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IN another column will be found a letter of resignation from Mr. Ransom Pratt. We very much regret that Mr. Pratt is unable to return to the University. His former experience in newspaper work would have made him a valuable member of the staff. We are informed that he is aiding his father in editing the *Corning Journal*, so that, although he is lost to the ERA, he is still one of the quill driving educators of the public.

THE Summer is dead, and already the katydids and crickets are chanting its requiem. Tired Nature will soon lay aside her green robe to prepare for the long sleep of winter. The students and professors have returned from the seaside and mountains, the country and town, the workshop and farm, all eager to begin a year of study and mental culture. The music of the chimes again floats down from the great tower filling the campus with sweet sounds,

and flying on the wings of the September breeze across the blue Cayuga. The footsteps of the students and their merry songs are heard upon the street. Everything tells us that the scene is once more shifted in the panorama of life. Not least among the autumnal events is the appearance of the ERA. To-day we give our readers the first copy of their old and familiar friend, for 1880 and '81. Attention is called to the letter from President White. The author's name is a sufficient guarantee of its excellence. The article on the Lake George Regatta was written by a gentleman who is an acknowledged authority in boating circles, and is superior in many respects to any that has hitherto been published. The communication from Prof. Williams should be read by every one.

WE call the attention of all our readers to the advertisements which appear in the columns of the ERA. The financial standing of the ERA depends, in part, upon the liberality of those who advertise with us. Many of the business men of Ithaca and of other localities sufficiently appreciate their student trade to advertise with us; and it is with these men, and none other, that we urge all to trade. They, certainly, have a right to expect the patronage of the students and Professors of the University.

COLLEGE sports at present are booming. The success of last year's ball nine, of the crew at Lake George, and the near prospect of the formation of a foot-ball team, are encouraging indications of a revival of interest, in the way of physical culture. This is as it should be. Our college reputation for excellence in athletics has always been good. Now is a splendid opportunity to make it better, and we cannot afford to neglect it. To the incoming class we would say: Support the crew with evidence of your interest in every way; encourage the nine in every possible manner, and the result cannot fail to be a source of pride both to alumni and undergraduates.

A BRILLIANT cavalry charge was made on the University last week by the gallant 84th. The veteran heroes of many battles fled "before the brave raw recruits," and the colors of the enemy were soon planted on the battlements. Eighteen rode in on sidesaddles, but the remainder, like Phil. Sheridan and most great warriors, rode astride. The mortality, considering the fierceness of the fight, was slight. Several of the assaulting party were wounded, and a few killed by professional sharpshooters. The battle will rank with those great fights of antiquity which were fought when the barbarian hordes swept down from the north on classic Rome.

WE call attention to the letter from President White, published in this issue. It is a matter of congratulation that during the whole period of his residence abroad, he seems never to have forgotten this institution, nor the students thereof for a single instant. This is evident, not only from his communications written from time to time for publication in the *ERA*, but from the manner in which he has defended the University from attacks of the press and its enemies, whenever they came to his notice; and lastly, by the interest which, we have heard, he took in every Cornelian who has sojourned in Berlin during the past eighteen months. As to this particular letter, we have only to say that it is of decidedly more than passing interest to all students and to all friends of students, inasmuch as it relates directly to the life of one of the noblest specimens of manhood that ever lived.

THE victory of Cornell at Lake George was a surprise to the college world, and contrary to the predictions of the newspapers in general. Our gallant four won with ease, defeating a better crew than the one which was victorious at Henley in '78. Cornell, by their skill and muscle, was restored to her throne as "mistress of the seas." The *N. Y. Herald*, in a very absurd article, let the Columbia men down as easily as possible, but after their loud boasting the defeat was a terrible disappointment to them. The question for us to decide now is whether our crew shall be sent to England next summer. The expense of sending the crew would not exceed fifteen hundred dollars, or two thousand at the most. There ought to be, and in our opinion, will be no difficulty in raising this amount. We have the best

college four on this side of the Atlantic. The crew is confident that they could win in England. Let there be no delay or hesitation; now, in the flush of victory, is the time to raise the money, to settle the question and give our oarsmen an opportunity to win a fairer wreath for their Alma Mater, than they ever have in the past.

PROF. SHACKFORD will have a class in extempore speaking during the entire college year. Every student who has had sufficient preliminary training should register in this class if possible. Nothing is more important to a public speaker than the ability to think on his feet and speak without notes. Men just out of college are frequently very deficient in this art. When called upon to make an impromptu speech, the educated man often stammers and stumbles so painfully that the suffering audience heave a sigh of relief when the college graduate sinks into his seat, and some uneducated native rises without embarrassment, speaks in an easy, off-hand style, soon enlists the sympathy of his hearers, and strikes a responsive chord in their hearts. Such scenes disgrace college men. Much writing will not make one a fluent extempore speaker. Nothing but practice will give one readiness in debate, and the power to clothe thoughts in eloquent language without the use of pen and paper. Every one knows that a speech delivered extemporaneously is much more impressive than one read or even written and committed to memory. The most popular lawyers, preachers and orators, are those that speak off-hand. A political speaker who reads his speeches is never popular, and oftentimes barely tolerated. It is strange, then, that more attention is not paid to this greatest of all arts.

THE practice of rushing is doubtless one of great antiquity. History fails to indicate the exact point at which it began, and many historians will live, flourish and pass away, before the fortunate scribe shall arrive, who is to chronicle its demise. Facts in regard to the garden of Eden are exceedingly misty from every point of view, but beyond doubt if we possessed a well authenticated report of everyday events in that locality, the fact that Adam, Eve, and the serpent indulged occasionally in something very similar to rushing, would stand out clear and strong; unless, forsooth the well-known chivalry of

the stronger side of the house should have prevented any such imposition upon the only living representative of her sex. From that early epoch to the present time, rushing has been diligently cultivated by almost every people, under almost every variety of circumstance. Alexander the Great in Greece, and the mighty generals of Rome rushed the rest of the world to the best of their ability and with signal success; Julius Cæsar caught up the custom and transmitted it to Napoleon; and so it has been carried along from age to age, until now it seems to have been transferred bodily, and in a very healthy condition to the colleges of this land. It has evidently encountered a fertile soil; for it has prospered and grown, and now it seems to be regarded by its admirers as a custom which should be as enduring as colleges themselves. While not sharing so extreme a view, we are very far from agreeing with those who condemn it utterly as a "relic of barbarism," and a brutal practice. It is a custom long associated with college life. It is something not at all compulsory; participation in it is entirely voluntary; and any man who takes part in a sport possessing any elements of roughness or even danger, must expect to receive some hard knocks; and sometimes they are beneficial.

ONE day last week, as we were quietly descending the hill and endeavoring to digest the intellectual banquet that we had just partaken of in the lecture rooms, we were suddenly surrounded by a crowd of small but very noisy boys. Our first thought was that we were about to be relieved of our worldly goods by youthful highwaymen; yet it did not seem possible that any "knight of the road" would make such a blunder as to demand money of an editor. We were about to remark to the banditti, in our blandest way, "*ex nihilo nihil fit*," when we noticed that each carried a bundle of diminutive papers. This discovery was a key to the situation. These are not robbers, we mentally ejaculated, but the advance guard of the Salvation army sent forward to distribute tracts. We extended a hand expecting to have it filled with interesting literature, but instead of this were greeted with the shriek, "The Cornell *Sun*, only three cents." We deposited the required amount, and soon learned by a glance at the little sheet, which we had mistaken for a tract, that a half-fledged college daily was trying its wings

in the University. The *Sun's* heading informed us that it was "published daily (Saturday excepted,) during term time." We were shocked to learn that a college paper was to be published on Sunday. The infant did not appear on that day, however, so we concluded that the first day of the week was not considered a day by the editors of this paper. The announcement at the head of the editorial columns of the *Sun*, states that the paper is published by the students of Cornell University. This statement is liable to mislead many. The *Sun* is not published by the students of Cornell, nor by editors chosen by them. The paper was founded by a graduate of the University, as a private enterprise, for the purpose of making money. A few students of the University were induced to lend the paper the use of their names, and to become its nominal editors. The great body of students have no more connection with the sheet than they would have with any private business, in which certain ones of their number might engage. If ten students should open a billiard-hall or boarding-house, it would be fully as much of a University institution as is the Cornell *Sun*. The ERA is a college paper, published by editors elected by their classmates to represent them and the University. The *Sun* is a speculative venture on the part of a few, some of whom, for obvious reasons, have gladly accepted this opportunity to give their ideas to the world, while the remainder were influenced by the desire for gain. This, briefly stated, is the difference between the two papers. We have no desire to injure the *Sun*, but merely wish to give our readers a proper understanding of the case, and to correct any misapprehensions which may have arisen. The infant has our best wishes, and we sincerely hope that it will survive the maladies of childhood and live to see many returns of its birthday. If we shall think best to chastise it occasionally, we shall always do so in that kindly spirit in which fond old age applies the birch to exuberant youth.

RESIGNATION.

CORNING, Sept. 15, 1880.

GENTLEMEN:—Unforeseen circumstances having arisen, which render my return this year impossible, I am compelled to tender my resignation to the Board. With deep regret for the necessity of the step, I remain, very truly yours,

RANSOM PRATT.

TO THE CORNELL ERA, ITHACA.

A BERLIN LETTER.

BERLIN, May 17, 1880.

MY DEAR FRIEND :—

One pleasant morning, nearly a quarter of a century ago, T. and D. and V., my fellow students here, made their appearance at my rooms, and asked me to go with them to Wittenberg.

It was one of the many Church festivals which the Germans have so wisely retained, and nothing was doing in the University; there was every reason for accepting the invitation; but unfortunately I was just then digging into some old German historical book, and refused. It was a wretched mistake, and wretchedly has it been atoned for. T. and V. have become Doctors of Divinity, respected and beloved by large city congregations; D. has become a Doctor of Laws, and is widely admired as a University Professor; but during all these years whenever I have seen them, or heard of them, their first title to my respect has been that they had seen Wittenberg and I had not.

There seemed a fatality about it. At various visits to Germany I had stood in nearly every other place noted in Luther's history; in the home of his childhood at Eisenach; in his cell at Erfurt; beneath the windows of his lodging at Frankfurt; in the hall where he disputed with Eck at Leipzig; on the spot where he braved Charles V and the whole world at Worms,—yet I have passed Wittenberg perhaps twenty times going to and fro, but have never been able to stop. Last Saturday, however, the Fates relented. Then began another great German religious festival,—*Pfingsten*, or Whitsuntide. All places of business were closed for two or three days; all Germans who could get away were supposed to be going upon excursions. I decided to follow the fashion; but, abhorring traveling in a crowd, determined to go to a place where not many others were likely to go, so took train for Wittenburg, and in an hour and a half we were safely lodged at the *Goldne Weintraube*.

The town was even more interesting than I had supposed. On all sides were remains of the Reformation Period. Despite the sufferings of this fortress in various wars and sieges, most of the old houses look to-day upon the passing stranger much as they looked upon Luther. Very many of the doorways, windows, casings, gables, and ornaments here and there, bear unmistakable marks of the last years of the Middle Ages, or of the early period of the revival of art. Luther and Melancthon and the Elector Frederick must have gone into many of these doorways and looked out at many of these windows.

Our first visit was to the house of Melancthon. His garden has been changed in form, but in the midst of it still stands the stone table at which he was wont to entertain his students. Thence to his room, where he lived, studied, and died. Here, in this deep window embrasure with the little leaded

panes, during all those years, he was wont to sit and write; and here, in the corner opposite, he turned his eyes for the last time on the things of this world. Something of the quiet kindness of Melancthon's temper seemed to linger about the place.

Thence to Luther's house. The room which served as living room for the family, and study and dining room and reception room for the reformer himself, still remains as in Luther's time;—windows, doors, walls, decorations,—are the same. In one window stand two seats upon which he and his good wife Catharine were wont to sit in the evening when he made music with the children; in front of it is the old wooden structure,—half box, half table,—which served as his writing desk. What work was done there! The twenty-four thick quartos which contain his selected writings were but the smallest part of it. Sermons, lectures, addresses, letters, opinions which ended quarrels between Princes, treatises which guided a large part of Christendom for hundreds of years, hymns which have strengthened the German heart and deepened German character; the Bible translation which has founded the German language; on that little table were most of all these written. In the corner was the monumental German stove, which he and his children must often have looked at in admiration of the glazed statues of prophets and evangelists and personified virtues. The evidences of Luther's love of what was beautiful can be seen in all parts of the room; the arrangement, the ornament, the furniture, are all of the best.

Passing through the door, still bearing the sign-manual of Peter the Great, we visited the halls where Luther received his students, and where many of his lectures were delivered. Thence to the oak, just outside the city gate, which marks the spot where he burned the papal bull and decretals; and, finally, to the old *Schloss Kirche*, at the other end of the town,—the great chapel of the Electoral Palace,—and we stood where he nailed his ninety-five Theses upon the doors. Those doors perished a hundred years ago in the French siege; but the late King of Prussia replaced them most worthily by doors in bronze bearing the theses in letters imperishable.

Next morning was Whitsunday. The booming and clang of church bells gave warning that it was no ordinary festival. At an early hour the whole town was out, and we with them. First, to the old *Schloss* chapel,—Luther's preaching-place for over twenty years; and here a disappointment met us. It is natural from its outward appearance to expect to find the interior of the Church well preserved; but on entering one finds most of its old monuments torn out; the walls white-washed; and much of the fine old gothic work replaced by eighteenth century *rococo* of the worst period. A monstrous abomination in the shape of a huge screen in plaster, with pillars in sickly yellow and green, imitating

marble, stands behind the altar, and, plastered high upon the middle of it, like a swallow's nest upon a barn, is a little, gilded pulpit, covered by a sounding-board, all in the worst French fashion of a hundred years ago.

But soon there came that which made up for these short-comings. Simple as the Lutheran service is, there is something in it very impressive. Its most striking feature is, of course, the music. First came an anthem by the choir, sung as only German choirs can sing, with no impertinent interference by string or wind instruments. Then came a choral such as cannot be heard on this earth outside of Protestant Germany. The great organ played a majestic prelude, and, at the end, struck the first note; and the congregation sang;—not in any apologetic or half-hearted way, with lips half closed, but, as if they loved it,—heart and mouth wide open. The organ, superbly played, led the whole and gave the vast, massive harmonies, men, women, and children singing simply the tune in unison. At the side of the organ stood trumpeters who marked the main notes of the melody, and thus kept the congregation in time. What melody and what harmony that was! It swelled up under that old, stone vaulting as some great material creation, and must have rolled out upon the streets of the town, and beyond the fortress, and over the fields as a blessing. It seemed as if, once started, it must roll over the whole earth.

Then came the sermon,—not very striking in any respect, but simple and straightforward; the only noteworthy point, perhaps, in it was that it contained what nearly everyone of the scores of sermons I have heard in Germany has contained,—a lamentation upon the dying out of orthodox belief among the German people. The German pastors certainly do not seem to share Mr. Joseph Cook's opinion that orthodoxy in Germany is on the increase. But had the sermon been far more striking, it would have been hard to keep one's thoughts upon it; for there was that in the old church which preached far more loudly, deeply, eloquently than the most gifted divine could do. Beneath our feet lay the bones of Luther, Melancthon, and the two great electors; above our heads was the same vaulting which had echoed to the voice of Luther in prayer and praise and sermon during the best years of his life; on each side of the altar stood full length monuments in bronze of Luther's two firm friends,—Frederick the Wise, and John the Steadfast. They are master-works of Peter Vischer, and Luther's eyes must have often rested lovingly upon them; the first was placed there almost at the beginning of his ministry. There is something very impressive about these colossal figures, each holding the sword of Empire in his hands, and with a sturdy determined look, answering well to his character. John the Steadfast, in the main lines of his face, and in his bearing, brought to mind a man whom I was taught to love and reverence, and

whom many, doubtless, in Central New York still remember, as I do, with veneration,—the late Bishop DeLancey.

We stood long before the bronze tablets, which mark the graves of the two great Reformers. Melancthon's body lies just in front of the doors to which Luther nailed the theses. Luther's body lies just opposite, beneath the spot where formerly stood his pulpit.

Among the personages who crowded in upon my memory there, was Charles V,—standing on this very spot, advised by his companions to tear Luther's bones from the grave, and answering that he waged war not on the dead but on the living. The mistakes of Charles were many and great; but we may fairly set against a very large body of them this answer, honorable to him at any time, but especially wonderful when we remember the age in which he lived.

At the close of the service came what, to me, is one of the simple and good things preserved in this land. The whole congregation recited the Lord's prayer together and aloud. To me this is one of the best things in this service or in any service. Perhaps I shall be considered as showing "a weakness" for the Lord's Prayer when I say that, on account of its origin, its perfection, the fact that it is one in which all men of every creed can join and from which no man can be shut out by any shibboleth, it must be precious to every man who cares more for christianity than for creeds. I was not altogether edified at the Baltimore Convention, which nominated Mr. Lincoln for the Presidency, when the clergyman who was asked to offer prayer, at the beginning went half through the Lord's Prayer, and then turned off apparently thinking that he could better it, and prayed for "the success of the ticket that day to be nominated." It was good to have the man ask for just what he wanted; but that last part of the petition seemed just a little premature.

This service being over we wandered out upon the old rampart now fringed with lilac hedges all in bloom, the haunt of innumerable singing birds;—the whole scene recalling vividly sundry pages in Luther's Table Talk and Letters.

In the afternoon to the old *Stadt Kirche* or city Church, far larger than the other and much more splendid in its architecture. Entering it I found myself in the midst of a large number of children hearing a sort of sermon from a young clergyman, who was breaking out here and there into an eruption of questions upon the catechism. These seemed of the usual sort; but the whole thing was pleasant. The clergyman's manner was kindly; the children were what children are in all parts of the world. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and it was pleasing to see that there were lively young heathen there as in American Sunday schools,—young monsters who love solemnly to tweak their companions' clothes, and hide the prayer books, and furtively try

their neighbors with pins, and set the young maidens on the next bench laughing or blushing. This church, although it has suffered at the hands of restorers, is far better preserved than the other. Although Luther frequently preached here, there is no such crowd of memories as at the *Schloss Kirche*; but, on the other hand, everything save the slight woodwork remains as in Luther's time. Unlike its sister edifice, it has kept its pulpit in the same spot where it stood during the Reformation; about it are the same stone pillars; above it the same stone vaulting; at the springing of the vaults, the same angels and imps in stone over which Luther must have often cast his eyes. Who can tell how many of those spiteful passages in his sermons against the devil were suggested by that diabolical figure grinning in stone just opposite the pulpit, or by that imp perched up there in the corner at the right. Who can tell how often his thoughts were brought into more kindly channels as, turning to the other side, he caught sight of that little stone angel far above him, drawing celestial harmonies from a violin!

Musing on these things and many more I read the inscription on the noble monument of old Schellenberg, a tough old warrior for the good cause just after the Reformation Period. It was plain from the look of the man's statue kneeling there in full armor that he was at least sturdy in battle. I roughly translate from his Latin epitaph as follows:—

"Great in his love of God; faithful in observance of the law; firm in his integrity; his good faith was without a stain; modest was he in face and in mind."

Epitaphs lie proverbially. Yet looking at the effigy of that old knight, I could not but believe this account of him.

The service ended with singing by the children. It was simple and hearty as at the other church; and one peculiarity was worth thinking of;—the songs were not namby-pamby; there was no "wishing to be an angel"; but words and tunes were of the large and manly sort; in fact, just what the people in general had sung in the morning. This is the way in which a nation is brought up to sing so that when the first word of a hymn or first note of a tune is given,—all can join in at once, book or no book.

The service over, I wandered about the church. Over and beside the altar are pictures by Lucas Cranach and others of the Reformation Period, representing the Lord's Supper, baptism, and events in the early history of the church;—all of interest historically, some aesthetically. In front of the altar stood a bronze font beautifully wrought which existed there long before Luther's time and which he must often have used. The whole atmosphere of the place was an enchantment. The sun of spring pouring through the windows fell on the monuments of one of the grandest periods in the history of mankind. It was an atmosphere in which what is best in a thinking man grows rapidly and firmly. All was

happy when at once to me the whole scene was overcast; the beauty seemed to fade and the glory to flee as if by a word destroying the spell, for, in a corner, behind the altar, looked out upon me the portrait of Abraham Kalau, better known as Calovius. What a miserable disenchantment! There was the Wittenberg professor who as a theologian, did more to dwarf the work of Luther and Melancthon and their compeers than any man perhaps in all history,—the man who for fifty years fought everything like liberty in thought; who proved from the Bible and the Fathers that toleration was sin; that the Copernican theory was damnable heresy; who fought every other man's will, every other man's idea; who conscientiously hated every thought too large for his own little narrow mind; who with his Jeremiads and objurgations wore out three generations and among them five wives of his own; who had a bitter epithet for every man who differed from him—and nearly everyone did differ from him—those leaning somewhat towards the ideas of the older church he called idolaters; those who held more recent ideas he called Nestorians; those who persisted in caring much for the Sermon on the Mount and St. James' definition of "pure religion and undefiled," and little for secondary matters based on disputed texts and dogmas of man's device, he called Indifferentists, and those he hated worst of all. By the way, I saw with especial pleasure that this name had been applied to us at Cornell. It is certainly a great honor.

It was a pity; old Kalau's face there had dissolved the spell. The church had lost its attraction and I sought relief in the open air. But here worse, if possible, awaited me. On the outer wall of the old building were arranged memorial tablets and monuments from the early middle ages down to the present century. Poring over these, I had nearly recovered my equanimity when suddenly at the sight of one of them in the distance the whole moral heaven was again overspread and more darkly than before; for there, on a splendidly carved tablet, in the midst of a nearly effaced inscription, were, in large letters the words "Benedicti Carpzovii." That clearly then must be the monument of Benedict Carpzov! As one who might come upon a monument of Alexander the Sixth in St. Peters, or of Peter of Arbués or of Torquemada in some resting place of Spanish heroes and discoverers, or of Jeffries in some English Abbey, or of Increase Mather in some quiet New England church-yard,—so I read these words. That then was the monument of Carpzov!—the worst product of the Reformation; the great theologian and jurist, one of whose treatises alone, as a biographer declares, cost the lives of over twenty thousand persons executed for petty thefts; the man who by a mixture of Biblical exegesis and legal argument maintained every form of legalized cruelty—torture in procedure and torture in penalty long after the

world had ceased to believe in it; who fought or conspired against every earnest man who disbelieved in witchcraft or torture; the man who sent women and children to the stake in multitudes for imaginary leagues with Satan; who boasted that he had never missed a religious service if he could help it; that he received the communion once a month and had read the Scriptures through from beginning to end fifty-three times. Coming upon the monument of such a man at such a time all enthusiasm was chilled in a moment. Even in my own library the sight of his "*Practica Criminalis*" among the law books always gives me a feeling of horror. He was the great Protestant apostle of cruelty; believed in a Deity who took pleasure in torturing, eternally and infinitely, the great majority of the creatures he has made, and determined, as far as in him lay, to make this world in this respect conform to the Divine pattern. He always appeared to me as one of the monsters engendered in the great deep of the Reformation.

But the day was fine, the sun still poured lovingly down, the breezes were gentle, the flowers were beautiful, the birds still sang, the great organ and the voices of the children swelled up again from the interior of the church, and the atmosphere became more clear, and, moreover, I discovered that after all this was not the tomb of Carpozov himself; it was simply that of his mother who had died when he was a child. So he too had his sorrows, and who knows what false conceptions of human and divine law he may have received from the rule of a step-mother. It was in some such atmosphere, perhaps, that DeQuincey penned his apology for Judas, and Uncle Toby expressed his sympathy for the Devil.

My cure was soon complete, for on turning away I read on a neighboring house a tablet declaring that during many years it was the dwelling of John Bugenhagen, that great-hearted old preacher who left home, friends, everything afar off in Pomerania, and came to sit at Luther's feet; who refused a bishopric, that he might do battle at the side of the Reformers; who tempered Luther's harshness and fostered Melancthon's kindness. After all, it is not so bad a world! The law of development is very beneficent. Carpozov and Kalau, and the other monsters who crawled out of the slime of bigotry remaining after the first great deluge of Protestantism had receded, now lie fossilized on the shelves of divinity schools; strata after strata filled with lesser fossils have been deposited above them; they are represented in the present epoch only by species, mainly small and comparatively harmless; but Luther and Melancthon, and their compeers, in all their essential words and work, rise to a life ever higher. Time has developed what was best in them; what was untrue has indeed, more and more sunk into the mass of fossilized ideas; what was fittest

has survived, and will be more and more nobly embodied in good men and true, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, to the end of time.

I remain, yours faithfully,

AND. D. WHITE.

CORNELL ON LAKE GEORGE.

Once more Cornell's aquatic representatives are to be congratulated as victors; once more Columbia's salt water heroes are compelled to accept, as vanquished, expressions of condolence from victims of misplaced confidence. History simply repeats itself, and pluck, muscle and skill with the sweep receive their just reward—this, in a word, may sum up the result of the intercollegiate four-oared race at Lake George, July 16, 1880. The victory won by our rowing men was undoubtedly a surprise to the very few "chronic grumblers" who made themselves conspicuous last spring by their futile attempts to injure the boating interests at Ithaca, and by their firmly expressed declarations that the sun of the Cornelian's prowess on the water had disappeared beneath the horizon, never to reappear under "existing circumstances." The reason for these silly utterances, which possibly might have some effect upon outsiders who were not at all acquainted with the true situation of affairs, was obvious to our rowing men and created no little amusement among them. One particular source of disturbance was considered a decided case of "sour grapes," and received the consideration to which it was entitled—and nothing more. The wearers of the red and white are not unlike oarsmen generally; they are always pleased to receive advice and encouragement from men who *can* row and from sincere friends, but totally disregard the "pipings" of incompetent critics and those inimical to their best interests. We leave our readers to draw their own conclusions and decide for themselves whether Cornell's successful oarsmen are open to censure for the manly course they have pursued.

Before the details of our gallant oarsmen's last victory are given, it might be well to briefly review the position the Cornell Navy has occupied in inter-collegiate rowing since 1875. In that year Cornell won the University championship on Saratoga lake over twelve other crews, and surprised everybody by scoring another victory in the Freshman race. The succeeding summer—the Centennial year—the Rowing Association of American Colleges sustained a fatal blow in the triple victory secured by Cornellians. The University, the Freshman and the single scull races were all captured by our oarsmen at Saratoga upon perfectly dead, smooth water, and it was a singular fact that in each event Cornell maintained the lead from start to finish—leaving open no possible question of its

superiority. The prizes won by our rowing men at Saratoga in these, those memorable years, consisted of twelve silver cups, seven diamond badges, six ruby badges and ten silk flags. In 1877 the Inter-Collegiate Association met with a natural death. The Cornell Navy appeared to be the only organization willing to enter representatives in the several announced races, and the other colleges manifested vigorous inclination to test the truth of the lines :

" He who lives to run away,
Lives to fight another day."

All efforts made by the Cornell Navy to arrange races with Columbia, Harvard, or any of the other colleges during that season proved unavailing, and the inevitable result followed—boating became, practically speaking, dead at Ithaca. Oarsmen turned their attention to base-ball, foot-ball and other athletic sports and the boat-house was rarely visited. Doubtless, in view of this marked inactivity in boating at Cornell, a crew of the class of '81 was successful, the succeeding year, in getting on a three mile, eight-oared race with the Harvard Freshmen, at Ensenore, on Owasco lake. All know the result of the contest. The newspapers and an over-wise public praised Harvard's style of rowing and condemned that of Cornell, at the same time, predicting an easy victory for the New England men. But our oarsmen were not to be discouraged—they had confidence in their Captain and stroke, Shinkel, and Shinkel had confidence in his crew. Besides, Lewis was there to coach them and "give them heart," and the men drew into position the day of the race determined to win—and they did! In 1879, the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen announced inter-collegiate four-oared and single scull races, to be given in connection with its annual regatta on Saratoga lake, and invited Cornell, with other colleges, to participate. Assured by Secretary Garfield, of the Association, that Columbia, Harvard and Wesleyan, would certainly row, the Cornell Navy, at great expense, sent a four-oared crew and a single sculler to Saratoga, with the expectation that the friendly contest on the water with representatives of the colleges named, would lead to the revivification of the defunct college association. Not until the day before the college races advertised to be held, were the Cornellians informed that they would have no opponents in the events, and they unwillingly consented to "walk over," only after the most earnest solicitation of the Regatta Committee. To return to Ithaca without meeting an opponent, our oarsmen knew would lay them open to ridicule; so, learning that the Columbia and Wesleyan crews had previously passed through Saratoga, and were then quartered at Lake George, they started immediately after their races

on Saratoga Lake to Caldwell, where an other inter-collegiate contest was to be held the succeeding week. The Cornell men labored under great disadvantages—they were well aware of that fact. Their training had been limited, and they had not had the personal attention and advice from their so-called trainer, which the Navy and the members of the crew expected they would receive when they left Ithaca; their shell was totally unfit even for practice, on account of two loose decks, which made the craft so weak that it would twist entirely out of its line whenever it was rowed. The crew was a heavy one, possessing great power, and in spurring, it would double the boat up in a way suggestive of the closing of a jack-knife. When the Cornellians left Saratoga their shell was in bad condition, though they believed they could defeat the crews of Columbia and Wesleyan in it. But upon the day of the race at Lake George, the boat was nothing more or less than "a tub," and in such a shape that no crew in the world could get any speed out of it. It is unnecessary to describe the race. Cornell was handicapped with its boat, and lost several hundred feet by poor steering. There are, unfortunately, many unreasonable persons in Ithaca, who, particularly in the matter of boat racing, "jump at conclusions," and can see no possible excuse for defeat; they never take into consideration the conditions of the contest, and do not give a beaten crew any credit if it does its best.

The opening of the present season was unauspicious for boating at Ithaca. The majority believed Cornell's racing days were over, while comparatively a few exhibited even lukewarm interest in the subject. It is understood an individual, formerly a student in the University, and, in a manner, identified with boating at Cornell, impressed with the idea that the red and white could not this year achieve aquatic successes, went so far as to approach a prominent citizen of the village and advised him not to assist the Navy in sending its crew to Lake George. All honor to Messrs. Shinkel, Allen, Lewis and Cowles! Under the most unfavorable circumstances they went into training in the Spring, deprived themselves of many pleasures and without the hearty encouragement on all sides which they deserved, exercised with a will in and out of their boat, and secured for Cornell an overwhelming victory on the water, just at a critical time in its boating career. It should be remembered, too, that this crew did not receive the assistance in the shape of the services of a "coach," which had always been extended to its predecessors. The coaching was all done in the boat by a member of the crew and its thoroughness was clearly demonstrated by the remarkably good "catch" and "finish" of the men as they rowed. And right here it should be said that Cornell never sent away from Ithaca a faster crew, proportionately, than the one

that contested this summer at Lake George. The "Varsity 'Six" in '76 rowed in finer form and looked better on the water, for the reason that it trained longer, but the dash and tremendous power which marked this year's "four," were lacking in the former crew, and it is a fact that an impartial comparison of the individual members of the two organizations would result in favor of the present champions. Several prominent oarsmen in the hearing of the ERA reporter expressed the opinion, after the intercollegiate race at Lake George, that they did not believe there was a four-oared crew in the country, excepting the phenomenal Hillsdales, that could defeat the Cornellians.

The greatest interest was taken in the intercollegiate race by the crowds of visitors that thronged the large and attractive hotels at Lake George, and the collegians were "admired by the ladies and envied by the gentlemen." At Fort George, where the Ithaca men were quartered, every possible attention and courtesy was shown them; red and white flags floated over the roof of the hotel and adjoining cottages, while the ladies appeared daily in clouds of Cornell colors and were not backward in expressing their confidence in Cayuga Lake brawn and muscle. The Cornellians were few and far between and it was a noticeable fact that, away from the "Fort George" where rowing merit and personal attractiveness seemed to be appreciated, Cornell's stock was way below par. The writer frequently heard about the regatta association's boat-house, coupled with the Cornell crew, such expressions as "big duffers," "no good," "can't row," "better stayed at home," etc., while it was amusing to watch the effect upon a party of ladies in the Lake House on the approach of a hapless individual wearing red and white colors. Their pretty little noses would immediately be elevated to an extraordinary altitude there to remain until the intruder had disappeared.

The feeling between the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia crews, as well as their respective friends, was very bitter. The Philadelphians had been defeated a few weeks previous on the Schuylkill by the New Yorkers, and the former claimed that their opponents won their victory through sharp practice on the part of Goodwin, their trainer, who coached and steered them over the entire course from a steam launch. The relations between the New York crew and the Cornell oarsmen were not pleasant, and the reason was plain to everybody. Columbia expected to find a "duffer" Cornell crew and before the oarsmen reached Lake George no attention was paid to the fact that Lewis occupied a seat in the Ithaca boat. Soon after the metropolitan rowing men arrived at Caldwell they became convinced "that the fresh water crew could row just a little," and then a sudden change was observed in their bearing.

At last Goodwin, noted among oarsmen throughout the country for his "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," indirectly intimated that he did not believe Lewis should row, etc. He was reminded of the fact that Eldredge, bow of Columbia's crew, had graduated from the New York College several years before and was attending a course of lectures, as a post graduate, at an institution connected with Columbia College only in name—an institution that had a separate board of trustees, a separate faculty, separate rules of government, and separate finances; at the same time a ticket of registration as a post graduate of Cornell University was shown by Lewis. The opinion expressed on all sides, and particularly by the University of Pennsylvania men, was that the Cornell oarsman had a perfect right to row. The reason for the attempt made by Columbia to oust Lewis from the contest was apparent to everybody; they saw that without Lewis to steer their boat the Cornell men would be unable to row the race at all, in which event the chances of victory for the New Yorkers would be much greater. On Thursday night, July 15, a letter addressed to Commodore Brown protesting against Lewis contesting in the race though declaring that no official action in the matter would be taken by Columbia, was written by Goodwin and another individual, not connected in any way with the crew, and telegraphed to a New York paper in which it appeared the following morning. The "left handed" protest was not delivered to Commodore Brown—the party to whom it was addressed—until Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, a *short time before the race was advertised to be called*. The Commodore at once despatched the following reply to Columbia, "Your letter was just received, and I would say, in return, that we know Mr. Lewis is qualified to row in the coming race and we are prepared to answer an official protest before the event." Nothing was afterwards heard from the wearers of the blue and white, and it was generally understood that the New York oarsmen were exceedingly mortified at the dismal failure of their valiant trainer.

The relations existing between the Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania crews were of a most friendly nature, and frequent visits were exchanged between the men at their respective quarters. The Philadelphians proved themselves to be perfect gentlemen in every sense of the word, and their actions and general demeanor toward the oarsmen against whom they knew they would soon row, was far different from those of the Columbians.

After a number of postponements on account of rough water, the race finally occurred on Friday afternoon, July 16. Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania were both promptly at the start at the hour named by Referee Trimble, but the event

was delayed some time by the tardiness of Columbia. The first two crews named rowed their boats from their quarters to the mile and a half buoys; the New Yorkers, together with their shell, were conveyed to that point in a steam launch; they did not care to fatigue themselves. As the crews drew into position they were composed as follows:

COLUMBIA, New York.—F. A. Painter, stroke. R. H. Muller, 3. A. VanSinderen, 2. C. El-dredge, bow.

CORNELL, Ithaca.—J. N. D. Shinkel, stroke. J. G. Allen, 3. John Lewis, 2. A. H. Cowles, bow.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia.—R. L. Hart, stroke. T. G. Hunter, 3. J. G. Barnhurst, 2. W. Dickerson, bow.

It was a fine sight—the three leading college crews of the country waiting for the word “go,” each terribly in earnest and anxious to win the race. As they lay there in the water, the ERA reporter marked the conspicuous characteristics of the several crews. Columbia was “well put together” and muscular; University of Pennsylvania was light, uniform in height, young, but “pluck” seemed to stand upon the face of each member of the crew; Cornell was heavy, well muscled, with large shoulders, and every indication of great strength and power. It was rapidly growing dusk when the referee, after explaining several rules under which the event would be rowed, asked the question, “are you ready?” soon followed by the word “go.” The start was a pretty one; the University of Pennsylvania securing rather the best of the send-off. Within 15 seconds Cornell jumped to the front with a 40 stroke, and was never after “headed” during the race. Columbia pulled a savage, jerky stroke of about 41, but could go no faster through the water than the Pennsylvanians, who rowed in magnificent form 38 strokes to the minute. After the scramble for the lead, each crew settled down to hard, steady work, and the excitement ran high among spectators. At the quarter mile Cornell was plainly leading the University by about half a length, who, in turn, was nearly the same distance ahead of Columbia. An eighth of a mile beyond the Ithaca’s had increased their advantage to two lengths, and, dropping their stroke slightly, pulled well within themselves, and appeared to enjoy the situation. The Philadelphians, meanwhile, had gained a trifle on their Metropolitan friends, and were almost a length in front of them. The half mile flag was passed by Cornell in 2:40, leading the University by three lengths, and Columbia a length and a half in rear. Columbia was evidently pulling its best. The University was rowing like clock-work—the four men seemed to pull as one man—and it is safe to say, no better exhibition of skill at the sweep was ever seen from an American crew. Had the men possessed greater power, with a few years added to

their ages, it is believed they would have been the fastest crew in the United States. As it was, under the skillful training of that veteran professional, Ellis Ward, the Pennsylvanians as nearly approached “aquatic perfection” as it was possible in their cases. Cornell, ever on the outside course, was “pounding” along, taking things about as it pleased, and, practically speaking, out of the race. Shinkel, perceiving the relative positions of his opponents with his own crew, magnanimously “eased up,” and remained near enough to watch the fun. Shortly before the mile stake was reached the Cornellians “picked ‘er up” for about a dozen strokes and left the nearest crew fully five lengths behind. Here the University began to quicken its stroke, and, in attempting to follow suit, Columbia weakened, and soon after became completely demoralized. Opposite the “grove,” the slogan of its college, from throats of several hundred students, seemed to have a reviving effect upon the drooping spirits and tired muscles of poor Columbia, and it tried hard to obtain second place. The University crew, comprehending the situation, spurred, and not only “let” the rear guard in the procession, but rapidly lessened the advantage held by Cornell. This, the Ithacans good-naturedly allowed. From the mile stake to the finish, Shinkel did not call once upon his men for a spurt, and the Cornellians crossed the line, easy winners, in 9:12; University of Pennsylvania, second, 9:20 $\frac{1}{8}$; Columbia last, 9:27 $\frac{3}{4}$. The crews all rowed an excellent course, but that steered by Lewis was apparently as straight as a line, and could not have been improved upon, even by a coxswain. The time recorded was comparatively slow, but it should be remembered that during the race a slight south wind prevailed, which precluded the possibility of making fast time. The usual cheers were given the victors by the other crews; Cornell responded similarly to its late rivals. The men returned to their respective quarters, and the Lake George intercollegiate four-oared race of 1880, was a thing of the past. Much might be said of the reception the Cornell oarsmen, upon their return, received from their lady friends and Proprietor Seelye, at the “Fort George,” the visit of the Philadelphia crew in the evening, and its hearty expression of good will to the Cornellians, by dragging them in an open wagon to “Crosbyside,” where they were treated to an ovation, speeches of congratulation, etc., and the public reception tendered the victors by the citizens of Lake George on Saturday evening; but, suffice it to say, the college champions returned to Ithaca perfectly satisfied with the result of their eastern trip, and undoubtedly pleased with the thought that they had added another victory to the many accredited the Cornell Navy. All honor to the Lake George successful oarsmen.

PALÆONTOLOGY AT CORNELL.

This is one of the sciences of which the ordinary student hears very little, knows no more and perhaps cares less. But, although a study of fossils, it is one of the newest of sciences of nature, and is yielding some of the most wonderful and interesting facts, and demanding a voice in all of the prominent biological questions of the day.

Prof. Huxley, than whom no one is better acquainted with the opinions of advanced scientists, said in an address delivered March, 1880, that "only Palæontology can furnish primary and direct evidence in favor of evolution. * * If evolution has taken place there, (*i. e.* in the geological record,) will its mark be left, if it has not taken place, there will lie its refutation."

How suggestive have been the fruits of Palæontological research, we shall be reminded of by the mere mention, in this country of the works of Marsh and Cope; and the masterly address of Prof. Agassiz before the American Association of Science, is but an example of the wonderful weight which Palæontological facts, thoroughly studied, may have, (see "Palæontological and Embryological Development," Prof. Alex. Agassiz).

But we digress—Palæontology may be studied now, thoroughly at Cornell. No University in this country is more favorably situated for this science. What a sea-coast,—offering at once all the plants and animals of land, with the rich fauna and flora of the sea for study, is to the Zoologist, such are the numerous gorges and the extended line of rocky shores of the lake to the Palæontologist, opening up as they do hundreds of natural sections of the richest Devonian rocks.

Within a few hours walk of the University there are scores of ravines offering sections of two, three or more hundred feet, every inch of which is accessible for study, and hardly a foot of them which will not repay diligent search; and within a day's travel one may compass the typical series of rocks from the Azoic to the Carboniferous.

What a fine library is to the student of literature, such is New York State, and especially its central portion, to a Palæontologist. Such are the natural advantages. But to this is to be added the result of nearly forty-five years of ceaseless study of the geological facts and the Palæontological fauna and flora of the rocks exposed on the surface by the State Geologists and especially Prof. Hall. The result of the New York Geological survey is such that the system of its rock is taken as typical wherever in the world like strata are exposed, and that the Palæontological collections made in the State and now in the State Museum, are the only American Palæozoic collections which are known the other side of the ocean. Besides this, it is probably short of the truth to say that two thousand species of fossils have their original locality within the State.

These are some of the advantages for the study of Palæontology at Cornell. The State Museum at Albany, of course, far surpasses ours at present, but there are there no facilities for study, and certainly the State University should be the first to reap advantage of the State Museum. With such opportunities at hand, it is not exaggerating to say that Cornell ought to be the very best place in the country for the study of Palæontology, and during the vacation provision was made for a beginning in this direction, and a course of study extending over a year will be begun this term.

In this course will be given opportunity for studying the interesting problems of species and races and genus, their relations and variations, faunas and their distribution and kindred biological subjects.

Those wishing to make a thorough study of Palæontology will be given special attention, and opportunities for original research will not be wanting for those able to undertake them.

It is intended that there shall be something of interest in the course for those who wish earnestly to be able to form correct judgments in regard to the scientific and philosophic problems of our times, but think they care nothing about "bugs and rocks."

Sept. 21, '80.

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COLLEGE NEWS.

AMHERST:—

The Freshman class numbers eighty-eight.

There are five "fresh" Sophs. and two "fresh" Juniors.

The authorities are considering a plan for a change in the way of governing the college and for introducing grades in degrees.

DARTMOUTH:—

The Freshman class is over one hundred strong.

The total number of students in attendance is 419, an increase of 27 over last year.

The foot-ball has begun to roll. On Sept. 8th four games were played between the Juniors and Freshmen, in which the latter were victorious once.

On Saturday, 11th inst., the Sophs. and Fresh. played a game of base-ball, from which the verdant retired at the end of the fifth inning, thoroughly beaten.

HAMILTON:—

The largest class that ever entered—62—was received this fall.

Sports promise to be unusually lively during the coming year.

WILLIAMS:—

The Freshmen are ninety in number.

The new gymnasium will be finished in a few weeks, and will contain a complete equipment of the best apparatus. The old one is to be fitted up as a hall for meetings.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA :—

There are 43 Freshmen.

The Juniors have decided to hold an exhibition towards the end of the Fall Term.

In defiance of the rules, some of the Freshmen had a "beer-bust" on Friday night, August 27.

Freshman statistics are: Average height, 5 feet 9.2 inches; average weight, 143½ pounds; average age, 17 years 6 months. Five are over six feet high.

YALE :—

The Freshmen are about 200 in number.

The University Orchestra is organizing, and Freshmen are beginning to train for the class crew.

One man who applied for admission to '83, Sheffield Scientific School, is reported to be 6 feet 4 inches in height.

Aesthetic Seniors advocate the abandonment of the Laboratory that it may turned into a "first-class ruin."

Dr. Coit, of Norwich, Conn., during the summer, made a gift to the college of \$100,000. It is encumbered by two annuities of \$1,000 each, to be paid to two old ladies during their lives.

The *Record* and *News* are urging the students to form campaign clubs, and take an active part in the political canvass. Several are making stump speeches in New Haven and towns in the vicinity.

CORNELLIANA.

—The Lake George pennant graces the north wall of the Library.

—A report of '80's Class Day will be published in the *ERA* next week.

—The report that the co-eds of '84 take part in rushes is basely false.

—The crew go out every day unless the state of the weather prevents.

—A motto for the *Sun* :—"Here oft are heard the notes of infant woe."

—Look in the Exchange column for Pennsylvania's opinion of the Lake George race.

—Newly matriculated ladies festoon the Cascadilla bridge railings at the witching hour of sunset.

—The *Sun* preaches vigorously against the time-honored trial of strength between the Fresh. and Sophs.

—Prof. Wilson still clings tenaciously to his piece of white paper. They will go down in history together.

—Prof. Potter endeavors to instruct the moustached Junior in the mysteries of Psychology. "Don't you see?"

—Prof. Shackford will lecture before the Social Science Club, on Thursday evening next, in Society Hall, on the "Problem of Society in Shakespeare." All are invited.

—There have been some flagrant violations lately of the rule against posting bills within the limits of the University grounds.

—A Junior perpetrated the following: "Why doesn't Maud S. trot any more." "Give it up." "Because she's so modest. Twig?"

—The Sophomore now dilates upon the departed pleasures of his vacation and tells lies about the size and number of the trout he caught in the Adirondacks.

—Now doth the Freshman tempt the waters of the raging inlet in the single scull, only to emerge from his ducking with a firm resolve to thereafter navigate in a punt.

—The first meeting of the Curtis Literary Society will be held Saturday evening at their rooms in the North University Building. An interesting programme will be presented.

—Another Junior when appealed to by a Freshman recently for information regarding Cascadilla, said he "didn't exactly remember the name of that imposing structure!" Etc.

—The *Sun* was behind a cloud yesterday. The numerous and small satellites usually seen, (more often heard), with it in the morning, were decoyed away by the band to the great disappointment of those on the hill waiting to see them.

—Archery, with all of its terrible possibilities, broke out in town during the summer. Vacation could not deprive the Ithaca girls of their bows. O, woman, how rich in expedients thou art!

—The most enterprising thing yet recorded occurred yesterday. One of the *Sun's* planets made a desperate attempt to persuade the sheriff to advertise the superior advantages of the county jail in the columns of the young daily.

—The barbers, boarding-house keepers, book-sellers, butchers, billiard-hall keepers, beer-sellers, the rich, the poor, the high, the low, the young, the old, the men, the women, the boys and most of all the girls, are glad to see the students back again.

—FOUND.—Near the post office, on the corner of Tioga and Seneca streets, one ear. From its size, it is supposed that the article was lost by a Freshman in a recent rush. The owner may recover it by calling at the *ERA* office, proving property, and paying for this notice.

—The Board of Navy Directors met in Cowles' room, last Monday evening, Com. Brown in the chair. Cowles, Read and Wilcox were appointed a committee on repairing boats. Means for the immediate raising of money were discussed, and the meeting then adjourned.

—Prof. Flagg's recitation room partakes largely of the character of a fine-art collection, owing to the addition of choice pictures and casts he made to its former treasures during the summer. "Go thou

and do likewise," we say to every instructor who hasn't already beautified his room.

—One of the *Sun's* planets has left its orbit, and shot meteor-like across the literary heavens. Mr. R. C. Horr, '82, has resigned. The infant mourns its loss with a short, but touching squall.

"One by one the leaflets fall
Before the autumn blast."

'Tis sad.

—A meeting to organize a Bicycle Club was held last Wednesday evening, Kelso, '81, acting as chairman. On motion, a committee was select to procure rules, draw up a constitution and by-laws, and ascertain the cost of equipping the Club with bicycles. After some discussion, the meeting adjourned till next week for permanent organization.

—"Ring out the old, ring in the new." A strange rumor is floating about, and is come to our ears to the effect that the University Register, long celebrated in this and other climes, as a work of fiction of rare merit, is to reappear in a new character. Wednesday afternoon, having been revised and largely rewritten, it was submitted to the Faculty sitting in special meeting, and will soon be given to the world as an authentic statement of the advantages the University offers to those contemplating a higher education.

PERSONALIA.

R. P. HAYES, '80, is in California.

HOUGH, '83, has gone into business.

HOLMES, '81, spent the summer in Europe.

CARSON, '82, has returned to finish his course.

D. E. SMITH, '83, spent the vacation in Europe.

HOLCOMBE, '81, is reading law in Ravenna, Ohio.

MISS A. L. FIFIELD, '81 will not return this year.

INGALLS, '79, is Principal of the Peterboro Academy.

LEONARD, formerly '81, is a Mining Assayer in Colorado.

MESSINGER, '80, is teaching in the Cortland Normal School.

"CHARLIE" FRANCIS, '76, will attend the coming Fall Regatta.

F. S. SOMMERS, '83, will enter Columbia Law School this fall.

WM. B. READING, '82, has a position in a law office at Buffalo.

READ, '81, spent the summer in drafting for R. Hoe & Co., Brooklyn.

PHIL BARNARD, '78, was lately made the proud father of a ten-pound boy.

H. C. JOHNSON, '73, is the principal of a large school at Patterson, N. J.

IRVINE, '80, will soon enter the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania.

P. B. MATTHEWS, '83, will not return. He is at his home, at Plainfield, N. J.

MISS C. C. JACKSON, '79's Class Day Essayist is at present in East Oakland, Cal.

FISHEL, '80, intends to enter the Columbia Law School about the first of October.

COLE, formerly '81, has been delivering lectures on Physical Culture in St. Louis.

MISS E. C. BISSELL, '80, is Assistant Principal of the South Bend, Ind., High School.

SNYDER, '80's Sophomore President, is now on the local staff of the *Cleveland Leader*.

R. T. CRIDER, '82's Sophomore President, is in the banking business at Greenville, Ohio.

"JACK" ADAMS, formerly '81, will become a member of the Chicago Board of Trade next year.

"DOC" RICHARDSON, '82, was married during the vacation, and is now in business in Leadville, Col.

CASSEDY, '84, and SCOFIELD, '84, are the sole proprietors of the first cane rushed last Friday evening.

HOSEA WEBSTER, '80, has returned to the University to take a past-graduate course in Mechanic Arts.

WAGNER, '80's Class Day Orator, was in town a few days. He intends to enter Albany Medical College this fall.

J. S. IDBALL, '80, has been illustrating a book during the vacation. He has opened an art and crayon studio in Elmira.

TRAINER, '81, was a delegate to the Ohio State Democratic Convention this summer. He is now studying law in his father's office.

CRAMPHIN, '80, irritated the American Eagle on the 4th of July, at Lebanon, N. Y. He will stump the State for Garfield and Arthur.

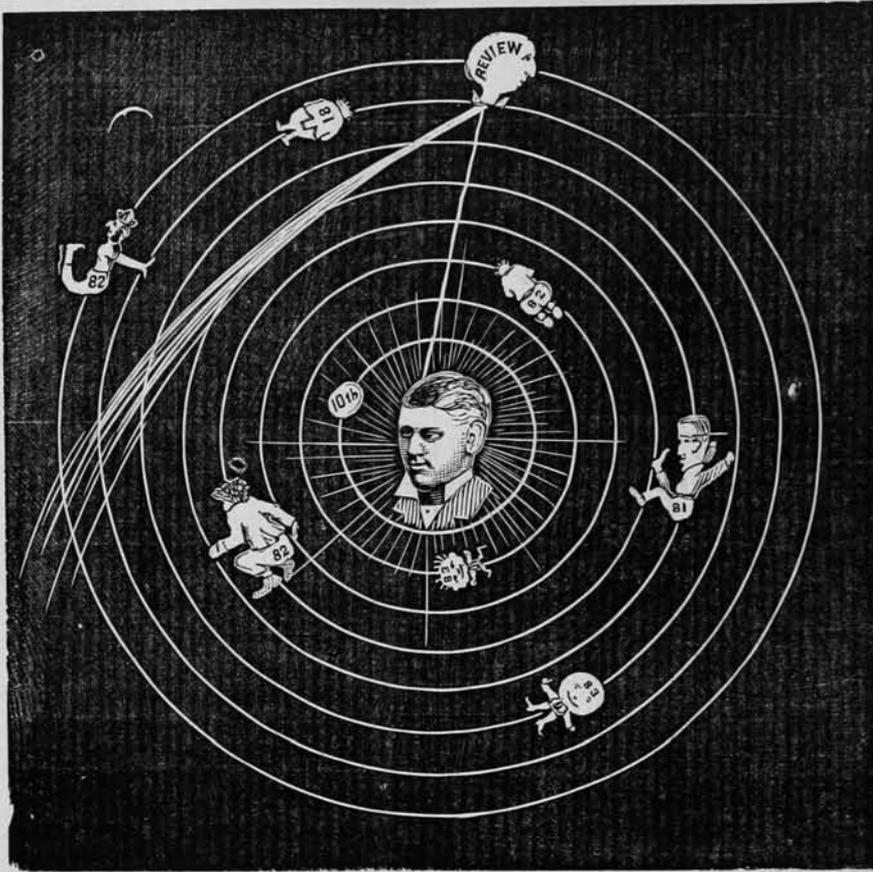
HODGMAN, '83, and ROSE, '84, visited Chicago during the Knights Templar Conclave. The former will not attend the University this fall.

SULLIVAN, '94, Chief of the Police Force, carried off the cane during the rush in front of Audrus & Church's store last Monday evening.

"COLONEL" E. B. TERRY is at his home in Waterville, Oneida County, where he wields the spade, and watches the mystery of the pumpkin's growth.

W. C. KERR, '79, has been promoted to the position of Assistant Professor of Mechanic Arts. He was, during the summer, with the Globe Nail Works of Boston.

EDMISTON GWYNNE, the wealthiest heir in Central Ohio, is engaged to Miss Conrad, a protegee of Mrs. Monypenny; the wedding is to take place after the prospective groom spends another year at the University. Mr. Gwynne left for Cornell University, at Ithaca, last Monday.—*Columbus Sunday News*.



The New Solar System discovered Thursday, 16th inst., from the Observatory of the E.R.A.

EXCHANGES.

After a delightful vacation, a jolting train brought us in a highly enthusiastic but somewhat damp condition to the hill station. Thence we immediately descended to the scene of our future labors to make a reconnaissance before polishing the editorial shears and mixing the editorial gluten. The former hung on a nail in a very dark corner, which small circumstance gave rise to the thought that perhaps our predecessor did use the pen a little after all. The pot, which whilom contained paste, was in a sorry state. It gave forth an odor probably resembling in quality that of the famous scriptural ointment after it became the sepulcher of flies, and rivaled it in pungency. Nevertheless, after an hour's labor, in which a young kinsman of his Satanic majesty lent valuable aid, we had put them both in order.

Before our return we anticipated taking from the office a profusion of exchanges. We were somewhat disappointed therefore to find but few arrived. Inasmuch as we do not propose to lay down any code of criticism by which we shall be guided in the anatomization of our various contemporaries, this was quite a serious drawback. Then, too, it would

be somewhat aggravating later in the year to be taunted with inconsistency—especially when our righteous indignation overcomes our better judgment in dealing with a paper of the *Niagara Index* type. However, this time we barely escaped such an infliction in the shape of the *Berkeleyan*. We mistook it at first for a temperance tract, a thing we do not hold in particularly high esteem. However, we were reassured, when we found that the editorial under our eye was directed to a discussion of the question, "Bust or Anti-bust." Even in the invigorating climate of California, it appears that beer, that ordinary-looking, seemingly harmless amber-colored frothy "extract of hop" occasionally entangles a student's pedal extremities so extensively that he has to be borne to his lodgings in a palanquin improvised of shutters, on the shoulders of his more case-hardened companions. Even the *Berkeleyan's* columns of facetiæ contains some attempts at jokes so mournful that we are tempted to shed a tear for the editor's imbecility, rather than "to bust." Finally, after "busting" has been discussed *usque ad nauseam*, the editor, in a tolerably coherent frame of mind, favors his readers with a long, diffuse and in-

tensely psychological, *i. e.* dry-as-dust article on "The Chief End of Education." This contains no reference to co-education whatever, though many things point to that as the almost inevitable end of education. There is a dearth of news in the Berkeleyan's columns that is somewhat appalling.

The Yale News is racy and full of items. Its local columns give, by implication, a full account of the busy doings in a University, and its editorials would be worthy a veteran leader writer. We shall always welcome it, and would advise our readers to become well acquainted with its columns. It can be found on the Library table.

The Dartmouth is one of the most readable exchanges that comes to our hand. Its departments have a well-sustained excellence and a fullness which are doubtless quite acceptable to its readers. We notice, however, a lack of those light, racy items that always attest the editor's genius for his calling. Moreover, this remark will apply to all that reach us with the exception of about half-a-dozen, well-known to every collegian. *The Dartmouth*, then, lacks only in what three out of every four college papers lack. This being the case, it does not become us to judge them by their worst, but rather, by their best attainments. Here is a bit of the local humor:

Prof.: "Here is an apple, you see its attributes, its delicate color, its smoothness, the wonderful symmetry of its parts, the durability of the texture that covers it; now which would your soul come to know first, its attributes or its substance?" *Senior, (eagerly)*. "Its substance, sir."

On the subject of the college press the editor waxes eloquent, and takes a broad, striking, and at the same time, just view which must meet the approbation of all its contemporaries. Among other good things thereon, he says:

"The college press is no longer a battle-field of jealousy where young men begrim one another with ink. It has assumed a position of dignity and influence,—of dignity, because it represents the spirit of American colleges,—of influence, because it is the oracle of a coming generation. The cooperation of those who control it will raise it to a still higher position. To secure this, let criticism be fair and just. Let those who deserve a favorable notice, as we all hope to, receive it freely and heartily."

We assent to all this very readily; but if that paltering *son* comes around calling us names we'll spank him forthwith.

On "Rushing," a somewhat threadbare subject, it ventures this suggestion, which possibly may be of passing interest to underclassmen here:

"President Bartlett suggests, 'let all rushes be arranged beforehand.' This gives to each man the opportunity of arraying himself in suitable robes, and of laying in a supply of all medical necessities, such as arnica, catnip tea, soothing syrup, etc.

We agree also, that rushes should take place in the day time, outside of study hours. This, in addition to granting some degree of safety to the participants, will give them a better field for exercising their powers than will the night, for there will be no occasion then for expending needed strength upon their own classmates whom they, in the darkness, have failed to recognize. Again, it will afford a better

opportunity to the lazy junior and hard-worked senior to witness the combat."

The two Prize Odes and their metrical translations are excellent. We would reproduce them entire but for want of space; it would be a mutilation to quote any particular stanzas.

Last, but by no means least, comes the *University Magazine* with its heavy paper, handsome type and neat cover. A large part of it is devoted to a review of the races in which crews from the University of Pennsylvania had participated in during the summer. The Schuylkill River regatta is reviewed with some rather acrid regrets, but, on the whole, in pretty much the tone we should expect from those who lost it by unfairness. By far the best thing is the article on "Caste." It abuses roundly all exclusiveness among classmen that is founded upon distinctions of wealth and poverty, and therefore deserves the praises of all who have the welfare of the *whole* institution at heart.

As to the Lake George race, we will let it speak for itself:

"The Lake George race came off July 16th, and in it we were handsomely beaten by Cornell. There is great satisfaction in losing a boat race, to know that you have been outrowed and not beaten through any accident, and in losing a race to such a great crew as Cornell's. Plain, unassuming fellows, with no steam launch to point out their course, no assistant professor of mathematics to instruct them in somewhat lighter crafts than arcs, they won at once the respect and admiration of every one. Summing up the result, it was a grand victory for Cornell, a most crushing defeat for Columbia, and as for us—well, it was a defeat, but also a grand overturning of the result of the Child's Cup race. Though defeated by Cornell, we rejoice in the fact that 'Columbia's famous crew' (we quote the N. Y. *Herald*) has come in behind us in two races out of three and as to the race *she* won, the less said about it the better.

We consider it a privilege to have met with the Pennsylvanians, and hope that this is but the first of many friendly contests.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE WESTERN FARMER IN AMERICA, by Augustus Mongredien; pp. 30: Cassell, Petter, Galpin & Co., New York.

This pamphlet is a fair sample of the various attempts which have of late years been made by English political economists to instruct Americans in the science of economics and commerce. The author, like most other Englishmen interested in the extension of British trade with foreign countries, presents exactly that view of the problem that is more pleasing to his fellow-countrymen than it is to us. He presumes that the two nations are precisely equal in point of development, political institutions and resources; he goes on to lay down the *dictum*, that, inasmuch as free trade has been proved to be beneficial to Great Britain, so must it, if adopted, be one of the greatest blessings legislation has ever conferred on the United States. It is unnecessary to show the fallacy of this reasoning from

absurd premises. This is the great and fatal error that many have made before him; and yet, it seems the emptiness of the Briton's coffers is the most direct and forcible argument that can be presented to the American for free trade. So all his statistics, which are admirable in their way, and all his pat illustrations are of no effect. It seems that he and his colleagues of the Cobden Club must be told again and again that protection is necessary to the commerce of nations yet in their infancy, and that, when their resources have reached something approaching the maximum of development, free trade will then be desirable, and not before. This country is moving in the direct line of the abolition of a tariff for revenue, and to-day does very little more than protect by a very nicely graded schedule of import duties. Perhaps Americans may give, a hundred years hence, an account of their theories and practices regarding international trade that will be more pleasing to our English cousins; but until then, we hope Dr. Wilson and all other instructors in political science will not change their opinions that protection is a necessity to American industry.

RISE OF THE MACEDONIAN EMPIRE, by Arthur M. Curteis, A. M., 12 mo., pp. xvi, 224. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

There is hardly anything more fascinating to the reader with a turn for general reading, than the various epochs of Greek history. At the same time, it cannot be denied, that, besides their sculpture, their literature, and the tales of a widely prevalent heroism, the equal of which there is now none, the Greeks have left us little that is instructive. Notwithstanding the philosophers she bore, whose keen intellects left almost nothing unturned in heaven or earth, and originated ideas which have become parts of modern civilization, the tale of her existence teaches no political lesson that can be utilized to-day. Her history is a warning, a menace from the dead to the living of the evils which follow disunion between kindred peoples, and internal dissensions. It was probably this that led the author to select an epoch only in Grecian annals to narrate. If he has not commented on a constitution and pointed out defects in a national government, he has, nevertheless, portrayed in pleasing brevity and clearness the deeds of a race of heroes, and traced the various exploits and ambitions of a dynasty which finally culminated with one of the great soldiers of the world, Philip of Macedon. The affairs of the Aeolian provinces, which had any particular relation to the subject, he has alluded to briefly; and illustrates his story with eight maps which are marvels of execution. To the whole, he has added a chronological table and a very full index. It is hardly possible to praise too much the purposes with which this work was undertaken and the style in which it is written. It forms an interesting addition to the series, "Epochs of Ancient History," and, as such, is well worth a careful reading.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—*Arrived*—A large brig with a cargo of gum for Vassar.—*Yale Record*.

—*Prof.*: "What are the constituents of quartz?"
Student: "Pints." A bland smile creeps over the class.—*Campus*.

—A Sophomore perpetrated this upon us: "What is miter than the sword? Cheese." It is just such things as this that make misanthropists of so many of the best editors of the country. We ourselves have been feeling slightly atrabiliary and irritable lately.—*Michigan Chronicle*.

—*Student (sociably)*: "Well, that takes the cake!"
Frenchman (amazedly): "Eh, Monsieur!" *Student (gruffly)*: "It yanks the bun." *Frenchman (apologizingly)*: "Pardon, Monsieur, mais je ne—"

Student (emphatically): "Elopes with the cookie."
Frenchman beats a retreat, and student mutters: "Well he does snag the gingerbread."—*Yale News*.

—Full many a crib is made to lie unseen

Within the baggy ulster's flowing fold;

Full many a proctor spots the Freshman green,

Just as he thinks he's got the paper cold.

—*Kenyon Advocate*.

—When the impecunious editor is scribbling,

 tor is scribbling,

And his trusty shears are lying on his desk,

 on his desk,

When the paste upon his brush is slowly dribbling,

 slowly dribbling,

With the festive flies enjoying the burlesque,

 the burlesque,

Then he wonders if he'll have to write forever

 write forever,

Lively locals, bits of gossip, price of coal;

 price of coal,

And he wishes that some kindly hand would sever

 hand would sever,

The silver cord, and break the golden bowl,

 golden bowl,

—*Unidentified Ex.*

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AN article in another column contains many strong arguments in favor of sending our crew to England. The author is a practical and well known boating man. His words are not idle talk, but the plain truth from one of the warmest friends of the Cornell Navy. He is right in arguing that there should be no delay in deciding the matter. The crew, of course, desire to have the question settled as soon as possible, in order that they may know what lies before them and govern themselves accordingly. Let a meeting of students and townspeople be called immediately, and the project discussed from every point of view. Such a discussion, without doubt, would bring about the desired result.

THE invitation which we extend to alumni, undergraduates and professors to contribute to our columns is not a mere formality, but a cordial invi-

tation which, it is to be hoped, will be accepted by many. Alumni in this and other lands very often have abundant material at their command to give those they have left behind a rich treat in the form of an article to the University paper. Do not wait to be asked personally, but be assured that anything interesting from an alumnus will always be acceptable. Undergraduates who have an ambition to occupy a chair in the editorial sanctum, should accept this opportunity to prove their ability to perform the duties of the office to which they aspire. One good article in print will be more effective than six months of wire pulling. And again, writing for the press is profitable in itself; inasmuch as it necessitates the cultivation of a special style of composition, and the treatment of different subjects from those treated in the class room. Articles from professors, on topics of interest to students, we are confident would be very acceptable to our readers, and would tend to perpetuate that democratic element and free exchange of opinions between student and professor which have always been characteristic of Cornell. In short, the ERA is a representative paper, in which any professor, alumnus or student of the University may feel at liberty to give expression to his thoughts.

THE spectacle, which a Junior Exhibition usually presents, is sometimes considered disgraceful in this age of progress and civilization; and certainly the scenes which are enacted at a gathering of that kind partake more of the nature of barbarian waldances than of an entertainment for literary culture. From the early days of the University, down to three years ago, a Junior Ex. was the customary occasion for that remarkable outpouring of wit and wisdom, which usually marks such a gathering of the upper-class men; and likewise, it was a grand opportunity for the war councils of Sophomoric clans and the display of Sophomoric ingenuity, which that irrepressible band have always improved to the utmost. Two years ago, the time-honored Ex. was peremptorily laid on the shelf, and the experiment of a class ball was tried. This, for diverse reasons, was unsuccessful in a financial point of view, and indeed it is very

doubtful whether any one class possesses men enough who would support such an enterprise, to carry it through successfully. Every other way the experiment was a pronounced success, and this year, as might have been expected, its advocates are by no means few. The class will soon be called upon to decide what it shall attempt in the way of a celebration, and we trust that, whatever shall be agreed upon, may be carried through with great success.

IT is often asked, "Why are not our literary societies more flourishing?" From the acknowledged need of such training as they furnish, the pleasant rooms assigned them by the University authorities, and the hearty support which they received from the members of the faculty, it might be expected that all the students would be anxious to participate in their benefits. But we find by referring to the last *Cornellian* that the Irving, the largest of the three societies, had only twenty-six members, while it may be doubted whether the regular attendance of the Curtis or Cornell exceeded fifteen during the spring term. That among the five hundred students whom we like to claim for Cornell, not more than seventy can be found who are interested in these organizations is a strange showing and merits some attention. The greatest obstacle which the literary societies have to encounter, are the Greek letter fraternities, which are unusually strong here, and whose members have either no time or no inclination to join other societies and participate in other exercises than their own. Another difficulty is the poor work done by the societies themselves. On account of the small membership, it is necessary that every member should appear as often as once in three weeks, and as it is impossible to prepare a polished oration or a thoughtful essay every three weeks without neglecting regular university duties or necessary recreation, the result is that any work, no matter how poor, is accepted, and the society, thinking it a praiseworthy thing that the work was not shirked altogether, bestows liberal applause. This lowering of the standard of the society soon reacts upon the members themselves. They become more and more careless in their work. Since anything will be applauded what incentive have they to greater efforts? The meetings become uninteresting. The members grow careless in their attendance, and soon

cease to be members at all. We hope that the beginning of a new year may witness an improvement in this regard and enable the societies to take the high position which should belong to them.

THE select few who witnessed the close and interesting contest in base ball upon the campus last Friday were favored with an exhibition such as it is the good fortune of comparatively few to meet with. The Freshmen band who were to represent their class upon the base ball arena, made their appearance slowly but surely and when the chimes rang out half-past three they were all assembled. And what a band was there! Nine strong, sturdy, well-built frames, with determination written upon their countenances and eagerness for the fray shown in every movement. And who were their competitors? A band of nine, small, nervous, inexperienced. To be sure five of them wore the shirts of the University nine, and the rest had had some slight experience in the game. But what could they hope to do with such antagonists as presented themselves against them. Assuredly nothing. But now the game begins. The first Freshman grasps the heaviest bat, and, with a determination to do or die, shuts his eyes, swings his club with desperate strength, as the ball whizzes past, and hark! "one strike," calls out the cheerful voice of the umpire. The next ball comes in with inviting slowness, Freshman braces himself for a home run, bangs away and presto! the ball is in the catcher's hands. The third strike is but a repetition of the other two, and the Freshman retires to chew grass, and meditate upon the much over-rated game of ball. Two others now advance in turn, and follow the example of their leader, when they conclude to give a specimen of their agility in the field, and the novices come in to bat. But now a change comes over the spirit of our dreams. For the ball seems determined to hit the bat every time and sail away into localities where even the skillful hands of the fielders are unable to reach it. The novices make the circuit of the bases, and so the game goes on. But it is unnecessary for us to record its progress further. By some unaccountable mishap the Freshmen came out behind. It was a glorious conflict, while it lasted. It was Greek meeting Greek. The Juniors have every reason to feel proud of their victory, and the Freshmen have every reason to hope that in time they

will have a nine which will protect their interests on the ball field. How much time, we refuse to calculate.

THE able Democratic editor now dips his pen in gall and writes scathing editorials on "the outrage at Yale." From the acrimonious invective which flows from his pen, one would suppose that this ancient seat of Congregationalism was a stronghold of ruffians and guerrillas, instead of an institution of learning; and that the President himself was the most untutored savage of them all. The profound Republican editor, on the other hand, is inclined to treat the matter facetiously, and look upon the "outrage" as a "college prank," or "Sophomore freak." On the whole, it is rather amusing to see the genius of so many prodigious minds poured out upon the trick of a few boys. The facts in the case are as follows: The Sophomores, who were members of the Sigma Epsilon society during their Freshman year, were engaged in the laudable enterprise of initiating Freshmen into the mysteries of a college fraternity. For some reason there was a lull in the evening's entertainment. The goat may have grown weary, possibly he was dyspeptic, or was suddenly seized with an attack of the colic, perhaps the Freshman were soaking in a tank, or suspended by the heels to the eaves of the hall. At any rate, there was a pause, during which the Sophs. amused themselves by pulling in the Democratic flag which swung from the window. The sacred piece of muslin was even torn into bits, to be preserved as trophies of a memorable night. At a meeting, called on the following Monday, the students rushed into resolutions, deprecating the action of a lawless few, and advising "that full restitution be made of the property destroyed." The members of the Jeffersonian club, to whom the banner belonged, are not satisfied, however, by the promise of a new one, but demand that their holy cloth be restored to them, even to the uttermost shred. To collect every piece that is secreted in various rooms, and fluttering from the buttonholes of Sophomores, will be rather an arduous task, it would seem to a distant observer. The boys declare that it was not their intention to insult the great Democratic party. How fortunate that is! For had that been their aim, who knows what might have been the result? The United States might

have seceded from New Haven, grim war would have stalked across the continent, and puritan New England would have been deluged with Sigma Epsilon blood. It is awful to contemplate.

LATER.—Since writing the above we have received the *Yale News* and learn from it that the *New Haven Register* by some unknown means, has captured the constitution of Sigma Epsilon and published it as a retaliative act. The *News* gently remarks to the *Register* "that it has done a mean, dastardly and unmanly act." This is as plain a statement of the case as any one could ask for, and ought to convince the Democratic editor that he has at least made a mistake. The *Yale* paper furthermore declares that the University "will not endure being trodden down in the very dirt and spit upon." It is not surprising that objection should be raised against such a method of treatment. Very few would willingly consent to it. And still the frothy fight goes on, while we anxiously await news from the center of operations.

THE WOODFORD SUBJECTS.

The subjects for the Woodford orations were announced yesterday. They embrace a wide range of thought; no prospective competitor ought to be at loss to select one suited to his tastes and abilities. As the productions are not required to be handed in till some time in the Winter Term, the professors, students and general public ought to be gratified by a series of masterly efforts at the final competition. Following are the titles:

1. Old Theories and New Speculations.
2. The Ideals destroyed by Science, and their Substitutes.
3. Forms of Government as the Products of National Character.
4. Lord Bolingbroke and Aaron Burr.
5. The Stoic and the Christian Types of Civilization.
6. The Poet in the time of Aeschylus and of Shakespeare.
7. National Conscience.
8. Historical Continuity.
9. The realizing Power of the Imagination.
10. "There is a mystery in the Soul of State."
11. Life the highest Art.
12. The French Republics of 1793 and of 1880.

—Our Base-ball Directors will arrange for several games between our nine and Hobart, and town nines, during the coming Knight Templar Convention. This is the most profitable way to raise money to cancel a \$75.00 note hanging over the Association. A large attendance is expected.

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE.

Sunday, July 25th, 1879. This date calls to mind one of the dearest memories of my life. After having for years yearned to visit the birthplace of English drama, my desire was at last fulfilled, and the bells of Stratford, with their low, impressive music gave me a reception which I shall long retain. It was a quiet Sabbath morn, and the country looked, not indeed strikingly beautiful, but intensely pleasing. There was nothing to break the charm of all this; one harmonious feeling seemed to pervade the whole, and my own heart beat in unison with the bells, calling all to the church door which leads into another world.

Proceeding to the Shakespeare house—a little, old building, with its antiquely put together wood and plaster, not much to admire in the architecture within, but consecrated by the birth of Shakespeare, the greatest name in literature. It was to me what a journey to the Holy Land would be to a student of the Bible. Means have been taken to preserve the house from the decay of time, and although great care has been exerted in so doing, some of its modern additions seem almost a sacrilege. The wood-work has been freshly painted; new beams to prop up the falling ones; repairs in the plaster have been made, here and there, until the old building which has a Rip Van Winkle air of having slept for many years, at last awakes and clothes itself in a new suit from a modern architect. Yet it is necessary that something should be done to preserve it from positive annihilation. English oak is substantial material, but it will break down, though it never wears out. The first room I visited in the house was the kitchen. Here is the large arm chair which many suppose, and, in fact, your guide points out to be the one in which Shakespeare sat “clinked the can-akin,” and drank many a cup of sack, yet grievous for human fancy, one cannot force much sentiment when one knows the *real* chair was sold years ago to a royal purchaser. Still, I sat in it by the great, wide chimney-piece, and mused a short time. If the chair in itself don't bring the sentiment the room will, for here Shakespeare must have sat with his father, John, a public officer in Stratford, in those stirring, old times, listening to many a legend or tale by flood and field, that may have fallen from his lips. The fire-place, with its great blazing logs, breathe a sentiment of poetry into the coldest of bosoms. It, indeed, must have struck deeply its glowing embers in so susceptible a heart as Shakespeare's!

I left the kitchen, and ascended into the room of the house, the one in which our poet was born,

“Th' applause, delight, the wonder of our stage!”

A most uninviting place you will think on entering; a low, rude, and dismal apartment, with great beams and plastered walls, covered with the dimmed dog-

gerel of a thousand noted and unnoted fools, who have seen fit to give free play to their sentiment in the disfiguration of a most sacred place. These penciling form a perfect fresco, there are so many of them. We, as a nation, thank Heaven! are not alone in this desecration, for there are inscriptions in almost every tongue; all sorts and styles of penmanship; even the windows have not escaped; upon one pane I saw the name of Walter Scott: others of lesser note were scratched here and there.

“The Actor's Pillar”—so-called, from the great number of actors names thereon,—occupies a place at the side of the fire-place. Among many distinguished autographs are those of Edmund and Charles Kean. The guide, I noticed, took particular care that I should not immortalize myself by placing my signature beside these. Well, I did not care to do so! In compensation for this I was invited to place my autograph in a book reserved for that purpose; this I did. The poet's birth-room remains in about its original state, without furniture, save two ancient chairs, a table, and a bust of Shakespeare, which by the way had a decidedly adventurous career, having lain in an old closet amid a pile of rubbish for years, until at last, rescued by some one knowing its value, it was restored to the light of day. It certainly does not speak well for the artistic skill of the age; it is a miserable affair.

I now passed into an apartment which might be appropriately styled the relic or curiosity room. Here is the school desk, or more properly, form, taken from the old grammar school in High Street, in which Shakespeare was birched and taught his “small Latin and less Greek.” It certainly does not belie the fact that Shakespeare was a *real* school-boy, for it is cut and carved in the most modern school-boy fashion. Suppose, after all, while I was gazing worshipfully at it, it should have belonged to John Smith, Sam Jones, or some other cherub, and not to Shakespeare at all? But one ought not to stop at such trifles; believe all, and doubt nothing. Among interesting papers were a letter from Richard Tuyeney, asking a loan of thirty pounds from Shakespeare, the only letter in existence known to be addressed to him, a deed with the autograph of Gilbert Shakespeare, father of the poet, a declaration in an action in court of Shakespeare against Philip Rogers, to recover a bill for malt, the jug belonging to Shakespeare from which David Garrick sipped his wine, at the Shakespeare Jubilee in 1758, an ancient chair from the Falcon Inn, where Shakespeare sat at club meetings, and even that old sign which swung from it, at Bedford six miles away. Here is also Shakespeare's signet-ring with his initials, “W. S.” enclosed in a true lover's knot. Many portraits of the poet, numerous engravings and pictures of the interesting objects in and about Stratford, and a hundred other curiosities, all of which are more or less interesting to you as you are Carlyle or anti-Carlyle.

I left the cottage and strolled through a beautiful garden back of it, teeming with flowers, those which Shakespeare loved so well, and mentioned in Hamlet, where Ophelia says, in her madness :

"There's rosemary that's for remembrance ; pray, love, remember : and there is pansies that's for thoughts There's fennel for you, and columbines : there's one for you ; and here's some for me : we may call it herb of grace o' Sundays : O, you must wear me with a difference. There's a daisy : I would give you some violets, but they withered all when my father died : they say he made a good end,—

(Sings) For bonny sweet Robin is all my joy."

How Shakespeare felt and loved flowers ! To one side is a modern little cabin, built for the dear old lady and her daughter, your guides, while about the place. They are pleasant people, courteous and kind, answering the many questions which must have grown old to them, in an intelligent, courtly manner.

I walked to Shottery, a pleasant village situated within an easy distance of Stratford, and belonging to the same parish. I strolled across the fields, through that walk which Shakespeare must so often have trodden in the days of his courtship of Anne Hathaway, to that sweet little retreat covered with ivy, wild roses, woodbine and maiden's blush. Florizel and Perdita in *The Winter's Tale*, and Olivia and Sebastian in *Twelfth Night* are characters grown from remembrances of this house. Certainly, no place could be more beautifully fitted with those accessories which make love-making such a tender joy to a poet's heart. It is picturesque in the extreme, with its embowering trees, thatched roof, and low front, showing the crossed beams and latticed window, through which many a love message might have been dropped into waiting hands. They show you,—these occupants, the last of the Hathaway family, the settle whereon Shakespeare sat and told his love to Anne, so often expressed in his sonnets addressed to her in the dawning twilight of his first love. In the chamber beneath the roof is an old bedstead, the property of Anne, rudely carved, looking the centuries which have passed over it. Parting from these good people who have a kind word and a smile for all wanderers to the shrine of Shakespeare's love, and plucking a few roses from the porch, I wandered back thinking those thoughts which must come up before one's mind, while gazing upon the fields and meadows which Shakespeare's eye so often rested upon, with a poet's fondness for a beauty which certainly cannot be surpassed anywhere.

SENIOR CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

Contrary to custom and the order laid down in the Register, the class of '80 held its Class Day exercises on Friday succeeding Commencement. The reasons leading to the change were various, and judging from the expressions of satisfaction made by members of the class and others, it appeared that

the new order was a most decided improvement on the old. Whether the change will be continued or not, remains for the decision of succeeding classes.

Early in the afternoon of Friday, June 18th, Library Hall was crowded to the uttermost. It is said that 1,200 persons succeeded in gaining admission. The class having met at the Clinton House, entered the west door of the hall at 2 o'clock, and exercises "In the Valley" began. After the 54th Regiment band of Rochester, had finely rendered its first selection, an appropriate prayer was made by the Rev. M. W. Stryker. The President then announced as the first literary exercise of the afternoon, an oration upon "Individuality as a Power," by the class orator, Mr. C. G. Wagner.

The orator struck the key-note of his argument by quoting : "There is in man something grander than the intellect ; a power greater than the brain." Individuality is this power, and those who assert it, are those whose touch, silent and unseen, but never unfelt, awakens slumbering nations from their lethargy, and whose breath "kindles into flames the smouldering embers of revolution." Such was Carlyle, whose loftiness of soul and grandeur of character, have made him what he is. It was his intense individuality "that made Luther such an irresistible power, guiding and controlling the course of religious thought in Germany." Such is Tennyson, whose splendid poems "go to the heart and soul, and awaken yearnings for a higher and nobler life." The orator was straightforward in his delivery, and his noble sentiments, clearly expressed as they were, produced a striking effect upon the audience.

After music, Miss S. S. Phelps read a most interesting and instructive essay upon "The Commonwealth in Mind." She said, in substance : The history of a race reveals the processes of evolution, which "is not in a circle, ever returning upon itself, but in a spiral, slowly advancing through stages which seem the counterpart of some other, but which are really higher manifestations." There have been in existence the aristocracy of physical force, the aristocracy of wealth, and the aristocracy of intellect. The development of each of these the essayist treated in a masterly manner. Like all other aristocracies, that of intellect can not in reality exist. But in nature is to be found the basis for commonwealth of mind—a commonwealth that does not imply absolute equality, but tendency in that direction. The essay was full of bright and original thoughts, and closed with this question of Carlyle's : "Hast thou considered that all thought worth the name, is love? and that the wise head never yet was without first the generous heart?"

The class Secretary, Mr. E. B. Terry, then called the original class roll. Following him, the historian, Mr. W. C. Russell, Jr., read the Class History. It was filled with happy and amusing hits upon the various characteristics of the class. The commotion

which '80's advent caused in Ithaca and the surrounding country, was second only to that produced by the soldiers marching to the capitol fifteen years ago. The class seized upon the great advantages of the Centennial year, and with its wonted insight into what would be for its best interests, improved them. It was probably upon this account that the class has developed to be what it is. The history was well received by both the class and by the audience.

The band having rendered "Arie e Varie," the President, Fred W. Smith, stepped forward and presented to the class a thoughtful and carefully prepared address. In it he argued in an earnest and impressive manner, the necessity of viewing calmly beforehand what was the real preparation for the real questions and issues that young men and women on leaving college must meet and decide. "As we thus stand in this Janus-like position of our lives, let us discover what we must do, and what we have to do with. Let us not be deluded by hopes whose realization is impossible, or cast down by fears which are without reason." Having done our duty in college and having gained "that eminently more practical training which comes from a contact with the world," the future will see men "whose symmetry forms a striking contrast to the conceit and narrowness of the uncultured." The peroration to classmates referred to the sadness of their final parting as a class; he closed by saying: "Like men girded for our journey, we pass through the open gates murmuring a fraternal *farewell*."

Another overture, "La Souveraine," by the band, closed the exercises in the hall. The class formed into line and marched upon the hill, where the ivy was planted, and there listened to the Ivy Oration, by Mr. E. H. Sibley. This, like the history, caused some merriment to the crew who set out in the swift-sailing ship *Argo*, four years ago, in quest of the golden fleece. The orator proved, in every respect, equal to the task that had been imposed upon him. The gallant crew of the old *Argo* had its counterpart amidst the members of this class of '80. Nestor was none other than the successful Woodford orator; Hercules, the man who wrestled the honors from the puny Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen; Euphemus, the Captain of '80's winning crew; and the undaunted Jason, was their worthy Senior President.

The class, after singing numerous college airs, and having listened to the humorous speeches, at the pipe presentation, of Mr. J. D. Beckwith, custodian for '80, and of Mr. W. B. Hoyt, custodian for '81, the various members wended their way home, to prepare themselves for the feast in the evening.

SENIOR CLASS SUPPER.

About 9 o'clock in the evening, the Seniors began to assemble in Ithaca Hotel, where the banquet boards were to be spread. Shortly after ten about forty Seniors formed themselves into line and marched

into the hall. President Smith having made a few remarks, in which he urged the class to cast aside all vestiges of formality, which too often mar the pleasures of such an occasion, they seated themselves at the table which "mine host," Sherman, had, in his accustomed manner, bounteously spread, and immediately proceeded to do full justice to the edibles and drinkables. The supper being over, the seer of the occasion, Mr. Hiram J. Messenger, Jr., was introduced. His prophecy was very good. Many happy and innocent thrusts were made at his classmates in such a manner as to elicit the heartiest applause from his hearers. The President then resigned the management of the remaining exercises to the Toast-Master, Mr. Western Starr. This gentleman proved to be no novice in his work. The flow of reason was continued by the many carefully selected toasts. The speeches had at least brevity to commend them. As usual, Mr. Stanton, who was called upon to reply to the toast of one of the gentlemen who was unexpectedly absent, kept the class in an uproar by his well-chosen remarks and witty retorts. After the regular toasts, Mr. D. R. Horton, '75, and several other graduates who had added to the dignity of the occasion by their presence, were called upon for speeches.

In the absence of Mr. Mann, Chairman of the Committee on class prizes, Mr. Starr distributed the prizes which had been awarded through that committee. They were as follows: To the most popular man, C. H. Johnson, a gold-headed cane; to the "prettiest Co-ed" Miss Phelps, a gold ring; to the handsomest man, A. M. Tracy, a mirror; to the cheekiest man, H. A. Cramphin, a brass bugle; to the owner of the largest feet, C. G. Wagner, a boot-jack; to Spahn's best friend, F. C. Lawrence, a beer-schooner; to the class baby, E. B. Terry, a rattle-box; and to the best cutter, R. L. Stanton, a knife.

During the evening, the Treasurer, Mr. Humphrey, made his final report, stating that after all class bills had been paid, there were five dollars left in the treasury. Of this fact, the class of '80 should well be proud. Let those who are to come, follow at least, this one example of '80. The question as to the feasibility of having a reunion in two years from that time was considered. A motion being made and adopted to the effect that the first reunion of the class of '80 take place in June, 1882, the President appointed a committee of arrangements to consist of the following gentlemen: Western Starr, G. F. Gifford, C. H. Johnson, A. M. Tracy and F. C. Whitney. It was desired that all the members of the class notify some one of the committee, sometime before June, 1882, whether or not they would be able to attend the reunion.

But soon the mirth in the banquet hall had ceased, and naught was heard there but the clatter of dishes. As

" * * * morn in russet mantle clad
Walks o'er the dew of yon high eastern hill,"

the tired and sleepy Seniors meandered to their various resting places, and the Class Day exercises and the Class Supper of '80, became parts of history.

SHALL WE SEND OUR CREW TO ENGLAND?

The question whether the University crew will go to England next season is one which, just at present, excites lively interest and much discussion both in and out of college. Let us look at the situation as it is, and consider the advantages and disadvantages which might result from sending our gallant oarsmen across the water. To-day the Cornell Navy stands, practically, the champion aquatic organization of American colleges; its representatives have demonstrated their right to the title of championship by many hard rowed contests with the leading college crews in the country, and frequently, too, in the face of serious obstacles. Would Cornell win in England? Look at the facts. In '78 Columbia College sent its crew to compete in the open intercollegiate race of the Henley regatta. What was the result? An easy victory for the Americans. Last summer the New York college entered a crew in the Lake George regatta superior in every way to the one that rowed in England. A trainer was in constant attendance, who, provided with a swift steam launch, never allowed the men to leave their boat-house on the Harlem, even for an ordinary practice pull, without closely following and carefully coaching them. The wearers of the blue and white were feted and lionized by their enthusiastic friends and admirers in the metropolis until they doubtless thought defeat out of the question. Our readers are familiar with the particulars of the intercollegiate race at Lake George, and the gallant victory achieved by the Cornellians. Goodwin, Columbia's trainer, when asked by a friend of Cornell on the referee's boat, at the conclusion of the contest, if the defeat sustained by the New Yorkers could be attributed to the sickness of any of his crew, said, "My men were all perfectly well when they started; they were beaten for the very good reason that they were outrowed." In view of the facts, can any serious doubt be entertained of the success of our crew on the Thames? "An accident might happen to the boats," "some of the men become sick," "a foul occur in the race," and many other insurmountable obstacles to success might be encountered. Yes, that is very true, but while any one of the barriers to victory may be considered as possible, it should not be regarded as probable. If Cornell entered its crew in the Henley regatta, and it should defeat the English and Irish university oarsmen, what a glorious page the account of the triumph would form in the history of our boating—a page that every graduate and under-

graduate could point to with pride and pleasure, both now and in the years to come. The expense of sending the Cornellians across the ocean seems to be the most serious objection to be overcome. It is believed \$2,000 would meet all bills, and, it is safe to say, if the students hold a public meeting and unanimously express their wish that the crew should represent them on English waters, the money could soon be raised by subscription. Cornell has many warm friends outside of the University and Ithaca, who would gladly contribute toward the fund, if they thought their donations would be acceptable. Now that enthusiasm upon the subject seems to have been generally aroused, immediate steps should be taken to insure the adoption of the proposed plan. Let Cornell have an opportunity to win the college aquatic championship of the world. In order to accomplish it, it is imperative that our students act at once; do not delay the matter another week.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editors of the Cornell Era:

A certain editor, who refuses to pay part of his last year's Navy subscription, maliciously asks in the *Sun*, "What has become of the treasurer of the Navy and the grand plan of raising funds by term subscriptions?" I am happy (?) to state that the treasurer is becoming reduced to a mere shadow, endeavoring to collect about \$200.00 of unpaid subscriptions. It is the business of the treasurer to collect what the subscription committee can induce the students to subscribe. As soon as the latter has been done, the treasurer will do his best to collect all he can.

Yours, &c., E. R. SHNABLE.

CORNELLIANA.

—Is '82 to have a crew for the fall regatta?

—The Sprague gig will be ready for the Freshman crews next week.

—We will have a complete report of the Navy finances in our next issue.

—Herr Zinck wants to know, "Vere's all dem boys?" Perhaps the Faculty can tell.

—A number of students registered as voters Wednesday, and will doubtless swell the Republican vote this November.

—Sophs and Freshs will try their skill at B. B. on Saturday afternoon. Brace up, '84, and make the game interesting.

—Prof. Fuetes has offered a prize of \$25.00 or its equivalent in books, for the best essay on "Lime and Limestones."

—The upper-classmen now begin to sneak away towards Free Hollow, about ten minutes after the roll has been called in one or the other of their numerous lecture subjects.

—Arrangements are being perfected for a game of ball between the Juniors and Sophomores, to be played during the coming week.

—The season of sausage, mince pies, pancakes and doughnuts, is at hand. The landladies rejoice, and the felines promenade only by night.

—At a meeting of the Foot Ball Association on the 24th, Woodard, '82, and Brewster, '84, were appointed directors from their respective classes.

—The Glee Club was rewarded with loud and enthusiastic applause when they rendered some favorite melodies at the Republican meeting last night.

—A party of students started for Aurora last Friday in a sail boat; and owing to contrary winds did not return till about three o'clock Saturday morning.

—Hon. W. W. Hicks, of Florida, spoke in Wilgus Hall last evening, to an overflowing house. The overflow of the crowd was addressed in Journal Hall by Chaplain Searls.

—Seniors stop at the south door of the Library to discuss the merits of the various photographic specimens spread on the tables. They agree in praising the work of all; but from present indications, Mr. Notman, of Boston, seems to have obtained the most names in his favor.

—Ben. Butler will roll his famous ocular orb over Ithaca some time next month. Senator Bayard will serve pure Democratic doctrine on the same day. A roasted ox, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, or some other huge beast will be fed to the patriotic multitude. The country is safe.

—The Freshmen held a meeting at one o'clock yesterday in room K. Mr. Hoefler presided. Mr. Bering, for the committee on constitution, presented a draft of one which was read and adopted. After voting to have an election of class officers by ballot between 12 and 1.30 p. m., Monday, they adjourned.

—The college politician has begun his fall campaign. Embryo Van Burens and Tildens are thick. You can always detect one by the loving, lingering clasp he gives your hand, the deep interest he takes in your welfare, his wonderful generosity, sweet smile, and the general metamorphosis that has taken place since he refused to treat when his turn came.

—A Students' Garfield and Arthur Campaign Club was organized at 1 o'clock, to-day. L. W. Hull, '81, was elected President, and H. Webster, '80, D. W. C. Dominick, '81, A. K. Hiscock, '82, F. W. Runyon, '83, H. P. Rose, '84, Vice-Presidents. Several announcements were made. The meeting had not adjourned up to the time of the ERA's going to press.

—The Sprague Boat Club met in Cowles' room last Wednesday evening. A motion was made and carried to reduce the initiation fee to \$2.00. L. W. Hull, '81, was elected a Navy Director, and the fol-

lowing were elected to membership: R. W. McClelland, '81; Chas. Reed, A. A. Alling, R. H. Patterson, F. R. Sullivan, G. C. Raynor, G. Stevenson, of '83; Jno. Stambaugh, Jr., H. E. Case, F. Scofield, W. F. Cassedy, D. A. Campbell, L. H. Cowles and J. G. McLallen. R. W. McClelland paid his initiation fee. Meeting adjourned.

—A meeting of the B. B. A. was held at the Psi U. Chapter House on Thursday, p. m., the 30th. The selection of a manager was first discussed and finally resulted in the choice of R. C. Horr, '82, as temporary manager. A director was chosen from each class; Shnable, '81, Sears, '82, Humphries, '83, and Rose, '84. The nine chosen were Humphries, Woodard, Chase, Sears, Hiscock, Haldeman, Suddam, Kinney, Van Rensselaer; substitutes, Anderson, Avery; captain, Sears. It was also decided to try and arrange a game with the town nine for Wednesday next. Should this arrangement be perfected it is hoped that the students will turn out *en masse* to see them play. With such men as Treman, Clapp, English, and others, a very close and exciting game may be expected.

PERSONALIA.

TRELEASE, '80, is at Harvard.

A. G. HATCH, '82, has entered Harvard.

WARNER, '76, is studying law in New York.

PARK, '83, is studying chemistry in Pittsburgh.

GLUCK, '74, is speaking for Garfield and Arthur.

BUCKLIN, '81, will graduate at Oberlin next June.

RUNYON, '83, has resigned his position on the *Sun*.

"CAL" TOMPKINS, '79, is in business at Newark, N. J.

D. W. BOWMAN, '74, is a civil engineer in Phoenix, Pa.

WING, '80, is in the wholesale grocery business at Albany.

INGALLS, '79, is principal of the Peterboro High School.

