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Reminiscences..

By Thos. C. King

I wonder if incidents in College ^{ago} years which occurred fifty ^{years} ago will seem anywhere as near to ^{being} "funny" as they ^{were} ~~did~~ then. A night last night, by way of recreation in anti-ques, I took out my College Journal & rambled through its pages. The first thing I struck which excited my risibles (I suppose a better expression would be "made me laugh") was a description of a long distance duel which made the students howl and ~~enjoy~~ ended rather ~~dis~~ dismally for one of the combatants or rather, I should say, non-combatants. - In transferring my juvenile account here I shall take an author's license in omitting an occasional strong and ~~for~~ ~~very~~ ~~so~~ expression adjectives

which usually fly from the hot anvil
of angry ~~expression~~ passion, leaving it to the
imagination of the reader to fill
the "mitigated" vacancy with the
appropriate word. Let it be re-
called that this was in 1856 at or
April 10th in our Sophomore year. ~~The~~
Sophomore is suggestive, but I will
not dwell on this time-honored com-
parison. At this ~~date~~ ^{period}, duelling
was not out of date, for two
years after that a belligerent fought
nine duels ~~with Congressmen~~ at Bla-
denburg and declined another ^{exposure} be-
cause, Congressman, who weighed over
two hundred chose bowie kniver in
a darkened room to settle with
his adversary who tipped the
scales at ~~about~~ one hundred & thirty
five. The duellist was laughed
out of court and settled down in
as a peaceful editor.

But not to postpone the "agony",
 here is the journal's description -

[Take in X to X - p 201-202.]

what punishment was meted out
 to Downs was never announced. My
 impression is that when the Dr. re-
 turned from Conference and the ex-
 citement had cooled, Downs,
 who was a good + orderly student
 received a pleasing discourse from
 the President on peace + quietness
 + dismissed with the impression
 that he he had done a good thing
 but not to do it again.

On May 25th ^{Junior Raid} of that year there
 was a ~~surprising~~ surprising disappearance
 of the entire Junior Class. ^{Recitation} Class
 rooms were abandoned, ~~rooms &~~
 quarters ~~abandoned~~ ^{deserted} and a
 considerable gap occurred in
 our College Community. Then
 it began to be whispered around

that the members had not gone off
unprovided for ~~a large number~~ ^{many} of
the students reported that they had
lent watches & jewelry to the vol-
untary cyclists. But here is what
the journal says:

[Take in X 4 x p 231]

Here was a confession, but it was only
a temporary attack. I had a fine
time in my College life and recall
it with infinite pleasure.

I note from the journal that on
Saturday morning the President
Collins announced that the Junior
Class was suspended until a
Satisfactory account could be
given of their proceedings at the
Faculty meeting on Monday night.
On June 4th there is this entry:

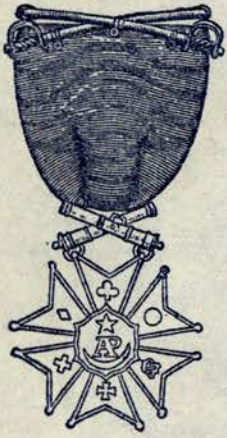
[Take in 4 to x p 235]

Fifty-nine years ago, well I hope
 no arithmetician will take this, &
 add it to the preceding year of my
 existence and guess how old I am.
 I agree to a little advancement
 in life but when I think of my
^{aged} ~~old~~ and beloved Alma Mater
 Dickinson, I am as young as your
 youngest Academic.



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