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Some Fallacies of Atheistic Evolutionists.

(A term essay, written March, 1898.)

The discovery of the microscope and its consequent revelations in the world of microbes and bacteria gave an impetus to the theory of evolution which furnishes it a place among the speculative theories of science.

Zoology and the comparatively recent science, Biology, have both added to the weight of the argument found in the evolution theory, and especially do the evolutionists make stock of the fact that Geology has found several so-called missing links.

The work of the scientists in these branches is not to be belittled nor is Evolution, as a theory and as explaining some things otherwise unexplainable, to be regarded lightly. But when any theory arrogates to itself the power of setting aside the implications of nature and the demands of reason, then may such a theory be safely and wisely relegated to the well filled grave-yard of mental vagaries, or at least, may it be given its proper niche in the world of speculation.

It is true that evolution has been much abused. Not over scrupulous opponents have denied it its just dues, while over zealous advocates have claimed for it much not properly belonging to it. To avoid making fallacious conclusions, it is best to present the theory in the form in which scientists universally accept it. Foster has put the theory in this language: "The essence of the idea of evolution is that of a subject unfolding itself in a manner of orderly progress each new phase growing out of, or being an advance upon that which immediately preceded, by a power or tendency found in the subject itself.''

Atheists claim that this power is blind force without intelligence or purpose, and is mechanically necessitated. It is upon this point that theistic and atheistic evolutionists have their contention. Mechanical necessitated force is sufficient to explain the cosmos, so the atheists assert. Let us notice this force theory. It postulates as the first forms of existence force and matter. Force is defined as something in and co-existing by virtue of which change is produced. Intelligence is denied at the outset and so change has not a teleological end." After an infinite time these particles collect themselves into great masses and established sidereal systems, yet is was not purposed. Another lapse of infinite time and the dead world awoke to life, feeble it is at first, but gaining strength it time rolled on. Another lapse, another change, and man was ushered upon the scene. By some strange freak of blind force he walked upright, had a head and in it was a mass of matter called brain, the organ of the mind. Thought is simply brain motion and brain secretion. God is only a peculiar brain secretion which of course is destroyed with the destruction and decomposition of the brain material.
This is the much-lauded force theory which nauseates reason and yet asks to be recognized by it. Let us notice some of the difficulties encountered by believers in this theory. Eternity of matter is one of the implications of any theory of force necessity. But the idea of eternity is directly opposed to the idea of change. For change implies beginning and beginning destroys the idea of eternity. "The eternal cannot be made up of beginnings." The two terms exclude each other, hence the theory is overthrown by its own postulate.

There are other difficulties. Atheists are compelled to believe either in eternal mind and matter or else to believe in the eternality of matter and that mind is evolved from matter.

But if they believe in an eternal mind the question is settled, for that is what atheists attempt to establish. Again, if they believe that mind is but an evolvement of matter other difficulties equally grave and important meet them, some of which will now be noticed. Any necessary system of mechanism cannot explain any teleological problem. Such a problem can be explained only by self-directing intelligence. When we attempt to explain causes by their effects we must refer them to those causes which implicitly contain all the mystery and peculiarity of the effects. Of course, we cannot see the cause in every effect, but had we all the antecedents it would be seen that the effect implied the cause. In other words, nothing can be evolved that was not involved, for "involution must always equal evoluition." This is the fundamental principle of any mechanical system. Hence mind cannot be evolved from matter. This forces the atheist either to deny intelligence in the world or else to admit an eternal mind which is equally destructive to his transparent sophistries. Again: admitting the evolvement of mind from matter and another difficulty is met. Matter is indestructible. All its implications must also be indestructible. Mind which is evolved from it must be indestructible, hence eternal. Now we are where we started.

Let us examine the question from another standpoint. As Borden P. Bowne has put it: "In every mechanical doctrine of mind there are no mental acts, but only psychological occurrences. Conclusions are not acts of the mind, but only occurrences in the mind. In fact conclusion receives no justification from its antecedent reasons, but is ascribed by its psychological antecedents." To state it plainly there is no reason. If our mind acts as if governed by reason it is simply an illusion. Nothing depends upon reason but only upon our "physical states and for all we know our physical condition might be any thing and yet not change the conclusion in the least." Thus reason and rationality are both destroyed by the very system which makes a great show of using them.

There are yet other difficulties in the evolution theory which arrays itself on the side of atheism. Putting aside all its contradictions and strange inconsistencies we find that the system does not explain the details of creation.

