than a great many others. What the result will be for the nation, and whether or not those new states will be a benefit, we will learn in future time.

THE N. W. C. Academy continues to enjoy a year of encouraging progress. Not only in attendance, but also in harmony and spirituality, it is manifesting a pleasing growth. The "Day of Prayer for Colleges," usually an impressive day for students and Faculty, was made doubly so this year. For the first time in a period of more than ten years the "silent messenger," came and took from our student body one of its most beautiful characters. Four days ago Anna Van Wyk, a member of our junior class, was well and strong. To-day, an hour before the public service of prayer for colleges, her remains were laid to rest in the quiet churchyard, the contagious nature of the disease — scarlet fever — preventing even her classmates from attending the funeral. The dark shadows occasioned by this sad and sudden death are pierced, however, by a ray of heavenly beauty. The beautiful, quiet, Christian life she lived and the heroic faith with which she died, are reflected in the tranquil testimony her dying lips uttered: "Though the shadows of death compass me, I love the Lord for He has heard my prayer and my supplication."

Under the circumstances, the services at the First Reformed Church were unusually impressive. The Rev. E. W. Stapelkamp, at both this and the morning service at the Academy Chapel, made a strong plea to the students for an early decision for Christ, for a nobility of character measured, not by man's standard, but by the standard of God, so that their lives might, like streams of living water, make glad the city of our God. At the morning services in the Academy Chapel, the Rev. A. M. Van Duine, president of the Board of Trustees, in his characteristically forcible manner, addressed the students on the thought: "Success depends not upon what we take out of, but upon what we give to the world." Spurgeon died a poor man, but gave to the world a heritage of thought and deeds that enrolls him forever among God's noblemen. Carnegie will be remembered for what he gave long after the memory of what he acquired has been lost in oblivion. Christ, the most successful character of the ages, is also the most illustrious example of unselfish giving. The reputation of a college rests not so much upon the size of its endowment or the extent of its equipment as upon the nature of what it gives its students. A student's success likewise is measured not by an increasing ability to acquire wealth, political or social distinction, but by the degree of unselfishness with which he gives his life to humanity." Refreshing thoughts these to young people who are constantly asking: "What pays best?"
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William H. Seward.

Wm. Seward, who as time proved, was far ahead of his age, was born on May 16, 1801, in Florida, N. J. There is very little of his early life given, but two things are worthy of notice. The first is that he ran away from school to Savannah, Ga., just because his father would not dress him as fashionably as the other students were clothed. The second and last is that his father, who was a physician, had three slaves.

This goes to show the greatness of the man, who latter in life goes and stands up against slavery with heart and soul, the very thing with which he was brought up.

However his father, having secured his return from Georgia, allowed him to study law at Goshen, New York. After this he was permitted to join the senior class at Union College and graduated in 1820 with honor. Soon after he left College, he was admitted to the bar and went into partnership with Elijah Miller of Auburn, N. Y., whose daughter, Francis, he married in 1824.

He also very soon entered politics, in which he played an important part until his death. Already as early as 1828 he lost an office on account of his principles, for which he dared to come forward.

We next see Seward in politics running for Governor of New York, for the Whig party. He again was defeated but it made him a future leader. In 1838 he again runs for Governor and is triumphantly elected. His term expiring in 1843 he took up his practice of law, continuing it until 1848, when he entered the Taylor campaign and "stumped" most of the Northeastern States.

And in 1843 he was rewarded for his labor by the election to United States Senate. In the Senate he very soon stood up against compromising and advocated "emancipation with compensation." At the end of his term he was re-elected and it was then that he made such a telling speech against the Dred Scott decision, that he would refuse to give the oath of office if Seward were to be elected President.

However in 1860, in the Presidential campaign, he was defeated by Lincoln in receiving the nomination. Nevertheless he became Secretary of State. And while he was in this office he would have very likely brought us in war with several countries, if it had not been for Lincoln, who curbed his high spirits. But, nevertheless, he dealt with Great Brittain, with great skill, all through the civil war.

He also showed great firmness after the death of Lincoln, when he stood by the side of President Johnson, all through his troubles. March 4, 1869, Seward very gladly laid down the duties of his office and attempted to divert his mind by travel and to spend the rest of his life peacefully.

Medley.