S. SMITH, '84, is on the stump for Hancock and English.

D. R. HORTON, '75, is practicing law in New York City.

JAS. S. LAWRENCE, '80, is engaged in business in Colorado.

STANTON and JOHNSON, both of '80, will soon begin the study of law.

LAWRENCE, '80, is in the job printing business in Minneapolis, Minn.

TRACY, '80, will soon enter the New York Homeopathic Medical College.

CLARENCE ESTY, '76, made a Republican speech in Candor, last Saturday.

HEERMANS, '82, is in the "Star and Crescent" flouring mills at Chicago.

C. A. VAN VELZER, '76, holds a fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University.

BACON, '79, was one of the secretaries of the late Democratic convention held at Saratoga.

"BILLY" BIRD, '80, has adopted Adam's profession. He will till the virgin soil of a Kansas farm.

GEORGE WASHINGTON FREEMAN, '81, is eminently successful as county surveyor, in Dakota Ter.

WM. BRONK, '80, having been admitted to the bar, can be found in District Attorney Dean's office.

"CHARLEY" FRANCIS, '76, wants to "shake all around" on the late arrival of a little daughter.

"BOB" PARMELEE, formerly '81, is studying practical business in a commercial college at Cleveland.

"BEN" MCCONNELL, '81, formerly on the University nine, is successfully engaged in business in Chicago.

A. C. WAKELEY, '78, and C. L. SAUNDERS, '81, are in town for a short visit. Both will enter the Columbia Law School this fall.

E. J. MOFFAT, '79, ex-ERA editor, is spending a few days in town. He expects to start for Colorado soon, where he will begin the practice of law.

LEARY, '82, will deliver an address to the young men's Hancock and English Club, at Clinton Hall, this (Friday) evening. Show opens at 8 p. m.

"JOHN LYON, '82, will soon start for Michigan University; the Law Department of which he will enter Oct. 1."—*Sum*. Mr. Lyon has informed us that this is a misstatement; he intends to remain in Ithaca for one term longer at least.

COLLEGE NEWS.

AMHERST:—

All students are rejoicing over the new marking system, and the new rules of discipline.

The results of the Senior election gave general satisfaction.

The fall meeting of the Athletic Association will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13. Novelties are promised in the shape of a 100-yard dash backward, and a bicycle procession.

A series of base-ball games are being played for the college championship. Two games had been played up to Saturday of last week.

OBERLIN:—

The Faculty recently decided to allow no more base-ball playing on the Campus. The nines are not discouraged, but propose to procure suitable grounds for the sport.

Prof. F. F. Jewett, Yale '70, has been chosen to fill the chair of Chemistry, left vacant by the death of Prof. Kedzie.

The endowment fund of the college has been increased during the summer by receipt of donations to the amount of \$155,700. Of this sum \$50,000 was from Prof. Asa Gray, \$50,000 from the Stone estate in Massachusetts, and the rest in sums of \$5,000 and less.

The total of registered students is about 980.

PRINCETON:—

The Juniors talk of giving a reception during the winter in place of the proposed one of Commencement.

Plans for the Marquand Chapel have been submitted. But, as the architect planned a too expensive building, they will be modified before work is begun.

The Glee Club furnished the music for the semi-millennial celebration of the translation of the Bible by John Wyckliffe, held at Trenton, the 22d and 23d of September.

The College Librarian visited Europe during the summer, and bought for the library nearly fifteen hundred valuable and rare books. They include the publications of several great scientific societies, and about two hundred titles in Physics and Mathematics.

Four class nines have already been formed, and all are practicing regularly. On Thursday, Sept. 16th, in the Class Championship series, '82 beat '84 by a score of 6 to 1. On the 17th, '81 beat '83 by scoring 2 runs to '83's 1. Errors, 4 and 2 respectively.

The new students are as follows: Juniors, 6; Sophomores, 18; Freshmen, 111. Special, 7.

"Dormitory No. 5," has been rebuilt and is now known as Edwards Hall. All the other buildings have been thoroughly overhauled, and put in order on sanitary principles.

YALE:—

The *Record's* list of twenty-three base-ball games played last year is as follows: Won 17, lost 5, forfeit (Princeton) 1. Total runs, Yale 177, opponents 92. Total runs earned, Yale 49, opponents 20.

The students are about to purchase an athletic ground. A committee on purchase has been appointed.

The game of base-ball between '82 and Sheffield S. S., last Wednesday, resulted in a score of 15 to 13 in favor of '82.

The University Garfield and Arthur Regiment, composed largely of Seniors, assembled, for their first drill to the number of seventy, Wednesday last. A large number made their appearance at the second drill Saturday morning. Later accounts give the numbers as follows: Seniors, 50; Juniors, 70; Sophomores, 105; Freshmen, 60. The companies are constantly increasing.

The Seniors and Freshmen had a practice game of base-ball Thursday afternoon.

Freshmen are organizing for athletic purposes and expect to meet a Harvard foot-ball team this fall.

The fall games will comprise, among others, the following events: 100 yards dash; hurdle race, 125 yards, 10 hurdles; mile run; mile walk; heavy weight tug of war; and a one mile bicycle race. They occur about October 20th.

On Saturday evening last, some members of a Freshman secret society, hauled the banner of a Hancock and English club into their room and tore it to shreds. There was great excitement among students and townspeople alike. Monday morning a general meeting of students passed resolutions condemnatory of the action of the society men and offered also to pay for the damage. The proposition was refused, and the return of the pieces of the banner demanded. In retaliation, a townsman gained access to the society room, stole the society's (Sigma Epsilon) constitution, and published it in the columns of the *New Haven Register* Tuesday morning.

WILLIAMS:—

It is rumored that President Chadbourne, who lately resigned his position at the head of the college, will take the chair of Natural History.

There are 78 Freshmen.

Forty-five men, mostly residents of New York and Connecticut, have announced their intention of going home to vote for Garfield.

"The following explains itself; \$5.00 for 35 CTS. WILLIAMS EATING CLUB. *Square Judges*. \$4.00 to the man who can eat the most apples in two hours; \$1.00 to the second man; entrance money to the third; apples to the fourth. ENTRANCE FEE 35 CENTS. Admission 10-cents. Bona fide match. Good apples furnished, and a band of music."—*Athenaeum*.

(Can't Cornell send competitors? We know a certain editor of a daily paper here who would make the match decidedly brisk, at least his landlady says so.—Ed.)

EXCHANGES.

We hardly know where to begin. We waited patiently a whole week to see our old friends of last year, when one day we were informed that some bulky matter awaited us at the Post Office. Our curiosity never was greater. We hastened down to find a respectable cart-load of paper in the form of College periodicals awaiting our coming. There they were in all shapes and descriptions, from the handsome cover of the magazine, to the thin paper, solid-typed, and generally disreputable-looking *Notre Dame Scholastic*. We made arrangements for their transportation to our den, and about an hour afterward fell upon them "tooth and nail."

After wrestling, with no profit to ourselves, with a few insipid, characterless ones that lay on top, we came to the *Princetonian*. Taking this as a type, we

mused upon the peculiar characteristics of the *genus* college journal for a long while. We like to see a frank, outspoken sheet, free from slanderous personalities, and servile reverence for "the powers that be"; we read news with infinite relish, and devour poetry with an insatiable appetite, if it is original. We are interested in the antics of the Freshmen class, that cumbrous, many-headed phenomenal subject in Natural History, whose habits every college is studying industriously at present, in the hopes of giving some further information regarding its peculiarities. We are interested in every game of baseball, and every boat race that occurs in any of our many sister colleges; and finally, as we have before hinted, we are interested in their periodicals. Nothing reflects so much of the spirit of any institution as the journals which it sends out from time to time. They are the "mirrors held up to nature," which in the whirlpool of life show us interesting eddies here and there, epitomes, as it were, of the great stream tending to a common center. To return, and specify: we conclude, upon a careful perusal of the *Princetonian*, that its nine editors have all done their work thoroughly and well. The contributions are timely and excellent. The most interesting of all is a satire entitled, "Mr. Prettyman's Account of Himself." Such writing is never too plenty. The news columns are filled with paragraphs and the exchanges are treated in a spicy and good natured manner. We hope this paper will be a frequent visitor.

Next comes the *Fale Record*. The longest contribution is entitled, "Coal Mines." Its writer conveys, in a pleasant style, considerable interesting information sandwiched with his personal experience of coal mines, which makes tolerably delightful reading. A poem entitled, "Caught," has been so much quoted lately that we will not insert it here, as we were at first tempted to do.

The *Tripod* hails from Northwestern University, Evanstown, Ill., and is a breezy little sheet, with a good proportion of poetical selections from other college papers. Why don't you try your own hand at rhymes, friend *Tripod*? The news columns are unusually full for a college paper, which is a sign of vitality that gives promise of better things in the future. We conclude that there's a ladies seminary in the place, for one entire column is devoted to the gossip of the "Woman's College." We wonder if co-education of the sexes has been tried at Northwestern. If it has not, try it, and the institution will attain to an enviable and honorable reputation equal to ours. Then, too, there is nothing like getting free advertisements in blatant religious papers, if you want to prosper.

The *Fale Courant* wants to know if Columbia's four is going to England. It happens to remember the *Acta's* boast of gaining laurels from over the water (made, we suppose, because there is no longer opportunity for them to gain any here, as was satis-

factorily demonstrated on Lake George some two months since). Thus does it comment on the proposition :

"Can they, will they, dare they do it? The paper has pledged its solemn, sacred word to call the matter up, and here is a task to try its powers. There, in a new made grave close by a little headstone, bearing the inscription, "Sacred to the memory of the I. C. P. A.," lie the buried hopes of Columbia's famous four. The *Acta* steps upon the scene, waves its wand, and calls up - matter? Oh no, only a ghost, a sad eyed fragment of the stuff that dreams are made of."

We hope the ghost will be materialized; we should be glad to send our four over to meet it, and possibly will.

The following stanzas are too good to pass by :

VALEVERSIOLA.

The Seniors spin the festive top
Or shoot the tricky marble,
And try from Human Intellect
A decent rush to garble.

The Juniors take their Physic straight
And meanwhile make conjectures;
"How long this fearful thing will last
Before they give us lectures."

The Sophomores are well content
To give the Freshmen knowledge;
They study hard, and hard appear
To every class in college.

The Freshmen - they are innocent,
They stake their all on study,
And, unambitious are content
As nothing and nobody.

All Williams seems to be sneezing with colds brought on by exposure to the "Freshman rain;" at least that is the impression we get from a perusal of the *Athenæum*; witness the following :

The soldier on the monument
Gave forth this plaintive wail;
Drawing his brazen handkerchief
From out his bronze coat-tail :-

"This cold I have is really sad;
My corns begin to pain;
My rheumatiz is just as bad,
Confound this Freshman rain!"

The *Amherst Student's* summer experience :

"The summer past, I woo'd a maid
The fairest of her kind,
At Vassar had she learned her trade,
To teach the infant mind.

We driving went and rowing went,
Together, all the while,
My aspirations well content
If I should gain a smile.

Ah! but I loved her. People said :-
"How well the two are matched!"

A morning came, I 'woke, I fled,
The banisters were scratched; so scratched."

We were more fortunate with an angel from Vassar. We advise our brother-scribbler to have his trousers reseatd and try again!

BOOK NOTICES.

HINTS FOR HOME READING, with an introduction by Lyman Abbott, 12 mo., boards, pp. 147. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Another volume appears in the "Handy Book Series." It supplies a want long felt among those aiming at a higher culture than merely desultory reading, or severe study in institutions of higher learning can give. It consists of a series of essays contributed by different writers, out of their own observation and experience, that originally appeared in the columns of *The Christian Union*. All are short, spicy and very much to the point; in general, they are excellent, though we notice that there seems to be occasional differences of opinion among the writers, who are authorities upon bibliographical matters. The Introduction strikes the key note of the whole work with a few general hints on forming libraries, and on buying books. But we can not refrain from noticing one or two sentences we should prefer to have omitted. "If your means are small, do not buy what you can beg or borrow." Borrowing is all right, when it can be interpreted, "depend on the Public Libraries, the Book Club, and the Circulating Library;" but in book matters

"Borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry,"

as in no other concerns. To preserve one's independence, therefore, book-borrowing, among individuals, ought, in nine cases out of ten, to be discouraged.

The advice regarding choice in editions could not be bettered. But every student knows that hanging shelves are a nuisance. Nevertheless, the author of the Introduction recommends them as being economical. One fall of books from a hanging shelf will wipe out the book savings of a whole year. Better get good shelves, such as rest solidly on a table or on the floor, and save the bindings of your books.

We look on the practical side of the subject, and have little to say regarding the articles entitled, "What to Read," "Plans of Reading," "The Art of Reading," and "How to Preserve the Results of Reading," for the simple reason that in many particulars the views advanced are conflicting. This results naturally from their being founded on their individual experience, which, in book matters is no more a guide for the many, than Horace's favorite cakes, peas and melons would have been a diet for all Romans. However, these essays stimulate thought, and are, therefore, well worth reading. To us the most valuable part of the book is "Suggestions for Household Libraries." Just such lists of books are needed by every reader. It is almost unnecessary to tell the economically disposed book-buyer that by dealing with certain firms he can ob-

tain large reductions from the retail prices here quoted.

THE DRAINAGE OF ITHACA, by Prof. A. A. Breneman; Journal Print, pp. 7.

This is a timely paper. Published originally in the *Journal*, July 9-10, 1880, it called the attention of the more enterprising people of the town to a fatal error in the existing want of sewerage. Ithaca has never enjoyed the reputation of being a healthy town; in fact, very few of these new Western New York towns have anything approaching adequate drainage. But Ithaca, with a University in its midst, and experts ever ready to point out the right way in sanitary matters, residing within its limits nine months out of the twelve, a town which ought to be noted for its healthiness, situated in one of the most romantic and delightful spots in the Union,—Ithaca is little better than a plague spot. If the author of this paper has erred at all in his way of dealing with the question, it is in not stating the facts in a strong enough manner. We remember a talk we had some time since with a University professor, who, having investigated the subject of Ithaca's drainage in company with Prof. Breneman, made the extraordinary and startling statement that analyses showed that about eighty per cent. of the wells of this village were contaminated so that their waters were capable of causing low fevers and infectious diseases. Another instance in support of the author's views of the subject was given by the same professor. He affirmed that since the founding of the University eight cases of low fevers (at the present writing, eleven,) of which the most were fatal, had resulted in Heutis street from drinking the waters of certain wells, known to be contaminated by the contents of neighboring vaults. Of these cases the larger part were in one house.

It is not our design to call the townspeople's attention to this paper and to these additional facts; the latter have been told them until there is no excuse for ignorance. But we do tell students that they are bound by no considerations of fancied economy or convenience, to drink water from polluted wells, nor to live in the neighborhood of, especially down the hill from, a graveyard, where the defunct are interred in graves scooped from sandy soil. Freshmen will probably soon hear something to the effect of the above from a higher authority than the book reviewer of the *ERA*. We hope that all students will peruse this pamphlet carefully.

We have just received the following pieces of music from Saalfeld's Music Store, 839 Broadway, New York.

"Ring the Bells for Hancock," by H. P. Danks, price 40 cents. This is by far the best of all this year's campaign songs. Written by a man whose name is a household word all over the country, its excellence, in a musical point, is assured. The words

are "just the thing" for the Democratic ratification meetings, whilst the music is perfectly inspiring. When sung by large audiences the effect is second only to the success of the tune of "Old Tippecanoe," which roused its hearers, in days gone by, to a perfect fever of enthusiasm.

"Dance me on your Knee, Darling," by Cohan, price 40 cents. The greatest comic song ever published. Sung at Niblo's Theatre, New York, by Miss Amy Lee, with such success that she had to repeat it eight times in succession. The song can be sung by either ladies or gentlemen.

"I am a Western Union Telegraph Boy." Spencer. Price 40 cents. A song essentially for boys to sing—sprightly, full of life and very taking. Sung nightly with tremendous success in the "Tourists."

"When First I saw my Darling's Face." Danks, price 40 cents. The latest song, by the author of "Silver Threads among the Gold." The prettiest melody lately published. Sure to be the great popular song of America.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

—If you want good fitting and fashionable clothes cut or made, call on E. English, Taylor and Cutter Wilgus Block.

—Go to Miss Ackley's for the finest stationery. Subscriptions for the *ERA* are received.

—A visit to the dentist is not always agreeable, but on this account should not be delayed. At Melotte's office as little pain is inflicted as is consistent with the performing of perfect operations.

—Abbey's Mammoth Humpty Dumpty and Tyrolese Warblers first achieved a decided success in New York City. The *Dramatic News* speaks highly of the combination. They appear in Wilgus Opera House this evening.

—Finch & Apgar are the agents in Ithaca for the sale of the publications of the American Book Exchange which they furnish at the publisher's prices adding only the postage. Call at their store and see the cheapest books ever before published.

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ALTHOUGH the Sophomores were victorious in the ball game between themselves and the Freshmen during the past week, the latter have no reason to despair. They played in much better form than in the game with the Juniors, and practice will doubtless enable them to play ball as it should be played. There is abundant material in the University for a first class nine, and practice will only develop it. Perchance some star of the first magnitude, whose light has not yet broken forth from its Freshmanic obscurity, may dart across the heavens, claiming recognition from all by its brilliant career. At all events, let the good work go on. Let practice and games be frequent, and the good result will be apparent in the increased interest and skill manifested in the contests.

REPUBLICAN and Democratic clubs have been organized in the University. If arrangements could be made for a joint debate it would

awaken enthusiasm and prove beneficial to both organizations. We are glad to see such an interest taken in political matters, for although we are students, and prohibited by the law of this State from voting here, yet we should not close our eyes to the contest that is now being carried on between the two great political parties of the country. It behooves everyone to read the newspapers, hear both sides of the question, seek every means of information and make the present condition and needs of the nation a subject for consideration and thought. We certainly ought to study those things that are transpiring in our own country and which will soon become a part of history, with as much zeal as we do the governments and peoples of remote ages. And again, what is the main object in studying history? Certainly not to collect a mass of facts, dates and figures, but rather to learn the causes that produce certain effects, to discover the various policies to which nations have owed their rise and final dissolution and to enable us to apply the lessons of the past to the living issues of the present.

THE time for the Seniors to engage in the last electoral contest of their college life is rapidly drawing nigh. Already rumors are beginning to crowd the air, and stealthy gatherings of grave Senioric groups tell of the approaching conflict. Coils of wire are being polished up for their last manipulations. Anxious faces will ere long tell of nominations desired, and triumphant countenances of nominations obtained; and then will come the dire conflict. But seriously, the Senior election has many elements of importance, not only to the class which chooses its officers, but to the entire University as well. Many of the guests who attend our Commencement exercises obtain their entire impression of the University at that time. These exercises are practically controlled by the graduating class. By a proper attention to detail, they can render them exceedingly interesting; and by careless and negligent action, they can make them anything but what they should be. For this reason it behooves the graduating class to cast about them for the best men to

administer these offices. All petty likes and dislikes should be laid aside; all jealousy of whatever kind should not have the slightest power to turn a single vote one way or another. We are persuaded that the men who do not have the interest and success of their class at heart are few and far between; and the only thing to be considered and striven for is that men of the best executive ability and men who can adorn these positions be selected to fill them.

WITH the approach of the presidential election the question in regard to students voting comes to the surface as usual. In town and county elections the students take very little interest; but in a national election they feel that they should have a voice. To be sure there is no law against their voting at home, but the expense of traveling a long distance or University duties makes this impossible for the majority. Consequently a large number of citizens are virtually disfranchised. It is obvious to anyone that a law which produces this state of affairs is unjust and contrary to the principles of a republican form of government. Why a student should not be enabled to gain a residence in a place after living there the required time, as well as a hod-carrier or ditch-digger, is hard to understand. As the law now is, a man could come to Ithaca and spend his days and nights "in riotous living" until the specified time had elapsed, and then become a legal voter. But if, like the prodigal son, he should finally see the folly of his ways, register in the University and begin the commendable task of cultivating his mind, and fitting himself for the highest type of citizenship, that moment he would be deprived of the right of suffrage. Can it be that our law makers in their wisdom have thought it dangerous to put the ballot in the hands of students? If that is not true, why are they classed with aliens, inmates of almshouses, convicts and traitors? We hope before long to be able to give our readers information from some high authority on this important question.

IN spite of all that has been said and done, the question of sending our crew to England next summer is no nearer settlement than it was when the Cornell shell, on the 16th of last July, swept across the line at Lake George 15 $\frac{7}{8}$ seconds in advance of the Columbia crew. In our opinion, the apparent apathy that exists is not due to any lack of

interest or enthusiasm among the main body of students, but is due to inaction on the part of those who hold places of authority in the Navy. If this is not true, why is it that a meeting of students and town people has not been called before this to discuss the project? We shall now advance a few arguments in favor of sending the crew to Henley. The first thing needed to insure victory in a race is a crew that can be depended upon. An experienced crew, as every one knows, has a great advantage over an inexperienced one. What can be said on this point? In the first place, the four has been organized over two years. They know each other; each one has confidence in the rest; there is no discord among them or jealousies, but on the contrary, perfect harmony exists. We shall never have a crew that has had more experience. By next summer Lewis will have rowed five years, Shinkle four, Allen four, and Cowles three. They have all rowed in important races, which alone is a great point in their favor, for every one knows that it requires nerve and cool heads, as well as skill and muscle, to win at a regatta. Courtney is a successful oarsman in pulling against time, but when he rows against any thing that he can see, he loses his nerve and meets defeat. Our crew have proven, in important and closely contested races, that they can be relied upon. Now, as to our chances of winning in England. Goodwin, of Columbia, said that their crew was better than the one sent to Henley in '78. Had they been victorious at Lake George, it was the intention of Columbia to send her crew to England next summer. We defeated Columbia by 15 $\frac{7}{8}$ seconds; if a crew that was inferior to the one that we defeated won at Henley in '78, is it not reasonable to suppose that our chances of winning next year would be very good indeed? The time made at Henley is not usually better than 9.30 for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. Our crew rowed in 9.12 at Lake George, with a head wind. In practice, before the race, they had rowed in 8.40. The distance rowed at Henley is not 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. but 1 5-16, and our crew could row that distance at a faster rate than they could 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. Our crew is superior to any college four in this country, and Curtiss of *The Spirit of the Times*, we are told, says that in his opinion, we could out-row any four in the United States, except the Hillsdales. Of course, it is understood by all, that our crew would not be matched against the Cambridge and Oxford University crews, but only against

crews from the various small colleges that make up the Universities. As to expenses. The whole cost would not be over two thousand dollars. After conversation with several prominent business men of Ithaca, we can safely say that at least five hundred could be raised in town, without including those citizens who are prominently identified with the University. The people of Ithaca have always given liberally to the Navy, even when the chances seemed to be against us. There certainly would be no difficulty in raising fifteen hundred dollars from Alumni, students and those connected with the University. We have now set forth a few of the arguments which may be advanced on the affirmative of this question. If any one has anything to say on either side let us hear from him.

DREAMLAND.

An old man sits at his cottage door ;
His flowing locks are silvered o'er,
And the mellowing years that have gone before,
Have ripened his heart in their peaceful flight

A little child with a story book,
Climbs to his lap with expectant look,
Fair as an elf from a forest nook,
Smile as sunny and eyes as bright.

Out on the porch with ceiling low,
Where the whispering breezes gently blow,
And the lazy leaves swing to and fro,
Trailing down from the vine-clad thatch ;

Watching the fields of waving rye,
And the aimless clouds that skim the sky,
While the toilsome bee goes humming by,
Laden with sweets from the clover patch.

Over the borders of dream'and,
Into the realm of sleep,
The Gray and the Gold are passing
Into the dream-god's keep.

One is plucking fairy flowers
Bright with dreamland's morning dew,
Building lofty walls and towers,
In the ether deep and blue.

One is catching joyous vision
Of the glories shining far,
Glimpses of the fields Elysian,
Through the sunset-gates ajar.

Wrapped in the mantle of bliss
Warm with the dream-queen's kiss,
Roaming the fairy heather.

One in life's morning light,
One in its gathering night,
Gold and Gray together.

One is led by the wind's light whisper
Back to her earthly butterflies,
One is led by a sweeter music
Up to the gates of paradise.

Into the dreamland of dreamland,
Into the holy of holies of sleep,
The Gray is entering, smiling,
Into the angels' keep.

—O.

MAN.

“That in which man differs from the brute is a thing very inconsiderable ; the common herd lose it very soon and superior men preserve it very carefully.”—*Mencius*.

What the Chinese philosopher considered the dividing line cannot be ascertained from this statement. We can only learn that in his belief the difference was slight at best, and that in the great majority of cases man was on an equality with the brute.

By his body man is only an animal. The similarity of our physical parts to those of the lower animals, shows plainly that we are not a special creation, but only the last link that has been welded into the never-ending, ever-growing evolutionary chain. It is not humiliating or degrading to believe this. It proves that man is not the degenerate dross of a perfect pair, but that he has risen from the lowest stage of existence by his own efforts and the co-operation of nature to be monarch of the world, one of the weakest of animals, he rules them all. His possibilities are inconceivable. The heights of power have not yet been reached, and man is standing to-day on the threshold of a mighty future ; while before him, toward the ever-retreating horizon, stretches the untraveled realm of knowledge. Mines of truth are yet to be worked which will yield golden nuggets of facts and realities not dreamed of in the past. So far, then, as the body is concerned, its characteristics lead us to believe with *Mencius*, that “that in which man differs from the brute is a thing very inconsiderable.” But the body is not all of man. Zoologists study not only the structure, but also the habits, instincts and intelligence of animals. When we compare man with them we must consider all of his attributes, and this will prove that the statement is false, and that the division between man and the brute is as wide as eternity.

Man differs from the brute in the superiority of his mind, in the fact that he is a moral and religious being, and in the hope of immortality. Let us first consider the difference in mind. The lower animals have intelligence, memory, affection, and nearly if not quite all of the human emotions, but the difference in degree is infinite. This can be best shown

by comparing the achievements of men with those of brutes. By his superior intelligence man has baffled distance and time and outstripped the storm that rides on the wings of the wind. He has constructed language that enables the orator to strike the chords of the human heart and sway the multitude with the magic of his voice. He has invented writing, embalmed in which noble thoughts are preserved for succeeding generations. Were Homer and Plato and all the great fountain heads of antiquity from which streams of poetry and philosophy flow down through the ages, nothing but animals?

By the power of his intellect man has yoked the elements, surveyed the heavens, and compelled the rocks and caves to tell with strange, silent eloquence the story of the past. He has discovered the forces of nature and learned that everything is obedient to law, from the snow-flake that flutters down out of the wintry cloud, to the sphere whirling on through the immensity of space. Yet with all his wisdom, and education, and science, has he only been able to prove that he himself is a brute?

The second characteristic that distinguishes man is morality. All men have an intuitive knowledge that certain acts are right and others wrong. Among all people, however low down in the scale, there are expressions that mean good and bad; honest man, and rascal. The rights of property and self-defence are acknowledged by all races. Generosity and self-sacrifice exist in a greater or less degree, wherever man is found. Few, if any, of these attributes can be discovered in the lower animals. They kill and eat each other, take the food that another has collected, seem to be wholly selfish and entirely destitute of moral sense, conscience, remorse and all the higher emotions of man. Domestic animals may learn what is right for us, but in their natural state there is no sign of a moral nature.

Animals have none of the nobler and benevolent feelings that prompt men to do good to others for whom they have no personal affection, and to toil not for themselves alone or the present, but for posterity and the future. They have nothing akin to ambition which leads men to endure every peril and hardship that they may live in history and the memory of their fellow creatures.

The third, and perhaps the most prominent, distinguishing characteristic of man is religion. In every country, with all peoples, in all races, we find a belief in beings superior to man and influencing his destiny for good and evil. Everywhere we find the belief in another life beyond the grave. These two notions—the belief in a higher Power and immortality—lie at the foundation of all religions, and whoever admits them is religious. So we may say of man, as a whole that he is a religious being. No such element as this can be ascribed to animals; beyond the things of this world and this life they have no thought.

Immortality can not be proven by logic or science, but a belief in it is a part of our nature. We have no visible proof of a future life, but on the contrary, there is much to disprove it in the world around us. Vegetation springs up and returns to the earth, all of the creations of men are mortal, every thing that lives decays and disappears. Men die and their bodies crumble in the grave, and the veil that hides the hereafter is never lifted. There is not a whisper from all the myriads that are gone. From the misty shore of eternity nothing comes but waves of mystery and doubt. Whence, then, came this belief in immortality? The whole physical world seems to deny it, yet it is one of the few things that all men have in common. It is the strongest bond that binds together the great brotherhood of humanity. Inasmuch as there are no grounds for this belief in the material world, we must conclude that it had its origin in something immaterial, something spiritual and higher. It is a part of our nature and instinct. Judgment is often wrong, but nature and instinct never err.

When we contemplate the lives and influence, and read the thoughts of such men as Plato, Socrates, Milton or Goethe, it is impossible to believe that such genius perished when the heart grew cold. Several years ago, when some workmen were digging a vault adjoining the grave of Shakespeare, the earth caved in so as to leave an opening into the tomb. The old sexton ventured to look in at the hole; but as he told Irving, he could see "neither coffin nor bones, nothing but dust." Is this all that remains of him, whose words will live as long as language itself? Can it be that Othello, Lear, Macbeth, Hamlet, and all of those wondrous mirrors of humanity sprang from the handful of dust that moulders in the tomb at Stratford-on-Avon?

The four main points of difference between man and the brute have now been touched upon. The evidence substantiates the truth of the preceding statement, namely—that this difference consists in a superior intelligence, in the possession of a moral nature, of religion and immortality.

The line that divides man from the brute is not narrow but broad and impassable; year by year it is growing wider, and, in accordance with the great law of improvement man is as gradually and surely narrowing that other dividing line which separates him from the great Intelligence called God.

L. W. H.

COMMUNICATIONS.

SANSKRIT AT CORNELL.

To the Editors of the Cornell Era:

In the University Register for 1874-5 first appeared this statement: "Instruction will be given in Persian, Turkish, Chinese, Japanese, Sanskrit, Hebrew, and other Semitic languages as there may

be classes of students requiring them." For three years this astonishing sentence held its place, but in 1877-8 the "Semitic languages" thus summarily disposed of claimed a fuller notice.

"Professor Rœhrig gives the instruction in the living Asiatic languages and in the Sanskrit, old Persian and Arabic. . . . Sanskrit has become one of the principal objects in this department. The Professor also presents to his classes in succession, from year to year, grammatical outlines and philosophical sketches of such languages of the East as may be most instructive and of particular interest to the student of ethnographical philology and general linguistic science.

"*Text-books used, and course of Sanskrit studies.*—Bopp's Grammar; Practical Exercises, Selections from the Hitopadesa, from the Mahabharata and other Sanskrit works. Also, occasionally, lectures on Sanskrit literature and on special subjects connected with Sanskrit philology."

Thus reads the Register. One would suppose that now, at least, the study of Sanskrit was established as a recognized and respected branch of the University work. It was time for it to be so. The importance of the study to all pursuing comparative philology, if not to all advanced students in the classics, was being recognized throughout the country. Harvard and Yale had already small but enthusiastic classes; and even a few of the lesser colleges had dignified some exceptionally erudite professor with the additional title of Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology. In an institution distinguished, as our own had become, for the thoroughness of its classical instruction and (may I not add, considering the results of our intercollegiate and other contests) for the merit of those electing that course, it was to be expected that more than a few of the advanced students in Latin and Greek would seek to lay a sure basis for further philological study by the acquirement of the Aryan tongues.

So, in truth, it might have proved, but for certain remarkable facts, which I shall try to state. The applicant for admission to the class in Sanskrit was not required to know even the elements of Latin or of Greek; nor indeed, of any other language. Be it also remembered that, in the absence of a suitable text-book, the instruction was given verbally by the professor and that the two hours set apart for the recitation made it an exact equivalent for drill, and the result may be guessed. The Sanskrit classes were overrun with underclassmen who knew little (and cared less) of the real value of the language. The study was thus brought into a disrepute which was only partially deserved; for there were always some students of a different sort, and the remainder were easily shaken off in a term or two, so that the advanced classes were always made up of those only who were really in earnest. Much might still have been accomplished, but for a second obstacle. The

schedule of recitations was so arranged that no member of the Junior or Senior classes could possibly take Sanskrit, the compulsory studies in the departments of History and Philosophy entirely filling the hour at eleven o'clock. There have been, it is true, in the Senior year, occasional exceptions to this—now and then a term. But, as the matter depended wholly on chance, or that equally uncertain quantity, the will of the Faculty, it was impossible to hold a class together to await such contingencies; while one would scarcely care for a single term of such a study. Students have patiently watched, year after year, for an opportunity, and have finally abandoned the idea in despair; and one at least, enthusiastically began the study with his Sophomore year, intending and earnestly wishing to pursue it through his course, only to be brought up short at the end of the first three terms.

Two years ago the first of the obstacles I have mentioned was removed; no student can now take Sanskrit who has not had a little of both Latin and Greek. But the second still exists; and, what with no under-class men who can substitute it for drill, no upper-class men who can take it if they would, and few of any class who care to begin a study which they cannot continue, Sanskrit at Cornell bids fair to come to an untimely end.

I have said that the second obstacle still exists; I am glad to be able to qualify the statement. By a change made since the beginning of the present term, two hours a week at eleven o'clock have been relinquished to the Seniors. It is possible that they may be left vacant during the remainder of the year. Are there not some who care to avail themselves of this opportunity? To any who study language as language, nothing can better repay a year's work. Professor Rœhrig stands high among American Orientalists and is thoroughly a master of his subject. As a teacher, his worst faults are his excess of enthusiasm and of willingness to do more than his share of the work. The class will have no dead weights to carry, and will not spend a whole term on the ligatures. A text-book has been provided, and no time will be lost in copying paradigms. Can we not do something to put once more on a proper footing among us the noble language of the Vedas?

Something might be said, perhaps with equal pertinence, regarding the condition of other studies in the same department; but I leave that to the students of Semitic Philology who may feel themselves aggrieved, and am content to subscribe myself,
Messrs. Editors,

Most respectfully yours,
A CLASSICAL STUDENT.

To the Editors of the Cornell Era:

I would like to call attention through the columns of your paper to the changes of subjects made dur-

ing the actual pursuance of our college courses. Before coming to an institution of learning, we naturally choose for ourselves, from its curriculum, a course of study best adapted to our tastes and abilities, using as a guide a catalogue or register sent forth by the authorities. It seems to me, in every case, this course of study as laid down in the catalogue should be strictly adhered to, for reasons that are obvious to every one. Do not infer that I argue the course leading to a certain degree should not be changed at all, but understand me to say that to make any radical changes in a course ahead of the students, is certainly very unfair, calculated to discourage and disgust, and wrong in that it misrepresents the kind of work he was to perform while in the institution. In our own University radical changes are made year after year in the different courses. One leaves the University at the end of the Freshman or Sophomore year with no clear idea of what may be his studies in the following one. Changes are wrought in term time or vacation which renders it necessary for him to leave the course or take extra work, in order to get what he expected upon entering. Many instances of this could be cited, but one or two will answer my purpose. In Science and Letters the hours marked optional in the second and third terms of the Junior year have been filled in with Astronomy; in Literature when but one year of Latin was required, the class having completed that year, were obliged, by the new catalogue, to take another.

There can be but one result in thus misrepresenting things to the students, and that is a total destruction of confidence in his University course. The University may as well strike out that portion of their catalogue headed "Courses of Study," and place in its stead words to the effect that "the courses are determined term after term by the Faculty, the students' duty being to follow a schedule as issued to that effect," as to publish a course of study for four years which they mean the students shall stand by for six months. The Faculty should make no changes in any of the courses after a class enters the University, for that class. The pursuance of subjects afterwards introduced into the courses should be required only of those about to enter the University, and changes only should be made at the end of the college year. This would prevent much confusion in a student's course, especially at Cornell where one is allowed to take a subject out of the particular year of study he may be in. Quod.

HOW TO SEND THE CREW TO ENGLAND.

If our crew should be sent to England in the Spring to compete in the Henley regatta it would be very desirable to have it go abroad as the champion American college four. Although we have undoubtedly the fastest crew of collegians in the country—a crew that easily defeated last summer, the remarkably good fours of Pennsylvania and Columbia—it would

be manifestly unfair for the Cornellians to contest with the English University crews as a representative American college crew until they had fairly acquired the right to do so. In fact, our oarsmen would not, for a moment, think of so doing. What steps should be taken to give the Cornell men an opportunity to justly win the title of champions? As soon as the students decide to send their representatives to England, the other American Colleges and Universities interested in rowing should be notified that Cornell will enter a crew in the intercollegiate race of the Henley regatta next Spring and that, before leaving this country, the Cornellians would be glad to meet any and all college crews on water, to be mutually agreed upon, to determine the question of aquatic superiority. By giving the other colleges early notice, each will have abundant opportunity to thoroughly train a crew during the winter and early spring. If, when the race takes place, Cornell wins, our crew will have the indisputable right to row in England as the American college champions; otherwise, it will be compelled to contest, as the Columbia College crew did in '78, as a Cornell University four. * * *

STATEMENT OF NAVY FINANCES.

| | CASH. | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 1880 | | | |
| June 2. | To cash on hand..... | \$169 36 | |
| " 9. | " subscriptions..... | 12 00 | |
| " 12. | By cash to Kidd & Co. for rowing suits... | | 38 20 |
| " 12. | " check to Wm. Jarvis for labor..... | | 15 00 |
| " 15. | To subscription..... | 3 00 | |
| " 16. | " "..... | 4 00 | |
| " 17. | " "..... | 1 00 | |
| " 17. | " " (from Alumni)..... | 44 50 | |
| " 17. | By cash to Donoghue for 2) oars and expr. | | 13 40 |
| " 18. | To cash from town (collected by Cowles)... | 8 00 | |
| " 18. | " cash to E. Waters & Son, pt. payt.... | | 105 00 |
| " 19. | " " from town (collected by Cowles)... | 49 00 | |
| " 21. | " " "..... | 20 50 | |
| " 21. | By cash to Clinton House (3) din'r's crew... | | 1 50 |
| " 23. | To cash from town (collected by Cowles)... | 27 50 | |
| " 23. | " " contribution from Cowles..... | 5 00 | |
| " 24. | " " from town (collected by Cowles)... | 11 00 | |
| " 25. | " " Hon. H. B. Lord..... | 25 00 | |
| " 25. | By cash to E. Waters & Son, bal. on shell... | | 149 00 |
| " 25. | " " Express charges on same..... | | 10 00 |
| " 26. | " " to T. Donoghue for 6 oars at \$6.50 | | 39 00 |
| " 26. | " " " " " boxing same..... | | 1 25 |
| " 26. | " " for Express charges..... | | 2 00 |
| " 26. | " " telegrams to E. Waters & Son | | 25 |
| " 26. | " " to Jno. Lewis, for boat hire..... | | 50 |
| " 26. | " " for board of crew to Lew Bement | | 2 00 |
| " 26. | To cash from town (collected by Cowles)... | 26 50 | |
| " 26. | " " Jno. Lewis, sale of 2) brk.oars | 3 00 | |
| July 1. | By cash to F. W. Phillips, ins. on boat house | | 15 00 |
| " 1. | " " to Ithaca Hotel, boarding the crew | | 39 28 |
| " 1. | " " to L. Bement, breakfast for crew... | | 2 00 |
| " 2. | " " C. L. Grant, varnish, chamois skins | | 2 75 |
| " 2. | " " Jno. Lewis, for boat hire..... | | 50 |
| " 2. | " " Geo. Frost, rope..... | | 45 |
| " 2. | " " E. R. Shable, trav exp. to Aurora | | 2 00 |
| " 2. | To cash, subscription of Dr. Morgan..... | 1 00 | |
| " 2. | " check from Hon. H. W. Sage, subscrip. | 50 00 | |
| " 2. | " " Hon. E. B. Morgan loan, int..... | 100 00 | |
| " 2. | " " Hon. Esty, subscription..... | 15 00 | |
| " 2. | " cash from Hon. Frank Cornell..... | 20 00 | |
| " 5. | By cash to Com. Brown, express charges | | 2 00 |
| " 5. | on cups..... | | 2 00 |
| " 6. | By cash, crews expenses to North Hector. | | 15 00 |
| " 6. | " " to Lamkins' bus fare for crew..... | | 1 00 |
| " 6. | " " to W. Jarvis, repairs on pair oar.... | | 6 00 |
| " 6. | " " for telegrams to Luke George..... | | 75 |
| " 7. | " " to Lamkins for hauling trunks..... | | 1 00 |
| " 7. | " " to Ithaca Hotel, boarding crew.... | | 9 98 |
| " 7. | " " to J. E. Reed, to meet the crews | | |
| | expenses while at Lake George..... | | 75 00 |

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| 7. | Balance in bank subject to order of crew..... | 45 05 |
| | | \$565 36 \$595 36 |

EMILE SHNABLE, Treasurer.

J. E. READ'S REPORT.

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|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| July 7. | By cash from E. R. Shnable..... | \$75 00 | |
| 7. | To cash (4) dinners at Binghamton | | 2 00 |
| 7. | " " Allen's fare from Oswego to Binghamton | | 65 |
| 7. | " cash to (6) suppers..... | | 3 00 |
| 8. | " " to hotel bill at Albany for 6 men.... | | 12 00 |
| 8. | " " to 2 oz. varnish, 2 oz. shellac and small brush | | 50 |
| 8. | " cash for (6) dinners on steamboat..... | | 4 50 |
| 8. | " " for 1 small spg..... | | 25 |
| 8. | " " for oil..... | | 30 |
| 10. | " " for bunting..... | | 1 40 |
| 10. | " " for elastic..... | | 25 |
| 10. | " " for resin..... | | 05 |
| 10. | " " for nuts for outriggers..... | | 05 |
| 15. | " " for varnish..... | | 35 |
| 15. | " " for rudder string and screw eyes.... | | 07 |
| 15. | " " for telegram to E. Waters & Son.... | | 25 |
| 15. | " " for oil and sponge..... | | 35 |
| 16. | " " for rudder wire..... | | 40 |
| 18. | " " for telegram to Ithaca..... | | 60 |
| 18. | " " to hotel proprietor for boat hire and extra expenses of crew..... | | 7 00 |
| 18. | " cash for coach hire to Glens Falls..... | | 10 00 |
| 18. | " " for Com. Brown for telegrams..... | | 90 |
| 18. | " " for transporting crew to Saratoga..... | | 18 00 |
| 18. | " " for suppers at Saratoga..... | | 2 00 |
| 19. | " " for hotel bill in Albany..... | | 10 00 |
| 19. | " " for telegram to Lewis..... | | 25 |
| 19. | " " (5) dinners at Binghamton..... | | 2 50 |
| 19. | " " (4) fares to Oswego..... | | 2 50 |
| 19. | " " to Lewis for traveling expenses..... | | 10 00 |
| 20. | " " to Ithaca Hotel..... | | 3 00 |
| 20. | " " to Com. Brown for telegram and express charges on cups..... | | 2 25 |
| 20. | By cash, from 1st National Bank..... | 45 05 | |
| 20. | To " Express charges on shell..... | | 10 00 |
| 20. | " " Express charges on oars and outriggers..... | | 7 40 |
| 20. | " " for engraving at Heggie's..... | | 2 00 |
| 20. | " " to assistant..... | | 1 00 |
| 20. | " " for varnish and brush..... | | 1 00 |
| 20. | " " for boat hire..... | | 50 |
| 20. | " " for delivery of oars..... | | 50 |
| 20. | " " for repairs on oars and outriggers..... | | 1 00 |
| 20. | " " for shellac..... | | 50 |
| 20. | " " for express charges on prizes..... | | 25 |
| 20. | By " from 1st Nat. Bnk. loan with int..... | 30 00 | |
| 20. | To " Under-sherriff Hildebrandt, on judgment of Mrs. Potter, pt. payt..... | | 30 00 |
| | By balance..... | | 1 43 |
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FALL TERM REPORT.

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| S.pt. 18. | To subscription, W. Corse M:Arthur..... | 9 00 | |
| 18. | " " Wm. Carson..... | 9 00 | |
| 18. | " " A. K. Hiscock..... | 10 00 | |
| 20. | " " (Fall) A. B. Coe..... | 1 00 | |
| 28. | By cash to 1st Nat. Bank, note and int.... | | 30 23 |
| 29. | To subscription, I Miller..... | 6 00 | |
| 29. | " " M. C. Palmer..... | 2 00 | |
| 29. | " " pt. pt. R. W. McClelland..... | 1 00 | |
| 29. | " " C. W. Horner..... | 1 00 | |
| 29. | " " pt. payt. M. Gusdorf..... | 1 00 | |
| 30. | " " I. E. Booth..... | 3 00 | |
| 30. | " " J. S. Collmann..... | 2 00 | |
| Oct. 4. | " " H. S. Conklin..... | 3 00 | |
| 6. | " " R. E. Wick..... | 1 00 | |
| 6. | " " A. Blackstein..... | 1 00 | |
| 6. | " " H. G. Tinsley..... | 1 00 | |
| | By balance..... | | 20 77 |
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EMILE SHNABLE, Treasurer.

—NEW ERA.
 —Buy it!
 —Read it!
 —Advertise it!
 —They all do it!
 —Sub-Fresh cry for it!
 —Freshmen lie for it!
 —Sophomores swear by it!
 —Co-Eds. crimp their hair with it!
 —The Juniors always sigh for it!
 —Seniors and P. G's. nearly die for it!
 —Why should the Senior election come on Wednesday?
 —The question among the Seniors: Who will take the Presidency?
 —There are seventeen Cornellians located permanently, in Toledo, O.
 —The new electrick light beginneth to loom up, and shineth on the Campus.
 —Junior class meeting this (Friday) afternoon to appoint a day for class election.
 —A majority of the students have returned to the Cornell way of playing football.
 —The Senioressees have decided not to take any active part whatever in class politics.
 —We are glad to hear that the Democratic part of our student body has organized.
 —Wind and wave prevented the crew from going over the course on time this week.
 —The students in Agriculture now revel in the delightful mysteries of oat threshing.
 —Will the Commodore of the Navy please inform us whether we are to have a fall regatta or not?
 —The question of the day among the Seniors seems to be, "what office are you intending to run for?"
 —Are we to have no games of foot-ball this fall? '81 and '82 will no doubt be happy to accept challenges from '83 and '84.
 —Instruction given in the Spanish language, also, Spanish students taught English, by Miss M. E. Oliver, 69 Heustis street.
 —It is rumored that the members of the Cornell Garfield and Arthur club will be invited to take a free ride to Elmira next Thursday evening.
 —\$642.28 is the exact amount expended by the Navy Board of Directors in fitting out and sending our crew to the Lake George Regatta.
 —If you see two or three Seniors talking excitedly and gesticulating with both hands, you need not become alarmed, they are only talking class politics.

—The citizens of Ithaca subscribed and paid \$253.50, including the \$50 subscription of Hon. H. W. Sage, to the Navy, during the last collegiate year.

—At its annual meeting held in July last, Prof. Geo. T. Winston, '74, was elected president of the North Carolina State Teachers' Association for the ensuing year.

—The Freshmen will pray for rain, or for something else to happen, when '83's light weight gets on the end of that rope. Accept our sympathy—we have been there.

—The Juniors and Sophomores will play a game of Base-ball on the Campus to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p. m. After the game of ball, there will be a rope pull between '83 and '84.

—Student—"Professor, I know by experience, that under great pain, a person goes to sleep." "Mr. L. you have been overcome under other circumstances." Applause. Curtain falls.

—One landlady on East Seneca street feeds the inner fires of thirty-six boarders. There are several Seniors among them, and the amount of brain food which drifts stomachward is something marvelous.

—An Agricultural student, being caught in a vineyard at midnight, ruefully asked if it had come to 'this that a hard working student could not study fruit culture in the evening' without being interrupted.

—The Democratic students of the University held a meeting in room K yesterday, for the purpose of forming a Hancock and English Club. Wendell, '81, was chosen temporary chairman, and committees were appointed. The meeting adjourned to meet in Clinton Hall to-night.

—Notman, '81's Class Photographer, was in town this week making his arrangements. He has secured Eagles' gallery, over Grant's Drug store. Sittings will begin during the latter part of October, and extend through the first week of November. He will also be here during May to take groups.

—According to the statements of the officers, there were 170 students in rank by actual count, as members of the Students' Garfield and Arthur Club, during the procession last Tuesday night. This does not include the officers and file-closers. The Binghamton band was engaged by the Club.

—To get an illustration of confidence a Professor asks a co-ed: Why do the Republicans wish to elect Garfield? Co-ed—Because they think he is the best man. Not satisfied with the answer, he asks: Why do the Democrats wish to elect Hancock? Because he will serve his party best. Class comes down.

—The management of the University B. B. A. was unable to arrange a game of ball with the Ithacas for Wednesday, but are in hopes of having a game with Hobart before the ball season closes. Some-

thing has got to be done by the manager and directors toward paying the note held by last year's ERA editors.

—The Republican Convention held in Journal Hall last Saturday afternoon was a mineature Chicago. Balloting for a candidate to the State Assembly was kept up until Sunday morning, when, with the characteristic regard that politicians have for the fourth commandment, the Convention adjourned to meet again to-day.

—Out of \$585.00 paid by the professors and students, to the treasurers of the Cornell Navy, the professors paid \$19.50; the class of '80, \$118.00; '81, \$186.00; '82, \$113.00; '83, \$132.00; '84, \$16.50. The Alumni paid \$144.50; \$583.88 was paid out on old debts, bills and notes; \$245.00 was in the treasury a year ago.

—The game of base ball between the Sophomores and Freshmen on Saturday last *was* exciting, and presented the greatest novelty that it had ever been the fortune of those present to see. Comments are "out of order." The Freshmen, although beaten, are by no means discouraged, and hope to gain their laurels on Saturday p. m., at the fair grounds.

—Seniors and Sophomores are the only classes that have crews in training for the coming regatta. Why is this so? The Juniors ought certainly to have a crew, which, if it did not win, could without doubt be a very good second. There is plenty of material from which to select a crew, and no one who has the interests of his class at heart will refuse to row. It is hardly to be expected that '82 could defeat '81 whose crew has been in constant training since their entrance into the University; but, on the other hand, '82 can and ought to outrow '83.

—When the enterprising Freshman isn't cribbing,
isn't cribbing,
When the wicked, wily Sophomore isn't fibbing,
isn't fibbing,
When the gay and festive Junior isn't sporting,
isn't sporting,
When the sentimental Senior isn't courting,
isn't courting,
Then the sweet, beguiling maiden won't be flirting,
won't be flirting,
Then the foaming, amber lager won't be spirting,
won't be spirting,
Then the avaricious landlord won't be dunning,
won't be dunning,
Then the cruel, crafty tutor won't be cunning,
won't be cunning.

—The Class of '81 met to-day, about seventy being present. N. P. Hunter in the chair. H. H. Wing, secretary, read the minutes. Treasurer Storey reported \$1.98 in the treasury. I. A. Place, chairman of Committee on Class Photographs, reported the doings of his committee. After much talk, a motion by Burr, that '80's constitution be adopted,

changing it so that the election of officers shall be held next Wednesday, was adopted after an amendment changing Wednesday to Friday had been lost. Burr also made a motion that a committee on the constitution be appointed by the chair, which was carried. T. Smith made a motion that the election be held in Room F between the hours of 11 and 1.30 p. m. Adjourned.

PERSONALIA.

KENT, '76, has a son of recent date.

PRADO, '78, is making his fortune at coffee raising in Brazil.

F. H. JONES, '80, is with the McGowan Pump Co., of Cincinnati.

CHAS. EVERSON, '78, was in town last week on important business.

H. W. WILHELM, '80, is Assistant Engineer on the Toledo, Delphos and Burlington R. R.

J. D. MAXWELL, '74, was married to Miss Hattie H. Morrell in September, at Amsterdam, N. Y.

J. A. REED, '82, returned to the University during the past week. '82 extends to him a hearty welcome.

GEORGE WELLES, '79, will be married to Miss Mary Louise Fassett, October 13th, at half-past five, in Elmira.

THAYER, '83, made a Republican speech in Indiana during the vacation. Verily the stumps are covered with Cornell men.

J. H. SOUTHARD, '74, one of Cornell's crack oarsmen in '74-'75, has an extensive practice in the legal profession in Toledo, O.

W. J. SHERMAN, '79, was recently elected a director of the Toledo, Delphos and Burlington R. R., of which road he is the Chief Engineer.

MISS EVA M. PITTS, '74, is teacher of Natural Science and Mathematics in Peace Institute, a flourishing female seminary, at Raleigh, N. C.

J. DE ARRIGUNAGA, '80, is managing an extensive plantation in Mexico. He has many opportunities to apply the theoretical knowledge acquired here.

THERE WAS a rumor about town that C. E. CARPENTER, '82, was about to embark in business, but we are creditably informed that he is "otherwise engaged."

DR. H. C. EVARTS, '73, was a member of the Chesapeake Summer School of Zoology (Johns Hopkins University) which was located this year at Beaufort, N. C.

"BISH" ARNOLD, one of 81's victorious Freshman crew, is in town to stay a while. He has been out in Dakota and reports plenty of room and all the Cornellians prosperous.

J. S. LEHMAIER, '79, is practising law in New

York City, and is located in the Drexel Building. At present he is *stumping* New York and New Jersey for Garfield and Arthur.

L. E. FORBES, formerly '80, is located in a camp in Ouray county, Colorado, called Rico. He reports Indian massacres and rich ore bearing mineral in fissure and contact leads.

A. P. BROWN, formerly '82, spent the summer at his home, Adams, Jefferson County, N. Y., and on the St. Lawrence among the Thousand Islands. He is with McKim, Mead & White, architects, of 57 Broadway, N. Y.

THOMAS J. SHORTER, '82, so report says, is registered as from Brazil this term. It is very hard luck as he can't vote here. However, next summer he will go to South Carolina to investigate the mysteries of the bloody shirt.

"BIRCH" HAYES, '74, made the best score on the winning nine in a match game of base ball between the attorneys and merchants of Toledo. "Birch" was consequently presented with a finely ornamented ball by his contemporary attorneys.

PROF. F. W. SIMONDS, '75, was employed during the summer as a Special Agent of the Census to work up the mica industry of North Carolina. He was elected a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers at the Lake Superior Meeting August 30th.

COLLEGE NEWS.

HARVARD :—

219 Freshmen.

The *Crimson* complains because foot ball interests are dull and without organization.

The Museum, Botanical Garden and Library, will hereafter be open Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Norton's course in Fine Arts are discontinued at present, owing to his poor health.

Wendell Phillips is soon to speak before the students, professors, and residents of Cambridge.

The Navy finances show a total receipts of \$4,458.65, and a deficit of 404, most of which is due Waters of Troy. It is thought that a challenge will soon be sent to Yale.

The supplementary lists for courses designed for candidates for second degrees, includes four in Semitic, three in Hebrew, and one in Arabic, under Prof. Toy; three in Sanskrit under Prof. Lanman; two in Philology, and one on the Mythology and Religious institutions of the Greeks and Romans, under Prof. Allen. Public readings from the Hebrew, and lectures on the Vedas are also announced.

MADISON :—

On the 25th of September the Sophs. and Fresh. had a cane rush by agreement. The Fresh. were victorious in twenty minutes.

Prof. N. Lloyd Andrews, Ph. D., has returned from a fourteen months' vacation abroad, to enter on his duties as Dean of the Faculty.

MICHIGAN:—

The largest class that ever entered—210—presented themselves in September. Of 242 applications 28 were rejected and 4 withdrawn.

The addition of a second story to the Chemical building is nearly completed, and will supply long-needed facilities to Medics and Chemistry students.

A foot ball game between the Sophomores and Freshmen Saturday, September 26th, was very exciting. The Freshmen won the first goal in fifteen minutes; the second inning lasted two hours without result, and was called by the Freshmen to be finished last Saturday. When the day came, game and inning were decided in favor of the Sophomores.

YALE —

The Faculty will not suppress the Freshmen societies.

The foot ball teams for inter-collegiate games will hereafter be eleven men.

The excitement over the "outrage" has subsided, and "Town and Gown" are on their usual good terms.

Last Saturday an excellent game of base-ball was played between the Seniors and Sophomores, in which the former were victorious by 9 to 2. Errors 2 and 9 respectively.

The Fall Regatta was held Wednesday, on Lake Saltonstall. The events were one six-oared class race, one eight-oared race between fours from the Dunham Club, and one single scull, with two entries.

EXCHANGES.

On exploring the inside pages of two of the papers that reached us at the same time, we were struck by the wide difference in tone observable in their exchange columns, that is quite suggestive to an editor whose business it is to "tickle, slash and plaster," as his mood is with reference to the sheet immediately before him. We will not undertake to remark upon the subject of criticism here, but will let our friends speak for themselves. The opinion of the first, the *Exonian*, from Phillips' Exeter Academy, is as follows:

"Criticism is not vituperation. It is rather the candid avowal of a fair and honest judge. The critic should be the gentleman always; and the coarse vulgar expressions, which one meets so often in searching the exchange column, show the tone of the editor better than would anything else. The savage attacks made upon rivals by some ambitious youth who wrongfully mistakes criticism for abuse, lower the tone, and detract from the excellence of a paper. We all have our ideas as to the different ways of discharging the duties of an editor. Ours in relation to criticism is, a fair and honest opinion, clearly and elegantly expressed as to the literary merits and general make-up, of our exchanges. The other columns of the paper should be the place for everything of a personal nature—the exchange column never. As the foundation should always be the strongest part of a structure, so our structures reared up on the ideas we have already stated, we are ready to believe, will endure."

Now listen to our self-styled "aboriginal Modoc" of the *Niagara Index*:

"The *Acta Columbiana* will find us ever ready to extend the red right hand—and if our right hand is not red we're not in accordance with the fourth plank of this platform. Under the same circumstances we will be pleased to greet the *Williams Athenaeum*, the *Yale Lit*, the *Crimson*, the *CORNELL ERA*, the *Chronicle*, and a number of other fast friends."

Evidently the *Index* exchange man has adopted his predecessor's method of dealing with his contemporaries.

However, the second number of the *Index* shows a more friendly spirit in the "Exchange" column, and is altogether an improvement on the first. It has even advanced far enough in literary merit to contain a poem entitled, "A Night Storm," of which the last two stanzas are upon that much inspiring heavenly body, the moon. They are so much above the average of that class of poetry that we present them:

"The storm king's breath at length divides
The dark'ned pall whence gently glides
The Queen of night, whose beauteous form
Declares that peace succeeds to storm.

High now her airy course she steers,
Bright glow the heavens as she nears
The zenith of her midnight reign
When stars their vigil keep again "

The *Oberlin Review* is a very welcome sheet. Its local columns are remarkably full and very entertaining; its editorials are wisely confined to topics of immediate interest to the students and friends of the college. Its contributed matter ought to be put in a monthly; but as there is no monthly in Oberlin, they are rescued from what would be an ill-deserved oblivion, by being embalmed in the tinted paper pages of the only periodical there. We wonder that Oberlin does not take example from Cornell and support a monthly, a weekly and a daily. Surely, among her thousand students, the variety of the interests ought to make this almost a necessity. The *Review* is peculiar in one respect. It contains not one tobacco dealer's or beer-seller's advertisement. We wonder how it lives; on subscriptions, probably, though the big sewing machine ad. must be a great help. We quote from it the following pointed stanzas:

THE VICTORY.

She was plump and soft and fair,
He was young and active;
She was crowned with beauty rare,
He, not unattractive.

Rich with life so fresh and warm—
Who will not discover.
Feasting eyes upon her form,
Soon he learned to love her?

She, instead, despised him; still,
Thinking none could match him
To discharge a lengthy bill,
She resolved to catch him.

So her action shrewdly planned—
Lest some slip de feet her,
Raising high her jewelled band,

Caught she that muskeeter,
Buzzing 'round to eat her!

The *Notre Dame Scholastic* is full—of the names of honor students, prize men, and that style of crowd, every week. It possibly saves the institution the expense of publishing a catalogue. A former number contained an exhortation to the parents of its students to take it that they might "learn their sons' standings and delinquencies at the end of every week." It's a good idea, and would be highly worthy a kindergarten school's paper—if there were such a thing.

The first number of the *Harvard Advocate* gives us much pleasure. We do not hesitate to say that we shall always look for it expectantly. It has, among many other good things peculiar to itself, a series of continued papers entitled "Stories of Vacation, by the Conditioned Club." The following incident cut from the first story, will give a good idea of its style. Having missed taking the first degree last June by one-third of one per cent., Mr. Leadagenet resolves to go to Leadville, for, as he says:

"Doubtless, those barbarians will want to make me a Congressman or Senator as soon as eligible, and I may humor them, —I've grown so reckless about my character." I remembered what Colonel Higginson said last year about the duty of Harvard men setting an example to the outside world, and never sinking to the level of the vulgar herd. So, as I approached Leadville, I prepared my toilet with especial care, and Cambridge has rarely seen a nobbier suit than that which adorned my person the morning I reached my destination. My eyeglasses were adjusted at exactly the proper angle; I swung my rattan with the elegance and precision of Thomas leading an orchestra; and altogether I was not at all surprised to see that I had made an impression upon the red shirted rufers lounging about the street. "Look at the tender foot!" they said. My gaiters were tight and their sympathy touched me. Thinking to reward him, I addressed one particularly needy looking fellow, and, with sweet condescension, asked him to carry my valise to the hotel.

"Do you take me for a nigger?" he shouted.

"I think you are insane," I replied.

When I recovered, twenty-four hours later, they told me he was the leading capitalist of the town, and a little uncertain in his temper.

In an editorial on the Yale-Harvard race at New London, it gives the following reason for their defeat:

"* * * boating men must confess that an indifferently trained crew of muscular and heavy men is almost a sure winner over a very light crew, although most carefully trained and in the best form."

This sounds like a tacit acknowledgement that "giants" who pull the "git-thar" stroke, are the best oarsmen, that is, as far as speed is concerned, after all. We have been waiting to hear something like this from our "cultuahed" contemporary for a long while.

We cannot refrain from quoting further from its pages the following *vers de société*:

THE WIND AND THE POET.

"Oh wind that lightly stirs my hair,
Faint breath of slowly dying even,
How mak'st thou me dream of my fair
And of the kisses she has given?"

"I dallied with a budding rose
That I loomed beside a lonely rill,
And left her with the evening's close,
But bear her fragrance with me still."

There is still a pile left, that cannot be noticed further this time than by mentioning their names: *Belatrasco, Yale Record, Yale News, Bates Student, Kansas Review, Normal News, Madisonensis, Transcript, Illini, Round Table, Berkeleyan, Brunonian, College Mercury*, and *Michigan Chronicle*, besides others received before this week.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—"Ven der poys says Fresh, it is a shoke like pull dull down your west, hardly effer, and who struck Pilly Batterson."—*Yale News*.

—"Most lies are hyperboles. Hyperbole is a figure; hence, most lies are figures. But figures can't lie; ergo, a lie is not a lie, Q. E. D."—*Volante*.

—"Tutor in Logic": "Can 'probably' ever be used as a term?" *Student*: "Yes, sir! as in the sentence 'probably is a preposition.'"—*Yale Record*.

—"We wonder if it was a Freshman who wrote us a piece of poetry beginning, 'The youth is home from battle's brunt, with seven bullets in his front.'"—*Yale News*.

—"What study rattles eighty-one,
And, by its formulas unspun,
Yanks the immortal hot-cross bun?
Physics."—*Exchange*.

—"Wives of great men all remind us,
We should choose our wives with care,
That we may not leave behind us,
Half our natural crop of hair."—*Exchange*.

—"There was a big Sophomore fraud,
Who wore cuffs that were six inches broad,
To the ex. he once went,
And he looked innocent,
But under his coat sleeves—O lawd l—*Ariel*.

—"There was a small boy had some powder,
And in trying to make it go louder
He succeeded so well
That his friends couldn't tell,
His remains from a dish of clam chowder.
—*Yale Record*.

—"We have the word of the *Harvard Echo* for the truthfulness of the following story on the late Presidential candidate: "While Grant was in Cuba last week, he slipped off from Mrs. Grant Wednesday evening, and went out to see a game of base ball. While intently watching the sport, a telegram was handed him as follows: "Harrisburg, Feb. 4, 1880. —To U. S. Grant: Congratulation! Pennsylvania instructs for you. Don Cameron." The General lighted a cigar with the telegram, and muttered: "Pennsylvania be damned! There isn't a good base

ball club in the State.' Then he stood up, waved his hat, and yelled: 'Muff it, you snoozer, out there in the left field.'—*Michigan Chronicle*.

—When the ever-busy student's not a cramming,
not a cramming,
When the oft-sighed-for vacation comes around,
comes around,
He loves to fling aside his books a-damning,
books a-damning,
And listen to the river's gurgling sound,
gurgling sound.
But when that respite sweet, but short, is over,
short, is over,
And vacation for a twelvemonth then is done,
then is done,
He loves to finger volumes, leaves and cover,
leaves and cover,
A student's life is not a happy one,
happy one.—*Berkeleyan*.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

—If you want good fitting and fashionable clothes cut or made call on E. English, Taylor and Cutter, Wilgus Block.

—Go to Miss Ackley's for the finest stationery. Subscriptions for the ERA are received.

—A visit to the dentist is not always agreeable, but on this account should not be delayed. At Melotte's office as little pain is inflicted as is consistent with the performing of perfect operations.

—Finch & Apgar are the agents in Ithaca for the sale of the publications of the American Book Exchange which they furnish at the publisher's prices adding only the postage. Call at their store and see the cheapest books ever before published.

—Students can buy Note Books, Scratch Tablets, Stationery, Pencils, Pens, Ink Stands, Drawing and Detail Paper, Waste Paper Baskets, Book Shelves, Pictures Frames, &c., &c., very cheap at Bool's Fine Art and Variety Store, (New Front,) 40 East State Street, Ithaca, N. Y. Look at the Local Sun Dial.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Congregational Church, corner Seneca and Geneva Streets. Pastor, C. M. Tyler. Services, Preaching at 11.00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.00 p. m., Sunday School, after the Sunday morning service.

Presbyterian Church, Dewitt Park, north-west corner. M. M. Stryker Pastor. Public worship at 10.30 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Church School at 12.10, Young Men's Meeting in Chapel at 6.15 p. m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Pastor, Henry C. Badger. Services 11.00 a. m., 7.00 p. m., Sunday School and Young People's Classes, 12.00 m., Inquiry Class, 8.00 to 9.00 p. m., during the winter. Mr. Badger at home Tuesday evenings, 148 Cascadilla.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Buffalo and Cayuga Streets. Rector, Amos B. Beach, D. D. Services at 11.00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Students cordially received.

Baptist, The Park Church, DeWitt Park, East Side. Pastor, Robert T. Jones. Services, Preaching at 11.00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Conference Meetings, Sunday, 6.00 p. m., Wednesday, 7.30 p. m., Church School, Sunday, 12.30 p. m.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill Streets. Pastor, Thomas Tousey. Services, Preaching at 11.00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Sunday School at 12.30 p. m., Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7.30 p. m., Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7.30 p. m.
State Street M. E. Church, corner of State and Albany Streets. Pastor, R. Hogoboom. Services, Preaching at 11.00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Sabbath School at 12.30 p. m., Sunday Class Meetings at 12.30 p. m., and 6.00 p. m., Band Meeting, Monday at 7.30 p. m., Regular Prayer Meetings, Tuesday at 7.30 p. m., Teachers' Meeting, Friday at 7.30 p. m.

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WE merely rise to explain. Our creditors necessitate our doing so. As the bills against the ERA are accumulating, so is our bank account being reduced. Kindly remember us when you receive your next installment from the cash box of your *pater familias*.

MR. NOTMAN, Senior Class Photographer, informs us that he has completed arrangements for the exclusive use of Mr. Eagles' Studio on East State street. He will send the operator who took last year's Senior class at Harvard. Everything will be in readiness for sittings next Monday, October 18th. All class negatives must be taken before the 1st of November. The Seniors will oblige the Committee by making appointments for sittings *at once*. Blank cards can be obtained from any member of the Committee. To insure the success of the work, the Seniors should pay especial attention to the *prompt* keeping of their appointments.

THE great rush is a thing of the past. It came, it saw, and it not exactly conquered, but placed *hors du combat* quite a number of the participants. The Freshmen were there with blood in their eyes and determination on their countenances. They paced the ground with quick and nervous steps. Inexperienced they were, to be sure, but a firm resolve to do or die for the honor of their class stood forth in every movement. Their opponents, the veterans of many a desperate conflict, lounged about, but under their seeming indifference, the acute observer could discern eagerness for the fray and anxiety for the result. The bone of contention in the shape of a large hickory stick, was thrown up between the two classes, and the struggle began. It was a long and desperate one. Coats were torn, hats were lost, shins were bruised. Now and then a contestant might be seen searching for the remnant of a shirt which once had been his. Occasionally the vital fluid might be seen slowly dripping from the nasal organ of some bewildered and discouraged individual, and still the rush went on. But now a change appeared. Upper Classmen were observed in consultation, and soon the imperious tones of the Senior's voice were heard calling upon the contestants to cease; and doubtless most of them heard the summons most willingly. The classes both did well. Freshmen and Sophomore may both pride themselves on the result, and, although the rush was a draw, it showed conclusively that the University has muscle and pluck that she may well be proud of.

OUR University is pre-eminently a patriotic one; and it is doubtless to be expected that it should love the government which has granted it the entire income arising from the sale of nearly a million acres of unsalable land. And, more than that, our University is generous, for it accords to its students the privilege of performing that sweet labor of love which so peculiarly ranks us an institution. Few of the lower classmen realize what a blessing it is to ascend the hill three afternoons each week, and work off their love of country by an hours harmless sport with one of Uncle Sam's muskets on his shoulder, and a

November gale whistling about his ears. The Freshman does not seem to regard it as necessary, that in a great University like our own, there should be strong organizations to protect the "peaceful citizens" of Ithaca and vicinity from the rowdy element of the upperclasses. Let him listen to a recital of how, on the memorable night of the 20th of February, 1880, a body of University rowdies attempted to prevent the peaceful continuance of a meeting which was being conducted in the Wilgus Opera House by the great reformer Mrs. Rentz, and her lady friends; and how gallantly she was protected in her rights by the gentlemen of Ithaca. The story has often been retold. The virtuous citizens were sadly defeated. How different would have been the result if the Cornell Cadets had been mustered to the fray. That scene of carnage and riot would never have ensued. In your hearts, let the fire of devotion to your country be rekindled; it may keep you from freezing to death at half-past four on some cold afternoon. But if you find that it is ruining your health, and dragging you down to an untimely grave, drop it and substitute billiard-playing or sitting before a warm fire with a dime novel in your hands.

WE should like to ask the Trustees of the University why there is any objection to a member of the Faculty addressing a body of Cornell students, on the political questions of the day. A few days ago one of our Professors was invited to address a number of students who have formed a political organization. Some of the Trustees were found to be opposed to a Professor delivering a political speech, and consequently the invitation could not be accepted. What reasons are there for this opposition? Is it argued that a man by becoming a Professor in this University surrenders his right to express his views, on certain subjects, even in an unofficial capacity? It may be said that the University has received large appropriations from the State and United States, that it is not a partisan institution, that it derives its students and support from all parties, and hence no one of its officers should make a public speech in favor of any political party. But let us carry this line of argument a little farther. Men disagree on the question of free trade, and this disagreement helps make up the dividing line between the two great parties. Very different opinions are held on the subjects of finance and Chinese immigration.

Are Professors to be prohibited from publicly expressing their views on such matters as these? If so, Political Economy should be stricken from the curriculum. Political questions are not the only ones upon which there is a wide difference of opinion. Many are more strongly prejudiced against certain religious beliefs than against any public policy. No small number of people consider the theory of evolution the corner stone of infidelity. A public discussion as to the authorship of the Junius letters or a speech on the best way to reach the North pole, might offend somebody. But are all these questions to be tabooed? If not, where is the line to be drawn? It seems to us that there should be no objection to a Professor addressing an assembly of students on any subject which it is proper that they should be instructed in. It is not expected that a man of education will deliver a demagogical tirade, but that he will discuss the issues from a philosophical and scholarly standpoint. Students naturally look to their Professors for advice on important questions, and why this source of information and instruction should be cut off is beyond our comprehension.

THE University regatta which will take place one week from to-day, if the weather permits, bids fair to be a success, and all who attend will, without doubt, be well satisfied with the afternoon's entertainment which will be afforded them. All of the classes have crews in training, and the race will doubtless be close. An invitation has been extended to the Hobart and Elmira crews to take part in the regatta, and, if either or both crews accept the invitation, a race will be rowed between them and the University crew. The majority of the students have never seen our crew row in a race, and certainly will not neglect this opportunity. Last year a number of students hired a steam yacht, instead of availing themselves of the advantages offered by the Navy Board to see the race. We hope nothing of that kind will be done this year. The board will furnish ample facilities to witness the races, at reasonable rates. The Navy needs money, and every student should consider it his duty to increase its resources, rather than those of private individuals. Either a train or steamboat will be chartered, so that all spectators will be furnished good accommodations, and there will be no reason for patronizing outside parties.

THERE will be a meeting of the students and town people called sometime next week, to consider the advisability of sending the crew to the Henley regatta in England next summer. It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance, and that many will come prepared to discuss both sides of the question. It is probable that the views of one or two gentlemen of high authority in athletic circles will be secured before the time of meeting and read to those present. Then will be the time to look the ground over well and give expression to all reasonable doubts and fears. Let there be a large turn out.

THE class of '81 has chosen its photographer, and before long the members will begin to have their heads jammed into the tong-like instrument of torture found in the artist's studio, and while in this comfortable position will be permitted to enjoy the pleasant pastime of eyeing a piece of paper, deceased fly, or some other immovable object. But every one should be willing to endure all this for the sake of getting the pictures of his classmates. On Class Day, those who have toiled together four years, with their eyes on the coveted parchment, will separate, never to meet again. Those who have slept under the soporific influence of the same lectures, those who have quailed before the Faculty's awful bar, charged with the same offence, those who have studied pomology together in various orchards by starlight, all will go their separate ways, to meet no more forever. What a pleasure and joy it will be twenty-five years hence to be able to bring to light the faces of those with whom the happy years of college life were spent. What a throng of memories will come crowding through the mind. There will be the picture of one whom everybody called a good fellow, another face will be a reminder of some hilarious night. There will be the pictures of statesmen and scholars, great lawyers and preachers, as they looked when they were boys. The "cheekiest" man, the handsomest man and the most popular man in the class, will take their places in the line. Perhaps a longer, lingering look at a card which is labeled "the prettiest co-ed," will let loose a flood of recollections which will sweep away the barrier of years, and bring back the joyous days of youth. The custom of exchanging pictures when the battle is over, and the victory won, is something which no collegian will disregard.

SHAKESPEARE'S TOMB.

The river Avon rises in a small spring at Naseby in Northamptonshire; flows in a southwesterly direction, gradually growing in width until it finds its greatest breadth as it touches quaint Stratford, situated upon a gradual slope of its left bank. The town itself borders upon the southwestern portion of the county of Warwick, which is so famous in history and so instructive to the traveller. Stratford church, in which our interest is centered, is at the most southern and eastern extremity of the town. It is approached by a paved walk, whose borders are trimmed with green, and lined by stately lime trees, whose tops meet in an arcade. The avenue thus made is beyond question one of the most beautiful in England. A fairy-like glimpse is caught of the church through this perspective.

All nature was teeming with life, as I walked up this avenue. The light zephyrs bore upon their bosoms the refreshing fragrance of a fair country day in England. The songs of birds swelled into a chorus of homage to him who sang sweeter than the lark or nightingale. Even the flowers gave remembrance of Shakespeare. Everything in nature spoke of him because he was, is, and ever shall be, to all men, nature herself.

I proceeded at once to that most beautiful and perfect division of the church, the chancel. A brief description will bring more clearly before the mind of the reader, the general points of architectural beauty which distinguish this portion of the church, whose walls hold in sacred keeping what remains of "the man who, of all modern and perhaps ancient poets, had the largest and most comprehensive soul."

Thomas Balsall, D. D., who held the office of Dean at the time, erected between the years 1465-1491 the Church of the Holy Trinity, commonly known as Stratford Church. Why such a large and expensive edifice should have been built in so small a town as Stratford, whose only claim upon our attention is founded upon natural beauty and its Shakespeariana, is not accounted for. But nevertheless, there it stands unchanged, save by the addition of a modern spire which some brainless person has stuck upon its Norman tower, making as grotesque an appearance as would a sugar-loaf hat upon the Apollo Belvedere.

I now proceeded directly to the chancel, separated from the transept by an oaken screen. Five large, ornamented windows, on each side, formerly gave it "a dim, religious light," but all this was removed in 1790 and transferred in great confusion to the center of the great eastern window. On each side of each of the eastern windows is a niche, pointed in architecture, similar to those in the south wall, near the altar, which contains seats for the officiating priests while at mass; adjoining is a shallow stone basin with a rain, in which the priests wash their hands, and

rinse the chalice. Near this stone basin, termed piscina, the choir is almost invariably placed in England. This consists of a range of stalls, the lower part of each being very curiously and grotesquely carved.

Erected against the north wall, within the communion rail, is a curious tomb of about seven feet in length by three in height, covered by a marble slab, upon which are figures of Dean Balsall who died in 1491. There are a number of other altars in reverence to those departed, among which that of John Combe is most noticeable.

However, I left all and turned to the monument against the north wall, elevated five feet two inches,—for I measured it exactly,—above the tomb which enshrines the dust of him,

“To whom all scenes of Europe homage owe.”

The thoughts which even now marshal themselves before my mind are of such a solemn character that my pen fails me in the simple description of this monument.

Two Corinthian columns of black marble support the entablature, which is fixed under an arch. The bust represents Shakespeare in an attitude of inspiration, with a cushion before him, a pen in his right hand, and his left resting upon a scroll. The pen, which originally was of the same material as the bust, was broken by a young Oxford student while examining it. A common pen has been thrust between the poet's thumb and forefinger, making a ludicrous and startling contrast. Above the bust and surmounted by a death's head are carved his coat of arms. On each side is a small figure in a sitting posture—one holding a skull and spade, and the other with closed eyes, an inverted torch in his left hand, the right resting upon a skull,—as symbols of mortality.

It was the custom, in Shakespeare's time, to color monuments to resemble life. Conformably to this taste of the times Shakespeare's bust was so colored: the eyes light hazel, the hair and beard auburn, the dress being a scarlet doublet, over which was a loose black gown without sleeves. In 1793, the bust and figures above it were foolishly painted white at the earnest request of Mr. Malone. This is by no means the only foolish thing Mr. Malone did in his zeal to impersonate the character of Bottom the Weaver. His impairments of Shakespeare's text are fair examples of what a literary ass can do when he gets the Sophomoric measels and aims at textual emendations. He is thus characterized in the album at Stratford Church by some visitor:

“Stranger to whom this monument is shown,

Invoke the Poet's curses upon Malone;

Whose meddling zeal his barbarous taste betrays,

And daubs his tomb as he marr'd his plays.”

The exact time of the erection of the monument is unknown. Much speculation has ensued upon this point, for upon it rests the determination of a

doubt, perhaps not unworthy of notice, which arose some years ago, whether this original bust had any resemblance to Shakespeare. As Shakespeare never sat for a portrait it could not have been copied; but as presumably it was erected in 1623, by his executor, Dr. John Hall, we have every reason to believe that this is the only authentic likeness of the bard.

Under the bust on a mural tablet is the following inscription:

JVDICIO PYLIVM, GENIO SOCRATEM, ARTE MARONEM,
TERRA TEGIT, POPVLVS MÆRET, OLYMPVS HABET.

“Stay Passenger, why goest thou by so fast,
Read, if thou canst, whom envious death hast plast,
Within this monvment, Shakspeare, with whome
Quick natvre dide: whose name doth deck ys. tombe,
Far more than cost; sieh all yt. he hath writt,
Leaves living art, bvt page to serve his witt.

OBITI ANO. DOI. 1616. AETATIS 53. DIE 23. AP.”

But a few paces from the wall against which the chancel house was erected, rests the tomb of Shakespeare. His horror of this house,

“O'er covered quite with dead men's rattling bones,
With reaky shanks, and yellow chapless skulls,”
was such that he is said to have written, the curious inscription cut on the stone covering his grave,

“Good frend for Iesvs sake forbear,
To digg the dvst enclosed heare,

Bleste be ^E y man ^T y spares thes stones,

And cvrst be he ^T y moves my bones.”

The characters are all Roman, but curiously two of them in a few instances are formed together. The word *bleste* in the third line was thought by many who had not examined very closely, to be *blese*, but the final *e* is conjoined with the *l*.

Very curiously, Shakespeare wrote in *King John*, iv. 3.

“O me! my uncle's spirit is in these stones:
Heaven take my soul, and England keep my bones.”
Thus, I think, identifying the inscription to be the poet's own conception.

The exact malady of which Shakespeare died is not known, but it is certain that some disease which severely racked his whole nervous system must have taken hold of him. This is shown by his signature at the bottom of the first sheet of his will, which is supposed to be his last tremulous attempt to wield that pen which has given us “his well-turned and true-filed lines.” John Ward, Vicar of Stratford states that “Shakespeare, Drayton and Ben Jonson, had a merry meeting, and itt seems drank too hard, for Shakespear died of a feavour there contracted.” But we must remember that the above was written by a clergyman, who is hardly to be expected to appreciate “a merry meeting.”

It was evening. The bells of Stratford church were pealing forth their solemn invitation to worship at the last resting place of him, who is yet living to

all. How true were felt to be his words, when I walked down the broad path; the great trees drooping their branches as if in homage to his immortal presence.

"No! Time, thou shalt not boast that I do change:

Thy pyramids built up with newer might
To me are nothing novel, nothing strange."

I heard the solemn strain of organ music. Very low and soft it sounded as I walked forth in the dim light and bade at the portal a last farewell to him who rests within its sacred keeping. Each one of the tall trees seemed to whisper his words in a sonnet:

"So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee."

The blush of eventide mantled the cheek of a dying light, and slowly wrapped in his "inky cloak" an eventful day passed into sweet memory.

WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT OUR CREW.

"The Cornell men rowed a winning race from the start, every man in the boat doing his best for the whole distance. They rowed a powerful stroke and pulled it fairly well. * * * The crew did not row in as good form or with as much skill as either of the other two crews."—*N. Y. Herald*.

[The Cornell stroke is still a mystery.—Eds.]

"The Inter-collegiate four-oared race between the Cornell, Columbia and University of Pennsylvania crews, was rowed this evening, and resulted in an easy victory for Cornell. * * * Everybody remarked the straight course steered by Lewis, of the Cornell crew, with only a few weeks' practice with the rudder. He showed vastly superior skill as a steersman to that of the Columbia bow, who has the reputation of being one of the finest in that position in the country."—*New York Tribune*.

"Only a privileged few on the referee's steamer and the press boat knew to a certainty, that in the first boat to cross the line, sat four very much underrated and overlooked Cornell men, and that the Columbia crew occupied the rearmost of the three shells. Of course, when the result of the race became commonly known, there were promptly on hand a great many persons who "knew how it would be from the first," but nevertheless, I cannot hesitate to say that the race to the majority of people was a very great surprise. Had the University of Pennsylvania won, it would not, considering their performance with Columbia on the Schuylkill last month, and their good rowing in the national regatta, have been astonishing, but Cornell—well, it was a simple repetition of the famous Saratoga college race."—*New York World*.

"Cornell once more regained her aquatic supremacy and reputation in a well-contested race on Lake George, last Friday, against the two leading college

crews of the country, and again demonstrated that she possessed the skill and brawn which have in the past given her so many races."—*Ithaca Journal*.

"The announcement has been made that it was the intention of Columbia to send its crew to England. The friends of the winning Cornell oarsmen enthusiastically declared that they would next year cross the ocean and compete with the English University crews. In view of the defeat suffered by Columbia, that crew cannot go to England as the best American college four. Captain Goodwin said, after the race, that the New York men were perfectly well when they started, and that the only explanation for their defeat was the fact that they were out-rowed."—*Turf, Field and Farm*.

"It has been claimed that Columbia has frequently beaten the time she has made in this race. That is true; but Cornell has also beaten 9 m. 12 sec. The cause of the several crews making such comparatively slow time was the roughness of the water, a wind that was dead ahead. The Cornell Club is now the champion four-oar crew of America, and should they defeat the English they will be the world's champions."—*Cleveland Leader*.

"Cornell had a powerful crew, and the stroke-oar was almost a model oarsman. They rowed a long powerful stroke, but were by no means well together, and Lewis seemed to try to swallow his chin at every stroke. He steered from No. 2 seat, and no boat in the world was ever held to a better course. It would have been hard to steer a launch down this mile and a half as neatly and correctly as the course taken by Cornell. Columbia and Pennsylvania rowed in almost faultless form, but were out-classed in a contest with such a crew as the winners. Cornell's ignominious defeat last year lost them all their fair-weather friends at home, and the crew prepared themselves for this regatta not only without help, but without even kind words or good wishes. The very fellows who are to-night in Ithaca, igniting fireworks and shouting the peculiar war-cry of Cornell, only two weeks ago were laughing at the crew and predicting their sure and easy defeat. Public opinion, as shown by the pool-box, was ludicrously in error about this race. The prevailing odds were: Columbia against the field, 10 to 7; Columbia against Pennsylvania, 10 to 4; Columbia against Cornell, 10 to 3; Pennsylvania against Cornell, 10 to 5; which shows clearly how little any of us know about boat-racing.

Yours,

W. B. CURTIS."

The Spirit of the Times.

—Robert P. Williams, a well known elocutionist from New York, will read before the Irving Society this (Friday) evening. The entertainment will be first-class, and every one who can should go.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF VICE-PRESIDENT RUSSEL.

At a few minutes past twelve o'clock yesterday, the chapel was filled with students who had assembled to hear the regular annual address of the acting President. Professor Russel spoke extemporaneously at some length, but in substance, as follows:

"This is a most beautiful sight, a chapel crowded with students to hear words, which, in consideration of the occasion, may be received with some seriousness. It is a contrast to what was seen here last Sunday. I did not count the students present at that time, but it was not because I could not. Now is it not strange that the students do not appreciate more highly the exercises of this place? Not only has a most beautiful building been provided for you, but I have no hesitation in saying that the sermons preached from this pulpit taken as a whole, are superior to those delivered from any pulpit in the country. The reason is that in this chapel, the best men of every denomination, are heard while in the ordinary services at other places of worship, none but the preachers of one sect are allowed to speak. We have the best of each of them. Then in a literary and rhetorical point of view, the advantages here offered are very great. Those who are only seeking excellence in literature make a great mistake in neglecting to hear them. I have nothing to do with your religious belief. Whether you can rightfully neglect your religious natures, you must decide for yourselves. As a friend, however, I say to you, that those who give themselves up to the study of Science, Literature and History, and the various branches of a liberal education, especially need to cultivate the sentiments and higher emotions of their spiritual natures. But this is not what we are here for to-day.

It is usual on the opening of the University to welcome the Freshman class. There is at this time a special reason for doing this. Every year the entering class is called a little better than any preceding it. Every Professor says most seriously, "There is a great difference between this Freshman class and any before it." I welcome the Freshman class to this association of students. Take the ordinary run of college communities, and it is a privilege to a class to enter Cornell. Strangers who come here always speak of the good manners of the students. Our students are ladies and gentlemen; that I claim is a distinction of Cornell University. There is something in the institution that gives manliness and dignity to those connected with it. I congratulate the Freshmen class, that they are given the right to associate with a community of young men and women of high tone. By tone I do not mean wealth or birth, but that there is something in the University which has given the students here an appreciation of their own worth. I do not believe any college in

the United States could produce an example equal to that afforded by this college last spring, when, without any rules or orders from the Faculty, but simply in deference to a request you gave up smoking on the campus. The Freshmen are happy in being permitted to come into an association of young people of such high tone.

I wish to speak of the societies by which all of you have probably been "rushed." There are societies of all kinds. I would say that before entering any you had better wait until you ascertain the character and standing of the members of the different societies. To join certain societies is a help to students, to join others is a harm. I welcome you to an association with your Professors. Every Professor is your friend to the utmost of his ability. Always feel free to ask advice from any of them on any subject. I welcome you to the University as a whole. In twelve years Cornell has grown from an infant institution to a great University. Instruction is carried further, and the standard of admission of scholarships and graduation is higher than ever before. No institution has ever carried a heavier load in a financial way than this one. The princely endowment in land entailed an enormous load of taxes and other expenses, which absorbed every year large sums, which if devoted to education would have increased our facilities very largely. But sales have been going on, and our land has been changing into income, and to-day the condition of Cornell financially and every other way, is better than it ever has been.

I mean to say emphatically and I pledge my reputation for the correctness of the statement, that in the character and tone of her students, in the thoroughness and extent of their instruction, in the number and ability of her Professors, in the scholarship maintained in the course in the professions of her graduates, in the financial ability and power to produce the means of carrying on her work—Cornell to-day is better, more solid, stronger, more prosperous than ever before. A word as to what you are here for. Students come here from all sorts of motives, some to study, some to have a good time, and some because their parents send them here. I wish to say to all that you have the opportunity at your command to improve yourselves in every way, on the other hand you may spend four years here, with very little profit. The Creator placed you on earth to work; whatever may be your ways He has His plans. The question is a most serious one and deserves your careful consideration. In regard to order in the University, I am glad to say that it is very good. To be sure, there are occasional exceptions. The annual "rushes" between the classes are a mild relic of barbarism that Cornell will eventually outgrow. They are a rude vestige of a past age, but perhaps serve to keep up a sort of connection with our remote, savage ancestors. The other

noticeable exception is the traditional mischief which students feel they have the right to commit on certain days and nights in the year. The damage which is done on the campus on these occasions is slight. It probably does not exceed the extent of five dollars at any one time, and in a community, where amusement is rather scarce, perhaps the entertainment afforded is cheap at this price. I am satisfied with the present order of the University. When I hear that "rushing" has been given up and stealing gates abandoned, I shall feel like seeking another sphere, a heavenly college to preside over. Off the campus you are amenable to the laws of the State that protect us all. I mean to say that when you leave the campus you come directly into the face of the civil law. In answer to the complaints of citizens in regard to the conduct of students down town the Faculty says, "you have police, magistrates, courts, laws, fines and jails at your command. We consider the town able to provide against any disorder within its limits." We say to the officers of the law, "do your duty and the students will respect you the more." A word of advice to all. You who come here to study must not neglect your health, in the line of exercise, food, water or in any way. You cannot neglect exercise without impairing your ability to succeed in your studies. Exercise in any way that brings you into the open air. In order to have a healthy brain, you must have a healthy body. As to living, you need pure air and pure water. In Ithaca pure water is not so easy to find. Be careful in regard to the water you drink. Health is life, and the lack of it means failure in college. Exercise prudence in selecting your boarding places. No one who is intelligent will sacrifice his health for the sake of a few shillings a week. As to your help to each other—we have an association, called the Cornell Students' Guild, founded by the students for the purpose of providing for needy ones of their number who have the misfortune to be taken sick. You all have an opportunity to do something toward aiding those who are ill and unable from lack of means to provide for themselves.

In conclusion let me strike again the note I have before touched more than once. You come here to prepare yourselves for life—you wish to learn to be useful. You come to an institution which regards usefulness to the race as the great principle of human action. Her religion is to work under God. Her sect is the one whose banner proclaims love to God and love to man, cooperation with Him for humanity, working under Him to make of man whatever may be his plan. This is your precious hour of preparation, to help you is our privilege. God bless you all.

—The Freshmen admit that they were reinforced by several fresh men during the later part of the grand rush last Saturday. Of course.

NAVY MEETING.

The Board of Navy Directors met last Tuesday evening in Cowles' room, Commodore Brown in the chair. Mr. L. W. Hull, '81, was elected Secretary. Cowles, '82, chairman of committee on boats, reported five six-oared shells and two gigs ready for the regatta. Treasurer Shnable, '81, made a financial report, including a statement that the \$100 note of Hon. E. B. Morgan will soon be due, that the Navy owes R. W. Hills, of Albany, \$75 00, Mr. Wilgus, \$20 00, and Mr. Wason, of Cleveland, over \$300 00. Reports were accepted. To constitute the Entertainment Committee, Hull, '81, Shnable, '81, and Catlin, '82, were appointed. A motion was made and carried that our Fall Regatta be held a week from to-day, Friday, Oct. 22d. In case of unfavorable weather, the Regatta will be postponed to the following morning.

Wilcox, '82, and Catlin, '82, were appointed Committee on Train; Read, '81, and Cowles, '82, Committee on Crews; Hull, '81, and Shnable, '81, Committee on Printing. The committee on crews were requested to appoint class committees to see to the proper training and coaching of class crews. An effort will be made to have the Hobart and Elmira crews row against our University crew.

The Board decided to call a mass meeting of students and townspeople to be held in Library Hall the evening after the Regatta, relative to sending our crew to England. Meeting adjourned until next Monday.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF NAVY FINANCES.

| 1880. | Cash. | Dr | Cr. |
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| Oct. 7, | To balance..... | 20 | 77 |
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CORNELLIANA.

—Fall regatta—next Friday afternoon.

—Cats belong to no party—they're usually on the fence.

—We miss the Tom Hughes men around the boat house.

—A New York paper has the hardihood to call soothing syrup a kid-napper.

—Leo wants the boys to carry themselves gracefully. You can find him in Wilgus Hall.

—Fall regatta—next Friday afternoon.

—The Sophomores are confident of winning the class race in the regatta. No bets.

—Thirty-four students turned out at the Hancock and English parade Tuesday evening.

—At present there is more activity at the boat house than there has been for several years.

—The thirty-fourth annual convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity will be held at Hartford, October 20 and 21.

—Instruction given in the Spanish language, also, Spanish students taught English, by Miss M. E. Oliver, 69 Heustis street.

—Base-ball: '82 vs. '83, on the Campus Saturday at 3 p. m. No postponement this time, provided the weather is favorable.

—Rev. Thomas K. Beecher will preach at the Chapel on Sunday at 11 a. m., and 3 p. m. Let all the students follow Vice-President Russel's advice and attend.

—Mr. Manager and Directors: Are we to have a game of Base-ball with Hobart this term? They have expressed a willingness to play, and it would afford an excellent opportunity to test the strength of our nine.

—The gigs and shells have received a thorough overhauling under the supervision of John Lewis, '79. The gigs have not been in such a sea-worthy condition for the last two years. The Saratoga shell of '76, with a twelve foot hole in her bottom, has been very carefully and skillfully patched.

—At the close of Professor Russel's talk to the students yesterday, a meeting was held to reorganize the "Students' Guild" for the coming year. The following persons were appointed as Executive Committee: Profs. Wilder and Hewett, Miss Goddard, '81, Gusdorf, '81, Streeter, '82, Elmer, '83, and Hufcutt, '84. Subscriptions were taken, and after a few appropriate remarks by Prof. Hewett, the meeting adjourned.

—The Glee Club and applicants, met in the Zeta Psi Parlors last Thursday afternoon. Twenty were present. After Professor Thomas had tested the voices, the Club sang some of last year's songs. More tenors and applicants are wanted. Professor Thomas is very desirous of organizing a University Orchestra. All interested should report next Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. in the Zeta Psi rooms. The Glee Club will sing at 2:30 p. m. on the same day and in the same place.

—"At Cornell College they are agitating the question of sending a crew to England next year. Judging from the manner in which the Ithaca boys beat the conquerors of the English oarsmen, there is another victory in prospective for America."—*The New York Sportsman*. Kind as is the above comment, we don't like to be mixed up with a little college out in Iowa called Cornell College. It is Cornell University that is doing the agitating.