Does the atheist explain how life came from death? How intelligence came from non-intelligence or purpose from non-purpose? Does he tell us whether the seed was evolved first and then the plant, or the plant first and then the seed? Let him answer these questions even with the aid of the sciences which he so much parades and then he will deserve some consideration from those seriously inclined.

But it is a pleasure to know that atheism has not enough vitality to
blist with its venom of fallacious reasoning every theory it subverts.
And in evolution from its true point or view is found one of the staunchest arguments on the side of theism. Change the blind, non-purposive, non-intelligent force to an intelligent, purposive force, working according to fixed law, yet the law but the expression of the intelligent first cause, and the whole system is changed. From a self destructive theory it becomes the expression of an all wise creator, who finds his chief delight in the completed development of his creatures, and who none the less shows his power and love for by establishing a law of progress.

The origin of life and the evolution of the species form another rock which threatens destruction to the evolution theory. The most ardent believer in evolution, and those too, who believe the revelations of the microscope have entirely disproved the revelations of the Bible; are at a loss to account for life. The microscope does not reveal it. The dissection’s scalpel has not uncovered it. Chemical combination can not product it. Abiogenesis is scouted even by Huxly and Darwin, though their theory receives a severe shock by such a rejection. The idea of spontaneous generation has long ago been abandoned, and only the fossils of antiquated speculators still cling to the idea. The evolution of the species fares no better. Neither Mr. Darwin nor any other man can show one case of it. There never was a case so far as known, only as it existed in the imagination of some over zealous advocate. "The revelations of geology are against it, the instincts of animals are against it; the tests of hybrids have not supported it, and common sense and the native intelligence of man is opposed to it."

But when the atheists who have found the reason for their faith in the theory of evolution, are hedged in by a wall of their own building, their theory having committed suicide, the plaintive plea is put: "It is incomprehensible that God should busy himself with so much creation." They cannot conceive how God can do what He has done. But surely it is no more difficult, may it is much easier to conceive that God with His infinite wisdom is behind all creation, rather than that mechanical necessity is the cause of all.

Which is easier to conceive, intelligence constructing a watch or a watch constructing a watch; or better still to conceive of a hand saw giving birth to a rip saw? The imagination needs no more stretching to conceive the assumption of theism than it takes to conceive those of atheism.

Evolution, then, cannot establish atheism, for its very implications destroy the theory; reason is set aside. The origin of life and species cannot be explained and finally the conceptions necessitated by the theory are out of all proportions to common sense.

C. O. B.

** A STUDENT'S PHILOSOPHY. **

I have not kept the vows made last year;
Still, still I feel I’m held in Folly’s thrall;
But shall I drop a sad, regretful tear
O'er time misspent? Can I the past recall?

Now shall I to the future turn my gaze,
The course pursued by other men,
Who wait for better times in coming days,
Put by the Now and wait until the Then?

No; seriously, the course I must pursue
Is this—to grasp the Present, not the Near;
I must not standing wait for the To Do
But give the virtues masterly in the Here.
THE OWLS.

The "Owls" continue on the aggressive in literary pursuit. Spring balm and freshness seem especially conducive to the inspiration of genius and propagation of wisdom. Each "Hoot" is indicative of diligent work and enthusiastic fidelity. Every possible touch is being given to our erudite seniors, whose profound wisdom and classic attainments merit honor to themselves and will redound to their society.

The following officiary will direct the various activities of the "flock" for the ensuing year:

Most Worthy Schreech Owl, Jennie Cotter; Past Schreech Owl, Paul Beach; Literary Schreech Owl, Zaidee Benney; Social Schreech Owl, Mary LeSourd; Serateh Owl, Arthur Marsh; Critical Schreech Owl, Howard Nicholson; Vigilant Schreech Owl, Alvia Nace.

H. C. S.

At the close of each year it is the custom to take a retrospective view of the year. The H. C. S. has enjoyed a very good year. Improvement of the society has been the motto of each member, consequently there has been a great improvement in all lines of the work. We have missed some of the old members. New members have been added who are doing creditable work. The fraternity spirit which is necessary for the continued existence of the society is very strong. On the evening of June 7th, the Society was honored by a visit from Prof. C. O. Boyer. His presence is always an inspiration and we hope that in future years he will have many more opportunities to visit us.

Y. W. C. A.

A retrospective view of the association work during the past eight months is encouraging; it has been a successful year. No school on the Coast has a larger percentage of members, and the financial condition is good.