To him who in the love of nature holds communion with "Benedict Arnold the wealthiest farmer of Grand Pre", she speaks a various language. Not only around our infancy doth heaven with all its splendor lie, For shouting boys in woodland haunts caught glimpses of the sky, Go forth, under that open sky, and do some little good, not in dreaming of doing great things by and by but build thee more stately mansions O' parson of the wonderful one-hoss-shay that was built in such a logical way and ran a hundred years to-day. Winter is past; the heart of Nature warms beneath the stars, As the soul of the maiden wandered alone, and cried O Gabriel, O my beloved! why cannot my eyes behold you." While loud and sudden the note of a whippoorwill sounded, as she gazed into the arch of blue. And muttered "Tis some visitor tapping at my door only this and nothing more." On the mat by thy side the maid and the sweet babe shall be gathered, while aloft on their shoulders the farmer sat in his elbowchair and watched how the flames and the smoke moved to that mysterious realm, where each shall tell me not in mournfull numbers how the fever was cured by a spider shut up in a nutshell like the quarry-slave at night scourged to his dungeon, "and how dear to my heart is Priscella the Mayflower of Plymouth, modest and sweet", said John Alden as he shook the snow from his feet, while to the tune of some psalm the village school-master sang O! say can you see, by the daws early light, all who rejoice and take courage when they hear of Miles Standish and the fight, a mighty hand from home sweet home pours forth the never ending pleasures and palaces through which we may roam. The muffled drum's sad roll has beat for thy spirit, sad images of stern agony and breathless darkness and the narrow-house where wounded hearts that bled or broke are healed forever.

A. V. W. '05.

The Princess.

The intercalary poems, put in between the divisions of "The Princess", might well be called the skeleton of the whole medley, or the loom upon which it is woven. Recording to Tennyson's own
that division. We can not mention them all, but only point out the instance where Cyril touches in Psyche the tenderest spot any woman can have, by playing with her child Aglaida, after having softened her heart with sweet remembrances of the days of yore.

The second poem, "Sweet and low", talks of sleep and rest, in a very childlike way. This division treats of sweet and restful things. It is found out by some, that those strangers are men. Melissa herself tells them, that it is known, still they are not harassed as they should be according the statute of the establishment. Moreover, at the end of this division the Prince tells of his sweet conversation with Princess Ida, in which she lays her views of life, her plans and her thoughts, very plainly before him, who loves her more than himself, without her being aware that it is he and without the slightest idea of what she is revealing and to whom she is talking.

Next comes that beautiful bugle song and also the song of one of Ida's maidens, 'Tears idle tears'. Here the plot begins to thicken and it becomes more difficult to see the different relations. The main idea in the bugle song however is this: Faint ideas are like echoes, rolling from hill to hill, and although they ring loud and clear at first, they are soon lost. Our echoes of love, however, roll from soul to soul and instead of dying, they grow for ever and ever. Take this in connection with, "Tears idle tears", a beautiful and almost perfect song, in which is reflected the soul of a person who is utterly tired of this sort of life, which gives her no satisfaction, and whose heart is yearning for former days of love and sweet remembrance, and you have the main thought of this division. This division, which begins with the glorious and lofty ideas of Ida, ends with a sad tumult, a hubbub, and a disorder, worse than a man can make.

The next interlude talks plainly of war and of triumph, and the child is also brought in again. The battle is fought and lost by the Prince. Psyche mourns over the loss of her child. The child, meanwhile, is doing a noble work, without knowing it, namely, softening the heart of Ida. Here we are at the rock bottom of the entire plot. This is the cornerstone upon which the whole edifice is erected. Now the die is cast, the game is played and lost. "Home they brought the warrior dead", is very appropriate here.

Again the child comes in and plays a great part in this division. Even the smallest man was moved beyond his want in behalf of the child in this canto and made an eloquent plea. This speech helped the others to persuade the Princess to return Aglaida to her mother. The speakers stood among the dead and wounded and living, be-
twixt friend and foe. This is a very striking picture. Here we find friend and foe one in death like always on a battle field. But the living are just as closely clustered about the central figure, an innocent child. The staunchest warriors are putting forth their most eloquent speeches, debating this matter, and the wounded and dying hang, as it were, with the last strength left in them, on the lips of those who are debating their destiny. But again, it is the part of the child to triumph and to bring hearts closer together although they seemed to be torn asunder now, beyond all hopes of recovery.

Last but not least comes the poem, "Ask me no more". This is the closing song and nothing more need be asked, nothing more can be granted, for nothing more is necessary. It seemed as though the Prince were farther away from his wishes than ever, when he was taken up from the battle field, so near to death, on account of blows inflicted by Ida's brother. But here all force of men, all powers of war, of horses and of weapons stop. They are laid aside. There is no more need of them. Love, the one power, the only real power, which no man is able to explain, to comprehend, or to conquer, is now beginning its secret work and soon comes out triumphant. During the slow moving hours of noon, the creeping hours of night, and the long weary hours of night, everything undergoes such a change, that the Prince, whose case seemed entirely lost, comes out victorious in the end. The work begun by the child that one early morning is here completed. Nothing more need be asked, what more could Ida do, besides giving up herself wholly to him who loved here with all his heart. The different intercalary poems can thus be traced through all parts of the medley, and are here at the close, brought together and form the conclusion.