—Fall regatta—next Friday afternoon.

—The first annual report of the Cornell University Experiment Station is out. It is published by the Board of Control, of which body Prof. Roberts is President, Prof. Caldwell, Director, Prof. Prentiss, Treasurer, and Prof. Lazenby, Secretary. The only available funds at present consist of \$250.00, given by Mrs. Fisk, *née* McGraw, for printing the report. The contents are papers voluntarily contributed by some of our Professors as follows:

Field experience with various crops—Prof. I. P. Roberts; Observations on the Lung Plague of cattle—Prof. James Law; Horticultural report—Prof. W. R. Lazenby; Experiments with various fertilizers on Indian corn—Prof. G. C. Caldwell; Chemical report—Prof. G. C. Caldwell; Determination of potash by Carnot's method—Miss J. Chevalier and Prof. G. C. Caldwell; Effect of exposure of cream to oxygen on the quality of the butter—Prof. L. B. Arnold; Effect of sour whey on curd—Prof. L. B. Arnold; Experiments on the curing of cheese—Dr. S. M. Babcock; Experiments with self-sown seeds—Prof. A. N. Prentiss; Entomological report—Prof. W. S. Barnard.

PERSONALIA.

EDMISTON GWYNNE, '84, has gone home being threatened with a fever.

A. M. TRACY, '80, has entered the Homœopathic College of New York city.

HODGMAN, '83, who is not in the University this term, is spending a few days in town.

D. P. HODSON, '77, is captain of the Young Men's Hancock and English Club of Ithaca.

GIFFORD, '80, Wendell, '81, and Casey, '82, prepared the transparency carried by the Student's Hancock and English Club last Tuesday night.

EUGENE CARY, '78, once a staunch member of the Curtis Literary Society is studying law in the office of Judge Grosvenor.

J. McLALLEN, '84, arrived from Trumansburg, accompanied by his cornet. This timely notice will give his neighbors sufficient opportunity to move out.

FRANK IRVINE, '80, Junior Custodian of the Pipe, wanted to be a P. G. But the profundity of Blackstone and Kent has attracted him into a lawyer's office.

D. D. JAYNE, '81, while backing a classmate, had his elbow dislocated. He is around as usual.

INSTRUCTOR GARVER contributed to the September number of the *American Journal of Science* an article upon "The Periodic Character of Voluntary Nervous Action."

PROF. HEWETT has been elected Member Extraordinary of "The Frisian Society of History, Antiquities and Literature of Holland." His election was due to his recent contribution to the language in the form of a book entitled, "The Frisian Language and Literature." Prof. Hewett is the first American upon whom this honor has been conferred, and his election to the society is a high compliment to his scholarship.

DR. ANDREWS, is a new comer at Wheatland. The Doctor graduated at Cornell University in '70, and subsequently at Ann Arbor in the College of Medicine. He is one of those sensible men who is attracted to the Valley by its fame as a wheat country. While practicing his profession, he proposes to lay the foundation for a wheat farm, that will make him happy long before he is gray. He will come to the front rapidly enough. A newspaper boom is unnecessary to bring him into notice.—*Fargo (Dakota) Times*.

MR. RANSOM PRATT, who for the past two years has been a student of Cornell University, will not return to that institution, but will hereafter be the Associate Editor of the *Corning Journal*, of which excellent paper his father, Dr. George Pratt, has for nearly thirty years been the able and indefatigable editor and publisher. Ransom is a young man of fine ability, is a ready and forcible writer, and is certain to succeed in his new field of labor. We congratulate our friend that in his advancing years he has the young and strong arm of his son to lean upon.—*Elmira Advertiser*.

COLLEGE NEWS.

AMHERST :—

The students and the "unwashed" had a falling-out, not very disastrous, however, at a Democratic meeting lately.

A Garfield and Arthur club numbering 200 members has been formed among the students. It will soon be equipped with uniforms.

In a series of base ball games between class nines for a pennant offered by Professor Tyler, nine have already been played with one or two more to decide. '80 is likely to win.

Among the events at the Fall Athletics are various runs and dashes, a bicycle procession and race, three-legged race, sack race, hurdle race, fat man's race, and a five miles go-as-you-please.

The President conferred with a committee from the Senior class with reference to abandoning the

Sunday afternoon service. Notwithstanding the feelings of the students against compulsion, no change was made.

YALE :—

It is thought that Hare and Hounds will be revived soon.

A rifle club has been organized and is now in successful operation.

The Linonia Society having died a natural death, it is proposed to devote the funds remaining in her treasury to the establishment of a lecture course.

The will of the late Hon. Lafayette S. Foster, of Norwich, Conn., contains a clause bequeathing \$60,000 to the Law School with no encumbrances.

The Faculty have reprimanded the Sigma Epsilons for their part in the so-called "outrage," and as a further precaution direct that the Freshman society halls be closed until after elections.

HARVARD :—

The Glee Club has filled vacancies and elected new officers.

The Freshmen elected officers including captains of the Crew, Nine and Eleven last week Wednesday.

A Lacrosse Association was formed last week and a committee appointed to arrange for a series of games.

Owing to the popularity of the course in Constitutional and Political History, one hundred and three men have petitioned the Faculty for another course as a sequel to the above.

WILLIAMS :—

Owing to the resignation of President Chadbourne and his previous absences the Senior courses are in sad confusion.

On Oct. 2 the college team played a return game with the Hoosic Falls nine at Hoosic. The former won by a score of 12 to 3. Errors six and nine respectively.

EXCHANGES.

The first number of the *Acta Columbiana* renews the question "Shall we have an Intercollegiate Press Association," and calls upon all the foremost college periodicals, the CORNELL ERA among the rest, to answer that question. The invitation is as follows, editorially:

"We formally invite the college journals mentioned below to announce as soon as possible, editorially or by letter, whether they are willing to give the proposed association a trial by sending a delegate or delegates to a meeting to be held either in New York or New Haven, at as early a date as is convenient to the majority. We believe that the purposes of the association are generally understood, at least by those with whom we had correspondence last spring."

A few of the reasons for the establishment of the proposed association are given in the exchange column of the same issue:

"Questions as to the quality and quantity of matter that make up the ideal college paper, as to methods of electing editorial boards whether politics and scientific matters can properly be discussed in college papers, etc., may come up; some or all of which may prove tiresome to the average reader, but for the editors themselves they possess the greatest interest. Their readers object to their continued discussion in the papers; where are they to go for settlement? Again, the Intercollegiate Press Association fills the gap.

Seriously and in earnest we insist that the proposed Association has a field a very wide field, spread out before it; and, once established, it will only be a matter of time as to when it will embrace all reputable college journals."

We wish to state at the very outset of our comments on the above, that we think the above association would meet a long felt want, and would result in establishing a better understanding among college editors generally, and through them, of a more pronounced fraternal feeling among the members of various colleges. We are, therefore, in favor of it on general principles. But whether it would be worth our while is an open question. THE CORNELL ERA is different from almost every other college paper. It is more of a newspaper and less of a miscellany than the usual bi-weekly paper. It has a strong leaning towards, and sympathy with, the college dailies, and, pardon the truth, from its nature as the weekly representative paper of a large body of students, a less pronounced feeling for the monthlies and reviews. That is also because in a measure it reflects the sentiments of its subscribers, who, on the whole, are more practical, and have less of the college feeling, pure and unalloyed, than the subscribers to almost any of our bi-weekly contemporaries. But the chief personal objection that the ERA can offer is, that owing to the constitution of its board, very different from the boards of most papers, the spring, or, in fact, any other time, later than November 1, would render the meeting of almost no value whatever to us, as editors. We are chosen, an entire board, every year, and, with but a few exceptions, have never written for or edited any papers. When the end of the year has come, we, one and all lay down our pens and scissors and make way for the entirely new board for the next volume. We could not transmit any of the information we should obtain at the meetings of such an association to our successors. Everything invariably depends upon their talents when they begin the editing of our paper, and not upon their obedience to instructions given by one or two editors who hold over from the last year's board. So, to be of any advantage to us, the meeting of the proposed association would have to be held certainly not later than Thanksgiving of each year. Whether or not we will attend any meetings at all, is quite another question, and can not be decided at once. We hope, however, to be able to give an answer at any early date.

The monthlies, redolent with the perfumes of Commencement eloquence, and heavy with painfully elaborated thought, are beginning to make their appearance. The thickest, heaviest and most readable of them all is the *Nassau Lit.* We will not say anything about the Commencement theses and orations that are packed between its covers, but pass on to the sketches. "A Summer Idyl" was evidently written by an admirer of E. A. Poe, yet is sufficiently fresh and original to merit high praise. "A Character Study from Scott," throws a great deal of light upon the character of Bertram Rivingham in "Rokeby," and is deserving of careful attention.

In an editorial note the *Lit* reflects on the poor supervision of the college authorities, whose neglect resulted in the closing of the college last spring, to avoid a malarial epidemic.

"That there is 'nobody to blame,' is by no means the verdict we would give. The responsibility for eight deaths and many more cases of sickness must rest somewhere. It is too awful to be cast into the air or upon the ground. But let us remember that the blame is not to be laid at any one man's door, nor is it to be proportioned to the sad results. No one would voluntarily provide imperfect sewerage to kill off the students. The fault, wherever it lay, was almost entirely of neglect or perhaps ignorance (the science of sanitation is yet in its infancy); and the college authorities, by their prompt and thorough remedial measures, have certainly vindicated their own regret at the sad event of the spring and their determination to spare neither trouble, time nor expense to prevent its recurrence."

The *Denison Collegian*, "from Ohio," numbers among its (?) writers, H. W. Longfellow. He contributed to the September number a poem, "Autumn." We are glad to see enterprise, and would most cordially advise the Denison collegians to write their own poetry. Anybody can "select." If you have too much space reduce the size of your magazine, or fill the pages with advertisements; anything but pasted copy and "selections."

Among the number of monthlies at our hand, only one, the *Bates Student*, has any original poetry in it, and that makes one's hair stand on end. The first stanza of an "Ode":

"When fair Freedom's outraged goddess
Filled the land with shrieks and cries,
And the black-browed god of battle
Rolled his red car through the skies
Then our nation's gallant heroes
Heard her cries and wild alarms,
Rushed all madly to the rescue,
Caught her fainting in their arms"

We hail thee, thou intellectual grandson of Byron! When you get to be as old as your granddaddy was at the time of his death, you will make an excellent dry-goods clerk. Space forbids us to print any more of the ode-ous effusion. Now look at this from the *Harvard Crimson*:

THE END OF SUMMER.

"Bright is the blaze on the steep hillside,
Where the brilliant barberry bushes cluster;
Strong in their grasp of the stony soil,
And little they care for the rough wind's bluster.

Gaudy the glow of the golden-rod ;
Gently it nods to a rhythmic measure ;
Busily buzzes the humble-bee
As he robs the blooms of their hoarded treasure.

Filmy white in the summer woods,
The cloudy clematis climbs and clambers ;
Russet and green with a touch of gold,
Are the leaves of the maple o'er which it wanders.

Clematis barberries golden-rod
Tell that the partridge will soon be drumming
A last tattoo o'er the summer past
And a sharp reveille for the winter coming."

—and at this by the same author:

A CLASS DAY EPISODE:

" Rows of colored lights are beaming,
Holworthy's blaze of flame,
Where, in letters bright and gleaming,
Shines resplendent Lighty's name.

In a window's sombre framing,
Raven locks and curls of gold,
Their proximity proclaiming
That fair tale that's never old.

Smiles the passer-by next morning
At a box amid the weeds
Letters gold its top adorning,—
' For my dear ' the legend reads.

' Sure the maiden has consented,'
Is the news it seems to bring,
For the cotton deep indented
Bears the imprint of a ring."
(Fact.)

—and learn that the race of poets will not be extinct should you fill an untimely grave, author of "Ode."

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—Ford & Denham's Masqueraders play Franks to-night in Wilgus Opera House. This excellent company was in Binghamton several nights ago and the *Leader* says, "The performance, in the standing which it holds, is compared with the 'Saulsbury Troubadours,' although it is acceded that it even surpasses that company, which is now winning such fame in Europe. This, like the Troubadours, would draw even a larger audience upon its second appearance than upon the first." Seats 25, 35 and 50 cents, reserved at Finch & Apgar's.

—If there is a play that seems never to wear out its popularity it is "Uncle Tom's Cabin." We need not enter into the why and wherefore, but the fact asserts itself that "Uncle Tom" always draws and always interests the audience. The play was produced last evening at St James Hall by the Boston Ideal 'Uncle Tom' Company, and at their hands had a satisfactory representation. The hall contained a large audience, who manifestly derived much enjoyment from the performance, as was attested by the frequent and hearty applause.

—*Buffalo Express.* This company will appear in Wilgus Opera House to-morrow afternoon and evening.

—The Senior election held Wednesday in room F, S. U. B., resulted as follows:

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| Whole number of votes cast, | 57 |
| Necessary for a choice, | 29 |
| President, G. L. Burr, | 57 |
| Vice President, F. D. Carman, 52 ; | J. G. Allen, 2 |
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| Treasurer, G. Moulton, | 57 |
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| Essayist, Miss H. Heyl, | 57 |
| Historian, W. J. Flanigan, 43 ; | E. S. Smith, 9 ; E. G. Vaughan, 1 |
| Prophet, W. H. Moses, | 56 |
| Poet, W. P. Herrick, | 57 |
| Pipe Custodian, P. E. Clarke, 51 ; | R. P. Alling, 2 |
| Toast Master, F. W. Rich, 48 ; | H. P. Winegar, 4 |
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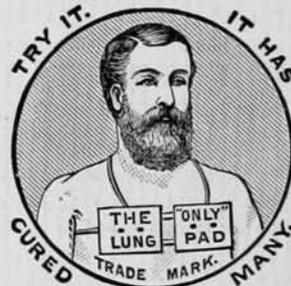
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WE shall not attempt to arbitrate for the members of the Senior class, in their present troubles, nor shall we espouse the cause of either side. The ERA is willing to publish communications from both factions. It is not the organ of any party, and will treat all alike.

EVERY student should attend the mass meeting in Military Hall this evening. The question of sending our crew to England will be thoroughly discussed. Several gentlemen of the town have promised to be present and address the meeting and it is expected that the Faculty will be well represented. Let every one who is interested in the welfare of the navy be on hand.

THE Juniors have selected their class officers. There is no reason why they should delay action in regard to an exhibition, a class ball, or what

ever they intend to make the distinguishing mark of their Junior year. As we have before remarked in these columns, a Junior ex. is generally a disgrace, both to the University and to those who take part in it. A Junior ball is very liable to be a failure in the financial way. Perhaps the class can distinguish itself by attempting and initiating something which is as yet untried. At any rate, it is a pity that this class, which has always carried its head so high, should fail now to maintain its old reputation.

WE all congratulate ourselves on the opportunity afforded us to hear sermons of such excellence in our Chapel. But good sermons are not the only requisite to make preaching acceptable. The world has arrived at such a stage that easy seats are almost indispensable to secure good audiences for the ordinary run of preachers, and make theology popular with the masses. A bare-board with a straight back makes a seat that certainly would not be called a "downy bed of ease." If the designer of our place of worship intended to insure preachers against a sleeping congregation he has succeeded most admirably, and deserves the thanks of the craft. Verily, he shall have his reward. Give us cushions, is our humble prayer.

AS the cold weather comes on, the old question of heating the larger recitation and lecture-room arises once more. It would seem that the University should possess the means of rendering these rooms pleasant and comfortable, but if so, it has occasioned spells all winter of not using them. Many of us can remember the time when these rooms have been either so cold or so filled with gas, that remaining in them, to say nothing of taking notes, was an upper impossibility. Indeed, classes have been dismissed because the Professor was unable to continue his lecture. Then again our ears are sometimes filled with verbal gas enough, without our lungs being choked by the genuine article issuing from the stove. These things can be very easily attended to, and the greatest good to the entire number will be thereby secured.

WE made our reputation upon the ball field last spring, and the only thing which devolves upon us now, is to maintain it at its present high standard. To be sure, we have lost men—and men that we could ill afford to let go. But their places will be filled with the very best material in the University. There is no reason to feel discouraged. There are yet good ball-players in the University, and enough of them to form a nine. One thing, which the members of the University must give them is their hearty support. The selection of Mr. R. C. Horr to fill the position of manager, will meet with universal approval. With proper support from the body of the students, the nine will be successful. Without it no nine can hope to be.

THE manager of the *Sun* (not Phœbus or Phæthon, but a character of this century,) notifies his readers, through his paper, that "the life of an editor is not a happy one." Of course, he refers to his own sad lot. How pitiable it is! A young man, apparently with a brilliant career before him, at the head of a great daily, which exercises a prodigious influence on the morals of the age, the idol of his countrymen, whose patronage he solicits, one who has taken the tide of fame and fortune at the ebb, yet, strange as it seems to the less fortunate, sorrow has cast its dark shadow athwart his path, and he is not happy. He proceeds to inform a sympathizing public how his cup of joy and contentment was ruthlessly shattered. The startling announcement is made that on last Thursday evening, while at the post office, he was threatened with "personal violence." Yes, and the threats were made in "a tone of voice loud enough to be heard by several persons in the vicinity." Immediate "violence" was not threatened, but, according to his tearful tale, he was informed that the publication of any more private letters of a certain person, without the consent of the author, would jeopardize his sacred person. "This is the first attempt," says he, "that has been made to bully any member of our staff." Heretofore, this outraged defender of a free press has visited the post office and other public places without molestation. Armed with nothing but his virgin purity, he has invaded the most dangerous parts of our city. Always having been considered harmless and free from guile, he has invariably met with that tender treatment usually accorded those of his kind, and

over all that he has said or done, has been thrown the soft mantle of charity. But all this time a gladiatorial spark was slumbering in his bosom. Thus he continues, "Let come what will, we propose to push forward into the thick of the fight, and so far from shrinking from this threatened sword thrust we invite conflict." How brave—how noble a declaration! Such grand words carry us back to the ancient line of heroes. Truly, Sparta is not dead. The shade of Leonidas is hovering near. Those fearless sentiments proclaim the dawn of another heroic age. But this is not all, this dauntless warrior gives notice that he is ready "to accept the challenge if a chance is offered." Does he mean that it is his desire to plant the "field of honor" with the remains of the one who dared to threaten him? O, chivalrous youth! stay your hand. Seek not to fertilize the productive soil of this land with editorial gore. Your bravery is not doubted, and all agree in pronouncing you the Don Quixote of America. Recall those hasty words, and think no more of exposing your precious epidermis to perforation. We fear that our entreaties will be unavailing, for he says, "We can afford to sacrifice one life in our efforts to obtain and print what is interesting, instructive and amusing to our readers." Little cares he for existence when the performance of his duty to this generation is at stake. It is always best to use language that cannot be misunderstood, so it is well for him to state the exact number of lives that he can afford to sacrifice. Just how many lives he possesses is not known; but from his language one would suppose that he had several. Perhaps, however, it is not his own life that he thinks he could spare, but it may be that he intends to lead one of his staff to the sacrificial altar. Such careless expressions must produce a feeling of uneasiness throughout the sanctum. There should be more clearness on this point in the next proclamation of the manager of the *Sun*.

WE have obtained for the students of the University the opinions of three members of the Tompkins county bar, on the student voting question. It will be seen that the law in regard to the matter is very plain; and that those who vote will run the risk of being prosecuted with little hope of escaping conviction. No one should attempt to commit an illegal act even though he might escape the penalty of the law. A prosecution for unlawful

voting would not be child's play, and might result in an enforced absence from the University and compulsory attendance at some other public institution of a very different character. Everyone should also remember that "It is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding six months" for a person to offer to vote, knowing that he is not entitled to a vote. The ERA tenders its thanks to the gentlemen who have kindly given us the following opinions on this important subject.

"It is settled beyond any doubt that students generally have no legal right to vote, while absent from home in attendance at any institution of learning. There may be some exceptions to this rule of law, as in the case of a student who is connected with an institution of learning, and at the same time has chosen that place as his place of residence, and by his own efforts supports himself wholly, or in great part. But even this exception is debatable, as the question has not yet been judicially decided."

D. M. DEAN, Dist. Att'y.

"For the purpose of voting, no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence, by reason of his presence or absence, while employed in the service of the United States; * * * nor while a student of any seminary of learning;" etc. Constitution of N. Y., Art. 2, Sec. 3.

A person, therefore, who leaves his home for the purpose of attending any institution of learning, intending to return thither after having completed his studies, or if the location of his future abode remains undetermined or in doubt or uncertainty, he can vote at the place from whence he came, and not elsewhere. He neither gains a voting residence at the location of the college, nor loses his right to vote at the place where he lived before entering that institution.

MERRITT KING.

Ithaca, Oct. 22d, 1880.

A person desiring to acquire a residence in a certain locality, must, in order to gain it, be actually present in the place, with the intent of making it his residence. Both the actual presence and the intent are necessary elements, without which no residence can be acquired. Ordinarily a person does not lose a residence once acquired, until he has gained a new one. This, however, is not always true, when considered with reference to a residence for the purpose of voting. An exception is seen in the case of a man who removed from another State to Ithaca in April last, for the purpose of making this village his residence, and who with such intent, has lived here ever since. He is no longer a resident of the State from which he came, but although a resident of Ithaca, he cannot vote here at the November election, because he will not have

been an inhabitant of this State for one year immediately preceding it.

When the question arises with reference to the right of a Cornell student to vote in Ithaca, it must be determined by the application of these principles. The necessary residence is acquired by an actual presence here, with an intent to make this his place of residence, but the intent alone is not sufficient; the presence alone is not sufficient; both must occur.

The Constitution of New York, however, provides that, "For the purpose of voting no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence by reason of his presence or absence, * * * while a student of any seminary of learning." Art. 2, Sect. 3. The intent is by no means controlling. There must also be an actual presence; but the presence of a person while a student of the seminary of learning, is by this clause made no presence at all.

The case is not materially changed by the fact that the student is supporting himself by labor performed here; that he is 'working his way through college.' This is but an incident to his attendance at the University. His is still a presence *while* a student, etc.

So, also, it may be that when he came here, he had no parents and no home, but the constitution makes no exception in the case of the orphan or the homeless. If he had a residence when he came, his absence therefrom, *while* a student, etc., does not cause him to lose it; and if he had none, his presence here *while* a student, will not enable him to gain one.

Again, it is quite immaterial, that a student may intend to remain in Ithaca, after his college course is terminated. When considered with reference to this question, the intentions of a person in regard to the future, have no weight in determining his present status. If a man has the right to vote in Ithaca on the 2d of next November, that right cannot be affected even by his purpose to leave Ithaca forever on the next day, and if he has not then the right to vote, no intention for the future can confer it.

In conclusion, it is difficult to perceive how under any circumstances, a person can *gain* a residence in Ithaca for the purpose of voting, by any presence here *while* a student of Cornell University.

W. N. NOBLE.

BRADFORD ALMY.

I concur in the above
Ithaca, Oct. 23d, 1880.

STATEMENT OF NAVY FINANCES.

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EMILE SHNABLE, Treasurer.

THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

From Our Correspondent at Ann Arbor, Mich.

It may perhaps, not be wholly uninteresting for the students of Cornell, to read a brief account of this great school of the West, situated at Ann Arbor, Michigan, as seen through the eyes of an Alumnus. All the University buildings, except the Observatory, are situated on a lot of forty acres, constituting the University Campus, and located in the southeastern part of the village of Ann Arbor. On the west side of this lot, and facing the west, stand (beginning on the north,) the Law Building, the University Hall and the Museum Building; the latter of which is not yet wholly completed. In the Law Building are located the General Library, Medical Library, Law Library, Law Lecture room, and Moot court and Literary Society rooms. The libraries are open during the day and evening, and number in aggregate about 36,000 volumes. The University Hall consists of three separate halls, or I might almost say, three separate buildings, though they are all connected and form one large building. In the North Hall is located the University Museum and Chemical Laboratory. In the Middle Hall are located the business offices and President's rooms, and on the upper floors, lecture and recitation rooms for the literary and scientific departments. Also, on the second and third floors is a large hall which may be used for public exhibitions or Commencement or Class Day exercises. The seats rise from the front towards the rear of the hall. It contains a large gallery, and will seat more people than Library Hall in Ithaca. The South Hall is used for recitation and lecture rooms, and the rooms of the Christian Association are also located there. The Museum Building, which is the next one on the south, is now nearly finished, and is a very handsome building. The University Museum is now in very close quarters, and the visitor only gets a faint idea of the number and value of the specimens there. There are no large plaster casts of extinct animals of past geologic ages. The number of stuffed specimens and photographs are fewer than at Cornell. On the north side of the Campus, and east of the Law Building, stand, side by side, the Hospitals of the two Medical Departments of the University. The architecture is the same in them both, and each contains a chemical lecture room. East of the Hospitals, the northeastern part of the Campus, is the foot-ball ground, the only provision of any kind whatever, for physical growth and development, of which the Michigan University can boast. South of this ground, and facing the east, is the Medical Building, with the Chemical Laboratory and dissecting room connected therewith. Still farther south, and on the southeast of the Campus, is the Dental School, and a little to the west of this is the President's dwelling. The Observatory—called the Detroit Observatory, because

the gift of the citizens of Detroit—stands in the extreme eastern portion of the village about half a mile northeast of the University Campus. The buildings, with two or three exceptions, are constructed of brick and heated by steam, which is generated in boilers located in a boiler-building a short distance from the other buildings. The Janitor system, so familiar to every Cornell student, is unknown here, and those effusions of gas so well known to those who frequent rooms F or K, are also unknown; and I also conceive the method here to be cheaper and less dangerous from fire. Some of the lecture rooms in the University hall admit the light from only one side, and are in consequence not very pleasant. The University exercises extend through the entire day from 8:30 a. m. to 6 p. m., with an intermission at noon. Water is not found at an elegant (?) marble fountain in front of the main University building, but two or three fountains are found in University hall and at various places on the Campus. Other matters, which are of interest to every student familiar with University life, I will reserve for a future letter.

Yours, etc., —*
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COMMUNICATIONS.

THE SENIOR ELECTIONS.

To the Editors of the Era:

A letter published in Monday's *Sun* opens in a very bungling way the subject of Senior elections, under the head of "Senior Sorrows." Inasmuch as the writer evidently does not know whereof he speaks and has taken an extreme position against the action of what the *Sun* is pleased to term the "Minority faction," perhaps an explanation of the causes that led to the action of that faction will be strictly in order. Let it be understood however, that in no sense of the word is this a defense. I am confident that when the full facts of the case are known, a defense will be looked for from the "Majority faction."

On Friday the 8th inst., the regular meeting of the term was held. It was supposed that this meeting was called to transact business preparatory for the election. But the meeting was packed with men (and ladies,) many of whom had seldom, if ever, before manifested any interest whatever in the doings of their class. The candidate of the "Majority faction" was on hand that his interests might not suffer. In his and his supporters' hurry to take an unfair advantage they overlooked several important provisions of the Constitution, and in reality transacted *no class business* whatever. This I will proceed to show.

In the Junior Constitution, Article xxviii reads, "This Constitution shall go into effect immediately. It can be amended, altered, suspended or annulled only by a *two-thirds* vote of the members present and voting at a meeting of the Association, and no amendment, alteration, suspension or annulment

(by mistake the word *amendment* occurs here) shall be made without an order by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at some meeting at least a week previous to its consideration."

It is plain that by adopting the Senior Constitution the Junior is in effect and reality annulled. As there was no explicit annullment of the Junior, and therefore no adoption of the Senior Constitution, it is plain that by this construction the class is still under the former Constitution. Again, no two-thirds vote was *at any time* in that meeting given with reference to the proposed amendments to the Senior Constitution. So the action of "the majority" in appointing Wednesday as the day for the election is undeniably void. 'But,' some one will say, 'we did not intend to *amend* the Senior Constitution, we only reserved to ourselves the right to *change* it.' A distinction without a difference! Where did 'the Majority' get the right to simply *change*. There is no clause in either Constitution giving them that privilege. On the contrary the two-thirds rule is explicit in both.

So 'the Minority' held their election on the date regularly appointed by the Constitution, and in this I hold they were perfectly right; that their acts, done in the special meeting, have all the binding force of the acts of any quorum as regularly constituted by the Constitution, in one-third of the members of the class. The notices for the meeting were posted at nine o'clock the previous evening in strict accordance with Article xx Section ii, which provides for at least six hours notice. There is nothing in the document relating to the posting of notices for elections. Mr. Hunter announced his tellers the previous Tuesday by a card on the bulletin board. When they found that they were expected (by 'the Majority') to serve on Wednesday they promptly refused to act on that day. They did however serve on Saturday. There is nothing explicit in the Constitution concerning the posting of notices by the Secretary. But all notices must originate with the President or his legally constituted alternate. The duties of the Secretary in connection therewith are merely ministerial. Yet the Secretary for the Junior year took upon himself to post a notice for election on Wednesday over the President's signature, when Mr. Hunter *never signed any such notice*. People usually call this forgery.

Another point seems to have escaped the notice of 'the Majority.' Art. xv Sec. i reads: "The inspectors of election shall consist of the class Treasurer and two other members of the class, who shall be appointed by the President at the commencement of every election, etc." Now, Mr. Hunter appointed his inspectors. At the election Saturday morning Mr. Storey was not present, presumably because he was ignorant of *any* provisions of the Constitution whatever. Mr. Hunter thereupon availed himself of another provision, and appointed a Treasurer *pro*

tem. On the contrary the election (?) of Wednesday was in the hands of the the Treasurer for the Junior year and two other men, either self-appointed or appointed by the gentleman who manifested such untimely anxiety to be President, Mr. Burr. Any how they had no authority whatever for acting as Inspectors. No one but the President has a right to appoint these officers, or in case of the President's disability, the Vice-President. Mr. Hunter was *not asked* to appoint other Inspectors, and therefore did not refuse. He was on hand and could be seen at any time that morning. There were many more minor points violated by 'the Majority,' but these noticed will be sufficient to convince any unbiased person of the total nullity of the Wednesday business.

The above are of course the legal and constitutional grounds for 'the Minority's' case. On moral grounds the right is just as clearly on the side of 'the Minority' faction. In the first place their following was considerably larger than the number who voted on Saturday morning. I have been at some pains to investigate this point, and I am convinced that if Mr. Hahn and his followers had undertaken to ratify the unconstitutional action of 'the Majority,' and had presented their ticket on Wednesday, he would have had at least 41 votes or possibly 46, just a majority. At any rate 'the Majority' themselves concede that with the exception of President, the candidates of 'the Minority' for the important offices would have been elected in the proportion of two to every one of 'the Majority.' In respect to their qualifications for offices, 'the Minority' candidates were much stronger than 'the Majority.' Now that the latter faction had not long ago an opportunity of listening to the essays of some of 'the elect' of their side, they have, I understand, expressed their utmost satisfaction with their choice! No, the candidates of 'the Minority' for these important offices were evidently of no comparison in point of literary merit with those who claim to have been elected by such large majorities on Wednesday!

But the beginning of the whole matter can be stated in a very few words. As long ago as last Spring term men were pledged to support a 'hill' ticket whose watchword should be "Death and destruction to societies!" The prevailing spirit of the movement may be recognized in these words of 'the Majority's' leader which he addressed to a gentleman last Saturday afternoon, while conversing in one of the alcoves of the Library: "I am decidedly opposed to societies; they have not one bit of the spirit of fairness in their compositions. They have had a monopoly of class affairs too long, and it is time that is broken." I will not vouch for the literalness of the words, but the tenor of what he said was unmistakably that of the speech outlined above. It may be of advantage to state the history of affairs on which Mr. Burr based his remarks. The societies' men have invariably taken an interest in class doings from

the date of their matriculation to the present time. Hillian independents as a rule have been noticeable for their absence from class meetings and class suppers, and by their inability to subscribe for almost every project undertaken in the name of the class. When it came to voting, however, for the class officers who were to entertain such of their classmates as assembled at the annual feast, they invariably elected the candidates of their choice, and almost unanimously never came to hear their productions, while the societies' men invariably went to suppers, bore the expenses and listened to the distasteful efforts of some officers they had opposed. It is not right that this should be done. If certain men *pay the expenses*, they ought to *conduct the affairs* of the class. But in the Junior year their wishes were not noticed by the usual stay-away men. It was partly to avert a repetition of this, that societies' men and certain independents undertook to make a formal and constitutional protest; and some people who cannot and will not see the justice of their cause heap vituperation upon them individually and collectively for their action. The idea to be gleaned from the above is not that the societies draw the line between themselves and the independents. "The Minority's" ticket tells a different tale. On the contrary the 'hillians' made a sharp distinction at the very outset. At least two weeks before the societies' ticket was thought of, they had made up their ticket (with a few exceptions in the cases of the candidates for the *important* offices) of the 'most available men,' as one of "the Majority's" managers put it. When available men were no longer to be found on the hill, then only did they offer one or two society men exceedingly minor offices. Of course the proffered *generosity* had to be refused as said society men could not consent to have their names on any ticket, in the make up of which they had not been consulted. Then, in consequence of their refusal, it was given out by "the Majority's" managers that the society men had "drawn the line, and are going to make war on the independents."

When the societies' men heard this, they resolved to show the other faction that they were neither to be snubbed, left out, nor misrepresented. They thought also it would be a good thing to show 'the Majority' that they did have a few sparks of talent and fairness left in them. So proceeding on the defensive up to the time of the Saturday meeting, they held a maxim of Chancellor Kent's steadily in view that, of parties at war with each other, the one has a perfect right to use tactics and stratagems which the other party can employ, and ought to conceive of as being employed by the former. If 'the Majority' had taken care to commit the Junior Constitution to memory, as some gentlemen of 'the Minority' did, they could have availed themselves of a multitude of tactics without violating any of the provisions of that Constitution. Anyhow they could have avoided making such grave mistakes as they did, and would thereby have left

'the Minority' powerless. It was only by taking advantage of the foolishness and ignorance (for which none are to blame but themselves,) of 'the Majority,' that 'the Minority,' has entrenched itself in a strong position from which it does not propose to be dislodged.

Now, I do not claim that under other circumstances, we would have employed the means that we did. But I do claim that we were justified in doing as we did:

1st. To avoid taxation without proportional representation.

2d. To emphasize our belief that when a Constitution has been deliberately adopted, it should be strictly adhered to.

3d. To remind certain men that there is a standing protest on the part of some to their appropriating the most honorable offices of the Senior year, after having neglected class affairs for the three previous years.

I have tried to write justly and fearlessly; if harmony results, to which this effort of mine has in any measure contributed, none will be more pleased than

"ONE OF THE MINORITY."

BAD MANNERS.

To the Editors of the Era:

In the last *Review* is a notice headed "The High School Element." May I use your columns to specify some acts which would incur the displeasure of the writer of that notice, and that of the *Review*—to its honor be it said—if brought to their knowledge?

Last week the two lower classes of the University held elections. It would seem that the mere act of imitating the upper classes so closely in this respect, ought to have been fun enough for them. But it was not. A species of *luminous* wit seems to have taken possession of the minds of a few of the mischievous element, and it necessarily had to find some vent. As a result there appeared two libelous tickets containing the names of some of the most high-minded and reputable students of both the Sophomore and Freshman classes. They were presumably designed to mortify the young ladies and young gentlemen who had *not* been consulted with reference to the use of their names. On the contrary they but served to show their originators' total want of good breeding. The majority of the students in the University treated the libels as they deserved to be treated—with silent contempt.

Cannot the authors of these gratuitous insults be assured that such things are not funny, not witty, but are only melancholy witnesses of the fact that there are too many school-boys—and very ill-bred ones at that,—in our midst? What ought we to expect of young men coming here from all parts of the country, their own masters in everything, who are not driven to Chapel every morning, who are allowed

the privilege of exercising their own judgments in the selection of their studies, and are uniformly treated as gentlemen by their professors and associates? Naturally we would look to them to sustain the characters of gentlemen. But what are we led to fear by reason of these acts which form the subject of my letter? I doubt not, if the authors of the mock tickets are not at once headed off, we shall soon find them torturing cats and practicing wit, (other people would call it cruelty,) upon stray dogs. Now, for the good name of our University, Messrs. Editors, let us join in asking them to take a pride in making our *Alma Mater* hereafter famed for the good manners of her sons and daughters, as, save in a few instances, she has been in the past. Let the young men turn their attention from insulting the young ladies to making their acquaintances, and I have no doubt the desired result will speedily follow.

SENIOR.

[Our correspondent has put the case in its right light. We hope earnestly that he will have his wish.

—EDS.]

THE CORNELL CHIMES.

Sweet chimes of Cornell, I remember you well,
As oft on my ear your gay greeting fell;
Now merrily pealing, now soothingly stealing,
With rhythmical cadence or sonorous swell.

From afar on the hill, through the air soft and still,
With musical voicings the spirit you fill;
Floating over the valley, with far echoes dally,
And touch the calm lake with a tremulous thrill.

How exultant and gay, with a jubilant play,
You have clamored forth welcomes on many a day,
When laurels home bringing, with shout and with singing,
The sons of Cornell have honored her sway!

And solemn and slow, with resonant blow,
You have tolled the sad knell for revred ones laid low;
For the loved most sincerely and prized the most dearly,
The noblest and best, and the soonest to go.

O chimes of Cornell, what wonderful spell
Have you wrought in my senses to love you so well?
For oft in my dreaming, with strange subtle seeming,
I hear from afar the sweet chimes of Cornell!

ELINOR GRAY, in the *Boston Transcript*

NAVY MEETING.

The Navy Directors met last Monday, Com. Brown in the chair. Wilcox, Chairman of the Committee on Train, reported the impossibility of obtaining a train. Read, Chairman of Committee on Crews, reported Sophomore and Junior crews in training, and the Freshmen waiting for the election of gig crews.

A motion was made and carried that a mass meeting of students and towns-people be called to discuss the question of sending the crew to England.

A motion was carried that a committee of three be appointed to secure a place of meeting. On motion, the Board decided to permit the Hobart College crew to use one of our four-oared shells in the coming regatta.

A motion was carried that the shells be provided with locks and chains.

Moved and carried that a committee of six from each class be appointed to sell tickets. Committee as follows: Wendell, Miss Olga Neymann, Beach, Campbell, Eidlitz and Shirkel, '81; Collins, Beebe, Horr, R. C., Krüsi, Leary and Sears, '82; Thayer, Ingersoll, Humphries, Hoffman, Matthews and Payne, '83; Bering, Cassedy, Hamilton, Howland, Rose and Skillicorn, '84. Adjourned.

CORNELLIANA.

—"We are governed too much,"
'81.

—What was that? It was the —, Saturday night at "Theo's."

—'82 is anxious to play '83 again. They are confident of winning next time.

—The ERA was held over one day this week in order that we might give our readers an account of the regatta, which was to have occurred on Friday.

—Students conditioned in *Plane Geometry* will be relieved of their condition in that subject, in case they pass the Solid Geometry of this term with a mark of 3.5 or above.

—The Fall Regatta, which was postponed on account of the storm, will occur sometime next week. The date and hour at which it will take place will be duly published and posted.

—Lost! A Stylographic pen, gold-tipped. Left in Physics recitation room, S. U. B., north hall, or lost on the Campus. Please leave at University business office, or with ERA editors.

—On Saturday, Hobart vs. Cornell, on the Campus. Game at 2:30 p. m. Let all who can attend do so, and contribute something in order to remove the debt hanging over the association.

—We received the *Decatur Morning Herald*, published and edited by Hostetter & Ela. V. N. Hostetter, '79, was Senior Vice-President of his class and Business Manager of the *Review*. We wish him success.

—Mr. E. Engleman has reopened his Graded and Preparatory School in Wilgus Block for German instruction. Students desiring private instruction, or to join the class will please call at 79 E. State street for particulars.

—The President of Wooster University has posted a notice to the effect that "Hereafter no female student shall have more than one male visitor per week, and he shall not stay later than nine o'clock

p. m." Thus does designing man deprive weak woman of the only means of attaining the highest form of culture.

- Quoth S. J. T. to G. L. B.:
- “ You have my hearty sympathy.”
- Said R. B. H. to A. G. H.,
- “ There’s strength in a minority.”

—The Military Department of the University has been thoroughly reorganized this term. Drill is now required of both Sophomores and Freshmen so that the battalion numbers about 175 men in all. Major Burbank ranks as Colonel; Webster, '80, Lieutenant Colonel; Brown, '81, Major; Chase, '83, Adjutant. The other commissioned officers are taken from the class of '81 and '82.

—The Irving Society was fortunate in obtaining the consent of Mr. Williams, the elocutionist, to give them a reading last Thursday evening. Those who attended were highly pleased with the entertainment. The following programme was presented:

- “ The Glove and the Lions,” Leigh Hunt
- “ Tom’s Little Star,” Fanny Foster
- “ The Brakeman Goes to Church,” R. Burdette
- “ The Wind and the Moon,” Geo. McDonald
- “ Lost and Found,” H. Aide
- “ The Snowaway,” Anon
- “ The Irishman’s Panorama,” Jas. Burdette

—The “Burr faction” of the Senior class, held a meeting in room 1 at one p. m., on Thursday last. Mr. Burr occupied the chair, and stated that the object of the meeting was to hear the report of the Committee on the Constitution, and to ratify the Class Committee which he had appointed. Mr. Hull, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Junior President to revise '80's Constitution, was called upon to report. He declined to make any report on the grounds that Mr. Burr had not been legally or constitutionally chosen President of the class, and hence had no authority to call for a report. At the request of Mr. Burr, Mr. Harding, one of the committee, made a minority report, which was adopted. On a motion to that effect, the Secretary was instructed to prepare a draft of the Constitution and the proposed amendments to be submitted at the next regular meeting. Mr. Burr read the names of those whom he had nominated as members of Class Committees. The nominations were unanimously ratified. After the reading of the minutes by the Secretary, the meeting adjourned.

PERSONALIA.

- S. A. SIMONS, '79, is studying law at Buffalo.
- H. J. HURD, '72, has just received his fourth consecutive nomination to the assembly from Erie county.
- PROF. E. A. FUERTES was made the recipient of an ovation at the Mozart Club Rehearsal. He played a transcription of Spanish dances upon the flute.

FREDERICK D. WHITE, '80, is at present in Paris pursuing his studies. There are many reasons for believing that the son has inherited the abilities of his father.

MISS M. E. ROBERTS, '80, made her *début* as a soloist in the Mozart Club Rehearsal. She surprised her hearers by singing Mendelssohn's "Cradle Song"—a difficult soprano solo. She responded to a hearty encore.

WE find in the "Jahresbericht über die Erscheinungen auf dem Gebiete der deutschen Philologie," the organ of the Philological Society of Berlin, the following notice of Professor Hewett's work on the "Frisian Language and Literature," to which we referred last week: "First of all we must greet cordially the fact that even in America the study of the Germanic languages is making encouraging progress, where, for too long a time, attention has only been paid to a single dialect. Even if in isolated particulars exception may be taken to certain points in the present work, yet it offers to the reader a fulness of welcome conclusions regarding the Frisians and their language. We are dealing in no respect with a dilettante work. The author knows, as it appears, the German land and people with a personal acquaintance, and has treated the literature involved in an intelligent manner. His book depicts the fortunes of the Frisian race and languages, treats of the early literature, where he naturally makes no mention of the bare-faced fabrications of the Oera Linda Book, and contains a useful abstract of old Frisian grammar. The work is to be thoroughly recommended for the investigation of the subject; it exhibits evidence of the earnestness which the author has dedicated to his task."

SPORTING.

'82 vs. '83.

The long talked-of game of base ball between '82 and '83 for the championship, came off on Saturday last. The calling of the game was somewhat delayed by the non-appearance of some of '82's nine, but those present finally decided to go on with the game, and in the place of the absent men substituted Pierce, Tuthill and Trumbull. This very perceptibly weakened the nine. To deny that the result was a surprise, is impossible; but '83's glory is none the less for that. It was not their fault that '82's men were not present, and so it cannot detract from their honor. The game was very close throughout, and at no time did either nine have the game, until the last man was out. More praise is due the pitchers for their excellent work, than to any others. The pitching of Suydam was the more effective as the hits of the Sophs. were scattered too much to be effective. For the Juniors, Hiscock, Sears, and Suydam carried off the honors in fielding; for the Sophs., Chase, Humphries and Anderson; Patter-

son also deserves mention for capturing a very difficult fly.

| SCORE : | | | | | | | | | |
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| JUNIORS. | | | | | SOPHOMORES. | | | | |
| A | B | R | P | O | A | B | R | P | O |
| Woodard, C. | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | Chase | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Hiscock, S.S. | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | Patterson | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sears, Jb. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | Humphries | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Saydam, P. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | Anderson | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Van Rensselaer, Jb. | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | McGraw | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Cowell, C. F. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Avery | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Tuthill, R. F. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Failing | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pierce, Jb. | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | Rudiger | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Trumbull, L. F. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Reed | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 35 | 4 | 8 | 2 | Total | 31 | 6 | 7 | 21 |

Base hits—Juniors, 8; Sophomores, 7. Errors—Juniors, 7; Sophomores, 8.

COLLEGE NEWS.

DARTMOUTH :—

There is a strong feeling among students in favor of the abolition of the marking system.

Class games of Base-ball are being played. In the five played to date, '81 has scored the most victories.

Typhoid fever prevails among the residents of Hanover, and a few cases of the milder form prevail among the students. No especial alarm is felt.

Last Wednesday ten events of the "Athletic Sports" were decided. The seventeen remaining were called the next morning and contested to the general satisfaction of a large assemblage of professors, students and townspeople.

MICHIGAN :—

Foot-ball players are learning the Rugby game. A fencing club has been organized, and many are taking lessons of an approved instructor.

There is an attendance of 67 at the Dental college. The accommodations are not sufficient for this number.

Under the direction of Professor Tyler the students petitioned the Trustees to ask for \$10,000 from the State for a Gymnasium building. If the appropriation is received, work will be begun as soon as practicable.

COLUMBIA :—

"Students matriculating after October, 1880, will have to pay a tuition fee of \$150 per annum, instead of \$100 as now."—*Acta*.

The Trustees have decided to allow candidates for the degree of B. A. to substitute Modern Languages for Science in the Junior and Senior years.

It is proposed to send a four to Henley in 1881. Mr. Painter, stroke of the crew for the last two years will not return, and a substitute will accordingly have to be found for the position he formerly filled.

The alumni held their annual meeting at Delmonico's, Monday evening, Oct. 4th. The old officers were all re-elected. The Association recommended that the Law School be removed into the vicinity of the college.

SYRACUSE :—

There are 59 Freshmen in all departments. An effort will be made to have Fall field day on October 29th.

The position of Chancellor has not yet been filled. Drs. J. O. Peck and J. P. Newman are mentioned as candidates.

EXCHANGES.

The *Review* for November has appeared, and contains a tolerably attractive table of contents. Much food for reflection is found under "Paragraphs," and those interested in literary criticism will be delighted by reading the nine-page article headed "Literaria," which deals with poetic annotation. The editor's soul is troubled by wild visions of outrages to come, and he holds forth thus to the mischievous faction (happily not large here) of the lower classes, under the heading of "The High School Element."

"There is too much of this element in college; the difference between a school of boys and an institution for men is not fully appreciated. The student should understand that when he enters college he ceases to be a boy, that he steps upon a higher stage, and must lay aside his boyish proclivities and assume the dignity of manhood. He must consider that he is subject to the performance of certain manly duties, that certain obligations rest upon him as a man. By all means let him retain a certain buoyancy of youth, a joyous spirit happy in youthful recreations, but he must conquer his boyish inclination for senseless tricks. In a few weeks Halloween will be here with all its attendant folly. Upon that night certain students feel themselves privileged to perpetrate all manner of foolish, boyish, disgraceful tricks. A spark of manhood in their composition ought to bring the blush of shame to their cheeks."

We wish simply to state that this is all very well in the abstract. But we wish also to remark that it cannot be expected of lower classmen to be "men" while a certain member of the Faculty sets an example to three sections of students daily not only of bad manners but even of coarse and harsh language. The *Review* man should begin higher up if he wishes to work a reform in the University. Youths will be boys just as long as they come under the instruction of at least one man who is a mere pedagogue.

The *Amherst Student* has discovered a meritorious verse maker and has set him to work on a travesty of one of Shakespeare's plays. 'It is good for its kind, but its kind is not particularly good' is all we can say with reference to "Amor et Sarcophagi" of which Act II is given in the last issue. We present extracts :

"Scene I. Night. A witch making hell-broth—Thunder.

Witch. Now's the hour when all men snore,
Now I, He-Kate, possess the floor.
Thrice the cock roach king hath screamed,
Thrice the burglar's glim hath gleamed,
Thrice the peeler whispered "scat"
To the gurgle of the cat (Stirs the caliron.)

Sings.) Sozodent and spring of clock,
Add a drop of 'rve and rock,"
Blunderbus and pistol stock,—

Mixed with "Babies on our Block,"
Roscoe Conkling's waxed mustache.

Witch. Bum, bum! 't is well
We'll weave for thee a potent spell.
Go home! go home! ull ull bull-bull!
All Hell now seethes; the caldron's full.

Clem. Hold, Kate; I, too, would have a deadly bane
That I may slay this searcher-out of cavities
Who's crossed my world of love. And I would have
Him wrecked upon the dark portentous rock
Of his presumption.

Witch. This shalt thou have; and I anow will send
The fell prescription to thy castle gate
By the black-throated demon Coathenere.

Clem. My thanks, in words, as deeds. For thou shalt
Have along with all the souls of those dissected
A papier maché soul of him I hate.

"So farewell, and yet again farewell, and yet
Never farewell," He-Kate. (Exit.)
(Curtain.)"

The *College Mercury* is typographically the best paper that comes to our hands. Its various departments are well edited and the evident conscientious painstaking of its corps of writers promise improvement in the future. The best thing the present number contains is "Advice to the 'Men 'of '85:"

"1. You have come to college, or rather to its preparatory department, which is, of course, exactly the same, and consequently you must put on airs to unsophisticated strangers.

2. At other times be just as childish as you can. Fight and make a noise in front of the college in the morning and at one o'clock. It looks well to people passing by, and serves to give the college a good name.

3. Use your books for missiles to throw at your fellow-students. If they get torn, why the city has plenty of money to furnish new ones.

4. Whenever there is a notice, six inches square, on the bulletin-board, stand and stare at it for at least half an hour. It is not at all necessary that those for whom it is meant should see it.

5. Be sure to read the inscription on the Ichthyosaurus some morning, when there is a big crowd going up stairs. Everybody likes to have you stand in their way."

All of which goes to show that the 'preparatory department' of the College of the City of New York is in a flourishing condition, and that the genus Sub-fresh, and Fresh, exists in all colleges and are very much alike in their small eccentricities.

The *Columbia Spectator* has a first-class artist on its board. His large cartoon is equal to many that have appeared in the best illustrated papers within the past four weeks. We hope he will give us some more, but we would prefer to have him leave politics to his brother artists of *Harper's* and *Puck*. An unusual quantity of poetry of a high order of merit appears in the first issue of the year. The following is a fair sample:

"RES ANGUSTA DOMI."

Of had we met within the park;
I am a sophomore, gay (and dark),
She was a "bute" an angel fair,
And had the *très chic* "baby stare"

One day 'twas blowing hard. The gale
Tore from her derby hat the veil.
I happened by, and saw it fly,
And thanked kind Jove that I was nigh.
The veil lights at my feet. I stand
Erect, nor lift it to her hand;
She smiles—waits, wonders "Why?" Oh fool!
I wear tight trousers built by Poole."

It contains a manly acknowledgement of defeat at the Lake George race from which it is a great pleasure to quote:

"The result of the race is a great disappointment, but there is nothing to do but bear it like men, and not grumble because we failed to win.

* * * * *
The referee, who, by the way, gave universal satisfaction, was Mr. Richard Trumbull, stroke of the Harvard eight."

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—No fear is now entertained of a secret compact between Skin and Bones; the balance of power is sustained and the Sophs. are saved.—*Berkeleyan*.

—We clip the following from an eloquent Freshman's oration: "Throughout the whole history of the world, the footprints of God's hand may be traced."—*Oberlin Review*.

—SCENE in the post-office—A crowd of children admiring the picture of the "Pirates of Penzance." 1st urchin: "By thunder, boys, that's Garfield!" 2d urchin: "I tell you he's a bully soldier." 3d urchin: "See, he's fighting like blazes."—*Williams Athenæum*.

—He was a Sophomore, and he came back two or three days before the term began. As he was going up stairs he saw two women with handkerchiefs around their heads cleaning a first floor room, and he thought to himself, "Lo! I will have some

—When spelling is "reformed" she'll write:

"I'm sailing on the oshun,

The se is hi, no saie in site,

It filz me with emoshun."

But one "spell" will not change its name,

For she'll be se-sic just the saim!—*Echo*.

cleaning done." So he said to one of them, "When you get through here, will you come up to my room?"

She.—(doubtfully) "I don't know, I'm afraid we shall be too tired."

He.—"Oh! I only want it cleaned up around the grate and some cuspadores cleaned out, and I'll pay you well."

She.—(taking in the situation,) "Oh! we are only doing this for our brother who is going to room here."

Then that sophomore cursed the builder of Slater because he didn't put a trap in the floor right where he stood, so that he could go down cellar on the law of gravitation. Or if he had left a knot-hole there it would have done just as well. It wasn't a very big feeling Sophomore just then.—*Brunonian*.

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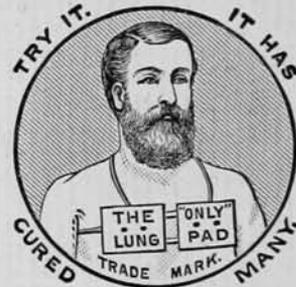
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SENIORS should remember that Mr. Notman can devote but a few days longer to the class of '81. Another important consideration to remember, is the accepting of proofs. Class negatives have accumulated in such a manner that many are liable to injury, either by breaking or scratching. To guarantee satisfaction, Mr. Notman wishes all who have not attended to this matter, to please to memorize the above.

THE *Yale Record* grows facetious over "Mistress Cornell," her Navy and the ERA. We wish to say confidentially to the *Record*, that there are four young gentlemen sons of "Mistress Cornell," who have often expressed a longing to meet a like number of the children of Mrs. Yale in a friendly aquatic contest. The ERA has contained two ideas only, says the *Record*. Truth forbids our saying as much for the *Record*. Up to date one idea has been dis-

covered in this fungus, which sprang from decaying New England puritanism; this lonely idea was, that Yale is the only college in the world.

FEW students in the University really understand or appreciate the great advantages which some of the University courses present, or the great privilege which they enjoy in being able to pursue them. Many of our courses are as good, some, we think, superior to those which any college in the country can produce. One, in particular, which we desire to mention, is the course in English Literature. In this department we are especially strong. Professor Corson is one of the greatest Shakespeare scholars in the world. The person who cannot enjoy his exposition of the Shakesperian characters, or his magnificent rendition of the text, must indeed, be lacking in all literary appreciation. His lecture-room is continually crowded with listeners, and the interest and enjoyment of them all, is plainly manifested. We do not affirm, absolutely, that no college in the land has Professors so well qualified to give instruction in this course as we possess, but we do say that no university in this country has their superiors.

THE members of the Faculty, who compose the French department of the University, are not so active as those who preside over the fortunes of the students who are struggling with the language of the Fatherland. There are many of us who would be only too happy to have classes formed and instructed in French conversation, and in more of the literary monuments of France than are taught at present. The French language is one of the most important of European tongues, both to persons intending to travel and to those who study it merely to add to their literary strength. In the German department, the student may choose between the various plays or histories which are offered. A wide range of choice is provided too, and very particular must he be who is not satisfied with one of them. In French we have nothing of the kind. We are restricted to one or two plays, and he who would pursue this

language at all, must take these or nothing. Perhaps the French Professors have their time fully occupied with their present labor, but if not, the students would be obliged to them if they would emulate the example of their brother-professors of German.

DECIDED action has finally been taken in regard to sending our crew to Henley. We are glad that a start has been made in the right direction, and we have no doubt that all the preliminary arrangements can be made without difficulty. It is well to remember that voting and talking and hurrahing, will neither send the crew nor give us victory. Everything should be done in an orderly and business-like manner. Everyone who has anything to do with the preparations, should perform well the part assigned to him. Let us have the best of discipline, which lies at the foundation of success in any direction. Two or three extra men should be put in training so as to provide against accidents that may befall any of the crew before next spring. From present indications there will be no trouble in raising the amount of money needed. We hope the Faculty will offer no objection to granting leaves of absence to the crew. The Faculties of other colleges and universities have given their crews permission to go abroad in the past, and the probabilities are that both Yale and Columbia will be represented at Henley next summer, so we are asking no more than has been granted to the students of other institutions. Our chances of winning are certainly very good. In '78 Columbia won in 8.17, the distance rowed was 15-16 m. The same rate of speed for $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. would make the time for that distance 9.28. Oarsmen say that the course is about 10 seconds slow, which would make the time 9.18 on dead water. The Cornell crew rowed $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. at Lake George in 9.12, and in practice they have often rowed the same distance in less than 9 min. Of course, this proves nothing in regard to the regatta next year, but it shows that the race has been won in very slow time in the past. Our crew will enter the "Stewart's challenge four-oared," which is open only to the crews of universities and public schools. Victory gives us the college championship of the world. Again, let us urge order, discipline and work, with no nonsense or boyishness. This is the platform which we recommend.

THE Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, in his sermon in the Chapel, gave a neat expression to a very trite idea, by saying, "Knowledge is food, thought is digestion." Several days this thought has been revolving in our mind, and engendering a host of offspring, which, as they struggle forth to the light of expression, begin to take upon themselves garbs of practical aspect. In this University there are about four hundred students. About three-fifths of these are in the lower classes. For the latter the University course is one steady accumulation of knowledge. Very seldom, if ever, are they called upon to exercise, and by exercising, to develop their natural powers of judgement and thought. The lessons assigned are enough to occupy the waking moments of all, even of the quickest, to learn. There is but one alternative left them; they must starve their thinking powers or run the risk of being invited to stop away after term examinations. In short, they have no time for outside reading, for castle-building, for thought, or for digesting the heterogeneous masses of knowledge they are constantly swallowing from text-books or the lips of professors. When the Junior year is reached there is for some a slight period of relaxation; but this does by no means meet their requirements. Before many more months shall have passed, this fault (whose shall we call it?) will bear its legitimate fruit in the shape of Woodfords well-enough written on the whole, but containing, in four cases out of five, a most plentiful lack of pure, original, vital, stimulating thought. If a competitor tries to deal with a subject of present interest, he will probably display his ignorance of it to a marked degree; if he studiously avoids the practical, and chooses one of the metaphysical or critical, subjects his production will savor of commentaries and midnight oil. But we do not wish to go to the other extreme. Thinkers are not made in a day. They grow from small beginnings, from the gradual accretions of years of experience. Yet as the organs of digestion may be blocked by tough, strong, or concentrated food, so may also the creative and reflective powers be paralyzed by too rapidly gorging the brain with chunks of solid wisdom. No; that is not the way; thinkers can be made only by a careful selection of their food from the first, and above all, by a careful and regular exercise of the gradually expanding powers. Twenty years hence youths and maidens will be the men and women of the land. By

whom are the numerous interests of this country to be sustained if not by the men and women now in the colleges? *Noblesse oblige*. England looks up to her universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London, for her great men and for her inspiration which directs the policy of an empire, and controls the social happiness of millions. This can not with equal emphasis be said of American universities. Our statesmen are too largely 'self-made men.' We need men of broad, comprehensive views, well-balanced as to qualities of mind and heart; but for these, the shepherds of a most numerous flock of laborers, poor, and unambitious, to our colleges

"The hungry sheep look up, and are not fed."

THE HAMLET OF EDWIN BOOTH AND THAT OF HENRY IRVING.

It would be very presumptuous and venturesome upon my part to say that either Mr. Booth's or Mr. Irving's Hamlet is the true one, for the most varied, contradictory and I might say extraordinary opinions, emanating from the highest sources of literary criticism, have been expressed to make difficult, what to me seems one of the most simple and natural characters of Shakespeare's creation. We have only to read Hamlet *for ourselves* in order to understand him; not critically, nor with the innumerable expositions and criticisms before us.

"Let him," says Dr. Johnson, "that is yet unacquainted with the poems of Shakespeare, and desires to feel the greatest pleasure that the drama can give, read every play, from the first scene to the last, with utter ignorance of all his commentators. When his fancy is once on the wing, let it not stop at correction or explanation, and when the pleasures of novelty has ceased, let him attempt exactness and read the commentators."

As Prof. Corson, one of most natural and careful critics, by reason of his very sympathetic simplicity, of Shakespeare's realizations, remarked when he came to a disputed passage in Hamlet, "Let us hurry over it, *it will get hard*," any actor, therefore, who marks out for himself a decided mode of delineation of the character, must fail. But he who is natural and consistent must needs succeed, though this is difficult.

Mr. Booth's Hamlet is exceedingly elaborate; it is drawn to the very finest point of perfection; it is kid-glove fitting, so to speak. And to sum up, it is altogether *too nice*. Mr. Irving is diametrically opposite in his rugged, healthy and less scholarly treatment of the *role*. Do not understand me to say that Mr. Irving in his performance is intellectually lacking, or that his conception is not elevated and sustained. Yet he does not forget to be natural through-

out the whole. Mr. Irving has a plenty of that emotional interest which Mr. Booth lacks altogether. This is a marked difference. Mr. Irving presents a prince grave almost to melancholy in mind, but capable at times of cheerfulness and even light-heartedness. Mr. Booth is at all times wrapped in an exquisite, highly intellectual melancholy, out of which he never arouses himself save in a passionate speech accompanied by an overwrought facial expression. Mr. Irving impersonates Hamlet as having a heart like other men, and as having acted simply as he felt; he does not insist upon that "enormous intellectuality" or exposition of every movement of his soul in the shape of thought. He presents no madman in his portraiture, nor does he infer any; he acts as if he were extremely sorry that aught but good should exist in the world and loathes to become the instrument to punish incest and murder. He is not burdened with the idea of destiny, but is perfectly free to act, and shrinks not from sympathy and counsel. Mr. Irving is extremely nervous and abrupt in his acting, and lacks that repose which Mr. Booth obtains in his *nicer* delineation. Mr. Booth's Hamlet is a creation of his own; his obtrusive mannerisms show that, and he exercises a great fascination by screwing the mental faculties of his audience up to the very "sticking place." As the physical qualities essential to the proper delineation of Hamlet must, of necessity, enter into the composition, I will endeavor to set forth the marked difference between Mr. Booth and Mr. Irving. In this Mr. Booth has many advantages. He is a less burly tragedian than Mr. Irving, and therefore has little trouble in assuming that youth which we ascribe to Hamlet. Mr. Irving's nature and physique have too much stiffness to express the character well, and he lacks somewhat of that graceful, princely bearing which Mr. Booth depicts so finely. Mr. Booth is the prince all over, even to his legs. Mr. Irving is less of Mr. Booth's princely exquisite and more of the man, and never thinks of posing for effect.

I will now turn to that factor of education in art, necessary to a great tragic conception, and to experience which is, to a certain extent, essential in professional portrayals. Let us draw a parallel between the lives of Mr. Booth and Hamlet. Mr. Booth, like Hamlet, lost his father under very painful and unfortunate circumstances. This was a great blow to him. The next cloud overshadowing his happiness is the death of a wife, who was to him an Ophelia. And now Horatio appears in the person of a great American sculptor, who supported him in a calamity, which was alike national and personal. I refer to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, by Mr. Booth's brother. Mr. Booth's life then, has been one of dark shadows, lightened at times by professional successes. This is the school of experience which he passed through, unconsciously becoming Hamlet. I now pass to the education or training in his art. Mr. Booth has

ever been a hard student. He is gifted with great intellectual powers, and in proportion therefore, has a psychological tendency to melancholia. He was trained by his father for the dramatic profession, and from the age of sixteen up to the present date, with few intermissions, he has acted, not indeed a great variety of parts, but all the leading characters of Shakespeare's dramas. He is an actor to the very core, having trod the boards with the 'tragic buskin' for the past thirty-one years. In manners Mr. Booth is a gentleman, yet of such a jealous disposition that those under him often suffer from this fault. Dramatic art as a whole, in America, certainly owes nothing to Mr. Booth. The detestable practice of "starring" it, originating and finding its greatest impetus in him, has so spread that an American audience can scarcely hope to see *Shakespeare's* Hamlet, Lear, or Othello, but must needs observe *Mr. Booth's* Hamlet, Lear, or Othello. The cunning trick of packing his company full of "sticks," who simply walk through their parts, and serve as foils to his own acting, seems to me a false love of art, and either an error in intent or judgement. A true play-goer loves to see a drama evenly balanced, and, as an entity, not to have it suspended by a thread, which, when it breaks, allows the whole to fall. I can not understand how Mr. Booth is able to act with a company of "robustious periwig-pated fellows." He says he never acts better than when conscious that the success of the play depends solely upon him. Is this the highest ideal of dramatic art?

Now we have Mr. Booth, essentially Hamlet in disposition and nature, and as such a good but much overrated delineator of the character.

I now turn to Mr. Irving. He is five years younger than Mr. Booth, and has been acting twenty-four years, seven less than his rival. He made his first appearance at the Sunderland Theatre, England, when eighteen years of age, and has been acting ever since in an innumerable number of parts, mostly identifying himself with the portraiture of villainy. I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Irving's Hamlet in London, and was struck with its power, originality, and general beauty. He had a slight tendency to rant, and not a very good voice, but great power of facial expression, which was used well. His countenance expressed Hamlet. I could plainly see the nervous, hypochondriac, spasmodic fits of restlessness and dejection come and go, and the dramatic tension of the facial muscles was very fine in some parts. Mr. Irving fails when he first sees the Ghost, and exclaims,

"Angels and ministers of grace defend us!"

The whole address was too long-drawn-out, and lacked essentially that fine pathos and eloquence which Mr. Booth gives to it. His manner of creeping after the Ghost as if in fear that it might turn upon him and do him some material injury, was

most absurd. I liked much better Mr. Booth's manner of staggering after the Ghost, as if he were overcome with the thought of a meeting, but even this seems very imperfect. His reverential and affectionate attitude when listening to the Ghost's counsel, is finely indicative of filial love struggling with terror. In the scene upon the platform after the Ghost says,

"Revenge this foul and most unnatural murder,"

Mr. Irving screams out "Murder!" as if "to split the ears of the groundlings," and gives one the idea that he never entertained, for a moment even, a suspicion of his father's having been murdered. This is a mistaken conception, since, if we read carefully, we can not but think the Hamlet's re-echo of the Ghost's last word, "Murder!" was but the confirmation of an expectation he had already formed. Mr. Booth renders the above as if overcome with the magnitude of the duty which devolves upon him, through the words "revenge," and "murder."

Mr. Irving robs himself, of a great dramatic point in Hamlet, by the omission of "Hillo, ho, ho, boy! come, bird, come," and calling the Ghost an "old mole." These natural outbursts of Hamlet's nature are native to him; when will actors understand that the character of Hamlet is natural, is not that of "the melancholy Dane," but of a prince capable at times of humor and cheerfulness? In these words we find an example of Shakespeare's knowledge of human nature. Hamlet's tendency, at all times, to break under too much tension is what we see in the world about us day after day. Strange as it may seem, the natural outgrowth of sorrow is cheerfulness; of terror, apparent indifference; and so it is with Hamlet; he relieves himself by words as a small boy would by his whistle when in a dark place. Hamlet's advice to the players is merrily and cheerfully rendered. Mr. Irving, during the court play, and in his replies to the King, exhibits no vulgar trait of accompanying each word with a significant glance full of dire meaning. He is "idle" throughout the whole, and is beyond criticism until the King and the court leave the scene, when he foolishly omits to sing,

"Why, let the stricken deer go weep,"

and thereby loses again a fine point of Hamlet's character.

Mr. Booth, in the above scene, falls far below Mr. Irving. He constantly watches the face of the guilty King, and gradually creeps towards him, finally springs up, and with a shrill cry, as the poison is poured in the sleeper's ear and the King shows his agitation, rushes staggering forward, and throws himself in Horatio's arms. The above rendition of Hamlet's action in this scene may suit the average play-goer, but I doubt very much if the character of Hamlet admits of any such treatment of the scene. The actor should take his cue from Hamlet's own words, "I must be idle," and observe perfect indifference as to the effect of the play upon the King.

I now pass to the scene with the Queen. This is full of pathos. Mr. Irving does not bellow forth his vituperation of the Queen, but is even gentle and always sad. He seems sorry that it should be thus, and in his last words of "Good night, mother," the word "mother" is so full of yearning love and sorrow that tears are in one's eyes without knowledge. Mr. Booth, in the scene, bears neither the gentleness nor affection which Mr. Irving depicts so well. It has always appeared strange to me that the words of Hamlet,

"Look here, upon this picture, and on this,"

should necessarily have a physical representative, in Mr. Booth's case, a locket; in Mr. Irving's, two very badly painted pictures hanging on the wall. Certainly Shakespeare never gave any stage directions to the effect that there should be two pictures somewhere about, one of the murdered king, the other of his brother. Hamlet, to my mind, is simply drawing a mental picture before his mother, and if we examine the part carefully we can make no more of it. Then again, is it logical to suppose that Hamlet's uncle should necessarily have looked like a villain? It may be a *natural* supposition, but I doubt even that. We all know of people in the world who are evil in everything, but does it necessarily follow that they show this villainy in their faces? Besides this, we must remember that Hamlet's uncle was a courtier, and as such must have been a refined sort of villain at any rate. Hamlet says:

"That one may smile, and smile, and be a villain,"

Mr. Irving is not good in the soliloquies. "To be, or not to be" was delivered with none of that vagueness, abstraction, or air of speculative philosophy and dreaminess which Mr. Booth gives it. It was too decided and finely drawn, and above all, artificial. Mr. Irving's false pauses and slovenly punctuation, gave little if any meaning to the dreamy reverie which shows Hamlet's disinclination to anything definite in belief or resolve. Mr. Booth's rendition is much finer in point of Hamlet's character, and brings out in bold relief the argument with self in the passage. In the scenes with Polonius, Guildenstern, Rosencrantz and Osric, Mr. Booth and Mr. Irving differ but little. The invention of effects, as in the fencing scene between Hamlet and Laertes, was well managed. The exchange of foils was done well, the expression on Mr. Irving's face when he finds his purpose accomplished, and the gradual death-like gloom which mantles his countenance, are thrilling.

It is impossible in so short an article to speak of each difference between Mr. Booth and Mr. Irving. I have endeavored to point out a decided departure wherever one occurred, and have dealt only with those scenes upon which the play hinges. In fine, could Mr. Booth obtain from Mr. Irving somewhat of his princely cheerfulness and light-hearted glow,

and in turn could Mr. Irving add to his impersonation Mr. Booth's princely bearing, and a very little of his melancholy exquisite, we should be as near the ideal Hamlet as is possible. As the purely great Hamlet, the Hamlet where the emotional and intellectual are wisely balanced, where the heart and mind are both appealed to, Mr. Booth fails. But considering Hamlet as an appeal to the mind only, as full of conceit and fastidiousness, as a picture of poetic grace, princely exquisiteness, and most intense melancholy, Mr. Booth is a success. Mr. Irving fails mostly in knowing what Shakespeare's purpose was; he is not a student, and his Hamlet is not a product of study. Perhaps it is just as well, since it might lose somewhat of its naturalness. When and where shall we find the Hamlet which shall be the "golden mean" of them all?

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editors of the Era:

The defense, and yet "in no sense of the word a defense" of the minority of the Senior class has finally appeared. It causes the indifferent reader to smile involuntarily on beholding the lofty yet exceedingly unstable fabric of legality, reared to enshrine a mean act for the purpose of gaining power in class affairs. A review of the article becomes necessary, not because it is formidable to the cause of those who duly elected the ticket headed by Mr. Burr, but because certain statements, evidently evolved from the writer's inner consciousness, demand refutation in order to place the matter in as clear a light as possible for those who are not acquainted with the facts, except as distorted by the communication in the preceding number of the ERA.

The Seniors came together on Friday, Oct. 8, for the purpose of organization. They were at this time Seniors, a fact which the writer of the minority, who endeavors to press the Junior Constitution into active service, evidently overlooked. That document had become obsolete. Custom and courtesy allowed the Junior officers to preside and perform the functions of their offices until Senior elections had provided for others. The Senior Constitution of the Class of '80 was adopted with a change; namely, to hold the coming election not as specified in the Constitution about to be adopted but upon the following Wednesday. The writer dwells at length upon the illegality (?) of this action. He positively maintains that the adoption of the Constitution required a two-thirds vote and that the change made with the adoption was an amendment, and more absurdly still, that the obsolete Junior Constitution should have been annulled. All these points are unparliamentary from their very nature. Bodies may adopt a Constitution by a simple majority vote; and when making the constitution of any

other body their own, they *must* change it so as to suit the new position.

The President of the Junior Class, a prominent member of the Minority, declared the Constitution adopted. No protest was made by any member. At the meeting of the committee appointed to review the Constitution, held on the following day, the required change in the date of the election was made upon the manuscript of the Senior Constitution by the very gentlemen who afterwards discovered its illegality(?), and it may still be seen there in the handwriting of one of them. As the time for the election drew nigh and the canvass progressed, it began to dawn upon them that something was wrong. At a late hour on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Hunter was prevailed upon to appoint tellers for the ensuing election. He authorized the Secretary to announce their appointment, saying nothing to him however of the illegality(?) of the election to be held next day, and of its consequent postponement. In fact, the revelation of this illegality(?) had not yet dawned upon their travailing souls. It only broke upon them when they were casting about for an escape from the doom which the election was about to impose upon their candidates. The illegality was merely a secondary object, quite convenient, to be sure, in gaining class offices. The truth of the law became a good mantle to hide the nudity of the disreputable action which was to follow.

Wednesday came and when the hour of the election arrived both tellers refused to serve on the ground that they had not time. Mr. Hunter was *not* at hand and his alternate, Mr. Harding, appointed two others. The statement that they were either self-appointed or appointed by Mr. Burr is therefore deliberately false. Mr. Hunter appeared later and kept a dignified silence, making no protest against Mr. Harding's action. Why should he? It was but another link in the "constitutional" chain which was to bind down the majority. The minority abstained from voting. They made no ticket public. The election of course, did not show much favor to their stubbornness.

A "formal and constitutional protest" would have had a far different course. But the policy of stealth and deception adhered to throughout, reached its consummation in the posting of the notice Friday night (a notice not to be *known*, strange perversion!) and the election early next morning. The treasurer was not notified, for it was a very exclusive gathering, and one of their temper was appointed treasurer *pro tem*. But their folly appears in accusing the treasurer of ignorance "of any provisions of the Constitution whatever." Which Constitution, we would be pleased to ask? The Junior, to be sure. But these Nestors in parliamentary law elected an Ivy Orator under the Junior Constitution! The "total nullity of the Wednesday business" is therefore still a question.

The arguments on moral grounds are indeed overwhelming. The writer's investigations have led to the discovery that at least two-thirds of the Minority candidates would have been elected had they ratified the unconstitutional (?) action of the majority. Their conscientious disinterestedness is truly admirable. But how is this to be reconciled with the plea at the end of the article, to-wit: "That we were justified in doing as we did: 1st, To avoid taxation without proportional representation." There is something inconsistent here. Has the writer begun to lose faith in his own investigations?

The statement made concerning a "Hill" ticket, which was to bring "death and destruction" upon those connected with societies, is without foundation. Can it be possible that eleven students, living on the "Hill," expected to elect fourteen officers out of their own number? The spirit of the majority never reached such a selfish extremity; for even at the polls, after the minority had refused to vote or to announce their candidates, a few compassionate votes were cast, even then, for the supposed ones.

The writer declares that "if certain men pay the expenses, they ought to conduct the affairs of the class." He has not a single reason for making such a statement. There was no cause for it. There has been no occasion in which the generosity of the minority has asserted itself in the payment of Class dues. The well-being of the Class did not force them to be present at the "annual feasts." They went voluntarily to have a good time. We hope they got their money's worth.

After all we are left somewhat in doubt as to the real animus of the Minority movement—whether it be the disinterested support of the Constitution or the less unselfish purpose of electing a full ticket of Class officers. Perhaps the key-note of the whole affair has been struck in the sentence already quoted, which alone the writer deemed worthy of Italics. We might, however, suggest a slight modification to this effect: If certain men *make* the expenses they ought to conduct the affairs of the Class.

The position of the 'Independent' has never been in direct opposition to the Society element. The issue has not been between Society and Anti-Society but between economy and useless extravagance,—an issue, in which many a Cornell student is heartily interested.

A feeling of sympathy with the fortunes of the Minority urges us to put the following questions: What do they propose to do with their officers when they shall adopt the Senior Constitution? Will they transfer them bodily? Or will they decline to adopt a Senior Constitution at all, and graduate at the end their Junior year?

For the benefit of the unfortunate members of the majority, who have not "memorized" the Junior Constitution, we subjoin the first two articles:

Art. I. This association shall be called "The Association of the Junior Class."

Art. II. Sec. I. Any student of Cornell University recognized by the Faculty of said University as a member of the Junior Class, shall be a member of this association, with all the privileges and obligations of such membership.

Sec. 2. No person registered, or voting with any other class shall be considered a member of this association, and, in case of doubt, the matter shall be submitted to the Register whose decision shall be final. — Respectfully, T. S.

EDITORIAL COURTESY(?)

The following letter was handed Mr. Gifford of the *Sun* last Saturday afternoon, with the request to print it in that paper without change or alteration; or otherwise to return it to the writer:

"ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 25, '80.

MR. GIFFORD:—

An editorial in Friday's *Sun* grossly misrepresented and moreover, insulted me. You will therefore have the kindness to publish this letter of mine with as full display on the first page of the paper of which you are financial editor, as that given the editorial in question. By so doing you will make amends which I shall consider satisfactory.

I deny absolutely that I threatened you with personal violence. I deny absolutely that I bullied you, or in any way treated you in an ungentlemanly or unbusiness-like fashion. After you said: "You bet your life Concklin that I will publish all the letters of yours I can get hold of," I repeated my request, "Do not, I beg of you, publish any more of my letters without my permission," and added what I had not before said, "Or you may get in trouble," and thereupon left you. These words will speak for themselves. Nothing was farther from my thoughts at the time than the intention of doing violence to any person.

As to publishing letters, I still adhere to my belief that it is a matter of editorial etiquette to obtain the writer's permission to print. If the custom of the *Sun* is other than this, you will confer a favor by informing me of it.

Resp'y,

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It is evident from the above that the Manager of the *Sun* does not like to have the true particulars of "the first attempt that has been made to bully any member of our staff," made public. Further comment is unnecessary. H. S. C.

ELMIRA EXCURSION.

Much had been said and rumored about the students' Garfield and Arthur Club going to Elmira to demonstrate. Yesterday, at four o'clock, these rumors were realized, and a train of six coaches left the G. I. & S. depot. The students filled three coaches, there being one hundred and eighteen by actual count. Nobody was counted out, although a few followers of Hancock accompanied the excursionists. The club presented a motley appearance, about one-fourth being in full cadet uniform, while some obtained only coats and others only caps, belonging to the suits, prescribed by the Military Department. During the run to Waverly, R. C. Horr was chosen Captain, although one, *superior in rank*, was present to announce that remarkable fact. The three and a half hours consumed in getting to Elmira were pleasantly whiled away by singing, joking and laughing. Whenever a station, farm-house, or pretty girl was passed, up would go all the windows, and the surprised natives were made aware of the Cornell yell. At Waverly the animals were fed. As was announced, 200 lunches were put on board—in barrels. The lunches consisted of sandwiches, cheese and apples. A regular pandemonium raged; some of the younger animals, technically termed Freshmen, being so ferociously hungry, that some of the other species, Seniors and P. G.'s, "got left." After safely arriving at their destination, the club was formed in sets of fours, and proceeded to join the main column. Our boys headed the infantry, being preceded by the cavalry, the officers and their staff. The line of march was very long, and two hours elapsed in getting over it. Pyrotechnic displays all along the line, Chinese lanterns hanging across the streets, and many beautifully illuminated residences, indicated the interest the people of Elmira took in the affair.

During the review ex-President Grant was greeted by a hearty Cornell yell. This so pleased the "silent man" that he doffed his hat and bowed. After the march the boys serenaded ex-Governor Woodford, who responded, saying, "that it gave him great pleasure to meet his young friends." After forming in single file and all shaking hands with the Governor, the Elmira Female Seminary was serenaded, the gallant youths arriving there at 10 o'clock. "Olomon Solomon Levi," "You must be a lover of the Lord," and "I love my love," were tolerably well rendered. This was followed by three cheers for the Elmira Sems., and the Cornell yell. Windows were cautiously opened, and the "fair ones" tossed out to their nocturnal admirers, apples, notes, lemons, mustard bottles and hair pins. These were seized upon and carried away as mementos. An old man now appeared on the steps and was met with a demand to speak. With a brevity, truly rivalling that of U. S. Grant, he said, "You can all speak better than I can, boys." With three cheers the crowd dispersed. The train left at 11 p. m., arriving in Ithaca at 2.30 a. m. About one-third of the party were missing, and the others are here to tell of "the jolly time we had in Elmira."

CORNELLIANA.

—No students are allowed to vote here this year.

—The Japanese student will not go home to vote.

—Out of \$869.50, subscribed by the students, \$549.00 was paid.

—Quite a large number of students are going home to cast their first vote.

—Cornell is trying to wipe Columbia from the face of the earth.—*Yale Record*.

—Professor White's sections in advanced German were excused from recitations this morning.

—Rev. Constantine, a native Greek and educated in Greece, will preach to-morrow in the Chapel.

—Port wine is only five dollars a gallon in Ludlowville. If you don't believe it, ask the Freshmen.

—A brilliant Sophomore translates, "Les pêcheurs statics couvrent la terre," "The fishermen cover the earth."

—The man who sits by your side and whispers to you while you are taking notes on a lecture, is a kind of nuisance that probably will never be abated.

—At the Social Science Club meeting next Thursday evening, in Association Hall, there will be a discussion on "The Political Methods of the Present Campaign." All are invited.

—A Freshman who invariably turned to the left at the command "right face," and vice versa, was

asked by the commanding officer, if he knew which was right and left, said that he did not, as he did not know the *points of the compass here*.

—Birds in their little nests agree,
But 'tis a dreadful sight
For boys of one Universitee,
To fall out, and chide, and fight.

—All connected with the University desiring to have sittings made by Mr. Notman, 81's class photographer, can make arrangements with Gusdorf, '81. Sittings for groups can also be obtained. Don't delay, as this is an excellent opportunity, and only a few more days remain of Mr. Notman's time.

—The committee appointed by the directors to collect money from the citizens, faculty and students, are Major Burbank, Chairman, Col. E. A. Buck, Dr. Van Cleef, Vaughn, '81, Hiscock, '82, Chase, '83, Baring, '84. Let every student subscribe freely, and act upon Professor Jones's suggestion, to not only subscribe, but pay his subscription.

—"The professors at Cornell last spring mentioned in their classes the case of one of the University students who had seriously impaired his health by smoking. No rule was made, there was no compulsion, yet the smoking students almost entirely gave up the practice."—*New York Tribune*. A mixture of truth and fiction in pleasing proportions.

—Students who have had any branch of Mathematics elsewhere, and who wish to pass up such advanced study without going into class, are notified that, under the rules of the University, they must pass the examination within a year after entering here; and at the time of the regular examinations in those subjects. (See "Rules for the Guidance of Students," § 5, No. 1).

—The meeting of the students at Military Hall, last Saturday evening, to consider the question "of sending our crew to England," was called to order by Com. Brown, at 8 p. m. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there were not as many present as usually attend the Navy meetings. Hon. S. D. Halliday and Dr. Van Cleef, as representatives of the citizens of Ithaca, spoke very strongly in favor of sending the crew to England, and gave many good reasons why they should be sent. Professor Jones, as a representative of the Faculty, argued strongly in favor of the crew being sent. From the students, Mr. Cowles, a member of the crew, gave a comparison of time between that made by our crew and the English college crew at Henley. The showing was very much in our favor, and proved conclusively that our crew was almost certain of winning. Mr. Hull addressed the meeting at some length, and gave assurance from the leading business men of the town that they would raise \$500 towards sending a crew to England. He concluded with a motion that it be

the pleasure of the meeting that the crew be sent to England, which was carried, amid much enthusiasm. Adjourned.

PERSONALIA.

PROF. H. S. WHITE goes home to Syracuse to vote.

LUCKEY, '82, and Chase, '83, have gone home to vote.

J. E. NORTON, '80, is at present connected with the *New York Tribune*.

EIDLITZ, '81, and Battin, '81, are delegates to the Delta Upsilon convention.

LEARY, '80, has returned from New York city. He will remain in town until after election.

H. J. MESSENGER, '80, is teaching English Literature in the State Normal School at Cortland.

CHAS. MINSHALL, formerly '82, is traveling in Europe. When last heard from he was at Heidelberg with Prof. Fiske.

PROFESSOR HENRY T. EDDY, formerly connected with this University, and now of the University of Cincinnati, is winning a high rank as a writer upon Mathematical subjects. A recent work of his upon Graphic Statics, has been republished in Germany.

A CORRESPONDENT in a New York journal, says: "Mr. White, the American Minister, has returned, after a summer's wandering in Austria and Southern Germany. The Minister looks unusually well, and, so far as we can learn, has no intention whatever of returning to America at present. Many New York papers have made a great mistake in assuming the right to state that Mr. White has signified his intention of, within a short period of time, again filling the presidential chair at Cornell, and that he had given directions that his house at Ithaca should be prepared for his occupancy. Of course, all our Government officials are to a great extent, in a very uncertain position, and the envious are commencing to look with longing eyes toward the fruits of the present Presidential campaign.

COLLEGE NEWS.

AMHERST :—

Of the 350 students only 27 are Democrats.

President Seelye addressed the Independent Republicans at Cooper Institute, New York, last night.

Archibald Forbes, correspondent of the *London Daily News* during the Franco-Prussian war, will lecture December 1st.

This week, Wednesday and Thursday, the Delta Upsilon fraternity's 46th convention was held here. Dr. Armitage, of New York, delivered the oration.

In the game between the Amherst and Williams teams, October 21st, Williams came out ahead with 10 runs to Amherst's 4; errors 8 and 9 respectively.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK :—

Two foot-ball teams have been organized. They are to have uniforms.

October 18th about one hundred and twenty-five men participated in the parade given in honor of General Grant.

DARTMOUTH :—

The students want the Faculty to abolish the marking system.

Dartmouth students earned between \$1,000 and \$1,100, as clerks, musicians and waiters, at Rye Beach, during the summer. A concert given by six of the number netted \$21 each.

The new Senior optionals in English, American and Ancient History, consisting of private reading, under the direction of a member of the Faculty, with final examinations, do not promise to become popular.

RUTGERS :—

The Senior Class intend to inaugurate Class Day exercises as a feature of Commencement.

The lower classes say they are overworked. They have additional work in Latin, Greek and Mathematics.

Professor Bowser has lately published a work on *Calculus*, as a companion volume to his *Analytic Geometry*.

Athletic interests are lively. Thirty men practice daily in the gymnasium, and from this number a foot-ball team will be chosen.

Lieutenant Holmes of the 13th Infantry, U. S. A., has been detailed by the War Department, under a special act of Congress, to act as Military Superintendent, and drill the students of the Scientific Department.—*Targum*.

TRINITY :—

There are 29 Freshmen.

One hundred dollars have already been expended upon the new Athletic field.

The Sophs. and Fresh. had a "push rush" lately in which '84 was victorious in one minute and twenty seconds.

OBERLIN :—

A new and powerful telescope is ready for mounting.

A reunion of Oberlin graduates at Chatauqua, N. Y., was very largely attended.

The new ball ground is appreciated. There have been within ten days, almost as many match games between class nines.

"Since the introduction of the new hymn book

our singing at chapel exercises has not always been of the best."—*Review*.

YALE :—

A cavalry squadron of about twenty-five students was a feature of Wednesday evening's Republican parade.

The Glee Club rendered efficient service at a Republican meeting addressed by Hon. Carl Schurz, Monday evening.

A project of sending a crew to England in 1881, meets with much approval from boating men and the students generally.

"Many of the students are receiving postals inscribed as follows: 'My object in sending this card is to assist hurried and conditioned students. Motive purely philanthropical. Rates for essays and orations, etc.'"—*News*.

The old quarrel between the students and the New Haven *Register* still exists. This is from the *Yale News* :

"The following, the result either of ignorance or of an active imagination, appeared in the *Register* of last Friday :

'It may have been thought by some that the disturbance at Union Armory, Wednesday night, was caused by students who participated in the Hancock parade, it was not, but by republican students.'

This is fiction, but it is only the *Register* and it won't do any harm."

HARVARD :—

Nearly twenty games were played in a tennis tournament during the past week.

The foot-ball team and friends are taking a trip in Canada. They will return next Wednesday.

Wednesday afternoon after the foot-ball game the *Advocate's* cup, a prize for individual excellence was awarded.

The Freshman foot-ball team played a game with the Exeters at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H., Wednesday.

The foot-ball games between Harvard and Britannia teams last Saturday, resulted: Harvard, two goals; Britannia, nothing.

EXCHANGES.

"For four years the Seniors have looked forward to the closing year of the course as the time for more outside reading, and less recitation room drill. The garb of mystery has been thrown around this closing year, and the dreamers have fashioned strange phantoms of the good days in the future. A glorious leisure has been expected. The grim realities of the present now barish these fond shadows.

Where is the time for outside reading? It is hard enough to get the lessons if they devote themselves to nothing else. The average man could spend every moment of his time on the assigned lessons without being able to do great wonders when he comes to recite. In addition to this compositions are called for, the day is set and the production must be forthcoming. Again, a list of subjects is given out and the Seniors are per-

mitted to write for the Townsend and DeForest prizes. Almost every student is desirous of competing for these prizes, but how are the overloaded brains to find time to read and think and write for these honors in addition to the work required for the recitations of each day?"

So saith the *Yale News*. Feeling the full force and application of these remarks, and, moreover, remembering we had not yet inspected any Woodford timber for our forthcoming "crowning effort," we concluded this time to devote our attention exclusively to the dailies. We remember a text of our childhood: "For the poor always ye have with you," and will not mention our contemporary the *Sun*, and therefore, will not have to remind our readers to button their pockets.

The two college dailies which enjoy a large share of public attention to-day need scarcely be named; almost every student has heard of the *Yale News* and the *Harvard Echo*. The former is now in its fourth, the latter in its third, year. Though diminutive in size, they are reflections of all that is best and good in journalism. Their tone is undeniably pure, their standard high, and their literary merits excellent. As far as we can judge, at this distance, their news is accurate; and accuracy is the prime qualification for the vital interest of any daily. We could point out what we deem the special excellences of each at considerable length, but will not weary our readers by so doing. It suffices to say that they have gained their most enviable reputations, not through foul personalities, not through slanders and partisanship, nor even by quibbles and puns, (though theirs are of a high order), but through their strict adherence to, and their conscientious work in, their legitimate field, the collection of news. We never read in the *Record* and *Courant* on the one hand, corrections of statements of facts given in the *News*; nor in the *Advocate* and *Crimson*, of those given in the *Echo*. Their items relative to Cornell are always correct,—that is, we have not yet seen an incorrect one,—and their treatment of her, is on the whole, just.

But they also deal with the world of art, and in their small circles, they doubtless have just as much authority in proportion to their size, in musical and dramatic affairs, as the *New York Tribune* and *Evening Post* have in theirs. Here is something to illustrate from the *Echo* :

"We hear on all sides the opinion expressed that the power of the burlesque, which has for so many years ruled the stage, is failing, and that a speedy return to the legitimate drama in all its forms is to be expected."

This opinion is exemplified in the next number as follows :

"Offenbach simply transferred the jest to music, making his rouged and painted beauties imitate and caricature the noble masterpieces of musical genius which are among the treasures of the race. The hit was capital.

But a reaction so violent is rapidly spending its force, and Offenbach lived to see the tide turn strongly against him, and died poor and neglected. For those whose staid appetites

need the high seasoning of indecency, "La belle Helene," "Orphee aux Enfers," and the rest, will still continue to be given, but one sees and welcomes an unmistakable popular drift toward the "Legitimate Drama" and the famous plays of Shakspeare or Goldsmith."

The application is made at once :

"All the so-called college songs were written in the pre-burlesque ages, and aside from these the songs we sing to-day are taken bodily, words as well as music, from the burlesque which happens to be in fashion."

"But if the school of Offenbach ever had any following with us at Harvard, that day is past and a purer one has dawned. As has been already hinted, we are destined to feel the good effects of this change in our College songs, if indeed, there are not already signs that the new influence is active."

All the above, we think, will carry out our opinion regarding the excellence of the most welcome and oftenest met of our exchanges. When shall Cornell see the equal of these ?

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—"Adown the rows of corn, the autumn comes in streaks of gold and brown.

And hash as tough as old gum-shoes is gaining high renown." —*Yale News.*

EPITAPH ON A SOPHOMORE.

—He loved his lager faithfully,
Who lieth buried here ;
For even after he was dead
He took another bier. —*Tripod.*

—A Junior in German, who is noted for elegant translations, renders "Wie sie die Menschen ins Verden locken koennete" into "how she might entice men into matrimony," —*College Rambler.*

—Look up, you folks on the slopes ! Hamilton is above you. Look up the broad Chenango valley ! In the very spring of this valley lies the gem of our State. It is the village of Hamilton, the seat of Madison University. Look up from New York, from the Hudson, from the valley of the Mohawk. A city on a hill ! Look up from Rochester, you will see the lamp from which you lit your candle, the primary of your system shining the brighter for the satellite it threw off. Look up from below, from the slums and tanyards of Ithaca ! Ho, I yell, Cornell. Look up "you hash and succotash, infidels, and Bob Ingersoll." A name do you say ? We say a character. —*Madisonensis.*

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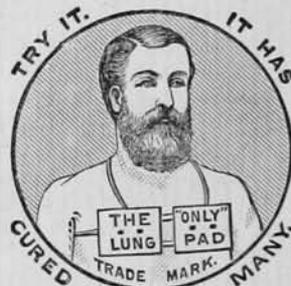
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WE are happy to note the fact, that the colleges of this country will soon be free from that school-boy spirit, and the various results which it brings about. When the day shall dawn which shall declare that spirit dead, a very disagreeable element will be removed from college life. A distinguished president of an Eastern College has said, "The college, regarded as a place of instruction and discipline, has grown and improved so much during the last twenty years, that it is not unreasonable to hope that it will soon get entirely rid of a certain school-boy spirit, which is not found in the professional schools, and which seems to have its root in the enforced attendance upon recitations, lectures and religious exercises. This enforced attendance is characteristic of American colleges, as distinguished from European universities, and was natural enough, when boys went to college at fourteen or fifteen years of age." This is sense. We are of the opinion,

that when a man enters college he knows what he does it for, and in general what is best for himself better than any one else. We hope that very rapidly the day is coming when American collegians can be treated as men in all respects.