Miss Barrett, the president, went as delegate to the Capitola convention, in California, where ten days were very pleasantly and profitably spent. She returns with a wealth of new ideas, a larger view of the far reaching influence of the Association work, and a store of enthusiasm that cannot but inspire her fellow-workers, to their best efforts. The members are already looking forward with courage and hopefulness to the work of the next school year.

Among the pleasant features of the year was a visit from Miss Ruth Paxson, national secretary of college associations. An informal reception was held in Miss Caughran's room and a luncheon served, after which she addressed the girls in an interesting and encouraging, heart-to-heart talk about the college girls' inner life. This and many other of the sweetest memories of college days, will cluster around the Y. W. C. A.

S. S. S.

The officers for the S. S. S. were elected recently, and will serve until the beginning of the fall term.

President, Ina Landen; vice president, Lena Wilson; secretary, Helen
Grumbling; treasurer, Ellen Fosberg; sergeant at arms, Gertrude Osborne; censor, Florence Hamilton; yel mistress, Elsie Grumbling.

The Society gave a picnic at Point Defiance Park, to the members of the H. C. S., recently, which was in every way enjoyable.

SIGMA TAU SIGMA.

On the evening of May 20th, a few invited guests were entertained by the Sigma Tau Sigma, at their annual open meeting. The various games were interspersed with a few short speeches and papers, by members of the fraternity. The peanut hunt caused much merriment, as did also the contest among the lady guests at throwing bean bags.

Those present were Prof. and Mrs. Boyer, Misses Cotter, Landen, Lacy, Twidwell, Pearl, O'Dell, Berkman, Grumbling, Rutledge, Wilson, Mary and Ethel Revelle; and Messrs. Ball, Milligan, Cook, Marker, Ames, Long, Anderson, Neyes, Taylor, and John, William and Charles Olsan.

Y. W. MUSICALE.

The Capitol Musicale benefit entertainment was given the 9th of May. The program was excellent throughout and every number deserves special mention.

The scene from Shakespeare was especially well performed, the characters being perfectly adapted to their parts.

The Y. W. quartet gave a very pretty selection and received an ovation.

Pearl Clulow rendered very sweetly the pathetic little ballad entitled, "Daddy."

The duet by Miss Low and Mr. Stadhart was given in their usual charming style. They were in excellent voice and the selection was beautiful.

Miss Towne, in her own inimitable way, read a selection from David Copperfield, and graciously responded to an encore.

The hall was well filled and the program was thoroughly enjoyed.

B. L. S.

Last fall several enthusiastic people met for the organization of a Literary Society. In choosing our name with the audacity of the unsophisticated college student, we thought that nothing was too good for us. So we asked Prof. Boyer for the use of his name—Prof. Boyer who has been a wonderful inspiration to every student who has known him. How many of us after having talked with him have gone away from this sunny, buoyant soul with a new and grateful realization of Riley's little verse:

"The world is full of roses,

The roses is full of dew

And the dew is just full of heavenly love,

A drippin' for me and you."

And so under the name of such a worthy patron, a society must prosper. It undoubtedly has grown during the school year. There has been a very strong fraternal spirit prevalent. Its organization has been strong; its social functions delightfully interesting and unique; its literary and musical efforts unusually excellent. Each member has felt that his best efforts were due his society brothers and sisters, and failure before them was failure indeed. Much talent and originality has been displayed. Our budgets have been rich in fun and sense.

We are all proud of our homelike little Society Hall with its comfortable window seats and dainty curtains. And what "Boyer" does not have a natural propensity for this royal purple though it be blended with a little Nile green.
And as the years come and go and we take our place in this great busy world, the spirit of our Society will we take with us and oh how often lest we forget will our hearts repeat B-O-Y-E-R Boyer!!

SENIOR ACADEMY PARTY.

On the evening of June 10th, the 4th year academy class gave a launch party to some of their friends including Professor Boyer, Misses Rutledge, Veldee, Hamilton and Landen; Messrs. Nelson, Pittmon, Cook and Sheafe.

The launch stopped at Burton beach where a bonfire was made and refreshments were served. The night was ideal; the water aglow with phosphorus, and the sky clear. Songs, stories, peanuts, and general hilarity enlivened the hours spent on the water between tableaux, which were too imperfectly lighted to admit of a description. No serious accidents occurred though several tragedies were contemplated, and one of the party were a black eye next morning.

