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A Plea for the Boers.

A letter in the Chicago Tribune last week, under the signature of a Mr. F. H. Lawson, attacks the Boers and the South African War.

The author very ingeniously sets forth the case of the Boer and claims to have learned it from a South African, who, he says, is a youth who has not had the advantage of a college education. He then proceeds to tell us that the Boers are not a race of men, that they have no right to rule, that they are a contemptible people, and that we should not expect any better of them.

But, Mr. Lawson, you are mistaken. The Boers are a race of men, and they have a right to rule. They are not contemptible, they are a people of great ability, and they are not to be looked down upon.

The Boers are the descendants of the Dutch settlers of Cape Colony and have inherited their love of peace. What then has caused the present war? To understand this, we must know something of the history of the Dutch colonization. When the Dutch drove the English out of the Cape of Good Hope, they ruled the country for a time. When, however, their rule became unbearable to the Dutch, a large number of them emigrated to the Orange Free State and to the Transvaal. The Boers were left to govern themselves, and they have continued to govern themselves ever since.

The Boers are a brave and courageous people. They have fought on behalf of their country and have fought with success. They have shown that they are not to be easily conquered.

The Boers are not inferior to any other people. They have shown that they are capable of ruling themselves. They have shown that they are capable of handling their own affairs. They have shown that they are capable of looking after their own interests.

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The Old Daguerreotypes.

BY JOE LINCOLN.

Up in the attic I found them, locked in the cedar chest.
Where the flowered gowns lie folded, which once were brave as the best.
And like the queer old jackets and the waistcoats gay with stripes,
They tell of a worn-out fashion—these old daguerreotypes.

Quaint little folding cases fastened with tiny hook.
Seemingly made to tempt one to lift up the lid and look;
Linings of purple velvet, odd little frames
To hang the quaint old cases with a smile.

Grandpa and grandma, taken ever so long ago,
Grandma's bonnet a marvel, grandpa's collar a show;
Mother, a tiny toddler, with rings on her baby hands.
Painted—lest none should notice—in glittering days of old.

And dream, 'mid their bygone graces, of the wonderful days that were.

On hand may exchange them for tickets to charge all those not in uniform.

At the College.

"Iky" Eastman, called at the College on April 15th.

Mrs. Mumford is visiting for a few weeks at Moscow, Hillsdale county.

The Chemical Department has purchased a Schmidt & Haensch polaroscope for use in beet sugar work.

H. N. Day, '02, and H. E. Young, '02, were ill with tonsillitis for several days during the past week.

Miss Edna Raymond of Manchester spent part of last week at the College with her cousins, O. L. Ayres, '02, and Olera Ayres, '03.

The young ladies of the Feronian Society gave their annual dancing party at the armory Saturday evening. Roy Bristol, '95, and Mrs. Chambers furnished the music.

The spring term military hop will be held Friday evening, May 4. The officers in charge have decided to charge all those not in uniform one dollar; those in uniform fifty cents.

Prof. Mumford left Saturday for a tour of the Agricultural colleges of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Ohio, to study the methods in force in the Agricultural Departments.

Mr. H. P. Baker wishes all football material which the members of the team have in their possession, to be returned to him immediately, so that he may know what to order for next season.

The Natural History Society meets at 6:30 Wednesday evening. Mr. Hilton will give an article on Michigan Coal Analysis. Mr. Shaw will speak on arrival of spring birds.

Robert Snyder went with his parents to the concert the other evening. When told that the man with the beautiful, light, curly hair was Columbus, he remarked, "I thought Columbus was dead long ago."

W. J. Meyers, '90, a former instructor in the mathematical department, was at the College on Saturday and Sunday last, renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Meyers graduates from the Law Department of the University this year.

On account of reduction in milk supply and the increased demand for cream, the Farm Department will not sell butter at the dairy. Whatever butter there may be for sale will be delivered. All former patrons who may have butter tickets on hand may exchange them for cash at the secretary's office.

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News from Graduates and Former Students

Moses W. Stutz, '49, is teaching at Flint Rock, Mich.

Geo. E. Steele, with '65, is a surveyor and civil engineer at Traverse City, Mich.

Miss Margaret H. Storm, with '64, is teaching at Benton Harbor, Mich.

David A. Garfield, '89, is cashier of the Albion State Bank, Albion, Mich.

Jay B. Foote, with '93, is a bookseller and newspaper editor at Coldwater, Mich.

W. A. Buikle, '89, is a lawyer in Alton, Alton, is expected to commence.

J. C. Nichols, with '95, is foreman of a stock farm near Holland, Erie county, New York.

Prof. James Troop writes that he expects to attend the triennial this year. Reports all well.

Miss Jennette Carpenter, '96, is studying in the Boston School of Cooking, Boston, Mass.

Halla C. Stone, with '96, is a reporter on the Daily News, Battle Creek, Mich.

Clarence F. Stimson, with '96, is a book-binder with the Ellis Publishing Company at Battle Creek, Mich.

Will T. Stebbins, with '00, is assistant engineer in the electrical department of the Carnegie Steel Works at Homestead, Pa.

R. A. Lutting, with '96, of Grand Ledge, visited the College last Tuesday, to arrange for a nephew who will enter College next fall.

Harry Thurtell, '89, acting president of the Nevada State University, will be in the Triennial of the Alumni in June.

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Prof. F. S. Kedzie has received the program of the Easter services at the St. Paul M. E. church at Chicago, of which W. W. Diehl, '87, is pastor. Prof. Woodworth writes that the decorations were beautiful, music grand, sermon excellent and the pastor a great success.

Allan H. Stone, '99, was employed in the G. T. R. shops at Port Huron from the time of his graduation until Feb. 1st, when he accepted a position with the International Correspondence School at Scranton, Pa. An interesting letter recently received from him is printed in another column.

Columbus at the College.

A large and appreciative audience greeted the M. A. C. chorus at the armory last Friday night, when they presented the 96th annual cantata, "Columbus." F. D. Stevens made an excellent Columbus, and H. G. Driskel as his son; Miss Grace Newman as Isabella; Miss Besie Kinyon as the daughter of Isabella, and A. D. Burdick as Fra Perez, showed much ability and careful training in the other solo parts. The chorus numbered forty. Mrs. Marshall acted as pianist and had charge of the chorus. "Lucky stones are only found on lucky paths."

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