HALLOW-E'EN, with all its attendant mysteries, has come and gone. Usually this eventful night has been the occasion of desperate deeds and mysterious disappearances without number. But this year, the fates ordained that the time-honored night should come upon the day reserved for other things, and decreed likewise that the thermometer should be somewhere in the vicinity of zero. One or both reasons were potent, for this peaceful village never saw a more quiet night. Many good people have some very queer ideas about student actions. They trace them all to love of devilry, or, as they style it, "pure cussedness." While in some cases, we are obliged to plead guilty to the charge, we are certainly not in all. "Boys will be boys," and students will be students just as long as either of them exist on this globe. Lectures and recitations will grow monotonous, however interesting or instructive they may be. Fling them aside at times we must, and work off some of the superfluous strength which we have on hand. The only trouble is that sometimes we go beyond bounds, but we are persuaded that this does not happen very often. So throw the "mantle of charity" over us, all ye fault-finders and grumblers, and give us credit for what we really are.

FOR some days past we have noticed scraps of paper pasted upon the bulletin board in regard to the gymnasium. This is an institution in which, as a body of students, we ought to feel a peculiar interest. For some years after its foundation, the University was virtually lacking in anything that could be called a gymnasium. Finally, seven or eight years ago, an association was organized which located the beginnings of a gym. on the second-floor of the Wilgus Block. This gained in strength slowly but surely, and now the association is in a fair con-

dition. The accommodation which the present building and gymnasium offer, are very good compared to what they used to be. A thing which the students should give the association, is their hearty support. Some seem to have the mistaken idea that the gymnasium is for the crews or the ball nine—in fact, for those and only those who are obliged to undergo a course of training. This, of course, is not so. The patronage and support of all students are not only gladly received, but also solicited. All students are requested to connect themselves with the association. Then go, purchase a key, and identify yourself with its interests. Go into training on your own account during the winter, and when next spring you come out with muscles strengthened and developed, you will not be inclined to regret the course you have pursued.

PROFESSOR SHACKFORD was kind enough to publish, at the beginning of the present term, a list of the subjects for Senior essays. If this list were shown to one who was a stranger to this University, he would undoubtedly be amazed at them, and conclude that they were good students who could do them any justice. But we have been here three years and may be pardoned if we express another opinion. Without a single exception these subjects are entirely too much for the average Senior. He has no conception, when he sees them for the first time, of what he is going to write about any one. It is only after some feverish reading in the Library and several unsuccessful attempts to grasp a train of thought entirely above his powers, that he passes in four to ten quarto pages of manuscript, and heaves a sigh of relief that he has for three weeks gotten rid of essay writing. When he comes to read, it is evident to all that he has missed his mark. The hearers cannot always tell wherein he has failed, but the impression they get is usually very vague indeed. We suggest, as respectfully as we can, a change in the quality of the subjects. We wrestled in the desperation of despair with "The Method of Idealizing in Poetry," and finally passed in our essay a week late, with a consciousness of many defects and shortcomings. No matter what the Professor thought of it, we were ashamed of it. If less elevated and more familiar themes were presented for our consideration, we could at least be interested, and take some pleasure in essay writing. But now, we find it most

laborious and ungrateful work, and shall hereafter consider that we have lost much profitable exercise of our powers by not having time, ability, or inclination to write upon subjects altogether beyond our mental reach.

ELECTION day has come and gone. We hope the results will not cause any great dissatisfaction among those interested in the welfare of our country. At the risk of repeating what we have before said on the subject, we venture to express our wish and hope that before another Presidential contest students will, in deed as well as in theory, have a voice in the selection of the officers of the government. It cannot be productive of any great harm that intelligent and thoughtful young men vote where they happen to be attending college. Nay, we think that they ought to be much more desirable electors than ignorant canallers, drunken hoodlums and traders, who, as many did in our hearing Tuesday night, declare that they will shout for "the side that has saved us." Until this element has been eliminated from the community, and intelligence and education has taken its place, politics will continue to be a devious road to questionable honor for the candidates, and political parties and elections be disgraced by the practices which have made for our Republic a not enviable reputation abroad. Many cultivated, talented and ambitious men are deterred from actively participating in the government of the country by the dirtiness, scandal and personal insults without which no election of any great importance has yet been complete. These very men would bring brains and spotless characters to every branch of the administration, and the effects of their political activity would undoubtedly be salutary. Public life would then be one of the noblest of pursuits. Purer ambitions would actuate all public men, and office would be synonymous with honor. But castle-building in the air will not bring about this 'golden age,' and we shall be content to await the coming of a time which we shall hasten with all our powers.

AGAIN death has visited our University; this time his coming was sudden, and it leaves a gloom upon all. For it has taken from our midst one whom we all honored for his high character, admired for his perseverance, and respected for his

attainments. The announcement of his tragic end came like thunder from a clear sky; many refused to believe it, but were convinced of the sad truth by a look at their acquaintance's lifeless form. His end seems to have been quick, and as painless as the nature of the case would allow. Of the effect of this tragedy on the Professors and students, we need say little; all were profoundly shocked, and none felt anything but pity for the sad circumstances which took Mr. Halsey from our midst. Of the way the news will be received outside, we have more to say. Suicide will be looked upon by many as a favorite practice of Cornell students. Such pessimists are open to no reason; everything to them is a foregone conclusion, and this occurrence has doubtless had various interpretations by them. Some already say that the deceased ought to have shown his regard for the University by making some other place the scene of his self-destruction. While we believe in the good sense of the motto, *de mortuis nihil nisi bonum*, applied to private individuals, let us take a just view of the case. Here was a young man with every prospect of an honorable and successful life, who, owing to the natural constitution of his mind, was averse to making many acquaintances, and, as far as we can ascertain from our own slight knowledge of him as a classmate, found almost his sole delight in books. His naturally quiet and somewhat melancholy disposition, was wont to brood over troubles slight in themselves, but capable of being magnified a thousand times by being incessantly dwelt upon alone. Slight loss of health, a disappointment when he attempted to put his well-digested acquirements to use, and the inferences easy to be made, that hard work and more disappointments were in store after leaving college, seem to have done the work for our friend. Perhaps too, undue excitement, connected with all these, had served to destroy the usual equilibrium of his mind. Hard study, with almost no relaxation, has a tendency to produce melancholia whence the sufferer finds no relief but a farewell to this world. We do not think that any one can say of him,

"The evil that men do lives after them;
The good is oft interred with their bones;
So let it be with Cæsar."

For Mr. Halsey's life here at the University has

been the most exemplary. None can speak a word but in praise of him; and therefore, his good will live after him. His friends and classmates will keep his memory ever fresh, and amid their busy hours will often pause to give a kind thought to, and mournful regret for the young life that has flickered out.

FRIDAY, 1 P. M.—It has just been learned that Mr. Halsey, in all probability, was suffering from an attack of acute suicidal mania. This will unravel what seemed to bid fair to remain a mystery. See our *complete* report for particulars.

DEATH OF DAVID R. HALSEY, '81.

Wednesday afternoon about six o'clock, the students living down town were startled by the report that a member of the class of '81 had committed suicide. A man had been found about four o'clock with a bullet hole in the centre of his forehead, in the vicinity of the Fair Grounds. It was not until two Seniors happened to view the remains in the police station, that he was identified as David R. Halsey. Below will be found a report of the proceedings of the Coroner's Jury, complete as to the particulars, up to the time of going to press. The entire community were profoundly shocked by the sad event.

A coroner's jury was empaneled about 7.30 Wednesday evening, and immediately began their work.

THOMAS KELLY, testified: Was first man to see him; was at work Wednesday on the south side of six mile creek, near the place where the body was found; I discovered the body between 2 and 2:30 p. m.; the body was lying on the south side of the creek near Coryell's coal yard, between Plain and Meadow streets; the body lay on the stomach, face down; the face was black; when I saw that the man was dead I hallooed that there was a dead man here; a revolver lay two or three feet from his feet; I called to two men on the opposite side of the creek; I raised the head and examined the clothing to see if I could identify him; officer Kelly came and searched his pockets and found a watch and about \$3.00, two pocket-knives, pencils, pocket-book, 25 cents in the pocket-book; I saw the body an hour before I went up to it; I thought the man was asleep; the body was near a tree.

ANDREW HUGHES, testified: I was at work Wednesday afternoon on corner of Plain and Clinton streets; was called by Kelly about 3:30, who said, come over quick; went over; Kelly called 'there is a man dead here'; I went over, saw the body; went immediately to Mr. Goldsmith's, after which Policeman Kelly was notified; the body was cold; the place where the body was found was an unfrequented one.

WILLIAM HINES, testified: Am a laborer; was at work near the place; testified substantially the same as the two preceding witnesses.

GEORGE C. RAYNOR, testified: Am a student in the University, class of '83; I knew David R. Halsey, the deceased; had known him for nearly three years; knew him at his home before coming to the University; knew him one year before coming to the University; am his room-mate; have roomed with him over a month; I room at the corner of Buffalo and Eddy streets; Halsey roomed with Mr. Wagner before he did with me; have roomed in the same house with H. nearly a year; have never noticed anything peculiar in him; he was always very quiet, not excitable; a member of the Presbyterian church; never noticed anything that would indicate a diseased mind; lately he has been troubled with headache; usually slept ten or eleven hours; Halsey thought his headache due to lack of exercise; has not studied hard this term; told me his work was easy; Tuesday evening I went out and came in after 8 o'clock; H. went to bed about 9; I left him Wednesday morning; I left H. in bed when I got up about 7 or 7:30 Wednesday morning; when I arose I noticed some unfolded letters on the table; when I came home at noon I found the following note: "George—Please pay my board. David." \$2.25 lay on the table with it; H. did not owe that much on board; his board was due Friday; we boarded in a club; have had arguments with H. lately on religion; the last thing we discussed was the doctrine of foreordination; never heard H. speak on the subject of insanity, suicide or his own death; H. was unusually quiet this term; never went out in society; was not cheerful; scarcely ever laughed; have seen him laugh; when I went to bed I heard them shouting "Garfield," and mentioned it to H., who made no reply; when I arose H. was asleep; have noticed that when I went to bed he often groaned; he never asked me to pay his board before; he had mentioned to me that he had had \$50.00 during this term; that must have been nearly gone; (on seeing revolver,) witness said that he never saw it before; never knew H. to carry a revolver; knew of no quarrels that he had had; his standing in his class was high; H. told me a few days ago that he thought he could get through this term without looking at his books; he went to Elmira Friday night; was quite cheerful that night; he had no bad habits; on being shown the pocket-book, and watch found on the person of H., witness gave it as his opinion that they were H.'s; did not remember having seen the knife; he has been as cheerful this term as last; witness first heard of H.'s death at about 5:45 p. m.; H. was not at dinner; he never said anything about financial trouble; some one had asked H. if he would go home to vote if half of his fare was paid; he afterwards received no-

tice that none of it would be paid for him, so he did not go home to vote.

Prof. Russel mentioned the fact that Halsey had been granted a leave of absence to go home and vote.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

G. L. BURR testified: His classmates have noticed that he was unusually quiet; they asked him what was the matter; he said he was not feeling very well; Halsey had wished to go to Yale, but for some reason could not; he was a man of faultless habits; was a member of the Y. M. C. A.; led the meeting one week ago Sunday; I asked him if he was going home to vote; he said no; he was a man of very few words; I never knew him to be despondent till this term; this despondency was shown in his face; heretofore he has been cheerful; this term he has been downcast; has not done as well in his classes as usual; seemed indifferent; he has made a specialty of the classics; this term he has been absent frequently from recitations; came back a week late; he did not exhibit disappointment at not being able to go to Yale; I never conversed with him on the subject of insanity or suicide; he was a friend of Mr. Young, who was drowned here; I never heard of his having a pistol; it is not likely that he would leave his class exercises and go off for amusement.

MR. VROOMAN testified: I keep the 99-cent store; was not acquainted with Halsey; saw the body in the Station House last evening, and recognized it as that of the man to whom I had sold a revolver about 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday; Halsey came into the store about 10 o'clock; I never saw him before, that I know of; he wanted to know if I kept revolvers; I said yes; I told him to walk down and look at them; he asked the price of the large revolvers and the small ones; he took a small one, 22 calibre, rubber stock, and a box of cartridges; the revolver cost \$1.98, cartridges 20 cents; the money he gave me was small change; about 1 p. m. he came in again, and wanted to know if I would warrant the revolver to shoot any distance; I said I could not; there was a young man with him at that time; they came in together; the young man spoke to Halsey after he asked in regard to the revolver; the young man was dark complexioned, had dark eyes and dark hair; wore a black, soft hat; he was much shorter than Halsey; would weigh from 110 to 120 pounds; I think they went out together; after, I kept on waiting on some ladies, and when I looked up they were gone; the boy with him was fairly dressed; wore an overcoat, black in color; he came in behind Halsey, and followed him along until he stopped to ask the question, then he stopped, too; there were no clerks in the store at this time; he did not examine the mechanism of the pistol when making the purchase; he seemed to be a man unaccustomed to using a revolver; my impression was that he and the young man had been out shooting, and the

revolver did not shoot well. [Mr. Vrooman was asked to see if there was any one in the room resembling the young man.] He said no, I think not; he did not try the cartridges; the young man who came in might have been 20 years old; might have been more, cannot say; my impression is that he was between 16 and 20; he was a little round-shouldered; there were 50 cartridges in the box. (Witness recognized the revolver as the one he sold H.) When H. came in at place he seemed to be in something of a hurry; the price of the large sized revolvers was \$4.00 and \$4.50; I was impressed by the fact that he seemed to be in quite a hurry.

MISS KATE McALLISTER testified: I reside at corner of Heustis and Eddy streets; I have charge of the boarding-house kept by my father; was acquainted with Halsey; have known him since last January; he first roomed at my father's house last January; I never had much to do with him; only conversed with him on business; this term he has paid his room rent weekly until week before last; have not noticed any change in his manner lately; I take charge of his room; have noticed no change in his habits; he retired early; did not sleep more than men usually do; never knew of his having any trouble with anyone; have no idea who the young man could be that went into the store with Halsey; never knew of anyone answering the description of that boy visiting him; he has his washing done at our house; have noticed nothing peculiar about him of late; he left the house yesterday about 9:30 a. m.; he went away alone; I fixed his room about ten minutes after he left; I noticed \$2.25 in silver lying on the table, with note to Raynor; he paid \$1.25 per week for room; he owed about \$1.00 for washing; about \$3.50 in all; I noticed no signs of papers having been burned; he paid for room rent and washing as he went out, except one week's washing that I had forgotten; when he came down he said, "I will pay you for last week's room and washing;" I did not think of the week that he owed for; I went back to correct the mistake and he was gone; he paid me \$1.75, and asked if that was right; I said yes, having forgotten the one week; he still owes me \$1.75; I made the mistake; he wanted to pay all.

J. A. HOLMES testified: I room in North University Building; am a member of the Senior class; I was acquainted with H.; never visited his room nor he mine; have met him elsewhere; but was not intimate with him; I have noticed that he was unusually gloomy this term; I saw him about three days after his return this term; at that time he told me his health was bad and he was afraid he could not work up the studies he would have to if he went to Yale and he had concluded to return to Cornell; he said his health was poor and he did not know as he could get through but had concluded to try it; once or twice since he has told me that his health was not much better; I do not know his general

standing in the University; in German he did very well; from what he said I inferred that his ill health was due to general debility; he told me he was very sorry he could not go to Yale; his reason for wanting to go there was that it was nearer his home. [The Coroner said, I saw some letters at his room this morning from his home, that led me to believe that there was some financial difficulty there. In a letter from his father was the following: "Your letter looks slightly brighter but it's blue yet." In the stove were found bits of paper with writing on them, recognized as H's.] Witness continued—the change in H's spirits this term was not spoken of generally by his friends; since the shooting some have said that they noticed a marked change; I never asked him why he was depressed; never heard him speak of his headaches; he never said anything about want of money; never heard him speak of any dread of the future; he had no special lady friends here or anywhere that I know of.

MR. COURTNEY testified: I reside at Boston; am a photographer; have been in Ithaca about two weeks; am here to photograph the Senior class of Cornell; am located at Frear's; was not acquainted with Halsey; knew him by sight; yesterday he came into the studio about ten o'clock and ordered two dozen photographs; about half an hour later he came in and countermanded the order giving as a reason his belief that the members of the class exchanged, but had since learned that they purchased such as they wanted of the photographer; he seemed in very good humor; joked with Prof. Wilson, who was present; I gave him back his money, \$6.75; he had considerable small change, five or six dollars; I think he had some money besides what he showed to me; the second time he came in he remained only a few minutes; I paid him back a five dollar bill, a one dollar bill, a fifty and twenty-five cent piece; he put the money in his pants pocket; I did not see him use a pocket book; I should think he had eleven or twelve dollars in all when he first came in.

F. L. BROWN testified: I reside at Sag Harbor, L. I., four miles from Bridgehampton, the home of Halsey; I was acquainted with Mr. Halsey; have known him intimately about five years; I am a student in the University, Class of '83; I last saw him alive about two weeks ago; I have lived in Ithaca since entering the University two years ago; I have noticed that H. has been more quiet and gloomy lately than usual; noticed it first last summer at his home; first met him at "Literary and Commercial Institute"; he was very quiet and bashful; joined the boys in none of their sports; was a good student; at that time he complained of headaches; often sick, so that he could not attend to school duties; since he has been in the University I have heard him complain of headaches; I have spoken to him lately as to his gloominess; he said he did not care for the amusement of students; he has ac-

knowledge that it would be better for him if he took more part in college sports; I noticed last summer, soon after the University closed, that he was more quiet than he was commonly; spoke to him about it; he said that he did not think he had changed; I have no theory in regard to cause for the change; this summer he told me that he thought he would not come back this year; that he had had three years of Latin under Prof. Peck, and thought he would go to Yale, where he could be with him; talked some of teaching; Soon after he arrived this term I met him, he said he had not decided where he would room this term, and did not know whether he would stay here this year; wanted him to room this fall, he refused; I am not acquainted with the family; never heard him speak of any difficulties or troubles; at the preparatory school he seldom went into society; during the two years I knew of his being in ladies' society, was but twice; I think he had no lady friends here; his father I am told is in comfortable circumstances; never heard him talk of insanity or suicide; I do not think that he was given to conversing on religion; he was not enthusiastic on questions of politics; never knew him to be enthusiastic on anything; he was a republican.

J. L. BARNES testified: Live at Brooklyn; I was acquainted with Halsey; have known him since Jan. '78; was quite well acquainted with him; have roomed in the same house this term; have boarded with him about two years; he has been very melancholy this term; seemed to take no interest in his work; when I asked him within two weeks if he took no interest in anything, he said he did not; he took no exercise, never engaged in sports; never made a confidant of me; he was very reserved; his gloominess has increased of late; I have mentioned this to his friends; the family where he boarded last year, noticed the same thing; Mrs. Baker who kept the boarding-house, spoke of it to me; I have seen him sit this term with a book before him, but apparently not studying; I have often tried to rally him; he was a hearty eater; the last time I remember seeing him, was Sunday afternoon, when he came into my room and asked about the sermon of that morning.

H. S. CONCKLIN, testified: I reside at Poughkeepsie; am a member of the Senior class in the University; was slightly acquainted with H.; last saw him alive about 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the post office; I spoke to him; he nodded and passed on; there was no one with him at that time; I noticed that he looked pale and somewhat haggard; H. left the office before I did; my impression is that he mailed letters, but received none; his manner was about as usual; I did not remark his paleness at the time, but remembered it after hearing of the tragedy; I did not know him intimately; I have no doubt as to his identity; I recognized the body; he went out of the office and turned toward

State street; there was no one on the post office steps when he went out that I was acquainted with.

RAYNOR was recalled, and testified: H. kept a diary in a common note book; I never noticed whether he carried it on his person; have found no diary among his effects; I noticed some bits of paper in the stove with Halsey's writing on them; I do not know whether Halsey had any bank notes or not; he offered to lend me \$5.00 to go to Elmira on; he told me not long since that his father had just written that if it were not for the lady keeping house for him, and if he had known H. was going to be away all the time, he did not know what he might have attempted to do; H. spoke of the probability of his having a step-mother before long; within the last week or ten days Halsey received more letters than usual; I do not remember that he said anything about the contents of them; I did not know that he was taking medicine; his manner was generally listless; he usually went to bed about 9 or 9:30 o'clock; I never noticed that he was restless during the night, although I do not think that he was a sound sleeper; H. told me that he had had dyspepsia; he always called me Raynor, and I called him Halsey; I considered it unusual that he should call me "George" in the note, and sign himself "David;" I have corresponded with him and always addressed him as "Halsey;" I think he called me "Raynor" in his letters.

FRIDAY MORNING.

BARNEY KELLY testified: I am a police officer; was not acquainted with Mr. Halsey; I discovered the body somewhat after three o'clock; the body lay on the south side of the creek; Andrew Hughes and a teamster called my attention to the body; Thomas Kelly, Hines and several more were about the body when I reached the place; I asked Mr. Kelly when I got there "Has the body been disturbed?" he said "no;" I turned the body over to identify it if possible; the body lay on the left side, partly on the face; the body was warm and not stiff; I found his watch in his vest pocket but no money; I took the watch; In his right pants pocket I found \$3.70, all in ten cent pieces except one or two five cent pieces; I found a pocket book in his left pants pocket; in the pocket book was a quarter in silver and a two cent piece; I took the silver in the other pocket and put it into the pocket book and put it in my pocket; there were some postage stamps in the pocket book; the stamps were of the denomination of three cents I think. (On being shown the pocket book, Mr. Kelly recognized it as the one found on the person of Mr. H.) I think his hat was on his head; I do not think it possible that there was any money on the body that I did not see; the body lay between ten and eighteen inches from the tree; there was a bright blood stain on the ground under his forehead; I had not seen Halsey on Wednesday to my knowl-

edge before I saw the body ; I have made thorough inquiries in the vicinity of the place where the body was found, and no one was positive of having seen Halsey on the afternoon of the shooting ; some bits of paper with writing on them lay near the place where the body was found ; I found these pieces on Thursday ; I should think by the position of the body, that H. was shot while standing ; I think his hat was on his head ; when I got to the body his face was purple and black ; I should have thought on looking at the face, that the body had been there all the forenoon ; but when I touched the body I knew this could not be so ; do not think there was any powder marks on his face.

DR. BROWN, testified : I am a physician and surgeon ; was not acquainted with Mr. D. R. Halsey ; I first examined the body said to be that Mr. H. in the police station Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock ; I discovered a wound in the forehead about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches above the lower border of the frontal bone ; it struck me as being a very peculiar wound for a gunshot wound produced by firing from any distance ; there were no powder marks on the face ; the wound was about the shape of a star-fish ; I probed the wound and ascertained that it inclined to the left and downwards ; Dr. Van Cleef and I examined the head afterwards ; found a fracture of the left orbital plate of the frontal bone ; there was a small opening, looking as though a ball had entered at that place, but found this was not true ; we then removed the cerebrum and made cross sections, but failed to discover the ball ; we then removed the cerebellum at the base of the brain, but failed to find a ball ; in removing the blood from the cavity of the occipital bone, we discovered the bullet lying lowly within the cavity of the skull ; it had not penetrated the brain in my opinion ; I think it might have dropped down from the opening that we first probed ; the bullet I should think was about the size of No. 22 ; it was very much battered, so I cannot say positively ; I found no marks, except one under the left eye ; the eye was slightly bulged also ; this was probably produced by the ball within the skull ; there was the appearance of powder within the tissues under the scalp ; in my opinion the immediate cause of his death was the gun shot wound which produced extravasation of blood, the effect of which would be peculiar to a severe attack of apoplexy ; I think he might have been dead five or six hours, when I examined the body at six o'clock.

DR. VAN CLEEF testified : I was not acquainted with Mr. D. R. Halsey ; I examined the body identified as that of Mr. H. ; I agree in the main with Dr. Brown in his testimony ; in regard to the course of the ball, I think it penetrated from 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. of the brain, I doubt if it passed through the brain. Its course was along the floor of the cerebrum. After such a wound H. may have lived a few minutes, not more ; he was undoubtedly unconscious

from the time the shot was fired ; the hole in the skull was perfectly round ; the pistol was probably against the forehead when it was fired as the tissues were lacerated and loosened ; the blacking of the skull cap goes to also prove this theory ; there was some congestion on the outer surface of the upper portion of the cerebrum, which was not in my opinion, produced by the ball ; this could be reconciled with the theory of acute suicidal mania ; the shock from the bullet would not necessarily produce this congestion ; I think he may have been suffering from acute suicidal mania ; his brain was evidently in an abnormal condition ; it is possible that the condition of the brain was due to the shot ; I think it probable that the congestion of the brain had some relation to the headaches to which he had been subject ; I think there was some connection between this congestion and the change which has lately been noticed in Mr. Halsey's intellectual condition.

F. G. PADDOCK testified : I am a student in the University ; have been acquainted with Mr. Halsey five or six weeks ; have been in the habit of going into his room three or four times a day ; I noticed that he was very dull, and never seemed to take part in any fun.

DR. BROWN recalled : The varicose condition of the vessels of the brain which I noticed was abnormal ; there were about half a dozen congested nodules in the membranes of the brain, which were as large as buck-shot ; I think that these were not caused by the wound ; I should judge that these nodules were on the brain previous to the wound ; they did not look as though they were of recent origin ; if the nodules within the membranes existed before death, they must have interfered with the healthy action of the brain.

At 11 a. m. yesterday acting President Russel sent the following telegram to H. R. Halsey, David's brother :

"ITHACA, Nov. 4th, 1880.

H. R. HALSEY, Bridgehampton, N. Y. :

I am grieved to have to say that your brother David shot himself yesterday afternoon. His body will leave to-night with an escort, and will arrive at Bridgehampton to-morrow evening. Telegraph me if his letters home throw any light on the sad deed.

W. C. RUSSEL."

A dispatch in answer to this telegram was received. It was as follows :

"David's last letters were full of hope. We can not explain.

HENRY R. HALSEY."

As it was uncertain whether the "last letters" included the ones which he sent Wednesday, Acting President Russel sent the following :

"ITHACA, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1880.

TO HENRY R. HALSEY :

Does your telegram to me refer to his letter to father and sisters, postmarked Nov. 3d.

W. C. RUSSEL."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

After consulting together for some time, the Coroner's jury adjourned, at 4 o'clock until 2 o'clock p. m. next Wednesday. By that time the Coroner will obtain the last letters which Mr. Halsey wrote home. These, it is hoped, will shed some additional light upon the affair. There seems to be no doubt that Mr. H. committed suicide while temporarily insane. As to the young man or boy, said to have been seen in Mr. Vrooman's store with him Wednesday afternoon, there is some difference of opinion. The probabilities are that their being together was a mere accident. If this was not the case, it certainly is strange that he does not put in an appearance. Messrs. Burr and Place, classmates of Mr. Halsey, were appointed to escort the body to his home. They left Ithaca last evening.

At a meeting of the Senior class, held Thursday morning, a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions in regard to the sudden death of Mr. Halsey. The committee reported as follows:

WHEREAS, Through the unexpected calamity which has fallen upon us by the death of our friend and classmate, David R. Halsey, we, the members of the Senior class, have sustained a great loss; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, while we cannot change the past, we feel called upon to express our sincere sorrow for the death of one whom we all recognized as an ardent and modest student, a faithful worker and a Christian man, whose talents and attainments promised much, both for himself and the University.

Resolved, That we most earnestly sympathize with his bereaved relatives and friends in the loss which they have sustained.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and published in the college papers.

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| J. S. AINSLIE. | } Com. |
| J. A. HOLMES, | |
| W. S. OSTRANDER, | |

COMMUNICATIONS.

"WHY WAS IT?"

The following letter was sent yesterday to Mr. Nicks, General Woodford's host, at Elmira, last Friday evening:

Ithaca, Nov. 4th, 1880.

MR. JOHN NICKS, Elmira, N. Y.:

Dear Sir—Your invitation to the commissioned officers for last Friday evening was given to Mr. Bowman, who, intentionally or otherwise did not make it known to the other officers of the command.

Thanking you for your kindness, we sincerely regret that for the above reason we were unable to be present. Signed,

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| FELIX RACKEMANN, | R. C. HERR, |
| JOHN VAN RENSSLAER, | JAS. A. WOODARD. |

CORNELLIANA.

—Remember, the coming week is the last of Mr. Notman's stay.

—A number of the students are richer than they were last Tuesday.

—Garfield is a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, and Arthur is a Psi Upsilon.

—"Why was it?" Because it was constitutional, and in that case the majority always rules.

—One of our boarding-house keepers lost an oyster supper for her thirty-six boarders on the election.

—"Go 'way, young man, go 'way," is becoming very popular among Seniors and Sage ladies. Grand shakes! is that so?

—Some Seniors of Republican faith now declare that they feel "bigger'n old Grant." Anyhow, they spend money very freely.

—A Freshman is happy. He is soon to be initiated by the Philomathean Society of Elmira College, and will send them the ERA regularly.

—Hallow-e'en night was not celebrated in the usual manner. Very few gates were carried off, and these mostly on the streets up the hill.

—The odd classes have all the honors in sporting—'81 holds the rowing and foot-ball championship, and '83 claim the B. B. championship.

—President Russel, in his remarks upon elections Wednesday morning, seems to have ignored the practices by which the "solid South" returns large Democratic majorities.

—The question of the next President of the U. S. is settled, but the Seniors still wrangle over their President. Why not try the Hayes-Tilden plan of having an electoral commission?

—CORRECTION.—In the ERA of last week the statement was made that our crew would enter the Steward's challenge four-oared race at Henley. We should have said the Visitor's challenge four-oared.

—The Junior class is a model class. Last year they adopted a constitution without having it read, and this year they have not been able to obtain one to adopt. Mr. President, appoint your committees, especially the base ball and foot ball.

—The "constitutional" or "minority" faction of the Senior class held a meeting to-day in Room 1, thirty-one being present. Mr. Hahn, the President, made a brief speech, thanking his classmates for the honor they had conferred upon him. A motion that the Junior constitution be annulled was unanimously carried. A motion to appoint a committee to draft a Senior constitution was carried. Committee consists of Hull, Concklin and Wendell. Secretary Hornor read the minutes. Adjourned.

—Is it not about time that the manager and directors of the B. B. A. did something about that \$51? No doubt a majority of the students would

be perfectly willing to subscribe something towards paying the debt. It is necessary to remove this debt before the nine can do anything next spring. Why not adopt the plan used by the Navy, i. e., have each student subscribe so much a term. This would insure a permanent organization of the B. B. A., and give the nine encouragement to work. There are about fifteen men from whom to choose the nine, and there can be no doubt about having a good nine next spring.

COLLEGE NEWS.

COLUMBIA :—

Acta advises the Freshmen to challenge Harvard's Freshmen to meet them in a boat race next summer.

The students are much pleased with Columbia's admission to the Intercollegiate Foot-ball Association, which action was taken October 16th, at Springfield.

"Since Dr. Schmidt's health has been broken down, he has been relieved of some part of his duties. Most of the Freshmen now recite to Mr. C. S. Smith."—*Acta Columbiana*.

The seventeenth field-day meeting of the Athletic association, occurred October 23d, at Mott Haven. The track was in good condition, but owing to the wind and chilliness, no remarkable records were made.

"The following is the list of intercollegiate Foot-ball matches arranged by the association :

- Columbia vs. Harvard, November 6th.
- Harvard vs. Princeton, November 13th.
- Columbia vs. Yale, November 13th.
- Yale vs. Harvard, November 20th.
- Yale vs. Princeton, Thanksgiving Day."

—*Spectator*.

HARVARD :—

Large numbers of men are availing themselves of the newly-granted Library privileges on Sundays. They now ask to have it opened in the evening.

"The Harvard Cricket Club has played seven games since its organization, winning five of them. It will play no more matches this autumn."—*Crimson*.

"The cast of 'Edipus Tyrannus,' to be produced in the spring, is as follows :

- Edipus - - - Mr. George Riddle.
- Priest of Zeus - - - Mr. W. H. Manning, '82.
- Creon - - - Mr. J. H. Adams, '81.
- Tiresias - - - Mr. Curtis Guild, '81.
- Jocasta - - - Mr. L. E. Opdycke, L. S.
- Corinthian - - - Mr. A. W. Roberts, '82.
- Herdsmen - - - Mr. G. M. Lane, '81.
- Messenger - - - Mr. Owen Wister, '82.

The chorus, numbering fifteen, will be chosen from among the undergraduates. There will probably be a reading rehearsal very shortly."—*Crimson*.

A number of Greek students from other colleges have signified their intention of being present.

YALE :—

Pach photographs the Seniors.

The catalogue was issued about a week since.

Candidates for the Junior Ex. begin to bloom.

The general sentiment of the community is 'down' on several students for playing Lawn Tennis last Sunday.

Wednesday evening, October 27th, a large number of students took part in the Republican parade. The whole number of marchers was about 9,000.

"* * * However, we think we can justly lay claim to having the best American College *Eight*."—*News*.

"The Foot-ball team plays Amherst at Amherst, Nov. 9, Columbia, here Nov. 10, Amherst, Nov. 13 or 17, the other date being filled by Rutgers, both games here."—*News*.

EXCHANGES.

The Nassau Lit. for October, has many good things. "Savonarola" is the best thing of the length that we have read about the great Italian reformer. The closing paragraph is a glowing tribute to him, and contains a just estimate of his character :

"Savonarola endeavored to cleanse the morals of a corrupt church, and perished in the attempt; while Luther striking more deeply, aimed at the doctrines themselves. But Savonarola lived in fearful times, and in the midst of moral corruption preserved a life of stainless purity. Although he did not beautify Florence with palaces, yet he rescued her from moral and political degradation and bestowed on her a government under which she attained to the summit of her power and fame. He hated tyranny and the Medicis as representing it, and though only a monk, defied one of the strongest powers that has ever been established. The failure of Savonarola's labors should not be considered a criterion of their true value, but rather as the lot of all unsuccessful reformers who bequeath to following generations the task of estimating their real worth."

We would like to commend "An Interpretation of 'the Tempest,'" but cannot truthfully do so. We see nothing in it at all original, except the name of the commentator from whom the author seems largely to have borrowed. Occasionally there appears a quotation credited to one Dr. Bowden. Now we find exactly the same words in a book written by Edward Dowden, entitled "Shakespeare, His Mind and Art," and conclude either that the author did not crib carefully or that the printer who set up the production was under the influence of a stronger spirit than Ariel. The culmination of the author's false judgements in the article is reached at the end, where he says :

"But Prospero must leave the Enchanted Island and return to his home. Ere he departs he gives Ariel his liberty, and destroys his magical books. Thus Shakespeare, as he leaves the theatre and a profession he never loved, promises himself a life of ease and comfort in his home at Stratford. No longer must he force his genius against the natural current of his spirit, no longer urge his thoughts to irksome duties, but with Ariel we hear him singing.

' Merrily, merrily shall I live now,
Under the blossoms that hang on the bough.' "

We have never before heard that Shakespeare's duties away from Stratford were irksome. The idea is a luminous one and ought to be brought to the notice of Gerwinus, that he may incorporate it in the succeeding editions of his commentaries. We suppose that Shakespeare was enough of a man to long for his 'native heath' after he had attained to the very summit of his glory. Scattered here and there through his works are allusions to fame out-lived which had been saved if the hero had retired in time. Plainly to us, he only went home to rest from labors he had thoroughly enjoyed while they lasted, but had finally been completed to bring forth fruit in all time. Had he done otherwise, he probably could not have sung a prediction of his own immortality in the following, one of his 'Sonnets':

" Not marble, nor the gilded monuments
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme ;
But you shall shine more bright in these contents
Than unswept stone besmeared with sluttish time.
When wasteful war shall statues overturn,
And broils root out the work of masonry,
Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn
The living record of your memory.
'Gainst death and all-oblivious enmity
Shall you pace forth ; your praise shall still find room
Even in the eyes of all posterity
That wear this world out to the ending doom
So, till the judgement that yourself arise,
You live in this, and dwell in lovers' eyes."

This is a fit valedictory for the poet as he is about to leave the scene of his labors.

The long expected *Vassar Miscellany* has arrived. As usual it is full of bright things, and contains likewise something heavy in the shape of an article on the prize system. This meets our emphatic commendation :

" Emulation has given us some of our ablest and most noble men as well as some of the vilest criminals who ever breathed. It is a vast power in the minor occupations of existence. How much greater it becomes when conditions are introduced which cause individuals thus educated to act as a body. Then, indeed, emulation rules the making of laws, the action of magistrates, the dispensing of criticism, the justice of courts, and, as a whole, all public opinion. It inflames all the passions, the good as well as the bad. It determines the results of knowledge. Since it cannot be abolished, it should not be put entirely in the back-ground. It makes a man an angel or a devil. Because it often fails in producing the angel, and because we do not surely know that the good it brings is more powerful than the woe, it should be advanced cautiously. It is wise to use the principle of emulation to promote intellectual exertion, so long as this can be done, and leave to men and women a clear conscience, a broad charity, and the ability to become better citizens "

But the *Miscellany* is modest—charmingly so, we think, regarding the merits of the Vassar essays and its own literary standard. The following is a rather amusing way of putting it :

" We believed thoroughly that the Vassar essay system was a good one. If it was good, it must produce good essays, and essays which would not only be considered good by those who might be supposed to be prejudiced in their favor, but

which would compel the respect of some of Vassar's critics. Fortune favored us, and when a gentleman condescendingly remarked that he had seen a *Miscellany* once, and "wouldn't mind glancing over a couple of copies again, if we could let him have them," we assented cheerfully and selected the numbers with care. We contented ourselves with expressing a hope that he would not find them wholly unentertaining, and especially recommending for his perusal the number containing a certain essay on "Latent Mental Modifications," etc.

Within a few days the borrower remarked that he had 'looked over' an article on "Mental Modifications," and asked us rather carelessly, if we understood it. We couldn't say we did, and wouldn't say that we did not so we employed the noble art of prevarication to keep us out of the dilemma. The desired effect was being produced and it was not for us to mar it by any Puritanical regard for the borderland between truth and falsehood. Before long the magazines were returned with the remark, "I enjoyed the *Miscellanies* very much, all except one article which I found rather tough. You see," he continued, warming with the subject "I couldn't make anything out of that essay. I lent it round to the other fellows, and they all had to give it up. So we thought we would combine our forces some day and see what we could do with it. There were six of us. One was appointed reader, and another sat near with the dictionary. The reader read one sentence at a time. Then the man with the dictionary would look out all the words, and we would all try to see if we could put them together to make it intelligible. We had to give it up."

Such was the result of our test of the Vassar essay system. If it can produce essays so deep that the united efforts of six men and a Webster's Unabridged cannot fathom them, what more can be desired?"

Nothing whatever. The glories of Co-education fade and the 'Annex' system and all its boasted 'culchaw' grows dim before the marvelous triumphs of the Vassar and Wellesly method. A petition to the trustees of female colleges, Vassar especially, is in order, asking them to throw open their doors to the poor dwarfed specimens of humanity who have hitherto thought Harvard, Yale and Cornell the 'Ultima Thule' of higher education. Come again, sister.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—*Soph.* Do you belong to the class of '84?

Fresh. How many?—*Williams Athenæum.*

—"It matters very little whether the first king of Rome was named Romulus or Ezekiel," if—(enthusiastic applause.)—*Brunonian.*

—"My father don't want me to carry firearms, anyway," said a Freshman to the Sophomore who told him he must not attempt to carry a banger.—*Yale Courant.*

—I'm a Freshman, and I'm a stranger,
I can tarry, I can tarry but a year ;
Then I'll pass into a Soph-o-more,
And I'll tarry, yes, I'll tarry, one more year.

—"Can you tell the location of my vaccine cuticular buskins?" said a Freshman to his paternal ancestor, upon returning to his rural home last July.

It was ascertained that he wanted his cowhide boots.
—*Yale Courant.*

—One of the graduates of Vassar recently read a paper to prove that Phthologyrrh spelled Turner. Her argument was that the phth, as in phthisis, is T; olo, as in colonel, is ur; gn as in gnat, is n; yrrh, as in myrrh, is er.—*South.*

—Cutler comes to the front again and translates: "*Dort werft ihr euch dem Papsl zu Fueszen, beichtet Ihm eure Schuld und looeset eure Seele.*" There throw yourself at the feet of the Pope, confess to him your guilt and lose your soul."—*Berkeleyan.*

—We were on the Sound boat and the mate was evidently annoyed with the questions of the sub-freshmen and their friends. "Carry it forward," he roared to the innocent deck hand, "Carry it forward, you lunk-headed son of a sculpine, or I hope to be gee-whizzley gaul dusted to judge if I don't maul the dad shammed head off'n ye."—*Yale News.*

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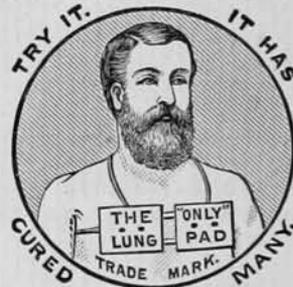
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Nevertheless, we want our readers to kindly remember that we, by virtue of our contract, are compelled to meet our bills every week. Trusting that these remarks will open your hearts and purses, we will again ask our creditors to "call to-morrow."

THE battalion drill and dress-parade on Wednesday were a great success. The band, with its wonderful drum-major and attendant crowd of small boys, was present, and contributed not a little to the magnificence of the occasion. The movements were executed with commendable regularity and skill. The changes which Major Burbank and the Faculty have made in the regulations governing this department of University duties have, of course, greatly enlarged the battalion, and created opportunities for manoeuvres on a much larger scale. Many visitors were present Wednesday, and showed much astonishment at the great improvement made in so short a time. The popularity of the present instructor in this department has had not a little to do with the great success which he has attained. It is wonderful how a little display of sympathy and interest in student enterprises on the part of a Professor, lessens the disagreeableness of the work a man has to perform under him.

THE Faculty of Oberlin have not forbidden base ball. The report, published in many papers, to that effect seems to have been a "campaign lie." No, although billiards, cards, and all games of chance are interdicted, while foot-ball, croquet, and "pussy wants a corner," are looked upon with disfavor, base ball, with certain limitations, is still permitted within the hallowed precincts of that saintly city. The sacred soil of the campus, however, is no longer desecrated by the wicked game, but some remote spot, far from the chapel and churches, has been set apart for this purpose. The lady students, however, are not allowed to witness the games, except by special permission. The reason for this cruel interference with the rights and privileges of woman does not appear.

Of course, the toleration of base ball, even in this

mild and restricted way, is considered a compromise with the Devil, and before long we shall hear that the sphere no longer whirls through the religious atmosphere of Oberlin. There is only one way by which it can be saved : at present, all college exercises, except a game of base ball, are opened with prayer or singing a hymn. Let the captains of the nines adopt this method of beginning the sport, and the conflict between base ball and religion will cease.

CLOSE connection with, and interest in, any enterprise, is of course, calculated to increase its magnitude in the eyes of those who participate in it. Perhaps it is for this reason that we often rate too high the influence and importance of a college publication. Still in spite of its frequent inconsistent and untenable positions, its extremely radical tone, and the rancor and bitterness with which each publication repels all attacks and insinuations upon its particular college, we are persuaded that the collegiate press exercises no inconsiderable influence upon the educational events of this country. In most of the leading colleges of the land, no sort of restriction is imposed by the faculties upon their student publications. Any kind of matter which the editors are disposed to insert, is allowed publicity ; and hence the paper becomes just what it was meant to be, a clear expression of undergraduate opinion. It is right, looking at it from all sides, that this opinion should be well known and distinctly stated. There is a vast difference between the position of instructor and student ; a distance lies between them which sometimes makes it impossible for either to understand or appreciate the actions of the other. The professor has few chances for intercourse and interchange of opinion with the student body. And too often it happens that the only undergraduate association which the professor has, is with a certain class of students few in number, who are merely courting his favor, and do not represent in the least the great body of undergraduates who are too independent to do this. Here the college paper steps in. Its chief function is to express exactly the feelings which are being aroused, and the actions which are taking place outside of the sight and knowledge of the faculty. Thus its utterances are valuable to both sides, which too often are at variance. No one can doubt the influence which a powerful college

journal wields. It can be made a power for good or for bad. We shall strive earnestly for what we believe to be the right.

THE efforts of the Coroner's Jury to solve the mystery which surrounds the death of Mr. D. R. Halsey, were not rewarded with very great success. It is not at all probable that the matter will ever be fully cleared up, as the larger part of the evidence in the case is purely circumstantial, and of little value, except to substantiate theories. The tragedy occurred in a unfrequented place. So far as is known, there was no witness of the deed ; no one has testified that he was certain of having ever seen Mr. Halsey in the vicinity of the place where his body was found, consequently nothing can be proven definitely, and any opinion which is formed must be based chiefly upon the habits, characteristics and acts of the deceased. When the jury adjourned last Friday, the general impression was that the case undoubtedly was one of suicide ; since that time many have been led to believe that the shooting was accidental, and after listening to the testimony from beginning to end, and getting considerable information from conversation with the friends of the late Mr. Halsey, we are inclined to believe that this theory is the true one. There seems to be no sufficient reason for supposing that Mr. Halsey was insane. The doctors who examined his brain, found it in an abnormal condition, to be sure, as would naturally be the case after it had been penetrated by a bullet. But they do not claim that they discovered any conclusive proof of insanity. On the other hand, there was no testimony to prove that any of his ancestors or relatives had ever been insane. The letters mailed by him to his little nieces on the day of his death, exhibit nothing that can lead anyone to question the sanity of the author. The same may be said of letters written a few days previous to these. None of those most intimately acquainted with him ever noticed the slightest symptoms of a diseased mind. That he was modest, diffident, and not given to hilarity, is admitted. He may have been melancholy and gloomy at times. Who is not ? These characteristics do not prove insanity, by any means. Again, if we leave insanity out of the question, we must look for a motive. No one but a mad man will take his own life, unless there is some reason for such an act. The jury searched in vain for any-

thing that could be looked upon as sufficient cause for suicide. There had been no trouble at home, no deep disappointment in any way, and those who accompanied his body to Bridgehampton, say that there is every reason why he should have wished to live. None of his own family or acquaintances can advance anything that tends to strengthen the suicide theory.

Another strong proof that the shooting was accidental, is that there was nothing in Mr. Halsey's letters or conversation which indicates that he had the slightest intention of committing suicide. In the letters to his nieces, he speaks of the probability of his visiting home during the holidays, and from the contents of the letters, one would suppose that he was in a cheerful mood at the time of writing them. In a letter, dated October 29th, to Mr. Reeve, his former chum, he speaks of going home, so that he might be able to refer to certain books which he thought would be helpful to him in writing his Woodford oration. The day before his death he wrote to a lady, who has lived in his father's house as one of the family for several years. In this letter he speaks of his plans for the future, and says nothing in which, even in the light of what has transpired since the letter was written, shows that he had any intention of suicide at that time. There is every reason to suppose that, if he had contemplated such a terrible act, he would have mentioned the fact to this lady, his nearest and most intimate friend.

In conclusion, we would say that, inasmuch as there is no proof in favor of suicide, it is no more than just to conclude that the death of Mr. Halsey was the result of an accident; and, in our opinion, this will be the verdict of the majority of people who know anything of the circumstances of the case.

THE APOTHEOSIS OF CRITICISM.

In a letter dated Oct. 23d, the London correspondent of the *New York Herald* in the course of his wholesale praise of Dion Boucicault's new drama entitled "*The O'Dowd*," gives Mr. Boucicault's *views* concerning Edwin Booth's reappearance in London. I quote *verbatim* the so called *views* of Mr. Boucicault as they occur in the *Herald's* columns.

"EDWIN BOOTH'S PROSPECTS.

Before this letter reaches you Edwin Booth will have made his reappearance in London. Nevertheless I give Mr. Boucicault's views. 'What kind of a reception do you expect for Booth?' I asked. 'A royal reception,' replied Mr. Boucicault. 'That he will prove a serious rival to Irving is expected. The main fault with Booth is that he has none. He

has no peculiarity—no mannerism—therefore the professional inimics have avoided him. His elocution is pure, clear and simple. His manner and gait are far from affectations. He has nothing objectionable in his style, so his admirers have not the stimulus of opposition. We do not like perfection, pure and simple. A man should have some ingratiating foibles, some outstanding vices, to mark his character—redeeming faults, as it were—that reconcile us to his merits and form a background to his better qualities. His rival, Irving, is remarkable for such prominence; indeed, the subordinate actors in his company at the Lyceum are so many faint photographs of his peculiarities, they seem so catching. The success of Booth will not cause Irving to lose one of his many admirers; the great Shakespearian passion of the English people has stomach for them both. There is ample room for an Edmund Kean and a John Kemble in a community that numbers, with its transient population, five millions for London now includes all the great centres from Glasgow to Birmingham and from Liverpool to Hull—cities which the great railway system has made suburbs of this huge metropolis.'"

Yes, these are *views*. But that word expresses the "be-all" and the "end-all" of Mr. Boucicault's panegyrical, eulogistic, encomiastic oblation upon the "royal reception" of Mr. Edwin Booth as the prince of histrionics, by the British play-going people. Let us gather together our shattered confidence in man's possession of common sense, whatever may be remaining to us after having read the above happily safe delivered views of Mr. Boucicault, and congratulate him upon his survival (for he is still living) from a sudden and almost fatal attack of deranged reason. For a man of Mr. Boucicault's talents—he has talents, if they are plagiaristic in style,—to make such statements as the above, and still hope that the world will entertain the idea that he yet possesses a judgment, is too much to ask of human nature. I will review with you what he said.

"That he will prove a serious rival to Irving is expected." That he (Mr. Booth) will prove nothing of the kind, is positive. I endeavored to show, in a former article, any existing links between Mr. Booth's and Mr. Irving's style of acting, and found but few. Mr. Booth and Mr. Irving stand diametrically opposite in their profession, Mr. Booth having the mind and Mr. Irving the heart, in their various impersonations. I do not think the dramatic world will be called upon to rival these two actors, inasmuch as each will appeal to a certain class of admirers. Those desiring to view a dramatic whole finding its greatest height in the movings of a grand human heart will favor Mr. Irving. But the dilettanti who love art "cold and classical to a fault," and do not care for living, human reality, will side with Mr. Booth. But as for Mr. Booth's rivalling Mr. Irving, he cannot do it, since the latter possesses what the former never can attain, a healthy simplicity and a heart. I will deviate here, and ask your attention to an editorial in the *New York Herald* of Nov. 8th, which, in a note upon Mr. Booth's recent reappearance in London, gravely misrepresents Mr. Irving's style of acting. The editor says "no actor will be accepted by the London writers who does not act according to the Irving canons." Mr. Irving has no

canons, and in that he is better off than Mr. Booth. The editor goes on to say "the radical difference between Mr. Irving and Mr. Booth is that the Englishman is an actor of melo-drama and eccentric comedy, while the American is a tragedian," and further on he says Mr. Irving has reduced *Richard III* to high comedy. If the editor of the *New York Herald* ever saw Mr. Irving's *Richard III* he labored under peculiar circumstances not to be mentioned here. And as to the statement of Mr. Irving being an actor of melo-drama and eccentric comedy, it is absurd. The whole British press has granted to Mr. Irving the palm for tragedy of the purest kind, the *New York Herald* to the contrary notwithstanding. I turn from this unique and eccentric ebullition of praise, which was evidently intended as a panacea to Mr. Booth's rough handling by the London critics, and ask your attention to our self constituted Aristarchus. "The main fault," our Corinthian says, "with Booth is that he has none." "A Daniel come to judgment! yea, a Daniel!" Did Balaam's ass ever utter words the like unto these? By what scale does Mr. Boucicault measure his idea of perfection? I will not attempt to point it out now, it will take too long to find it. "He," Mr. Booth, "has no peculiarity—no mannerism—therefore the professional inimics have avoided him. His elocution is pure, clear and simple." Well, this is the clearest case of pure, simple, I have ever met with in the way of criticism. Mr. Booth is probably the best living specimen of the original, unadulterated eye-rolling "town-crier" like tragedian who spoke his lines in Shakespeare's time. His mannerisms are of the most obtrusive kind, and stick all over him "like quills upon the fretful porpentine." His best friends and most lenient critics say this but then Mr. Boucicault "means well, but he don't know." Mr. Booth's elocution is "pure, clear and simple," so much so that we can always see Mr. Booth in it. He never fails to lose his identity, but he is always the personification of "stately and magnificent genius" (?); he is "the superb." I will say nothing about what Mr. Boucicault says concerning Mr. Booth's "perfection, pure and simple," (this phrase "pure and simple," seems to be a favorite one with Mr. Boucicault) his freedom from "ingratiating foibles, some outstanding vices, to mark his character—redeeming faults, as it were—that reconcile us to his merits and form a background to his better qualities." I will mention none of these, since it is a pitiable sight to see the "back-ground" of a man's common sense give way and reveal to the rude vision of the populace the shattered "better qualities," all swept by the board. We are men, and being men we cannot "reconcile" ourselves to such a terrible human wreck. I must close, but it is with a heart loaded with anxiety that I leave Mr. Boucicault and his "perfection, pure and simple." I am afraid it will strike in one of these days, and

then we have nothing to do but mourn the loss of the inimitable "Shaughraun."

WHAT WE THINK ABOUT SENIOR DIFFICULTIES.

The fire did not burn low upon the hearth, nor did the cricket chirp, nor was the fast sinking sun throwing golden bars across the curiously figured carpet. This would have been the proper thing for a piece of fiction. But stern truth demands—a gas-leaking stove, an insect defunct through the carelessness of the fireman, and a carpet much "mellowed by the stealing hours of time." Unity of place has long been the rule by which our little college household has been guided; one small room, with one large bed occupying most of its space, having served as our abode for many moons. Chum is aristocratic. I am plebeian. Chum sat leaning back in the arm chair, with his heels on the upper periphery of the stove. I lay on the bed gazing up at a section of plastering depending from the wall above, like the sword of Damocles. Chum smoked a lordly cigarette. I chewed a bit of goose-quill. "Well," said he, "what is the latest news from the rebel camp?" This is the way he brings on the discussion of the Senior election difficulties, he being one of the 'minority' and I one of the 'majority.' I responded that we were not in the habit of discussing Senior business with members of the Junior class; that most of us had passed up into the Senior year, and preferred to do business with Seniors. This was meant for sarcasm, but it did not touch him very deeply. He is a sort of rhinoceros. So he laughed and inquired whether the idea was original. He said that he heard an argument greatly like that advanced by a man that ought to know a great deal better. He says that the man who talks so much about 'legality' and parliamentary principles ought to know that the acts of the majority, under the Junior constitution, would at once estop them from pleading that they were not acting under it. The meeting was called as a regular one by the Junior President and Secretary, and a committee was appointed by the former without protest. Mr. Burr himself claimed later that we were acting under the Junior constitution. He said that a man whose writings indicate such an intense self-respect as those of "T. S." should have considered the question more at length before rushing into cold type.

I ventured to remark that if my chum, in whom I am well pleased, would examine the article of 'T. S.' he would see that the Senior constitution had been adopted by a *majority*, and that was sufficient.

He knocked off the ashes from his cigarette with a deft movement of the little finger, and, as the smoke ascended in wreaths about his head, went on: "This 'T. S.' hits everything but the points in the case. We all acknowledged ourselves under the

Junior document, and to annul it must have a two-thirds majority, which, in a fair and open meeting, would have been given without a doubt. But when it was rumored that the meeting was packed, the two-thirds scheme became impossible. And even if the Senior magna charta had been adopted, the majority had no case, since the amendment to it was subsequent to the adoption, and required a two-thirds vote, which would also have been given in a meeting supposed to be fair and above-board. As a consequence the officers elected on Wednesday were chosen illegally, and the fact that the 'minority' chose an Ivy Orator under the Junior constitution did not clothe the 'majority' election with a shadow of legality."

He was going to illustrate by some example of the people of the U. S. holding a majority election sometime in July, but I cut him short with a groan; that was too stale. But it was small use to reason with him on this ground, for he would squirm out some way, so I told him that the meeting was not packed, and that the minority might have had almost all of the officers, anyway. But he looked incredulous, smiled, blew a ring of smoke, and remarked, philosophically: "We would rather be right with all the officers than to be illegal and wrong with a part of them." Then I called him a salary-grabber, a fraud, and a scheming usurper, and he returned the compliment by calling me a primary-packer, a bold rebel, a demagogue, and a follower of the rabble. This sounded so much like the first days of the controversy, when such statements were more serious, that we stopped.

"Well," said I, "perhaps you can twist the law so as to have it sanction your course, but when you come to 'morality,' we are a long way ahead of you, for we have over fifty men, and you have only about thirty." Then he gave one of those smiles that almost circumscribe the head. One has only to speak of morality in connection with the case in order to rouse his hearty laughter. He thinks it rich or hypocritical. To tell the plain and unvarnished truth, he don't believe that excessive morality should be pleaded by either party. He don't believe that numbers are a very good rule of morals. He insists that we were afraid of a third candidate, who might divide our forces, so we rushed it through without much of an eye to fairness. He was also rash enough to assert that a grab-game by fifty might justify the same tactics by thirty, had they been pleased to act outside of the constitution. This is, of course, very unreasonable, but as the morality point to which I had been clinging began to be involved in some doubt, I told him that the 'minority' were spendthrifts, who desired to waste the substance of the class in extravagant management of class-day, while we wished to economize in all things. Then he chinked two trade dollars in his pocket with a lordly air, and said: "Yes, we are all wealthy, and

desire to spend a great deal of money, merely to relieve our pockets! We are burdened, and sigh for rest! We want to oppress you by having a class-day to which all can look back with a degree of pleasure and pride, instead of one that we should all be ashamed of! Don't you know that you are mistaken in supposing that we want to throw away money? Our desire is to have something worthy of remembrance, even if our pockets do have to suffer a trifle for it. Poor invitations are a small matter to those who have no pride in them, who send none away, and preserve none for a future look; but a rich and tasty design is a matter of some moment to those who see the character of the class in them. A poor band at the exercises and at the ball is of little consequence to those that care nothing for music or dancing. But it is a matter of much solicitude to those who are aware that the taste and culture of the class will be judged by the entertainment it provides for its visitors." This was the very view I held myself, but I did not intend to admit it to him. There was another reason why I did not stop to discuss this point with him. I felt sure that he could not get around my next point, and I was anxious to come at it. So I told him that a good many secret society men did not countenance the 'minority' view. Again, he had the audacity to correct me. Said he, "You are greatly mistaken; taking out 'anti-secret society' men, there are only two or three left; and these are men who have never been prominently identified with the societies.

The more you talk to him, the more he resorts to facts and reasoning, and the more he will try to make you believe that his party is moved by patriotism instead of a desire to spend the money of the class in a reckless manner. It seems curious that the same facts should admit of so many different constructions, but perhaps it is all right. He is one of the thirty, and thirty must never rule fifty, even if we have to compromise by holding a new election, and putting in all our men over again. He is so contrary that he will not consent to declare all proceedings off and begin over again, because he says we have worked up a feeling against societies that did not exist before, and would vote solid. I told him that I guessed not, but I should like to see it tried, just for the fun of it.

Thus has our little circle been stirred by the events of the past few days. We have labored mightily with each other, but we haven't split yet. We are free to discuss, but slow to anger. I, for one, hope our classmates will do likewise. I would not part with chum's friendship for a dozen class-days, and he would not forsake a friend for the sake of any argument; but he is very marked in his views, and would see a class divided beyond the individuals before he would sacrifice his principles. He says that if two class-days *must* be held, let them be held, 'for the work's sake;' but any man who meets his

classmate with a handshake one whit the less hearty, a greeting one bit less cordial, a heart one iota less loving on account of his convictions in this affair, let him not claim the name of friend.

And here our views coincide again. So the argument waits till to-morrow.

CONCLUSION OF THE HALSEY INQUEST.

The Coroner's Jury reassembled Wednesday afternoon, about 3 o'clock. We give below only such parts of the testimony as are important. The first witness examined was Dr. W. D. Wilson, of the University. He testified to having seen Mr. Halsey on the day of his death, between 9:30 and 10 a. m., at Frear's gallery, at which time he noticed nothing peculiar in his manner or conversation. Witness had known the deceased as a student, and noticed no change in him this term.

JOHN J. WOOD, a laborer in Hunt's coal-yard, was sworn, but testified to nothing of importance.

IRA A. PLACE, who accompanied the body of Mr. H. to his former home, testified that while there he endeavored to learn whether anyone knew of anything that might have induced Mr. H. to commit suicide, but found nothing that would give any foundation to that theory. Witness said that the young lady who lived with the family told him that she spoke to Mr. H. last summer of their having no firearms in the house, and said to him that sometime they might need something of the kind. H. agreed with her; said that he thought he should get some kind of a weapon, and learn to use it. [The relatives of Mr. H. think this was his object in buying a revolver.]

G. L. BURR, who also accompanied the remains to Bridgehampton, agreed in the main with Mr. Place. He said that Mr. Reeve, the chum of Mr. H. at Cornell for two years, told him that he did not think it strange that H. requested Raynor to pay his board. He (Reeve) had often done the same for H., when rooming with him. Reeve also told him that H. frequently left his room for a walk in the fields, remaining away sometimes for half a day. Witness testified that he found a letter in Raynor's trunk from H. which began with the words, "Dear George." [It will be remembered that the note left on the table to Raynor began in this way, and many thought this affectionate way of addressing his roommate was proof that he contemplated suicide.]

HENRY R. HALSEY testified that he was the half-brother of the late Mr. Halsey, and knew of nothing whatever which could have induced him to commit suicide.

DR. VAN CLEEF recalled, testified that he examined the brain of Mr. Halsey, and saw nothing of any nodules on it. Witness thought from the nature of the wound that the muzzle of the revolver barrel was held directly against the forehead.

IRA A. PLACE recalled, testified that on Tuesday last he visited the place where the body was found, and that the bark was peeled from a portion of the trunk of the tree near which the body had lain. Near the center of the part from which the bark had been cut, he noticed a plus mark, that had been made with a lead-pencil. The witness was shown one of the pencils found in Mr. H.'s pocket, and testified that, in his opinion, the appearance of the point would indicate that it had been used to mark with on some hard substance. Witness said that he found a bullet in the end of a rail, about 20 feet from the tree. [Mr. Place was shown a bullet taken from the rail, and on comparing it with the ball of the cartridges found in Mr. H.'s pocket, he said that in his opinion they were the same size. This testimony was introduced to show that Mr. Halsey may have been shooting at a target, and that he probably stripped the bark from the tree for the purpose of making a target and continuing his practice. There were three empty shells in the cylinder of the revolver, one of which showed by the marks upon it that it had been struck twice by the hammer.]

This concluded the testimony, and after a short consultation, the jury rendered the following verdicts:

"We, the undersigned, members of the Coroner's Jury to inquire into the death of David R. Halsey, find that the deceased came to his death in Ithaca, Tompkins Co., N. Y., on the 3d of Nov., 1880, at about half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, from the effects of a bullet wound in the head and brain. That the said bullet was fired from a pistol in the hands of the said David R. Halsey, but whether said shot was intentionally or accidentally made, we, the jury, cannot, from the evidence produced before us determine.

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| D. P. HODSON, | J. B. DUNHAM, |
| C. L. SMITH, | S. L. WORTMAN, |
| WM. F. MAJOR, | L. A. BURRITT. |
| E. J. MORGAN, JR., CORONER. | |

We, the undersigned, members of above Coroner's Jury, find that said David R. Halsey came to his death from a pistol shot wound in the forehead, the bullet entering the brain, that said pistol was probably in his own hand, but, from all the evidence before us, we believe that said shooting was the result of accident.

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| J. H. TICHENOR, Foreman. |
| O. P. HYDE. |
| E. J. MORGAN, JR., Coroner. |

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In the sudden death of David R. Halsey, the Christian Association of Cornell University has lost one of its most earnest and faithful members; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Associa-

tion, extend to the bereaved friends of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the friends of the deceased, and published in the college papers.

Alice Goddard,
H. H. Wing,
W. G. Rappleye, } Com.

CORNELLIANA.

—Prof. Mackoon's new house is fast approaching completion.

—The painting of the Laboratory adds very much to its appearance.

—Rev. W. P. Coddington of the M. E. Church, will preach at Sage Chapel Sunday.

—A number of Hobart College men were in town last Friday to attend the initiation of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

—The colored quartette serenaded the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi fraternities Wednesday evening.

—A portion of the syllabus in Geology will be given the class during the coming week and the rest will be ready before Thanksgiving.

—On Monday next occurs the great sculling race between Hanlan, the Canadian champion, and Trickett, the Australian champion.

—Those who wish to spend a pleasant evening and hear something that they can appreciate, should attend the concert at Wilgus Hall, Monday evening.

—Who comes next? Yale has decided to send their crew to England. Would it not be well for Hobart to consider the advisability of also sending her crew?

—A game of foot ball between the Juniors and Freshmen to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p. m. Brunn, Pierce and Collins have been appointed as the foot ball committee from the Juniors.

—Careful attention is paid to the health of the young ladies at the Elmira Female College. One of the requirements is that, "*Each student will be expected to bring a satisfactory certificate of vaccination. Those who fail to do this, will be required to be vaccinated under the direction of the Matron.*"

—Dr. Brown, one of the surgeons that testified at the Halsey inquest last week, called an ERA editor's attention to a few errors—mostly printer's—in the medical testimony we printed. They do not alter the sense save in one particular; "peculiar to a stroke of apoplexy" should read, "similar to that in a case of apoplectic stroke."

—The next regular meeting of the Philosophical Society will be held on Saturday evening, Nov.

13, in the Botanical Lecture-room, at 7.30 o'clock. The paper of the evening will be given by the Rev. C. M. Tyler; subject: "Thought in Nature" or "A Consideration of the Present State of the Argument of Design in the Natural World."

—Interest in sports is fast diminishing among the students, and unless something is done by those who have the management of base ball and foot ball, these games will soon be things of the past. Now let the committees from each class arrange for games of foot ball, and in order to introduce Rugby, play the Rugby. It may seem unnecessary to give up a game which meets with so much favor from the students, as the Cornell method of playing, but it is for the interest of the college that we play Rugby. A match game could be easily arranged with Hobart; and why not try the experiment and see if the game is so very "rough" as a majority of the students answer when asked to play.

•—"The minority" faction of the Senior class held a regular meeting at 1 o'clock this afternoon in Room T, between thirty and thirty-five being present. On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with. Mr. Place made a report of the actions of the committee that escorted the remains of Mr. Halsey to his father's home at Bridgehampton, L. I. After some debate, a motion made by Mr. Concklin that the report be accepted as formal that it might be placed on the minutes of the meeting, was lost, and the report accepted as informal. The Junior Constitution was then annulled, and Mr. Hull, chairman of the committee on Constitution read the proposed Senior Constitution, which was, upon motion, unanimously adopted. On motion of Mr. Smith the meeting adjourned.

—A meeting of the "majority faction" of the class of '81 was held last Wednesday in room T, thirty-one being present, Burr in the chair. He delivered a seven minute speech, urging a compromise between the divisions of the class. All personal motives should be set aside, but the principle at stake should never be sacrificed. He hoped that he would not deceive the trust placed in him. Wing read the minutes of previous meetings which were adopted. He also read the report of the treasurer, which was adopted. A report from Ainslie on resolutions was adopted. Place made an informal report from the committee who escorted the remains of D. R. Halsey to his late home. Wing started to read amendments to the constitution. Two members, about to leave, were recalled to preserve a quorum. It was then moved to adopt the amendments without reading. Unanimously carried. A motion after considerable debate and reference was carried, that the Constitution, as amended, be adopted. Adjourned.

PERSONALIA.

COOK, '80, is spending a few days visiting friends in town.

PROFESSOR FISKE and wife expect to pass the winter on the Nile.

MESSRS. CLARENCE ESTY, '76, and L. O. Howard, '77, cast their votes in Ithaca.

WHITON, '80, is said to have recently become engaged to one of Ithaca's belles.

"JACK" HORNER, '81, was the first to discover the fire on Aurora street during election night.

HURD, '72, has been reelected assemblyman, from 5th district, Erie county, by over 700 majority.

P. W. TARBOX, '78, says he will send ten dollars and probably more if the crew goes to England.

J. S. LAWRENCE, '80, is spending a few days in town. He is an assayer near Gunniston city, Col.

J. G. McLALLEN, '84, played the cornet in the Trumansburg band during the late democratic parade.

DOUNCE, '79, assisted in entertaining a number of the students who remained in Elmira after the parade.

H. D. BLISS, formerly '80, was in town a few days. He goes to Philadelphia to complete his medical studies.

"COL." EDMUND BURKE FERRY, '80, has returned to his home, Waterville, N. Y., from a seven weeks' tour in the west.

A. H. AND L. H. COWLES spent last Friday and Saturday week at Cayuga. Since then ducks are said to be scarce there.

E. P. JENNINGS, formerly one of Professor Shaefer's assistants, is now Superintendent of the Rowe Gold mine near Phoenix, Arizona.

PROF. MACKOON has been absent from the University during the past week. His absence was much regretted by the students in his classes.

ROBERT CARTWRIGHT, formerly '81, spent a few days with his friends in Ithaca last week. He is studying practical mechanics in Rochester.

F. H. PARSONS, formerly '80, returned from Europe last July, and is now located in New York city. He will graduate in veterinary science next March, and then settle down in Minnesota.

"TOM" BENEDICT, '81, is taking the first part of patient Job as teacher in the Pittston, Pa., High School. He will return to the University next spring term and complete his studies with his class.

PROFESSOR PRENTISS published in the American Naturalist for August and September, an article upon the "Destruction of Obnoxious Insects by Means of Fungoid Growths," which has since been republished in pamphlet form. The paper contains the results of a series of experiments conducted in the Botanical Laboratory. We are gratified to see that special investigations with scientifically conducted tests are a part of advanced instruction in science in the University.

COLLEGE NEWS.

BROWN :—

Subscribers to the Base-ball and Foot-ball associations are clamoring for the privilege of electing the managers.

The Campus is being improved, and the Seniors rejoice at the prospect of having their Class Day exercises on it.

Foot-ball has been suddenly revived. Two good elevens practice daily, and some matches are expected before Thanksgiving.

COLUMBIA :—

Senior class Academics' political preferences : Democrats 12, Republicans 14.

Seniors are considering the plan of giving a Semi-Annual exhibition some time this winter.

October 23, about 75 Democrats of Columbia, went to Governor's Island, to pay their respects to Gen. Hancock.

It is probable, if men can be found to train all winter, that the Freshmen will challenge '84, Harvard, for a boat-race with eights.

After a thorough canvass of the returns in the ballot for the eight-oared shell at the Hahnemann Hospital Fair last spring, the boat has been awarded to Columbia. It will be ordered at once of Waters, of Troy.

HARVARD :—

"The Glee Club will form the chorus in the Greek play."—*Echo*.

To-day the foot-ball team play the Princeton eleven in New York.

Last year's Freshman class is in debt about \$1,200.

Voluntary attendance at recitations is now the privilege of all students.

"The subjects for Sophomore Themes are : "Defense of Smoking" ; "Condensation of the Constitution of the United States."—*Echo*.

"The foot-ball match between the Freshman teams of Harvard and Yale will take place at Hartford, on Wednesday, Nov. 24th."—*Echo*.

The Freshman crew are hard at work. There are twelve candidates, and more are expected. They row three times a week, and take long walks. A challenge is expected from Columbia.

"The new rule relating to the minimum mark in any course—now forty per cent. in all courses, instead of thirty-three and one-third in prescribed courses and forty in elective courses—seems unnecessarily severe."—*Advocate*.

In order to encourage a careful study of important economic questions, the Cobden Club propose to offer annually a silver medal for the best dissertation on some economic question, by any member of the University. The Committee of Award is to be Messrs. Edward Atkinson, Laughlin and Dunbar.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY :—

There is an association of Master Masons here.

"Already five of the Regents have expressed themselves as favorable to an appropriation for the Gymnasium, and it seems almost as if our efforts are to end in success."—*Chronicle*.

Professor Winchell has set apart Thursday evening of each week, from eight to ten, to receive the members of his classes, at his home. He wishes to become personally acquainted with the students.

VASSAR :—

Essay writing is a Senior elective.

There is a new Senior Debating Club.

The Freshmen class numbers twenty-four. There are eighty-nine new students in all.

The new Chemical Laboratory has been fully equipped with expensive apparatus, and is now being used.

Two new paintings were added to the Art Gallery this summer. They are *The Botanist*, by A. Ronner, Brussels, presented by Trustee Wright, and a *Scene in the Ghetto at Rome*, by Hubert Robert, 1784, left to the college by the late Henderson Green of Hyde Park, N. Y.

YALE :

Professors find fault with many of their classes for the slight interest in studies they display.

\$10,000 has been subscribed towards purchasing and improving a field for athletic purposes. The purchase will soon be made.

The foot ball team's appointments ahead are with Rutgers at New Haven, Nov. 13; with Amherst at New Haven, Nov. 17; with Harvard at Boston, Nov. 20th; with Princeton at New York, Nov. 25.

Last Friday evening, Professor Sumner had a talk with Seniors on Political Economy. The Professor's lectures attract many outsiders, for he finds fault with both political parties.

"The President and fellows of Yale have filled the vacancy in the corporation occasioned by the death of the Rev. O. E. Daggett, D.D., by elevating the Rev. Charles Ray Palmer of Bridgeport to the position."—*Courant*.

EXCHANGES.

Yale Record :

"Of all the pleasing birds that fly into our office under the title of 'exchanges' the *Niagara Index* is the most conducive to gangrene of the left lung. It is about as well developed a sample of what the Chinaman calls 'Too muchee damn chin-chin' as one cares to witness in these enlightened days. It concludes a notice of the *Record* with a 'tiger' for our respected President and then paws the language in several yards of pusillanimous 'gush.' Editors of other papers will do well to begin practicing on obituaries for the *Index* exchange editor."

Apropos of this, we will paste our copy this week, spare subscribers our 'chin-chin,' and take the time saved to practice on the obit., adding thereto one for

the whole board of the *Notre Dame Scholastic*. The latter are altogether too good to live. This is from *The Varsity*, a new weekly at University College, Toronto.

"We again feel compelled to call attention to the prefatorial attitude of the 'Notre Dame Scholastic' The following is taken from the issue of October 23 :—'Remember the sound advice given you on Sunday last by Rev. Father Walsh, and you'll (sic) blush to even think of doing what is prohibited by the disciplinary regulations of the University.' The circumstances under which University and College papers are established, prohibit (if, of course, established by students) the editors from sermonizing on infractions of discipline. A principle is here at stake, the glaring violation of which demands to be instantly and unreservedly condemned, and we earnestly request the University and College press in Canada and the United States to join with us in so doing."

Michigan Chronicle :

"We append a copy of a circular which was thoroughly circulated throughout the professional departments a few days ago. Corrections of some mistakes, etc., will be found in another column :

TO THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY. - One year ago there was born in the professional schools, an organ, whose direct purpose was to represent the interests of the professional departments. This was incited by the well (or ill) directed hits at our "IGNORANCE, CULCHAW, and GENERAL ILL BREEDING;" and partly by a kindred spirit to that which prompted the uprising of the colonies in '76—'taxation without representation.'" There has been, for thirteen (13) years, a paper published in the University, which bears the NAME of a UNIVERSITY ORGAN, but which has no more connection really with IT than the local press! This paper, "The Chronicle," is run by the secret societies, and as SUCH, is NOT a UNIVERSITY or impartial organ. This paper now comes to the front, and says that it will devote its ENTIRE SURPLUS this year to the Gymnasium fund! Good! But they unreservedly say that they now have NO surplus from LAST year or any previous year! They also make their brags that "The University" "will be killed this year!" That seems to be the prime factor in their idea!!

Now we intend that our surplus also shall go towards that same end, which every professional student as well as "lit." should encourage and support. We, the professional students, number fully THREE FOURTHS of the WHOLE of the students in the University. Can WE not support an organ in our OWN INTERESTS, and swell the "Gymnasium fund," and not support the organ of a secret set of literary students, who give us no representation, even justice? Read what they expressed in "The Chronicle" of June 18, 1879, as their opinion of the professional students and then give us your support in keeping "The University" where it should be, the TRUE organ of the University of Michigan :

"The same may be said of the law department. Better that the plow * * * * pass over the grounds where the buildings stand, than have repeated certain things of everyday occurrence at the professional schools. The students of the professional schools bring no honor to the University."

"Let brotherly love continue."

Brunonian :

"THE PERFECT SONG.

Amid the traffic of the throng
Methought I heard the perfect song ;
I listened to the sweet refrain
Without a discord in the strain.

I listened, and it came again,
As if an angel sang to men ;
And all my soul was borne along
Upon those viewless wings of song.

By outward sense I could not hear,
But on the listening spirit ear
It fell, as soft as early snow
Falls on the autumn fields below.

The music ceased; I hastened then
To sing the song to careless men;
Alas! I found my words were dead;
The rapture of the song had fled."

Vale Courant:

"TO A MOSQUITO.

[ON RETIRING.]

All hail! thou winged guardian of my couch,
Thou comfort of my sleeping hours, all hail!
Attend me with thy soothing song this night
The while I wander 'mid the dreamy realms
Of mystic Morpheus. Thou and the queen
Of midnight visions, fair and fairy Mab,
Shall both attend me through the fertile fields
Of dreamland's lovely bowers, there to cull
The choicest blossoms. As the queen doth speak,
Thy heavenly music shall be fit accord
To her sweet revelations. For thou canst
Discourse sweet music, sweeter far than that
With which the ancient Orpheus did once
The king of Hades, Pluto charm, and won
From those dark portals fair Eurydice.
E'en great Apollo, god of lyre, himself
Could never harp so sweet a strain as thou!
And of all modern music, chief art thou!
No Cary, Kellogg, Abbott or Patti
In voice can rival thee. No violin
Attuned by Ole Bull or Remenyi
Or e'en Wilhelmj, could with thee compare.
No instrument throughout the music world
Controlled by mortal, ever could approach
The matchless music of thy silver wings.
Thou art of music the infinity,
The sole perfection of that perfect art.
Attend me, then—Nor do thou, as thou'rt wont,
Await in yonder recess of my room
Mine eyelids closing, humming distant chimes;
But come at once, close to my couch's side,
And let me see thee near, and feel thy touch.
Thou'rt coming? That is truly kind of thee.
Do thou not fear me. Never shalt thou say
That I ungratefully did do thee violence.
Ah! gently now upon my pillow light
Thy music ceasing, ere thou soar aloft,
In strains divine—just one step nearer, come,
And—

There! you blamed, buzzing idiot! I thought
I'd spoil you. Now I'll go to sleep."

Acta Columbiana:

"SAPPHIC AND ADONIC.

'Jones! you are full of beer! Have you had a schooner
At the low German den just around the corner?
Speak! or the Board shall hear you this afternoon, sir!'
Roared the bold tutor.

'Not at the German den, but at the French hotel, sir;
Where, Sunday afternoon in a room quite swell, sir,
You were consuming wine with a *demoiselle*, sir,'
Quoth the bad Freshman.

'Hem!—Mr. Jones—ahem!—a—a—in a measure—

'Twas a—a country cousin—a—hours of leisure—
Want an excuse, you say? A—of course—with pleasure!'
Gasped the bold tutor.

Concordiensis:

"A Union Freshman and a Rochester Freshman were
comparing colleges.

Union Fresh.—'Well, at any rate, you haven't any Kappa
Alphas on your Faculty, we have as many as half a dozen at
Union'

Rochester Fresh.—'Kappa Alpha: what's that?'

Union Fresh.—'Why, that scholarship key they give at
colleges.'

? ? ? ? ! ! ! ! ! Glad to make your acquaint-
ance.

'Tra-la-la.'

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—French Section. Mr. C.—, please translate
"qui est cette dame? C'est une Anglaise." "Who is
this lady? It is an Englishman. Good for Cutler."

—*Berkeleyan.*

—There's a youth in the Seminaree,
With whom Hebrew can never agree.

Quoth he, "I'm a masher,

What's the use? I'll be—ere

I'll graduate *sans* Sukey."—*Princetonian.*

—There was a Princetonian squash

Who remarked to the mighty McCosh,

"Here is too little lore,

And too much C H₄;

I shall skip from this village, by Gosh!"

—*Acta Columbiana.*

NOCTURNE.

Two republican students parading,

Two republican maids promenading,

Two torches go out,

Two men face about,

Two deserters the ranks are evading.

—*Vale Record.*

—There was a young fellow at Princeton

Said the point he could not be convinced on

Was why, when they once favored

Fifteens and ne'er wavered,

They should cut off four men as they've since done.

Whereat the Bostonian Varsity

Replied that there was such a sparsity

Of players A 1,

The thing ought to be done

To make some amends for the scarcity.

—*Vale Record.*

—A Lancaster young lady playfully threw her arm
around the waist of a lady friend, and a pair of
scissors hanging therefrom severed an artery in her
arm and she nearly bled to death. This accident
should teach young ladies that throwing arms around
the female waist is a dangerous piece of business that
should be performed solely by the male sex. The
latter are strong and brave, and don't mind having
an artery severed now and then for the good of the
cause.—*Concordiensis.*

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—The famous Wilhelmj Troupe will appear in Wilgus Opera House next Monday, Nov. 15th. The N. Y. Tribune says the following:

"No such scene as that of last night has been witnessed in Steinway Hall since Rubenstein stormed the town, six years ago. Even that memorable triumph has been surpassed by the overwhelming success of Wilhelmj. The great violinist has captured us all. We have never seen an artist take such complete and such sudden possession of his public. After the first minute the house seemed to be under the spell of some magnetic power. The audience was a superb gathering. The hall was full; many stood in the rear; a strange medley of musicians of all ranks, from the first to the last, might have been seen in the throng. Mr. Wilhelmj was recalled five times after his first piece, and two or three times after each of the others, and he retired at last in the midst of a tempest. He played for a beginning the first movement of Paganini's famous violin concerto in D a work bristling with enormous difficulties, and studded with very various beauties. The difficulties were so gracefully and so thoroughly overcome that we did not notice them until they were passed, and we stopped to think what a rough road we had been over. This, of

course is the very perfection of playing, so far as the execution goes. The rarest feats seem to be as easy to Mr. Wilhelmj as any of the rest of his work. The sharpest ear can detect no fault in his intonation, no blemish in his pure, and rich, and sonorous tone."

Constantin Sternberg, the young Russian Pianist.—This brilliant young artist appeared in two concerts at Academy of Music, New York, last week, before audiences aggregating five thousand people, among whom were every musician and amateur of note in the metropolis. He introduced several pieces of the fascinating Russian music, of which he has been the great interpreter in Germany and Russia. His success with his audiences was undeniable; he overcame the disadvantages of performing in that immense building, the Academy, and completely won the hearts of all. Technically he is perfect, and his most enthusiastic admirers are the musicians one and all of whom have accepted him as a great artist and musician withal. General admission, 50 cents, reserved seats \$1 00, at Finch & Apgar's.

—Next Thursday evening, the 10th inst., Miss Lillian Chase, of Syracuse, will give a cost me reading in Library Hall. Of this beautiful and accomplished young lady we can speak in no more fitting terms than by repeating one or two of the hundreds of testimonials from the leading critics of the day. Col. Elmer Warner, formerly of Boston now President of the New York Central Dramatic Institute says: "Miss Lillian Chase possesses not only elocutionary abilities of the highest order but adds thereto a gift of fascination and winning grace—a naturalness and ease which few artists can acquire. Her versatility is remarkable. Her audiences are thrilled by her intensity and power, deeply moved by her exquisitely shaded pathos and in a moment convulsed with merriment by her delightful bursts of humor. Her readings are not simply readings, they are splendid impersonations, which cannot fail to delight the most fastidious and cultured auditor." This testimonial of itself would be sufficient to convince all of her superior excellence as a reader; but we find in addition that wherever she has read throughout the States and Canada she has received unstinted praise from the newspaper world. Taking it all in all, an evening of rare entertainment seems to be promised the inhabitants and students of this place next Thursday evening.

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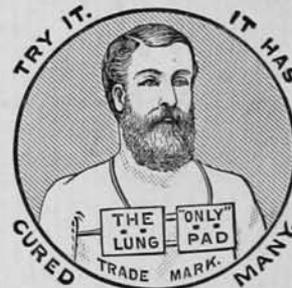
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THE University has been greatly favored, during the past week, by the visit of one of the men whose philosophic thought has given our country the position in literature which she occupies to-day. Although comparatively few of us were enabled to listen to one of Mr. Alcott's "Conversations," still the atmosphere which he brings with him, and the interchange of thought, can not fail to be of advantage to that few.

AN old proverb says, "A word to the wise is sufficient." We hesitate to state how many times this ancient and time-honored saying has been proved false in a matter which very nearly concerns us. We refer to the new stone walk, which is now approaching completion, upon the campus. Surely, no body of men can be called wise with more propriety than the Trustees of a University. Indeed, so much sagacity and knowledge is supposed to exist in this body,

that our ancient proverb might blush to assert that even one word was necessary in their case. But certain it is that a suitable walk upon the campus has been discussed ever since the foundation of the University. Successive boards of editors have called loudly upon the Trustees to grant this much-needed improvement. But "a word to the wise" was not sufficient; nor did several words and windy communications upon the subject accomplish the desired result. The faculty, or trustees, were deaf to all entreaties, and the evil went on,—and it was a crying evil. Was it not enough to ascend the hill with a gale of wind and snow, which seemed to shake the buildings themselves, whistling about one's ears? No, this was not sufficient. We were obliged to trudge through a foot of mud and slush, which accumulated upon the walk; to ford small rivers and lakes, whenever a little sunshine brought on a thaw. Indeed, the ascent of the hill called for a considerable exhibition of skill and agility, to say nothing of personal bravery. When we returned this term, our eyes were gladdened by the sight of piles of stone, which indicated that the great work was about to begin; and we were not disappointed. It is now almost completed. Soon the last stone will be laid. And when it shall be secure and firm in its place, we shall be happy to extend to the originators of the work a very large resolution of thanks.

THE proposed entry of our crew in the Henley Regatta will be the realization of the brightest dreams of all Cornellians, both graduates and undergraduates. If successful there, we will have reached the acme of rowing fame. To say *we*, each individual connected with the University as trustee, professor, instructor, student or friend must do his share in furthering any measure favoring the success of our crew. The main spring of all is, of course, a sound financial support. If it was ever necessary that the student should subscribe and *promptly pay* to the support of the Navy, now is the time. When the class of '79 were Freshmen, over five hundred dollars were raised by them for the Navy. To send their Freshmen crew to Ensenore the class of '81

raised over three hundred dollars. The events for which these amounts were raised were comparatively unimportant, although vital to the boating interests of the University, when placed along side the contemplated event—we almost said victory—on the Henley. To begin, the students *must* raise at least seven hundred dollars. When that is done, the balance raised for the race is assured us from the Alumni and our friends. In the meanwhile the crew must go into immediate training, scrupulously living up to the usual agreements, regarding diet, habits, sleep, etc. Arrangements must be made to put candidates for the position of substitute into training. Next spring a thorough coach must be secured. We are assured, especially so the crew, that the business of the race will be conducted on sound, economic and business-like principles. The committee on subscriptions is now at work. Their zeal and industry will depend, in a measure, on the reception they meet. No one should *subscribe* unless he intends to *pay*. With all these *musts*, all preliminary steps taken so far will result in a successful conclusion. Applications for leaves of absence will be made at the proper time. All debts having been paid, and all money collected, our crew *must* return as victors.

IT is now the melancholy lot of many Seniors to reflect on their prospects in life, after they shall have graduated from this University. A few already have their future courses laid out: but by far the greater number know that hereafter their brains and the acquirements of a four years' course at the University, are all the capital they have to give to their money-making enterprises. The question arises naturally, is this the best kind of capital for parents to give their sons and daughters? Is it sufficiently available to warrant hopes of success in chosen occupations? It has heretofore been largely the custom of egotistical men to decry the training of an institution of higher learning. They refer more or less triumphantly to their own careers for proofs that such training is not necessary for the young men of this country, if they also wish to be honored and influential. We will not dispute the matter with our elders, for that would be meeting them on their own ground, and carrying the argument in a subject foreign to the question at issue. But we do wish to impress on our senior subscribers our belief that,

generally, a college course is of an immense advantage to any man or woman. These advantages are not merely those of possessing a larger acquaintance with books than did our fathers at the same age, but more particularly, those of having associated for several years with a large body of students having the same aims, which they intend to fulfill by the same or nearly the same methods. One acquires an immense knowledge of human nature by meeting his fellows day after day, month after month, and year after year; by engaging in their sports, by taking sides in their broils and schemes. When the regulations of the Faculty allow of great personal freedom in matters not connected with study, as they do here, true manhood and lovely womanhood ought most surely to result from boyhood and girlhood as it enters our doors. If it does not, there is something wrong with the student. Again, properly exercised, the personal influence of our instructors may be of immense value in giving their pupils higher views of life, and views of higher lives than they would have gained by spending their four years' teaching behind the dry-goods counter, in the shop, at the banker's or lawyer's desk, or on the farm.

So, take a lesson, underclassmen, from the experience of Seniors. Lay aside your books at the proper intervals, and meet your comrades; kick footballs, tempt the waves of Cayuga in the precarious single-scutt, make the acquaintance of the other sex on the hill and in the valley, at Elmira and Aurora; go to see Mary Anderson and Wilhelmj when they come; learn what is going on around you by reading the college papers; do not spend your entire four years here in your studies and the lecture-rooms. You will then carry away pleasant memories of your college lives, and what is better still, be more able, when you leave Cornell, to mix in the turmoils and bear the cares which the great outside world will soon load upon you.

MISS SELMA BORG.

There is good prospect that we shall have the privilege soon of hearing the learned and accomplished Finnish lady, Miss Selma Borg, lecture on the history and literature of Finland. She is engaged to lecture at Wells College on the 3d and 4th of December, and efforts are being made to secure her an audience in Ithaca, immediately after her engagement at Wells.

Miss Borg's lectures have met with brilliant suc-

cess in Boston and other centres of learning and intelligence, in New England, and have received strong testimonials from prominent Professors of Harvard and literary men of the country.

The following notice of one of her lectures appears in the Boston *Advertiser* :

"Chauncey Hall was filled to its utmost, last evening on the occasion of Miss Selma Borg on Finland. Of all the north countries the least is known about this, the most interesting Travellers rarely include it in the list of countries to be visited, and possibly the country is to be congratulated on having escaped being overrun with tourists. Next to going one's self is listening to Miss Borg's description of it, and seeing the views with which her lecture is most fully and vividly illustrated. A native of the country and filled to the brim with national pride, she is doing a good work in opening up this country, so little known and understood. Starting from Stockholm and crossing the Baltic, the audience was landed at Abo, the old capital of Finland, which was burned in 1827, after which the capital was removed to Helsingfors, nearer St. Petersburg, where are the Senate, the University, and the theatre, and numberless summer gardens. All through the country were found fine scenery, lovely lakes and large waterfalls, and the cosiest and most comfortable of houses. The sturdiness and intelligence of the people were everywhere manifest, and one came away with a feeling of genuine respect for this northern people. Miss Borg's manner was sympathetic and magnetic, and she held her audience closely during the hour and a half in which she spoke. Her voice is musical and full of expression; her English is very fine, and although she speaks with an accent, it only adds to the charm, and does not prevent her from being entirely understood. Both the style and the matter of her lecture were so attractive that the audience were sorry when she had finished."

The Boston *Transcript* concludes an extended notice of her lecture on the great Finnish epic, the *Kalevala*, given in Cambridge, (in which was included the reading of "The Creation," the first of the fifty-two runes composing the epic), by saying :

"The enthusiasm was very great throughout the reading, and Miss Borg was heartily congratulated by Prof. Pierce, Dr. Hedge, Dr. Holmes, and others, on her brilliant success. John G. Whittier sent a characteristic note of earnest regret at his inability to be present to hear the grand old Finnish poem, and thanking Miss Borg for introducing us to the rare and rich literature of Northern Europe."

We have before us numerous other notices of her lectures, and all bearing testimony to their great excellence and value, and to Miss Borg's effective renditions of parts of the *Kalevala*, in translations, of course, and of other Finnish poetry.

The *Kalevala* was brought into notice, in this country, about twenty-five years ago, in connection with the publication of Longfellow's *Hiawatha*, which poem is throughout an imitation of the Finnish epic. Some critics have even charged it with being a decided plagiarism from the *Kalevala*. Be that as it may, one can get a very good idea of the *Kalevala* from the *Hiawatha*, both in respect to its form and its matter. The verse of the *Hiawatha* is the same as that of the *Kalevala*, trochaic-tetrameter, so, too, are the parallelisms, which are similar in both poems to the parallelisms which constitute the leading characteristic of Hebrew poetry. The Finnish runes have been chanted by the Finns, from time imme-

morial, and still are, during the long evenings of their northern winter, two singers or two sets of singers chanting a verse or a couplet, alternately, and the runes seem to have been composed with reference to this mode of song. The *Hiawatha* has also been composed on this model. Take, for example, the beginning of "The Famine" canto of the latter poem. According to the Finnish mode of chanting the runes, one singer or set of singers would chant :

"Oh, the long and dreary winter!"

to which another singer or set of singers would respond :

"Oh, the cold and cruel winter!"

Then the first again :

"Ever thicker, thicker, thicker
Froze the ice on lake and river,"

to which the second would respond :

"Ever deeper, deeper, deeper
Fell the snow o'er all the landscape,"

and so on alternately.

The American poem, like the Finnish, is highly alliterative, though not to the same degree as the latter.

The literature of Finland is represented as remarkably extensive, and varied in character; but the pre-eminent monument of the Finnish mind and heart, is the *Kalevala*. The runes of which it is composed belong to a remote antiquity, and, as Max Müller remarks, bear witness to a high intellectual development in times which we may call mythical, and in places more favorable to the glow of poetical feelings than the present abode of the Finns, the last refuge Europe could afford them.

The *Kalevala* has existed in its present form not longer than a third of a century. The collecting and organizing of the scattered fragments of folk song of which it is composed, was largely due to Dr. Elias Lönnrot, though a good deal had been done before he undertook the difficult task, by Dr. Zacharias Topelius, who published, in 1822, a collection of songs he had made, and by Professor Von Becker, who did something toward bringing the material which had been gathered up to his time, to some order and sequence. Dr. Lönnrot spent a number of years in Finland, wandering in out-of-the-way places, in search of unrecorded song, and in 1835 published the results of his indefatigable labor under the title of *Kalevala*. It made a poem, of considerable coherence, of 12,000 verses.

Continuing his labors, Dr. Lönnrot was enabled, after some years, to add to his original collection, over 10,000 verses, and published a new edition of the work in 1849, containing 22,793 verses, divided into fifty runes or cantos, being 5,000 more verses than are contained in the entire poetry of Milton, 5,500 more than are contained in the *Canterbury Tales* of Chaucer, and more than two and a half times the number contained in Virgil's *Aeneid*. Translations have been made into Swedish, French, German, and

other languages. The German translation, by Anton Schiefner, published in 1852, is considered the most successful. In 1868, the firm of Leyboldt and Holt published selections from the Kalevala, translated from the German version by Professor John A. Porter, of Yale College, with an introduction and analysis of the poem. From this last work the student can get a very good idea of the high poetical character and general constitution of the poem. Max Müller says of the poem, in the First Series of his Lectures, "From the mouths of the aged, an epic poem has been collected equaling the *Iliad* in length and completeness; nay—if we can forget for a moment all that we in our youth learned to call beautiful—not less beautiful. A Finn is not a Greek, and a Wainamoinen was not a Homer. But if a poet may take his colors from that nature by which he is surrounded, if he may depict the men with whom he lives, *Kalevala* possesses merits not dissimilar from those of the *Iliad*, and will claim its place as the fifth national epic of the world, side by side with the Ionian songs, with the Mahábháráta, the Shahnámeh, and the Niebelunge."