"HAPPY HOME" CLUB DINES OUT.

On the evening of May 3rd, the still night air was suddenly ripped into tattered strips by a series of unearthly ululations, emanating from the vicinity of Miss Master’s home, on 11th street.

Being but a few blocks distant, your reporter heard the racket and wondering if the reservation had really gone out, girded up his loins and hurried thither.

On arriving I found the "Happy Home" tribe executing a sort of ghost dance with a regular war-whoop accompaniment.

"Gentlemen," I said when the mighty volumes of vociferation had ceased to shatter the neighbor’s window panes, "what is the occasion?"

One of the braves suggestively let out his belt a few notches and replied: "Heap big feed."

Then I perceived from their distended bosoms and looks of infinite satisfaction that they had banqueted.

Presently one whose gaudy trappings I took to be those of chief medicine man, and who doubtless from my air of innocent inquiry, took me to be a reporter, twirled a tomahawk playfully at my head and said:

"If you are rounding up a few stray details for your paper, just tell your pale-face friends on the authority of the "Happy Home" tribe that Miss Masters is one of the finest little cooks as well as the most altogether lovely woman, who ever shied a culinary lariat or graced a white man’s wickeyup."

BOOK REVIEW.

"Timothy Pitt at the U. P. S." is a little hook that is certainly destined to dispute the supremacy of "Tom Brown at Oxford" in the realm of college reminiscences. It is full of rich bawl-outs and mellow horse laughs, told in the author’s delightfully breezy style. There are chapters on "Wild Sophomores I have known;" "Managing a College Paper as a Preliminary Experience to Managing a Wife;" "A Few Reasons for Attending Classes;" "Veterans of the Happy Home;" "How to Make a Speech, Either end up;" "Canvassing as a Means of Making a Wedding Stake." The book will be read with pleasure if one happens to find himself in jail with nothing else to read.

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The class of '04 is small, but splendid, not many but much. As an ounce of the attar of roses represents an acre of blossoms, so these three are the triple-extract, as it were, of brilliancy and brains. In future, when speaking of the great triumvirate, one will have to specify whether Roman or the class of '04. When Dartmouth graduated Webster and when Hiram graduated Garfield they made their bids for immortality; and in graduating the class of '04 the University of Puget Sound may proudly claim the lasting fame and gratitude of mankind. We append here a little biographical data for future historians.

Pearl H. Drake, the youngest member and president of the class, and otherwise distinguished as the most brilliant young woman among the Seniors, made her terrestrial debut not very many years ago at Lakewood, Iowa. Here, in the confines of a Methodist parsonage, amid the humble surroundings that have so often fostered genius, she early developed symptoms of future greatness: for of all babes, whether lay or clerical, she had no peer in point of strenuosity. Her father being a typical itinerant minister, nomadic and migratory, she traveled extensively, of course, and received her early training on the train.
Much is told of her childhood by her fond parents, who relate many incidents that indicate the freaks of genius. Among her playmates she was fond of acting the role of a queen, receiving the homage of her subjects. She admired things externally bright and attractive and her favorite doll was a little soldier boy clad in a bespangled uniform with gilt braid and shining brass buttons. She early manifested her great musical talent, and sang so beautifully, it is said, that the neighbors pleaded earnestly with her mother to take her to Germany and train her voice abroad. In 1889 her father was transferred to the Puget Sound Conference and has been stationed at various charges, as is his wont, during his residence here. Miss Pearle entered the P. S. U. in 1899, and even in that brilliant assemblage easily maintained a prominence in all lines of student endeavor.

Edwin T. Pittman, treasurer of the class, was born in Battyville, Loon county, Indiana, September 2, 1880. He was second and last of a family of two children. Shortly previous to his birth his father and mother had immigrated thither and had secured the promise of a very desirable home on the banks of the Wabash. In these early days their "modus vivendi" was very primitive. So, like Harrison, Lincoln, Webster, and many other great men, our hero was born in a log cabin. This fact was an assurance of greatness that served to cheer and encourage his ambitious parents through all the discouraging years that followed.

His genius was not especially manifest in his earliest youth, and it is said that he imbibed his milk, cooed, cried, had the colic and disported himself generally much the same as other children.

His favorite habiliment was a pretty red pinafore, and thereby hangs a tale. While riding with his parents, the buggy was suddenly overturned and our hero was pitched violently into an abyss of mud and water. Only a slight protrusion of the bright pinafore indicated the spot where he was imbedded, and enabled them to rescue to the world one destined to be among her greatest geniuses.

