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The Messenger. There came a messenger at early morning While yet the stars shone bright.

The lamp burned dim, the clock that tolled the hour Rang like a funeral knell.

There the dark hall, with folded pinions hasting, And noiseless, gliding thro' it,

And all the stars burned dim, And when at last the silent shadow vanished,

And all the stars burned dim, Next time the messenger our threshold crosses

Lincoln University. INTERESTING LETTER FROM A STUDENT.

To the Editor of the Charleston Advocate. This morning of the 1st of this month was one auspicious to the Trustees, Faculty, and Students of this University.

Mr. Jas. M. Dickson, D. D., conducted the exercises. Rev. Jas. Rendall, from India, led in a fervent, beautiful prayer.

Mr. Chas. Harris, of Maryland, was then introduced. He spoke in behalf of the Boys in Blue.

The present century is in an eminent degree the era of revolutions. Broad and deep have been the changes in politics, laws and government.

(Applause.) But it was reserved for our country to perform the noblest public act of the age.

American Slavery was an enormous evil. And in a nation, as in an individual, if a disease is allowed to prey unchecked upon its vitals, death is inevitable.

He is a fine speaker and gifted as a writer. He came here three years ago to pursue a course of study, having the law in view.

We are doing well here. The CHARLESTON ADVOCATE is popular in our midst.

God's Time. "Doomed to disappointment, as usual," "Don't say 'as usual,'" a soft voice replied.

We are Members One of Another. INDEPENDENT one, thou earnest for nothing, save Thy own ends! Thy house and wife and child?

Flowers at Funerals. A correspondent in the West formerly resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., and there accustomed to see flowers employed freely at funerals.

Work for Christ. Work for Christ! This is the best cure for a spiritual invalid in the church.

Efficacy of Prayer. WHEN you have prayed do you not feel your heart lighter and your soul more contented?

Dickens on Wine Countries. THE following from Dickens is to the point, and he has a good opportunity of knowing whereof he speaks.

The only Light at Death. LIFE's last hours are grand testing hours; death tries all principles, and lays bare all the foundations.

Should they therefore utter no word of prayer or of thanksgiving to their Father?

Striking Illustration. REV. E. P. THWING recently delivered an eloquent temperance address in Quincy, in the course of which he used the following thrilling illustration.

When I go to the little grave, I cannot help feeling a new consecration to this noble reform.

A Touching Prayer. I well recollect, in the course of my labors, a poor Hindoo youth, who followed me about the garden of the school asking of me to make him a Christian.

We shall help the dear old ADVOCATE when we go hence. WILLIAM F. DICKERSON.

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