This is high praise, and, coming from the source it does, perhaps not extravagant; though there is danger, in passing judgment on such a work, that what Matthew Arnold calls "the real estimate" may be superseded by what he calls "the historic estimate" of poetry.

The editor of the Selections from the Kalevala translated by Prof. Porter, remarks, in his introduction: "The appearance of the *Kalevala* was very opportune for the believers in the Wolfian theory of the origin of the Homeric poems. Here was a long epic poem, with as much unity of plot as the *Iliad*, yet made up from songs collected from different mouths, and actually pieced out after it had once been published, by new additions to every part. The men who had learned the songs from their ancestors were still in existence, and the authenticity of the poem could be, and was verified. Dr. Lönnrot was no MacPherson, and all his contemporaries give him credit for the utmost good faith. Not a single line or part of a line was added by him."

We trust that when Miss Borg visits us, she will receive the hearty welcome from the people of the University and the town which she, personally, and her interesting subject deserve.

WILHELMJ—STERNBERG—FRITCH.

It is evident that the audience which greeted Wilhelmj and the artists accompanying him, had "read so far to know the cause why music was ordained," and could easily have answered in the affirmative Lucentio's question in *The Taming of the Shrew* concerning music.

"Was it not to refresh the mind of man
After his studies or his usual pain?"

But we have something more than a mere refresh-

ing of the mind in the grand restoration of the artistic as embodied in the performance of August Wilhelmj. The chief art-element of Wilhelmj's renditions is one strangely baffling to the mind, and extremely difficult of analysis. Shall we attempt the resolution of the glistening crystals which form themselves in many beauteous forms before us? If we do, they vanish. Shall we ascend a mountain to inquire into the secret of a sunset? All this were vain, you would say. And thus it is useless to attempt to comprehend or analyze the power which the greatest of violinists exerts over his audiences. There is a certain inexpressible feeling that comes over one, as one gazes upon that countenance,—very like Beethoven's with the thunder-cloud removed from the brow,—which expresses nothing in it of Wilhelmj, but everything of the music he is rendering. There is no individuality shadowed forth in the music he translates, but a broad glare of genius lights up his whole recital. It is of little use to pick out a single gem of the many which constituted Wilhelmj's portion of the programme. We only need to assure ourselves that the intangible, subtle beauties of genius found in the artist have not been lost upon us, that we have comprehended him and become better by means of the comprehension. We spoke above of the recognized power of the artist which, however, we could not define. But is it necessary to do so? "O Iole, how did you know that Hercules was a God?" "Because," replied Iole, "I was content the moment my eyes fell upon him." If we cannot tell why we feel a shuddering, shivering sense of the man's genius creeping through self and lifting it to something beyond, are we the less certain of the existence of the inspiration which produced it? Among that great class styled artists, there are those who sustain art and are ever ready to sacrifice their own individuality for the sake of the art product. And others again,—and by far the greater class, unavoidably so, perhaps, from the nature of humanity,—who basely deface the grander inspirations of genius for their own aggrandizement, and who would mar "the beautiful disdain" of the Apollo Belvedere, if they thought to squeeze an extra shilling, or get the rabble shouting and clapping their "chopt hands" and throwing up their "sweaty night-caps." To be true to the best interests of art itself, is to work disinterestedly for it; remove self and assume a state neutral in individuality or inspiration. Then it is that genius rises and places any attempt, beyond the grasp of a comprehension born short of genius itself. It is not necessary to define Wilhelmj's position in art. We have felt his genius envelop, elevate and fascinate us, and we cannot tell why or wherefore. It was sufficient that we recognized it, but its scintillations were too evanescent, to those poor in genius, to be retained.

We seldom find an accompanist who has sufficient good sense to know that he is but to subserve the

soloist, and not to let his individuality creep in and assert itself in the performance. The audience owed much to Maximilian Vogrich who accompanied Wilhelmj, and the great violinist himself is fortunate, when we remember many instances of failure which had every feature to produce success, with but this exception. It is with great pleasure we speak of M. Constantin Sternberg, the Russian pianist. In the course of a conversation, M. Sternberg remarked that "the Russian people have great talent in music and languages." M. Sternberg has more than talent, he has genius. Certainly no Russian pianist, not excepting Essipoff has given so much satisfaction. M. Sternberg has that strength of execution, and brilliant, perfect, clearly cut technique, which never can become part of a pianist's performance. Essipoff never rose above the mediocre, and pleased us only through our appreciation of well directed study: genius there was none. But in M. Sternberg we find the Promethean spark which kindles our whole art nature all aglow, and sets at defiance cold criticism by reason of his exalted and dignified interpretations.

There was but one thing to mar the high tone of the whole concert, and that was the singing of Miss Fritch. It is evident that she does not belong upon the same programme with Wilhelmj and Sternberg. Her light fades before the genius of those two artists, and requires its proper place among equals in order to appreciate a voice thick in quality, but exceedingly strong in force. Miss Fritch has studied faithfully with many of our well known vocalists, and shows her training in a certain degree of flexibility in the vocal gymnastics required of her in "Carnival of Venice" and "Sweetheart."

Wilhelmj places us upon the apex of artistic conception, and we do not feel pleased at being lowered to the plane of Miss Fritch. Sternberg shows us all the wealth of art, and we grow impatient while examining a bauble. Miss Fritch is young, rather interesting and most unfortunate in her musical selections. We close with a question. Do the people of Ithaca know what an encore means? They invariably applaud everything in the programme, good, bad, and indifferent. We do not know that this is an especial characteristic of Ithaca audiences; on the contrary it seems chronic with the American people.

COMMUNICATIONS.

RICHMOND, Ind., Nov. 3, 1880.

To the Editors of the Era:

Having, during a recent trip through Georgia, kept my eyes wide open to note any of the social or political peculiarities of that most solidly Democratic State, I now beg the privilege of your columns for the purpose of commenting on a few of the things that came under my observation. In the first place let me say that my information was gleaned from

good and reliable sources. I was at the Capital of the State during the progress of their Military fair, where were assembled from many of the Northern States, a number of their Militia companies. Each Georgian vied with his neighbor in showing Southern hospitality to his brother from beyond "Mason and Dixon's" line, and I am only too glad to bear witness to the great kindness with which we were all treated. Every controverted question was carefully banished, and all sought to make the occasion one of good cheer and enjoyment. Therefore, what I was able to gather from conversation with leading Republicans, among them the Chairman of the State Central Committee; from many of the younger members of that great party which rules so imperiously there; from acquaintance and intercourse with some of those who had figured as brave and gallant leaders in the late struggle; and from listening to the speeches of welcome to the Northern soldiery, were not the excited statements of men in hot political debate, but rather the deliberate expression of their mature judgment as members of the body politic, and as constituents of one of the best of Southern States. Nothing calculated to offend Northern ears was allowed to escape from Southern lips, except under a pressure not to be resisted, and hence what I saw and heard was the mild and subdued side of their political character, rather than the impetuous exaggerations of excited men.

The decorations of the city during this festive occasion were, of course, Democratic in their character, and what particularly attracted my notice was the frequency and variety of mottoes and transparencies bearing some reference to the Constitution; but a light dawned on me when one afternoon while at the Military encampment, just on the edge of the city, I heard a member of the Governor's staff in welcoming the visiting militia, make use of expressions which showed that he, at least, if not the party that he represented in Georgia, read in the Constitution a guarantee of State rights, State sovereignty, and saw there the headlines of all those pernicious doctrines of nullification and right of secession which Calhoun so ably introduced and battled for on the floor of the Senate, and which the armed forces of a Southern Confederacy sought to write in blood as true and sound.

Southern men, and especially the young men, are imbued with old-time ideas of chivalry, and rally enthusiastically round their chosen leaders; and the ladies are deeply enwrapped in the prejudices with which a people who claim superiority always wards off near approach; and both sexes read the signs of the times when learning of questions which interest them directly, through the bias of years ago. The men are passionately devoted to their idea of honor, and regard with the greatest care and the most zealous politeness the ladies of *their class*; with them they are honorable gentlemen who scorn a mean

action and punish the imputation of one ; but when I ventured to ask how they treated the sex when not so fortunate as to be of the *noblesse*, the laughing answer was given, "Oh they are not our prey," and my informant took the pains to show me a scar which his temerity had cost him at the hands of a lady who, though refined and educated, he considered below him in birth, and therefore not worthy the treatment which he accorded as a duty and pleasure to one of his own position. This loyalty to their class and politeness to the fair sex is innate ; and born a gentleman he lives and acts a gentleman, despite any change of circumstances which may perhaps reduce him from affluence to poverty, and force him to discard the garb of refinement for that of toil. Such a trait is admirable, and the only pity lies in the fact that his humanity is not broad and deep enough to grasp in its wide embrace the down-trodden race which he and his helped to debase ; not catholic enough to see beyond its own class and recognize true womanhood, true manhood, without its limits ; not equal to the task of seeing the right and doing it.

And this leads me to the vexed question in Southern politics—the negro. As a rule the people of the South are honestly glad that slavery has been abolished, but they are almost intolerant of the negro's equality with them at the ballot-box. They treat him with kindness and consideration so long as he does not presume to usurp their privileges as rulers. They have at Atlanta a good colored college where the negro can obtain a fair school education. It is maintained by the State, and the citizens take pride in it, and in the fact that they are doing so much for the race to which, but yesterday, the spelling-book was forbidden fruit.

But once let the colored man step out of his dictated place as the servile tool of his white master, and he finds his lot far different ; and I heard one man in speaking of two opposing candidates, both of whom were Democrats, say that he had a hundred "niggers" at work on his plantation, and if they did not vote as his interests pointed, they could hunt for work elsewhere the next day : but there he was intoxicated and was talking nonsense, as the gentleman I was with explained. As a servant, as a mere brute to do their will, he wins good treatment at their hands ; but as a man, as one possessed of the rights of an American citizen, he is subject to every annoyance, and even in some instances to personal ill-treatment. As a means of annoyance but one voting precinct is established where we would consider several necessary. At one polling place in Atlanta, over six thousand voters were expected to deposit their ballots, hindered as they often were by being required to answer questions, of which frequently they hardly comprehended the purport ; and to another poll, farther south, men were compelled, if they voted at all, to come, in many instances, twenty-nine or thirty miles. And

should petty annoyance fail in accomplishing the desired end, the midnight lash too often compels the silence of any negro who may have risen to influence and leadership among his fellows, and thereby incurred the suspicion of his white neighbor. One man told me that he had been one of a party which had given five hundred lashes to a negro of this kind ; and the hesitating and timid manner in which the majority of the race answer our questions relative to their politics, until they learn that you are a Northern Republican, may well indicate that some hidden influence is making felt the power of its heavy hand. These little escapades may be but insignificant chapters in the life of a Southern gentleman ; but to the bleeding wretch who has felt the weight of the lash, plied by their hand ; to the man who at night has been robbed of the citizenship bestowed upon him by the nation in the broad day, these things are not of little moment, but become questions of life and death. In answer to any expostulations you may make, they will say : The negro is uneducated and degraded ; he has no regard for contracts, works at will and quits at pleasure, no matter what the condition of the cotton crop ; his only idea of freedom is to do as he pleases ; he is lazy, tricky, and impudent ; and, finally, that the "Reconstruction Acts" drove all the property-holders of the South into one party, and placed that party in opposition to the negro. Granting all these things, if we will, and exploring them ; as we must, there is yet no excuse for outrage and oppression. For generations the slave was carefully excluded from the light of knowledge ; his mind was narrowed and debased, and the fault lies with those who now suffer the consequences. They should have studied the consequences of defeat as well as of victory, and then have made their choice, willing to abide either issue. It is perhaps the misfortune, certainly not the fault, of the National Government that its legislators possessed not the wisdom to foresee the difficulties attending the close of a great civil war, and the ability to provide universally satisfactory remedies for them. The negro question is undoubtedly a serious one. The race has been so long without the advantages of education, that it will take generations for it to rise to the plane where those more fortunate now stand. And, besides this, they are constantly being led astray and deceived by mere place-seekers, (whom Democrats and Republicans alike denounce), who, for their own ends, and for means best known to themselves, win their confidence only to sell them out when their individual interests demand it. The Southern gentleman has much to complain of ; but these bad effects are the results of causes long ago active, and time alone can work a cure. Too much legislation will do no good, and only to the gradual development of the negro in the scale of education and civilization, and to the slow wearing away of class prejudices among the whites, can we look for a

solution of this, one of the greatest questions in American politics. And here we leave the question.

The people of the South are pleasant, hospitable and generous. They remind me strongly of the tales of olden chivalry. For a friend, they cannot do too much; to an enemy whom they consider their equal, they are an honorable foe. Their sympathies are quick, their prejudices strong, and both, unfortunately, are decidedly antagonistic to the white "Radical" and the enfranchised black.

Yours, c. s. l.

ANNIE EVA FAY.

After the entertainment on the evening of the 6th inst., a reporter of the ERA had a short talk with Miss Fay while the ropes, musical instruments and the paraphernalia which seem necessary to induce spirits to leave the misty shore were being packed up by her male companions. When told that the public had been promised gymnastic exercises by pianos, tables and other inanimate quadrupeds, she shrugged her shoulders and said she was not responsible for the advertisements. It was remarked that the audience was evidently dissatisfied and that the reporter would be glad to call upon the lady and listen to any explanation she might have to make. An invitation to call at 11 a. m., the next (Sunday) morning, was accepted, a delicate hand clasped the quill-driving mandible, and the ERA's young man drifted into the night.

The next day was Sunday, but attendance at church must be given up for once, and then what could be a better substitute for a sermon than to interview the spiritual Anna, who holds sweet communion with "celestial poultry." At a few minutes after 11 a. m., the knight of the pen entered the Clinton House, and was soon seated in the parlor by the side of the mediumistic Miss Fay. The lady does not need the glitter of stage trappings to make her look handsome, but she looks even prettier in a parlor than she does before the foot-lights. She is twenty-four years old, was married when thirteen and unyoked last October. Like many professional women, she grew weary of supporting her husband, and concluded to play a lone hand, so she applied for a divorce, and the petition was granted by a sympathizing court. (Whether the court sympathized with her or her husband is not known.) In short, the reporter saw before him a very interesting grass-widow. A short conversation proved that Miss Fay was well read and well informed on all topics, religious, scientific, and general, from Dr. Tanner's stomach to the nebular hypothesis. The tide of talk soon turned toward things immaterial, and the skeptical young man on the sofa played Dido to her Aeneas, and begged her to tell him of her wanderings to and fro upon the earth. She invoked the muse, and began a tale that would have filled the

Carthaginian queen with the deepest wonderment, and made the pious son of Anchises envious of her fame—thus she spake: I was before the Royal Scientific Society of England over thirty times during a period of three months. Sargent Cox, of Oxford, pronounced the feats which I performed the results of psychic power. During one of my light seances I was behind a screen and my pulses were connected with a galvanometer, so that every movement which I made could be detected, while I sat motionless, a clock left a shelf behind me and moved through the air to Sargent Cox, who received it in his hands. Professor Darwin was present at that time. He congratulated me and said, "You are the cleverest woman I ever met." The unanimous verdict of the society was that the manifestations were due to some law of nature yet undiscovered, and that there was no trickery or deception on my part. Professor Crooks had a writing desk which had been made to order. I sat several feet from it, and the Professor asked the power to open the desk. It was done instantly. Professor Crooks drew a key from his pocket, saying this is the only key to the desk. In 1874 I gave a seance at the Crystal Palace before the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Shah of Persia and the Czar of Russia. The Prince pronounced the manifestations more wonderful than anything he had ever seen. I once gave a seance in Paris at which Victor Hugo was present." Miss Fay mentioned several more important personages whom she had met, and concluded by telling the awe-stricken youth at her side that she believed that her spirit left her body at times when she was asleep and made aerial voyages over the earth. The dinner hour had come, and mediums must eat as well as ordinary mortals, so the blushing interviewer, who had been crammed with spiritual doctrines "till he quite overflowed," bade the airy Annie farewell, and stole away to his den, to spend the remainder of the day in reading the works of Baron Munchausen, the traveler, and the stories with which the charming Scheherazade entertained the Sultan of Persia.

It is a remarkable fact that the investigating committee appointed by the audience in Wilgus Hall on the evening of the entertainment, do not agree with the Royal Scientific Society of England, but agree to a man in labeling the mysterious Miss Fay a—Fraud.

[Owing to a press of matter, the above article was held over from last week.]

CORNELLIANA.

—What verbose, rhetorical gusher wrote up the Wilhelmj concert in the *Democrat*?

—There will be a sociable this evening in the chapel of the Presbyterian Church. All are cordially invited.

—What has become of the Glee Club that was to give us a concert during Thanksgiving week?

—Mr. Courtney, the courteous operator of Notman arrived safely in Boston with his instruments and negatives.

—Student reads: "*Walther Furst, (in heftigem Schmerz.)*" "Walter Furst speaks in much pain." Probably a stomach-ache.

—In anticipation of commencement, the Senior now begins a series of experiments upon his facial territory, to ascertain what locality is best adapted to hair culture.

—The 'World's College Chronicle' for Nov. 15th, gives a summary of the Senior difficulties, and publishes the names of all officers. It says that there will probably be two class days.

—Edith O'Gorham, the escaped nun, is at large in New Haven. The Yale fellows are deeply moved by her thrilling tale. They say Sara B. is a good girl, but home talent should be patronized.

—The game of foot-ball which was to be played by the Sophs. and Fresh. yesterday, had to be postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather. It will be played some day next week.

—Junior translating German: "*Den Handschuh werf' ich euch hin, ihr solltet nach ritterlichem Brauch mir Antwort geben.*" "Did I throw my glove down before you, according to knightly custom, you should give me an antwerp."

—It is refreshing to find some one occasionally who has unlimited confidence in human nature. The Freshman, who advertised on the bulletin board for a lost umbrella, fills the bill. His photograph will be for sale at the bookstores in a few days.

—Scene in Junior Essays: Prof.—"Paul says, 'When I was a man, I put away childish things.' You say childish attributes should be retained. What have you to say about that?" Cheeky Junior—"Why, that is just where Paul and I differ." Sensation.

—The question to be discussed at the Curtis Society to-morrow (Saturday) evening is, "Resolved, that suffrage be extended to women." At the Irving this evening, the question is, "Which has done most toward the promotion of civilization, Art or Science?" All are invited to attend, and doubtless a very pleasant evening could be passed listening to the able arguments which will be presented by the different members.

—A prominent Professor told his class the following story: "Two young Americans traveling in Europe, met a young Briton, whereupon the following conversation ensued: Y. B. 'I hear that you you have a wall twenty feet high around New York city to keep out the wild animals; is that so?' 1st Y. A. 'I suppose it is so, but I never saw it.' 2d Y.

A. 'Why didn't you tell him that New York will compare very favorably in all respects with any European city?' 1st Y. A. 'There is no use telling the d—d fool that; he wouldn't believe it.'"

—The business office of the University received a bill reading:

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Professor Wilder administered an anæsthetic to the worthy merchant.

—The students should not neglect the opportunity of hearing the Rev. Frederick Courtney, of Chicago, on Sunday. He is one of the ablest and most eloquent expounders of the Christian doctrines, and it was at the earnest solicitation of Pres. White that Vice-Pres. Russell asked him to visit us. No other recommendation is needed by the students than the knowledge that it was Pres. White's desire that he should preach to the students of Cornell University, to cause a larger number than usual to assemble at the chapel on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

—"Last Saturday evening there met at one of the pleasantest restaurants in this city the several members of the Cornell Alumni Association of Milwaukee, and there made merry till the following day had made its coming known. Song followed song to the clink of many glasses, and stories told of days long gone, brought memories back of friends and faces quite forgotten. Each lived again his four short years of college life, and, a boy once more, forgot the world of work. The health of absent ones was toasted and pledges were given for another year."—*Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.*

—Miss Lillian Chase is rather pretty, has not a bad voice, and tried to render *Scene v. Act I, of Macbeth*, as a part of her programme. Miss Chase had better give the tragic element in her "costume readings" a very wide berth. Her voice, face, carriage and gestures totally unfit her for anything but comedy. Perhaps she has studied elocution. If so, the foremost element of that art she has totally neglected; a clear, distinct enunciation. We close with a plea. Miss Lillian, please never attempt Shakespeare. The delineator of his

"Art without Art unparaleld as yet,"

must have genius, and that you are not possessed of.

—To-morrow, (Saturday), at 3 p. m., the Juniors and Freshmen are to play a game of foot-ball, provided the weather is favorable. The game is to be governed by the Cornell rules, and there will be fifteen men on each side. The Freshman fifteen are Brewster, Carpenter, Cassidy, Law, Patchen, Rose, Schofield, Van Sickle, Weed, Walsh, Wright, and the other four are not yet chosen. A little good advice to '84 may not come amiss. To play a good

game of foot-ball, practice is required, and next to this comes strength and weight. To one who has seen the Freshmen play, it would be evident that some of the mentioned above were chosen on account of their popularity. This should not be, for popularity will not win a game of foot-ball, and so we offer this advice, that before Saturday you select some heavier men, and those who have practiced. Freshmen always labor under disadvantages in sports, and a victory for them is doubly what it is to any other class, and for this reason the should select the best men, and also those who are willing to practice in order to gain honor for their class.

—The 'Majority' faction of the Senior Class met in Room K at 1 o'clock to-day and held a meeting nearly one hour in length. Mr. Wing, the Secretary, took the chair, and in a brief speech stated that as Mr. Burr had gone away on short notice, and as the Vice-President was not present, it would be necessary to appoint a temporary chairman. Mr. Wing further said that Mr. Burr was rather glad he could not be present, for late affairs had taken a somewhat personal turn, which he wished his friends to discourage and thought they had better ignore. Mr. T. Smith was then voted in the chair. Mr. Place made a formal report for the Committee on Escort which took Mr. Halsey's remains to his late home, and stated the amount of the expenses incurred as \$41.30. On motion, a class tax of \$2.00 to defray the Committee's expenses, and for other purposes, was raised. Then there was a great deal of talk, conflicting in its purport, and a great many opinions expressed about the compromise which the 'Minority' faction had proposed. On motion, the proposals from both sides, as they appeared in the *Sun*, were read, that of the 'Majority' being slightly applauded, and that of the 'Minority' being vigorously hissed, by the men. Here and there for the rest of the meeting motions to adjourn were made, some of which were ignored by the chair, and others voted on and lost. After further parley, it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to meet a similar committee from the 'Minority,' to confer about class troubles, with a view to reconciliation between the factions. After some more expressions of opinion, not at all complimentary to the 'Minority,' the meeting adjourned at 1.45.

—After the grand concert, Monday 15th inst., Wilhelmj, Sternberg, Vogrich, Max and Louis Piutti, of Wells College, Professor Fuertes, and Luckey, '82, gathered together in the private parlor over "Bement's." While discussing the evening's programme, musical criticism, the prominent artists, and listening to many interesting experiences of the drama, pure and lyrical, from Wilhelmj, Sternberg, Vogrich and others, a party of students,—who had been serenading "Wells" and Miss Fritch in the corridors

of the Ithaca Hotel,—marched up stairs, took possession of one of the tables, ordered some of the extract of malt and hops, and at the suggestion of some one present struck up a college song. Wilhelmj, Sternberg and Vogrich expressed great pleasure upon hearing the rollicking, jovial student songs. Upon invitation, they immediately seated themselves at the students' table and pledged those present after the true German fashion. Song followed song in rapid succession, and each received hearty cries of Bravo! Encore! from the distinguished artists. Perfect freedom was soon established between the students and the distinguished musicians. Autographs of Wilhelmj, Sternberg and Vogrich, were obtained by many, and a closer idea of each artist's character was the outcome of this good fellowship. A parting song was sung, a last pledge given, and each student in turn parted from the musical trio. A list of those present is here appended: Mr. Wilgus, proprietor of the Opera House; Mr. Wood, of the *Ithaca Journal*; J. C. and C. I. Avery, '83; H. S. Concklin, '81; E. Gwynne, '83; A. G. C. Hahn, '81; W. K. Shiras, '82; H. C. Sommers, '81; D. E. Smith, '83, and H. T. Wendell, '81, besides another gentleman whose name our reporter failed to obtain.

COLLEGE NEWS.

CALIFORNIA :—

A club among students and members of the Faculty has been formed for advancement in the study of Psychology.

Junior Ex. passed with unusual credit to the class and great pleasure to the rest of the University and invited guests. No Bogus, no Sophs., no Police, nobody expelled.

COLUMBIA :—

"It is estimated that about \$1,500 changed hands in the college after election."—*Acta*.

The score of the first of the Association foot-ball games was played on the Polo Grounds, was as follows: Harvard, three goals and touch-down; Columbia, nothing.

By a resolution of the Trustees, passed June 7th, 1880, and made public last week, the money prizes in the college course have been abolished. They amounted to about \$700 a year.

HARVARD :—

Rehearsals for *Oedipus Tyrannus* are frequent.

Crews are hard at work in the Gymnasium. It is not thought advisable to row Columbia in a Freshman race.

Gymnasium practice has been systematized. Graded classes are practicing under the direction of a competent instructor.

MICHIGAN :—

About 250 students went home to vote, of which 100 were New York men.

At a recent election of officers for the athletic association, much money was spent by the candidates.

The Board of Regents earnestly second the efforts of the students to obtain an appropriation for the proposed new gymnasium.

Saturday, Nov. 6th, the Michigan and Toronto University foot ball teams met for a match game at Toronto. It was won by the Michigans by one goal and a touch-down in two innings of 45 minutes each.

OBERLIN :—

The students are anxiously awaiting the appearance of a new song book.

A week since, Wednesday, 700 Oberlin professors students and citizens, called on President-elect Garfield, at Mentor.

The attendance at the Conservatory of Music is larger than ever before. One instructor has been added to its corps.

"Last Tuesday, at one o'clock, the students formed a procession and led by the Presidents of the classes, marched down, with banners and songs, to the polls, to vote in a body. The flags and decorations were made by the ladies of the classes, and showed much taste. Our Democratic friends resented the demonstration by challenging all the students as they came up, but gained nothing by such petty annoyances."—*Review*.

YALE :—

Seniors cut the President's lectures to play 'Duck on the Rock.'

In the foot-ball game last Saturday, Yale scored 8 goals, 5 touch-downs, to Brown's 0.

Some of the members of the rifle club are crack shots. They make scores of 40, 43, and 44 out of a possible 45.

Trespassers on the campus attempted to set fire to the Athenæum building, 5th instant. Students' rooms are occasionally plundered.

The Faculty reconsidered, Wednesday week, the subject of Freshman societies, and decided to abolish Delta Kappa and Kappa Sigma Epsilon, and to allow Gamma Nu to continue with a membership not to exceed forty.

EXCHANGES.

The bi-weeklies are full of seasonable poetry and matter which we, with an eye to the eternal fitness of things, have clipped and piled in a neat heap before us. First, we take up this poem from the *Crimson*. It is quite a charming way of detailing the agonies of Harvard men in trying to learn to appreciate the glories and pleasures of co-education. We are ahead of you there, friend *Crimson* :

"CHILDE SNODKYNs.

Childe Snodkyns hath taen uppe hys cane of price,
Hys Englishhe hatte besyde,
And hyed hym hence to the Avenue,
All on an eventyde.

He has given the twirl of a Vandyke twist
To hys fainte displaye of downe,
Porte chucks and Muckyses of lowe degree
All tremble atte hys frowne.

All careless he walketh, a proof to smyles
A full half-mile or more,
When he is aware of a nut brown mayd
That walketh on before.

All browne is her kirtle and eke her snoode,
And browne the clustering curls ;
Full wel he knoweth the jaunty gait
Of the saucie Annexe girls.

Righte gladly he seeth the mayden droppe
A tinted billet doux,
Eke timorous men hadde seized the chance
The lovely mayd to woo.

The wrapper of pynk with hys sweete contents
Soone has Childe Snodkyns seized,
And he straighte accosteth the nut-browne mayd,
Who looketh far from pleased.

Through her glasses she glared, and the mashyr's herte
Was filled with sore dismaye,—
'Tis a horrid paper in Calculus
I tried to throw away.' "

Here is something from the *Advocate*, which ought to interest those who attended Monday evening's concert. It pleased us, and recalled many of the beauties of the great artist's renditions :

"WILHELMJ.

I.

Quick fingered tricksters have no power to stir
The wings of Music's angel. She will move
Those folded pinions for no other love
But his who yielding his whole heart to her
Gives all he hath to be her worshipper.
She moved for thee, Wilhelmj ! and her flight
Was like a widowed eagle's, when at night
She seeks the tree-top where her nestlings were,
And, hovering o'er the brood, her heart of pain
Is laid to rest and filled with joy again
Joy and victorious love to her belong !
The moonbeams on her silver throat are seen,
And far from every place where man hath been,
Over the pine-trees floats her strenuous song.

II.

A joy, a triumph, and an ecstasy
Made thee their habitation in that hour,
Obedient, Wilhelmj ! to the power
That called them forth thy ministers to be,
And have dominion and a voice through thee.
What held thee so inscrutably subdued
Amid the plaudits of the multitude ?
Was it a pride, or high humility ?
At Music's holiest altar thou didst stand.
The mantled priest lifts up the host and prays
For the light-minded worshippers below.
Such thy supremacy ! I see thee now
Calmly commanding the harmonious maze,
Or waiting, silent, with thy bow in hand."

Acta Columbiana :

"The answers so far received in regard to the Intercollegiate Press Association are not sufficiently numerous to justify any immediate action. The *Era*, *Record*, *Chronicle*, *Orient*,

Tablet, University Quarterly, Spectator and Mercury have answered in the affirmative and no negative replies have been received."

A mistake. We do not intend to attend the proposed meeting and never said we did, since the beginning of this term. It has been delayed too long.

Here is a batch of mud from the same paper. We are fast coming to the conclusion that the editors of the *Acta* should scour their hands, wash out their mouths, and pay more attention to the truth of their statements before they go in gentlemen's company again:

"Cornell hopes to brace her fast fading reputation by sending a crew to Henley. Let Freshmen with plenty of money and muscle kindly bear this fact in mind."

"Anybody who has anything due him from Cornell undergraduates better get it collected before the college starts to England to row on the Thames. It will take many years of economy to make up the various losses they will meet with before they get back again."

BOOK NOTICES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION, by E. Seguin, U. S. Commissioner on Education at the Vienna Universal Exhibition: 12mo, pp. 215. Milwaukee, Wis., Doerflinger Book & Publishing Co.

The author, an educator of considerable note has summarized and arranged the statements of the various perfections and defects of the many Continental systems of education, of which he made a deep study while attending the Vienna Exhibition in his official capacity. To these papers he has added chapters on "Popular Education as it is and as it should be" which are by far the most instructive of all to the American reader. While throughout the entire book everything is discussed in a masterly way and many original schemes are advocated, one chapter claims especial mention. It is entitled "Education of the Senses." Herein are advocated many methods by which faults of perception could be overcome and the uses of the various members of the body multiplied. Everything is treated in a highly practical way and abounds in suggestions not only to the professional educator but also to all in any way striving to attain the highest skill in the use of all their faculties. The various theories in education are ably handled, and well pruned of their superfluities before the author attempts to give an opinion. Witness the interesting discussion of "Sex in Education" which precedes the advocacy of Co-education. The book is a valuable addition to the teacher's aids: it is something more; it is a complete statement of the educational methods of all European and American states, and as such ought to attract wide attention.

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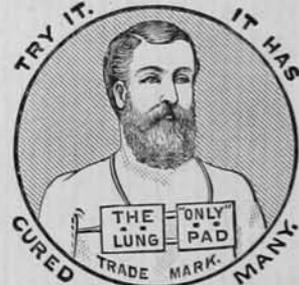
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THE readers of the ERA have doubtless noticed that in the present volume more space is given to news from other colleges, than was in preceding volumes. This is done in accordance with what we have gradually become convinced, is a growing tendency among collegians; to take more interest in the doings of each other and to create a sentiment pan-collegiate in its character. Any one who will notice the increased number of 'College Books' that are in the book market; song books containing songs sung by large bodies of students scattered over the country; and educational journals and even one daily that make a special feature of college news, will agree with us, we think. Competition is one of the laws of progress. If one college would be superior to the others, there must be a free interchange of opinion and news between instructors, trustees and above all, between the students. The position of each institution must be accurately ascertained

and its special excellence decided upon, before any just comparison can be made between all.

The day is rapidly approaching, we think, when educated men will appear to be, more unmistakably than they do now, the leaders of the nation and of their respective communities. A spirit favorable to learning is being rapidly developed in the eastern part of this country. In the west, though the population is still battling with barbarism, and still engaged busily in reclaiming land for their support and occupation, the unparalleled phenomenon appears of good school systems. Ordinarily, learning has to wait until the land has been drained and tilled many generations, groves have been planted in parks, and ivies have grown out of the dust of decaying years, before it finds its appropriate abiding places. Then arise two antagonistic spirits, culture and Philistinism. As fire is quenched by water, so can learning be starved by ignorance; yet if not brought too suddenly together the fire will dry up the pool, even as higher education obliterates stupidity, prejudice, and bigotry. These are a few hints of the necessity of a united feeling between all colleges; a necessity, because their united action is desirable.

OUR readers have enjoyed the Thanksgiving turkey; the boys have wiped the cranberry sauce from their moustaches, and the girls have left it to gild refined gold, that is, to add a deeper and more sanguinary hue to their osculatory members. Cords of toothpicks have been used up, and bushels of wish-bones broken in appropriate celebration of what is justly termed the New England holiday. We are in a thankful mood; we ought to be, for we had dreams of Utopia last night, where fowls go about the streets ready basted and roasted, and with armor of china plates and weapons very like knives and forks beneath their wings, ready to be devoured by the passing hungry tramp, journalistic or otherwise. The question occurs to us in recounting our blessings and many causes for thankfulness, is there anything in particular that students should be thankful for, aside from the gratitude they share in company with the Philistines of the outside world? Yes, we

think there are many reasons why we should rejoice at this season. The walks have been laid; the Register is being revised; there is good skating; examinations are coming on, (for which we give special thanks, as *we* are unusually well prepared to encounter them); a play is in rehearsal at Cascadilla; the Laboratory has been newly painted; Uncle Josh no longer perfumes the South University with the odor of leeks; Hallow-e'en brought no shameful pranks with it; and the books on English and American History are more accessible than they have ever before been. But thanks imply regrets; man's happiness is bounded within narrow limits; and all joys seem to be ephemeral. The walks are not kept clean; the temperature of the air in the recitation rooms is usually at this season of the year nearly at zero; the Chapel is a conservatory of colds and coughs and bronchial complaints; the Rules of the Faculty are a standing disgrace to the Faculty, and a great annoyance to the students; Professors' memories are unusually short, and Doctor Wilson's lectures on the History of Philosophy extremely long; good Professors have been allowed to leave us; the number of students is comparatively small; subscriptions to the ERA and to the Navy are not paid promptly; and broils agitate the Seniors' minds; Sage College has no more receptions and Germans to which we are invited; and the melancholy days are come, when the sound of the grinding is low. Take it all in all, we think the net result is in favor of thanks, which we accordingly tender to the powers that be.

BY reference to another column, it will be found that Columbia has challenged us to a four-oared University race. Though somewhat surprising, it was not wholly unexpected. We have not yet learned what the prevailing sentiment is regarding it, among Cornell men. It is well that it should be answered completely only after a careful consideration of the facts pertaining to the boating interest in this University. Of these we will endeavor to present a few. We have already decided to send a crew to Henley; if our plan is carried out, the Columbia race will involve additional expense upon the contributors to the Navy, and additional time and trouble from our enthusiastic boating men. It is now well understood that Cornellians will not go to England as a champion American college four, but

as the crew that has probably the best right to claim that it is representative of American college boating. No college can claim the championship for any one year until the old Intercollegiate Association is again revived and its regattas are attended by all college crews. We have nothing to gain by rowing Columbia before going to the Henley. On the contrary, we have much to lose. Our *prestige* is every way superior to hers, and we ought to be content not to risk it at almost the most unfavorable moment that could be selected. The finances are a standing argument against two races in two widely distant places in the same season. The Navy owes it to its own good name and to the credit of Cornell, that its debts be paid, or at least, not increased.

On the other hand, there are some arguments in favor of meeting Columbia and any other college crews, the more the better, as early as possible in the spring. Our oarsmen would be benefitted by the additional practice they would gain thereby. Their faults could be then unmistakably recognized; and that would, we are confident, precede remedial measures regarding them. It would then be our fault if we did not send to England one of the very best crews that ever competed for any prize.

We make a suggestion, therefore, that official action be deliberately taken upon this question. Enthusiasm is a good thing when it does not blind the better judgement. But too often it happens that decisions are quickly made and slowly repented. The ERA will be open to all who wish to obtain a hearing through its columns; and we hope many, especially those experienced in boating matters, will avail themselves of this privilege. The members of the ERA Board of Editors will express their opinions, as individuals, as freely as any other interested parties, while their attitude as a Board will be judicial, until some plan of action has been decided upon by the proper authorities in the proper way. Then we will use our utmost efforts to promote unity of action among all, and to see *that* plan carried out.

WE have received advices that, "there has" recently been established a new association under the name of THE SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION, non-partisan in its character, and, in the best sense, national in its scope. The Society is to be managed by an Executive Committee of 25

members, selected from different sections of the United States, many of them being experts in different departments of the study of social and political science. Its Executive Committee, which is not yet filled up, now comprises Prof. W. G. Sumner, of Yale College, New Haven; Hon. David A. Wells, of Norwich, Conn.; Charles Francis Adams, Jr., of Boston, Mass., and many other gentlemen of national reputation.

There are two classes of membership: Active and Co-operating. Active members are such persons as will pledge themselves to read the books recommended by the Society for the official year and included in its *Library of Political Education*, and will pay an annual fee of 50 cents (which may be forwarded in postage stamps.) Any person may become a Co-operating member on the annual payment of \$5.00 or more, which shall entitle such member to receive all the tracts published by the Society. There are no other conditions or obligations of membership. The number of tracts to be published annually will depend chiefly on the amount of subscriptions received. It is also desired to establish a fund for furthering the general work of the Society, and for facilitating the placing of the above books and kindred literature in public and school libraries.

Members of the Society will, in addition to receiving without charge the tracts issued each year under the direction of the executive committee and the above specified recommendations of courses of reading, have the advantage of coming into direct communication with a body of experts who will aid them in selecting judiciously from the mass of books which issue yearly from the press, and will enable them to obtain certain classes of books at lower rates than if bought singly of the booksellers. Those interested, or who can interest others in the work, are invited to communicate with *R. L. Dugdale, Secretary for the East and Acting Treasurer, 79 Fourth Avenue, New York*, or *M. L. Scudder, Jr., Secretary for the Northwest, 40 Portland Block, Chicago, Ill.*

Every member of the Social Science Club, and every upperclassman should look into this matter, and see for himself if it will not assist him in fulfilling his duty to his country by becoming a citizen, intelligent in regard to its political affairs. Yet no better foundation can be laid for such a course of reading as this society proposes, than a thorough

study of the historical and political subjects treated before classes in this University by Vice-President Russel and Professor Wilson. Through these two men Cornell University is doing a grandly good work which, twenty years hence, will be better appreciated than now.

WE were led to believe that this year's Glee Club, though but partly organized, would be an enjoyable factor in the great equation of our University life. As was expected, the complete organization was made impossible by the detracting excitement of the late Presidential campaign. The prompt and regular attendance at every rehearsal,—which went a great ways to insure the musical success of last year's club, was sadly interfered with by free speeches, torchlight processions and excursions to sundry places. All these have faded away into the mists of history.

While contemplating the many advantages and blessings for which our thanks are due, we cannot help remembering the partly promised concert, with which we were to be favored Thanksgiving night. The pleasant and suggestive import of "Hard up," "The Sage Maiden," "Olomon, Solomon Levi," "The Peasant's Wedding March," and a host of other rollicking students' songs, enjoyed alike by young and old, Wilhelmj and Uncle Josh, strikes to our editorial heart with a decided significance.

We forthwith turn over a new leaf and note: Music at Cornell is in a deplorable condition; the trustees are deaf to all of last year's entreaties on this subject; hence, we must help ourselves; the existence and the concerts of a Glee Club are not only enjoyable in themselves, not only add to our Alma Mater's fame, but also teach the students in general new songs and how to sing them. It will, therefore, be the duty and pleasure of the ERA to agitate this question, to encourage, by word and deed, every attempt in this direction, and [to persist until a Cornell Glee Club is an established fact.

THE Rev. Fred. Courtney remarked in the course of his excellent sermon last Sunday morning, that 'it cherishes feelings of manhood, independence and vigor in any one to climb the hills around your town, and to battle against the winds.' We agree with him there, and would willingly go five miles to hear another sermon by him, equal to

the one we listened to, but for one thing. We would not go to hear anybody if we knew that the temperature of the air of the chapel in which we were to sit for an hour and a half was somewhere near the freezing point. That was the condition of affairs last Sunday. We will not harp upon this threadbare subject of heating the buildings any more at length. If the authorities intend to reform their defective arrangements, this hint will be sufficient. If they do not take care that the rooms are comfortable, we sincerely advise every student to cut lectures, recitations and chapel, until they are informed that the buildings are again habitable.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE.

There is something very comical in the readiness of Mr. Julian Hawthorne to rush into print, needlessly, in defense of what he supposes the family name. If he pursue this course much longer, his father will assuredly sink under the calamitous infliction. He is the worst foe of the reputation of his father, whom he cannot now help, just as he was the one to send the sharpest weapons into his sad heart while living. Is it for this father's sake that he now so frequently puts his spear in rest, or is it because he is jealous of the name he himself bears? The father's fame is far above where it can be harmed or helped by this Quixotic Julian. Were he actuated by a single regard for his father's memory, our unstinted sympathies would be for him; but his shortsighted advocacy is so full of conceit and wrong-headedness that we can not believe in his pure, filial affection, the want of which was so manifest when his father was alive, and could be made happy by it. He can not make up now for this want of respect and consideration by noticing every harmless anecdote, and denying statements which he himself has no opportunity of knowing whether they were true or false. At Concord, last summer, within a stone's throw of Mr. Hawthorne's old home, to an audience composed in part of neighbors and friends, Mr. Alcott related some personal anecdotes as facts within his own knowledge, in regard to the great novelist. They showed his diffidence, his shyness of general society, and his reluctance to meet strangers. Mr. A. gave full credit to his geniality, hospitality and kindness, after you had fairly caught him and made him subside into himself. But the difficulty was to catch him, for at the first alarm-bell he fled to the top of the house. These harmless anecdotes are quoted in *The Athenæum*, and forthwith the redoubtable Julian rushes into print and says, "It may interest some of your readers to know that there is no truth in the anecdotes about Nathaniel Hawthorne quoted in your 'Literary Gossip' last week." He says further, that "these anecdotes are inconsistent

with any possibility of truth." Herein he shows himself to be a poor advocate of his father's memory. Every one who has ever known anything of Julian Hawthorne's father sees that these anecdotes are well invented, even if they are not actual facts; and almost every inhabitant of Concord, who had any acquaintance with him, knows that these accounts are not inventions but veritable facts.

Now if Mr. Julian Hawthorne wished to lessen the regard in which his father's memory is held, and to stir up a feeling of opposition to what appeared personal disagreeable qualities, but which were the concomitants of his excessively fine genius, he could not adopt a better method than he is in the habit of pursuing. We all reverence his father's genius, but we shall reverence it less if Mr. Julian Hawthorne persists in thrusting himself forward as its defender. The two men are entirely different, and their works have very different claims to our attention. The peculiar genius of the father has not descended to the son, but some of the characteristics of the former are exaggerated and distorted in him, so that his writings fail to enlist our interest or regard. The father's genius is safe with posterity, and will live in spite of the son's injudicious protests.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

The University of Michigan had its origin as early in the nineteenth century as 1804, when Congress set apart a township of land for its support. In 1821 trustees were appointed, but the first building was not erected until 1841. The earliest catalogue that I have seen, that for 1843-44, contains five names in the Faculty list, and gives the names of fifty-three students. At the present time the Faculty list contains no less than fifty-seven names, and the number of students who have entered thus far, number 1,470; the largest number I think in any American College or University. In the catalogue for 1858-9, President White's name appears as "Professor of History and English Literature;" in 1864-5, the name appears as "Professor of History."

About nine years after the first opening of the University, a department of Medicine and Surgery was added; while the other professional schools were added at a much later period. In the Faculty there are thirty-six full professorships, and nine assistant professorships. The annual salary of the President—now absent in China—is \$3,750.00, while the average salary of the professors is \$2,200.00; only three receive more than this, and no one except the President, receives an annual salary of over \$2,400.00.

The Literary Department, in which there are 494 students, includes the courses of Literature, Science, and Arts, and is essentially the same as at Cornell. The requisites for admission, the studies pursued, the

number of students, the requisite for graduation, and the scholarship, are all very nearly the same.

The lecture system, which is carried on with so much success at Cornell, is not so much thought of here. In fact, many studies which from their nature seem adapted to lectures, are here taught by recitations. In some classes, in history, the professor reads his (or some one else's) essay to the class; in others, the text book is the infallible guide; neither of these methods will be apt to fill the student with enthusiasm for history.

Less wealth is displayed among the students here, though there are some who, seeming to have failed to make themselves noted for mental attainments, have resource to another method of obtaining applause—that of dress and outward show. Co-education has been established here for more than nine years, and is pronounced a success. Last year 134 ladies were registered. I have not learned the number for this year yet. The ladies have entered the institution, and have invaded every department except those of Foot-ball and Base-ball; and under the present circumstances, no one, who has any regard for his reputation as a prophet, will dare to predict how long it will be before the fair sex will enter these departments, and take the foremost positions in the Foot-ball team, and the Base-ball nine, as they do now in the University lecture-rooms.

The Chronicle—the University paper—appears once in two weeks, and is a good representative of the college press. The editors propose, this year, to devote their profits toward the building of a Gymnasium; but unless they are more successful than the average newspaper editor, their profits will not amount to a very enormous sum. The ERA is received as an exchange, and is reckoned among the best.

Last year, another paper—*The University*—was issued by the students of the professional schools. Editors have been elected for this year, but I have not yet seen a copy.

The University and town are on quite agreeable terms considering the difficulty of last year; and the large number of new students who come every year, will soon heal all wounds if no fresh ones are made. During the trouble of last year, I am informed that the students purchased all their provisions from Ypsilanti, and at a mass-meeting of the students, they unanimously adopted the resolution to move the entire University to Ypsilanti. Precocious youths! They should all have been spanked and sent to bed.

The secret societies flourish here much as they do at Cornell or any other modern institution; there are some chapter houses, and others are spoken of. The Literary Societies—The Webster and Jeffersonian—are well attended, but neither have as good or as pleasant rooms, as the Irving or Curtis. The grade of exercises is, if anything, lower than in those just mentioned.

Yours, etc.,

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COMMUNICATIONS.

OBERLIN COLLEGE.

From our Correspondent.

OBERLIN, Nov. 6, 1880.

Election is over, and Democrats here, as everywhere, have been surrounded and taken in. Political excitement is now dying its own natural death. However, it ran here at the highest ebb. On election night, a body of students and business men went to Cleveland to await election returns, and returned home next morning, bringing with them the good news and a supply of horns, which they blew as only men under the influence of political excitement could have done, and in less than twenty minutes, every bell in the city was pealing forth its notes of joy. Students, business men and artisans thronged the streets to swell the glad chorus for Garfield.

Not content with this, a special train was ordered, and a body of seven hundred Professors and students were soon whirling over the track to Mentor, where a speech of congratulation was made by Pres. Fairchild, and heartily responded to by Gen. Garfield. After shaking hands with the President-elect, the students filed into his orchard, where they regaled themselves on his cider and apples. The Oberlin, ites spent about two hours in and about Mentor and then started for home, reaching here at 8 p. m. They thus spent a whole day in merry-making and shouting for the Nation's choice.

As to college matters, the fall term is passing very pleasantly, but the time for examination is drawing fearfully near.

We are to have a college song book. Committees are now earnestly at work, and the book will be ready in the course of about two months.

The base ball season has closed, but the interest awakened in athletic sports this fall is unabated, and vigorous measures are being taken for the organization of a field-day association. I will write you at a later date of the success of this movement. J. C. B.

COLUMBIA CHALLENGES CORNELL.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE,
49th St. AND MAD. AVE., N. Y., }
Nov. 19, 1880. }

COMMODORE CORNELL NAVY:

Dear Sir: At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Columbia College Boat Club, the following was resolved, "That a challenge be issued forthwith to the Cornell Navy, to row a University four-oared shell race, distance, time and place to be mutually agreed upon." Pursuant to the above resolution, Cornell University is hereby challenged by Columbia College to row a four-oared shell race, distance, time and place to be mutually agreed upon.

Respectfully,
JASPER T. GOODWIN,
Pres. C. C. B. C.

WILLIAM S. SLOAN, Sec. C. C. B. C.

STORIES FOR GOOD LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Once upon a time there was a Senior who loved to tell stories; so he gathered some Freshmen around him, and spake a parable unto them, saying: The writing of essays is like unto certain students that went forth to crib, and one secured a Cyclopædia and a Stubbs and he drew therefrom great chunks of wisdom, and hedged them round about with quotation marks, and went on and fell into the pit of a zero. But the other, perceiving the danger from afar off, went and got himself a work whereof the tutor knew not, and digged therein and hedged it not with marks; and so he entered into the joy of an honorable. Verily I say unto you, fruit groweth not up in the beaten path.

II.

A certain student, with a mind exhausted from many cuts and emaciated from neglect, crept through a small hole into an examination. Dwelling there among the horses he picked up golden grains of wisdom and became fat. But when he would issue forth his fatness held him fast; so a mocking professor, standing near, looked on his past record and scoffed at him, saying: "Empty thou enterdest in and empty comest out, only with low condition returnest thou to thy kindred." Moral: He had hard luck.

III.

In the same University three students were dwelling in maxima concordia. They ground and cribbed and bummed together and, keeping their own counsels, were safe from the inroads of designing men. But a discord having arisen among them, they exposed each other before the ears of a crafty spy. Thus, one by one, they fell into the hands of the Faculty and were speedily bounced. Haec fabula docet. Unitas et silentia contra facultatem progent.

IV.

A tutor, standing behind an open book, railed at a flunking Soph. To whom the wily Soph. replied: "Non tu, but the book rails at me." This fable docets that circumstances often make simple men wise.

SENIOR COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hahn has made the following appointments for Senior Committees:

CLASS DAY.—MESSRS. G. L. Burr, H. T. E. Wendell, E. Campbell, L. W. Hull and Miss Neymann.

CLASS BALL.—MESSRS. E. R. Shnable, H. C. Sommers, W. C. Brown, D. W. C. Dominick and F. Harding.

CLASS SUPPER.—MESSRS. I. Miller, E. L. Chapman, E. G. Vaughn, O. M. Eidlitz and W. Storey.

CLASS PRIZES.—MESSRS. H. H. Wing, R. B. Wick, C. W. McCrea, R. W. McClelland and Miss Fort.

CLASS STATISTICS.—MESSRS. H. W. Battin, F. W. Ormsby, P. E. Clarke, J. N. D. Shinkel and J. E. Read.

CLASS MEMORIAL.—MESSRS. R. B. Hough, H. S. Concklin, G. C. Watson, W. B. Beach and Miss Howland.

CLASS MUSIC.—MESSRS. N. P. Hunter, T. Smith, E. W. Catchpole, G. Shiras and Miss Goddard.

CLASS PRINTING.—MESSRS. H. P. Herrick, G. F. Ferris, J. S. Kelso, M. Gusdorf and R. B. Alling.

CORNELLIANA.

—Owing to the haste with which the report of the 'Majority's' meeting last Friday was written, an error was made, which we take pleasure in correcting. The motion to appoint a committee of three to confer with a similar committee of the other faction regarding compromise, was lost.

—We gladly correct an error in our last issue. It was Mr. Benjamin of the *Ithaca Journal*, and not Mr. Wood, who was present at the *Wilhelmj kneipe* at Bement's last Monday week. The boys unite in their hearty thanks for his liberality.

—Student in Senior Essays and Criticism, criticising: "I think that Tennyson's 'Evangeline' and Matthew Arnold's 'Light of Asia' are the epics *par excellence*."

—A squad of Senior Engineers took observations for time, with the Alt-azimuth Transit, at Professor Fuertes' house last Friday, the thermometer reading 13 degrees Fahrenheit.

—The *Sun* has already decided what is to be done with Columbia's challenge. We now await the action of the Navy Board of Directors, wondering, at the same time, whether the *Sun* or the Directors run the Navy.

—The ERA is mailed to subscribers in London, England, Germany, Scotland, Cuba, Mexico, Canada, California, Texas, and North Carolina. The largest number is sent to New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois.

—Scene, Senior Extempore Speaking. *Professor*: "Well, Mr. X., what can you say about the disadvantages of those who appear unusually smart,—those who are credited with being precocious, when —" *Mr. X. (quickly)*: "They are usually very smart, and —" Tumultuous applause.

—A case of human torture is reported in the daily press of the country, as having occurred at Harvard. Right in the midst of the *cultuh* of Harvard, and the puritanical influence of the *Hub*, a Chinese instructor is suffered to bind the feet of his little daughter in the barbaric manner of the Orient.

—The thirty-eight boarders at 116 East Seneca street, were treated to an elegant Thanksgiving din-

ner. The genial Mrs. C., the waiting girls and other deserving objects, were eulogized in after-dinner speeches. Songs were sung, the Cornell yell was given, and every one voted the dinner a success from every point of view, social, gastronomic and culinary.

—There is great rejoicing at Yale over the abolition of Sunday morning chapel service. Not only is the inconvenience of getting up at half-past seven dispensed with, but the farce of attending devotional exercises—devotional only in name—will be no more enacted. We kindly suggest to Yale our own method of voluntary attendance at reasonable hours, as a means of keeping the wayward spirits of New Haven under control.

—The most acute, side-splitting, bring-the-house-down species of wit, is of that quality with which the youngster, the *Sun*, imposes upon its considerate readers. In ordinary language it is called "a give away." The following appeared *above* a column headed "Sonstrokes." "We hate to tell it, but it's too good to lose. Our "clippings" editor handed in with his scraps an illustration from the *Columbia Spectator*. We shall be obliged to send to the *Spectator* for the cut, we suppose." We have laughed so much, so long and heartily, that our tailors have been obliged to sit up all night sewing on buttons.

—Miss May Roberts and the Sterling Comedy Co. gave, to the audience present at Wilgus Opera House last evening, an excellent representation of "Led Astray," adapted by Mr. Boucicault from the French of Octave Feuillet. In Ithaca, where there is a 'most plentiful lack' of good acting, the leading lady and her company should receive a hearty welcome from all. The players will give two other performances, thus insuring to us a high grade of good acting. The play billed for this evening is Victor Hugo's grand tragedy entitled, 'Lucretia Borgia.' 'Camille' will be rendered Saturday evening.

—Professor Oliver, Wait and Jones, are to publish some time this winter their "Trigonometry and Theory of Equations," for use in their classes in the University. It is to be condensed, handy and complete, as far as the course in the University extends. It is to be octavo in form and will be printed on heavy paper, making about 120 pages in all. They will also publish some time in the spring, an "Algebra." Both books have been delayed by the difficulties attendant upon procuring the proper type. The first editions will be used only in the University. After the final corrections have been made the books will be stereotyped and offered to the general public.

—We clip the following from the semi-weekly *Tribune*: "Mr. Hudson's "Harvard" edition as he calls it, of the complete works of Shakespeare, will soon be on the book table. In a forthcoming vol-

ume of his school edition of the favorite poet, he says: 'I know but three persons in the whole United States who have any just claim to be called Shakespearians, or who can be truly said to know Shakespeare in an eminent sense. Those are, of course, Mr. Grant White, Mr. Howard Furness and Mr. Joseph Crosby. Beyond this goodly trio I cannot name a single person in the land who is able to go alone, or even to stand alone, in any question of textual criticism or textual correction; for that is what it is to be a Shakespearean.'" Since the above was written, we believe that Mr. Hudson himself has been added to the "goodly trio," forming a "goodly" quartette. In point of 'textual correction' the last named gentleman stands head and shoulders—he is over six feet in height—above the original "goodly trio." But where among Shakespearians shall our own Prof. Corson be placed, a man who brings years of training in early English, and Anglo-Saxon to bear upon Shakespeare's text, and who,—which is more than can be said of Mr. Hudson,—is a ripe scholar, and a thorough student of English?

—"The Rivals." A comedy in five acts, by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, will be produced at the "Cascadilla Theatre" with the following cast:

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| Sir Ant'ny Absolute..... | Mr. Lucas. |
| Captain Absolute..... | Mr. Luckey. |
| Faulkland..... | Professor Breneman. |
| Acres..... | Mr. Wendell. |
| Sir Lucius O'Trigger..... | Professor Oliver. |
| Fag..... | Mr. Badger. |
| David..... | Mr. Garver. |
| Mrs. Malaprop..... | Mrs. Professor Corson. |
| Lydia Languish..... | Miss Neymann. |
| Julia..... | Miss Grant. |
| Lucy..... | Miss Harlow. |

The play is now in rehearsal, and will be placed before the public about the second week of the Winter Term. No more entertaining comedy than "The Rivals" has come from the pen of Mr. Sheridan, and in the hands of the above excellent cast of characters its success will undoubtedly be assured.

PERSONALIA.

DAVIDSON, '84, took his Thanksgiving dinner at home.

JOHN LAW, '84, spent a few pleasant hours in a single scull, last week.

GIFFORD, '80, intended to buy shares of the recently formed coal company.

WILSON, '77, formerly business manager of the *Review*, was married last week.

F. W. WARTHORST, '74, is Secretary of the Warthorst Company in Massillon, Ohio.

W. K. SHIRAS, '82, Haldeman and D. E. Smith, '83, left for Syracuse on Thursday.

F. E. BISSELL, '78, is in an office of the Pacific Railway Improvement Company in Texas.

GWYNNE, '84, has been visiting Wilmhelmj at Syracuse and Rochester, during the past week. †

R. P. HAYES, '80, has returned to the Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., from an extended western trip.

THE social event of last week is the marriage of Miss Addie Whitbread to Hamilton S. White, '77, in Syracuse.

MCARTHUR, '81, Cowles, '82, Carson, '83, are spending their Thanksgiving holiday with Charles Everson, '78, in Syracuse.

SCHENCK, '82, Stevenson, '83, and Case, '84, left Wednesday for home, to take care of some ducks that they intended to lay seige to.

SHIRAS, '81, and Washburn, '83, are spending the Thanksgiving vacation in some fine duck-shooting down the Lake. We anticipate a rare 'roast.'

W. BEAHAN, '78, has charge of ten miles of construction for the Pacific Railway Improvement Company, in Texas, about 230 miles west of Fort Worth.

C. H. ESTY, '76, is thoroughly captivated by the acting of the attenuated 'Sarah B.' He says he never knew what acting was before he saw Miss Bernhardt.

'TUT' MORRIS, '81, still clings to his Nimrod propensities. Medicine has no charms for him when the duck doth quack. He is having some fine shooting in Pennsylvania.

I. P. SMITH, President of the Junior Class, took unto himself a wife, 17th inst., in the person of Dora F. Wilson, '82, of Ithaca. The bride will not attend the University hereafter, but Mr. Smith, we understand will finish his course.

COLLEGE NEWS.

AMHERST :—

Lawn Tennis will be taken indoors.

About one-fourth of the entire number of students voted at home.

The Seniors have chosen Pach as class photographer, against three other competitors.

The college buildings will soon be supplied with water from the hills of Pelham some miles away.

Freshmen and Sophomores make night hideous by yelling and howling in concert on the Campus at 3 o'clock in the morning.

The late trip of the Amherst nine was a series of accidents in the shape of smash-ups, delays, and derailing of cars and engines. The boys, however, escaped unhurt.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 2, the windows of the Reading room and the Hall of the Hitchcock Society of Inquiry, were broken by some lawless students. They had presumably been listening to the returns.

Here lately arrived from abroad a set of casts for the Art Gallery, which, after having been mounted,

will give the entire collection of the college a rank with the three leading ones of the world. The largest piece is a copy, in the original size, of the Lions from Mycenæ, unearthed by Dr. Schliemann.

COLUMBIA :—

"The *Columbia* committee promise to have the Annual out before Christmas."—*Spectator*.

To-morrow Columbia's eleven will meet the Football team of the University of Pennsylvania, on the Polo Grounds.

The Directors of the Boat Club have not yet considered the plan of sending a crew to England. The *Spectator* thinks a crew should not be sent because they won the first victory abroad of any American college crew, and it seems to be unnecessary to compete again for the trophy; because the crew has lost its efficient and powerful stroke; and because all the money that can be raised will be needed to move and repair the boat house in the spring.

DARTMOUTH :—

The Freshmen want a class supper.

There is still much sickness, principally typhoid, among the students.

The graduating exercises of the Medics took place a week ago Tuesday, in the college church.

Dartmouth was at one time widely reported to have decided to admit women. But it has not done so yet.

HARVARD :—

The *Advocate* wants a Freshman race at New London next summer.

Yale Freshmen defeated the Harvard Freshman Football team at Springfield, 17th inst.

On Wednesday, 17th inst., a Base-ball Association was formed under the name of the Harvard Base-ball Club.

The Harvard Union, last Thursday evening, debated the question of Woman Suffrage very enthusiastically before a crowded hall. The result of the ballot on the merits of the question was 57 in favor and 107 against; on the weight of the argument, 34 in favor and 110 against.

MADISON :—

It is suggested by several influential students that a College Board of Health be appointed to remedy the defective sanitary condition of the college.

A. Bronson Alcott spent the 4th instant as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Brooks, and spoke to a select company of the Theologues, on New England authors and "transcendentalism." He also spoke to the students in the chapel, on the morning of the same day.

OBERLIN :—

The professors have subscribed \$25 towards the new Base Ball grounds.

The committee of compilation of the proposed new song book, offer a prize of ten dollars for the best written original college song.

The Home Contest in Oratory will occur on the evening of December 8th, when, from six competitors, two will be selected to represent the college in the next State contest.

Students and others have obtained false keys to the library of the U. L. A., and such is the want of system there that there, was a loss of eighteen books during the past quarter.

PRINCETON:—

The Glee Club gave a fine concert yesterday week.

"The President thinks that six Freshmen are nice enough, but they don't represent the college."—*Princetonian*.

Hare and Hounds is a favorite sport now. There have been several runs already, and an association will soon be formed.

The *Princetonian* wanted to go home and eat a Thanksgiving dinner; so it proposed a change in the date of the foot-ball match with Yale.

The score of a foot-ball match with a Rutgers team, Nov. 2, was eight goals, four touch-downs, one safety for Princeton, to three safeties for Rutgers.

EXCHANGES.

The dramatic muse is in the ascendant. The offerings of her devotees are of the right kind, too, and plenty of them. Following are two scenes from "Tutor in Love," in a late issue of the *Crimson*:

ACT II.

SCENE I.

ARMAND FAGG and MISS HEATH.

ARMAND. O Hebe! how can I to thee repay
The joy that thou has granted me this hour,
And pledged to be my wife! Words ill express
My deep emotion and my gratitude.

MISS H. No more, Armand I beg; my blushes tell
My joy, my hope, my happiness, to thee;
But ere thou goest sing again that song.

ARMAND. Love, I must go, though I could stay forever.
(Sings.)

The Senior swears off cigarettes
He goes to recitations,
He flirts no more with coy coquettes,
Nor cuts examinations.

He settles down to toil and work,
Fulfills all requisitions,
He spends his money like a Turk
To get off his conditions.

Why has he thus his habits caged
That were before so rapid?
Because, in sooth, he is engaged,
And all the rest is vapid.

[Exeunt.]

SCENE 2.

The Annex. Instructor FAGG and MISS HEATH.

FAGG. (Aside.) Nay, nay, I must my pristine courage show,
Faint heart, they say, has never won fair lady.
I will disclose that passion which consumes,
And she so good, so fair, will mercy grant.
Miss Heath, before we conjugate that verb,
I wish to speak upon a subject which
To me is weightier far than any Greek.

MISS H. (Aside triumphantly.) So Aphrodite has Minerva conquered.

FAGG. From boyhood up, I sought some helpmeet kind,
But none but you have ever pleased my taste.
I never loved before, nor shall again
If you require not my devotion now.

MISS H. I—really—Mr. Fagg, don't understand.

FAGG. (Sings in dulcet tones.)

Come live with me and be my love,
And I will talk to thee in Greek;
I'll teach thee dithyrambic verse,
And in dactylic measure speak.

Come live with me and be my wife,
The verb to love let's conjugate;
Our thoughts and wishes we'll annex,
And laugh away the wrongs of fate.

MISS H. I fancy now I comprehend you, sir,
You ask me your affection to return.
Alas! I can no foolish promise make;
But I will love you as a sister loves,
Since to your brother I am engaged.

Utter confusion of Instructor FAGG.
Curtain falls."

A new exchange made its appearance last week, *The Sibyl* from Elmira Female College. It is a tolerably fair sheet, and its character savors strongly of the semi-monthly, though it comes but once a month. The girls do not seem to be wholly insensible to the addresses of their Cornell admirers, as the following will testify:

"The evening of Friday, the 28th ultimo, was an eventful one with us. The college was brightly illuminated in honor of the Republican demonstrations, and the students were out *en masse* to see the torchlight parade when it passed. The same evening, the young ladies celebrated Hallween in anticipation, with a fancy dress. Later, a party of students from Cornell, who took part in the political demonstrations, visited the college Campus and serenaded (?) us."

But the numbers of the serenades evidently didn't include those who made night musical for the Wells girls a short time since; or the paragraph would probably have been more complimentary. We hope, since the ERA has been placed on file in one or two of the society reading rooms there, (wherein they show their good sense), that their judgement of us will hereafter be more favorable.

Over two pages are filled with the arguments in a debate on the momentous question "Cob or no Cob. Resolved, That it is contrary to the laws of etiquette to eat corn from the ear." It seems that there was a long and desperate struggle over it; and it was finally decided 'that it was quite proper that corn *on the ear* should be served; and we may, if sufficiently graceful, eat it directly from the ear.' Now this is perfectly right from one point of view. It is eminently proper that some premium be placed on gracefulness; and that the ungraceful young ladies (who shall decide on their qualifications in this respect?) should be stimulated, by this enticing prospect of the privilege of gnawing corn from its natural receptacle, to take great pains in their education for the desired end. But we wish to suggest that the grain of truth contained in the saying, "If

a man would admire a woman, he must never watch her while eating," is highly magnified when green corn on the cob, and to be eaten from the cob, is the edible before her. Think, O ye fair, how disastrous it may be to your prospects of securing eligible young men's addresses; how nearly it concerns your future happiness; and then take the ERA's advice to carefully reconsider the question.

We think you will take these suggestions of ours in good faith. You have good sense, for we find in your paper a chunk of that commodity of such solidity, that, for the purpose of giving it as wide a reading as is possible among the afflicted, we will, contrary to all precedents of this paper, ask the printer to set it up in long primer, leaded:

"Girls! Look not upon the bang when it curl-eth over the brow like a viper! Shun the first friz as you would a hoppergrass at a picnic! For at last it stingeth like a steel-blue wasp and keepeth the sensible young men aloof. Mother! Where is your daughter to-night? Is she in her chamber preparing the baleful quince-seed juice with which to fresco her fair forehead in the morning? Speak to her—plead with her—before it is everlastingly too late!"

The Oberlin Review in commenting on a late editorial of the ERA, which said that ladies were not allowed to attend Base-ball games without a special permission, says:

"Ridicule, at the expense of truth, is a poor kind of wit and instead of producing contempt for its object degrades the user. The *Cornell Era* is very kind to correct the widely heralded report that our Faculty had forbidden Base-ball; but its disregard for truth far outran its kindness when it regaled its furnished readers with imaginary sketches of Oberlin life. It is true we have prohibitionists, religious fanatics and the like; what community hasn't? Dennis Kearney had followers in Boston; does he represent Boston culture? All we ask for is the truth. We admit that Oberlin does not consider a cloud of smoke necessary to clear mental vision. Unlike our eastern brethren, we think that the beer-mug and midnight brawl are dispensable in student life. We would advise our friend of the *Era*, if he knows the facts to tell them; but do not sacrifice his integrity in reaching after the sensational."

We challenge the *Review* to state truthfully that ladies are allowed to attend Base-ball games without any special permission. We have at hand another 'fact.' The pious boys of Oberlin are not allowed to "visit" a billiard hall either for play or as a spectator, (*vide Oberlin Faculty Rules*). Notwithstanding this special prohibition, however, there is no rule against betting on the length of a Professor's prayer at Chapel, which, we understand from a former student of Oberlin, now by our side, was a general practice two years since; and, as we are credibly informed, continues at the present time. We would suggest, we, the poor lost sinners and free-thinkers of Cornell, that the Oberlin Faculty, to

be consistent, should pass a rule forbidding the unholy gambling, or else decide upon limiting the length of their prayers to five minutes. We have some more 'facts' which we will take pleasure in stating more at length in our next issue; all tending to show that 'fanatics' do represent Oberlin spirit.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—"An ancient tom-cat on a summer kitchen;
A bootjack raised, a solemn caterwaul;
A moment's silence, and a quick departure;
And then a wasted bootjack—that's all."
—*Berkeleyan*.

THE ECLECTIC SYSTEM.

—There was a bad Senior named Hawley,
In his thesis he had so much gall he
Cribbed it all out of Nott,
Froude, Clarendon, Scott,
Mill, Huxley, Carlyle, and Macaulay.
—*Amherst Student*.

—"Beneath a shady tree they sat,
He held her hand, she held his hat,
I held my breath and lay right flat;
They kissed, I saw them do it.
He held that kissing was no crime,
She held her head up every time,
I held my peace and wrote this rhyme,
While they thought no one knew it."
—*Princetonian*.

—Colonel Ingersoll to the Liberal League: "You can go to—no, confound it! come to think there is none. However, you can go anyhow."—*Unidentified Exchange*.

—*Professor of History*:—"Mr. S., what was the condition of the clergy of the eleventh century?"
Mr. S.:—"Well, among the married clergy, celibacy was decidedly the exception."—*Amherst Student*.

—In a canvass of the Vassar Seniors all but one voted for Hancock and free-trade on chewing-gum, and that one was for a protective tariff, because of a temporary filling in her wisdom teeth.—*Amherst Student*.

—*Excited Junior in robe de nuit*:—"I say, who's elected!"
Soph., returning from the bulletin boards: "Elected what?"
E. J.:—"President."
S. R., etc.:—"President of what?"
E. J.:—"President of the United States, you ass."
S. R., etc.:—"Did you speak?"
Missiles are still issuing from the Junior's window; the *Soph.* will be buried in a day or two.—*Acta*.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

—If you want good fitting and fashionable clothes cut or made call on E. English, Tailor and Cutter Wilgus Block.

—Go to Miss Ackley's for the finest stationery. Subscriptions for the ERA are received.

—A visit to the dentist is not always agreeable, but on this account should not be delayed. At Melotte's office as little

pain is inflicted as is consistent with the performing of perfect operations.

—CHAS. L. ROSSITER 165 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio, says:—I would not take one thousand dollars for my Excel-sior Kidney Pad, if I could not get another. I have gained in three months thirty pounds.—*See Adv.*

—Finch & Appgar are the agents in Ithaca for the sale of the publications of the American Book Exchange which they furnish at the publisher's prices adding only the postage. Call at their store and see the cheapest books ever before published.

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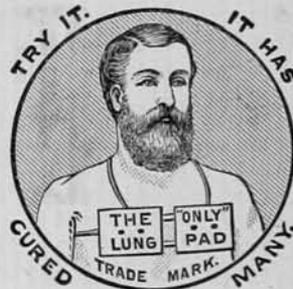
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MR. NOTMAN sends us word that filling private orders has been delayed by storms and cloudiness. He is doing his utmost to please, and if his customers will have a little patience, all will be well that ends well.

WE are informed that hard work is being done upon the Register, and that its appearance this year will be marked by many changes. This will be hailed with satisfaction by all. The old words and paragraphs have become disagreeably familiar, and any change will be welcome. Persons

with biased intent have frequently asserted that the Register is not all that it should be in the matter of truth. Of course this is not so, but a person looking through it with an eye to discover wrong, would probably encounter some very glaring discrepancies. These, we hope, will be removed. Meanwhile its publication is awaited with considerable interest.

THE Boston *Advertiser*, speaking of the Harvard student sign-snatchers, says: "This fashion and the chronic feud between the college students and the Cambridge police, would indeed appear to have reached a climax on Wednesday, when a young man of acknowledged studious habits, exemplary conduct and personal uprightness, was convicted on the testimony of a single police officer as against his own solemn assertion of his innocence, sustained by the sworn evidence of five of his fellow students." We are reminded of some of our own pranks, and the kind and *eminently just* treatment certain students have received at the hands of a well-known p. j. It seems that six students are not entitled to the same consideration in a court of law as one police officer. Well, we are sorry, and shall take care hereafter that public opinion has free expression on the subject of students and police, when first the opportunity offers.

It seems, from a Paris paper, that the students in the famous Latin quarter are unmolested by the minions of law. In their case, although the feud lasted three months, all things worked for good, and the result was a rather ridiculous one:

"The old café-concert, since demolished for the enlargement of the boulevard Saint-Germain, was very popular with the students of the Latin-quarter. But at one period the students quarrelled with the proprietor, and the latter refusing to make amends or apologies, became an object of bitter warfare. The students declared that they would not allow a single artist to sing until the proprietor yielded to their demands. For three whole months it was impossible to hear a single note sung on the stage, because of the uproar, cat-calls and racket of the

students. Nevertheless the hall was always crowded, and the proprietor had no cause to complain. One night the students planned to omit the usual hubbub until the middle of the performance. The artists were stupefied, and the proprietor was at his wits' ends. The first singer advanced to the footlights, remained with mouth wide open, unable to utter a sound. The second followed, with the same result. The third ditto. The proprietor had, it appears, discharged all his singers early in the row, and in their places he had hired a lot of men and women who couldn't sing a note, and whom he was able to secure each evening for a few glasses of beer.—*Paris Paper.*"

THE *Sun*, like all infants, learns by imitating. This is why very young children fall into bad habits, which their elders must correct. "Spare the rod and spoil the child." We will spare a few moments, and labor with our dear parasitical *Sun*, regarding its many indiscretions. My dear *Sun*, verily, when you see a kind reproof—all for your own good—in the *ERA*, about telling stories of how your clippings EDITOR "gives himself away," don't imitate in your very next issue. It is small, and journalists don't do it. Although our columns contain attempts of wit by others, we are never guilty of reporting eight men in a six-oared coxswain gig, or of foolishly telling of our clippings editor expecting printers to set up engravings with type. And when the "representative newspaper" is in question, we would call to the "serious consideration" of the students the following.

When the *ERA* was founded its editors did not withhold from a succeeding board the subscription list of another college publication of about twelve years' existence. Its readers and advertising patrons were not permitted to infer an enlargement, modification, or change from, we'll say, a monthly to a weekly. We have not, so far, claimed somebody else's Newspaper Directory as our own; nor have we kept it from its rightful owners. We were not compelled to fill up our columns with editorials about a Sara Bernhardt Thanksgiving excursion (an excursion that occurred only on paper, as it appears), or how the Railroad Company refused to furnish a train for such excursion, when the Superintendent of the road knew nothing of it until Thanksgiving day. The

ERA does not nauseate its readers with love letters which would be rejected by the *Police Gazette*. According to the *Sun's* code of honor it is perfectly right and just to attack one of the editors of another paper through its columns, and when given a communication by the gentleman assailed, with the understanding that it is to be published in full or not at all, to print garbled extracts of the letter, and suppress the most important portions. This noisy newspaper *gamin* is doubtless able to wallow in the mire of gross personalities without being soiled; at any rate it indulges in exhibitions of that kind without any hesitation or apparent fear. Sensational articles of every description flow into its office, and are gobbled up with avidity. The *Sun*, as we said several weeks ago, is not a legitimate college paper. It is run to make money and for this only. It will publish anything and everything that will increase its sale, and bring three-cent pieces into the pocket of its manager. Gentle reader, this paper, not yet three months old, the faults of which are so many and so plain, poses as a "representative college paper"; anticipates the action of the Navy Board; settles questions before they have been considered; points to itself as a critic, as a teacher of public morals, as the essence of etiquette and the soul of honor. With these few remarks we will drop the unsavory subject.

A FORMER number of the *ERA* mentioned the fact that a Greek play *Oedipus Tyrannus*, is to be presented at Harvard next spring, and later numbers contained the cast of characters and items regarding the rehearsals. This is a subject that requires more than passing notice, and we are happy to state that it has received more than ordinary comment from the college and general press. A late number of the *Princetonian* had an article on "The Greek Paly," (rather an unfortunate heading, but a printer's error), in which the merits of it were discussed at some length, and in the right spirit. The *Fale News* had several editorials and communications on the advisability of imitating the example of Harvard; the *New York Tribune* has, in its editorial notes, heartily commended the undertaking; and a Chicago journal has been noticeably alone in hoping "that excursion rates will be offered by the railroad lines during the continuance of the melancholy affair."

We think this an appropriate occasion to call attention to the rapid strides American scholarship has made within the past few years, and is now making. Formerly it was almost impossible to obtain good text books in the classics usually taught in colleges, edited by American Professors. Now, Greek and Latin grammars, published by American houses, find a market in England, as do American prints, textiles and locomotives. The authority of our Professors is recognized as good, even in England, where the classics are studied as carefully as in any other part of the world. Harvard, in presenting a Greek play, is but indicating these changes.

It is hardly time yet to give precise information as to the setting of the piece. We are informed that the system of pronunciation will be that accepted as the best by the eminent scholars on both sides the Atlantic. The chorus, which plays an important part, will be carefully trained in accentuation and syllabication. The stage will be set with appropriate scenery, and the properties will be in keeping with the age which the play is supposed to represent. We think this is a worthy undertaking, and deserving of the hearty support of all students of ancient literature. It certainly argues well for the standard and quality of the instruction given at the great American University. We hope it will be successfully presented, that it will be but the first of an unending series of classic representations, and that it will redound in great measure to the improvement of classical proficiency among the students of this country.

THE question of compulsory attendance upon lectures and recitations is one that has, at different times, received considerable attention. Many opinions have been expressed *pro* and *con.*, and many arguments advanced in support of them. College Presidents, as was to be expected, have differed widely. The head of one of the largest of our Eastern colleges condemns strongly the practice of enforcing attendance, claiming that it is entirely unnecessary, opposed to the development of all that is manly, and calculated to extinguish all feelings of self-responsibility existing among students; while another, whose authority is fully as great, contends that the abolition of compulsory attendance would tend to produce almost all the evils that could possi-

bly arise among a body of students. He takes the position, as it appears to us, that all students do not go to college to study, and that in consequence of these, who are comparatively few in number, rules and regulations must be adopted prescribing a specified method of conduct. This position, it seems to us, is decidedly wrong. In the University of Berlin, and, in fact, in all the large Universities of Germany, no compulsory law is enforced, and yet the standard of scholarship there is extremely high. It was hoped that when our own University was founded, no system of compulsion would be adopted. And indeed, it seemed for a time that such was to be the case. The Register announced that the great object of the University was to assist "earnest, manly young men in obtaining the best education which their talents allow;" that the University was in no sense a reformatory institution, and would not guarantee to reform the weak and vicious men who might be admitted to any of its courses. Yet, apparently in direct opposition to this statement, the "powers that be" immediately busied themselves in framing and printing a set of rules and regulations which they either adopted as a body, or allowed each Professor to put into practice at his option. Some of these rules were wise and just. But others, such as that excluding a man from an examination on account of unexcused absences, insisting upon an excuse for every absence, etc., must be, and are extremely galling to the aforesaid "earnest, manly young men." Students of this description usually have no need of such stringent laws. They are generally aware of their purpose in college, and are determined to attain it. On the other hand, such regulations as these are exactly what is required to reform "weak and vicious" young men. If they are to be forced upon us, why not omit the obnoxious clause in the Register, adopt a system of government a little more strict, and call the University what it really would become—a reformatory institution. We believe that this system fails to inculcate in a man those principles of self-control and self-reliance which every man should possess. They are of infinitely more benefit, both in college and after graduation, than all the obligations to moral conduct which can possibly be imposed upon us here. They are indispensable in every walk of life, and he who has the true good of his fellow men at heart will endeavor by no useless laws to break them down.

THE last ERA mentioned the subjects of the Glee Club and college singing. Since that issue we thought upon it further, and concluded that it is decidedly the time to push the matter, as far as it can be carried by us. Yet it is evident that until the student body have more interest than they appear to take now in music and musical matters, our Glee Club will have to be relegated to the catalogue of things that have died young. When its death comes about, if that melancholy event is on the rolls of Fate, it will be but another confirmation among many we have had lately of the truth of a couplet:

“The good die young; but those
Whose hearts are dry as summer's dust
Burn to the socket.”

Surely the record of the Glee Club last year was such that we ought to feel encouraged in keeping it up. The Board of Editors will try to do their share towards furthering this worthy object. Therefore we make an offer. We invite the subscribers and readers of the ERA, and all others so inclined, to write songs and original music, dedicated to the Glee Club of Cornell, and send them to us before the first of March next. If the number of original songs with music is five or over, we will select the best, publish it as an extra, and send a copy to each subscriber. This will bring the Glee Club prominently before the minds of music-loving people, and if they and their friends are stimulated to persevere in its organization and support, we will consider that at least we have helped to forward the laudable purpose.

A ROSE.

I.

The gates of the morning
Flung open disclose
A garden all glowing,
Where groweth a rose.

II.

The dawn's dewy rose-bud
At noon doth unfold,
And shows its heart's secret
Of scarlet and gold.

III.

Red petals lie scattered
Along western skies;
Its brief life is blossomed—
The May-flower dies!

MAY PRESTON.

THE ROMANCE OF A RAILWAY JOURNEY.

RELATED BY A TRAVELLER.

“I say, let us go over to Syracuse and see ‘Joe’ Jefferson in ‘The Rivals,’ to-morrow night.” This was upon Tuesday afternoon, and the speaker was a Senior, grave and learned. “Done,” I replied.

It was snowing quite rapidly as we arrived at the “Hill” station, and the “black-browed night” had drawn his “inky cloak” over the valley, and hundreds of lights glimmered forth from the shrouded darkness. We purchased our tickets and waited but a few moments ere the 5.20 p. m. train drew near with a shrill shriek, and stopped “on time” at the station. “This is very fortunate, isn't it, A.?” I nodded an assent, and added something about having but twenty minutes in Syracuse to get our tickets and secure supper. “O! we'll have time enough; ten minutes for an oyster stew, and the rest will get us to the theatre, which isn't far from the station.” Things went on swimmingly. There were never two more contented fellows than B. and myself. We chatted over Senior difficulties, reviewed the possibilities attached to the coming examinations, told stories and passed the time very pleasantly, until the brakeman sang out, “Cortland, change cars for Syracuse.” Stepping off the train and passing to the opposite side of the depot we dimly descried the headlight of the Syracuse train, and soon it drew up to the station, “on time.” “By Jove we *are* in luck,” said I and stepped aboard with a light heart.

“All aboard,” cried the conductor, the accustomed signal was given, and the train moved off. We had gotten fairly started, when all of a sudden we brought up with a crash, thud, thump. In vain I endeavored to extricate myself from between two seats, and assist B, who was pitched unceremoniously into the arms of a young lady. Now I don't mean to say that B. was uttering frantic cries of any kind, or even struggled to escape, but anybody must know that to place a Senior in such a situation, and that at not a moment's warning, was very embarrassing, to say the least. I at last became free and hastened towards B., who was slowly recovering from the shock, and asked him if he were injured. He mumbled over something about a shock to his nervous system, apologized to the young lady and slowly recovered himself. In the meantime loud cries of “what's the matter?” “off the track?” “anybody hurt?” broke on our ears. No, we were not off the track, nobody was hurt, and B. and I went forward through the snow to see what the matter was. Lights were moving to and fro near the engine, and upon our arrival we were informed, after anxious questionings, that the piston rod was broken and things in general pretty well smashed up about the engine. B. and I looked at one another in blank amazement. What was to be done? We had put forth the tender buds of hope, they had blos-

somed, and now the confounded engine had nipped the roots and left us,—in a snow bank, half way between C. and H., thermometer anywhere, and, worst of all, nothing to eat. "Well, what's to be done?" B. asked. I mildly suggested that we had better get our top-coats and luggage and "foot it" back to C. "What!" exclaimed my excited companion, glaring at me through the darkness and falling snow. "What! Go back and leave that young lady without a protector, and—and—and get my feet wet? Never!" I dimly saw the fire of determination in his eye, and endeavored to soothe his rising ire. "All right, B." I said, in a soothing tone, "I don't want to interfere in anything you may consider to be your duty, but as for me, I don't consider this a particularly romantic situation and mean to get out of it some way." B. said nothing and we slowly plowed our way back to our car. Now, don't think this is to end in a love affair or even have the slightest tinge of love about it. The young lady was pretty and interesting enough in person, but—I am getting ahead of my story. B. seated himself with an anxious question for the lady's welfare. Her reply I noted with a smile and turned my attention to a gentleman who had addressed me with, "Well, this euchers us out of Joe Jefferson, don't it? Ever seen him? O! he's fine, first-class—saw him last in 'Rip'—I'm something of a connoisseur in such things, you know, Barry Williams, he's fine, too. Did you ever see him?" I made some low reply about having seen *Barney* Williams. "O! no, not the same man at all, this man's Barry, *Barry* Williams." "Where are you from?" "Ithaca." "O yes, nice little town—been there good many times—have many plays there?" "Wilhelm!, and—" "O yes. Miss Fritch's fine, aint she! Better than Miss Thursby—in fact, I don't think Miss Thursby can compare with her, do you? Yes, yes, that's it. Voice not so sweetly pliable, and does not have the bell-like clearness of Fritch's. Madame Rentz, did you say? O yes. Let me see, I saw her two years ago as Juliet to Barry Williams—not Barney's, excuse the correction—Roméo. Fine? Well, I should say so. Charlotte Cushing could not compare with her, and as for Mary Andrus and Sarah Barnard, why they were nowhere. I can do the tragic myself, but I'm best in the comedie. I've acted in many a hamlet." I groaned. "What's the matter?" "Nothing, only I was thinking of my disappointment in not seeing Joe." "Well, that is hard luck, but we may get there about half past nine, and that will be time enough. Do you know that I believe forty minutes at a time is long enough to keep one's mind occupied?" I thought of five hours on the hill. "Plenty long enough. For after the fortieth minute a man's mind loses its power of retention and he really gains nothing by forcing his attention. So you will undoubtedly get as good an idea of the play in the time that remains

after reaching S.—as you would have done had you seen the play from the beginning." At the end of this speech I felt a hand upon my arm, the sad eyes of B. met mine with a look of entreaty, and a faint voice faltered out, "A., let's go." "Go where?" "Any where,—only don't let's remain *here* any longer." I wonderingly proceeded to put on my top-coat, took my baggage from the rack above and followed B. who had already reached the platform. Naturally the first question that addressed itself to my mind was, what could have so changed B's mind, and why this precipitate haste of his? I, however, noticed an expression upon his face which did not seem to invite my question, so I forbade. The pangs of a disprized stomach began to assert themselves, and I mildly suggested that we stop at some farm-house and get something to eat. He nodded assent, and we waded along. Finally the lights of C. broke upon us out of the driving sleet and snow; we arrived at the only hotel the town afforded, tired and—well, very hungry. After ordering a room and a fire, we proceeded to forage, and found wherewith to satisfy our most pressing wants at a very small restaurant, with a very inauspicious interior. When we were seated in our room, feet to the fire, and our cigarettes were nicely under way,—there's something soothing in a cigarette, especially after such adverses as we had experienced,—I musingly inquired, as if to self, with my eyes directed to a certain figure in the carpet, "B., she was rather pretty, and interesting, too, wasn't she?" B. turned a careworn face to me, and said, "A., don't talk about *her* now; perhaps at some future time I may tell you all, but now I cannot."

We slept an uneasy sleep, and the next morning took a train for Ithaca.

MISS SELMA BORG

Will appear in Wilgus Opera House, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Dec. 7th and 8th. At the request of several Professors of Cornell University this distinguished Finnish scholar, will deliver as above a course of two lectures on Finnish topics. First lecture will be on "Finland, Russia, and the Baltic Countries," and the second on the "Kalevala, or the Mythology of the Finnic Race." Miss Borg is now delivering a course of lectures at Wells College—and to this fact our citizens are indebted for this opportunity of being made acquainted with subjects that are intensely interesting and about what so little is known. Tickets may be had of Finch & Apgar; single reserved seats, 50 cents; double coupon ticket for both lectures, 75 cents.

—A number of first-class entertainments, including Remenyi and Levy, will, unfortunately for most of the students, be here some time during vacation.

WOMAN.

Autumn's gay foliage in color may vie,
The woodland may garland the river,
Charms may enchant us from sol's tinted sky,
They equal to woman? O never.

Man mid the gloom of monastic seclusion
Pants out the day on some picturesque height,
Dreaming of worlds in his frailty's delusion;
Longing for woman, the earth's greatest light.

Lightly she trips in the sunshine of morning,
Modestly forth in her robes of pure white;
The garden, the lawn and household adorning,
Leading the weak and tempering might.

When nature's asleep, when night birds are calling,
Lonely she sits by the dying fireside,
While down her cheeks the tear drops are falling,
Trickling like the slow ebbing tide.

If man will but credit the old Bible story,
Handed to him by the angels above,
That God is but love in omnipotent glory,
Then woman is God, for woman is love.

I speak not of those whose smile is deceiving,
But blossoms of nature, whose presence I feel,
Lifting my spirit, my faint heart relieving,
Not the sophistical, but the ideal.

C. E. C.

THE SPANISH STUDENTS.

We are soon to be favored by the appearance of the Spanish Students. Accounts that have reached us of their performances in other places, lead us to believe that their concert will be a most enjoyable one, and should be attended by all lovers of music, and especially of student music. Following is what the Syracuse *Courier* said of their recent appearance in the "Saline City:"

"Last evening the original Spanish Students and the Kate Thayer Concert Company appeared at the Grand Opera House, in a most enjoyable entertainment. The Students are indeed a novelty, and their entertainment is altogether new. To begin with, the music is of a high order, but not beyond the apprehension of the multitude. Indeed, it is of a character that is always appreciated by the mass, simply because it appeals to the sympathies. The instruments are few, consisting of five mandolins, two guitars, harp and harpsichord, a flute and a violin. But these make delicious music—music that ravishes the senses. The time is perfect, the melody entrancing. The selections are tasteful, appropriate, and such as are best suited to the instruments. In short, one who hears the Spanish Students for the first time, is fascinated by their music. The rest of the company gave the highest satisfaction."

CORNELLIANA.

—Winter is upon us.

—Hash and buckwheats too.

—Next week's issue will be the last of this term.

—Buttons are a favorite ingredient of mince pies.

—Princeton still holds the foot-ball championship.

—Forty members of '81 have subscribed \$200.00 so far.

—Can't our lawn tennis be taken indoors somewhere, for the winter?

—Major Burbank was serenaded last evening by a company of students.

—The Senior chews timber in the form of buckwheat cakes and groans.

—The Juniors are anxiously awaiting the remainder of the syllabus in Geology.

—If some of our subscribers will send us a load of coal, we will try and get out our next number.

—The literary livery stables will soon begin to be patronized. The final heat occurs week after next.

—There are times in a man's life when he is glad to get the deuce. When he holds three in his hand.

—Would it not be a good idea to organize a class in pronunciation, for the benefit of some of the Seniors?

—We give thanks for the new stone walks, but covering them with cinders is as disagreeable as gravel walks.

—Many of the students are taking advantage of the excellent coasting to pass a pleasant evening on 'bobs.'

—The washerwoman Committee has resumed its sittings and delinquents will soon receive notice to settle old bills.

—Two of our students own bicycles. What has become of the Bicycle Club that was organized several months ago?

—The examination in Italian will take place on Saturday, December 11, at 10 a. m., in Prof. Crane's recitation room.

—GEOLOGISTS!—The second part of the syllabus in Geology will be out this evening, and may be found at Spence Spencer's.

—Unhappy Oberlin Review! A number of our 'exchanges' have taken up the cudgel against her during the past two weeks.

—The Cornell *Sun* devotes half a column to "Princeton Pickings." They are a month old, and signed "X."—*Princetonian*.

—Sara Bernhardt has not been engaged by the Trustees as an instructor in French. She will probably be secured by the managers of the Elmira Female Seminary.

—Three large boxes, containing many reams of excellent paper for the Register for 1880-81, block up the north hall of McGraw.

—Scene in Roman History—*Prof.*: "Mr. C., where is the province of Asia?" *Junior*: "In the northern part of Africa." Laughter.

—Professor in Rhetoric—Mr. N., please give me the literal meaning of the sentence, "They devour widows' houses." Brilliant Soph.—It means "to eat them up." Applause.

—Absent-minded Junior in Roman History—"I did not quite understand the question, Professor." Prof.—"Which part of the question didn't you understand?" Junior reseats himself.

—The ERA will sell an entirely new bicycle at a discount of ten per cent. from the manufacturer's price list. The cost of a bicycle is from \$100 upward. This is an excellent opportunity. We invite correspondence.

—A question for the literary societies to discuss—"Is or is not Christmas a national festival?" This question was the cause of an exciting debate in Junior essays yesterday, and was decided in the negative by Prof. Shackford.

—The officers of the Christian Association are: George L. Burr, '81, President; W. G. Rappelye, '82, Vice President; Miss E. F. Carlson, '82, Recording Secretary; Miss J. M. Boulton, '83, Corresponding Secretary; A. Mapes, '83, Treasurer.

—The next regular meeting of the Cornell Philosophical Society will be held on Saturday evening, December 4, in the Botanical Lecture Room, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The paper of the evening will be given by Dr. W. D. Wilson. Subject: "Mind and Brain."

—This evening, at Cascadilla Place, there will be performed, by a select company of ladies and gentlemen, well known in Ithaca society, the comedy entitled "Everybody's Friend." Those who are fortunate enough to have received invitations will probably enjoy a rare treat.

—"There is an item going the rounds of the press to the effect that a Cornell Professor, in a lecture has induced the students to give up tobacco using. This is all right, as far as it goes. Next, the Professors should be reformed, for, with but few exceptions, they are all tobacco users."—*Lake Shore News*.

—At the meeting of the Social Science Club last evening, "The Use and Abuse of the Caucus" was discussed by the members, Prof. Oliver opening the debate. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Prof. W. R. Lazenby; Vice President, F. M. Ehrlicher, '81; Secretary, A. L. Ewing, '80; Treasurer, J. A. Holmes, '81.

—The Rev. Samuel R. Calthrop will preach at

chapel Sunday. He was educated at Cambridge University, and came to this country twenty-five years ago. Fifteen years ago he was appointed successor to the Rev. Samuel J. May, at Syracuse, which position he still holds. He is of the Unitarian denomination, and is distinguished for the depth and variety of his knowledge. He is very eloquent, and those who attend his sermons Sunday will surely find them both interesting and instructive.

—A meeting of the "Minority faction" of '81, met in Room T to-day. Hahn called the meeting to order at 1:10. The committees on constitution and on escorting the remains of Mr. D. R. Halsey were discharged, with thanks. A motion by Hornor that the appointments of the Senior class committees be ratified, was carried. A motion by Smith that a tax pro rata be levied on the class to meet the expenses of the D. R. Halsey committee, was carried. A motion to adjourn, by Winegar, was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 1:35.