He early showed a strong emotional nature and had a sweetheart when scarcely out of petticoats. These were happy days on the banks of the Wabash and he recalls them with fondest recollection.

In 1891 he migrated with his parents to Everett, which was then in its infancy, and grew up with the city. Out of school hours he kept a boot-black stand and presided over a shooting-gallery, thus acquiring habits of industry and learning many tricks of the trade, which will be of great occasion in his chosen profession.

In school his brilliance began to show itself and he acquired distinction as an orator and debator. Having been previously handicapped for school privileges he worked now with avidity, covering, it is said, the 6th, 7th and 8th grades and two years of high school in somewhat over one year. Such strenuous effort, however, caused an aberration of mind and softening of heart from which he has never recovered. His junior and senior years were also spent in brilliant scholastic and literary employment, and in addition to this securing special equipment for life by driving a mule and horse team evenings and Saturdays.

He graduated with honors from the Everett High School in '98 and entered Puget Sound University. His subsequent life and accomplishments are familiar to all and have won for him an honored place in the annals of his alma mater.
Clinton B. Medcalf, secretary of the class of '04, was born, according to the most authentic accounts, at Montesano, a small village in Southwestern Washington, some time during the year 1880. Hence he is strictly a home product, an aboriginee of the country, and adapted to the soil. His early life was passed in obscurity, and little is known as to his birth or childhood. Many rumors are current. One of these is to the effect that when four years old he was carried off by a band of gypsies and traded to a farmer who fed him on stale bread and skim-milk; that after about two years he made his escape and after having suffered many hardships reached his own home too thin to cast a lateral shadow. Another version relates that when three weeks old he was found by his mother in a cabbage patch, where he had been left by a passing chicken-hawk that he was tenderly cared for and raised in an incubator. General credence, however, is not given to these accounts.

His parents sent him to the village school where he received a rudimentary education. His teachers invariably liked him because of his precocity, plump form and rosy cheeks and modest demeanor. After finishing the common school he was sent to Goucher Academy, where he received considerable development in social and other ways. The most important event that marked his association with that institution was his graduation from it in 1899. It is reported on seemingly reliable authority that on that occasion he delivered an oration entitled "Civilization of the Aztecs."

He matriculated at the P. S. U. in 1899 as a classical student and took a leading part in college affairs.

As a social orb his brilliance has been especially luminous, warped by great gallantry and lavishness toward the feminine of his galaxy.

In athletics he has acquired equal distinction, having passed through many a scrimmage on the muddy gridiron without a stain upon his garments.

But once, one memorable time, he gave his last breath and lay motionless and still. At last, however, his lungs refilled with life-imperting oxygen; he rose once more and grimly faced the foe. Aye, once as a second Marco Bozarris he shed his blood. It poured from his nose, dyed his clothes and stained the ground. But they would not take out time, so he fought bravely on and wrapped himself with gore and glory.

His scholastic zeal has followed devotedly the paths of classics and of science. He has lived with Homer and Thucydides. He has sat at the feet of Attfield and Remsen. For science's sake he has pursued the wary eat and "tamed the octopus." He has sought the dainty wildflower in wood and glen, and has studied the starry nebula of heaven. He has soared the heights, explored the depths and traveled the length and breadth thereof. He has gone from Dan to Beer-Sheeba. He has done great things, yea, he has done marvellous things in the land of Ham. "Now the rest of the acts of Medcalf and his might that he showed a mind how he warred, behold are they not all written in the chronicles of his diary?"

A. T. M.

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THE STUDENT'S LAMENT.

O cash, "spondulics," "wherewithal,"
O lucre, "needful," "dough,"
O silver, gold, greenback or draft,
I conjure thee by all the names I knew.
For oh, thy soothing, potent presence,
Thy dollar sign and dot,
That would bring such solace to my heart
I long for, and—have not!
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It is with a sense of relief and of regret that "we," the editor, lay down our pen. Relief, because the paper has not received the literary support that it should from the students and hence has been a burden to the staff; regret, because we who are responsible for the character of the paper were not more worthy of the commission. However, "what's writ is writ; would that it were worthier." We take leave of our readers with the hope that all those who have not finished their courses here, may return next fall in good health and fortune, while our friendly solicitude and all good wishes go with those who are going out from these walls for the last time. Farewell!