J. G. d. B. '05.

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Prof. in Geometry. "Mr. D. E., what lines and angles do you take?"

Mr. D. E. "The lines and angles at the bottom."

Prof. "Yes but you can't take any old line or any old angle that you wish."

Many of the students took a cold while standing around the fire of the Klein and Stuart stores late at night. Others took something else.

Prof. in Latin. "Mr. E.S. you may translate the next sentence."

Mr. E. S. translates. "The lion prepared himself to die."

Prof. in Physics. "Mr. A.T.P. why is there a fog around an iceberg?"

Mr. A.T.P. "Because the warm and the cold temperatures are joined."

Prof. "Well then if you would put a hot and a cold piece of ice together would they form a vapor?"

Mr. A.T.P. "Yes but the human eye can not discern it."

Prof. in Geometry. "Mr. H. S., now we are ready for you."

Mr. H. S. "All right I am also ready."

Prof. in Dutch. "Miss E.O. you may translate this sentence: Wie gaat achter mij?"

Miss E. O. translates. "Who goes after me?"

Prof. in English to "A" class: "Your orations are due Feb. 6th."

Mr. J. M. "You ought to give us three days of grace."

Prof. "No you can not figure on Grace."

Mr. J. M. "Well I will have to figure on some one else if I can't have Grace."

Prof. in Dutch. "Mr. G. d. J. wat is een zwager?"

Mr. G. d. J. "Een zwager is een brother-in-law."

Jan. 26th the usual day of prayer for colleges was held at the Academy chapel in the forenoon and addresses were given by Rev. Van Duine, Rev. Stapelkamp and Professor Soulen and short prayers were offered by Rev. Winter and Professor Strick. In the afternoon the services were resumed at the First Reformed church and the students were addressed by Rev. Stapelkamp and Professor Soulen.

The following conversation was held by two students going home from a party. Mr. H. H. "I am in love with Miss M. W." Mr. G. d. J. "Yes, and I am dead gone on Miss A. M."

Mr. M. G. Van Osterloo took sick and was compelled to go home for a few months. Mike was a member of the "A" class but will not be able complete his studies this year. We hope that a year of rest on the farm will

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strengthen him physically so that he may be able to resume his study next year.

Mr. George de Jong has a severe attack of the grippe.

Mr. Gukker has a slight attack of appendicitis and will be under the doctor's care for a short time.

Did you get a valentine?

Mr. Dekker has left the boarding club and is now working for his board and room at a near by farm.

The 'A' class is rather slow in getting class pins but they are on the way and rumor says, they will exceed any class pin, ever exhibited by a graduating class heretofore.

Y. M. C. A. feast was held Thursday eve, the 16th, in the First Reformed church. The students of the N. W. C. A. took an active part in it. Three of the Y. M. C. A's were represented by Academy boys. Some of the Academy ladies were in the choir and our organist played the pipe organ. This shows that the Academy students are interested in Y. M. C. A. work. The ladies also helped in serving refreshments and the boys helped in drinking chocolate. All reported an evening well spent.

Resolutions.
Since it has pleased our heavenly Father to call from this earth our dearly beloved classmate and friend Anna Van Wyk, we, the C class of the N. W. C. A., wish to express our heart felt sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family and friends, and commend all to the care of Him who in His infinite wisdom and loving kindness has seen fit to so afflict them.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Classic and a copy sent to the mourning family.

Cornella Vander gen \ Comm.
John Dekker \ Funny Dieleman

De Alumni.
'97. The Ref. church of Cooper ville has unanimously decided to call John Van Pears rum, when he has finished his course at Princeton.
'97 '94. Gertrude Huizenga and Katie Kramer took part in the program of the Professional Teachers' Association meeting held at Hull, Feb. 3rd and 4th.
'92. Mr. and Mrs. W. Schultz welcomed a little baby girl at their home February 5th.

Rev. D. C. Raigh reports improving health in Yokohama, and his hope of returning to Amony, his mission field, early this year.

'85. Rev. H. Hospers from Englewood, Ill., has been unanimously called to the First Ref. Church, of Roseland, Ill.

'91. Rev. J. TeSelle, of Hesper has accepted the call from Washington.

'92. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lohr have moved into their beautiful new residence in the western part of the city.

'97. Rev. C. Jongewaard from Dakota has been visiting his father a few days.

'01. Mr. Dick Muyskens won the second prize at the oratorical contest at Hope College.

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