—A meeting of the Junior class was held yesterday (Thursday) at 1 p. m., in Room T. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. I. P. Smith. On motion of Mr. N. T. Horr, a committee of three was appointed to revise and prepare the Junior constitution of '81, and report at the next meeting. Then, on motion of Mr. Rackemann, a committee of three was appointed to find out the cost of having a class ball. The President announced as the committee on revising the constitution, Messrs. N. T. Horr, Streeter and Catlin, and on class ball, Messrs. Rackemann, Cowell and Hiscock. Adjourned.

—The committee appointed by the Navy Directors to collect subscriptions from the classes, report excellent success. The Juniors, although the smallest class in the University, will probably subscribe from \$200 to \$300. The Sophomores will do even better than this, as they have about \$150 already. From the Freshmen we look for still better figures, and sincerely hope we will not be disappointed. Of the Seniors we have heard nothing as yet, but it will be somewhat surprising if '81, our boating class, falls below any of the others. Every student should recollect that a great deal depends upon our subscriptions, for, if we do well, it will excite a much greater interest in our success among the alumni and friends of Cornell. So let every man, whether he is an upper or lower classman, contribute every cent that he can spare.

—"Scene, Senior Extempore Speaking—*Professor*: "Well, Mr. X., what can you say about the disadvantages of those who appear unusually smart, those who are credited with being precocious, when—" X. (*quickly*) "They are usually very smart, and—" tumultuous applause.—*Era*. That's excruciatingly funny. We've been laughing for forty-eight hours over that item alone. For "acute, side-

splitting, bring-the-house-down wit," you really yank the bun. But, say now, will you push the full meaning of the joke to the surface. In its present state, the item is what is called, in the local dialect, a "give away."—*Sun for Nov. 29.* No, our contemporary is mistaken. The ERA did not publish that as a 'joke,' but only as a melancholy instance of the impenetrable stupidity of one of the *Sun's* subscribers. All who were present in Extempore Speaking at the time, doubtless thought as we did, that X. was an object for the profoundest pity. We also disagree with the *Sun* on the spelling of a word in the above. The ERA had 'tumultuous' in the place of 'tumultous.'

PERSONALIA.

WHITON, '80, was in town last week.

PRESCOT ELY, formerly '82, has left for Europe.

CURTISS, '80, is in town completing his studies in short-hand reporting.

SAZÉ, '82, lectures on "Japan" to-night, before the Curtis Literary Society.

J. A. HOLMES, '81, (of rather his room), was favored with a birth-day party.

A BROTHER of Buchman, '79, was coxswain of the Harvard Varsity crew of last summer.

J. S. BUTLER, '72, has charge of one of the most interesting columns of the *Buffalo Express*.

ED. VAUGHN, '81, was unexpectedly called home, last Wednesday night by the death of his brother.

MISS M. E. ROBERTS, '80, just making a reputation as soprano soloist, went to New York city with her father, Prof. I. P. Roberts. She has secured a position on the *Rural New Yorker*.

RODRIGUEZ, '78, is doing well in Havana, Cuba, as an *Ingeniero Civil*. He says: "My best regards to all, and if any should come this way assure him that he shall have a hearty welcome from a true Cornelian heart."

GWYNNE, '84, will go to Europe with Wilhelmj, next June. He goes as Wilhelmj's pupil. "I see you have Mr. Gwynne with you Herr Wilhelmj." "Yes, the young man has splendid talent. But he is going back to college now: I am his guest in Columbus, and I want you to come and see me at his home. * *"—*Correspondence in Columbus Times*.

COLLEGE NEWS.

COLUMBIA :—

The Juniors are beginning to arrange for their annual reception.

The question of a Christmas reception to be given by the students of the School of Mines, is now being discussed.

"The American Oriental Society met in the chapel recently. Many distinguished philologists were present, and several interesting papers were read."—*Acta*.

In the late Princeton-Harvard foot-ball game Columbia cheered vociferously for Harvard and hissed Princeton. This was because of the opposite attitudes of the two on the question of Columbia's admission to the Foot-Ball Association.

DARTMOUTH :—

Foot-Ball players are introducing Rugby.

Students favor the abolition of the marking system.

The Medical School has just graduated a class of twenty-five.

Mrs. Livermore lectured on "Beyond the Sea," last week before the students.

Efforts were made unsuccessfully some time since to arrange foot-ball matches with the Amherst and Phillips Academy teams.

A new hall is needed for the reception of the art treasures of the college. Portraits, statues, and fine casts and medallions are now lying in disorder in one small store-room.

HARVARD :—

The question of a Freshman Race is being vigorously agitated and discussed by all the papers.

"In Columbia College it was decided to challenge the Harvard Freshmen to an eight-oared race."—*Crimson*.

December 9th, the Harvard Union will debate the question: "Resolved, That it is for the interest of the country to restrict Chinese immigration."

"W. K. Richardson, Harvard, '80, was recently awarded a scholarship at Oxford. Never before was the honor conferred on an American student."—*Fale Courant*.

"A Harvard law student of acknowledged uprightness was convicted in a Cambridge court last Wednesday, (Nov. 23d), of sign snatching, on the testimony of a single police officer, as against his own solemn assertion of his innocence, sustained by the sworn evidence of five of his fellow students. The court would seem to have held that it was more probable that six young men would deliberately swear falsely in an issue of the kind, than that a police officer could be mistaken in identifying a strange face, and from among a hundred students, in a dark night, and at a time of no little excitement and confusion."—*New York Tribune, Nov. 29th*.

MICHIGAN :—

A daily average of 301 books are drawn from the Library.

The advance sheets of the Michigan University Book are out, and it will, in a short time, be on sale.

A petition urging that the required course in Mathematics be shortened, is being circulated for signatures.

The Maria Litta Concert Company will entertain the patrons of the Lecture Association this evening. Next Friday John Clark Redpath will lecture on Alexander Hamilton.

Professor James Craig Watson, of Wisconsin University, but for nearly sixteen years Professor of Physics and Astronomy in Michigan, died one week ago Tuesday. His funeral took place in Ann Arbor and was attended by a long procession of Professors, students, citizens and Trustees of the College.

PRINCETON :—

Bric-à-Brac, the college year book, has just appeared.

The Trustees have secured the services of Professor Raymond as Instructor in Oratory. He will enter upon his duties next term.

Following is the Princeton slogan as given by the *Princetonian*: "Hoorah! Hoorah! Hoorah! P-r-i-n-c-e-t-o-n, Princeton! Princeton! Princeton! S-s-siss, boom, ah!"

"At a meeting of those interested in Hare and Hounds, held last week, Van Dyke, '81, was elected President, and Chapin, '82, Treasurer. They now number about forty-five members."—*Princetonian*. Within the last two weeks there have been several long and exciting runs.

SYRACUSE :—

The Professor of Elocution uses the Bible as a text-book.

The annual catalogue has just been published by the Faculty.

A professor complains that some of his medical students pitch pennies during his lectures.

The floating debt of the University, \$32,000, has been paid, and all indebtedness to the Faculty liquidated.

The Fine Art College attends soirees and listens to lectures on Music and Art by Professors and others.

The Athletic Association shows signs of life, and bids fair to reflect great credit on the University in the spring.

The formal installation of the newly elected Chancellor Sims will occur next Commencement, though he will assume his duties two or three months earlier.

WILLIAMS :—

A new Gymnasium is rapidly approaching completion. It will contain a ball range.

Two-thirds of the class of '82 are rabid protectionists, and the other third give promise of soon coming around to where the "theory is not false nor the practice pernicious."—*Athenaeum*.

About ten days ago Professor Boison was installed in the chair of Modern Languages. Professor Gibson is unable to attend to the duties in that department by reason of continued illness.

YALE :—

The Senior Debating Club is in full blast.

The Navy's bills last year amounted to \$5,300.

Editorial boards of the *Courant* and *Record* will soon be chosen.

The President holds receptions for the Seniors at stated intervals.

The demise of two of the Freshman societies is generally mourned.

The *Pot-Pourri* for 1880-1 made its appearance 13th inst., and was well received.

Mr. Rogers has at the earnest solicitation of boating men, resumed his place in the University crew.

Secretary Evarts was one of the founders of the *Yale Lit.* when a student; his son has just taken a position on its board.

The Alumni Association of New York held its first meeting for this season at Delmonico's a week ago last Friday evening.

The cricket players of the college propose to organize for the purpose of joining the proposed Intercollegiate Cricket Association, that will probably include Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, Trinity and Columbia.

EXCHANGES.

The Varsity, a new weekly paper from University College, Toronto, is an ably edited sheet. It contains complete reports of the doings of all in authority there, and, moreover, is replete with accounts of things done by the undergraduate body. It has steadily improved since the first issue, and bids fair to become one of the most interesting and readable of all our exchanges. One of its general features is quite noticeable. There is an air of dignity about it that is seldom found in any of its contemporaries. In setting forth the merits of its *alma mater* and her corps of instructors, or in criticising their acts, it is in manner equally removed from that of the sensational, puerile *Niagara Index* and *Notre Dame Scholastic*, and from that of the growling, fault-finding sheet, of which happily there are so few, if any, types, that we are at present unable to give any example.

Just now it is discussing the recent action of the University Council in refusing to admit women to the benefits of lectures; which action bids fair to crush co-education in the institution, while it is yet in the germ. It would appear that popular sentiment in the undergraduate body is overwhelmingly in favor of giving the system a thorough trial, as will be seen from the following:

"The cause of co-education in University College, as a means toward establishing a similar college for women, is now a victorious cause, so far as the intentions of the undergraduates and of a not inconsiderable number of graduates are concerned. A sign of the spirit of justice pervading the former was given at the meeting of the Debating Society three Fridays since, when a happy allusion to the admission of women to attendance on lectures drew forth undissenting and prolonged applause. A still more unequivocal evidence of unanimity of opinion was offered by the proceedings on the night of the 10th of November. The speeches made on this occasion will be for some time remembered as most creditable specimens of undergraduate oratory. A certain significance attaches to the ably-expressed objections against an article in the *Bystander*, and to the general sentiment of opposition to the rigid conservatism which unhappily reigns in that quarter where a spirit of compromise would be regarded as a dignified concession to public opinion. The significance arises from the independent reflection valuably evidenced at the meeting — a reflection which chooses to be affected by the tendencies of the day, rather than by the utterances and halting attitude of a gentleman who is more or less sincerely said to be 'educating' Canadians."

Other and more weighty considerations aside, we should be very sorry to miss the picture of the interesting young lady from the title page of the *Varsity*. Her cap and gown fit her so nicely that we conclude that she is a woman of taste; and if Canadian ladies are of the sort this 'counterfeit' would imply, we think the Canadian collegians should regret their absence from lectures.

The *Amherst Student* has for a time laid aside the tragic buskin and taken up the lyric pipe. We cannot refrain from expressing our warm admiration of its efforts in the former line, and must say that we regret there is nothing more in the style of 'Amor et Sarcophagi,' by 'the Bard of Avon,' in late numbers. Still, the poetry of the last issue is very readable, and tolerably fair, as this scrap will show:

"NIGHT.

Gently falls the dewy night
Through the twilight shadows stealing,
Circling through the fading light
Fly the swallows homeward wheeling.
In the collier's lowly home
Vespers sung, the good-night spoken,
Sweetly echo through the gloom,
Else the silence is unbroken.
Toiler, rest, the day is done;
Rest thee, till the night has flown.
O'er the world in stillness sleeping
Shine the stars their vigils keeping.

Aching hearts here find release,
From your load of sorrow breaking;
Rest, the night shall give you peace;
Rest you for the morrow's waking.
Dreamer at the midnight hour
Heed no false light brightly gleaming,
Break, oh break thee from its power,
Life is ever more than dreaming.
Sleep, nor hear the storm's wild roar,
Tempest's beat or torrent's pour;
For beside thee while thou'rt sleeping,
Angels watch, their vigils keeping."

On the whole the *Amherst Student* is one of the best of our Eastern exchanges. Its make-up and

general appearance are creditable both to the editors and the printers. The matter is almost beyond criticism, and its great variety does not detract from the excellence of any department.

This from the *Harvard Crimson*:

"PARAPHRASE FROM HORACE.

BOOK I.—ODE V.

Ad Pyrrham.

Sweet Pyrrha, maid in Harvard Square,
Dear damsel, excellently fair,
What conquest hast thou made this Fall,—
What perfume-scented Freshman small
Goes ev'ry afternoon to meet
Thee walking out on Brattle street,
Eyes thee askance, and longs to sip
The honeyed nectar of thy lip?
For whom dost thou, with dainty care,
Curl, f'izz, and brain, and bang thy hair,
To make more charmingly intense
Thy elegant magnificence?
Poor fellow, he believes thee true,
Unconscious what a girl can do.
Alas! full soon will he declare
That thou art false as thou art fair;
For, when he calls some day, no doubt,
He'll find thee in and find thee out.
Thou hast been taught the way to flirt
For seasons three, at Mount Desert;
And I have known thy wiles before
For I am now a Sophomore.
And, grateful to have saved my heart
From Pyrrha's fascinating art,
I've sacrificed with outlay mighty
A pair of kids to Aphrodite."

Send us some more of the same kind, please.

On second thought, we think we will not give the *Oberlin Review* the the second installment of 'facts' we promised it last week; it would be eminently unfair, we think, to take two clips to the *Review's* one. Consequently, we will wait to hear from the *Review*; and if facts additional to those we gave last week are wanted, they will be forthcoming at once.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—The latest addition to the Latin language as rendered by the grand tutor combination: *Flung-o flung-ere flunx—I flunctum.—Record.*

—Ride a Greek Horse

To the end of the course

To see a crack Senior pass on a crack horse;
Cribs on his fingers and cribs in his clothes,
He shall have go wherever he goes.

—*Nassau Lit.*

—There was a prig Senior of fashion,

Who grew a dear, dainty moustache on;

But in his pic-taw

You'd be blame if you saw

There was anything for him to mash on.

—*Nassau Lit.*

—Two Freshmen in the library discussing English Lit.: 1st F. "Do you like Dickens' stories?" 2d

F. "Oh, yes; those I've read. Especially Pickwick and *Oliver Optic*." 1st F. "Yes, *Oliver Optic* is a good book."—*Harvard Echo*.

—Lost.—On November 12th, 1880, at the board, while demonstrating a problem in surveying, a set of Albany brains. Liberal reward will be given to finder, and no questions asked, on returning same to Head of Mathematical Department, C. C. N. Y.—*Free Press*.

—Senior (addressing janitor at Washington's Headquarters, at Newburgh)—"Oh! would you be so kind as to tell me which is the tree planted by Washington, from a slip taken from Napoleon's grave at St. Helena?"—*Vassar Miscellany*.

—"I say, ma'am," said a man on a country road, "did you see a bicycle pass here, just now?" "No, I didn't see any kind of a sickle, mister, but just now I seed a wagen-wheel runnin' away with a pair of legs and a linen collar. You kin believe it or not. I wouldn't if I hadn't seed it myself."—*Dartmouth*.

HAZING.

A starry night, a sweet abode,
Six Sophs a-stealing up a road—
A Freshy out, his head quite bare—
Six shears at work—a crop of hair—
Triumphant chuckles, six; one groan—
Much "brunette" to the breezes thrown—
A lamp's light 'long the pathway shed;
One youth remains, and six are fled.—*Berkeleyan*.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

—If you want good fitting and fashionable clothes cut or made call on E. English, Tailor and Cutter Wilgus Block.
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—A visit to the dentist is not always agreeable, but on this count should not be delayed. At Melotte's office as little pain is inflicted as is consistent with the performing of perfect operations.

—W. R. Tappan, Contractor and Builder, Toledo, Ohio, says:—An Excelsior Kidney Pad relieved me of pain in the side of fifteen years' standing. Please send me another Pad.—See Adv.

—Finch & Apgar are the agents in Ithaca for the sale of the publications of the American Book Exchange which they furnish at the publisher's prices adding only the postage. Call at their store and see the cheapest books ever before published.

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—THE ORIGINAL SPANISH STUDENTS AND MISS KATE THAYER THE CHARMING PRIMA DONNA SOPRANO, will ap-

pear at Wilgus Opera House Friday evening, Dec. 10. The Students will appear in their picturesque costumes and are said by all our exchanges to be a novelty—and that they render the most entrancing music. They are drawing immense houses wherever they appear, and we predict a large audience for them in Ithaca.

—IMPORTANT TO CONSUMPTIVES.—Rev. Dr. Cass, while a medical missionary to the East Indies, had placed in his hands the formula for a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Complaints, Debility, etc. After having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, he feels it a duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. The Recipe will be sent FREE OF CHARGE to all who desire it, with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Address with stamp (naming this paper.) DR. M. E. CASS 1257 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

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Presbyterian Church, Dewitt Park, north-west corner. M. W. Stryker, Pastor. Public worship at 10.30 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Church School at 12.10, Young Men's Meeting in Chapel at 6.15 p. m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7.00 p. m.

Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Pastor, Henry C. Badger. Services 11.00 a. m., 7.00 p. m., Sunday School and Young People's Classes, 12.00 m., Inquiry Class, 8.00 to 9.00 p. m., during the winter. Mr. Badger at home Tuesday evenings, 148 Cascadilla.

Mr. Badger will continue, through December, his Lectures upon the Transcendentalists of New England. He will speak next Sunday evening of Theodore Parker and Starr King.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Buffalo and Cayuga Streets. Rector, Amos B. Beach, D. D. Services at 11.00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Students cordially received.

Baptist, The Park Church, DeWitt Park, East Side. Pastor, Robert T. Jones. Services, Preaching at 11.00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Conf. meetings, Sunday, 6.00 p. m., Wednesday, 7.30 p. m., Church School, Sunday, 12.30 p. m.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill Streets. Pastor, A. W. Green. Services, Preaching at 11.00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Sunday School at 12.30 p. m., Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7.30 p. m., Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7.30 p. m.

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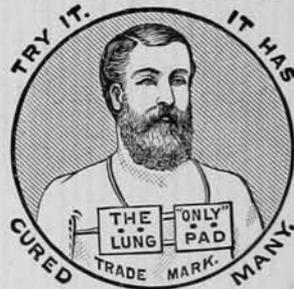
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SPECIAL NOTICE.—*Subscriptions are due in advance. Subscribers, who have neglected to favor us, will please pay subscriptions to Miss Ackley, or the Business Manager.*

WE take this means of answering several correspondents, who have written us, asking for particulars. We made an offer, in our last issue, to publish and insert as an extra, an original song with original music in some issue of the ERA, and send copies to all our readers. The only conditions are, that the song must be dedicated to our Glee Club, that five or more must be submitted to us and that the competition shall close the first of March next. However, we will add, that the authorship may be joint; that is, one person may compose the music and another the poetry. This, we are confident, will insure better productions and not compel any competitor to undertake more than he can do.

PHOTOGRAPH albums may be ordered of Mr. Notman up to February 1. A sample will be sent in January, that all may see what our photographer offers, and make their choice. We believe the Senior photograph committee can answer all the questions which may arise regarding the pictures and albums.

THE subscriptions to the Navy have already been generous. This indicates that students have faith in Cornell muscle and brawn, and that the gentlemen who have the lists in charge are canvassing for subscriptions faithfully and thoroughly. The total amount pledged by Sophomores is now over three hundred dollars: by Freshmen about two hundred and twenty-five, and by the other classes, sums proportionately large. It is a matter for hearty congratulation that the crew is so well supported at home. The boating interest seems to be thoroughly alive; and everybody sanguine as to the chances of the four next summer. We do not think there will be any difficulty in procuring generous gifts from the alumni and former friends of the boatmen, since this excellent beginning has been made. Again, we call on all those who have not yet subscribed, to do so, and to pay their subscriptions at the earliest convenient moment.

THE cold snap of the past few days has effectually put an end to what remained of out-door sports. The question naturally arises to some, how are we to take recreation this winter? To all these we say, go, join the Gymnasium, swing the clubs, use the weights, and manipulate the boxing gloves. The Freshmen naturally turn to coasting and skating; but these are precarious sports compared with the exercises one can take in the Gym. The ice is not always in good condition; policemen sometimes guard the foot of the hill, to the great dismay of the coaster, and more frequently the temperature of the outside air is unendurable for a long period of time. It is clear, therefore, that the Gym. supplies a want which almost every student naturally feels at this season. There no one need sacrifice his comfort or

endanger his health. Those of moderate physique may be benefitted as well as the men of mighty thews who row our shells. None need complain of want of an opportunity; there it is always—the Gym. It is now in excellent order, and is large enough to accommodate three times as many as use it regularly. It is too late this term to begin a scheme of regular practice, but we hope that next term will find a large addition to the membership of the Gymnasium.

THE campus will soon be comparatively deserted. The thronging crowds of undergraduates that fill the halls of the three buildings or jostle each other on the new walks, will have hied them home to enjoy the festive duck and plum-pudding at Christmas tide, or make New Years' merry with sleigh-bells, and calls on the fair sex. But the poor recluse who stays behind to write his Woodford, will be left alone to moralize on the lessons of the days and concoct paradoxes and figures of rhetoric wherewith to dazzle the assembled multitude, and carry conviction to professors' minds at some future time. He will envy these happy birds of passage, that have flown to spend the holidays at home. Yet in vacation, the idlest of them all will be learning. They will work problems in Geometry on the ice with their sharp skates, will study mechanics on the half-frozen river, and demonstrate the laws of gravitation, levers and inclined planes on smooth hill-sides. Then, too, the more philosophical Junior will make good resolutions without number only to meet the experience of all who resolve, repentance, and a speedy return to old ways. Yet a breathing interval in the active pursuit of the knowledge that is found in books will benefit all and prejudice none. Stray scraps of information can be digested at leisure, and future plans laid at no time so conveniently as in a short vacation. The ripening process will have made us better men and women, when we again meet for the winter term.

NEXT week we shall be in the thick of examinations. At the end of each term, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors alike, must submit to 'the inevitable fate' and the mercy of instructors. Examinations are, at the best, busy and sometimes unpleasant seasons. The shirk knows that there his cheek will not avail, and he hastily devours some pages of text books against the time of the ordeal;

good students are never so good that they do not want to refresh their memories on subtle and nice points in the various subjects they have studied during the term; the nonchalant, easy-going student is a *rara avis* in this region, though many profess to be such. However, there is a better side to these periodical mental running the gauntlets of wise men. They are an earnest of something to follow; for instance, vacation excursions to the city, where the thousand and one wonders in sight-seeing are waiting our inspection. Then, to those who are successful, and a large majority are, they are mile-stones on the course, where we can stop and survey the way we have come, measure the degree of our advancement, and take fresh courage for the next stretch to be traversed. We would not dispense with examinations at Cornell, even though they occasionally take from us friends, and thin our classes of many bright spirits, whom all regret. Yet this proportion of dropped is yearly becoming smaller; classes now graduate larger fractions of their entering body than they did in the past, and everybody rejoices at the high standard we are taking with every succeeding examination and commencement.

THE ladies and gentlemen who presented "Everybody's Friend" last Friday evening in the Cascadilla Theatre are deserving of much credit for their finished rendering of the various parts. They deserve the thanks of the University also, for having inaugurated what we are assured will be a pleasant series of dramatic representations during the winter; they have brought more prominently before us the drama, as a means not only of amusement, but of real culture. Cornell has at various times past made dramatic ventures with more or less success; but never, till last year was the talent latent among the students and professors organized and provided with a suitable place for rehearsals and presentations. We believe that Major Burbank and Professor and Mrs. Corson, who were foremost in procuring and fitting up the large room in Cascadilla, have never had an expression of thanks from the student body. When we say that we have enjoyed many pleasant evenings there, and feel heartily grateful to any and all who have contributed to our pleasure, we are but voicing the general sentiment of those students who take any pleasure whatever in theatre going.

But the entertainments of last winter were but a

beginning. This season as our readers already know, "The Rivals" is to be presented with as good a cast and setting as circumstances will allow. Heretofore the audience has always been crowded. It now seems desirable to provide more room both for players and hearers. We have lately heard a rumor to the effect that the proceeds of "The Rivals" will be devoted to an enlargement of the theatre, and the better arrangement of the stage. Now, the duty of all supporters of this refined and pleasant amusement of amateur theatricals is plain; to show their appreciation of them by attending and inducing all others they can to attend. By this means only can the theatre be organized in Cornell, and put on a substantial basis of self-support. It is one of the most deserving of all the University interests; it has never begged money for its maintenance, and may be made a never-failing source of pleasure, amusement and instruction. If well-patronized this winter it will soon be a source of great pride to all Cornellians who have helped the movement by their sympathy and support. Therefore, we say again, "Organize the theatre, (our theatre); it is irresistible."

THE movement to induce the authorities of the Cornell Library to increase the number of their periodicals, and to throw open the Reading Room in the evening, merits the support of every student. It is believed that, if the consent of the Trustees to the opening of their room can be obtained, it will be no hard matter to raise funds to cover the balance of the expense, and even to endow the Reading Room. Petitions have been drawn up and distributed, and one may be found in the University Library. All students having any interest in the matter are invited and requested to sign this before vacation, so that it may be presented to the Trustees at their annual meeting, week after next.

THE Juniors have at length taken a decided step with reference to the event which is to chronicle their Junior year. The preference of the class seems to be very decidedly in favor of a ball. Such a ball, given at the beginning of the winter term, would, it seems to us, in all probability be a success. Of course, it must be first-class in every particular. But if music, hall, and all the other necessary appurtenances can be secured at a reasonable expense, and

tickets enough can be disposed of to meet this outlay, there should be no delay in the matter. Arrangements should begin at once, and the event should occur as early as possible next term. If the affair becomes a reality, and is successfully carried through, the class will be entitled to a great deal of praise for its pluck and enterprise.

A COMMUNICATION in the *Sun* suggested a Junior Exhibition. This has been the theme of many editorials in the college press in times past, and probably has been talked about and written about as much as any other one subject which concerns students. The ERA is in favor of having a Junior Exhibition here, should the Juniors wish it, if only to ascertain the feelings of the students in regard to the principles thereof, and to see whether a certain class of men among us have improved in manners since the last one was held. We are quite loth to believe that the gentlemen of Cornell, (and all claim the title of 'gentleman,' we think,) would wantonly and maliciously, or because of any wrongly called 'class feeling,' attempt to prevent or disturb it. We take it that 'class feeling,' in the honorable sense of the term, means a spirit of courteous rivalry in sports, fellowship and generous regard between the members of a class, who sit on the same benches, and recite to the same Professor, and fire off harmless puns at each other, and everybody and everything, in class suppers. It certainly does not mean that one class shall be arrayed against another, striving by all means, foul as well as fair, to injure the reputation of the other, or of any of its members, or to bring mortification upon another by acts of rowdyism. When there are certain irrepressible and grossly personal vandals in a class, it is the duty of that class, for its own reputation, to discountenance and disclaim their acts. No honorable man wishes to rise to fame or eminence on the ruin of others' hopes or the wrecks of others' schemes. Why, therefore, should any honorable body of men wish to be superior to another by pulling that other down? Students in this University long since ceased to be boys in years; it behooves them to invariably act the parts of men in whatever they do. With these few hints upon a threadbare subject, we reiterate our hope and wish that there be a Junior Exhibition. We little doubt but that it can be made pleasant for the participants, their audience and the Faculty.

THE CORNELL BELLS.

Now the bells so sweetly ringing,
To our ears their music bringing,
Of happy hours, so bright, so dear,
So fraught with love and hope and fear.

CHORUS.

Pealing, stealing on the air
Comes the hallowed chime of bells,
From Cornelian turret fair,
Well the sweetest songs of bells.

Now to mysterious Wisdom's way,
Call they each who owns her sway ;
For homage due, and love supreme,
To Sophi, our acknowledged queen.

On that day, of all the seven,
Swells their music up to heaven ;
Their purest songs the bells doth ring,
As if above did angels sing.

E'en at the parting hour we hear
The Cornell chimes peal on the ear ;
Their notes the choicest and most dear,
Draw from all eyes a pearly tear.

No pow'r on earth can e'er dispel
The charm that they have wrought so well,
Deep in our soul forever wells
The music of Cornelian bells. SOMA.

MISS SELMA BORG AND THE KALEVALA.

Miss Borg is of pure Finnish blood and can trace her ancestors back many generations. After completing her studies in the North and in Switzerland, she formed the design of visiting America, in company with a friend, for the purpose of gratifying her desire to become well acquainted with the wonderful Western world of which she had heard so much. So in 1864 she began to teach in one of the large cities of this country, for the purpose of better acquiring the difficult English language. It soon became a matter of wonder to her, that with the exception of the poet Longfellow, American scholars and linguists were profoundly ignorant of the great Finnish epic, the *Kalevala*, with which she had been acquainted since early girlhood. Thenceforward her main object in life was to extend the knowledge of her native country, its people, its religion, and its literature. Of course, this was an undertaking of no ordinary magnitude even for so accomplished a person as she. To overcome the chief difficulty in her slight knowledge of English was her first task. From addressing her classes she began to lecture before select audiences, and after some years of preparation, she at last concluded to begin actively

the work she had imposed upon herself. She was a musician of eminent merit, and because of this she obtained hearings she probably would otherwise have sought for in vain. In Boston she became acquainted with the leading literary men of New England, and from them received the encouragement which the importance of her work demanded. She is now gradually extending her tours to the principal colleges and seats of learning. She has hardly yet begun to impress the scholars of the country with the importance of the study of the *Kalevala* as being one of the great national and religious epics of the world ; but it is merely a question of time, for she labors with an unwearied patience, and a glowing enthusiasm.

Her first lecture in Ithaca was given in Wilgus Opera House, Tuesday evening. It dealt with the "Character, Religion and History of the Kalevala People." It was entirely extempore and doubtless did not display the order that a written lecture would have shown. But what it lacked in formality it amply repaid in vigor and directness. She traced the various migrations of the people, their wars, vicissitudes and wrongs down to the present time. She laid particular emphasis upon their bravery, high moral and religious character and spiritual endowments, and succeeded in placing them in a favorable light before her audience.

Her second lecture was delivered on Wednesday evening. It was upon the *Kalevala* as a national epic. Before presenting extracts from the poem, she gave a summary of its peculiarities, excellences, beauties, of the mythology and heroic deeds therein recounted, of its form, and the veneration in which it is held.

Her extracts, translated into easy and artistic English verse, displayed great taste and were well received by the audience. Readers of Longfellow's "Hiawatha" will gain a tolerably correct idea of the peculiar rhythm of the *Kalevala* by reperusing their favorite poem carefully. We present a few lines selected at random :

"Icy winter taught me song words,
Sent them in the flying rain-drops ;
And the winds and waves of Ocean
Sang to me in mystic numbers.
Spring-birds moved my soul to singing,
Swaying tree-tops gave the measure."

Miss Borg and her subject deserved better audiences than they had. She is the only one working in this new and delightful field ; but we confidently predict that she will open the eyes of the American people to the virtues of a race not less brave than the Greeks, and to the beauties of a poem which takes rank with the greatest of the national epics. We anticipate much pleasure and profit from Miss Borg's second visit, and trust that the deep interest in her subject which was awakened in those who attended her lectures, will secure for her large audiences.

A FRAGMENT.

There's something in our student days
That binds them to our memory dear;
There's something, when faint grow their rays,
That oft suggests a parting tear.

There's something in the soul of man
That bids him think upon the past,
There's something in his life to fan
A flame, through future years to last.

Dear are the happy boyish hours,
Spent 'mid the rose-buds' soft perfume;
Dear are the grand old rustic powers,
Sublime is manhood in its bloom.

'Tis sweet to think when passed away
Some vissage will be left to men,
By which the generation may
Retrace our lives with glory's pen.

If when life's pilgrimage hath ceased,
Man dwelleth not beyond the sea,
He longs upon this earth at least
To have an immortality. C. E. C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OBERLIN.

From our Own Correspondent.

OBERLIN COLLEGE, Dec. 7, '80.

To the Editors of the Era:

The present week here promises to be of more than usual interest. On Tuesday evening comes the grand temperance rally; on Wednesday, the "Home Oratorical Contest," and on Friday, the special quarterly of Alpha Zeta. You may wonder at the need a temperance rally in Oberlin, but we need it here, perhaps, as much as anywhere. Time was when everybody turned and stared in open-faced wonder at the man who had the audacity to smoke a cigar on the streets. But things have changed, and now not only can cigars be had on every business street in town, but, according to the *Oberlin Review*, last summer, even our esteemed President reached his hand in his pocket and drew thence a plug of "Vanity Fair." Ha! Well, at any rate, that proves conclusively the innocence of our editors. Not only are cigars sold in this holy retreat, but in some mysterious way, spirituous liquors are dealt out in prodigious quantities. The old settlers sigh for the good old days of the past. But now they say, "every sigh and cry seems to reach the courts of Heaven in vain." And as a last resort they appeal to temporal powers, and unite in a long and lasting wail for "local option." How they will succeed remains to be seen. However, the adversary is being besieged in every available quarter. The Monday evening prayer-

meeting, held for so many years past in "No. 10," has been transferred to a more worldly place, down town, and is now held in a room directly adjoining the principal cigar store of the city; overhead is a billiard hall. Now, amid the prayers and singing of anthems may be heard the trampling of feet and clicking of billiard balls. A strange medley, to be sure. "*O tempora, O mores.*"

Owing to a spirit of rivalry, the Home Contest bids fair to be of much more than passing interest this year. The speakers—Strong, Harrison, Turner, Lindsay, Bellows and Bostwick—are all of the Senior class. Who will "yank the bun" remains to be seen, but the betting has turned strongly in favor of Turner and Strong. (*Sic.*) Messrs. Stanley Mathews, Parsons, of Cleveland, and Williams, of Toledo, have promised to act as judges.

Our song book is still in embryo, but the work is progressing fairly well. A prize of \$10 and a public mention has been offered for the best song, and as a result the committee has already received several very creditable ones. We will be allowed to publish some of the society songs, and there are a few which have grown up here. With these, and the new contributions, we hope to make good our claim for a place in the "Collegensia." Yours, etc., *

COMMUNICATIONS.

"WE WANT TO KNOW."

To the Editors of the Era:

Very many students, myself among the number, would like to know whether there is any Faculty rule against smoking on the campus. The general impression throughout the University is that no such rule ever existed. Professors are often seen smoking on the University grounds, and in the hallways of the buildings, evidently without fear of losing their positions, or forfeiting the respect of the students through this indulgence. And yet, if a student has a cigar or cigarette in his mouth while in the vicinity of the buildings, he is pounced upon by a certain prominent member of the Faculty as legitimate game, lectured on the iniquity of his ways, and ordered to throw away whatever he is smoking; or, perchance, an attempt is made to snatch it from his hand. If the Faculty want smokers to stop using tobacco on the campus, let them make a rule against it, and it will be obeyed. The dignity of the University will be preserved, and students will no longer be insulted by a self-appointed policeman in citizens' clothes. * * *

—The Intercollegiate B. B. Association met last Saturday at Springfield, Mass., Princeton, Amherst, Brown, Dartmouth and Harvard being represented. On motion, Yale was admitted. To Princeton was awarded the championship. George Wright's American College Ball will be used next season.

"EVERYBODY'S FRIEND."

Last Friday evening the above comedy, in three acts, was well rendered at the Cascadilla Theatre. An unusually select and appreciative audience greeted the players at the rise of the curtain upon the first act. The evening's entertainment being private, we withhold any criticisms that may occur to us. The cast of the play was excellent. Each rôle was rendered with but little hesitation in the lines, and considerable freedom of action. The comedy itself is an old one, and a great favorite with professional actors. The part of *Major Wellington De Boots* has won for many great success. The *Major*, who is not a "homogeneous particle," takes well with the public, and is undoubtedly the most desirable part in the cast. We dismiss our notice of the play with our thanks for the evening's pleasant entertainment. The following is the cast in full:

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| Mr. Felix Featherly, - - - - | Mr. T. F. Crane |
| Mr. Icebrook, - - - - - | Mr. W. G. Hale |
| Major Wellington De Boots, - | Mr. W. R. Perkins |
| Trap, - - - - - | Mr. Edward Green |
| Mrs. Featherly, - - - - - | Miss Russell |
| Mrs. Major De Boots, - - - | Mrs. J. B. Burbank |
| Mrs. Swansdown, - - - - - | Mrs. W. H. Sage |
| Fanny, - - - - - | Miss Curtin |
| Stage Manager, - - - - - | Major J. B. Burbank |

A FREE LECTURE

Will be given in Library Hall, on Tuesday evening, December 14th, to ladies and gentlemen, by A. J. Ingersoll, M. D., author of "In Health," and proprietor of the Coming Cure, being introductory to a course of lectures on, "How Christ healed his body and converted his soul when he was an infidel, and revealed to him the Euphemisms of the Bible, making it a power to heal the sick;" A new theory in Physiology, founded on his experience of over thirty years in treating the sick, and which is opposed to one of the most popular ideas of physiology will also be explained.

CORNELLIANA.

—Frear photographed Company C last Tuesday afternoon.

—A Junior calls the Examination a lively game of cribbage.

—Forty-three members of the class of '83 have subscribed to \$315.00.

—Pach's groups are more satisfactory than ever this year.—*Princetonian*.

—"Jeff" Beardsley has two colored crayon pictures on exhibition at Bool's.

—Our sympathies went out to our brave warriors as they cheerfully relieved themselves of their arms last Wednesday.

—The *Sun* will not appear again this term. Even examination week is not without its blessings.

—Osgood & Co., of Boston, will soon publish a book containing poetry of all the college papers.

—The genial host of the Alhambra, Lew Bement, will take charge of the Tompkins House, after the first of January.

—The cribbing, cramming days have come,
The saddest of the term,
Which draw the Senior from his fun,
And make the Freshman squirm.

—Joshua's bugle-blowers were not Sophomores, but, according to the latest commentators, it was the custom then, as it is now, for all soldiers to take a horn occasionally.

—Mr. Badger will deliver, on Sunday night, at 7 o'clock, the lecture postponed because of Mr. Calthrop's discourse—"Theodore Parker and Starr King as Transcendentalists."

—The romance entitled, "The Cutter Cut, or the Bummer Busted," which was sent in this week, has many good points, but is a little too heavy and metaphysical for the average reader.

—The ambitious Senior will not spend the Christmas vacation in careless festivity, but, with the Woodford prize as his guiding star, will lead the wild life of a literary pirate in various libraries.

—The "accident in the press room" upon which the *Sun* sheds such a fitful glare, was nothing more than a mistake in "measuring the matter" (in press room parlance.) There was no accident to press or presses posted.

—Again the *Sun* makes a misstatement. In No. 53, Dec. 2nd, is the following: "A. S. Tibbets, '77, is practising law at Sydney, Iowa." Last week we received a letter from Mr. Tibbets, the letter head reading, "Cornish & Tibbets, Attorneys at Law, Lincoln, Neb."

—Miss Borg, who gave so much pleasure to the audiences that listened to her lectures this week, will deliver several more this winter, in some of the large cities. She spoke of returning to Ithaca at no distant day, and will undoubtedly have a good hearing when she does.

—A would be critic in the *Baltimore Sun* says: "Mr. Sternberg played 'The Sweetheart,' by Balfe; 'Bonnie Sweet Bessie,' by Gilbert, and 'a Polonaise,' by Fred. Laub." When the Wilhelmj troupe were here, Miss Fritch sang the first two enumerated above, and Wilhelmj played the "Polonaise" as his second piece. The critic must have been gazing too steadily into the "intoxicating cup."

—Mr. J. H. Humphries, President of the Sophomore class, has made the following standing committee appointments: On Class Supper—Messrs. J. A. Dix, Chairman; George Bullock, S. S. Serat, H.

G. Tinsley and J. L. Pratt. On Boating—Messrs. F. E. Wilcox, Chairman; C. H. Anderson and H. N. Hoffman. On Base Ball—Messrs. J. H. Humphries, Chairman; C. C. Chase and C. J. Avery. On Foot Ball—Messrs. H. L. Whitney, Chairman; M. Failing and H. Marshall.

—The subjects discussed by the Senior Engineers in their memoirs are as follows: "History and Manufacture of Water Gas," by H. W. Battin; "Struts Employed on the New York Elevated Railway," by O. M. Eidlitz; "The Works of the Washington Glass Manufacturing Company, at Ithaca," by C. W. McCrea; "The High Bridge at New York City," by J. E. Read; "The Fullerton Avenue Conduit at Chicago," by Emile Shnable; "The Tody Ferry Bridge on the Iowa River," by R. B. Wick; and "The Construction of the Reservoirs of the Ithaca Water Works," by W. H. Wightman.

"The ERA has been wading into Booth and Shakespeare of late. We commend the articles to the reading public as a kind of literature which seldom appears, except in garbled dramatic criticism, or in some work inaccessible to the majority of readers. It is the kind of matter that the students of Cornell need, and it is gratifying to learn that the ERA editors have recognized the fact. Syllogistic as these articles may be, they will perhaps have the effect of directing the attention of their readers to the most beautiful portion of our literature, and of encouraging the cultivation of histrionic art."—*Elmira Sunday Telegram*. Such is fame.

—His Majesty, "Uncle Josh," is much pleased with the large attendance during the past term, of his dutiful subjects, the undergraduates, at the levees held in his palace five days in the week. His accommodations have, during the cold snap, been severely taxed, especially in the matter of chairs, but they are being enlarged, and his dutiful subjects will no longer be compelled to recline on cinders. A new attraction has been provided by the professor whose office is just north of the palace, in the shape of a small menagerie of what were some time earlier in Darwinian chronology, very ferocious beasts. But they are now marvelously tame, and do not even frighten Freshmen, as they roam the corridors and halls of the palace. His Majesty wishes to express his hope that he will see all his present subjects, after the beginning of next term, at the usual time in the mornings of reception days.

☞ Rumors have reached our ears to the effect that Manager Chapman's "Kate L'hayer and Spanish Students" troupe is not what it purports to be. Mr. Chapman wrote a letter to Mr. Wilgus, a few days since, stating that these are the original Spanish Students, and that they would fully bear out the promises of a first-class entertainment that have been made through the columns of the general press and the ERA. They must not be confounded with a

troupe of beer-swillers, boot-blacks and Irishmen that have been giving entertainments in Chicago lately, under the name of "Spanish Students." Mr. Chapman has brought to Ithaca in former times the very best troupes, for instance, Arbuckle and Tagliapietra, and they have always given more than satisfaction. He is a manager who has acquired an enviable reputation for honorable dealing, which he would not sacrifice needlessly by imposing on the public. By all means, therefore, if you love good music, go and hear the "Spanish Students" to-night.

—Prof. J. Henry Comstock, '74, in charge of the U. S. Entomological Department, sends us the following directions for sending insects: "All inquiries about insects, injurious or otherwise, should be accompanied by specimens, the more the better. Such specimens, if dead, should be packed in some soft material, as cotton or wood, and enclosed in some stout tin or wooden box. They will come by mail for one cent per ounce. Insects should never be enclosed loose in the letter. Whenever possible, larvæ (*i. e.* grubs, caterpillars, maggots, etc.) should be packed alive, in some tight tin box—the tighter the better, as air holes are not needed—along with a supply of their appropriate food sufficient to last them on their journey; otherwise they generally die on the road and shrivel up. Send as full an account as possible of the habits of the insect, respecting which you desire information; for example, what plant or plants it infests; whether it destroys the leaves, the buds, the twigs or the stem; how long it has been known to you; what amount of damage it has done, etc. Such particulars are often not only of high scientific interest, but of great practical importance."

PERSONALIA.

J. A. RAE, '69, is Government Land Agent, at Bismarck, Dakota.

LEE VANCE, '80, is now correspondent of the *Chicago Times* and *Boston Traveler*.

"HAL" CRAMPHIN, '80, is lecturing on "Temperance, through Central New York.

PROFESSOR CORSON will go South after examinations, and spend his vacation in Savannah, Ga.

F. G. TIFFANY, '80, has charge of the grain warehouse of Cayill & Van, at Rusk, Dunn Co., Wis.

MYNDERSE VAN CLEEF, '74, has lately received the appointment of United States Commissioner for this district.

C. W. MCCREA, '81, has been offered a position on the De Lesseps Panama Canal Company—so it is rumored.

PROFESSOR POTTER did not meet his classes yesterday and to-day because of sickness. He has gone home to Geneva.

PROFESSOR THEODORE B. COMSTOCK, '70, was married in Cleveland yesterday, to Miss Blanche E. Huggins, of that city.

F. S. CURTIS, '80, is in town, studying short-hand reporting, and, as yet, has not announced the possession of a wife.

HON. S. D. HALLIDAY, '70, one of the editors of the first volume of the ERA, does all of the Navy's legal business, *gratis*.

J. S. MILFORD, '77, until recently located in London, England, is now managing the affairs of the Singer Manufacturing Company in South Australia, making No. 138 A, Rundle street, Adelaide, his headquarters. He "would be pleased to see any Cornellian who may wander to this part of the world."

COLLEGE NEWS.

AMHERST :—

Students and the *Amherst Student* criticise the authorities for not lighting the halls of the dormitories.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, the Sophomores and Freshmen had some hostile meetings, and created a great deal of disturbance.

"The *Independent* gravely informs us that the practice of smoking has been nearly abandoned at Cornell. We would call upon the *Era* to respond."—*Student*.

[The men of Cornell are very much like other college men, and therefore, have not stopped the practice. For more particulars see the communication headed "We Want to Know," in another column.—Ed.]

"It is stated that the Seniors next term may not take over ten hours a week of optionals! This is a great blow to most of the class. They wander round with faces disconsolate and will not be comforted."—*Student*.

BROWN :—

The Seniors think they ought not to pay for the Alumni dinner at Commencement.

Candidates for the ball nine practice in the gymnasium to better their physical condition.

The initiative steps have been taken in organizing a course of lectures to be given by the Professors of the University.

November 24, "Hammer and Tongs" presented at Amateur Dramatic Hall, an amusing travesty of "Romeo and Juliet," to the great satisfaction of a large audience.

COLUMBIA :—

The Literary Societies propose to have joint debates during the winter.

The Christmas reception of the School of Mines will be held Dec. 17, in the new building.

The Freshmen will probably purchase '81's eight-oared shell to row the proposed race with Harvard in.

The Trustees are trying to find a name for the new

building, "Anthon" and "King's College" are suggested.

"The average scholarship in '80 was 81.64. The oldest man in college is 27, and the youngest 14 years old."—*Spectator*.

The Chess Club is playing games with Haverford and University of Pennsylvania Clubs. The game with Harvard was resigned by the latter, because the players did not have time to finish it.

HARVARD :—

The Hasty Pudding Club have a dinner to-night.

The first Harvard Assembly will take place Dec. 16th.

A Philological Club has been formed with Seniors for officers.

Books of reference have been missed from the Library, and it is thought a kleptomaniac is at work.

The squad drill system in the gymnasium is very successful, and its good effects are noticed every day.

The college papers are writing vigorous editorials condemning the election of a graduate to the presidency of one of the athletic associations.

The University nine practice two hours daily in the gymnasium, throwing balls, batting, catching, running, and exercising on the weights.

"The *Harvard Register* will probably discontinue publication after the January number, unless a sufficient number of subscriptions are sent in to warrant its continuance."—*Advocate*.

YALE :—

Eighteen men are competing for the whist championship of the college.

"Commencement will take place the last Wednesday in June."—*Record*.

The *Record* bails the abolition of Sunday morning prayers as 'the dawn of a new era.'

Mlle. Bernhardt is to appear Dec. 20, to the great delight of the student theatre-goers.

On Wednesday evening the members of the Yale University Club gave their first "Graduates' night."

The coxswain of the crew is a Chinaman by the name of Mun Yew Chung and he weighs just 100 pounds.

Candidates for admission to the Freshman class will hereafter be required to read at sight passages from Cæsar, Cicero and Xenophon.

"The greatest harmony prevailed between '83 and '84 at New York. The Sophs sang "here's to '84," and *vice versa*. "The lion and the lamb," etc."—*Record*.

The Yale Orchestra, of twenty-one pieces, will give a concert some time next term. The Glee Club will assist, and some difficult and new music will be rendered.

The audience that greeted Archibald Forbes in New Haven was so small that he could not be induced to speak for half an hour. Yale men want a lecture course, nevertheless.

EXCHANGES.

Our readers are, we presume, tolerably well acquainted with the readable exchanges we receive, either through a perusal of the extracts (we believe in 'concrete examples' as does Matthew Arnold) with which we favor them, or by having glanced at their pages in the Library. But we wonder if they have any knowledge extending beyond their title pages, of the 1001 poor little fledgelings that come to our door. We wonder if they know of the frightful waste of good printing paper, ink and printer's labor that is going on every day because of them. You would be astonished if you could peep in our den now; you would see a tuft of hair among a pile of papers; hear the scratching of a pen beneath; and immediately, if your business was of more than ordinary importance, conclude to dig me out down to the eyes and mouth. Well, it's no joke. We have to lug them from the office to our room; cut, deface and spoil as many as we can, and put the best of those remaining on the Library table. Our ideas of exchanges have changed rapidly within the past few days. They positively make life a burden to us now, for examinations are frightfully near; and our back is bent and sorer than any washerwoman's with lugging them around. Strange experiences sometimes happen to the exchange editor (small initials will indicate the esteem in which he holds himself at present). As he was once trudging up the hill with a bundle of papers under his arm, he was asked by an Irishwoman in deep mourning and scented with a bouquet of *sp. frumen.*, onions and mackerel, if he would give her 'a track.' Of course he would, and selected a copy each of the *Acta Columbiana* and *Oberlin Review*, and presented them to her as excellent monographs on profane swearing and the shortest road to Heaven.

But we are wandering from our subject. Our intention was to mention a few of the legion of unknown pamphlets that fly to our sanctum *via* U. S. M.

Here is the *Clionian Monthly*, from the Valley Female College, Winchester, Va. The best thing in it is entitled 'The Tear.' It was written by one Byron who, we think, will be a very creditable poetess some day, if she keeps on. The last stanza is really affecting. It is as follows:

"May no marble bestow the splendor of woe
Which the children of vanity rear;
No fiction of tam shall blazon my name.
All I ask - all I wish - is a Tear."

Come to think, however, this seems to be something from Lord Byron, and we are sold again. Anyhow it is the best in the *Clionian* and so with a parting injunction never to crib any more, we turn to another.

This is the *Eu Philonian* from Kentucky Wesleyan College, Millersburg, Ky. Dr. O. W. Holmes con-

tributes to it—at least he seems to be the author of "The Old Man's Dream." The article on "Mental Dyspepsia" is too good to spoil, so we will not give any extract. The other contributed articles are good; and if they are not all cribbed, show the student of that institution to be generally a pretty smart fellow. The *Eu Philonian* is on the whole much superior to the *Clionian*.

Next comes *Lasell Leaves* from the Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass. As its editors are all young ladies and its motto *Dux femina facti*, we conclude it is a female seminary, or else that the fellows there are awfully happy in being under 'petticoat leaders.' Oh! in reading down a column our suspicions are confirmed regarding its being a young ladies' institution.

"Miss Parloa has also resumed her lessons in cookery, and we shall devote part of our time this winter to the acquirement of that famous old art, in which our grandmothers so far excelled us, and which the girls of to-day have abandoned, we are told, for 'ologies." Well, we don't wonder that when the doors of knowledge were first thrown open to girls, they should have been a little dazzled, and that they should have begun to think their hereditary employments of cooking and housekeeping rather tame and humdrum. But that time is past; we are beginning to take wider views of life, and to see all things in their just proportion. The work that has fallen to our share since the days of Mother Eve, is assuming once more its proper dignity in our eyes. (Well, we are not sure about Eve, but we know that when the weary strangers came to Abraham's tent hospitable Sarah baked cakes for them on the coals.) The woman in us cannot be satisfied with Greek and Latin and 'ologies.' Down in every heart is the true feminine instinct for home-making, in which the inevitable 'three meals a day' play it must be acknowledged, a very important part."

We commend your views, girls. We are suffering from a slight attack of indigestion brought on by a breakfast of beefsteak $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick, thoroughly done, muddy coffee, heavy biscuit, fried cake and pie!! *apple pie*!! whose upper crust is greasy and whose under integument is compact dough. We don't know what gives the name *apple pie* to the composition, for we have only been able to discover three hairs, very long, some small lumps of dough, some watery juice and a smell of nutmeg inside. It is the custom to put pie and cake on the breakfast table in Western New York we believe. It is likewise the custom to convert beefsteaks into a pretty durable article of sole-leather in the process denominated 'cooking,' by our landlady and her assistants. All the above will, we think, account for the *extreme good nature* we display just now. We are overjoyed at the prospect of a reform in cookery, and hope Miss Parloa will send direct her first graduate into this region to spread this domestic gospel among Ithaca boarding-house keepers.

There, we can't do any more this time; you got us talking on a feeling subject and we are exhausted.

Stay; this is from *The Varsity* we like it.

"HORACE, ODES I. 8.

Come, tell me, Lydia, prithee say,
 By all the Gods that reign to day,
 Why Sybaris you'd fain destroy
 With love that hath transformed the boy?
 Why hates he now the tented field,
 The sunshine's glint on spear and shield?
 Who once essayed each manly feat
 Oblivious of the dust and heat.
 Why rides he not among his peers
 A trooper bold—as fits his years—
 Nor backs with jagged bits the steeds
 That Gallia's hard-mouthed couser breeds?
 Why dreads he now to plunge his side
 Beneath the Tiber's yellow tide?
 Why do his limbs from wrestler's oil
 As from a viper's blood recoil?
 Why listless hang those arms of might
 With bruises black from friendly fight,
 Famed for the javelin deftly hurled,
 The quoit beyond the limit whirled?
 Why skulks he in a woman's bower?
 Like Thetis' son at Troy's sad hour,
 Let he in warrior guise be led
 To swell the tale of Lycia's dead."

BOOK NOTICES.

DIFFERENT THEORIES OF BEAUTY, by May Preston.
 University Press, 1880: pp. 16.

Miss Preston's thesis is something out of the ordinary line of such things. Before we start upon it we would like to mention the doubts we have of the applicability of the motto from "Hamlet" on the title page, to the subject in hand. The meaning of that passage is not that men honestly differ about the same things, but that courtiers make it their business to agree with everybody from whom they wish to get favors, or whom they wish to use as tools and cats'-paws. We very much doubt if it is good literary usage to distort the meaning of a passage for the purpose of making it apply to one's subject; for in its true meaning, this passage certainly has nothing to do with the 'theories of beauty.'

The thesis is devoted to a consideration of the different views of celebrated philosophers and artists regarding abstract beauty. The subject is one of the very widest that could be chosen; and, of course, in the sixteen pages, which include title-page, fly-leaf, and one of references, the writer can hardly do more than indicate the A. B. C. of the language and matter that have been used with reference to her subject. However, what was done was well done. The last page of the pamphlet is filled with a long list of references, which do eminent credit to Miss Preston's ability for research and study. The style in which the paper is written is highly felicitous. We noticed several peculiarities of diction to which we can take no exception whatever; they displayed the originality of the writer, more than did the matter which they set forth. To sum up, we think Miss Preston has achieved quite a success in this thesis; though that success is by no means superior to those attained in many others of her papers which we

have had the pleasure of reading. There is in this paper too little of her own thought and too much of other people's. We do not think that she could have done better than to have given by way of criticism some of her own views, by which we would have been quite as much enlightened, as by the numerous quotations she saw fit to lay before us.

OUTLINES OF LECTURES ON GENERAL LITERATURE, by Prof. C. C. Shackford; University Press, 1880. Part I, Lyric Poetry, pp. 41. Part II, Epic Poetry, pp. 44.

These two pamphlets are a welcome addition to the University publications. Seniors regard them with much favor and are exceedingly grateful to the Professor for the trouble he has taken and the kindness he has displayed in preparing these 'Outlines.' But we think they are of more than temporary interest. They give hints on the origin and character of the great classics in the divisions of literature the Professor has treated in his lectures on General Literature this term, and incidentally mention the works that every cultured man ought to read some time in his life. Then too, they hint at criticism by the copious references they contain. With these at his side no reader ought to be at loss how to proceed to gain a knowledge of the great masterpieces of all ages. The present time is witnessing the publication of many books on reading giving many different courses for the choice of those aiming at an acquaintance with the good things that have been written. Though we are aware that the Professor is very modest regarding their scope, we are inclined to rate them as the very best guides to reading we have yet seen. The last two parts will be ready for delivery early next term.

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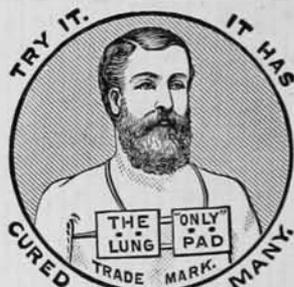
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which is probably a bad-tempered exhibition of personal spite."—*Acta Columbiana*.

In "Exchanges" of No. 4 of the ERA, the subject of the Inter-Collegiate Press Association was discussed on its merits at some length. We then distinctly stated also that, owing to a variety of conflicting circumstances, it was doubtful whether we would send a representative or not, and said in conclusion, "We hope, however, to give an answer at an early date."

Whereupon, without waiting for our decision, the *Acta* shortly after made this announcement:

"The answers so far received in regard to the Intercollegiate Press Association are not sufficiently numerous to justify any immediate action. The *Era*, *Record*, *Chronicle*, *Orient*, *Tablet*, *University Quarterly*, *Spectator* and *Mercury* have answered in the affirmative, and no negative replies have been received."

This drew forth rather prematurely but in a sufficiently explicit manner, our answer, quoted by the *Acta*. That is all that passed on the subject until the *Acta*, as above, charged us with bad faith. Inasmuch as the conduct of that publication was entirely uncalled-for by the circumstances, and could by no possible means be construed as an error, we take it for granted that the *Acta* wanted to bully us into giving consent. Plainly, we must say that the misconstruction of our first reference to the Association was willful; and that the above-quoted comments on our answer thereto are a gratuitous insult. We have given our answer and do not purpose to reconsider it, though there is no 'personal spite,' and never was, on our side.

THE *Oberlin Review* of December 4th waxed wroth over a facetious editorial in an early number of the ERA. It says our editorial was noticeable 'chiefly for its high coloring and disregard of the truth.' It seems to have come to this, that the Oberlin people have lost their taste for pleasantry, in the contemplation of things spiritual. We intended our first editorial on base ball at Oberlin as a gentle correction of a widely copied item to the effect that that game had been prohibited by the Faculty of that college; and we think that the *Review* ought to have thanked us for good intentions, and could at least allow us a little pleasantry. But the funny part of the matter is, that the *Review* challenges us, 'in the

interest of truth and fairness, to prove' that foot-ball, croquet, and *pussy wants a corner*, are looked upon with disfavor. Well, we think we won't attempt the Herculean task just now, but will leave the little Oberlin boys and girls to the peaceful enjoyment of their 'pussy wants a corner.' Really, it is a long time since we saw that game played, so we must, to a certain extent, conjecture its nature. We imagine that it combines all the rough-and-tumble of base ball without its attendant dangers; and that the little girls can play it also. Well, it is a charming arrangement, anyhow, and ought to be introduced at once in all co-educational institutions.

As to 'betting on the length of a Professor's prayer at chapel,' a special correspondent of the ERA informed us in his last letter that the practice still continues, and to such an extent is it carried on, he says, that it may be considered characteristic of Oberlin boys; girls never do such naughty things. Our 'former student of Oberlin' was kind enough to tell us why a 'facultorial eye' was kept upon the young ladies during his attendance there. He intimated, too, that the Editor-in-Chief of the *Review* had even better opportunities for gaining information about the 'facultorial eye' and young ladies. The editor can tell us, likewise, the sensations of experiencing 'a change of heart,' when upon the point of expulsion, and whether that has anything to do with his present connection with Oberlin.

The *Review* was kind enough to challenge us on the question of fanaticism. Well, we don't want to take up the gage just now to prove our assertion completely, though we may undertake hereafter to cite numerous cases in support of our view. One will suffice at present. It is something in this wise: Two Oberlin gentlemen of good standing, one a near relative of the late President Finney, once went to a barn, armed with cowhides, waylaid a student who was up to some slight mischief, bound him, offered prayers, and then proceeded to give him a brutal and merciless whipping, from the effects of which he died shortly afterward. This is only one case, and it took place some time ago. If it was not an instance of the worst kind of fanaticism, then only *Oberlin Review* editors know the meaning of that word, and all the rest of the world does not. This is our first installment of the promised 'facts.' Do you want any more?

WHEN the old students came back at the beginning of last term, they were agreeably surprised to see heaps of dirt along the University avenue, and piles of stones and gangs of men temporarily blocking the ways. What was the reason, and what in the world could it all mean? It meant that improvements were to be the order of the day; not only after the long-prayed-for flag walks were laid, but even further. Just after everybody but the tired ERA editor and prospective Woodford competitors had fairly departed to spend the holidays *in suis liminibus*, the Trustees quietly appropriated for further improvements the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The particulars and details are given in another column. It is our intention just now to give vent to a few expressions of gratitude, not un-mixed with criticism. *The Daily Journal* characterizes this act of the Trustees as "A Grand Impetus," and "A bright outlook for Cornell University." We think these phrases are very far from expressing our feelings regarding the matter. We hail with pleasure the near prospect of additions to our already well-built halls; we welcome the increased accommodations we shall have for the study of special branches of science. Beyond all this, there is a hint of something more—the establishment of courses in mining-engineering, metallurgy, and *music*. This is a pleasant dream, and full of bright colors that please the eyes of professors, students, and friends of education alike. Yet there are some stern realities which are ignored in this general rejoicing. Other questions will arise, and not unfrequently find expression through the lips of some undergraduate in the habit of looking further than the present time. It occurs to him that some scheme should be at once devised to fill the spacious halls of this University with not less than one thousand young men and women, for they could easily accommodate them. Now, but few more than one-third that number are in attendance; and each succeeding class dwindles to numbers that contrast discouragingly small with the classes of four and six years ago. Perhaps some famed 'Nemo' will come to the front now and try to ascertain the causes of this decrease, or, at least, to throw some light upon them. Some things are patent to everybody. We shall not claim the credit of originating the remark that Cornell made backward steps when it concluded, at various late periods, to part with Professors who were begin-

ning to gain national reputations through their labors here. Neither will we be revealing any secret, if we say that three out of every four students, and three out of every four alumni, and, as far as we can judge, the heavy balance of public opinion are in favor of having a resident President. Well, we are sorry. We intended to make the very paper heavy with the weight of thanks for this generous appropriation for improvements, but, instead, have ended with a growl. Yet we have been meditating something of the kind for a long time past, and will now conclude. If the authorities of this University wish to make it successful, they must allow no question of salary to be the excuse for letting able instructors go to rival institutions. They should remember that colleges are not rated excellent in proportion to the amounts of their properties, but almost invariably in proportion to the quality and number of their graduates. Our University must, therefore, have a responsible and visible head, and must keep the real merits of the instruction it offers before the public continually. And the Trustees must be careful, above all things, that the instructors are the best that can be obtained. We hope the next hundred thousand dollars will be devoted to strengthening the Faculty, not necessarily in numbers, but in brains.

THE class of '81 is bound to be distinguished. We are all familiar with the old saying that "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." The present Senior class, we are convinced, is to be comprehended under the third division of this ancient remark as the class which has greatness thrust upon it. Now they are to cap the climax of their grand and glorious existence by being accorded the honor, according to Professor Richard Proctor, of being the last class to graduate from the halls of Cornell University. That gentleman, after attentively scanning the heavens, has at last discovered, in the Australian skies, the comet which has been so anxiously expected for so many years, and which is to work dire destruction upon this terrestrial globe. This body is of immense size, and drags behind it a tail, the dimensions of which are something alarming. It is currently reported that the late frequent failures of the fast mail train to appear punctually on time are due in large measure to the discouragement which it feels when its time is compared with that of its

fiery celestial rival. The comet's best time, we are informed, is about four hundred miles a minute, and this, of course, discounts anything in terrestrial locomotion. Well, this great mass, travelling at this gentle pace, is expected to fall into the sun during the course of the year, and the enormous increase of heat consequent upon its absorption by the sun is expected to depopulate the earth in very short order. This, says Professor Proctor, will be the result, unless something interposes to prevent the rapid course of the comet to the sun. It is difficult to see how any earthly force can be called into requisition to prevent the calamity, and the celestial bodies are hereby called upon to render the necessary assistance. In case they fail to respond, the class of '81 will, as we stated above, be the last to graduate from Cornell. In view of this fact, the Seniors have a grave responsibility placed upon them, which we trust they will fully appreciate. If the celestial traveller can be induced to postpone his visit until after Commencement Day, they will be the last graduating class. Let them feel their position.

SINCE the close of the last term, one of the greatest intellects of the present century has passed away. England may well point with pride to the lives and productions of her great literary lights, but it is doubtful whether any name on her distinguished roll will be regarded with more veneration, in years to come, than that of George Eliot. That she was a genius, no one who has carefully perused her works will deny. That any, among all the great women of the past, have ever surpassed her either in style of treatment or in profundity of conception, is extremely doubtful. Her works rank among the classics of English literature. Her conception of character was marvelous; the exactness and completeness with which she presented them to her readers, equally wonderful. Her mind was far-reaching and versatile in the extreme, and comprehended within its borders an extent which no other woman has ever possessed. Her characters are drawn with a fineness and delicacy of touch, and at the same time their every phase is so completely presented that even a Shakspeare might well be proud of having produced them. They betray a soul noble and sympathetic, an intellect delicately and accurately poised; in short, a woman entitled to rank with

the greatest minds of this greatest of modern centuries.

RESIGNATION.

SANDUSKY, O., Jan. 4, 1881.

To the Editors of the Era:

I have concluded not to return to the University, but to begin the study of law. After considering the matter for some time this seemed to me to be the best thing to do. In consequence of my change of base and occupation, I shall be compelled to resign my place on the ERA. I hope you will succeed in getting some one to fill the vacancy, occasioned by my resignation, who will be able to throw ink more skillfully than I. My editorial experience will ever be a bright spot in my college memories, which have all now been laid away in my mental archives. Please send me the ERA, as I shall read it with more pleasure and interest now than ever before.

Yours, most editorially penful,

LINN W. HULL.

*ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
FOR IMPROVEMENTS.*

The Trustees held a meeting during examination week last term, in which they resolved to appropriate, for immediate improvements and additions to the University property \$100,000. It will be expended as follows: \$50,000 to build and equip a physical laboratory; \$20,000 for the purchase of books for the general library; \$10,000 to build a greenhouse; \$10,000 to build and equip a laboratory for veterinary surgery, and \$10,000 for the purchase of additional instruments for the civil engineering and other departments. Committees have the matter in charge, and will make the preliminary arrangements and consult with President White and others as to the location of the proposed buildings, after which the work will be begun as soon as possible. This money has resulted from the disposal of some of the western lands of the University which are now in great demand at handsome prices.

Other improvements and additions to the University property are in contemplation, and will doubtless be executed as soon as the necessary funds are at hand. Owing to the delay necessary upon deciding upon details, it is not now possible to give any further particulars. But one of the Trustees has assured us that he will undoubtedly in a few days have something to impart to the public through these columns.

We almost forgot another interesting item. Hon. H. W. Sage has given \$10,000 to the Botanical Department of the University.

ULTRA-PESSIMISM.

AN ALLEGORY FOR GROWN-UP CHILDREN.

Faith, Hope and Charity used to be
The sister graces three of Christianity ;
But broken now these links of Christian bliss,
For modern days, it seems, have brought us down
to this :

Science killed Faith ; and when pure Faith was dead,
With naught to hope for left, bright Hope hath hope-
less fled.

Left thus forlorn, pale Charity was sought
By Science' crafty kinsman, Modern Thought.
Ere long she ceased 'midst misery to roam,
And from his teachings learned her work began "at
home."

Then ever, when her conscience-angel sighed :
"The greatest good for greatest number," cried :
"For greatest number," true ! But since the world
begun

The 'greatest number' to the wise is always Num-
ber One !

And calmly thinking to herself what Heaven or Hell
might be

Forth from this troubled world of man hath passed
sweet Charity. S. '79.

REMEINY.

The Remenyi concert troupe played and sang before a poor house Thursday evening, December 30th. No reasons can be given why the towns people did not crowd Wilgus Hall. Suffice to say that the few students who remained here during vacation were well represented in the audience. The programme we cannot praise too highly. It was well selected and of uniform interest save with a slight culmination in the last two pieces. The performers were all good and rendered their parts with a fidelity of expression and sympathy with the evident intent of the composers. Only one thing occurred to mar the entertainment; the piano was out of order, and one of the pedals, being broken, kept up an almost continuous racket during the entire performance.

Of Mr. Edouard Remenyi's violin playing we cannot speak in terms of too great admiration and surprise. Never before did we think the small four-stringed instrument had such musical possibilities as were developed from it under his skillful fingers. It was a complete revelation even to those who had heard Wilhelmj and his peers, now deceased save our Remenyi. The 'Andante and Finale of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto,' was a composition bristling with difficulties, but the violinist rendered it with an ease, a finish and expression, that made it almost a new production to us. In every one of his selections the same facile genius was brought to the interpretation. Assuredly, if Mr. Remenyi has an equal he has no superior. As one of his encores he gave

some surprising imitations of various other instruments and a whistle. At times a whole string orchestra would seem to be captivating our ears ; but it was only double-string playing that seemed as easy to the master as ordinary scraping to an amateur. His 'Liberty Hymn' and the others of his own compositions that he rendered but confirmed our first impressions of his genius.

Mr. H. W. A. Beale, proved himself to be a pianist of rare powers in one of Beethoven's Sonatas.

The vocalists Mlle. Renie Reignard and Mr. Edmund DeCelle had voices rare in their quality and improved by careful training. The former was recalled several times and refused one or two encores. Her voice, though sweet and rich was not of extraordinary strength, but she had no difficulty in captivating her audience by her unaffected and modest demeanor as well as by her talent, every time she stepped to the footlights.

Mr. DeCelle was at his best in the concluding duet by Verdi, 'Si la stanchezza.' As a tenor we predict that he will gain renown at no very distant period. He is yet very young and will undoubtedly improve with a few years further practice. However, we had no fault to find with him whatever.

On the whole, this was one of the best entertainments that has been given here in years and ought to be repeated, as we think it will sometime this term, to an overflowing house of lovers of the best music.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

From our own Correspondent.

The professional schools at the University of Michigan are five in number, established as follows :— Medicine and Surgery, 1850 ; Law, 1859 ; Dentistry, 1875 ; Homœopathy, 1875 ; Pharmacy, 1869.

The Schools of Law and Medicine are most largely patronized, though the other schools are by no means in discouraging circumstances. It is the professional schools that bring the large number of students here, and make the University of Michigan appear of such gigantic proportions. The number of students in the Department of Literature, Science and Arts is nearly the same as at Cornell, and the instruction similar, though in history much inferior. The principal reasons for so many students in the professional schools, are, first, the small amount of tuition ; second, the ease by which students are admitted. Many candidates who pass satisfactory examinations for admission to the Schools of Law, Medicine and Surgery, Homœopathy, or Dentistry, would utterly fail, I believe, to obtain a certificate for teaching a district school in the State of New York.

From all parts of the country, young men leave the farm and workshop, and come here to enter the

professional schools, with scarcely the rudiments of an education. It seems like building on the sand. In the Schools of Medicine and Surgery, and Law, the graduating classes range from one hundred to two hundred members, but in the other schools the numbers are much smaller.

Men who have noticed the great number of graduates, sent out annually from the professional schools all over the country, have told us that the professions are over-crowded, and that there is no chance for a young man in one of the liberal professions. But crowded with whom? or with what? Certainly not with skillful physicians, learned jurists or expert chemists. The fact is, young men are rushing into the professions, by the shortest possible routes, and the consequence is, that the professions are over-crowded, but with an inferior class of men. For the young man who has something upon which to build his professional knowledge, and who is in earnest, the professions of Law, Medicine and Chemistry offer the most flattering inducements. There is no doubt about the success of that young man; he will rise above those sham-professionals who have simply skimmed over the surface, and leave them far behind in the race for honor and distinction.

The instructors in the professional schools are men of high ability, but not until the entrance examinations are raised to their proper standard, shall we find the student of the professional schools possessing the amount of information which seems actually necessary for a successful professional career.

Between the faculties of the different medical schools some animosity exists, and a professor of one school often indulges a kind of tirade, against the virtues of the other school; and I am credibly informed that, a year or so ago, certain members of the different faculties, came very near using much more striking and impressive arguments than mere words.

Ever since the days of Adam, any man who dared to advance new ideas, to investigate a new science, or search for a new truth, has been subjected to the most cruel persecutions, many times even unto death; and now these men, in this enlightened age, and with nineteen hundred years of study and research, and investigation before them, standing in the front rank of their professions, and at the head of their respective departments, seem desperately determined that history shall repeat itself.

It is a consoling fact, however, to know that those most violently persecuted, have in the long run, triumphed over their persecutors; that while the persecutors were trying to find some means of checking these new researches after truth, the persecuted have been patiently investigating, and in the course of a few years left their persecutors behind them, in ignorance and oblivion.

COMMUNICATIONS.

BUFFALO, December 5, 1880.

To the Editors of the Era:

I congratulate you upon the uniform high standard of excellence which the ERA has this year attained in all its departments. You are succeeding admirably.

Yours, Truly,
JAMES F. GLUCK, '74.

To the Editors of the Era:

DEAR SIRS:—In one of your editorials you say the "students of this University long since ceased to be boys." The communication headed "We Want to Know," would seem to show that in this you are more or less mistaken. The writer of that article must be not only a boy, but a very little boy, since he is so young as not yet to have learned that the world expects many things from a gentleman, for which there is no written law. When he is a little older he will find that no gentleman will refuse to give up his cigar when in a lady's presence simply because he never has been directed to do so, that that requires not even a reminder. And because one or two professors are guilty of a breach of politeness, that certainly is no reason why a student should show himself equally ill-bred.

As an alumnus, I should be extremely sorry to see the Faculty so far forget the dignity of the University as to frame a law of deportment such as would be humiliating to the self-respect of the average boy at any high school or academy. Nor do I believe the sentiment of the students to be such as to make desirable a step of this kind, unless the spirit of Cornell has lately undergone a marked change and one greatly to be regretted. —'76.

[We think this an excellent answer to "We want to know," and heartily endorse it as being in all probability an expression of the best student sentiment regarding the matter of smoking and manners. We think, too, that we were not mistaken in stating that the students had ceased to be boys. The prevailing sentiment and practice among us will show that we are gentlemen, with but few exceptions. Again, we must remind readers that we are not responsible for communications, and the sentiments therein expressed.]—Ed.

CORNELLIANA.

—We had the usual Registration day snow storm, of course.

—Leap year is gone but a great many young ladies are still here.

—The new Register is in press, and will be ready for delivery in about ten days.

—There are more dead-heads passed into the grave yards than into the theatres.

—James McIntosh won a fifteen mile heel-and-toe walking match New Year's night.

—A celebrated case—Switzer Kase.—*Boston Commercial Bulletin*. A lively case.—Lim(b)-urger Kase.

—Dr. Tyler's congregation have taken active measures towards building a new church. The ladies took the first step.

—Several applicants for admission were examined this week. We will publish the names of the successful ones in our next issue.

—Several compositors in the University printing office are setting the type of a French book, to be published soon by a New York firm.

—If there is much sleighing this winter we shall expect several interesting articles from our lady subscribers on "The Power of the Press."

—A Freshman offers to pay a high price for a copy of Merry's Odyssey. He says the professor told him to get Merry's but he can find none but Homer's.

—Freshman asking for a periodical in the Library, "Have you the French magazine, 'Revue de demimonde?'" Mr. Harris hands out the *Revue des Deux Mondes*.

—Students remaining here during the vacation, were happily diverted from the reigning monotony by the excellent skating that the various ponds and creeks furnished.

—"What's in a kiss?" asks a young poetess. Really, we never analyzed one, but if the young lady will leave a few in our office, we will try to give her the desired information.

—"Cornell University recently graduated a lady architect who is winning favorable mention. Surely there are possibilities in this direction for women."—*Binghamton Republican*.

—Prof. William Piutti, who took charge of the classes in vocal music last winter, gave a piano recital in Library Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st. Only invited friends were present.

—Although washer-women with bills are very plenty in this latitude they are never mentioned by zoologists. We have one in mind that should be mounted and placed in the museum.

—Of the inhabitants of Tompkins County, 17,034 are males and 17,411 are females; 32,269 are native and 1,176 are foreign; 33,982 are white and 463 are colored. This includes one Indian and one Japanese.

—It is only a week since the day of good resolutions, and yet, according to the latest reports, large quantities of paving material have already accumulated in that historic place, where the mercury was never known to sink below the freezing point.

—The Baltimore and Ohio rail road has arranged to carry freight between New York and Baltimore by a line of steamers.—*Exchange*. Impossible! A line has neither breadth, thickness nor depth. We should suggest using the steamers only. What is the use of a line about it!

—Prof. Goldwin Smith, in the five years of his Oxford University course, won five prizes, and crowned all by carrying off a fellowship of the University. He remained an Oxford man for twenty years, and in 1858 was made by Earl Derby, Regius Professor of modern history, with a salary of \$3,250 a year.

—"The name of Andrew D. White, now minister to Germany, is mentioned in connection with the office of Secretary of State. Mr. White is most needed as Secretary and President of Cornell University. There has not been a day since he left that institution that all Ithaca has not wept and begged him to return."—*Elmira Gazette*.

—The *Oberlin Review* refers to the Rev. William Kincaid, pastor of the Second Congregational Church which the most of the professors attend, as "Bill Kincaid." Now that the holidays are over, a series of indignation meetings will doubtless be inaugurated by the infuriated populace and outraged professors. How are the pious fallen! Selah.

—"A student by the name of Horr, while skating on the Inlet yesterday, broke through the ice and took a cold bath. He was helped out of the water and taken to the Valley House where he remained until a change of clothing was brought from his room on the hill. The bystanders who saw the mishap said it was a narrow escape from a Horr-ible death."—*Journal*, Dec. 18, 1880.

—"We shall one day read: "May 27, 1890. The Derby won by an American horse, an Australian one second, a Canadian a good third." "March 4, 1900. The University Boat-Race. Won, after a good race with Yale, by Cornell. The race was somewhat remarkable owing to the fact that neither Oxford nor Cambridge was strong enough this year to send a crew to Putney."—*London Punch*.

—During last term the petition requesting the trustees of the Cornell Library Association to open a free reading room was signed by eleven hundred citizens, including many students, but in vain, as is shown by the following resolution: "Resolved—That while the Trustees of the Cornell Library would express sympathy with the end proposed and the utmost courtesy to the petitioners, they do not judge that the present resources of the Library warrant their engaging in the proposed undertaking."

—Miss Kate Thayer and the Spanish Students achieved an eminent success in their concert. The prima donna has a voice of marvelous purity and strength, which has gained for her within the past two years an enviable reputation as a songstress. Miss Henrietta Maurer rendered on the piano sev-

eral selections with all the skill of a trained musician, and had encores. The music of the Spanish Students was novel and pleasing, but was not of the highest order. Signor Curti added variety to the pleasing entertainment by his masterly performances on the harp.

—“Henry Winant, of Richmond Valley, who recently had a lively battle at night with a large cat weighing 23 pounds, which had entered the cellar of his house, received a letter from Dr. Burt G. Wilder, Professor of Physiology, Comparative Anatomy, and Zoology in Cornell University, who is preparing a work on the anatomy of the cat, and is desirous of procuring the skeletons of large cats for study. Mr. Winant was requested to forward the body of the animal which he killed, by express to Dr. Wilder, at Ithaca, N. Y., and a sum of money was enclosed to pay expenses. Mr. Winant has written to Dr. Wilder that he is unable to forward the body of the cat, as it was stolen from his premises by some unknown person.”—*Journal*.

—According to the College Chronicle of the *New York World*, the naming of the “Columbia Bicycle” was not intended to advertise Columbia College, but rather the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Boston, whose managers originally chose the trade name to indicate the American origin of the machine built by them. On the other hand, the “Harvard” bicycle, the most popular of the imported machines, was so named by the importers in honor of the college at Cambridge; and they now seek to profit themselves by giving like treatment to the college at New Haven, for their latest announcement says: “In our new “Fale” bicycle we have availed ourselves of all the well-known points of excellence contained in the English “Invincible,” and have solved the problem of how to produce a wheel of the least possible weight which can be ridden without discomfort over rough roads.”

PERSONALIA.

PROF. E. A. FUERTES spent part of his vacation in New York city.

J. S. COLLMAN, '81, made some fast time in Washington during the vacation.

“BISH” Arnold, one of '81's oarsmen, spent a week in town during the vacation.

W. D. HOLMES and J. S. Lawrence, '80, spent a few days this week with their fraternity friends.

JUDGE FINCH spent the greater part of last week in New York in the interest of Cornell University.

BADGER, '83, was rewarded with a prize for solving a mathematical puzzle offered by the *Ithaca Democrat*.

FRED WICK, '72, spent his holidays here. He has been almost a year in Chicago, engaged in business.

FOX HOLDEN, '72, until lately the Principal of the Ithaca High School, spent his holiday week with his friends here.

DEVÖE P. HODSON, '77, was married to Miss Mariette Wood, of Painted Post, on the 23rd of December, 1880.

J. S. AINSLIE, '81, who has been supplying the Baptist pulpit in Newark Valley, spent his vacation in that village.

AUSTIN FISKE SHAW, '75, now at Maquoketa, Ia., was married to Miss Isadore Ray, at Vinton, Iowa, Dec. 1st, 1880.

PROFESSORS I. P. ROBERTS and Lazenby, and Burr, '81, have been actively engaged in agitating the Free Reading Room scheme.

HOWLAND RUSSEL, '76, and W. H. Parker, '74, are in business, known as the firm of Russel & Parker, architects, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PROF. Z. H. POTTER came out in the *Geneva Courier*, during vacation, favoring the choice of Mr. Lapham for United States Senator from this State.

SAGE SCHUYLER, '75, now holding a responsible position in the freight office of the Michigan Southern & Lake Shore R. R., spent a few days in town last week.

GEORGE SCHUMM, '81, opened the debate on the question, “What are the true principles of land-tenure?” at the meeting of the Radical Club, last Monday night.

WILLIAM BRONK, '80, until recently in District Attorney Dean's office, has left for his home in New Baltimore, and will soon begin practicing law in New York City.

NICHOLS, one of '82's big oarsmen in the early history of the class, is “adjusting movable alphabets” in Denver, Colorado. He is ambitious and soon expects to take hold of something more lucrative.

GEO. ARNOLD, '80, Postmaster and County Commissioner at Cornell, Dakota, writes: “I have not reached the dignity of a money order office as yet—twenty miles to a railroad station, and the county just being organized!”

J. FRASER GLUCK, '74, ex-editor of the *Era*, *Times* and *Review*, is a member of the flourishing law firm of McMillan & Gluck, in Buffalo, N. Y. They are the attorneys for the Western Division of the New York Central Railroad.

THE *Syracuse Standard* says: “Fire Commissioner Hamilton S. White returned from his honeymoon just in time to be on hand at the first fire which has occurred in Syracuse in over a month. No alarms were sounded during his protracted absence from the city.

TRACY R. FAIRCHILD, '82, was married Wednesday to Clara B., daughter of H. W. Stephens, Esq., of this village. The ceremony at the residence of the bride's parents, and strictly private, was performed by Rev. H. W. Green, of the Aurora Street Methodist Church.

AN exchange says that the real benefits arising from co-education of the sexes appear to be surely presenting themselves. W. Foster, of Cornell, class of '77, has just married Lyra H. Peck, of Cornell, class of '79, at West Bloomfield. She was a freshman when he was a junior, and a sophomore when he was a senior.

G. K. BIRGE, '72, and H. M. Birge, '73, of the well-known house, Birge & Sons, manufacturers and dealers in wall paper in Buffalo, N. Y., sustained a terrible loss in the burning of their works, Dec. 17, 1880. They not only lost \$150,000 in machinery and stock, but several of their one hundred and fifty employees were killed and wounded in escaping from the burning building.

HENRY SACKETT, '75, spent his holiday week here under difficulties. The following appeared in the *Brooklyn Eagle*:

"Mr. Henry W. Sackett, the young lawyer, who was arrested in connection with the forgery on the Commercial Bank, with which it was almost immediately shown he had nothing whatever to do, appeared this morning before Justice Walsh for examination, in accordance with adjournment.

His counsel, requested an examination with a view to show exactly the position which Mr. Sackett occupied in the transaction.

Justice Walsh—I do not think it is necessary. The examination into the case of Mrs. Trau and Bessie is sufficient on that head; the testimony of Mr. Runkle entirely exonerated Mr. Sackett. I do not think it is necessary to go over the same ground again.

Mr. Bartlett, counsel for the bank—The prosecution, your Honor, are fully satisfied that no blame whatever is attached to Mr. Sackett in the remotest degree. The only regret we have is on his account, that things should have happened to place him in such an unpleasant position. Mr. Sackett is an honorable gentleman, a member of the bar, and highly esteemed, and we know that he would not be guilty of any wrong. We desire, therefore, to withdraw the prosecution, so far as he is concerned.

Justice Walsh—The charge is dismissed and Mr. Sackett honorably discharged. The bank people felt very sore over the loss of \$1,800 and were looking for some person, and unfortunately Mr. Sackett was arrested, although entirely innocent of any intention of wrong doing.

Mr. Sackett then left the court with his friends, who never for a moment had any doubt that his vindication would be complete.

EXCHANGES.

SUGGESTED BY CO-EDUCATION, PRESENT AND TO COME.

The year 1881 will bring with it many changes in the customs and policies of colleges. Of these the most noticeable and popular will be, we have no

doubt, the opening of the doors of various old and reputable colleges to women. The authorities of half-a-dozen institutions have either considered the question of admitting women to the privileges, full or restricted, of their institutions, or have the matter in consideration. Columbia is agitated about it. The Prex. gives his opinions, leading friends of the college express their wishes, the law students study the articles "Breach of Promise" and "Divorce" with keener interest, and the Medics. turn anew to the dissection of the human heart. It seems as though they consider it in the light of a revolution; the end of one epoch and the inauguration of another. However, we hope that it will be beneficial to the tone and general manners of the *Acta*.

The careless reader even, of the college press cannot fail to notice that about one-half the poetry and the lighter contributed matter is suggested by co-education, or treats of it directly in its many phases, and from many stand-points. Whatever may be the directly expressed opinions of the aforesaid college press and the students regarding the introduction of co-education in the institutions that are now without its blessings and sorrows, (or whichever you will), they seem to be almost unanimous in thinking that in its less serious aspects it will be productive of much good and, perhaps, of much fun. This is shown by the prevailing spirit of several scraps we have cut from various exchanges, and present for the consideration of our readers.

Harvard evidently thinks it elevates scholarship. Here are some passages from "Simple Eloquence," an *Advocate* article:

"How it was that my cousin, Miss Avangelina Simpkins, a reigning belle in society, became a member of that select school for young ladies called the Annex, I do not pretend to say; but I do know what was the result. As I stood waiting for a car, I saw Miss Simpkins sauntering down the street, with a large volume under her arm and her eyes fixed upon a manuscript. Soon she saw me, and exclaimed, "Oh! Mr. Fitzjames, how do you do! Are you in expectation of a vehicle to transport you to the Hub?" Taken aback by this burst of eloquence, I could only murmur an affirmative.

"I am sorry to have startled you by my greeting, Mr. Fitzjames; it is our customary manner of conversation in our department of the University. But, Mr. Fitzjames, did you say that you were going to School Street? Why, you are probably on the same errand as I. I love to go to that dear little bookstore and see the latest editions. Professor Youngman with many-scalps told us that Behergox's Russian Choctaw grammar had just been published. It's such an advantage you know, to study two languages from one grammar. You would enjoy his course so much. He tells us all about the origin of the Choctaw alphabet; and do you know, he thinks that the Indians are a branch of the Hindoo 'himpanzee family.

"But, now, Mr. Fitzjames, have you seen the latest argument in the report of the Society for the Improvement of the Facial Expression, on the question, 'Why are the noses of the moon's inhabitants red?' Oh! I found four material fallacies and three ambiguous middles in it. But what do you think of the question?"

"I think I had better go and ask Charles about that before I forget it; good afternoon." And as I walked away I mut-

tered, "I suppose I must wait here in the cold for another car; but I am thankful I am still alive."

The Crimson also takes up the tale in this wise:

“AD LYDIAM.

“There are twenty cases of measles in the college, and one in the Annex.”—*Advocate*.

Pretty maid, of Annex fame,
How did you get the measles?
Was it in the fine arts room
Among the busts and easels?

Was it peradventure in
The hall of German eight,
Or in Chemistry perhaps,
Or from a tête-à-tête?

Or have you a worshiper—
Some Junior, let me say—
Who caught them from some friend of his
And gave them both away?

I know not, pretty Annex maid,
But if you have a lover,
For his sake and your own, I hope
That you may soon recover.”

Even the far west sends a contribution through the *Ariel* of the Minnesota State University.

“He was a little pale Freshman,
Deeply in love was he;
She was a bright-eyed Senior
Quite ravishing to see.

Thus said the little pale Freshman,
“Dearest, I love but thee.”
Then did the charming Senior
Smilingly say “Tee-hee.”

Yale has not started to discuss the subject yet. But lets us find out whether the student of that old place has no feelings in the matter. *The Courant* thus:

“A LAMENT.

One evening to the old North Church
I hastened all unwary;
I took a back seat near the door
In order that I might see more,
Alas! my fate I do deplore,
‘T was there I saw thee Mary.

For ever since that fatal night,
When first I gazed on “Madie,”
I’ve never failed to be at church.
Alack! she’s left me in the lurch,
Despair upon my heart doth perch
When thinking of Miss Cady.”

Suppose “Miss Cady” were an Annex maiden at Yale. Oh! heavens. Joy would perch upon the fellow’s heart, where despair doth now imbed his talons. There would then be no ‘chapel cuts’ for him.

A propos the discussion regarding the admission of ladies to Columbia, the *Colby Echo* has the following:

“A “Matrimonial Society” has been started in New York, with the object of increasing the number of marriages. Would not a more appropriate name be ‘The Society for the Suppression of Single Blessedness?’

This is a mistake. It was published as an item in the college news of the *College Mercury*, a paper somewhere in the land of the setting sun, we don’t just now remember the exact location.

“81 young ladies adorn the freshman class of Cornell.”

No, friend *Mercury*. Your editor must have been looking too long upon the baneful cup, and thinking of the ‘sweet by-and-by,’ mixed the eighteens and eighty-ones, before the advent of the new year. We think eighteen substantial realities, although they are but Freshmen, much better than eighty-one possibilities be they ever so rosy.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

EPITAPH.

—O’er this poor Junior’s silent clay,
Kind stranger, do not grieve;
His death took place when Proffie caught
A pony up his sleeve.—*Free Press*.

—When the curtain comes down at the close of each act,

Up jump the students without any tact;
And pass up the aisle, in long Indian file,
Drop into John Bailey’s and there have a smile.
—*Varsity*.

—Examination-time has come—
The saddest of the year—
When “grind” is substitute for “bum,”
And “midnight-oil” for “beer.”
—*Princetonian*.

—There is a young theologue dread,
Whose big tow has grown on his head.
When he graduates darn’im
We’ll send him to Barnum;
Through him will our school be noted.
—*Vidette*.

—The young Theolog., so wicked be he,
He setteth his engines; the tricky D. D.,
With a sieve and a stick
And a string, and—ker-chick!
He hath caught in his engine a chick-a-dee-dee.
—*Yale Record*.

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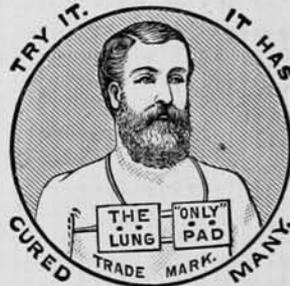
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THE Board of Editors have elected Mr. A. T. Cowell to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Pratt's resignation. We trust the choice will give general satisfaction to all concerned.

MR. NOTMAN has received but few orders for class photographs from the Seniors. It was pretty well understood that orders were to be given by December 15th, that they might be filled before Commencement. If there is much further delay he will not possibly be able to fill them before July 1st. We would suggest that early action be taken by those who intend to patronize him.

DURING the coming week, most of the subscriptions to the Navy fall due. The gentlemen having the lists in hand, will endeavor to collect each subscriber's donation, and ought to be successful in procuring a large portion of the amount pledged. We hope all will be prepared to pay, that there need be no great delay in straightening the finances preparatory for the summer campaign in foreign parts.

A COMMUNICATION raises the question of having reunions of the New York Alumni Association of Cornell at stated times. It is worthy of notice, and ought to result in calling the Association, if it be a reality, into greater activity. There are certainly enough alumni in New York and vicinity to organize and, by frequent meetings of a business or social character, to reflect credit upon themselves and their *Alma Mater*. We hope they will organize at once, and furnish us with reports of their proceedings from time to time.

SCARCE any reminder is needed by the undergraduates, that it is the duty of all who ever attend a theatrical representation, to attend the second presentation of "Everybody's Friend," in Cascadilla Theater, this evening. The play is quite interesting, and its parts are to be sustained by amateurs whose impersonations are too well known in Ithaca to require any particular assurance from us that they will be well sustained. The proceeds of the entertainment will be given to the Dramatic Association, to be used in making needed improvements in the theater.

SOME time last term a challenge was received from Columbia for a boat race. It excited passing comment among those interested in boating and was noticed by the Cornell press, and there the matter was allowed to drop. Now the Columbia papers are growling because they did not receive an answer, and, after their fashion, will probably begin to cast insinuations on our courage, which, even if they happen to be premature and "fresh," will, nevertheless, have the effect of showing us in a some-

what bad light to other colleges. Therefore, we wish to say, we think there has already been enough delay for the proper officers to ascertain the drift of opinion, and to make up their minds regarding an answer. Will the Navy Board take early and decisive action in the matter, and inform Columbia of the decision?

IT has been deemed advisable by the editors to have a standing notice inserted at the head of the communications we print, that our readers may be under no misapprehension regarding our attitude towards the opinions expressed by those who see fit to avail themselves of our offer of space. It was simply for the convenience of the public that former Boards printed letters that might be of interest. We have found that a free discussion of various questions that arise from time to time, is greatly to be desired by all, and have, therefore, followed this custom of our predecessors. We wish to state emphatically, as we have always stated in the heading of the editorial columns, that we do not necessarily endorse the views expressed in the letters printed. If we see fit to have our ideas regarding their subject matter known, we will state them in the usual way, in the editorial columns.

THE winter term is here with sleigh-bells, snow, skating, irregular mails, and uncomfortable lecture rooms. But as there seems to have been efforts made to keep them warm during the past week we will let them pass. Everything perishable and appropriate to the fall has been taken indoors. Sports of an athletic nature have been relegated to gymnasiums for the most part. The agriculturist turns his attention from fertilizers and tree-growing to laboratory work, and attendance upon lectures is slightly more irregular, while the professors are more lenient with regard thereto. Colds abound; but, thank the Deities! we have not yet been seized by an epidemic of measles as were the Harvard boys and girls some few weeks since. This escape must be a special dispensation of Providence, which we hope will be extended in the future: for what can be more annoying than a 'catching' thing in an institution where ladies and gentlemen meet in the same classes? But hold, we hear a report of evil omen. The mumps have stricken down some of the school children in the town; and it behooves us to have

especial care lest it work up the hill and be fraught with grave consequences to the dwellers thereon. Meanwhile let us be jolly. The moon is full enough to shed a glistening radiance on the snow, the hill is smooth and sleds plenty. Then, too, good fellowship may be cultivated at class suppers, and various gatherings incident to the season. Altogether, though the winter term is called dull, we may extract from it no insignificant measure of enjoyment.