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The news of Dr. Randall's election to the general secretariaship of the Epworth League was received with much surprise by the students. Having resigned his pastorate last fall at a considerable sacrifice to accept the presidency of the University, it was thought that he had done so in order to devote himself to the interests of Methodist education in the Northwest, a cause in which he has manifested much interest. To a man of Dr. Randall's ability, ambitious, as it seemed, to do a great service for education, the presidency of the University offered a peculiar opportunity. Certainly there is as good an opening here for a great Methodist educational institution as Denver, a few years ago, offered to our now prominent University of that city. With the University's present standing and bright outlook the belief is justified that it is the beginning of a great school; resources and material await the hand of the builder. Dr. Randall's friends were assured that he was the man for the occasion and were looking forward to great things for the University as a result of his work. Hence the surprise at the sudden change. However, Dr. Randall's abilities entitle him to his promotion. and no one will follow him in his future career with more friendly interest or more confident expectancy of success than the students and friends of the University.

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The University of Puget Sound is a small institution, but some of the greatest educational institutions of the country have had humbler beginnings and less propitious outlooks. I have been looking over Harvard's catalogue for the current year and find on page 297 a significant account of the great college's modest foundation. This foundation consisted in an appropriation of £400 by the General Court of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, which was supplemented in 1638 by John Harvard's bequest of his entire library and half of his whole

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property; the latter amounting, probably, to something over £800. The College evidently suffered the distresses of extreme poverty during its early years. An evidence of this condition was left in a vote of the Corporation at that time ordering the purchase of six leather chairs on the condition that there should be enough money in the treasury to pay for them. For many years after the foundation of the College, the tuition of some students was paid in farm produce. This is the story of all institutions worthy the name, and is the only sure road to commanding influence. This is the way it has been with all Methodist educational institutions without exception.

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The day for the Seniors’ departure is here. We will not elaborate upon their passing; it is not an occasion for pathos and regret. For while commencement marks the most important epoch in the lives of many college graduates, in the ease of these strong young people we believe that it is but the beginning of a long series of triumphant and honorable achievements. They leave these walls bearing the respect of their professors and the love and good will of their many college friends. May they climb the heights of fame and greatness and plant the starry banner of success upon their topmost pinnacle!

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Mr. Warde was recently elected president of the State Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, to succeed Mr. Pittmon, who has filled that office so creditably the past year.

Miss Pease and Messrs. Kennard and Marker were delegates to the Epworth League conference recently held at Seattle.

Mr. Pittmon was recently invited to address the High School students.

Mr. Whitty, secretary of the Board of Trustees, left recently for Los Angeles, in the interests of his health, which has been declining and is at present quite precarious. Mr. Whitty has many friends among the students who are concerned about his condition and hope for his speedy recovery.

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Mr. Pittmon expects to take a three years' theological course at Drew.

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The twenty-five students and others who composed the crowd that went to Summit to represent the 4th year contest, will not soon forget the trip. Everything was prosaic enough until the last number on the program was almost finished and the car, the very last car, whizzed past without pausing. It was a catastrophe. The aged minister gazed on the crowd helplessly and was dumb; but the good people of Summit arose to the occasion and offered to keep open house. The supply of peanuts was almost exhausted and all were yelled and sung hoarse, so they accepted the hospitality with gratitude. A walk through moon-lit woods, with visions of real cream for breakfast, is not to be despised; such pleasures are rare, and what a splendid excuse for absence from those early morning recitations! But sad to relate—"the 'car' came back," and picked up the straggling crowd by couples and threes. A yell was raised for the "con.," accompanied by angel cake and something more substantial; it must have been an unusual experience, for he fell through the door a moment later to the tune of "'Comin' thro' the rye."

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ganization. A delegation consisting of Messrs. Ball, Cook, LeSourd and Mc-Clain, attended the annual Student Conference, at Gearhart, and brought back many helpful suggestions for the work of next year. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: President, J. E. Milligan; vice president, R. E. Cook; secretary, J. R. Ball; treasurer, John Long. With such leaders we are marching on to victory—and surely the “God of Battles” will assure us a large measure of those graces which we ourselves lack.

H. W.

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SENIOR ORATIONS.

On May 10th, at the chancel, the following orations were delivered:

“Pruning,” by Clinton Medcalf.

“Edgar Allen Poe,” by Miss Pearl Drake.


All were excellent and greatly enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

Miss Dickson gave two beautiful piano numbers in classical style, which were highly appreciated.

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