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"PLEDGE BUT TO TRUTH, TO LIBERTY AND LAW,
NO FAVOR SWAYS US, AND NO FEARS SHALL AWAY."

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LIQUOR RIOTS.

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THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Democracy is National. It preaches the same doctrines in the sunny savannahs of the south, and the snow-capped mountains of the north—it is national, it is!—Extract from Hon. Mr. Hamborster's speech during the late session.

Let us see. The Democratic State Convention of Georgia, as we noticed last week, passed a resolution, declaring that Governor Walker in Kansas, has, in asserting that the Constitution would be constructed for that territory, must be submitted to the people, presumptuously interfering in a matter over which he has no control, and that in expressing the opinion that Kansas will become a free State, he has been guilty of "a gross departure from the principles of non-intervention and of neutrality which were established by the Kansas bill, and that the Convention has full confidence that Mr. Buchanan will manifest fidelity to the principles which carried him into office by recalling Gen. Walker."

We should like to hear a *National* Democrat make such a speech as that in Indiana or a *National* Convention adopt such a resolution. National! We think a lover of freedom who was induced to vote for Democracy because it was national, must feel sort of cheap about now.

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COMMENCEMENT DAY, AUGUST 5TH.

Baccalaureate will be delivered by the President, Sunday, August 23, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Address to the Philanthropic Society, on Monday evening, August 23, by Hon. R. W. Thompson.

Address to the Athenian Society, Tuesday evening.

Address to the Society of the Alumni, Tuesday, Aug. 4th, at 10 o'clock A. M., by the Hon. W. McKEE DUNN, of Madison.

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A poem by Prof. E. R. Edwards.

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