NOW that the Physical Department has been so generously provided for by the Trustees in their appropriation, and as the authorities have in contemplation the establishment of new courses at no distant day, we should like to make a suggestion and call attention to a few facts that have been quite widely discussed among the students. The instruction given in physics is, in quality, the same to the students in all courses. The engineers and technical students generally, are required to take a certain amount of work in Physics, as are also the students registered in some of the liberal courses. Now, the instruction is very largely technical and is exactly what should be given to students studying for professions in which applied science is necessary; in their case the arrangement is a very good and reasonable one. But in the case of those pursuing the liberal courses it is a question of doubtful expediency that they be required to go into the subject so deeply. It seems a needless waste of time for those in the general courses, to learn technical formulæ and work problems, while there are so many other subjects they could take that would subserve the purpose for which general courses are supposed to have been planned, general culture. So there seems to be a real feeling that there should be another course in Physics established, which should deal with the subject after a more general fashion, in which more attention would be paid to principles, and less to details and problems. In short, many who would take a course such as the one proposed, will not take any lectures in this department now, for they feel that the time could be better employed in other studies more suited to their objects. We commend this suggestion to the attention of the authorities, and hope that now, since they have the means at hand by which another and more popular course in natural philosophy could be inaugurated,

that they will establish it as soon as the department is transferred to its new quarters. We are sure that it would meet with much greater approval than an entirely new course in metallurgy or any other branch of applied science.

WITH the beginning of the winter term, commences the most monotonous period of university life at Cornell. Very often do we hear the petulant inquiry, "Why was the University located at Ithaca?" and we confess that the question is an extremely difficult one to answer. Very probably the gently-sloping infantile mountain, which we are compelled to ascend five or six times a week, was one of the natural charms which induced the founders of this institution to settle in this delightful region. Then there are gorges scattered about in the most prodigal manner, with which the student of nature may regale his eye and animate his fancy. But many of us there are who have no longing toward the beautiful in nature, and for that class, a pair of wet feet and a cold, whistling wind would destroy the most beautiful natural scenery in the world. The question then very naturally presents itself, what are the means of enjoyment and recreation within the reach of us all during the long winter months. Of course, the first object of every student, who comes here to fulfill the design for which colleges were created, is the successful prosecution of his studies, and no time in the year is half as well fitted to accomplish this purpose as the winter time. There are no out-door attractions to draw the attention from study. The base ball does not then seek to touch the clouds, nor does the foot ball gambol over the campus with its peculiarly graceful movements. All nature lies still in the embrace of winter. The out-of-door man is compelled to look elsewhere. The consolations which he finds for the denial of his favorite pastimes are somewhat meagre. There is, to be sure, the Ithaca Theatre, and its boards are occasionally graced by the presence of some great theatrical or musical star. But the appointments of this popular place of entertainment are not exactly what one would call first-class. It is not, of course, absolutely necessary that there should be a balcony in the balcony scene of *Romeo and Juliet*, but custom has so regulated it, and it is rather disappointing to see something in its place, which looks like a board fence. We rather expect, of course, to see a palace furnished in some

kind of palatial splendor; but when we see it ornamented in that peculiar style of art which usually distinguishes a back-kitchen, we are apt to experience a very slight feeling of repugnance. But these are no great hindrances, and after considerable persistence has succeeded in overcoming them, no doubt we can derive some very genuine pleasure from attending a representation at the Ithaca Opera House. Then, there is coasting, which at present is very popular. This charming sport divides the chances of being killed or of not being killed in so delightfully even a manner, that it cannot fail to be a source of great pleasure to very many. We might go on and enumerate many more of the winter attractions of this inviting spot; but we have said quite enough on this subject to convince the most skeptical that he who cannot enjoy a winter in Ithaca, must be very hard indeed to please.

A CHRISTMAS FEAST.

While the others were away and at home to enjoy the vacation, seven students who remained behind and left not the scene of the recent "revival of learning," got together one evening to talk up various schemes, and cast about for something with which to meet the exigencies of the case, that they, too, might not let the festive day slip away without due enjoyment and celebration, somewhat like, if not rivaling, that of the absent brothers.

Finally, this "merrie companie" decided that they would have a feast, as they believed that all would heartily join, and make a "harmonious (w)hole" (into a table of rations.) Thereupon these same students organized and, moreover, that their doings might be handed down to present generations and posterity, they, after due deliberation, styled themselves "The *Chaw-chaws*," as emblematical of the principal feature of the occasion.

The question settled, it then resulted that these students set to work and concluded the preliminary arrangements. It was determined to hold the banquet in the parlors of the McAllister residence, and with the willing coöperation of the ladies of the house, matters progressed until the appointed day. Beho'd these seven students met at 3 o'clock p. m., famished, and ready to demonstrate the fittingness of their chosen title.

Merrily passed (down) the excellent feast, a feast which met the entire approval of the "Chaw-chaws," and when this was a thing of the *past*, then the remainder of the programme followed. The party dispersed late in the afternoon, after a most enjoyable time, and wondered if the absent brothers (and sisters) were having as pleasant a time.

Thinking that perhaps these brothers (and sisters) would be interested in seeing the programme of the "Chaw-chaw" feast, we give it as follows:

YE FEAST OF YE CHAW-CHAWS—CHRISTMAS, 1880.

I.

1. Ye Eating, by - - - - Ye "Chaw-chaws"
2. Ye President's Address, - - - J. L. Barnes, '81
3. Ye History of ye "Chaw-chaws," - - -
C. F. Chisholm, '84
4. Ye Prophecy Concerning ye "Chaw-chaws,"
G. C. Raynor, '83

II.—TOASTS.

1. Ye "Chaw-chaws," - - - - E. M. Cole, '84
2. Ye Fairy Fingers that Prepared ye "Chaw-chaw" Feast, - - - - E. Schwerdtfeger, '84
3. Ye Day—Xmas, - - - - F. B. Cole, '84
4. "Cornell," - - - - W. F. Gardiner, '82

III.

- (a.)—Impromptus. (b.)—Music. (c.)—General Fun. (d.)—Triste vale.

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FOR 1880—81.

This work has been in preparation for some time past. It is in no sense of the word a reprint, even in part of the pamphlet that has done duty under the title of "Register" for so many years past. Early in the fall, the professors in charge of the various departments began to put in readable and condensed form all the information regarding their respective courses, that any candidate for admission to the University could desire. At various times meetings have been held to discuss the topics which called for particular treatment; proofs were submitted, and corrections almost without number made, until there were seemingly no more errors to correct. An extremely logical and ingenious arrangement was devised, in which matters of paramount importance were set forth in large, leaded type, and particulars in smaller. The courses, as down in the advance sheets before us, when compared with those in the old *Register* show evidences of alterations, not so much in the subjects they include, as in the perspicuity of their enumeration, and the rigid exclusion of unimportant detail that would be likely to confuse prospective Freshmen and their parents upon the first perusal. The lists of professors, special faculties, students and alumni, are free from any grave discrepancies. It would be a great pleasure to say that there are no errors noticeable. But we cannot reconcile the statement on page 89, in small type,

"No person is allowed to receive more than one degree at the same commencement,"

with the fact that on page 120, R. A. Parke has added to his name as a graduate in '79, B. M. E., and "C. E., '79." We presume, however, the errors

are very few. The specimen papers of entrance examinations are new, and are very good specimens of what has been required for entrance during the past two years. The feature that is last but not least is a new and very complete index, which at least doubles the value of the book. The mechanical work is a marvel of excellence and plainness. The paper, though thinner than that heretofore used in the *Register* has a good finish and is of superior quality. The whole work contains 124 pages,

Altogether, we think that the Faculty have at last succeeded in giving us the kind of *Register* that was wanted, and deserve not only the hearty thanks of all readers of the work, but the approval of their own consciences.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

To the Editors of the Era :

NEW YORK, Jan. 4, 1881.

Will you kindly grant me a little space in which to call the attention of New York City Cornellians to the sad condition of inanition into which the so-called "Cornell Association" of the metropolis has fallen?

It is now upwards of two years since the former members of the University resident in New York, entertained President White at a reception given him upon his return from Europe. All who were present remember the occasion as being a most sociable one. It was at that time resolved to hold annual banquets and a permanent organization was effected by the election of officers for the ensuing year. These officers have been singularly modest in performing their duties—for since the time of their election there has not been held even a business meeting of the Association.

Apart from the pleasure derived from alumni banquets they serve an additional purpose of doing something toward increasing the general interest felt in the institutions of which they are representatives. This seems to have been recognized by Cornellians in various sections of the country as I have perceived

We beg all interested to draw near with reverence and behold the pious zeal of our "right honorable" *Scholastic*, as he grinds out the "Roll of Honor." All the affectionate parents of the children that attend the Notre Dame University (?) take the *Scholastic*, and, of course, the "R. of H." No wonder the editor smiles angelically.

We want the savage of the *Niagara Index* to observe, with an eye glass, that his corner is no "cheap wood cut," but a real engraving on metal. Steel wasn't good enough, so we have used iridium, the lines being cut with a diamond point. We usually sharpen the diamond on the hard words of the *Index's* exchange editor.

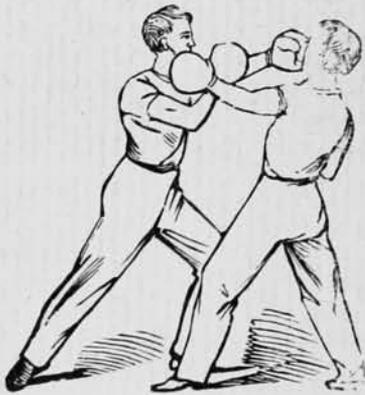
Spectator—shake! We promise never to do so again. It was entirely accidental.

As soon as the *Acta* has washed his hands, we hope to shake them, over in England on the Henley.

If the *ERA* happens to wake up again, we may give the *Oberlin Review* some more "facts," if they are called for.

The 3-cent *Sun* sees some more "Princeton Pickings," but finds that a safer method of casting innuendoes on the *ERA* is by means of a correspondence column.

The police court of New Haven will soon publish an interesting article, the subject of which is "The Mistress of the Seize." We very earnestly beg of the *Yale Record* to write up a few critical comments; we shall consider it a personal favor.



An active brain must be sustained by a healthy, muscular body. Why do not the Trustees appropriate \$10,000 for the Gym.?

CORNELLIANA.

—Major Burbank's Notes on Military Science are very complete, and are appreciated as a great aid by the Seniors.

—Now don't get anxious, Columbia; for although we may be slow about some things, we are *sure* to win in the end.

—We will announce the appointment of another addition to our editorial staff next week.

—This is the first sleighing which Providence or the C. U. Signal Station has accorded to Ithaca since the 15th of December.

—The new boat-house of Oxford University, England, was burnt last Sunday. None of the many valuable boats were saved.

—The Mechanical Engineers have nearly completed two small upright steam engines. They will be models of workmanship.

—In the February list of Scribners' Sons' new books, appears one entitled, "Ilka on the Hill-top, and other Stories," by Prof. H. H. Boyesen.

—Student sleighing parties are few—too few. It will be some time before such fine sleighing and moonlight nights again come in conjunction.

—Founder's Day was celebrated by many in assiduously investigating the theory of striking bodies as exemplified in spheroids. This is the first time this has ever been said.

—The girls now have the delightful audacity to wear men's hats. Yet co-education has failed to teach these dear creatures to take them off in recitation rooms, or to gracefully tip them in passing their many admiring acquaintances.

—Cornell's Library ranks fourth in college libraries. Harvard leads with 200,000; Yale, 100,000; Dartmouth, 50,000; Cornell, 40,000. With the appropriation we shall considerably increase our figure.

—Prof. Hale is instituting an admirable feature in the Latin department, in requiring sight translations. It will be *the* feature this term for the Sophomores. They are beginning with Cicero's orations. Horace's satires and epistles will follow.

The Glee Club held a business meeting in the Alpha Delta Phi house last Tuesday afternoon. Committees were appointed to see what arrangements can be made regarding the use of the Cascadilla Parlors for rehearsals, and the engaging of Prof. Thomas to pick out and drill the voices.

—The member of the Navy Subscription Committee from '83, not wishing to ask for the subscriptions, very meekly offers the information to his subscribers, that "the Navy receipts are very handsome." He does not mean to insinuate anything, nor does he wish to hurt their feelings, but he does not refuse the money when offered.

—A student can make his own barometer by dipping a piece of paper in chloride of cobalt. When the weather is to be pleasant and dry the paper becomes blue; when wet weather is to follow the paper becomes pink. The Signal Service must now beware. Its predictions will be carefully watched, and if incorrect, the paper barometer will jerk its laurels.

—Those that coast can avoid danger by coasting only on the days set apart for the sport, when there are regular watchmen stationed at the foot of the hill to warn off teams. When one reflects on the frequency with which vehicles cross Buffalo street on Aurora street, it will be seen that every descent of the hill on other than the regular days is attended with no little risk. Those that next collide with horses will not escape with a few bruises.

—The ERA will be illustrated every other week, if we receive FIFTY new cash subscribers of \$1.25 for the rest of the year. This income will cover the additional outlay on engravings, and we will assume the remaining expenses. The COGNAC and LAMPOON are dead. The SPECTATOR and one or two of our western exchanges are illustrated. We leave this question of an illustrated paper at Cornell for your decision.

—Prof. Corson's course in Literature this term will be: Three lectures on Milton, two lectures on Dryden, (showing the change in the literary taste of the people, as seen by the adaptations of Shakespeare's plays, made by Dryden, Davenant, and others), a general lecture on literature down to the time of Wordsworth. Then Coleridge will be taken up, followed by Shelly, Keats, Southey, Hood, Tennyson, Robert Browning and Mrs. Browning, besides minor poets. The course this term promises to be one of great interest and profit, and the number registered is large.

—On Saturday last, Smith, '83, and Smith, '84, treated their friends and others, who had assembled to witness the game, to a very close and exciting game of billiards. In the start, Smith, '83, gained the lead, but Smith, '84, by cool and careful playing, caught up, and then the game was very close until the end. When the friends of '83 were confident that their man had won, he missed a very easy shot, and '84 won by *one point*. This settles the question of who is champion, as Smith, '84, has won two games of 300 points each.

—What next? The manager of the B. B. nine informs us that he received a bill of \$11.35 from White & Burdick for the balls and bats used by the nine last spring. This makes a debt of about \$65 hanging over the B. B. A., and nothing can be done until this is removed. Mr. Manager, allow us to suggest that subscriptions be taken at once in the different classes to pay this debt. Surely, there is no student who cannot afford *twenty-five cents* for the ball nine, and many will give much more.

—Doctor Wilson is held in high esteem in other countries than his own, as will be seen from the following note he received a few days since:

“PAVIA, Italy, 12, 26, '80.

To Honorable Professor W. D. Wilson:

DEAR SIR—By writing an additional chapter in a forthcoming *American Edition* of my *Guide to the*

Study of Political Economy, (London: McMillan: 1880), I will not forget your valuable contributions to the economic sciences.

I hope also that you will be so kind as to send me (free of postage) a copy of your *treatises, tracts, articles* and other *historical or theoretical* works concerning Political Economy.

With compliments and anticipated thankfulness,

Yours Faithfully,

PROFESSOR LUIGI COSSA,
University of Pavia, Italy.”



WM. GARDNER, '80, "the owl," is again among us.

MISS PATTEN, '79, spent the holidays in New York City.

FRANK MCGRAW, '83, spent his holidays in New York city.

S. WILLI BROWN, '73, is practising law in St. Louis, Mo.

FRANK W. PROCTOR, '73, is a successful lawyer in Andover, N. H.

BRADER, well known during '81's early days, spent his vacation here.

ED. BARTO, formerly '80, is now studying medicine in New York.

KELSO, '81, is detained by sickness. He will be here in a few days.

HISCOCK, '82, and Cole, '82, returned to the University Wednesday.

THEODORE L. MEAD, '77, is a stock-broker at 115 Broadway, New York city.

J. T. LEARY, '80, is employed with a pork packing house at Erie, Pa.

SHEPARD, formerly '81, is one of the editors of the *University*, at Ann Arbor, Mich.

J. S. WALKER, once a member of '74, is a successful banker in Irving, Kansas.

COUNTRYMAN, '83, is reading law in the office of Parker & Countryman, at Albany.

LEARY, '80, is engaged in the office of a large pork packing establishment in Erie, Pa.

J. A. DOBROLUBOFF, '76, is a successful civil engineer in Nijney Novgorod, Russia.

GOODWIN BROWN, '75, is a member of the law firm of Green & Brown, Buffalo, N. Y.

EDWIN BARBER, formerly '82, is connected with the Standard Oil Company at Cleveland, O.

GOV. CORNELL was unanimously re-elected President of the Cornell Library Association.

GWYNNE, '83, has gone home to prepare himself for a year's residence in Germany with Wilhelmj.

MISS S. S. PHELPS, '80, will be the guest of Prof. Comstock, in Washington, D. C., in a few weeks.

MARRIED—In Troy, December 27, 1880, Calvin E. Carpenter, formerly '82, to Miss Mary Sherman.

LOUNSBURY, formerly '82, is the orator of the graduating class of the law school of the Michigan University.

GEO. P. JOHNSON, once a member of '73, is in Boston, Mass., in the freight office of the Fitchburg railroad.

SLAUSON, formerly '80, is the city editor of the *Rocky Mountain News*, the best daily in Denver, Colorado.

PROF. A. A. BRENNEMAN acted with a Committee on Hygiene which investigated the sanitary condition of Ithaca.

ROBERT T. MORRIS, formerly '80, has just recovered from a severe illness and has resumed his studies in New York City.

FRED L. LOVELACE, '80, is giving great satisfaction as a teacher of the classics in Waterloo Academy, Waterloo, N. Y.

WILLIS M. STURGES, '74, is now the treasurer of the Mansfield Machine Works, an extensive company in Mansfield, Ohio.

SCRIBNER'S Catalogue contains the new editions of "Gunnar" and "Tales of Two Hemispheres," by Prof. H. H. Boyesen.

DR. WILDER and Prof. Gage have been preparing a Laboratory Manual for the past two years. It will be published next Fall.

The engagement of N. A. RANDOLPH, formerly '79, of Chadd's Ford, Pa., to MISS FLORENCE KELLEY, '80, of Germantown, is announced.

RANSOM PRATT, '82, wishes the ERA a Happy New Year, and states that the rumor concerning his return to Cornell this term lacks confirmation.

E. W. CURTISS, formerly '80, has taken a farm near Dixon, Ill., where he was recently joined by Mrs. Curtiss and his old Cornell chum, G. F. Otis, '80.

EDWARD C. HOWLAND, '79, a former ERA editor, will report the legislative proceedings of the Massachusetts legislature for the *Springfield Republican* this session.

FREEMAN, formerly '81, is with a U. S. Surveying

Party in the southern part of Colorado, which is engaged in laying out a future reservation for the Ute Indians.

J. WILLIS MCGRAW spent a few of his holidays here with his friends and relatives. He is located near Bay City, Mich., and reports his success in the lumber business.

KENNEDY, '79, an ex-editor of the *Review* has taken up his headquarters at Colorado Springs, where he is engaged in topographical work for the Denver & Rio Grande R. R.

GEO. B. UPHAM, '74, who married Miss Cornelia Preston of the same class, has a lucrative law practice at Boston, Mass. His office is in the Equitable Building, 150 Devonshire street.

FRANK C. TOMLINSON, '74, is now Secretary of the Lawrence Iron Works Co., in Ironton, Ohio. Judging by the capital paid in—\$225,000, the company must be an extensive concern.

At the fifth semi-annual session of the Teachers' Association of the Second District of Tompkins County, Prof. S. G. Williams read a paper on the "Purpose and Methods of Recitations."

JOHN L. KENDIG, formerly '80, has succeeded to an old and well established fire insurance agency, in Waterloo, N. Y. He is also studying law and expects to be admitted to practice in a year.

JAMES DUNCAN UPHAM, '74, is connected with the Sullivan Machine Co., at Claremont, N. H., of which his father is President. They largely manufacture Diamond Drills and Waterwheels.

WEBB HAYES, formerly of the class of '75, Cornell, has refitted the parental residence at Fremont, O., and on leaving the White House the President and his family will take residence there.—*Journal*.

J. H. HURD, '72, acted as chairman of the Republican State Assembly caucus, last week Monday. He has received the appointment of chairman of the Committee on Canals from the speaker of the State Assembly.

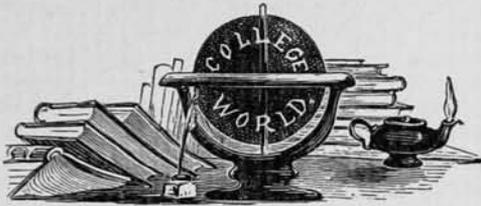
MISS F. E. SHELDON, formerly '80, is at Somerville Hall, Oxford, England, where she is pursuing a course of philological study under the ablest instructors. She is taking lessons in Sanskrit of a native Pandit from India.

THE OFFICIAL announcement has just been made of the engagement of Prof. Walter C. Kerr to Miss Lucy Lyon, one of the most estimable young ladies of Ithaca society. The contracting parties have the heartiest good wishes of a host of friends, and the ERA hereby tenders them its most sincere congratulations.

J. C. MACMULLEN, '76, formerly reporter for the Oil City, Pa., *Derrick*, and for some time oil editor on the *Bradford Era*, has been doing good work of late. He prepared and published on Christmas

morning a complete list of all the wells, both producing and abandoned, in the entire upper oil region, numbering nearly 9,000, giving location and data of each. This work attracted wide attention and favorable comment by the press of western Pennsylvania.

W. C. BROWN, '81, met with a sad accident on New Year's evening, which prevented his returning to the University on registration day. While endeavoring to turn over a new leaf, as every worthy young man should at the beginning of the year, in some mysterious way the lower end of his nose came in contact with a young lady's head, and as a consequence, suddenly assumed a semicircular shape. What followed we leave our readers to surmise; but the effect was such that he was unable to return on time.



BROWN :—

December 20th, Prof. Lincoln discussed, in a lecture, the 'Theories of Lucretius.'

During vacation the basement of Memorial Hall was fitted up for the base ball team to practice in.

Just before vacation the President suggested to the Juniors that they abolish the customary burial services.

Dr. W. H. Hawkes, a graduate of Brown, has been offered the position of private tutor to President-elect Garfield's sons.

HARVARD :—

Notman is Senior photographer.

It is probable that the Yale Freshmen will challenge our Freshmen to an eight-oared race.—*Echo*.

The Annex authorities have taken away the privileges of the College Library from the members of the Annex.—*Echo*.

The Greek department has secured a number of excellent casts, of more than life size, of celebrated specimens of Grecian art.

Archibald Forbes visited Harvard Christmas day. He said that the Memorial Hall fare was much better than that at the Commons, in Cambridge, Eng.

The Harvard Union discussed, January 6th, the question, "Resolved, That the British government should re-establish its authority in Ireland before undertaking to legislate on the land question."

A recent fire in the Law School, which was not very disastrous, has turned the attention of the au-

thorities to the danger of having the Library in a building not fire-proof.

YALE :—

Exercises were resumed yesterday.

The Glee Club gave a concert at Amherst during vacation.

The Yale College crew have contracted with a Chester firm to build a steam yacht, the dimensions of which will be 45 feet in length, 6 feet 4 inches wide, and 4 feet hold. The builder guarantees the boat to make 20 miles an hour.—*Harvard Echo*.

EXCHANGES.

We return the *Index's* New Year's greeting with thanks, and a few more 'cheap wood-cuts' for the editors of that God-forsaken sheet to feast their eyes on. God-forsaken, we say, for who can doubt it, since the *Oberlin Review* has issued its proclamation that the *Index* should be spurned from the door, and relegated to —, well, some place warmer than this. Our proclivities are anti-Oberlin at present, (though we do think it has one redeeming feature, as the *Index* has noticed, and in consequence dubbed it 'Osculating Oberlin'), so we will assure the *Index* man that if he ever stands in need of an uncle, of the regulation, old-fashioned sort, he will find one in this region. But this uncle will dispense correction and praise as they are merited, for which the *Index* will be, in the future, as thankful as it has been in the past, no doubt. Meanwhile, 'New England Puritanism,' as set forth and defended by the *Review*, will flourish as a green bay tree, undoubtedly. And the latch-string of the *Yale News* will ever be out, we presume.

Our contemporary, the *Sun*, has been filling some of its many columns with nonsensical questions, and quite as nonsensical answers thereto, for the past week. We are sure we wish it the best of success in its undertaking, and hope that it will thereby regain the reputation that, having made by its first few issues, it did not fulfil. Here is an instance, of many, of the way with which our exchanges are beginning to play upon it. The *Acta* unburdens its mind :

"If the *Cornell Sun* would take an eclipse, or even a salt-water bath, it might improve its temper and refresh its logic. The *Sun* is very fresh."

Apropos of one of the questions that the *Sun* asked concerning the management of the *ERA*, this is one we received the other day :

* * * "Does an editor of the *Sun* write the letters it prints, especially those that contain puffs of its? If?"

Yours, &c.,

For obvious reasons, we withhold the writer's name. Perhaps the *Sun* will come to our assistance—it's too knotty for us to answer.

The *Notre Dame Scholastic* comes to the front

again; this time with chunks of solid wisdom, of which this is a sample:

"In conclusion, young gentlemen of the country, instead of exposing your precious souls to the many temptations and dangers that will beset your paths and stare you in the face at every street-corner, I would honestly advise you to send the following dispatch to all your city cousins. Oh you foolish votaries at the shrine of city life and fashion, who are vegetating in an unhealthy atmosphere, with a greenish-pale complexion, like so many rare exotics in a dark cellar, come out in the open air and warm sunshine of the country, and add lustre to your eyes, bloom to your cheeks, elasticity to your steps, and vigor to your frame. Oh you screwed-up, puny, lean, lank, theatre-going, consumption-mortgaged sons of fashion and idleness, come out in the country

"And view Dame Nature's sunny smiles
O'er landscapes vast and grand,
Her treasures lavish pouring forth
With an unsparing hand.
Her cheeks aglow with early dawn
Of rosy morn so fair,
Will cheer your hearts and banish thence
All sorrow, grief and care."

Yes, and 'chaw terbacker,' eat salt pork, polish ham-bones with your mouths, etc., etc. Oh! a lordly life. We have been trying to find out for a long time what made the Notre Dame people so saint-like. It must be the fact they were reared in the country. But then, education is hard to get in country, and that's the reason, probably, the above extract is wretchedly punctuated.

However, the latest number of the *Scholastic* is the best one that has reached us since we succeeded to the editorial pistol and quill. In answer to the inquiry, "What is the matter with the Cornell ERA?" we have only to state that we have been enjoying our three weeks' vacation, and the temporary riddance from exchanges that have, meanwhile, accumulated. We think that we'll let that obit. wait at present. If the new Board of the *Scholastic*, to begin its labors in February, does not keep the paper up to its present standard of excellence, an enviable one on the whole, we may perhaps get one ready for the mortuary celebration that ought to ensue. The esteem in which we hold our contemporary seems to be reciprocated, for it says: "We like the Cornell ERA, although we have sometimes yielded to the temptation of poking fun at its exchange editor—he of the foreign 'roots.'" So great, in fact, is our esteem for the *Scholastic*, that we have been at a large expense in procuring an authentic portrait of its head-editor, which is given in our gallery of exchange likenesses of this week.

The following, going the rounds of the college press, will undoubtedly account for the new name the *Index* has given to Oberlin:

"A Junior was heard to warble softly, after one of the 'starry heavens' visits:

'Gin a body meet a body—
Coming through the Hall;
'Gin a body kiss a body—
Need a body bawl?'"

—Oberlin Review.

BOOK NOTICES.

IN HEALTH; by Dr. A. J. Ingersoll; 12mo. pp. 190. Corning, N. Y., published and sold by the Author.

In this book, the author, who is proprietor of the well-known 'Corning Cure' has given the results of his own experience of several years observation and practice, touching a class of maladies that are becoming more and more prevalent every year. It abounds in maxims for the preservation of bodily and mental health, which are, to say the least, original. They do not appeal to our reason, or perhaps we had better call it, instinct, as being exceedingly good; but we shall be very careful not to reflect on any of them, backed as they are, by the Doctor's printed assurance that he has tested them and found them good; now-a-days, anything that will heal the ills that flesh is heir to, is worthy of the highest commendation. We fail to detect any particular arrangement of topics in the matter of the book; but we are not entitled to judge on this point, for the author tells us in the preface that he was 'prevented by the consciousness of inability as a writer' to set forth his peculiar views, until the wish 'that others might be benefitted by the truth,' induced him to take up his pen.



—When you send in local news,
Boil it down, boil it down!
For the "Eds." might get the "blues,"
Boil it down, boil it down!
And begin to cuss and swear,
Then in anger tear their hair,
And at you in frenzy stare,
Boil it down, boil it down!

—Notre Dame Scholastic.

—Who killed John Kelly?
"I," said young Cooper,
"I just did whoop'er
Up for John Kelly."
Who'll toll the bell?
"I," said old Sammy;
"Though feeble, why, damme,
I'll toll the bell."
Who'll say the prayer?
"I," said McCloskey;
"With grief I'm quite husky,
But I'll say the prayer."—Varsity.

—A wearer of the crimson,
Of dashing eighty-four,
Goes heavy for a sign to
Hang up above his door.
Swift comes his retribution,
For he is marched to court ;
At once pays down ten dollars
For fifteen minutes' sport. —*Yale Record.*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

—If you want good fitting and fashionable clothes cut or made call on E. English, Tailor and Cutter Wilgus Block.

—Go to Miss Ackley's for the finest stationery. Subscriptions for the ERA are received.

—A visit to the dentist is not always agreeable, but on this account should not be delayed. At Melotte's office as little pain is inflicted as is consistent with the performing of perfect operations.

—J. R. Cairns, Sheriff of Lenawee Co., Mich., says : —I have worn an " Only Lung Pad " for Bronchial difficulties and have not been troubled with a cough nights since wearing it.—See Adv.

—Finch & Apgar are the agents in Ithaca for the sale of the publications of the American Book Exchange which they furnish at the publisher's prices adding only the postage. Call at their store and see the cheapest books ever before published.

—Students can buy Note Books, Scratch Tablets, Stationery, Pencils, Pens, Ink Stands, Drawing and Detail Paper, Waste Paper Baskets, Book Shelves, Pictures Frames, &c., &c., very cheap at Bool's Fine Art and Variety Store, (New Front,) 40 East State Street, Ithaca, N. Y. Look at the Local Sun Dial.

—IMPORTANT TO CONSUMPTIVES. — Rev. Dr. Cass, while a medical missionary to the East Indies, had placed in his hands the formula for a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections ; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Complaints, Debility etc. After having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, he feels it a duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. The Recipe will be sent FREE OF CHARGE to all who desire it, with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Address with stamp, (naming this paper,) DR. M. E. CASS 257 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Congregational Church, corner Seneca and Geneva Streets. Pastor, C. M. Tyler. Services, Preaching at 10-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7-00 p. m., Sunday School, after the Sunday morning service.

Presbyterian Church, Dewitt Park, north-west corner. M. W. Stryker, Pastor. Public worship at 10-30 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Church School at 12-10, Young Men's Meeting in Chapel at 6-15 p. m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-00 p. m.

Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Pastor, Henry C. Badger. Services 11-00 a. m., 7-00 p. m., Sunday School and Young People's Classes, 12-00 m., Inquiry Class, 8-00 to 9-00 p. m., during the winter. Mr. Badger at home Tuesday evenings, 148 Cascadilla.

Mr. Badger will continue, through December, his Lectures upon the Transcendentalists of New England. He will speak next Sunday evening of Theodore Parker and Starr King.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Buffalo and Cayuga Streets. Rector, Amos B. Beach, D. D. Services at 11-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Sunday School at 9-30 a. m. Students cordially received.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel, (East door,) Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services, every Sunday, at 11 a. m., and 4 p. m.

Baptist, The Park Church, DeWitt Park, East Side. Pastor, Robert T. Jones. Services, Preaching at 11-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Conference Meetings, Sunday, 6-00 p. m., Wednesday, 7-30 p. m., Church School, Sunday, 12-30 p. m.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill Streets. Pastor, A. W. Green. Services, Preaching at 11-00 a. m. and 7-00 p. m., Sunday School at 12-30 p. m., Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7-30 p. m., Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7-30 p. m.

State Street M. E. Church, corner of State and Albany Streets. Pastor, M. Hamblin. Services, Preaching at 11-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Sabbath School at 12-30 p. m., Sunday Class Meetings at 12-30 p. m., and 6-00 p. m., Band Meeting, Monday at 7-30 p. m., Regular Prayer Meetings, Tuesday at 7-30 p. m., Teachers' Meeting, Friday at 7-30 p. m.

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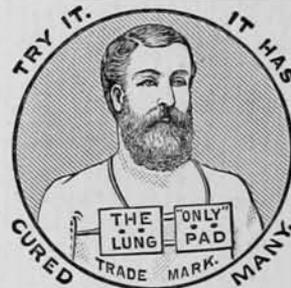
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SPECIAL NOTICE.—*Subscriptions are due in advance. Subscribers, who have neglected to favor us, will please pay subscriptions to Miss Ackley, or the Business Manager.*

THE Board of Editors take great pleasure in announcing that they have at last filled satisfactorily the vacancy in the representation of the Senior Class on the editorial staff. Mr. W. S. Ostrander, the appointee whose labors begin with the present number, brings experience and taste to his editorial work, and will doubtless prove a valuable addition for both readers and Board.

IT is now in order for the Juniors to discuss the question of an Exhibition or Ball. Last term a committee was appointed to ascertain the probable expense of a Ball. We understand the committee is ready to report. A meeting of the class should

be called and the matter settled. Much uncertainty exists as to whether there will be a class supper or not. This is such a regular affair as to hardly call for a vote of the class, but under the peculiar circumstances, if the Juniors wish a supper, a meeting must be called and banquet officers elected or appointed.

THERE came near being a fatal accident on Seneca street hill last week. Those who coast and are of a timid or discreet turn of mind will take this as a warning, not to tempt disaster by coasting. Others who need more than ordinary danger in their sports, to render them sufficiently satisfactory in the matter of excitement, will not probably think much about the accident, further than to surmise what the unfortunate coaster ought to have done under the circumstances. For him none express anything but the heartiest regret that his injuries are of so painful and serious nature.

A FEW days ago the *Sun* announced that the names of the editors would be omitted to give room for more interesting matter. Tuesday it gave a long, double-leaded lecture to some one for leaving out of the Register the notice of supplementary entrance examinations in Boston and the West, winding up with the following under double spacing: "Since writing the above we have discovered that the announcement of supplementary examinations in the calendar." Better put in the names again, sonny. It reads too much like the editor who lacked space for one corner of his paper, and so sat down and wrote a thrilling account of a fire, carefully inserting at the end a telegram headed "later," denying the statement.

THE time is at hand when the Sprague and Tom Hughes Boat Clubs should elect the Navy Directors for the ensuing year. In view of the responsibilities that the Board will have, it is probably not out of place to ask that good selections be made. Let not mere popularity influence the choice, but consider each candidate's special qualifications for

the business that will come before him. Men of good judgment and executive ability are needed sorely, both for the satisfactory conduct of the work, and also for the purpose of increasing the confidence of the subscribers to the Navy fund that their offerings will be disbursed so that every dollar shall purchase its value.

THE Glee Club has made a move toward re-organization. It is greatly to be desired that they will follow it up with vigorous practice in order that they may give some concerts before the end of the term. It perhaps would have been better if the members remaining from last year's club had organized and begun practice last term; but not much time need be lost now, if an honest effort is made by all the singers to help the work forward. There is said to be a small debt, the result of a balance on the wrong side of last year's account. But even that need not deter the practice, or prevent some public rehearsals at an early date. Audiences can be found, and with careful management the debt will melt away. There is nothing like making an honest effort to attain excellence in singing; and we are assured that if such an effort is made, it will result after a while in making our Glee Club as well and favorably known as those of one or two large eastern colleges.

IT has been suggested by a contemporary that in place of the usual class supper the Seniors have an address from some man of note. The plan would be a good one if it were not advocated in connection with the Senior class exclusively. It would do for the University or any other class to listen to an address additional to those we have. One more or less would not make much difference among the many we listen to in the course of a year. But of all times the Senior year and commencement season is the worst for such an innovation upon the established customs. It is then that eloquent members of the graduating class dispense volumes of good moral and ethical doctrines and general information in concentrated doses. Then, too, the Class Orator and Class President, and various others of the officers of the class feel bound to add their bit of advice or information on Class Day. And to crown all there is a Baccalaureate Sermon, which all would listen to with pleasure if we knew it were not the beginning

of the end, and a melancholy end, too, of the Senior Class of Cornell University. For who can expect tired nature to endure an addition to the already too numerous occasions when somebody "addresses" the Senior Class. Good taste would dictate at least, that we make the most of the last social gatherings we shall have as a class. In the spring term Seniors get particularly tired of anything that savors of work, and like to saunter around, build castles in the air, and at Cornell of all institutions, enjoy the vernal luxuriance of Mother Nature's riches, ere they leave this almost enchanted spot forever. That is not the time to be cooped up and bored by a rother "address." Why, a much better thing would be a pic-nic down the lake on the palatial Frontenac, though there are many plans better even than that. We hope sincerely the *Review* will not urge the matter further, but with its usual good sense devote itself to encouraging the Seniors to make the most of the present customs of commencement time. If our neighbor wants to be original, let it propose anything but another "address." We invite communications on this topic from those interested.

THE members of the University, outside of the Junior class, are probably totally unconscious of the immense amount of amusement and instruction which they allow themselves to lose every week. Unconscious they must be, because, assuredly, when once they are brought to a just appreciation of the vast amount of intellectual culture which they are failing to secure, they will at once hasten to take advantage of it. It is probably unnecessary, but to avoid ambiguity, we will do so, to state that we refer to the weekly sessions of the Junior sections in Essays and Orations. To say that the writings of this most talented class are extremely interesting and instructive, would be to use expressions entirely inadequate. To a stranger entering the room for the first time, the sensation must be very novel and pleasing. He finds himself surrounded by countenances of a high intellectual cast, and if he happen to be skilled in reading character, he can easily pick out from the small but select throng, men whose names in future years will echo round the world. He can see the enthusiasm for learning in every glance, and the hot chase for knowledge outlined in every movement. And what a pleasure does he experience when he is

permitted to listen to the grand productions of the intellects about him. No bigotry and prejudice are found here. Liberality in conception and elegance in style are apparent in every sentence. No exacting and confining limits are placed upon the treatment of a theme. The most extensive grounds of argument and discussion are allowed, and the sophisms of ancient Greece are challenged with as much assurance as the latest prediction of the Canadian weather prophet. The welfare of the country, in a financial and political way, is one of the most important considerations of this interesting class. Grave questions of state are thoroughly discussed, and conclusions are arrived at which should put to shame the most wily reasonings of our craftiest men of state. Theology is occasionally attempted, but here, we regret to say, the class encounters its weakest point, and, after some discussion, usually withdraws, and betakes itself to some subject better fitted to its particular constitution. Strange to say, the class, in spite of these manifold attractions, has few visitors to render it the homage which so properly belongs to it. But this is undoubtedly to be ascribed to the great modesty which so especially distinguishes this class, and which is always associated with true greatness. Now that we have directed attention to this modest throng, we shall expect to see the room crowded by a select assembly, eager to pay to genius the adoration which is its just due.

TWO weeks from to-day the Woodford orations are to be handed to Professor Shackford. Meanwhile, the committee on the award of the prize will have been appointed, and after having decided on their methods of procedure, will consider such of the orations as are submitted for the competition. We do not wish to anticipate any line of action they may take. We are satisfied that their labors will be performed justly in accordance with whatever plans they adopt. But we wish to submit a suggestion to these gentlemen of the Faculty for what it shall be worth; not much, it is to be feared, if we are to judge the future in accordance with the past. Two years ago a preliminary oratorical competition was held, which met the general approval of those concerned, and also of the undergraduate body. It was remarked that the orations that year were eminently superior to those of last year, when a different method of selection for the final competition was pursued. This

difference in quality may have resulted from the natural excellence of one class compared to the other. But it cannot be denied that the preliminary competition tended directly to develop the oratorical powers of the competitors, and resulted in giving a greater finish to the productions delivered in Library Hall. Inasmuch as this is a contest between orators, the most obvious supposition would be, that the selections should always be made with reference to oratorical methods. Yet this has not been the case. The orations, except in the one year instanced, have first been considered with reference to such literary excellences, as would appear from a perusal of the text by the committee, or before them by the competitors. There can be no doubt that by this method the committee fails to take into account many of the points which would be revealed upon a delivery before an audience, where the incentive to oratorical action would be greater. The orator's power lies not wholly in what he speaks; a great factor for conveying conviction is his method of speaking. The latter is not to be despised, nor to be held as of secondary importance. Yet, as we have before hinted, the usual method of selecting the six Seniors who are to speak in Library Hall almost utterly ignores whatever of "personal magnetism" and character in delivery an aspirant may have. We hope the reasons are plain for the plan we propose: that of having a preliminary oratorical contest for the selection of the six, which shall be open to the public. The disadvantages of this plan are few and too insignificant to mention. We do not suppose the suggestion will have any perceptible effect. But we go on record in favor of a method of selection more popular and reasonable than the one usually pursued.

WHISPERS FROM FAIRYLAND.

"A little bird in the air
Is singing of Thyri the fair,
And the song of the garrulous bird
In the streets of the town is heard,
And repeated again and again."

O muse, bestow thy favor,
O goose-quill, trace the spell;
Sing soft the frisky struggles
Of the maidens of Cornell.

Now, on the storm-swept campus
Is seen a stately pile,
Whose heavy doors, with inside bolts,
Shut out a world of guile.

The Freshmaid cons her angles,
And the Junior wails her beau ;
The she-Soph. glues her bangles,
And the Senior lieth low.

The nights are pure and wholesome,
The bird of dawning bold,
No evil spirit stirs abroad
As in the days of old,

When a pebble on the window,
Or a key devised with care,
Let many a late returner
Slip softly up the stair.

Little they dream who see them
Sweep up the chapel's aisle,
Or taking notes as dry as dust,
Beneath the gray-beard's smile,

Or gleaning bits of wisdom
From many a musty page,
What gayety, aforetime,
Aroused the maids of Sage.

'Twas night on all the campus,
From Sibley to the Gym,
And Bill, the burly menial,
Had doused his 'lectric glim.

The winds were shrieking fiercely,
At window and at door,
When a maiden light, clad all in white,
Slipped down the corridor.

She sought the halls above her,
And roused the sleeping shes ;
She gathered them about her,
And spake them words like these :

"Who think the few should hold their own
'Gainst greater numbers, err,
So saith our great historian,
Who steers the Register.

So yield up your possessions,
With the honor of your floor,
To us, whose ranks outnumber you
Some three to one, or more.

Else, failing in this duty,
Look that your arms be bright ;
The conquerors will strip your halls
Before the morning light.

Then spake the slender leader
Of the heroines so few :
"Your warriors and philosopher
Together may 'go to.'

While we dwell in these chambers,
And circulate these halls,
Our pillows white shall guard our right—
The first invader falls."

The messenger returning,
On came the motley crew,
And pillows, cloaks and cushions
In wild excitement flew.

One graced with stately stature,
Led boldly up the line,
Upon her feet the massive boots
Of a slumbering, Divine,

Whose duties in the chapel
Had earned his right to snore ;
And on her head a hoodlet red
The frisky leader wore.

Close in her wake came squeaking
A bevy armed with shawls
And cottonbats, and old doormats,
Gleaned from the nether halls.

The few stood calm and silent,
And gazed upon their foes,
Then poured a broad-side into them
With balls of twisted hose.

Then, seizing firm their pillows,
Upon the hostile band
They rushed, as rush the billows
Upon the melting sand.

With weapons wild commingled,
It was a goodly sight,
As swayed the struggling forces,
Warm-waxing in the fight.

At length both sides stood breathless,
And rolled their quids of gum,
And wished that morn, or Blucher,
Or someone else, would come.

But standing there all silent,
A happy thought struck one,
And out she screamed, "Eureka !
A scheme that yanks the bun !

All hail our great protector,
The patron saint of Sage !
The god who smiles forever
Will in our cause engage."

Then flashing up her broad-soles
All in the gas-light pale,
She leaped upon the bannister
And vanished down the rail.

All burning with excitement,
Her eyes with brightness shone,
As catching madly at the knob
She rang the telephone.

Far o'er the storm-swept campus
The message swiftly sped,
And waked the snoozer in his couch,
The smiler in his bed.

Few were the golden moments
The forces waited all,
When they were 'ware of a gay Lothair
Come pricking through the hall.

Then heavier fell the feathers,
And fiercer flew the 'socks,'
As midst the shining tresses
Were seen the war-god's locks.

Now harder press the many,
And weaker grow the few,
And slow retreat, with sorry feet,
Take up the maidens true.

But they who live forever
To shield the just from wrong,
Can guard the race well from the swift,
The battle from the strong.

And as the weak ones wavered
Before the stronger house,
The gods who love the feeble
Sent forth a frightened mouse.

And May-bugs 'neath a doormat,
Imprisoned since the spring,
Flew out 'gainst the invading throng
On eager-buzzing wing.

Then turned the tide of conflict,
And back, with shrieks and shrugs,
Fast rushed the bold marauders,
Close pressed by mouse and bugs.

With turmoil loud down-scampering,
They met the faithful Dan,
Who seized the war-god by the neck,
And bounced the good old man.

The fugitives all fearful fled to a single room,
While down the lesser legions poured,
Sent up a roar, tied fast the door,
And jugged them in the gloom.

Then rooms were sacked and pillaged,
And spoils caught up in haste ;
Great chunks of gum and taffy,
And boxes of tooth-paste,

And ruffs, and puffs, and frizzes,
And garments wide and loose,
And hair-pins, veils and night-caps,
And bottles of quince-seed juice ;

And nectars from the roses,
On which the fairies dream,
And many nameless clotheses,
And boxes of cold cream.

Then heaping up their treasure,
Plain for all folk to see,
They trilled a gleeful measure,
And danced in jubilee.

And one sat on the topmost stair,
All gathered in a hump,
And down the steppy passage
She came with many a bump.

Then, when the frisk was over,
The spoils all carted home,
"And hung round Nurscia's altars,
The golden shields of Rome,"

The Matron freed the prisoners,
Who from the mouse had fled,
And lectured them severely,
And sent them straight to bed.

So passed from fight to story
The battle of the maids ;
And so were stopped forever
The daring midnight raids.

For girls have grown less playful,
And matrons more severe,
And times like these have passed away
For many a dreary year.

But when the bolts are bolted,
And prisoned are the shes,
By various devices
To keep the maids from sprees ;

When cakes are brought abovestairs
From out the pantry's keep,
And the Matron's snores are rising
From the realms of balmy sleep,

When seated in a circle
All *en déshabillé*,
When the richest bits of gossip
And the best tales come in play,

With feasting and with laughter
Still is the story told,
How merrily they battled
In the merry days of old.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

To the Editors of the Era:

I wish, with others, to congratulate the ERA on the exceptionally high stand it takes in college matters, its general excellence, and the enterprise shown by its present management.

It seems to me that by making the "Personals" as complete and accurate as possible, encouraging communications from alumni in all parts of the country and world, and by occasional introduction of live and pointed cartoons, illustrative of University manners and foibles, its circulation among the alumni might be much extended, without injury to its local qualities and interests.

Every Cornellian is, no doubt, glad to learn that the University authorities are able to devote \$100,000 to improvements, and glad to know that improvements much needed may now be made; but I think every thoughtful man will enquire why it is not first announced that the salaries of several of the leading professorships are raised, and thus some effectual provision made against the loss of some of our "most rising men" and most efficient teachers, as soon as their fame reaches beyond own State. I do not suppose the question of the comparative merits of a first-class faculty, (such as Cornell's has hitherto been), using deficient apparatus, and a mediocore faculty, with first-class apparatus, is any longer in dispute; and, without saying more here on the subject, I would like to see it ventilated a little in your columns. S., '77.

January 12, 1881.

REGENTS' HIGHER EXAMINATIONS.

In accordance with the project of the late Chancellor Pruyn, a bill was passed by the State Legislature in June, 1877, which directed the Regents to institute a scheme of Academic, Collegiate and Post-Graduate examination throughout the state.

Accordingly there was a plan drawn for four distinct examinations. The first was a proposed college entrance examination. Candidates passing this

would be entitled to entrance in any of the colleges of the state subject to the visitation of the Regents. Another examination will be for graduates of colleges, and will confer upon successful candidates diplomas or testimonials of superior attainments. The third examination is that for second degrees, and will be open for graduates of the colleges of this state, who have received their first degrees at least three years previous to the time of the examinations. The degrees of Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Science, and others of an advanced character will be conferred. There is also a provision for scholarships, consisting each of an annual fixed sum of money, to be enjoyed for a few years after their graduation from any college in the state by such persons as the Regents shall consider of sufficient talent and promise as to be worthy of help in pursuing studies in special or general lines, with the view of becoming educators.

Doctor Wilson was Chairman of the committee that devised the plan of the first examination. He was also Chairman for the Committee of the Convocation on the second and third of the above items. The report was proposed by him and was adopted. The examinations will be announced by the Regents from time to time, after the details have been satisfactorily arranged.

CORNELLIANA.

—We have received the *fifty new* subscribers, but, as yet, no *cash*.

—"A new way to pay old debts,"—marry your landlady's daughter,

—An effort is being made to make Professor Gage a full professor.

—Both the *Journal* and *Ithacan* have copied our editorial on the class of '81.

—Several minor accidents and narrow escapes in coasting were reported this week.

—We have received one musical composition and two songs, dedicated to the Glee Club.

—\$2.50 and \$1.25 receipts are for sale at Miss Ackley's and Andrus & Church's store.

—A certain Senior astonished the Librarian, a few days ago, by inquiring for a copy of the *Aeschylus* of *Sophocles*. Shall we graduate our classful?

—The Dramatic Club are thinking of presenting "The Rivals" Saturday evening, Jan. 30th.

—There are thirty-seven in Prof. Potter's 10 o'clock T. and Th. section in Political Economy.

—Remember the able lecture of Gen. Kilpatrick, on "Sherman's March to the Sea," to-morrow night!

—Why is the back seat in Roman History so popular with the boys? Will some handsome Junior please answer?

—The D. K. E. fraternity received a very agreeable surprise on Tuesday, being serenaded by the colored quartette.

—The Commodore of the Navy will be elected next week. Due notice of time and tellers will be posted by the Commodore.

—In three weeks the Juniors will air their virgin oratorical efforts. A full account of the calamity will be presented in our issue following the sad event.

—Freshman (translating) "The furbelows on her dress reached fur-below her shoe-tops, so that her dainty little feet just peeped out." The man is to be conditioned!

—One of the officers elected by the "minority" faction says he will probably not serve next June, as he has not attained his *majority*. Are there age qualifications for office?

—We were kindly remembered with an invitation from the Kallisophian Society of the Elmira College for Young Ladies, during the past vacation, to attend their literary exercises.

—The *Sun* has been making a great many items out of a mistake it made in regard to Mr. Seymour, '76. We trust that we shall not Sey-mour on this subject—it grows wearisome.

—Two of the contestants in the recent billiard tournament will push cues to-morrow afternoon. As they played very evenly in the tournament, the prospects point to a brilliant game.

—Some one writes to us the following—"Hoping you may constantly endeavor to make it (ERA) a supporter of co-education, free thought, and the rights of students, with the kindest regards, etc."

—Many of the students are enjoying the excellent skating on the lake around the light-house. It is quite a long walk to get there, but the ice is so smooth and slippery that they feel fully repaid for their trouble.

—The Faculty of Princeton have four meetings a week. The question of discussion at one of their meetings lately was, "Who stole Mr. X——'s overshoes?" Mr. X—— left them in some hall, so he claimed.

—There was a bold penny-a-liner
 Could do a paragraph finer,
 Than any live man,
 From Beersheba to Dan,
 Save the funny young man of the 'Shiner.'

—A Junior remarked that he thought he would attend the masque at Sage this evening disguised as a gentleman, as he would be less likely of being identified in that than in any other attire he could think of.

—Scene in Political Economy:—Prof.—"Mr., why is it that some people are wealthier than others?" Brilliant Junior—"Because they have more money." Prof.—"Very true, very true." Applause from the gallery.

—A committee will be appointed by the Manager of the B. B. A. to collect subscriptions of the different classes to pay the debt of \$65. The students must not ask the Nine to take any interest in practising, if they will not contribute to pay the Nine's expenses.

—The Doctor spake a parable unto the students: "Verily, I say unto you, look not upon wealthy men, nor envy the Sages in their kingly residences, for the man that keepeth his walk cleared from snow, ice and slush, is greater even than these, though he liveth in a cottage."

—Some of the boarders at Mrs. Crittenden's treated their friends to a serenade on Tuesday evening, and ended their programme by visiting Sage College. Their singing was excellent, and no doubt their friends would be very happy to receive calls from them often.

—Is the whist club totally defunct? These winter nights are just the time for indulging in that most scientific of all card games. There are many excellent players among us. "Pole" or "Cavendish" should be settled on as authority. This the club should decide.

—No one need feel ashamed that the number of bicycles in the University is so small, as compared with that in other colleges. The country around here is so ill-suited to bicycling that the only wonder is that there are any here. To ride down a hill rising nearly at an angle of 45 degrees, may be exciting, but it is not what bicycles are designed for.

—The bal masque at Sage to-night is to be one of the events. All fortunate enough to have received invitations should go, for there are too few of these first-class social assemblies during one's life in college. Time thus spent is by no means lost, but is so employed that the benefit will be felt in after life.

—The *Buffalo Express* proclaims the venerable, worn-out joke that "Cornell University is to have a \$50,000 gymnasium." This statement may find credulous hearers among the soldiery on board government vessels, but among us it creates an indignation that our standard joke should be appropriated and no credit given. The *Express* thought the "Physical Department" was the gym.

—The Navy subscriptions are due, and it is necessary that the money should be paid as soon as possible. This will give the friends of Cornell an idea of how much interest there is among the students in sending the crew to England; and also show the amount of confidence that we have of our crew's winning at Henley.

—The other day a question was asked in "Political Economy," in regard to the origin of the prevailing trouble in Ireland. Although the gentleman called on proved to be well posted on the subject,

yet the countenances of many showed that they were far from having the same knowledge. Every one would find it to his advantage to read "Young Ireland," a history of the Irish difficulties for ten years. It is published in the "Seaside" form.

—The Navy Board met in Cowles' room last Wednesday night. After an informal conference with Major Burbank, regarding best methods and arrangements, the Board was called to order, Wilcox, '82, acting as Secretary. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Columbia Boat Club that we cannot accept their challenge until the sending of our crew to England has been definitely decided on and arranged. Other business was held over until the next meeting. Adjourned.

—Numerous accounts are given of Mr. Ferris' accident on Seneca street hill, last week, but there seems to have been none published which puts him in the right light. He was guilty of no carelessness, but was the victim of an accident which might have happened to the most careful. As he was shooting rapidly down the steep slope, he saw some girls coming up the hill in the middle of the road. Those coming up the hill with sleds, should come up on the sidewalk. They did not get out of the way as quickly as he expected, so he turned aside at the same moment they turned aside, and the collision came. He was thrown some distance and stunned. Just then a sled came dashing down, and Ferris was struck, severe injuries resulting, the extent of which probably all know. All was done so quickly that no blame can be attached to anyone; but if the coasters ascended by the sidewalk instead of the road, there would be less danger attendant on coasting. Mr. Ferris is improving, and, we trust, ere long will be able to attend to University duties.



BAXTER, '81, is in Durango, Colorado.

C. S. THATCHER, '78, is married, and teaching.

LUKES, formerly '82, is reading law in Racine, Wis.

HODGMAN, '83, will return to the University next Fall.

MANIERRE, '80, is now engaged in the study of medicine in Chicago.

J. B. FORAKER, '69, is now Judge of the Superior Court of Cincinnati, Ohio.

F. B. MESICK, '80, is in Gunnison City, a growing mining centre of Colorado.

D. J. MACPHERSON, '77, from last accounts is at work on a Minnesota railroad.

FRANK BRUEN, '79, is with a "construction" party on the Western Pacific Railroad.

THE Business Manager of the *Sun* is learning to stick type in Andrus and Church's office.

I. P. BISHOP, '77, is now in his third year as Principal of the Perry graded school in this State.

G. BILLS, '74, doing business in Chicago, visited his *Alma Mater* and friends during this week.

MISS M. WILKINSON, formerly '82, has gone to Europe for a pleasure trip of three or four months.

JAMES DYSON, '79, is looking for a fortune in the mineral treasures of Colorado as a mining engineer.

MISS A. B. WITHINGTON, '81, Vice President of her class in the Sophomore year, is again among us.

WHITNEY NEWTON, '79's Senior President, is visiting his society friends in the Alpha Delta Phi house.

MISS NEYMANN, '81, is recovering from her illness rapidly, and expects to be in Ithaca next Friday, Jan 28th.

O. HARRIS, '75, has been practising law in Perry, N. Y. for about two years, and has already a fine practice.

BRONK, '80, who has been studying law with District Attorney Dean, has just begun practising in New York.

FERGUSON, '75, is reported on a "level" party under the Mississippi River Commission, between St. Louis and Cairo.

The *Ithacan* prints in full an able and exhaustive essay of Geo. Schumm, '81, read before the Radical Club, Jan. 3d, 1881.

S. MCK. SMITH, '77, finds himself in a law office in Rochester, after having spent two years in Indiana as principal of a high school.

D. J. WILCOX, '77, finds vent for his natural propensity to debate in a financially gratifying law practice in Springville, Erie Co., N. Y.

A. S. HATHAWAY, '79, is following his profession of law stenography, in Baltimore, Md. He is also a student in Johns Hopkins University.

E. L. NICHOLS, '75, who received the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Göttingen, is now a Fellow by Courtesy of Johns Hopkins University.

JONAS, '80, Ewing, '80, and Prof. J. E. Oliver, took part in the recent debate on "What are the True Principles of Land Tenure," before the Radical Club.

MAXWELL, '78, who could calculate the curve of a foot ball with mathematical precision in days gone by, is engaged in mining engineering in Georgetown, Col.

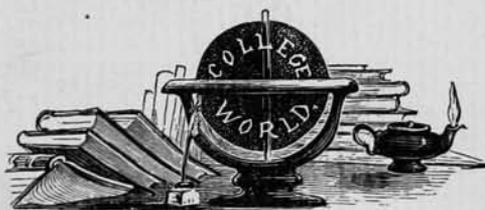
E. CAMPBELL, '81, President of the Cornell Debating Club, went home last Thursday for the remainder of the term. He is in advance of his course, but will return next term to graduate.

"TOM" BENEDICT, '81, recently resigned from his school in Pittston, Pa., and now fills a position in G. W. Benedict's wholesale grocery and provision house. He will return to Cornell next spring and graduate with '82.

M. L. BUCHWALTER, '69, upon whom the degree of L. L. B. was conferred by the Cincinnati Law School, and who has been one of the trustees of the University of Cincinnati for many years, is a successful attorney-at-law, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

C. S. COBB, the well known Class-day Orator of '77, is thus written up by the *Utica Herald*:—COBB—VANVLECK.—In Schuyler, at the residence of the bride's mother, Dec. 21, 1880, by Rev. Joseph Henry Lamb, Charles S. Cobb, of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, to Miss Icy J. VanVleck, of Schuyler, Herkimer county, N. Y. He is now practising law at Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Died, at Demarest, N. J., of pneumonia, Dec. 25th, 1880, George F. Lyman, '73, aged twenty-nine years. Mr. Lyman was graduated in the Civil Engineering course and was possessed of high mathematical and musical abilities. From 1873 to the summer of 1880 he held a position with the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. His loss is sincerely mourned by his many relatives and friends.



COLUMBIA :—

The Seniors will give a promenade soon. Only 100 tickets will be issued.

The Junior Reception will occur Friday, February 11.

The School of Mines Reception did not pay expenses.

The *Columbiad* has just been issued, and excels all former numbers.

It is rumored that a daily will be started soon.

The *Spectator* gives advice to the Trustees in bi-weekly installments.

HARVARD :—

The Gymnasium is to be open on Saturday afternoons and evenings.

Mr. Harvey, '83, broke through the ice, Dec. 24, and was drowned.

Notman photographs '81.

The Executive Committee of the Athletic Association have decided to make arrangements looking toward a field day with Yale some time in May.

There will be a series of winter athletic meetings, with varied programmes, in the Gym., the first three Saturdays in March.

The annual report of President Eliot to the Trustees, shows a deficit for the college proper, during 1879-80, of \$9,557.27.

Some dissatisfaction is expressed with Memorial Hall fare.

A bequest of \$24,200, from Dr. Martyn Paine, cannot be made available till 1920.

The annual meeting of the Harvard Club was held at Delmonico's, New York, Saturday, 15th instant. New officers were elected, and ten candidates for admission moved.

MICHIGAN :—

The *Chronicle* advocates the organization of a Civil Service Reform Association.

There are now 1515 students enrolled on the University books.

Archibald Forbes lectures to-night.

The Board of Regents, at their meeting last week, passed resolutions eulogistic of the late Prof. James C. Watson.

YALE :—

Sunday chapel has been abolished.

The Juniors have issued invitations for their promenade.

The Freshmen paid \$347 for the University eight-oared shell.

A Horological and Thermometrical Bureau has been established in connection with the Winchester Observatory.

Subscriptions for the new athletic grounds amount to over \$12,000.

The Glee Club gave concerts at Northampton and Amherst during vacation. At the former were 200 ladies from Smith College.

The President and Captain of the foot-ball team claim the foot-ball championship for Yale, and supported their demand by a lengthy letter, printed in New York and Boston papers last week.

The *News* wants a new Chemical Laboratory.

EXCHANGES.

The *Crimson* contains an exceedingly sarcastic fling at co-education. We clip the following scene :

"WHAT WE ARE COMING TO—OR, HARVARD IN 1981.

SCENE I—An Examination.

A Room in Luxury Hall.—Seated at a table, a girl is busily writing—A knock at the door, and enters JIM.

JIM.—Hello, Min! what are you doing? Come out and take a stroll.

MINNIE.—Aw, devilish sorry, Jim, my boy; but really can't, you know, aw; am writing an examination in Hydrostatics 10, aw; and I gave my word, you know, to do it in three hours; and by Jove, you know, no fellow would be so low as to exceed her time. Take a seat, aw. You'll find a box of Havannahs, aw, on the table; the old lady sent them yesterday, aw. I'll be through, aw, in fifteen minutes.

(JIM takes a cigar, and puffs away in silence till MINNIE finishes.)

MINNIE.—There, by Jove, time's up, and I've, aw, only done half the paper, aw; and am afraid I've got a condition. Well, I'll take the paper round to old Toddy-blossom, and then we'll go down and take in the crew, aw.

(MINNIE lights her T. D. pipe, and they go out arm in arm, discussing the good old times when the students weren't put on their honor, and could crib through an examination.)

Now, although at no time would we convey the impression that we are the champions of the other and fairer sex, yet, we cannot bring ourselves to the level of such an article as the above, long enough either to be amused or pleased by its low vulgarity and pointless nonsense. There is no real wit in such a production. A fine satire is always to be appreciated. But such a senseless, blunted, meaningless collection of slang, vulgarity, and actual indecency, is to us revolting. However, the readers of the *Crimson* may be better able to appreciate this kind of literature than any other. This is the effect of extreme *cultura*.

If the *Acta* has not received its death blow from the hands of *The Yale Courant*, concerning the Intercollegiate Press Association, we feel certain that the *Acta* does not know when it is beaten :

The *Acta* has at last gone and done it. We thought we had attended the last illness of the Intercollegiate Press Association, officiated at the cemetery, and raised an appropriate head-piece over the remains. But no, our blow only stunned it, and it was prematurely buried in a trance. Now it has revived, and a meeting is called at New Haven for April 15; representatives from six papers will constitute a working quorum. It would seem, at the first blush, as if there was a mistake here. According to appearances, could a date be less happily chosen? April 15 is the second day after the spring recess commences in the City of Elms, when the new boards of all the four publications are about to assume control, and when the confusion of the interregnum is at its height. The *Acta* thus deliberately sacrifices, as far as it can, the representation of four papers, which, with the *Acta* and its collaborer, the *Spectator*, would have secured the six representatives required, and thus success would have been assured.

Toll the bell!

We now turn to the *Acta* itself. A great deal more common sense and sanity is shown to be latent

in its columns than we would suppose its editors capable of writing. In fact, upon any subject other than that of the Intercollegiate Press Association, the *Acta* has flashes of intellectual brilliancy across the dark firmament which constitutes the general opaque condition of its editors' brains. The *Acta* ought to wean its tender offspring, the Intercol—, but no, it is too long a title to write again.

"Still harping on my daughter. He is far gone, far gone."



Little Jack Horner
Sat in the corner,
Devouring Limburger cheese;
He fastened his gripper
On a lively old skipper,
And said: "What the thunder are these?"

—*Concordensis.*

—There was a young man of Yale,
Who thought that the blue couldn't fail;
So he bet all his tin
"Two to one she would win"—
On a freight car he rode back to Yale.

—*Princetonian.*

—When Freedom, from her mountain height,
Unfurl'd her standard to the air,
She pawed her bangs for a nickle bright,
And bought a *Free Press* then and there.

—*Free Press.*

—People who speak of Hell Gate as "Hurl Gate," allude to Spotted-Tail as "Maculated Caudal Appendage, Esq."—*Unidentified Ex.*

—There was a "kid" from University Coll,
Who on his girl started to call;
But he stopped like a fool,
And lost ten games of pool,
And he won't wear an ulster this Fall.—*Varsity.*

—There was a young man from Cornell,
Who said to a friend, "Oh, Hell,
I'm noble and good,
I eat 'Baby Food,'
And that's why I am such a swell."
Hoo-ray, whoop-la, ske-bung!—*Yale Record.*

—When I flounder in Greek,
Or Faust or Loomis makes me reek,
Who braces up my falling cheek?

My Pony.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

—If you want good fitting and fashionable clothes cut or made, call on E. English, Tailor and Cutter, Wilgus Block.

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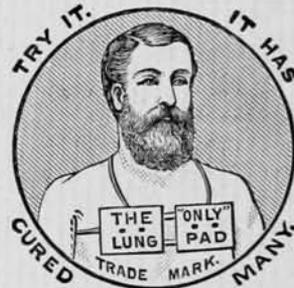
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there will always be felt a want such as that we have mentioned. Will somebody figure on the matter and see if money cannot be made out of it; and if the prospects are fair for profits, open a place where students can get tea, coffee and light luncheons?

IT is gratifying to know that Cornell students have gained in one quarter at least, a reputation for gentlemanly conduct. Shortly after Professor Russel appealed to the honor of the upperclassmen regarding cigarette smoking on the campus, a well-known member of the Faculty of Auburn Theological Seminary brought the facts before his classes, and made some comparisons as flattering to us as they were derogatory to the students that composed his audiences. He had been trying by various methods, for some months, or even years, and without success, to accomplish what cost our Vice-President a few minutes' sober talk. Therefore, when he heard of the complete success of the movement here, he was both gratified and chagrined; gratified because, as he intimated, students can be gentlemen if they try; and chagrined, because his students failed of being gentlemen, in so far as they did not heed his appeals to them to abandon the practice of smoking on the campus and in the hallways. Let us hope that he was successful in making this last effort; and let us congratulate ourselves that, in spite of the many detractions religious bodies make from our character as men and students, they can find us worthy of imitation in at least one particular.

NOW that gentlemen, lovers of the weed, have heeded the Vice-President's suggestion regarding cigarette smoking, we think some token of appreciation ought to be bestowed for the use of such as do not want to sit in the Library when they have an hour's intermission in their morning's work. It is something of a pity that the penetration of the authorities has not before discovered what has long been needed. The 'reading room,' if it ever was, is no more; and there is no place where the boys can gather together and lounge undisturbed, save Uncle Josh's cellar. And the accommodations there are not luxurious as every one knows that has spent a half hour in them. There are a number of rooms unoccupied in the buildings, we think, that could be carpeted and provided with a cosy fireplace and furniture, and opened for the reception of such

students as might wish to enjoy a quiet chat and a cigarette between hours, without either the fear of the Faculty, or the danger of offending the ladies, or of losing their own self-respect by committing a breach of manners, before their eyes. It seems to have been possible for the authorities to give a small fraction of the undergraduate body the privilege of a retiring-room; why then should it be withheld from the larger number? We hope the suggestion will be noticed, and promise that a favor of this sort will be fully appreciated. Is there no dribble from the hundred thousand dollars available for this?

THE boat clubs did a wise thing in selecting for the Board of Directors of the Navy, men who have been prominently, actively and honorably identified with the boating interest. All should be glad to see that several members of last year's Board are re-elected, for this means the influence of the old Board will to a certain extent be perpetuated. That Board had up-hill work, but they were equal to it. In the face of lessened interest in boating caused by an overwhelming defeat, and the debt that lingered upon them like an incubus, they sent out last year's crew fully equipped and well trained, in spite of great and active opposition, to gain one of our old time victories. And they did it economically, too, and worked hard to revive the flagging interest. So, we say as above, that it is an excellent beginning of the year's campaign, to re-elect the men who in last year's Board contributed most of any to a revival in the boating interest. And it is a further augury for good that both clubs to-day ballot for the same candidate for Commodore. No better man could be chosen as executive officer. Undoubtedly, gentlemen, you will do excellently well; but never forget that your responsibilities are grave, and that the Navy's friends expect you to sustain them in a manner that will do their choice credit and secure another victory for the CORNELL NAVY.

IT is a matter for surprise that from so large a number of Seniors in the general courses, so small a proportion should find it worth their while to compete for the Woodford prize. Some reasons advanced to account for this fact were presented in Professor Shackford's discussion last Friday. Yet we do not think they at all excuse the most of the non-competing Seniors from their apathy, negligence, or

luke-warmness, call it what you will, in the matter of the Woodfords. It is only by a competition in which every member of the class enters that the prize can, beyond doubt, be awarded for the best oration; and, until every Senior of good standing makes up his or her mind to compete, and does compete, there will always be this shadow of a doubt, as to whether the award was really in accordance with the wishes of the donor,—that it be for the best oration. We do not know, either, that there is a class limit really imposed, though custom has begun to confine it to the Senior class. Whatever objections any student may have to competing for a money prize, ought to be cast to the winds. It is, in our humble estimation, sheer sentiment to say that it undermines the spirit of independence. Take the world through, and it will be found that those men who fix their eyes on some great prize, and then steadily work to gain it, are the men who guide the world. The sentimentalists who would spurn every reward for their labor the world can bestow, save mere admiration of superior excellence, never impress the multitude as being anything more than visionaries. Look at our philosophers, those who preach independence, and are considered models of manhood. Does Emerson rest merely on the delight his writings give thousands, on this and the other side the Atlantic, as his reward? No, he makes good bargains with publishers, takes his profits and invests them in U. S. 4's. A multitude of arguments and examples to support this view occurs to us now. We conclude that the sentiment that deters a Senior from competing is a sham. It is only by prizes that men estimate the excellence of their fellows now-a-days. He who takes the largest, other things being equal, will be the most influential. But we did not intend to spin the sermon out so long, and will close by saying that those Seniors who do not compete, will not have, to our mind, any right to indulge in speculations as to whether the best man took the prize or not. If he does not, he and the non-competing Seniors will be largely to blame.

DURING the week, the manager of the Base Ball nine has received a communication which seems to call for some little comment. It comes from no less a high and mighty personage than the

President of last year's base ball association, and discusses the questions and difficulties arising from the proper awarding of the championship and pennant. It appears that there are two claimants for the honor of the collegiate base ball championship of the state, the University of Rochester and Union College. The latter institution bases her claims upon the record made during the last spring term, insisting that she has a greater number of games won than any of her competitors. Rochester, on the other hand, puts forward this rather complicated claim: That under the League rules, which were adopted as those of the association, the games played by Cornell, Syracuse and Madison should be struck from the record; that if this were done, Union and Rochester would have an equal number of games lost and won; and that hence, a contest in the future is necessary to determine the owners of the pennant. She adds moreover, that she has the wherewithal, deposited by the different clubs to purchase the pennant, in her possession, and no one can deny that this last is a very powerful argument. It would appear from this statement of facts that some little trouble is liable to arise before the matter is finally settled. Perhaps it would be just as well, and indeed the proper course to pursue, under the circumstances, to award no pennant at all. It is a notorious fact that all of the college nines in the association, with the exception of our own, had little or nothing to justify the names of college base ball clubs. Some of them were composed almost entirely of professional or semi-professional players, who of course, would embrace eagerly the opportunity to play in an organization bearing the name of a college or university. It seems to us that in view of this fact it would be eminently proper to declare the college championship a draw, and, when another association is formed, take some effective means of compelling every college to present a representative nine, composed of members who are in all respects university men. This would prevent the common and disgraceful practices so frequently resorted to in the formation of a nine. If however, a pennant must be awarded for last year's championship, we are inclined to think that Union deserves it. But, as we have said before, it seems to us that a more just and fair method would be to retain the pennant, until a square contest may decide to whom it properly belongs.

CHUMMY AND I.

The atmosphere had been so calm in our room since the warfare of last term, that Chummy and I began to long for something to cross swords about. A glance into the Register broke the spell. Chummy, the bloated aristocrat and arrant constitutionalist, had brow beaten me in many a quarrel, but now the tide was turned and I assailed him with all the bold assurance of official sanction. Said I, "please open to the calendar." He did so. "Let your eye rest on Tuesday, June 14." Well? "Well, that is the official class day, obtained from the majority by the Vice-President of the University. Put that in your pipe and smoke it. What better indorsement of our cause than that do you want to satisfy you of the justice of our claims?" Then I paused, and Chum drew calmly at his meerschaum, and smiled a lordly and sarcastic smile as he began: "Most people are accustomed to form opinions for themselves, without the aid of any great and august Vice-President of a college faculty. Sometimes they get correct ones too, all by their own unaided efforts. I believe there is no law of the land, nor any dictum of the Faculty, to hinder an official person from being sometimes mistaken, and from allowing his mistakes and prejudices to make his acts one-sided and ridiculous. The man whose fingers are in every pie, will sometimes have them burned. If I were a man who had no business to interfere in an affair, and knew that such was the undoubted fact, and further that my interference would make new enemies and gain no friends, I should be very careful how I took part in it." Such blasphemy was shocking, but Chummy was bound to have his say, and with a few draws at the half-extinguished pipe, he continued: "If I were called upon to judge between two sides, I should give ear to both before I rendered my decision, if only for appearance sake, and if not called upon to judge, yet feeling that some class-day should be in the Register, I should put both in, knowing that both sides intended to hold forth to admiring audiences in June. If I gave a note to one side to aid them in the hiring of a hall, I should not refuse a like small favor to the other. If I had told alumni that I only worked and wished for harmony within the class, I should not speak a different tale by each and every action of mine in the matter. I would not tell one side that I knew nothing of the case and could do nothing in it, when I had already done all that there was a chance for me to do upon the other side. But then '*De gustibus non est disputandum*,' as the ancient rhetoricians used to say. As I am not my brother's keeper, perhaps I ought not to expect him to do things just as I should do." And Chummy amused himself by blowing one ring of smoke through another floating in the air. "Well," said I, "you don't reflect that we are acting on high principle, while you are simply a lot of 'grab-

bers' who have no particular principle. A man who is competent to guide the helm of this University, would naturally have common sense enough to see that, and aid the right side in maintaining its position." I began to think I had him this time, for so plain a thing as this seemed hard to contradict. But he grinned in his sardonic way until I began to feel uneasy, and then went on: "That was spoken like a sage. He loves principle, yes, I suppose so, of course. He sees the carrying out of great principles in your administration, of course. But did it never occur to you that a mere fragment of such colossal common sense and penetration, might have seen something else there too? Unless my information is incorrect, your principles are these. That class day exercises cost too much and individual taxes are too high. That G. L. Burr by giving committee business into frugal hands can make each man's expenses lighter." I assented. He went on: "If you will take your slate and pencil, you can test some principles by arithmetic. If your President, by reason of his personal antagonism to fraternities, alienate one-third of the tax payers from his administration; and if a class day for two-thirds of the class cost just as much as one for all the class, how much will individual expenses be decreased among his followers. And if, by reason of cheap exercises, the taxes of two-thirds be no more than they would otherwise have been,—which is by no means the case, but allowed for argument—what great, eternal principle is subserved by splitting up the class? Moreover it is fair to suppose that a policy of pure principle would select for officers, only men who were fair representatives of the class, men who were best suited to fill the positions to which they were elected. On several occasions, I have been told by some of the most prominent men of your circle, that some of your officers were totally unfit for their positions and that they were nominated only in order to be defeated by better men at the polls. Now can you explain to me in what way mere plain, wholesome, dispassionate principle, such as should meet the approbation of a wise and learned man appears in the conduct of your case? Mr. Burr and his official champion may talk of harmony and principle and majority and justice, but it seems to me that I discover just a small speck of warm and living passion on this great iceberg of cold principle." Somehow he seemed determined to screw everything around to his own advantage, but I could not stop without one more endeavor to upset him. So I asked him whether he would be so kind as to state his principles to me. After a vain endeavor to draw more ringlets from his amber mouthpiece, he gave them to me in a lump like this: "Our principles are to live up to any law the class has made and to elect officers who will represent all portions of the class, who have no hatred for any portion of it; and who would carry on a

class day with credit to ourselves and to the University, as cheaply as might be, without a niggardly economy." Then I asked him whether he was willing that his sentiments should reach the ear of the Faculty; and he said: "When I have any public matter to discuss, I don't usually stipulate that it shall not be made public, nor do I usually affect several conflicting opinions on it. Perhaps this is because I am not an official. But if I were, I think I should be unwilling to have more than thirty men go out into the world believing that I had done them a gross injustice and meddled in a business not my own. I should feel that matters at the University were not 'more prosperous than ever before,' I think I should feel that a change was necessary."

He holds some strange and curious opinions of principle and square dealing, but he is a first rate chum, even to have a quarrel with. He always helps me on hard lessons and would run his old legs off to accommodate a fellow, but there are two things that he will not do. He wont get mad nor give in when I argue with him.



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NAVY SUBSCRIPTION.

To the Editors of the Era :

One of the first numbers of the present volume of the ERA, stated that it was decided to row in England next summer. Have received no later copies, and the stray newspapers speak of the race being doubtful as regards Cornell.

Is it decided to row? If so would you let me know and then allow me to send you ten dollars by letter to hand the Navy Directors? Expect I may not be able to procure a post office order, and hardly wish to send the currency per letter to a too comprehensive address, such as "The Cornell Navy." If you will be so kind as to answer my questions, and render me this service further, I will be much obliged, indeed. With best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

W. BEAHAN, '78.

[We shall take care that Mr Beahan's subscription reaches the proper place. On behalf of the Navy, we thank him for his generosity.—Eds.]

OBERLIN COLLEGE.

JAN. 24, 1881.

To the Editors Cornell Era :

About a hundred and thirty more students have registered this winter than did for the corresponding term of last year. Aside from this there is nothing in the present term very different from those of other years.

During the winter, the Oberlin student, as of old, confines himself with heroic fortitude to his books, his church, and his chapel. Winter pastimes have no charms for him. Coasting is out of the question. We are minus the hills. As for skating, that has to be done under difficulties, for we have only one river, i. e. Plum Creek, and this, even, when swollen by the floods of spring, seldom measures more than twenty or thirty feet in width. But when shrunk by the icy breath of winter, it dwindles down to scarcely half its vernal strength and grandeur.

The sleigh-bells, ring they never so merrily, have no music for the student's ear, for sleigh bells and sleigh rides are but a hollow mockery without pretty girls, and the Oberlin girls are strictly prohibited from riding with the boys during term time. The powers that be, evidently deem this restriction necessary. They have a mortal fear that something will happen, i. e., that the girls will become engaged unless they keep them under guard. It is believed here that "college matches" seldom last, and therefore it is argued inconclusively that they had better not be made at all. Oberlin does not agree with the poet when he sings :

"It is better to have loved and lost,
Than never to have loved at all."

But they teach that it is better to have studied and failed than never to have studied at all.

The mention of study brings us back to something more tangible than girls, love, sleigh-riding, coasting, etc. A new rule has been introduced during the past week, viz. : "No more cutting." "Each absence from class to be made up by private recitation within two weeks after its occurrence." The announcement of this was received with groans and looks of blank dismay. Such an innovation seems to the Oberlin student like an infringement of inalienable rights; like an act of college tyranny. The students think that it is a sort of a baby act; that they are not treated as men, and that we will soon merit the title of the great baby college of the West.

Elisha Gray, who has a royalty on the Bell telephone, gave us a lecture on Dynamical electricity last week. He has been given that Chair by the

Trustees. Gray was a former student of Oberlin, and he paid his own way when here. The older heads remember him as a rude and ungainly youth, who used to run a milk wagon. He has recently made the college a present of fifty thousand dollars.

We had a scene in the chapel last week which was suggestive of a Madame Rentz riot, or a Donnybrook Fair row. A musical entertainment given by the Conservatory was in progress. All passed off finely for about an hour, and Miss Jaques was rendering a song to a piano and violin accompaniment, when the gas began to flicker and fade, and finally went out altogether. You can imagine the scene, or rather the situation: the college chapel, about four hundred girls, as many boys, a great portion of whom were "preps," and darkness as dense as that of a dungeon in the Bastille. The novelty let loose the tongues of the "preps," and their yells, cat-calls and cries created a din and confusion that would have distracted the most turbulent man in the universe. The gesticulations and exhortations of Manager Rice were vain, for he could neither be seen nor heard. Finally, a lamp, grasped and held aloft by the janitor hove in sight. This partially restored order, but a continuation of the concert was not to be thought of, and the "preps" broke from the holy enclosure with demoniac grins, and hurrahs for Prof. Rice and the Conservatory.

I discovered this morning that the negroes patronize the restaurants pretty well here. Happening to rise late, I determined to go down town and take a lunch at the dining hall. I ordered my breakfast, and while endeavoring to quietly enjoy my cup of coffee, not less than nine darkies showed their woolly heads and gave their sundry orders. No more late breakfasts for your humble servant.

Yours truly,

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CORNELLIANA.

—Of the ten Navy Directors, eight are '82 men.

—We would call attention to the editorial on the intercollegiate B. B. championship of last spring.

—A Freshman, overhearing two Senior Engineers discussing hydraulic heads, wanted to know if they contained water on the brain.

—Prof. Corson has completed several entertaining lectures on John Milton, and is now devoting his time to a survey of Dryden.

—The Faculty were to vote this afternoon on the question of Saturday recitations. Send in your communications for the next number.

—The President of the Junior Class has appointed as Committee on Class Ball, F. Rackemann, Chairman; S. P. Sears, C. G. Cole.

—Sherwood has just moved into the Sprague Block, occupying the store made famous by a Shakesperian auctioneer two years ago.

—Class in Anglo-Saxon: *Prof.*—Decline "that small cow"; but first what gender is cow?" *Freshman*—"Irregular." Grand stamp all around.

—Cornwell & Rockwell is the name of a wholesale liquor firm in Ithaca. Such a combination of cause and effect is rarely seen in the prosy walks of business life.

—The election of Commodore takes place to-day, and Mr. Chase, '83, the nominee of the "Tom Hughes" was endorsed by the "Sprague" Club, and so his election is certain.

—Tuesday noon the Tom Hughes Boat Club held a meeting at which Navy Directors were chosen, consisting of Messrs. Catlin, Leary, Hiscock, Rackemann, and Van Rensselaer, all '82.

—*Eager Freshman*—"Who is this Kilpatrick?" *Soph.*—"Why, haven't you heard of him?" *E. F.* (earnestly)—"Oh, yes! he's the man who drove the toads out of Ireland." Crowd collapses.

—This is the season of the year in which the Senior becomes round-shouldered from the weight of his ideas, and goes about solemnly swearing that he has hardly begun to think of his Woodford yet.

—The Marie Litta Troupe, in Wilgus Opera House, February 3d, ought to have a large audience. They come with the best accounts as to their excellence, and undoubtedly will fulfill all expectations.

—The championship game of billiards last Saturday afternoon was not as close and exciting as could have been wished. The game of 200 points was won easily by Smith, '84, who lead his opponent 87 points.

—What is the difference between a high school girl and an oarsman trying to get on the Cornell crew to be sent to England? One goes to school and the other schools to go.—*Saturday Evening Express.* School is out!

—The Alpha Deltas entertained General Kilpatrick very agreeably to themselves, Monday evening, after his lecture. The distinguished guest told many entertaining anecdotes from his war experience, and concerning famous Generals.

—The manipulator of the 'Shiner' is once more "*non compos mentis.*" Cause: failed to keep his head cool and his blood as its normal temperature. When last seen at large he was shooting a boon companion in a small glass with a bottle of coffee.

—A brilliant Senior, in a recent debate, informed his wondering audience that "the Woodford is the culmination of our college course—the great balance sheet of our University account." Has he designs upon the great gold medal, with the velvet case?

—The Senior Class held a regular meeting in Room T to-day, at one o'clock. After the routine business, a motion that all chairmen of committees be instructed to call meetings and report to the

President within a week ; all chairmen failing to do so will be considered as resigned, was made and unanimously carried. Adjourned.

—There was a "large and respectable" cock-fight at the Corner of the Lake, last week. The affair was very select, those outside the city officers and members of the police force being carefully scrutinized by the man at the door. We are not informed whether any of our scientific gentlemen were present to observe the falling of the roo-stars.

—An interesting programme has been prepared by the Curtis for next week. It consists of a number of papers by various members on "The Contrast between Germany and Italy," in regard to music, art, and literature. Instrumental music of the German school, and of the Italian school will also be given. The idea is novel and good.

—The Senior Class held a regular meeting in Room K, to-day, at 1 o'clock. The committee on Class Day presented a report recommending that the Class Day exercises be held in Library Hall on Tuesday, June 14th. Accepted. The committee on photographs urged all members to send their orders to Mr. Notman as soon as possible. Adjourned.

—Yesterday for the first time in our remembrance Room T was sufficiently heated, and we had the pleasure of doffing our overcoats. Wonder and amazement was on everyone's face at the strange event, but at last it was decided that it was one of the results of the recent appropriations. All we can say is, the money was well spent, and afforded endless comfort and satisfaction.

—Dr. Potter yesterday informed his classes in Political Economy that he would, if time allowed, present to them for their study the last report of Secretary Sherman on Finances. This was welcome news for it was proper that the dull subject which they were pursuing should be made much more interesting by having some practical examples accompany it.

—The number taking "Orators" this term is very large, and so much interest is shown that it would be desirable to have more hours a week devoted to the subject. Webster's style as seen in his famous "Reply to Hayne," is being studied. The study will prove of much benefit, and we wish the other great American orators could be similarly studied.

—Oh, bold and bad is the question man,
Who maketh his classmates hoot,
And bold and bad is the peeler man,
When the Sophs. are on a 'toot.'

Yea, bold and bad is the punster man
Who sins with a conscience clear,
But worst of all is the 'Shiner' man
When he getteth up on his ear.

—A Freshman consolingly remarked to "Uncle Josh" that we would have the birds here in eight or ten weeks. Uncle Josh—"Yes, the crows will be here about the first of March. Do you know what kind of wood crows use in building their nests?" Freshman—"No! What kind." Uncle Josh—"Only two kinds, crooked and straight!" The Freshman has not yet fully recovered.

—Nearly every seat is already taken for "The Rivals" to-morrow evening. The cast is as follows:

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| Sir Ant'ny Absolute, | - - - - | Mr. Lucas. |
| Captain Absolute, | - - - - | Mr. Luckey. |
| Faulkland, | - - - - | Mr. Breneman. |
| Acres, | - - - - | Mr. Wendell. |
| Sir Lucius O'Trigger, | - - - - | Mr. Oliver. |
| Fag, | - - - - | Mr. Carter. |
| Boy, | - - - - | Mr. Badger. |
| Thomas (Coachman), | - - - - | Mr. Badger. |
| Mrs. Malaprop, | - - - - | Mrs. Corson. |
| Lydia Languish, | - - - - | Miss Russel. |
| Julia, | - - - - | Miss Harlow. |
| Lucy, | - - - - | Miss Grant. |

—An exchange says:—"A new cabinet maker, not to be beaten, suggested to-day that Minister Andrew D. White would be presented by his friends as a fit adviser of the next President. He said White was one of the San Domingo Commission, created by Grant to visit that island, and make a statesman-like report. He is a New Yorker, and is President of the Cornell University. White's endorser, continued Gen. Grant, in his talk with John Russell Young, mentions the interesting fact that Hamilton Fish had once determined upon retiring from his cabinet, and his successor had been named, and that man was Andrew D. White. Although his literary tastes are predominant, yet he has great executive ability and is a skilled diplomat, and the peer of Alexander Hamilton, whom he resembles. His personal relations with Garfield are exceedingly intimate. Garfield believes him to be a man of brains, and the chief of college presidents. This feeling, especially as to the brains, is mutual. Besides, he is rich and can entertain."

—On Wednesday at one o'clock the Junior Class met in Room K to hear the reports of Committees on Constitution and Expense of a Class Ball. Mr. N. T. Horr, Chairman of the former, made his report, saying that the Committee recommended the adoption of 81's Junior Constitution with a slight and unimportant change. Mr. Cowell moved that the report be accepted. As this motion was carried it leaves the Constitution before the class subject to its action. Mr. Rackemann, Chairman of the "Expense of Ball" Committee reported that arrangements could be made for the Ball, so that its expenses would be fully assured beforehand. The report was accepted. He then moved that the class of '82 have a Ball, that the deficit, if any, should

not be paid by the Class, that the surplus, if any, be given to the Base Ball Association, and that a Committee of three be appointed to make all necessary arrangements. Considerable discussion followed this, but on the question being put to the house it was carried. The Class Supper was mentioned, but no action taken, and the meeting adjourned.

—There was a little man
Who wanted Junior Ex.!

Nor wanted a Ball, no, not he!
But when his classmates came together
They asked the question whether
He did not think it naughty—

to want to have a great, rowdy, vulgar Exhibition, where nothing was exhibited but bad-smelling eggs and great agility in dogging the policemen. But he raised himself to his full stature, and with a voice resonant with scorn and fire, replied—

“My voice is for open war!
Shall the”——— but,

There was a taller man
Who wanted Junior Ball,
And at once began to make a motion:
“Let those who don't want to come,
Just keep themselves at home.”
And that, he said, was just about his notion

of how things ought to be carried on when any opposition is shown to a project the whole class were in favor of.

—The Sprague Boat Club met in Cowles' room, last Tuesday night. After the meeting had been called to order, and all routine business transacted, R. C. Horr moved that the business men of the town, who liberally support the Navy, be elected honorary members of the Sprague Boat Club. Carried. The following were elected: Messrs. William Andrus, George Apgar, Col. C. F. Blood, D. W. Burdick, A. B. Brooks, Lew Bement, R. C. Christiance, Frank C. Cornell, George B. Davis, Judge Finch, D. F. Finch, Wm. Frear, C. L. Grant, R. A. Heggie, Dr. G. W. Hoysradt, Hon. S. D. Halliday, E. M. Hall, H. H. Howe, Prof. W. Kinne, L. R. King, Hon. H. B. Lord, Hon. E. B. Morgan, Dr. E. J. Morgan, John Marsh, Dr. G. W. Mellotte, J. T. Newman, F. W. Phillips, George Priest, C. R. Sherwood, A. Sherman, Hon. Geo. W. Schuyler, Hon. H. W. Sage, Clarence L. Smith, Rogers Scribner, Spence Spencer, Hon. C. M. Titus, L. Treman, Doctor Tarbell, J. S. Waterman, W. R. Wallace, C. C. Williams, Chas. White, P. Wall, A. B. Whitlock, H. Wilgus, Dr. D. White and Dr. C. E. Van Cleef. The following new members were elected: C. H. Anderson, O. D. Weed, J. L. Hoefler, C. Reed, H. D. Schenck and W. B. Ewing. Moved, by Hornor, and carried, that the treasurer publish a condensed report in the ERA. The election of officers resulted as follows: R. C.

Horr, '82, President; G. C. Raynor, '83, Vice President; A. S. Wilcox, '82, Secretary; H. L. Whitney, '83, Treasurer; R. W. McClelland, '81, Captain; F. Scofield, '84; L. T. Payne, '83; George Wright, '82; E. W. Catchpole, '81, Lieutenants; W. C. McArthur, '81, and L. H. Cowles, '84, Club Directors; Read, '81; Hornor, '81; Wilcox, '82, and Cowles, '82, Navy Directors. C. C. Chase, '83, was nominated for Commodore. Adjourned.



W. E. BRAMHALL, '77, is practicing law in St. Paul, Minn.

MISS A. E. ROSE, '80, of Cleveland, O., is spending the winter in Washington, D. C.

O. T. MORTON, formerly '82, has returned to Yale after a term's absence, and entered '84.

H. L. SPRAGUE, '73, is Secretary of the Young Men's Republican Club in New York city.

PROF. LAW has been sent for by the U. S. Senate Committee, to consider the various cattle plagues.

ANDREWS, P. G. in '79, is now studying law, and attending Jones' Commercial College in St. Louis, Mo.

MISS KATE RHODES, '81, is the literary editor of the *Minneapolis Weekly*, an interesting western family paper.

W. B. GRITMAN, '82, is studying law in Carbondale, Pa., and will enter the Albany Law School next year.

SEAMAN, '78, Mesick, '81, and "Tim" Hermans, '82, are with the Southwark Iron Works, in Philadelphia, Pa.

D. E. ROBERTS, '82, one of the heavy men in the later days of the old Philalethean, is now at Ann Arbor, Mich.

W. P. ABBOTT, '78, is carrying on an extensive manufacturing business at 2225 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

S. T. BALLARD, '78's Senior pipe custodian, is the Nashville, Tenn., agent of the Chess Carley & Co.'s Great Southern Oil Works.

IN Johns Hopkins University circular appears one of a continuation of articles on the "Similarity between Congruences and Equations, and its Significance," by A. S. Hathaway, '79.

CRIDER, '82, is still in the banking business, and claims that it is the "finest business in the world." Since the demise of his father, he has assumed the entire control of the Exchange Bank at Greenville, Ohio.

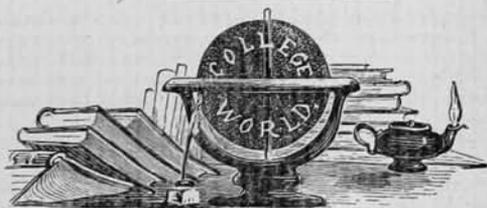
JOHNSON BRIGHAM, '70, the first business manager and one of the pioneer editors of the ERA, is at the head of the firm of J. Brigham & Co., editors and publishers of the *Daily* and *Weekly Times*, of Hornellsville, N. Y.

T. L. MEAD, '77, is not a "stock-broker," but only an "investor." He is business editor of a college fraternity journal, and also one of the editors of an entomological monthly called *Papilio*, the organ of the New York Entomological Club.

C. H. LOOMIS, '72, occupies a studio at 84 Boulevard Rochechouart, Paris, meeting with marked success as an artist. Several of his paintings were on exhibition in the gallery of the local Art Decorative Societies' Loan Exhibition last winter.

BEAHAN, '78's chief engineer, who is in the employ of the Pacific Railway Improvement Co., receives a good salary and has the rank of Assistant Engineer having in charge the 19th sub-division. He is near the Colorado river in Texas and reports plenty of game; but cold weather for camp life. Beahan evidently has realized the ambition of his University days, that of identifying himself with one of the great Pacific railroad lines. All who know him will be glad to learn of his further success.

FRANK DE YEUX CARPENTER, '73, has been successful in obtaining the fourth prize (\$1,000) offered for the best essays on the subject "The Three Americas' Railway." The railway is designed to connect North, Central and South America. Mr. Carpenter has had considerable experience as a civil engineer since leaving here. He has been a Topographer on the Government Survey in the West, and on the Geological Commission of Brazil. His training has doubtless been of much value to him in writing a poem which is one of two selected from forty-nine poems and essays. He was here Senior Class Poet.



BROWN :—

Memorial Hall will soon be completed.

Professor Bailey has a botanical text book in press.

Reports that the University's sanitary condition is bad, are without foundation.

On account of the bad feelings regarding the proposed Sophomore burial of Chemistry, the Professor of that branch has refused to lecture to the class, or allow members of it to take laboratory practice.

HARVARD :—

The Gymnasium is uncomfortably crowded in the afternoons.

It is thought that the Harvard Union will be turned into a legislative body.

Mid-year examinations from Jan. 26th to Feb. 12th, both included.

A challenge has been sent by Yale for a tennis match, to be played next spring.

Candidates for the nine work two hours a day in the gymnasium. The crew row on the Charles every day, if the ice permits.

"The foot-ball men of Princeton, Yale and Harvard propose to arrange, if possible, an all United States game with an all Canada team, in the spring."—*Advocate*.

LAFAYETTE :—

The interior work of Pardee Hall is nearly completed. Professors are beginning to occupy the class rooms.

The Franklin Literary Society have elected President Hayes and General Garfield honorary members. They have accepted.

On the night before the late examinations, persons unknown broke into the Observatory, and smeared the blackboards and furniture of the mathematical room with fresh paint.

PRINCETON :—

The Sophs. are trying to decide between a ball and a supper.

It is the wish of athletic men that Princeton be represented in the next Philadelphia regatta.

"Among the series of Boston Monday Lectures, Dr. McCosh's was the best attended."—*Princetonian*.

The *Princetonian* refuses the *Act's* invitation to send a delegate to the Intercollegiate Press Association.

The Ward and Howell collections have crowded the foot and base ball trophies out of the Geological Museum.

November 11th the Trustees appointed a committee, consisting of the President and six Professors, and instructed them as the "Sanitary Committee of the Faculty" to take adequate measures for looking after every student's health. They have funds and full powers to act regarding the sanitary condition of the college. A curator reports cases of sickness as they occur among the students.

YALE :—

The Junior Ex. appointments are 79 in number. A new *Record* board will be announced February 19th.

"The Sophomores are promised a declamation a week each for the rest of the year."—*News*.

The Boat Club's flags are to be repaired immediately, to be presentable at the Junior Promenade, soon to occur.

"The harbor is frozen over completely, and the prospects are that the crew will be unable to row on the water for at least two months."—*News*.

Monday evening a number of Freshmen formed a literary and debating club. President Porter has a list of the members, and allowed them the privilege of being secret. But it was decided to be an "open" society by a vote of 28 to 11.

"Prof. Peck has kindly consented to read the Epistles of Horace to any members of the University who wish to attend, at his recitation room in the Lyceum, at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning during the term."—*Record*. And he has succeeded in introducing the Roman method of pronouncing Latin.

EXCHANGES.

As usual we skip the first four or five pages of the *Notre Dame Scholastic*, and finally our attention is drawn to a well written editorial upon the advantages of a thorough course of reading. We like the thoughts expressed in this editorial, and heartily endorse them.

"If we listen to a lecture on astronomy, for example, can we conclude that we are masters of that science? We may, undoubtedly, have treasured away many facts pertaining to the science, which have been laid before us by the lecturer; but to say that we had become astronomers by listening to a few words on the subject, however weighty and worthy of consideration they might have been, would be idiocy. Shakespeare's immortal works, and the no less lasting works of Milton, might be spoken of in our presence repeatedly; but what would the pretty ideas obtained in conversation on these writings amount to when compared with those consequent upon their careful perusal? By carefully reading philosophical treatises we become imbued with philosophical principles; by carefully reading books on scientific subjects we become familiar with science; by reading, and by it alone can we become acquainted with the beauties of poetry; and so for every other branch of knowledge—we learn as we read."

And, by your leave, we will add that in reading Shakespeare or Milton, there must be a purpose kept in view, beyond mere textual explanations. It is one thing to read an author in order to understand the mere mechanical workings of his brain, to get at his method of producing certain forms of literary strength, and another, as in Shakespeare, to grasp his tone, which is the choral element in all things, and to understand that spirit which always precedes mere form.

The other day we were about to consign to the waste-paper basket a lot of rubbish in the shape of *Suns* and other scraps, when our attention was drawn to a communication(?) headed, "Where will it End," upon the first page of one of those odds and ends. We actually read the article, evidently upon

"Senior Difficulties," and at the end this is what struck us as the quintessence of dashed nonsense:

"Such should be the case here, and friendships of four years should not be thus trifled with and broken over so silly a cause."
—R."

We would like to know how many friendships have been broken and trifled with?

The *Harvard Advocate* contains an article upon "Toleration in American Colleges," in which the writer bitterly deprecates the fact that free religious belief is forbidden to Professors in his own University, and that cases are continually arising in which young men of marked abilities are withheld from positions their scholarship entitles them, solely on the ground that they hold religious opinions adverse to the authorities. Thank Heaven, we are at CORNELL!

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prices, which, in a measure, accounts for their crowded houses. The example is well worthy the adoption of other managements."—*Buffalo Sunday News*. General admission 25 cents. Reserved seats at Finch & Appgar's, 35 cents.

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Mr. Cleveland has for some time been engaged at Dr. Lorimer's church, Chicago. He has a fine resonant tenor voice of extensive compass, and is possessed of a smooth musically style of singing and an excellent stage presence.—*Chicago Tribune*

A cornet solo, an aria from "La Favorite," was executed by Mr. John Skelton who, in response to thundering applause came back and made the hall ring with the wild notes of "Killarney," followed by the "Echo" effect which always carries an audience.—*Detroit Free Press*

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ALL Seniors who have not inspected the album and portraits deposited in the Library, as samples of Mr. Notman's work, should do so at once. He has been very liberal in his dealings with the members of the class, so far, and his request that orders for pictures ought to be given before March 1st, should be complied with, that no trouble may be caused by delays on our part, that could be hardly excusable.

THE Freshmen propose to have a class supper. It is intended that it shall rival that of last year's Freshmen. Time was when such a thing never occurred to the young men who composed the lowest

class. It bids fair now to become a custom among us, and is a convincing proof that the world is progressive. We think our Freshmen are wise in their resolve. For on no other occasion can these newcomers get acquainted with each other so well as at a general convivial gathering of their class. We venture to say that the supper will result in establishing a class feeling of a sort that the Freshmen will never regret, and could dispense with better at any other part of their course than at this. We hope that all will pass off pleasantly, and be the subject of many pleasant memories.

THE *Buffalo Courier*, of January 22d, has told some plain truths about the relative merits of the college crews that in former times laid claim to being the best in the country. The article will speak for itself, and therefore we present it to our readers with no comment, save to call attention to the compliment paid us in the next to last sentence:

"Yale thinks she has the best crew she ever had, this year, and she intends to send the boys over to compete with Oxford and Cambridge, if a match can be made. The probabilities are that the English Universities will snub Yale as she snubbed the other American colleges; and they would be perfectly justified in doing so. If they consent to encounter an American college crew, they have a right to ask that it shall be a champion crew, which the Yale crew cannot be. How would Yale and Harvard feel if challenged to race with some out-of-the-way English college crew, unfit to hold its own against Oxford or Cambridge? Yet their own standard in American boating is distinctively second rate. They could not hold their own against Cornell, and broke up the college association rather than encounter her. The fact is, that neither Yale nor Harvard can furnish a really first-class crew, for the simple reason that in neither college do appointments to the boat depend upon merit. In Yale college, the cliques govern, and in Harvard, social considerations have sway. When the colleges pull against each other, the clique crew sometimes wins, and sometimes the swell crew; but when they pull against a crew from an institu-

tion like Cornell, both the clique crew and the swell crew drow beautifully to the rear. If Yale has got a really great crew, it is the noble work of chance."

LAST Friday, action was taken by the Faculty, which is of particular interest to students taking Latin and Greek. It had been found that students were greatly inconvenienced on Tuesdays and Thursdays by being compelled to attend the recitations in these subjects, when they wished to take some of the large amount of optional work that comes on those days. It was suggested, some time since, that the hours for the required Latin and Greek be placed on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, to leave the other two days free, in order to give the students of the classics opportunity to take the optionals appointed for the other days. The matter was referred to a committee to report upon. Last Friday they presented their report recommending the adoption of the above suggestion, if the Professors of Latin and Greek would not be inconvenienced thereby. So, in all probability, Saturday recitations for a few students will be in order next term. Nothing was said concerning the extension of this plan, so as to include other studies. It is only an arrangement for the good of the greatest number, and, we understand, is to be regarded as an experiment, until it has been proved by trial to be eminently desirable. Those students who, upon hearing the rumor of Saturday recitations, concluded there was to be a wholesale suppression of one of their time-honored privileges, need not trouble themselves further, we think, until a more sweeping scheme of the same nature has been reported and adopted. The only way for us to ascertain the sentiments of those interested is to receive communications from them, which shall state their views explicitly and calmly. Such we will be glad to print, whenever space is open for them.

ROOM T has long served as a target for editorial malediction. The literature now extant upon the subject would, if collected, make a work equal in volume to the Cyclopaedia Britannica. Almost every week, for years, successive editors have racked their brains to devise some new manner of condemning it, to coin some new anathema to hurl against it. It has been known as a barn, a saw-mill, a refrigerator and a gasometer. The facultorial judgment has been pleaded with, the janitorial pride has been ap-

pealed to, all that suffering editors could do to swell their copy and to alleviate their classmates, has been done. "After many years of warfare," Room T, and also its twin sister, K, have been both warm and free from gas, from ten to one, for two days. The possibility of a reform in this direction having been demonstrated, there will be, hereafter, no excuse for a recurrence of the evil. So the editorial battery may now be turned against another nuisance in connection with it. The customs of society require a doffing of one's head-gear during lectures, and the new order of affairs makes it possible and even convenient to remove one's overcoat also. The latter may be hung over a seat, in some one's way, or it may be rolled up and sat upon, to keep some fiend from kicking it off on the floor. But no means has yet been devised whereby the barbarian who sits upon one's hat may be evaded. And extra books are known to be a weariness to the flesh of him who strives to care for them while taking notes. So let us have a change. Let the hundred thousand dollars be invested in hat and coat racks in the rooms, with a table also for extra books. Let the Saturday recitation scheme be laid upon the table, and more practical matters be discussed, until we are made comfortable for five days in the week, instead of miserable for six.

THE performance at Cascadilla last Saturday night was, in some respects, satisfactory, in some not. But be that as it may, there are a few facts in regard to the Cascadilla Dramatic Association, which are not generally known, and which, it seems to us, should be better understood and appreciated. In the first place, the aim of the society is always to present what is known as the classic English drama, and this fact alone is sufficient reason why their efforts should be heartily seconded by every member of the University. There is certainly no better method of studying, and of studying appreciatively the master-pieces of English drama, than to see them well presented upon the stage. The combination of scenery and presentation causes the play to strike the mind with redoubled force. Scenes of by-gone times are brought vividly into the present, and the aphorisms and moralizing, which the author endeavors to emphasize, are robbed of their prosiness by an appreciative and animated stage presentation, and thereby their effectiveness is ten

times increased. Undoubtedly those who were fortunate enough to listen to "The Rivals," will peruse Sheridan's great production with much more interest and to much greater advantage than those who did not. Another fact to be taken into consideration, is that the gentlemen and ladies of the Cascadilla Association receive nothing for the time and study which they must of necessity devote to the drama they present. Their labor is entirely a labor of love. The price of admission to their entertainments is always extremely low, and it is only designed to cover current expenses. The members of the association receive no remuneration whatever. In view of these facts, the most enthusiastic support of the whole student body should be tendered to them. They are attempting to uphold the standard English drama, and in so laudable a cause they deserve our hearty sympathy.

IT seems to be the proper time to give expression to an opinion entertained very generally among the friends of Cornell University, regarding the future arrangements concerning the Presidency. Various items have appeared urging the name of Hon. Andrew D. White as a member of the President-elect's cabinet, or commenting upon the rumors in regard thereto, or mentioning in a cursory way the fitness of the former gentleman for any position to which he may be appointed by the Chief Magistrate. Now, if the Hon. A. D. White were not credited with being our President, we should hail all these reports and surmises with satisfaction. But it is well understood that he has not severed his official connection with this University; it is stated, on good authority, that he has promised the Trustees that he will return, *D. V.*, and take up his residence in the mansion on the hill, and resume his former duties in and on behalf of the University, at the beginning of the next University year. Moreover, the very fact that his connection with us has not been entirely severed before argues that we have still a claim on his services, that he undoubtedly admits in his own mind. For what other college or institution of learning has ever suffered its head to reside abroad on leaves of absence, on national business, for three years? We know of none such. If our former President had tired of his charge, and really wished to embark in statesmanship, for which he is admirably fitted, he ought to have resigned at once. If he wishes to re-

sign, and only retains a nominal connection with this institution, because of the importunities of its friends and the other officers, we must give it as our humble opinion, not unsupported by confirmations from worthy sources, that such an arrangement was of doubtful expediency at any time; and now has been proved pretty conclusively, after a three years' trial, pernicious to the welfare of Cornell. It looked very much as though a change had really been made when our Vice President established himself in the Presidential mansion, though ostensibly the old order endured. Such are a few of the sentiments expressed quite freely at the present time. For the benefit of all concerned, we print them. We are sure that if any actual promises have been given, they will be fulfilled; but a policy of non-residence, indulgence and hesitation agreed upon by and between the Trustees and our President, bodes no good for the future of this institution. The public lose confidence in the management as a result, and this shows itself in the decreased success and efficiency of that management's charge.

THE *Shiner* is surprised, after a week's delay, at what it calls "an ungenerous and unmanly attack upon the Acting President." It says the writer dealt in inuendo, etc. As it is always well to speak plainly for the benefit of those who are unable to see the force of certain things, we make a point or two for their benefit. It is conceded that neither President nor Faculty has any right to interfere with class day. This was one point stated before. If they do so interfere, it is neither 'ungenerous' nor 'unmanly' to remind them that they are going beyond their jurisdiction. When called upon by certain members of the class, the V. P. gave them to understand that he had been instrumental in arranging matters for the 'Majority.' The date being chosen by the faction after it appeared in the Register, makes no difference. The point is that by collusion with the 'Majority' officers, and direct influence the V. P. meddled. Whether he favored one party or another makes no difference. If, as we are informed on good authority, was the case, he gave his support to either one, he was wrong, and there is nothing censurable in reminding him of the fact. It is not for us, at present, to follow out the details of the political "hop scotch" by which the date was arranged, and then voted on by the faction.

CASCADILLA THEATER.

"THE RIVALS."

Half-past seven Saturday evening, January 29, found every seat taken in the auditorium of Cascadilla Theater. As usual in amateur performances the curtain rose late. Meanwhile a large number of seats were placed in the aisles, and taken by those fortunate enough to be near them. Many criticisms of a general nature might be made upon the entertainment; yet we will confine ourselves to one point upon which amateurs ought to be well-informed, but in this instance seemed to ignore. In the first place we think some of the costumes were open to criticism. The gentlemen on the whole, dressed their parts well; they looked the old-fashioned fellows of a hundred years since, to perfection. But the ladies did not have seemingly, the least conception of costume, save Mrs. Malaprop whose hair was done up in something of a style that raged sometime within fifty years of the date of the play. But the incongruity was very noticeable when Captain Absolute in frogged scarlet coat and knee breeches, curled hair and three-cornered hat, made love to Lydia in a handsome silk dress that looked as though it was made after one of Worth's latest patterns.

Then as to the general interest in the play. We failed to detect anything approaching lively interest whenever Sir Anthony, the Captain, Acres, and Mrs. Malaprop were not present; whereas, when one or more of these characters appeared, all the opera glasses in the place were immediately leveled to watch their slightest movements. In fact, we failed to notice anything that could really be called action in the parts of other ladies and gentlemen in the cast.

The only time in the evening when the audience showed a hearty enthusiasm, was at the end of the scene in Mrs. Malaprop's lodgings where Lydia and the Captain gracefully acknowledged the compliment of a recall. The other occasions where there was really good acting were in the scenes between Sir Anthony and the Captain; between these, Mrs. Malaprop and Lydia; between Acres and the Captain in the latter's lodgings; and on the heath. In the latter Mr. Wendell as Acres was really marvelous, but unfortunately did not get the applause and recognition which he richly deserved. Sir Anthony, the Captain and Mrs. Malaprop could not well have been bettered. The only fault we can find with the action of any of these was with Sir Anthony's voice which was far removed from Mr. Lucas' and had some very strange effects.

Altogether we think that the play was presented quite as successfully as it could be under like circumstances. There was much to overcome not only in the invention of stage effects in the proper scenery and properties, but in the play itself. It is

unusually long. It is not a play for "stars" to shine in; to present it well every actor should be skilled in stage business, elocution and gesture.

The ERA thinks it is for the good of all concerned that it speaks thus freely. It will ever take a real interest in Cascadilla Theater and do what it can to encourage it justly, because it and the company are always interesting in the various ventures with which they relieve the stale monotony of Ithaca life.

In the cast published last week, we omitted by oversight to mention the name of Mr. M. M. Garver, as David.

THE SENIOR ENGINEERS' BANQUET.

One of those few social events, which sometimes happen during the busy Senior year of the student, occurred last Wednesday night. Upon invitation of "Jack" Read, the newly elected Chief, the Senior Engineers met at "genial Lew's" to banquet and celebrate the happy result of the election. By general acclamation "he that set it up" was made toastmaster. At this moment an average small boy announced himself and delivered a note scribbled on the back of an envelope. Chief Read was requested to (R)ead it. He read as follows: "To the Senior Engineers. My heart goes out to you. I will follow, as soon as I can escape from the toils of this girl. Yours eternally in astronomy, Ormsby." A telephram by telephone was received from Wightman, who so deplored the lowness and total depravity of the thermometer, that he felt it his divine duty to remain on the Hill. It is not necessary to say that the table groaned. At the given signal, the idealistic menu cards were transformed into a "feast fit for the gods." The "large cubical contents" and gastronomical abilities of the banqueters soon told upon the bounteously filled dishes of "mine host" Bement. No wooden spoon was necessary to incite to heroic deeds. Then to the tune so familiar upon the "storm-swept campus," the Engineers' March, the table was cleared, the cloth removed, and, amid the potherous popping of champagne corks, the good cheer of the evening took the "initiative." Toasts being now in order, Storey was first called upon to respond to the toast: "The Aesthetics of Hydraulics, Vis Viva, Bridge Construction and Godesy." He responded with a poem, which, although somewhat long, contained so many good points that a motion to publish it in pamphlet form was unanimously carried. Battin, in response to his toast on "The Music of the Draughting Room," sang an original song of sixteen verses and one chorus. The orchestration was necessarily omitted, owing to its difficulty. This is the first verse:

I want to be an engineer
And on an engine stand,
And lay upon the Straits* of Pan'ma
A railroad track so grand!!

*NOTE.—Ought to be Isthmus.

Ormsby was called upon to toast "Our Absent Ones, Including George Washington Freeman." Ormsby being absent himself, the health of all was drunk. Eidlitz's response on "Thoroughness, Thorough Bass, and Through and Through," was thoroughly enjoyed. Shnable feelingly responded to "The Honorably Conditioned, or the Backbone of '81." McCrea being next called out, responded to the toast, "The Efflux and Influx of High Spirits, as it Forcibly Appeals to the Commiseration of a Commissary." He stated in substance that "life is real, that the anatomica-physiological phenomena of the pre-existence of a pre-historic unsearchable link was incompatible and subsequently unattractive in its extreme cacophonous mystifications to the diligently progressive, modernized Commissary. That he opinionated that the indefinite, incoherent, homogeneity of the abstract terminology and propagational crudities of ancient methods of mathematical equipollences and quaternions as applied to similarities of congruences in the perichoretichal synecy of pamparalogmatic and porroteroporeumatical differentiations and integrations had been brought down to exact sciences, stripped of their teasing approximal substitutions. With these few propinquities and impeticos of gratillity, he begged to close his remarks. The Engineers could not have enjoyed anything better than these few words. Wick was now called upon, but owing to the unsteadiness of the tapers and faintness of the impression, his toast could not be deciphered. He offered "as a substitute," the reading of his memoir on the "Tody Bridge of the West Indies," which occupied thirty-two minutes in its rendition. These exercises were interspersed by songs and hymns, such as "There'll be no more Faculty there," "Drink rum," "We'll honor thee, Cornell," and "In the sweet subsequently." After a "walk around" and the "Engineer's War Dance," the party broke up by escorting the Chief and Commissary to their respective quarters, all pronouncing the banquet and Chief as absolutely "correct" as the means of enjoying a most jolly night. Thus enjoyed themselves seven overworked Senior Engineers.

—At a meeting of Navy Directors last Saturday evening, and after the election of A. K. Hiscock, Vice-Commodore, Frank Leary, Sec'y, and A. S. Wilcox, Treas., a discussion was had upon the advisability of having a Navy Ball. It was finally decided to hold the Navy Ball at the Ithaca Hotel, on Friday, Feb. 25. To make this a success it is necessary that all of the students who can, should attend. The committees are: On music and arrangements, Catlin, Hornor and Horr; on decoration, Read, '81, Rackemann, Wilcox, Leary, Van Rensselaer, Chase; on printing and invitations, Cowles, Horr, Hiscock and Catlin.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

To the Editors of the Cornell Era :

The last issue of the ERA contained an article which intimated that President Russel announced Tuesday, June 14, as the official date for holding Class Day exercises, at the request of the "Majority" Seniors. This implied statement is wholly false. The facts, as obtained from Dr. Wilson, in regard to the announcement in the *Register* that Class Day is to occur on Tuesday, June 14, are as follows. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees held a few years ago, the days upon which the exercises of Commencement week were to occur, were selected. The day set apart for the class exercises was the Tuesday immediately preceding Commencement, and Dr. Wilson was authorized to announce that date in the *Register* each year. Until last year the Class Day exercises were held on Tuesday; but the class of '80, ignorant of the action of the Executive Committee decided to hold its exercises on the Friday after Commencement. Their invitations were engraved and arrangements partially made for music for that day, before they were informed that it was not in the power of the class to change the date. Supported by a unanimous vote, the President of the class petitioned the Executive Committee to change the day, giving the reasons for such change substantially as above. This petition was granted. But the change was not intended to be a permanent one; and when the Committee on Publication of the *Register* examined the minutes of the Executive Committee this year, they found Tuesday set apart by the Trustees, for Class Day exercises, and that day was therefore officially announced in the *Register*. It would have been as impossible for the President or the Faculty to have changed the date for Class Day exercises as for Commencement. The "Majority" did not decide to hold its exercises upon Tuesday, June 14, until after that date had been announced by the Trustees as the official date for Class Day.

Yours, etc.,

—X.

CORNELLIANA.

—'83 has paid \$300 to the Navy so far.

—The Navy Treasurer's report is crowded out to-day.

—The *Sunday Telegram* prints poetry from the ERA without giving credit for the same.

—Latest weather report. For Friday, Feb. 4, Sun overcast, much wind, but not dangerous.

—According to the Treasurer's Report, there is \$29.03 in the treasury of the Sprague Boat Club.

—The *Orb-of-day* has pricked its balloon once more and ye editor goeth about with effulgent face.

—Terrible disaster! Sibley Bill was seriously injured, yesterday, by the accidental discharge of his duties.

—The blow-pipe room in the Chemical Laboratory cannot accommodate all who wish to take the practice.

—Mr. Badger's lecture on Sunday evening will treat of Hume's Scepticism as related with Berkeley's Idealism.

—We acknowledge our obligation to the Cornell ERA for the heading of our last column.—*C. C. N. Y. Free Press.*

—The new rowing machines are now in the Gym. We are disappointed, as some of the apparatus is rather clumsily made.

—Miss How gives a reception next Thursday evening, in Library Hall, in which many of the students will doubtless take part.

—Photographs of the Faculty, by Frear, Notman and Pach, can be had at Miss Ackley's for 25 cents apiece. Take your choice.

—The Senior Engineers can now contemplate, with safety, the heroic deed of measuring a mile and five-sixteenth course for the Navy on the ice.

—The Alpha Deltas give a reception at their chapter house this evening, which promises to be quite a social event. The number of invitations is limited.

—The weather was so cold on Wednesday—estimated at from five to fifteen degrees below zero—that many cut, fearing to meet cold lecture and recitation rooms.

—The reception at the Cornell mansion took place on Wednesday evening. Those fortunate enough to have obtained invitations, pronounce it an elegant and select affair.

—The Navy Board, Crew and Henley Subscription Committee will meet Saturday evening, at eight o'clock, at the office of Dr. C. E. VanCleaf. Important business is to be transacted.

—According to Political Economy we learn that the professor is a manufacturer. He takes the green, raw material, fashions it, and turns out cultured, intellectual and gentlemanly Seniors.

—The Sophomores have their banquet on Friday evening, February 18th, and it will doubtless be a grand success, as '83 is a very "social class. There is something attractive for Sophomores at class banquets.

—We shall have to give our baby brother access to old files of the ERA for next week's advertisements. Copies of the *Oberlin Review*, *Niagara Index* and *Acta* will furnish it with ideas for the furtherance of a duty.

—Prof. Perkins' class in Greek Lyrics numbers nine though there were fourteen applicants. The text book is Tyler's Lyric poets, and the subject seems to be so entertaining that even Freshmen take it. It comes Friday at 12.

—Will '83 and '84 settle on an amicable arrangement in regard to the latter's proposed banquet? Or will the Sophs. rise in indignation at the Freshmen's temerity? The Freshmen must keep a strict lookout for carpet-baggers!

—Next Monday Professor Wilder closes his lectures for this term and has kindly consented to deliver his last lecture upon the subject of "Evolution." Those who are desirous of gaining some knowledge of the subject should attend.

—The Navy's committee on printing have ordered a new engraving for the invitations to the Navy Reception. The beauty of the design and the importance of this year's Navy affairs will make them very desirable for scrap books.

—Junior meeting Wednesday at 1 p. m. Present, the President and *one other*. The President called the meeting to order, and stated, that, in his opinion, there was not a quorum present, so the meeting could not transact any business. Adjourned.

—"Harvard is remodelling her crew, apparently on the principle that, while skill is a very good thing to have in a boat, it needs plenty of muscle to operate through."—*N. Y. Herald*. The Harvard crew averages about 172 lbs. in weight, and 5 feet 10 inches in height.

—At the regular meeting of the Radical Club, to be held at the Unitarian Church Vestry next, Monday evening, at 7½ o'clock, Prof. Johannot will speak of "Needed Reforms in our Public Schools," after which the subject will be open for discussion by all interested.

—Cigarette smokers can now enjoy one consolation, at least. The luminous end of a cigarette raises the temperature of the atmosphere in the close vicinity of the exposed end of the smoker's nose, that he hardly thinks of even wearing ear-muffs these cold mornings.

—The *Shiner* is proud to state that no unfavorable mention of it was made for quite a while. Well, that is real nice. But did you ever hear of a

mewling and —— infant that was not 'a little sweet' until it was old enough to make itself silly, and develop the propensities of a brat?

—The local mail agent, who handles more newspapers than he desires, writes this eulogy:

If I were a Cornell student,
I'd load the Cornell gun,
With wads made of the Cornell ERA,
And shoot the Cornell Sun.

—The Freshmen come to the front, all ready for spring work. Their foot-ball, boating and base-ball committees have just been appointed. The committees are: On Base-ball, Messrs. Walch, Hoeffler, Rose; on Foot-ball, Messrs. Huffcut, Skillicorn, Carter; on Boating, Messrs. Cassedy, W. V. Hamilton, Weed.

—Eighteen Woodfords were submitted this morning for competition—the almost stereotyped number. The favorite subjects are "The Stoic and Christian Types of Civilization," "Aaron Burr and Lord Bolingbroke," "Forms of Government as the Products of National Character" and "Historical Continuity."

—The moonlight nights are again near at hand, and then coasting can be enjoyed as at no other time. The village authorities should take all precaution to render accidents impossible. The Aurora street and Tioga street crossings should be carefully guarded, and all teams going up the hill, should go up by some other street, and leave Buffalo street free to the coasters.

—Are the students to have a room to themselves, or must they be content with Uncle Josh's accommodations, if they wish to engage in conversation between lectures? Whispering or low conversation is forbidden in the Library, which is the place for study. Where can the student go? A room we should have. If necessary, the students could furnish it—but first, give us the room!

—The Freshmen held a class meeting on Tuesday, and decided to have a class-supper. President Bering has appointed the committee of arrangements, which is as follows: A. Hamilton, H. E. Case, J. Burrows, Davidson, Welles. This committee held a meeting Thursday afternoon at the D. K. E. Chapter House, and it was decided to have the supper on Friday evening, March 4th, at the Ithaca Hotel.

—The Architectural Association has been revived, and has elected new officers as follows: President, Instructor C. F. Osborne; First Vice President, H. T. E. Wendell, '81; Second Vice President, F. L. Brown, '82; Secretary, W. S. Knowles, '83. Its meetings are held on Friday afternoons at two o'clock. An interesting discussion on a vault in the State Capitol will be the feature of the next meeting.

—Preliminary arrangements are being made in

the organization of a Mathematical Club. We understand that Prof. Oliver is heading the movement. All students in the Mathematical course, and such professors as may desire, will be invited to join. The club will meet once a fortnight or month, to propose and discuss problems, and take up the new mathematical literature of the day. One of the plans of the club will be to subscribe for the best mathematical journals now published.

—The Junior Ball has been given up for this term, and a class supper will be substituted for it. This will be much pleasanter than a ball, for there are many who would attend the supper that could not go to the ball; and so very few Juniors will regret the substitution. No one who was present at '82's Sophomore banquet will miss the one this year, and doubtless many more will attend. Some action should be taken immediately by the class in regard to this, as it is necessary that the banquet should take place as soon as possible.

—After three ballots, J. E. Read, '81, was elected Chief Engineer of the Senior and Junior Engineers. The election occurred last Wednesday. Battin moved and Storey seconded that the election be declared unanimous. Carried. McCrea was elected Commissary and responded with a few happy remarks. The Computer and Captains will be appointed by the Engineering Department. The party will in all probabilities be located in the quarters of last year's party. Not much new work will be undertaken as the Junior Engineers can muster only four men in the field.

—Quite a little ripple of excitement will be raised among the young ladies of Cornell to know that there has been started in their midst a Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. This society is among the largest of ladies fraternities and originated in 1870 in the Indiana Asbury University. It now has about ten chapters, mostly in Western institutions, of which the largest is probably that at Ann Arbor. Only three ladies to the last accounts had gone through the scathing ordeal of the initiation. The pin is of handsome design, nearly lozenge-shaped of gold with the symbols and letters on a jet ground. The long felt want among the ladies is now supplied; and fortunate will be she who is admitted to the mysteries.

—Last Monday, at 1 o'clock, a meeting of all the engineers was held in pursuance of a call, Battin, '81, acting as chairman. After stating the object of the meeting, which was to consider an Engineer's Banquet, the Chairman requested expressions from the different classes. Ferris, '80, being willing, Kelley, '80, announced that the other half of the class of '80 would be there. Read stated that '81 was heartily in favor. Krüsi stated, "speaking for himself that one-fourth of the Junior class thought well of the scheme." Ormsby, '81, moved that a

banquet be held by the Engineers within two or three weeks. Carried. Read, '81, moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair—one from each class. Carried. Kelley, '80, Read, '81, Krüsi, '82, Ewing, '83, and Goodman, '84, were appointed. Moved that we go home by McCrea. Carried.



T. L. MEAD, '77, spent a few days in town this week.

BLOWERS, '79, is local editor for a paper in Oswego.

WM. F. FARMER, '76, was in town last week visiting friends.

CARPENTER, '80, is studying medicine at the New York Medical College.

HOLCOMB, '81, will be here during Commencement week to see his class graduate.

PROF. ROBERTS has returned from his Canadian trip, and will meet his classes on Monday.

A. R. TOWNSEND, '71, is "running" a drug store, and doing a big business, in Boone, Iowa.

EDWARD O'GARRA, '71, is manager of the Oskaloosa Coal Co., of Des Moines, Iowa, and is doing well.

MISS SUE P. CHEEK, '81, one of the "Kentucky Beauties," has a brother attending Johns Hopkins University.

DAVID T. DEVIN, '73, is chief clerk in Percival & Hatton's Real Estate and Land Office, located at Des Moines, Iowa.

MCCREA, '81, wants the mistake made by the *Sun* corrected. It was J. E. Read, alone, that set it up. McCrea enjoyed it all the same.

C. P. BACON, '79, has resigned his position on the *Elmira Gazette*, and is going to display his journalistic abilities in Hartford, Conn.

L. EIDLITZ, '77, is finishing up his studies in ship-building at Dumbarton, Scotland, and expects to be home in New York city this year.

P. M. CHADWICK, '74, who graduated from the University of New York in '76, enjoys a prosperous and ever increasing practice as physician and sur-

geon, in Omaha, Neb., where he has been located for two years.

F. DE Y. CARPENTER, '73, will have the pleasure of seeing his poem on the "Three Americas Railways" published in pamphlet form.

KELSO, '81, recently met Harry Parke, '81, in the Astor House, New York. Harry looked very much improved and was expecting to visit Ithaca soon.

G. F. BEHRINGER, '69, is preaching to saints and sinners at Des Moines, Iowa. He looked after a charge in Mendon, Ill., until several months ago.

MISS M. EVANS, formerly '81, and attending a young ladies' college in West Virginia, has a brother holding a Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University.

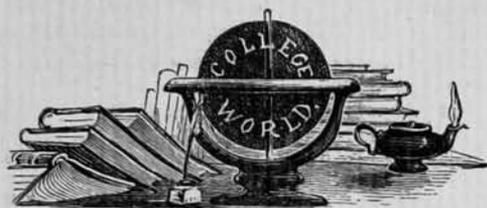
W. GENTLEMAN, '77, ex-ERA editor, studied law in Chicago under Robert Lincoln, who is mentioned by newspapers as a deserving candidate for General Garfield's cabinet.

ALFRED F. BALCH, '77, has been located at St. Johnsbury, Vt., for the last three years, being in the employ of the Fairbanks Scale Co. He reports more sales during the past year than ever before.

WM. J. BERRY, President of the class of '76, is teaching recalcitrant youngsters at the Brooklyn Polytechnic. He mourns the loss of a silk hat on the election, and consequently, Spencer H. Coon, '76, of *The Tribune*, sports a Knox tile of rare beauty.

J. S. LEHMAIER, '79, graduated from Columbia Law School last spring. He is now managing clerk in the office of Porter, Lowery, Soren & Stone, of 3 Broad street, New York, the counsel of the Western Union Telegraph and Edison Companies, and also attends to a growing practice of his own.

W. H. JORDAN, a graduate of Maine State College, pursued a Post Graduate course in chemistry here in '78-'79, and will be remembered as President of the Y. M. C. A., in which organization he was very active. About four weeks ago, he was called from Maine, where he had been teaching, to the chair of Agricultural Chemistry, at the State College, Center Co., Pa. His advent seems to have put new life into the institution. He, together with the Trustees of the college and the President, General Beaver,—who is likely to be Pennsylvania's next Governor,—were busy lobbying in the State capital, last week, in the interest of the State College. This institution, which has hitherto been diffuse in its instructions, and meagre in its success, is likely to be made a technical school, in which special attention will be paid to Agricultural Chemistry. This change, which is of no small importance, is due largely to the efforts of Prof. W. H. Jordan, of whom Cornell has good reasons to be proud. He is a man of energy, taste and ability, and will be heard from again.



AMHERST :—

Rev. H. W. Beecher lectured January 17.

The Sophomores read Demosthenes at sight.

The Sunday afternoon chapel is not popular with the students.

The B. B. nine and the boatmen are hard at work in the gymnasium.

Judge Tourgee lectured before the students last Wednesday evening.

The Seniors want to have a theatrical entertainment, if the Faculty will consent.

The President has expressed a hope that some day the college may be able to offer a scholarship of \$500 to each student, subject to certain restrictions.

COLUMBIA :—

The *Spectator* Association hold their annual dinner March 1st.

The Seniors of the School of Mines think of having a supper soon.

Sophomores and Freshmen had a hat and cane rush, a few days since.

The Law School will probably be removed to more commodious quarters near the college, at no distant date.

The Sophomores have decided to wear mortarboards in the college grounds. Perhaps they will don gowns also.

DARTMOUTH :—

Tobagging is a favorite sport.

The standard of admission to the Scientific departments has been lowered.

There are two new Alumni Associations—that of the Northwest, and of Manchester and vicinity.

"A canvass-covered tan track is to be put into the gymnasium for the benefit of the nine. The track is 26 laps to the mile."—*Dartmouth*.

The collection of portraits in the Art Gallery is receiving valuable additions. Twenty-five, in addition to late donations, are expected soon.

HARVARD :—

A University race with Columbia is talked of.

The third volume of the *Register* is in magazine form.

The Union has finally decided not to establish a legislative branch.

"The expenses of instruction in Chinese were \$4,062.15 ; fees received, \$30."—*Crimson*.

The new Faculty regulations are very liberal in spirit, and are hailed with satisfaction by the students.

The college press advocate a scheme of retiring allowances to professors when they become unable to teach through sickness or advanced age.

"7,247 volumes have been added to the various libraries connected with the University during the past year, making a total of 253,123 volumes, and 199,060 pamphlets."—*Crimson*.

PRINCETON :—

"Bob" clubs have memberships of about half the college.

The Freshmen have a crew in training, and the base-ball team are hard at work in the gymnasium.

The privileges of the alcoves in the Library are no longer extended to students because of the loss of books it entails.

The Directors of the Foot-Ball Association presented their side of the controversy with Yale in the New York dailies about ten days since.

At the mass meeting of the college held Jan. 19, willingness was expressed to arrange for a decisive game of foot-ball with Yale, to be played next spring.

WILLIAMS :—

The gymnasium that is building is already under roof.

On the Day of Prayer for Colleges recitations were omitted and two chapel services held.

YALE :—

The winter concert of the Glee Club will occur Feb. 7th.

The Foot-Ball Club has a balance in the treasury of \$965.01.

The *Courant* is heartily in favor of the Yale-Harvard field day scheme.

The newly elected *Lit.* Board assume charge of the magazine with the April number.

EXCHANGES.

The *Crimson* contains a "scene taken from the new Harvard edition of Shakespeare," which is well worthy to take its place in that edition. The Harvard Shakespeare, as a text book, or for library use, is an utter failure. But we all know the cause. Mr. Hudson may be a very remarkable man, besides a great scholar ; but there is one thing he cannot do, and that is, edit an edition of Shakespeare's works with any degree of sanity.

The *Notre Dame Scholastic* states, on the authority of *The Cornell Review*, that the ERA is endeavoring to become an illustrated paper. Now, see here,

Dame, if you believe every thing *The Cornell Review* states, you will make a great —, well, mistake. There is another thing we would like you not to do, and that is to make such "nasty" puns. Don't! For heaven's sake, don't! Besides, you talk of our pitching into the *Sun*. Now, are you fully aware of the great danger involved in pitching into the *Sun*? We never have done that. We simply drew a few pictures for the amusement of our readers, and the idea of pitching into the *Sun* never entered our heads:

"The ERA editor, when pitching into the *Sun*, seems utterly regardless of *coup de soleil*; perhaps he had his head chain-plaited before engaging in the dance with the *Index* editor, and in consequence considered himself safe from the radiant attacks of the hot luminary aforesaid; but *coup de soleil* doesn't always strike a man in the head. So, look out, old fellow; keep well out of reach of the *bona leges* of the *Sun* and *Review* men, or you may have to begin a new Era, anyhow."

Much obliged for the advice. It is all right. Don't worry, *Dame*. We have got our armor on, and if that *Sonny* comes around here, we will make his gyrations still more *erratic*.

The Yale Courant, in an editorial, speaks in the following terms of Prof. Peck:

"Those of the Juniors who took Latin as an optional have had every reason to congratulate themselves on their choice. Prof. Peck's method of instruction is a delightful improvement on that of Freshman and Sophomore years. He evidently thinks that the Latin language and literature require something more than a grammar and dictionary. It is a great pity that so few should enjoy the benefit of the conversations which he substitutes for the dreary, uninteresting conversation. Yale is fortunate in gaining an instructor who combines so harmoniously the exactness of knowledge with the refinements of general culture."

Yes, indeed, Yale is fortunate! We mourn our own loss, but then, our congratulations are none the less sincere. Just fancy any subject dreary and uninteresting with Prof. Peck in charge! Impossible!!

The Yale Lit. is upon our table. We congratulate the editors upon the contents of the January number. The usually high literary excellence of this magazine has been preserved with an even more sustained tone. *The Yale Lit.* is one of the few college monthlies which we care to preserve.

The Williams Atheneum has recently turned into an advertising sheet. The first article which meets our eye is a "History of Williamstown," the next an editorial, setting forth the great advantages as to the situation of Williams College. We presume the editors wish to increase their circulation; if so, the Faculty will undoubtedly buy up the whole of this last issue, and as many more as they choose to print, using them for advertising "dodgers," to be strewn broadcast throughout the country.

The Acta Columbiana is still agitating the I. P. A. We beg leave to inform the *Acta* that the first statement quoted below is untrue. We presume the *Acta*, placed in similar circumstances, would call the

statement a "lie"—that would be consistent at least with the "tone" of the paper:

"The Coraell ERA, formerly in favor, is now 'unalterably opposed' to the plan."

In an editorial, the *Acta* goes on to say:

It is just as well that the ERA has taken our remarks about its "backing and filling" as a "gratuitous insult." While not meant as such, yet, after its last production, something of the kind would be necessary in return; and its construction of our editorial saves us the necessity of writing anything more. The ERA is at liberty to make the most out of the "insult."

Be assured, we will.

We read further, and find that—

Cornell does not know whether to accept our challenge or not. The ERA says they have everything to lose, and nothing to gain, by rowing us. The ERA tells the truth, and, what's more, they'd lose their "everything."

No, no, not "everything." Neither our temper nor our manners. Those at least we will endeavor to keep. Last year's Columbia crew did, to be sure, lose the race. But there is one thing they did not lose—their manners. *Ex nihilo, nihil fit.*

BOOK NOTICES.

WHAT IS A BANK? by Edward Atkinson, New York: Society for Promoting Political Education.

This is a timely tract upon finance. It deals with the banking system in a full yet condensed statement of its advantages and methods. There is a proper subordination of details to principles, a clearness of expression and lucidity of arrangement that make it a valuable handbook for those aiming to acquire a knowledge of the American banking system. Other tracts and books of general interest to students of politics will be published at short intervals by the Society.



—A young lady of a religious turn of mind has over her looking-glass the inscription, "Seek me early."—*Vassar Miscellany*.

When my winks in vain are wunk,
And my last stray thoughts are thunk,
Who saves me from a shameful flunk?

My Pony.

—*Unidentified Ex.*

—DEBATING SOCIETY.—*Verbose Senior* (Rising majestically near the close of the meeting.)—Mr. Chairman and fellow-students: It is my intention to treat —(prolonged applause from Chairman and fellow-

students)—this subject in a new and— (Ear-splitting groans and hisses from fellow-students, and Verbose Senior reposes.)—*Free Press*.

—Scene in an English Lit. Junior's room at the witching hour of twelve when graveyards and tired bummers yawn. The Lit. man enters having just returned from an exhibition of the drama; wakes up his chum with a hoarse stage whisper: "Slave did'st lock yonder door? The key. Where is't, quick? I'll streangle thee. Dids't lay the matches on yon outer battlements? Aye, me good Lord, I'm mad and me (my) heart claps up and down like your old boot-jack." Of the reply deponent saith not.—*Yale News*.

—*Angry wife* (time, 2 a. m.)—"Is that you, Charles?"

Jolly husband—"Zash me!"

Angry wife—"Here have I been standing at the head of the stairs these two hours. Oh, Charles, how can you?"

Jolly husband (bracing up)—"Shtandin' on your head on t' stairs! Jenny, I'm shprized? How can I? By Jove, I can't! Two hours, too. 'Stronary woman!"—*Ex*.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

—THE BEST BOARD AND PLEASANT ROOMS AT 40 S. AURORA STREET.

—Go to Miss Ackley's for the finest stationery. Subscriptions for the ERA are received.

—If you want good fitting and fashionable clothes cut or made, call on E. English, Tailor and Cutter Wilgus Block.

—J. S. R. Scovill, Morris Ills., says: When your "Only Lung Pad" came to hand, my son could not raise his head. He is now up and gaining every day.—See Adv.

—A visit to the dentist is not always agreeable, but on this account should not be delayed. At Melotte's office as little pain is inflicted as is consistent with the performing of perfect operations.

—Finch & Apgar are the agents in Ithaca for the sale of the publications of the American Book Exchange which they furnish at the publisher's prices adding only the postage. Call at their store and see the cheapest books ever before pushed.

—Students can buy Note Books, Scratch Tablets, Stationery, Pencils, Pens, Ink Stands, Drawing and Detail Paper, Waste Paper Baskets, Book Shelves, Pictures Frames, &c., &c., very cheap at Bool's Fine Art and Variety Store, (New Front,) 40 East State Street, Ithaca, N. Y. Look at the Local Sun Dial.

—The Cigarettes of the Kinney Tobacco Co., successors to Kinney Brothers, 515 to 525 West 22nd Street, New York, justly enjoy the highest reputation of any similar manufactures in this country. In the first place only the finest natural rice paper is used by them thus assuring the smoker against the injuries that attend the shellac, arsenic and other health sapping sophistications that are found in the inferior papers used by other firms. For a real delicious, sweet smoke, try their latest cigarette, the "Veteran."

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Congregational Church, corner Seneca and Geneva Streets. Pastor, C. M. Tyler. Services, Preaching at 10-00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m.,

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.00 p. m., Sunday School, after the Sunday morning service.

Presbyterian Church, Dewitt Park, north-west corner. M. W. Stryker, Pastor. Public worship at 10.30 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Church School at 12.10, Young Men's Meeting in Chapel at 6.15 p. m., Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7.00 p. m.

Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Pastor, Henry C. Badger. Services 11.00 a. m., 7.00 p. m., Sunday School and Young People's Classes, 12.00 m., Inquiry Class, 8.00 to 9.00 p. m., during the winter. Mr. Badger at home Tuesday evenings, 148 Cascadilla.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Buffalo and Cayuga Streets. Rector, Amos B. Beach, D. D. Services at 11.00 a. m., and 7.00 p. m., Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Students cordially received.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel, (East door.) Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services, every Sunday, at 11 a. m., and 4 p. m.

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THIS thaw warns us that the spring will soon be here. And when it is at hand, what will the students do in the way of sports? is a query that occurs to us. Boating of course, owing to the interest that has been aroused among the undergraduates by our determination to send a crew to England, will be able to take care of itself. Then too the regatta postponed from last fall will serve to keep the interest in aquatics alive. But we hear of nothing at all that would lead us to believe that anybody has any interest in foot-ball or base-ball at present, or that they are laying any plans for the coming season. Foot-ball of course must depend upon the state of the weather, and ought to begin to show life when the snow has finally melted and the air has become temperate enough for prolonged exercise out of doors. But the winter should be the time when base-ball men begin to practice in the various technical parts they desire to be proficient in when the diamond shall be clear and the sky blue. Many other colleges have provided places for practice in throwing, pitching and catching during the winter months; as far as we know there should be no obstacle to our doing the same, provided those who wish to play desire to practice now. We give the suggestion for what it is worth. We likewise wish to urge upon the gentlemen having the other interests in charge, the necessity of laying plans immediately if we are to distinguish ourselves in field sports in the spring.

IT is the custom of Seniors to bewail their want of time for general reading. It seems to them that after having gone through the steady grinds of Latin, Greek, French, German, Mathematics and Physics, during the first three years, they ought to have some opportunities to gather up some of the sweet fragments laying in the Library, even though they belong to no particular 'ology.' They begin to see that scholarship, the ability to do hard mental work, to acquire information, is not everything. They perceive that to have taste, the sense of beauty, the perception of the inward purpose of art creations, and to study the human mind through its masterpieces, is to be truly cultured. And yet, do we not see many of our fellow students graduate year after year, with no notions of these? There are men who spend four years in college and do what their professors call excellent work; they graduate in the highest standing

and go out in the world to follow each his special occupation. Many of this class become professors of science or instructors in the elements of the different languages in schools and colleges. Yet what more can anybody say of these than that they made storehouses of their brains not workshops? And hereon hinges the question of mental production and non-production, a question that can be studied with as much interest as Political Economy, to which it offers some striking parallelisms. But we are getting off the track. We commend heartily the habit of outside reading indulged in by a number of the students. But in connection with this, we will mention the very able efforts of Professor Shackford to stimulate this habit, to extend it and to teach those who take "Extempore" to systematize, and think upon their mental gleanings. We have called attention to the optional work under the Professor before, but think the advantages he offers of too much value to be dismissed with a single article.

IT is with pleasure we correct a statement in one of the recent letters from our Oberlin correspondent. He said a great source of happiness was wanting in Oberlin because the boys could not take the girls out riding. The *World's College Chronicle* tells us that a short time since the Freshmen took their fair class sisters sleigh riding and that some of the boys even drew certain of the young ladies on their sleds. That must have been an occasion to remember. Either the vigilance of the Faculty relaxed for a day or they suspended the rule for the express purpose, or our correspondent was wrong. But the fact of some of the boys taking each his fair one on his sled would point to either of the former as a more reasonable supposition than the last. Let us examine the statement in the *World* and see what we can make of it. The sleighs evidently were not in sufficient numbers to accommodate the various couples. The livery-men have probably learned the futility of keeping many 'rigs' for hire if the Faculty really have a rule prohibiting the young gentlemen from taking the young ladies to ride. And if the sleighs and bells were wanting, would not some of the fair ones be consumed with jealousy while their sister classmates were in the midst of their enjoyment? Clearly then, the youths who gallantly came to the rescue of the less fair and less fortunate with their hand sleds did the correct thing. But suppose

there is no prohibition of co-educational riding. Then the liverymen always keep a sufficient number of turnouts on hand, and if in the one solitary instance of a co-educational class ride they did not provide for the emergency, they were abominably short sighted and didn't know their own interests. But an editor of the ERA knows that all the liverymen he has ever had the misfortune to deal with are grossly extortionate and look out only too sharply for their own interests sometimes, to care for the comfort or slender purses of their patrons—especially the editorial ones. Clearly then we must count the first supposition as the more plausible one. The ERA therefore congratulates the little boys and girls of Oberlin that for once they had the privilege of taking rides together. We can assure them that if the rule against riding is enforced, they lose half the pleasure which constitutes the bright part of the Cornell student's life. Perhaps this is all a myth anyhow. We are always open to correction, however.

IDEALS DESTROYED BY SCIENCE AND THEIR SUBSTITUTES.*

Every age has its beliefs and ideas; and every succeeding age tears away the veil of mystery from some one of the old conceptions, and exhibits it a sham, a tale without foundation, a theory based on idle supposition. Increasing evidence breaks down the old notions; and new ones take their place. The customs that seemed good to former men are ruthlessly destroyed by cold and calculating science.

Once in the golden age of our parents' school days, young men went to college with a burning zeal for wisdom, with an insatiable desire for knowledge. They disdained all thoughts of ease and struggled without ceasing for mental wealth. Had they been blessed with a favoring 'snap,' an oasis in the heartless schedule's desert, they would have turned away from it with loathing and unspeakable disgust. They wanted unremitting toil and disciplining labor. To be sure their preparation was not great, nor their curriculum extended, but they had the zeal just the same, and they 'went in' to cultivate their zeal. Now the fathers tell their sons of those old days, and strive to waken emulation. But science has destroyed the old ideal. The insatiable thirst runs in another channel. The old ideal makes the young men tired. The new one fills their hearts with joy. And who would change the new way to the old? Who would

sacrifice his beer and pretzels, his songs and stories and good fellowship, for the dry and salt and barren precedents of long ago? Hail, Science! Go to, Ideals!

In the mighty ages of the backward past, our fathers and our fathers' fathers came back from a long vacation, with a sorry countenance and spoke of some great ancestor defunct, or other mournful reason for delay, and it was entered on the solemn books, with ominous silence and a melancholy sigh. There was a harsh funereal element in every leave-of-absence tale. So men went gloomily to work, nor wore a gladsome smile in the professor's sight. Such were the best ideals of times now slipped away. The onward march of science has shown the hollowness of such devices. The modern Prof. will not be moved by such a tale. It strikes all meaningless upon his ear, as idle as the sounding brass, or empty tinkling cymbal. He must be harrowed with a newer tale of angry elements, up-heaping snows and railroads wrecked. The small pox must have raged, the tables of the traveling time be out of joint. The old 'stiffs' are no good to him who loveth new and varying forms of ever-changing, smooth mendacity. Who would lie in the ancient way when the modern style is better? The old time customs must give way before the keen and searching eye of science.

Back among the palmy echoes of the past, when skill was yet unborn, and bungling was the rule, the student who would gain a leave for absences of his accumulating, would tell a tale of sickness and distress to play upon the grantor's pity. Now he places his reliance on the finer feelings of mankind, the fellow feeling that maketh all the world akin, and speaks of sleepless nights and drowsy mornings, thus raising in his master's mind an instant sympathy. Or if of a dramatic turn he binds a flannel on his neck and seeks the august presence with a croaking voice all redolent with camphor, making mute appeal for help along the stony path of knowledge. How far doth the new way outstrip the old! How glorious are the conquests of human-prying science!

In the cold and clammy age, when men lived only for themselves, and burned with zeal for their own advancement only, how hardly should the absent man escape the meshes of his tutor? No cheerful voice from comrade's throat made music in his favor. Dreary was the very atmosphere, and joyless the surroundings. But since the angel of co-operation came, how glorious is her presence! In the cold and cheerless lecture-room she brings a booming record of attendance, and saves the careworn Prof. from speaking to a multitude of empty benches. In the little recitation-room she shines as "unprepared," and makes the wheels of the attendance mill run smoothly. Who would give up the blessings of the new ideals for the old? Who does not glory in the march of clear-eyed Science?

Once when time was plenty, and the quenchless

* Through the kindness of the Committee we are enabled to print thus early the Woodford prize oration for 1881. Though at first somewhat reticent about announcing their decision before the usual time, they have laid aside the old custom for the convenience of the public. The production will appear in due time in the *Review* and *Stiner*.

zeal for work had habitation in the hearts of men ; when everyone had faith in the inspiring wealth of classic lore ; when men believed that the true genius of a work and its best culturing spirit could only be acquired by careful toil and steady labor ; how dreary was the way of knowledge ! How slowly the traveler attained his hopes ! Now with his good steed on a trot, how easy is his journey through the vistas of the past ! What golden hours are saved for 'bums,' what precious losses are regained ; what ease and comfort follow him who rides !

Then hail to the beer and the pretzels !
Hail to the flannels and snows !
Hail to the jolly good fellow,
Who rideth wherever he goes !

THE NEW ONE AND FIVE-SIXTEENTH MILE COURSE.

Tuesday morning came, and also indications of an approaching thaw. After due consideration it was decided that the time had come to measure a mile and five-sixteenths on the ice. Accordingly Engineers Read, Wick and Shnable, with Captain Shinkel, started for the light-house at 2,30 p. m., carrying the transit, chain, pins, axe and poles.

After leaving the Boat House considerable difficulty was met with in transporting the instruments through snow-drifts, four and five feet deep. Arriving at the pier opposite the light house, the transit was set up and the telescope pointed to Treman's flag-staff, situated on the west shore of "fair Cayuga." Read acted as transit man, Wick and Shnable as chainmen, and Shinkel as flagman. To the party's surprise and chagrin, the ice, although about fourteen inches thick, was covered with pools of water, sometimes four inches deep. It was rough in places and again so smooth that hardly any headway could be made while walking against the wind, which was now blowing quite stiffly. Two parties of skaters were met, who were returning to Ithaca on foot, skating against the wind being very difficult. They had skated as far as Taghanic and reported ice beyond Trumansburg.

It was after six o'clock before the end of the course was reached. An angle of 90° was turned off by vernier, and a blaze and two stakes were lined in and recorded. The finish line will therefore be a visual line and not so easily lost as a buoy. Only two objects are necessary to determine a line, but it was thought expedient to place three objects in line and thus avoid the accident of loosing the finish by the accidental removing of one of the stakes.

The party took the G., I. & S. rail road track in "wending wearily homeward," arriving at Bement's at half past seven. A porter-house steak apiece, with various other edibles, placed the party in a normal condition. The Navy is assured of an accurate course and the time made this spring, by the crew can be relied upon as trustworthy.

A MYSTERY.

Near a streamlet and a wood,
On a sightly hill-top, stood
A stately building of red brick,
Shelt'ring maids without a trick.

There had been no lovers' tryst ;
There had maiden ne'er been kissed ;
Not, at least, as strangers wist.

In this curious edifice,
Guarded from all artifice,
Many a mellow moon ago,
When the midnight bell had toll'd,
And the slumber wave had roll'd
Over all the earth below ;

Maidens twain from couches slipped,
Down the hallway lightly tripped,
To the sombre dining hall,
To the side-board near the wall.

Each a huge old salver took
While her sides with laughter shook,
And they fled to highest stair,
Still as beings of the air.

Then with garments gathered pat,
On their salvers plumply sat,
Grasping firm each rolling brim,
Down the flights they swiftly skim.
And the sullen crash and roar,
Wakes the sleepers on each floor.

In their couches bolt upright,
In the darkness of the night,
Eyes wide-staring in their fright,
Sat the dwellers one and all
Through the length of that great hall.

Then the twain, with nimble tread,
Scampered each to her late bed.

And at morn the tale was told,
How some goblin, bad and bold,
With his capers manifold,
Had disturbed the slumber hour,
By his mystic magic power.

And surmises wild and strange,
Compassing the widest range,
Ne'er could guess the simple reason
Why, in the nocturnal season,
They had waked with strange alarm
From their slumber deep and warm.

Thus a mystery was born,
Between the twilight and the morn
In the time when girls were gay,
Ere the maids had ceased to play.

THE NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of The Northwestern Association of Cornellians, Messrs. Bills, Falkenau, Murray and Barnard, held a meeting in Chicago, about a week since, and decided to have the next annual banquet of the Association, at the Grand Pacific Hotel, on Monday, the last day of this month. The matter is being vigorously pushed, and it is expected it will be a much grander affair than has been yet seen by this Association. The society is not one restricted to graduates of the University; it is largely composed of such Cornellians as never took a degree. Every one that has been a student at the University is welcome. It is to be something more than a feast of culinary productions; a number of fine literary courses are expected.

Full particulars will be published in the number of the ERA that immediately succeeds the affair.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE GYM.

By request, we publish a correct statement of the Treasurer of the Gym. for last term. According to this statement, the financial condition of the Gym. is better than at any previous time.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT—FALL TERM, 1880.

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| | Dr. | | |
| Rec'd of last Treas. (Gusdorf,) | \$28 | 11 | |
| " by term dues, - - - | 15 | 50 | |
| " initiation fees, - - - | 44 | 50 | \$88 11 |
| | Cr. | | |
| Expense, care of Gym. - - - | 22 | 00 | |
| Int. on note held by Univ., - - | 4 | 61 | |
| Journal Association, bill for printing and advertising the Ex. of last year, - - - | 17 | 15 | |
| Wilgus Opera House, for Ex., - - | 10 | 00 | |
| Jamieson, plumbing bill, - - - | 7 | 50 | |
| Rumsey & Co., hardware bill, - - | 7 | 50 | |
| Incidentals, repairs, etc., - - - | 12 | 96 | \$81 72 |
| Balance on hand, - - - | \$6 | 39 | |

The officers state that they do not know of anyone having used the Gym. last term without paying his term dues, which is very remarkable and satisfactory. Although the dues are so small, yet many have in time past neglected to pay them. The initiation fee is but \$2.50, which includes the first term's dues, and a key and locker. The appearance of activity inside the Gym. now is quite different from what it used to be—quiet and solitary.

—“College mostly makes people like bladders, just good for nothing but t' hold the stuff as is poured into them.”—Adam Bede.

LITTA—GRAND CONCERT.

We were obliged last week, for want of space, to omit our criticism of this most excellent company of artists. Indeed our criticism would of necessity have been brief, and our praise long and loud. Without exception, no company of artists has ever visited our place whose uniform excellence and general high tone bore such undisputed evidence in the rendition of their program. Marie Litta is too well known as an artiste to need mention. Miss McLain has our thanks for her fine contralto solo, and Miss Mantey was a great surprise to us as a violinist of much merit. She lacks strength of execution and that Promethean spark which so distinguishes Wilhelmj, but there is a fine conception and technique, if not genius. Mr. Cleveland has a rich tenor voice, and Mr. Skelton handles his cornet with degree of skill excelled only by a Levy or an Arbuckle. We add a parting compliment for Miss Bangs, who occupies, as accompaniste, by far the most onerous position on the program. Her piano solos were excellent. In Mr. Slayton we recognize a manager of much experience and whithal a perfect gentleman. We congratulate both him and ourselves upon the unqualified praise his company deserves.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

THE MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

To the Editors of the Cornell Era :

The latest departments which have been opened to students of this University are those of Music and Pedagogy. The former under the charge of Mr. Cady, the latter under charge of Prof. Payne. The School of Music was first opened for students at the beginning of the present college year, and furnishes two courses : a class for beginners, and an advanced class in Harmony. The classes in this department are well attended, and the general character of the monthly public rehearsals, show the instruction given in this department to be first class.

The chair in Pedagogy, the first I believe established in the United States, has for some time been looked upon as an experiment; but the favorable reports from those who received the training of this course, show this new departure, also to be a success.

Prof. Payne, who fills the chair of this department, is a self-made man; he is the author of a popular and practical treatise on School Supervision, and the long experience acquired in active school work especially fits him for the position he now fills.

In this department there are also two courses: one on the practical work of School Supervision, including the Grading of Schools, the Art of Instruction, School Architecture, School Law, etc.; the other a historical, critical and philosophical study of education.

The importance of instruction in the science and art of teaching is not in danger of being over-estimated.

Young men are annually leaving our higher educational institutions to fill positions in High Schools and Academies, with no special training for the positions they undertake to fill. It is not strange that there are failures, that the High School system is looked upon doubtfully, and that parents are often dissatisfied with the advancement of their children. Such will continue to be the case as long as men attempt to fill positions for which they are not qualified. Surely no business man would allow one with no business experience, to take charge of his affairs yet we find no such requirements necessary to obtain situations in our public schools. The world will talk of civil service reform, and entirely overlook the reforms needed here. If only thoroughly qualified teachers could be employed, the youths would not need reforming so much when they become men.

There is a student Lecture Association here, which brings us such speakers as Wallace Bruce, David Swing, Henry Ward Beecher, Archibald Forbes and others. The Association also furnishes the library with nearly one hundred periodicals, consisting of the most prominent monthlies, weeklies and dailies from all parts of the country. These papers are kept on the library tables, and are directly accessible to all.

Last year the board of Regents attempted the experiment of building a \$60,000 museum with only \$40,000.

With the fiat of the legislature to aid them, no one dreamed of failure; but though the building has been erected for many months, and though the inside work has been completed, the structure is not yet deemed safe for occupation. Did the world profit by such experiments, no one would regret the cost, but since such things have been tried from time immemorial to the present day, we have

not much assurance that future generations will profit by this example. All must learn by experience.

THE ENGLISH LITERATURE LECTURES.

To the Editors of the Era:

Although the lectures in English Lit. seem to be about as good as those of last term, yet the lack of interest displayed by the students as compared with the interest of last term is evident to any one. This, I think, results from the course which the Professor is following. Last term, we learned to appreciate Shakespeare's genius, because we were brought to the study of his plays. This term, we listen to lectures about works which very few have read, and in which consequently very few feel any interest. Prof. Corson's criticisms on "Lycidas" and other works of Milton were undoubtedly wise and apt, yet how can they possess interest to us, unless he reads them to us, or at least such parts as display the writer's genius? We have a vague idea, when the lecture is completed, of the truth of what he has been saying, but we do not feel it as he feels it, nor do we feel it as we felt Shakespeare. It is, of course, important to know about writers, but how much better it is to feel them! I am quite sure that is Prof. Corson's purpose; but I am also sure that it would be fulfilled much better if he would adopt his course of last term.

—C.

CORNELLIANA.

—The Glee Club is reported as having enjoyable rehearsals.

—The Junior meeting to-day adjourned without transacting any business, no quorum being present.

—No more championship games in billiards for a while; Smith '84 seems to have a clear title to the cue.

—We don't care so very much if the people of this town get up Gift Concerts as long as they clean their sidewalks.

—Prof. Corson's lectures, this week, have been on Sheridan. The critical treatment of the "Rivals" was fully appreciated.

—The best coasting of the year was on Tuesday night. The hills were icy and the sleds on Seneca St. went nearly to Cayuga St.

—The subject to be discussed at the Irving society's next meeting is, "Resolved that the system of marking at Dartmouth is better than that at Cornell."

—Mr. Badger will speak, on Sunday evening, of Thomas Carlyle. In the morning, he will consider the right and wrong of the coming Gift Concert in Ithaca.

—It is rumored that the Freshmen nine are to begin practicing at once. They will have their first practice game to-morrow on the Fair Grounds; game at 3 p. m.

—The "great American humorist" who shall hire out as a correspondence(?) column editor and ask "Is the *Shiner* of Feb. 4th, the fruit of one single pen?" has not been born.

—If ever the students appreciate the beauty of Ithaca scenery it is now, when the gorges are filled with noisily dashing streams, and the miniature falls rival Niagara in grandeur.

—The sentiments of the students is being canvassed as to the causes of the decrease in numbers in the University. Surely among so many the true cause should be ascertained.

—The "Sophs" claim that the Freshman are going to have their supper at the "Terrapin" and have interviewed the Chief of the Fire Dep't to get one of the engines to wet them down during the evening.

—Dr. Wilder deserves all our thanks for his disinterested kindness in covering the topmost slippery end of Buffalo street with ashes. No ashes are wanted now, but then, one thaw don't make a spring.

—A number of the students attended a very agreeable "Dickens party" at Dr. Morgan's last Saturday evening. Different rooms were devoted to different novels and each one in the room assumed a character in the novel, imitating it both in dress and language. It was a pleasant variation from the ordinary evening party.

—At a meeting of the Freshman class on Monday last Randolph was chosen orator, and McMillan toast master for the coming banquet. The date of the banquet was also changed from the fourth to the third of March. The committee of arrangements is A. Hamilton, H. E. Case, Burrows, Lewis, W. V. Hamilton, Wells.

—There was a meeting of the Junior class on Wednesday at 10 o'clock. Several of the more important clauses in the old '81 Constitution were read and the Constitution was then adopted. R. C. Horr moved that the class have a Class Supper and that a Committee on arrangements be appointed. It was carried and the meeting adjourned. The President will announce the Committee on the Bulletin Board.

—Has that room for students yet been picked out? We had hoped that a word would be sufficient. If the University can't stand the expenses, the students will be willing to contribute enough to furnish it with chairs, tables, stove and whatever else may be necessary. There we can read the college papers in peace and say "good morning" to a classmate without violating a conspicuously placarded prohibition.

—Last Tuesday, at one o'clock, a general meet-

ing of the Engineers was held, Batin '81 in the chair. Read, '81, reported on the business which the committee had transacted. On motion made by Eidlitz, '81, the committee was retained and instructed to complete the arrangements. It was decided to have the banquet at the Windsor, Feb. 21st. McCrea was elected toast master. Adjourned.

—If there are any who really want to know why base ball and such sports decline here, let them call to mind the almost superhuman efforts which were necessary last spring to obtain leaves of absence for a few days for the nine. Let them also remember what extraordinary encouragement was given to base ball and boating by certain prominent members of the F—y, and they will not be at a loss to know why interest in such sports is declining.

—The unfortunate results of not having studied the lesson were illustrated in one of the Pol. Economy sections. One gentleman in speaking of those laborers who died prematurely said that they could be regarded as a "dead loss." The class were rapturous in their applause, but if they had looked in the text books, they would have discovered that it was Dr. Wilson's joke, and that the students were obtaining a lasting reputation under false pretences.

—An old maid, who had after much effort secured a husband, was asked by the preacher as he married them, "Maria, wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?" She replied, "Yes verily, and by God's help, so I will; and I heartily thank our Heavenly Father that he hath brought me to this state of salvation; and I heartily pray unto God that he will give me his grace that I may continue in the same unto my life's end." Rather mixed.

—There are at present some 150 college papers published in the United States. Yale leads off with a daily, two bi-weeklies and a monthly besides the annual publications. The circulations of some of the leading college paper are as follows: *Courant* 800; *Record*, 600; *Lit.*, 550; *News*, 350; Harvard *Crimson*, 500; Harvard *Advocate*, 475; *Princetonian*, 1,000; *Nassau Lit.*, 450; *Acta Columbiana*, 500. Twenty-six States and two Territories are represented, and no college paper has a circulation over 1,000.

—The composers of the United States, who intend to compete for the \$1,000 prize offered by the Cincinnati Musical Festival Association, have been notified that all manuscripts must be in the hands of the Committee on Prize Composition, at Cincinnati, before September 1st, 1881, as such manuscripts must be forwarded to Saint Saens, of Paris, and Reinecke, of Leipzig, for examination of their merits, and returned in season for preparation and study by the chorus for the great festival of May, 1882. Here is another opportunity for a Cornelian to take a \$1,000 check.

—The Committee on the Woodford are Professors Oliver, Corson, Hewitt, Hale, White and Crane. Monday afternoon was the first day set apart for hearing the orations read of those who compete. The reading took place in the Faculty room. The tables were arranged in the shape of the letter T. At the top of the letter the committee were seated, at the lower end the competitors in turn took their positions. It would be idle to speculate as to who the fortunate six are to be, but all indications point to fair "Woodfords" this year. Those who read before the Committee are Messrs. Taylor, Alling, Concklin, Ostrander, Hornor, Hoyt, Place, Palmer, Dominick, Clarke, Stearns, T. Smith, Wilson, Moses, Ainslie, Gusdorf, Misses Neymann, Harlow, Van Pelt.



FOUCAR, '82, is in Helena, Montana Ty.

J. S. LAWRENCE, '80, is in town for a few days.

PROF. CRANE was unable to meet his classes on Wednesday.

DR. E. J. MORGAN, '77, went to Albany this week as delegate to the State Medical Society.

PROF. WILDER has gone to Bowdoin, where he delivers a course of lectures for the remainder of this term.

CATLIN, '82, Lucas, '77, Kerr, '79, and Van Rensselaer, '82, were the floor managers of Miss How's reception last night.

PROF. J. E. OLIVER was elected President and Prof. W. R. Lazenby, '73, Secretary of the Radical Club, last Monday night.

L. H. COWLES, '84, has been unable to be on the hill, the greater part of this week, on account of the precarious condition of his eyes.

MANDEVILLE, '77, is a member of the Ithaca Glee Club, which is billed to appear at the Concert in Wilgus Opera House February 22nd.

"CHARLIE" FRANCIS, '76, will be unable to accompany the crew to England, being prevented by the addition of a member to his family.

PROF. C. E. CRANDALL designed, in part, the McGraw foot bridge across Six-mile Creek. The end uprights are lighter than those he specified.

WM. TRELEASE, '80, now resident graduate at

Harvard has been appointed lecturer on Botany for the Spring term at the University of Wisconsin.

"JUN" RUSSEL, Secretary of the Navy last year, and now on the *Springfield Republican*, writes that "Cornell boys are scarcer than hen's teeth out this way."

"JACK" VAN RENSSELAER, '82, assumed the part of Dombey Sr. with commendable dignity at the recent Dickens Reception held at Dr. Morgan's residence.

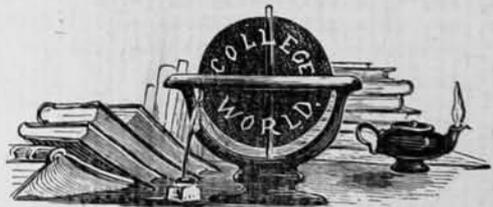
LANDON, '80, is Roadmaster of a section of the Springfield Division of the New York and New England railroad, having his headquarters at Hazardville, Ct.

ROBERTS, '82, surrounded by a mug, cards, flute, bottle with a lighted candle in it, and a pretty girl took the part of Dick Swiveller at the Dickens Reception of last week.

GEO. J. HOLYOAKE, whose lectures on co-operation before the students many remember, speaks in his paper of Dr. Felix Adler: "One of the remarkable preachers of New York is the Rev. Dr. Felix Adler, who was some time professor at Cornell University. . . . I never heard a discourse like his as to ideas."

ASSEMBLYMAN HURD, '72, introduced two bills in New York State Assembly last week; one "requiring the publication of notices of the sale of canals," and the other "providing before money is advanced to a superintendent of canal repairs, he shall make out a detailed statement covering the period of two months, which shall be approved by the Superintendent of Public Works."

THE *Syracusan* says "Mr. Wallenbeck, of Cornell University, assistant to Dr. Nivison, will make some very interesting experiments and lecture on them at the commencement of next term." Dr. Nivison, mentioned above, is Professor of Physiology and Pathology in Syracuse University. Mr. Wallenbeck took a special course under Dr. Wilder while here, and accompanied him on one of his Eastern lecturing trips as assistant. He is a gentleman of eminent attainments in his specialties, and gave great promise while here.



COLUMBIA:—

The second half year opened yesterday.

The Seniors meet to-day to elect officers for services after graduation.

The Columbia Bicycle Club held its annual dinner at the Union Square Thursday evening. There were many in attendance.

On the 16th inst. the Seniors will have their "Promenade" at Delmonico's. The following ladies have consented to serve as managers: Mrs. Hamilton Fish, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. F. R. Rives, Mrs. P. Lorillard and Mrs. F. A. P. Barnard. Tickets admitting a gentleman and lady \$5.

DARTMOUTH:—

The semi-annual *Chronicle* election occurred Jan'y 29th.

Professor C. K. Adams will deliver a Sunday afternoon discourse before the students 13th inst.

Bernhardt was in Detroit Feb. 4th and 5th. Owing to semi-annuals but few students went to see her.

The University foot-ball team has challenged Racine to a game to be played as soon as the weather permits.

HARVARD:—

The *Advocate* completed its thirtieth volume Feb. 4th.

The Philosophical Club has arranged for a Course of four lectures.

Yale has accepted the challenge to a four-mile straight-away race.

The first of the three Saturday athletic exhibitions will occur March 12th.

The Harvard Boat Club have forbidden the use of the floats to professional oarsmen.

"\$100,000 has been given outright to build a new hall for the Law School."—*Advocate*.

The Athletic Association has proposed that the coming Yale-Harvard field day be held at Cambridge.

Mr. Notman is annoyed by the Seniors' want of punctuality in keeping their engagements for sittings. After the third, each sitting costs \$1.

"Professor Paine's "Spring Symphony" in A major was played at the Harvard Symphony Concert in Music Hall, Thursday afternoon."—*Advocate*.

SYRACUSE:—

The year-book, the *Syracusan* is in preparation.

January 19, Dr. and Mrs. French gave a reception to the Senior class.

The Dean of the Fine Arts College, George F. Comfort, gave a reception to the members of the Senior class a short time since.

"Bishop Haven has been warmly welcomed to the Pacific slope. He was met at Sacramento by a committee who did everything to make his first impressions pleasant. A formal reception was tendered him Jan. 19."—*Syracusan*.

YALE:—

The dispute over foot-ball with Princeton is beginning to subside.

The Juniors held their promenade concert Tuesday evening Feb. 8th.

The *Record* is not favorably disposed towards the I. C. Press Association.

There has been another Alumni Association started; it is in northern Ohio.

A monthly "graduates' night" of the University club occurred Wednesday.

"About forty Seniors are writing for the Townsend and DeForest prizes."—*Record*.

The Athletic Association's winter sports will occur in the gymnasium Feb 23.

The Scientific Freshmen are to have a crew of eight if they can collect enough to defray expenses.

The next monthly meeting of the Alumni Association will be held at Delmonico's, New York, Feb. 18th.

EXCHANGES.

The *Yale Record* publishes a list of "Commencement Subjects," delivered from time to time at their exercises. We give them below, inasmuch as they may aid our Seniors in choosing a fitting subject for their "final effort."

- "The Influence of Skepticism on the Individual," THEODORE DWIGHT WOOLSEY.
- The Man of Reflection, NOAH PORTER.
- Symmetry of Mental Culture, ALPHONZO TAFT.
- The prevailing Tendency to exclude Theoretical Knowledge from the common Concerns of Life, THOMAS A. THACHER.
- Intellectual Independence, WILLIAM M. EVARTS.
- Connection between Science and Poetry, WILLIAM CHAUVENET.
- The Fine Arts, JAMES M. HOPPIN.
- The Regicides, B. GRATZ BROWN.
- The National Development, WAYNE McVEAGH.
- Ancient and Modern Oracles, ANDREW D. WHITE.
- The Eloquence of Revolution, LEWIS R. PACKARD.
- Literary Life, CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.
- Manliness, CYRUS NORTHROP.
- Influence of Feeling on Intellect, ADDISON VANNAME.
- Alchemy of the Middle Ages, EUGENE SCHUYLER.
- Creation of a School for Humanity, WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS.
- The Colleges of the Revolution, FRANKLIN BOWDITCH DEXTER.

- The Claims of the English Language, TRACY PECK.
- The Demands of the present Age on its Scholars, ISBON THADDEUS BECKWITH.
- Christianity the True Philosophy, HENRY P. WRIGHT.
- The Court of King René, HENRY BEERS.

The *Record*, in its "Notes from Exchanges," remarks that,

"Cornell has refused Columbia's challenge in beating and we may look for a lively interchange of ideas between these colleges also. Were it not for these little discussions the life of a college editor during the winter term would be unendurable and we are awaiting with considerable interest the contest which is sure to arise between *Smitheus* and the *Cornell Era*, for the latter has recently in a unique cartoon portrayed the *Acta* as a nud singer. Again we will be charmed to hold the bonnets while the squabble goes on."

What do you think about it, *Smitheus*?

The "exchange editor" of the *Niagara Index* will confer a great favor if he will loan us, for a short

time, some of his "cans of oil, vials of poison, hogsheds of gore, siphons of kerosene, and retorts of blood," as our stock has never been very full, and is utterly inadequate to withstand the *Oberlin Review* man, or his *Sunny* echo. Send along all you can spare of the above-mentioned articles, and oblige the exchange editor of THE CORNELL ERA.

The Round Table speaks eloquently concerning the quarrels of college journalism.

"Just now the *Cornell Era* and *Oberlin Review*, the cavalier and puritan of college history, are waging mortal combat."

"Cavalier" is good. We thank you for it. "Puritan" is very characteristic.

The Hamilton Lit. deserves a place beside the *Vale Lit.*, for literary excellence. These two magazines together with the *Vassar Miscellany* are far superior to that raft of monthly literature (?) which reaches our table in the shape of innumerable so-called "Reviews."

We have not before acknowledged the receipt of the *Scholastic Annual*. It is an excellent work and does much credit to the compiler.

Whatever may be said of the University of Notre Dame as an institution, one thing is certain, all that which comes from within her walls bears the stamp of finished work and worth.

The Chronicle among many other of our exchanges, seems to enjoy the discomfiture of the *Oberlin Review*.

'Over at one side we hear some rather noisy dispute, and listen to hear what may be the nature of the disturbance. We hear the *Index* call *Oberlin* a baby school, and the *Oberlin Review* resenting it with considerable spirit. A little later we turn and find our *Oberlin* friend in trouble with the *Cornell Era*. O *Review*, how great are thy tribulations!"

Ah! yes. "More pangs and fears than war or women have; and when he falls, he falls like Lucifer, never to hope again."

BOOK NOTICES.

ART ESSAYS: By Philip Gilbert Hamerton; Atlas Series, pp. 100; New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 111 and 113 William street.

These "Art Essays," four in number, treat respectively of "The Practical Work of Painting," in two parts; "Old Dutch and Flemish Masters," "Rubens," also in two parts, and "Nuger's Etchings." Mr. Hamerton tells us in these essays how the painter painted, not, as he says, following the biographer, who generally wearies you with the mere details of an artist's life. The use of color by Rubens, Van Dyck, Rembrandt, and others, and the technical part of painting which most invariably escapes us, is the subject entire of the first paper. The essay upon "Old Dutch and Flemish Masters" deals principally with a work of Eugene Fromentur, whose studies upon these masters the author highly extols. The sketch of Rubens is more interesting. The writer deals both

with his private life and his manner of producing certain effects in his art. We have read with great pleasure, and still greater instruction, what Mr. Hamerton has been pleased to tell us in these essays; certainly no better authority upon art subjects could be desired, and no finer appreciation of its beauties wished for.

DRAMATIC LITERATURE, by Charles C. Shackford; pp. 49. Ithaca, University Press.

This is the third of a series of outlines of lectures on general literature, published by Professor Shackford during the present college year. Though designed primarily for the convenience of the students attending his lectures at the University, the work will be found a valuable guide by a much wider circle of readers. Professor Shackford has arranged his work with reference to the comparative method of study now adopted with so much success in the various departments of science, history, etc. Part First comprises a lecture on the comparative study of literature, and the use of lyric poetry from its origin to the present time. Part Second deals with the epic in all ages and among various peoples. Part Third comprises a study of the nature and origin of dramatic literature, a sketch of the Greek tragedy with its development and springs of action, as seen in Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides, also, the rise of Greek comedy, with a full characterization of Aristophanes as its representative.

The drama of manners and domestic life, the modern drama, including the French classic tragedy, the comedy of Molière, the Spanish drama, and the English drama, with one lecture on Shakespeare, are concisely outlined and systematized.

Copies of the various parts may be obtained on application to Professor Shackford.



—Ward thinks it queer that a man, when a widow falls on his wrist, should call on that particular female, Helen Blazes.—*Free Press*.

—Junior, criticising last act of Hamlet: "This act is rather melancholy; it begins with a funeral and ends with four subjects for some more."—*Niagara Index*.

—At Oberlin, tobacco chewing is followed by the administration of disorder marks. Scarcely a report goes home which does not end up with the stereotyped expression: "*Unexcused chaws*."—*Princetonian*.

—One of the Goodies, crossing the street during the late unpleasantness, falls down in the horse-car track. *Driver of approaching car*: "See here, old lady, just get up and let us by, and then you can sit down there again as soon as you like."—*Harvard Advocate*.

—"Never leave what you undertake until you can reach your arms around it and clinch your hands on the other side," says a recently published book for young men. "But what if she screams," suggests the *Cleveland Leader*. "Why let her scream; she's to blame for that."—*Concordians*.

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Hi Henry and his minstrel troupe will appear in Wilgus Opera House to-morrow night. The *Brantford Telegram* says: The entertainment given by Hi Henry's company in Palmer's Hall, last night, was among the best ever seen in Brantford in the minstrel line. There was a very large audience. The performance every feature of it was excellent, and won the warmest plaudits of a highly delighted audience. The usual number of objectionable sayings and doings were conspicuous by their absence, not one thing being said or done that could offend the most fastidious. Hi Henry's minstrels are certainly a model organization, and should they return to Brantford a hamper house will greet them. General admission 35 cents reserved seats 50 cents at Finch & Appgar's.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Congregational Church, corner Seneca and Geneva Streets. Pastor, C. M. Tyler. Services, Preaching at 10-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m.,

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7-00 p. m., Sunday School, after the Sunday morning service.

Presbyterian Church, Dewitt Park, north-west corner. M. W. Stryker, Pastor. Public worship at 10-30 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Church School at 12-10, Young Men's Meeting in Chapel at 6-15 p. m., Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7-00 p. m.

Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Pastor, Henry C. Badger. Services 11-00 a. m., 7-00 p. m., Sunday School and Young People's Classes, 12-00 m., Inquiry Class, 8-00 to 9-00 p. m., during the winter. Mr. Badger at home Tuesday evenings, 148 Cascadilla.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Buffalo and Cayuga Streets. Rector, Amos B. Beach, D. D. Services at 11-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Sunday School at 9-30 a. m. Students cordially received.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel, (East door,) Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services, every Sunday, at 11 a. m., and 4 p. m.

Baptist, The Park Church, DeWitt Park, East Side. Pastor, Robert E. Jones. Services, Preaching at 11-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Conference Meetings, Sunday, 6-00 p. m., Wednesday, 7-30 p. m., Church School, Sunday, 12-30 p. m.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill Streets. Pastor, A. W. Green. Services, Preaching at 11-00 a. m. and 7-00 p. m., Sunday School at 12-30 p. m., Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7-30 p. m., Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7-30 p. m.

State Street M. E. Church, corner of State and Albany Streets. Pastor, M. Hamblin. Services, Preaching at 11-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Sabbath School at 12-30 p. m., Sunday Class Meetings at 12-30 p. m., and 6-00 p. m., Band Meeting, Monday at 7-30 p. m., Regular Prayer Meetings, Tuesday at 7-30 p. m., Teachers' Meeting, Friday at 7-30 p. m.

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ed in the race, gained the coveted distinction, we are not prepared to say. But undoubtedly they are entitled to much credit for having, at this late day, shown their classmates that there is more talent in them than has heretofore appeared. On the whole, the list gives satisfaction. We are strongly inclined to believe that these six Seniors can give us a competition far superior to that of last year, if they will but do good work in the two weeks yet remaining. That they can equal or excel '79's Woodfords is not to be expected. For there has not been the widespread interest in the matter aroused, nor has the competition been so warmly contested. We still adhere, however, to our belief that oratorical delivery for the preliminary selection would have been a great boon to those who are soon to appear in Library Hall.

WE wonder if the students know that there is a Glee Club in their midst. As far as their support is concerned it might almost as well be a thing of the past. Last Tuesday there were present at the appointed rehearsal not more than ten men besides Mr. Thomas. And what makes this all the more a deplorable fact is, that the various gentlemen who labored to keep up the waning interest in college music had gone around among the delinquent members a day or two previous to this, and had obtained promises from them to attend on Tuesday afternoon, to the number of twenty or more; and the net result was ten or less. Now, we appeal to all who have any interest in college music and desire to have the Cornell Glee Club continue its existence, to prevent a further occurrence like that of Tuesday. This they can do by lending the encouragement of their presence to the singers, and if called on to assist, by doing their best to sing. Why, there is a certain place down town where almost every night in the week, when there is no other attraction, there are at least twenty good singers; and they sing, too, without any prompting. And if a good song and music comes to hand by March 1st, we don't want to dedicate it to a *caput mortuum*. But if the singers do not attend the Club rehearsals, we fear that's what it will be ere long.

THE period is rapidly approaching when visions of class suppers begin to disturb the equanimity of the undergraduate mind. Even now the Soph-

omores have their arrangements nearly completed, and only a few hours must elapse before they celebrate the jolliest occasion of their second year, perhaps of their entire course. There is always a certain number in every class who object to class suppers on moral grounds; who, whenever they hear a class supper mentioned, shudder at the depravity to which it is necessary to sink, in order to countenance one of these disgraceful revels. This peculiar genus of student, we are happy to state, is only encountered occasionally, and it is a curious and significant fact that the farther he advances in his University career, the faster do his moral objections to a class supper fade away, until finally, in his two last years, he is quite willing to join with his fellow classmates in what he formerly regarded as a mad carousal. The fact of the matter is, that there is no occasion in the life of an undergraduate which serves so perfectly to unite class-ties and class-interests as a supper in which the whole class participates. There all formality is thrown aside, all social distinctions, if any have existed, are forgotten, and the only consideration is the happy and successful celebration of this annual occurrence. To the Freshmen we would say: Do not be disturbed by Sophomores' threats; attend your supper; enjoy yourselves, and become really acquainted with your classmates. To the Sophomores who failed to take advantage of their opportunity last year: Go, and you will never regret it.

PROF. CORSON'S classes in Special Literature, and more particularly that for Seniors, are well attended. The instruction given is interesting in several particulars, but, we think, might be made more profitable. The Professor has a good class of Seniors, all, or nearly all, of whom take his work as a means of genuine culture. They have been reading, this term, selections from the classic English poets, with notes by an English editor. Now, a great portion of these notes were evidently intended for high schools, as the Professor has been at some pains to point out, and by no means elucidate the difficulties and beauties of the selections to the satisfaction of many of the Seniors. Would it be too much to ask the Professor to pursue his own method of commenting on the text, confine himself less to the notes, and draw more upon his vast stores of learning? The ERA editor remembers how, two

years since, he listened with the greatest rapture to the Professor's masterly expositions of the Canterbury Tales, and referred very seldom to the notes, and then usually to discover mistakes in them. This editor has listened to the Professor since, and has never ceased to find in his expositions of literary masterpieces instruction, combined with the rarest amusement he ever had. It was with regret, therefore, we heard that Hales was beginning to do duty more and more for Prof. Corson; the notes to take the place of his textual criticisms. However, the Seniors who attend his classes can well congratulate themselves on the opportunities they enjoy of acquiring a thorough knowledge of English, and undoubtedly feel that the Professor can make any subject entertaining. Therefore, this is merely a suggestion.

IN a short time class suppers, the balls and other events of minor interest will have passed and left the students without any amusements. Examinations will then be near at hand, and so those named above will be sufficient till next term. But what is there the students can do in the Spring term before the ground is fairly solid and out-door sports can be freely indulged in? We answer emphatically, have a Gymnasium exhibition that shall surpass all that have heretofore been held. And with the least possible amount of foresight on the part of the patrons of the Gym. this can be done. It is only necessary for some one of the officers to take the management into his hands, to ask the co-operation of the others, and leave the programme to be decided upon by the athletes. As to the attractions we will venture to say a word. Never before have so many men been in excellent training in the Gym. A team on the horizontal bar could be at once formed that would put in the shade anything in the line of amateur athletics we have ever seen. Then the other usual events could be presented with no difficulty whatever. But there are a few things that would be a novelty and would double the interest of the entertainment. These are events in boxing, heavy and light wrestling and fencing. There are men in the University who could make it their business to see that something of this sort be added to the usual programme of club swinging, tumbling, trapeze and other attractions. We strongly advise the boxers, wrestlers and fencers, therefore, to communicate with the Gym. officers on the subject, and

that between them they make the exhibition a grand success every way.

THE *Ithaca Democrat* is quite green, like almost everything that originates and has its being in a small country town. It remarks:

"The *Cornell Era* alludes disparagingly to 'the stale monotony of Ithaca life' in the tone of the juvenile cynic when she discovered that 'the world was hollow and her doll was stuffed with straw.' It is strange, however, that the monotony of Ithaca life should be 'stale' with such a perennial fount of freshness in the vicinity as the institution on the Hill."

Nothing could be more true than the remark of ours, which the *Democrat* has seen fit to quote, if it be taken as applying to that peculiar class of people that paper represents. We have never been particularly pleased to meet the canallers and inlet rowdies, who look upon the *Democrat* as the dispenser of the quintessence of moral and political doctrines. We have never looked to cock-fighters, street brawls and stupendous drunks to supply us with amusement. All these have no charms for us, so that we are, in nine cases out of ten, obliged to fall back upon our own devices, and make milder diversions than these serve our purpose for relaxation. We shall ask the *Democrat* to name the events which interest students particularly, that are gotten up by the denizens of the town, the ague-stricken inhabitants of the flats. For every one of these we will name class-suppers, balls, concerts, Class-Day exercises, Woodford competitions, lectures, gymnasium exhibitions, baseball matches, and fifty other things in which students are the prime movers. It is about time that such of the citizens of Ithaca, happily but a few, and mostly readers of the *Democrat*, who are in the habit of condemning student gatherings and student good fellowship, should open their eyes to the real state of the case. Ithaca life is really a 'stale motony'; and the students make up three-quarters of the life and fun and interest that attract in crowds the Ithaca folk.

As to the 'perennial' freshness on the hill, we are happy to agree with the *Democrat* in that particular. On the hill, one can at all times get a breath of pure air, see clean streets and open fields; while in the town, miasma, filth and disease abound to such an extent that Ithaca has the reputation in medical cir-

cles of being one of the unhealthiest and, therefore, one of the most undesirable places of residence in the state.

We know how to take care of our own business. If the *Democrat* will confine its attention to what ought to be its chief concern—the furtherance of the intellectual, moral and sanitary condition of Ithaca's people, and not trouble us by its petty flings at students' affairs, and at us as the representative of the students, everybody will be just so much the better off.

THE NEW ENGINEERS' REGISTER.

By request we publish the following special notice to all Cornell Engineers: "All engineers, having attended Cornell University are urgently requested to send their names, addresses and occupations, and those of all others that they know, to Professor E. A. Fuertes, Ithaca, N. Y." A Register is to be published soon, whose object will be to obtain accurate data for the benefit of the Department of Civil Engineering, besides not only being an aid to the Department, but also of interest to all graduate engineers.

The success of our graduated engineers is a subject of congratulation with the members of the Faculty of Engineering. In all known instances where Cornell men have entered in a competitive examination, a Cornelian carried off the prize or obtained the coveted position. The Chief of the Coast Survey prefers a Cornell engineer. Our men are wanted in Brazil and Mexico. There is one in Russia. A large number of Divisions of rail-roads and Sections of construction are in charge of our graduates. This course, established ten years ago, can boast of eleven Chief Engineers in the field. The recent appropriation of \$4,000, to be applied to the Department, although insufficient, will give a new impulse to its efficiency.

The completeness of the Register will depend, in a great measure, upon the real interest taken in it by all engineers. Therefore, send in your communications as soon as possible.

THE EXPERIMENTAL STATION.

The Rochester *Rural Home* recently made the following suggestions in regard to the location of the proposed Agricultural Experimental Station: "Other things being equal, we would at once say that the Agricultural Station should be located in the center of the grain-growing portion, or of the dairy portion of the State, or in a central position between the two. In that case, either Rochester, or Utica, or Syracuse would have the best claim. But to start a station at the beginning would require, instead of \$20,000, at least \$200,000. To buy land,

erect buildings, purchase scientific instruments, and employ competent professors in chemistry, botany, vegetable physiology, entomology, veterinary science, etc., would need large expenditures of money and years of delay before it could get into successful operation. At Cornell University is a small experimental farm, on which some experiments have already been made and others commenced. Very competent professors, perhaps the best the country affords, are engaged in the University, which has an agricultural department attached, and their services would be available, we suppose, in supervising experiments on the farm. They have the necessary scientific apparatus for illustrating and applying scientific principles, and they would also be available in experimenting on the farm. Twenty thousand dollars a year given to them would produce more important immediate results than \$200,000 given to a new institution. It seems to us in view of these considerations, that it would be wise for the Directors to unite in placing the experimental station at Ithaca under the supervision of one of the professors of Cornell, and we would hint that Professor G. C. Caldwell should be the supervisor."



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

To the Editors of the Cornell Era :

Through your columns I wish to speak a few words to the members of the Glee Club. Of the large number who presented themselves at the first meeting of last term but twelve remain. These twelve work hard, and attend rehearsals regularly. But, as at least sixteen voices are needed for a good chorus, those students who were accepted as members should also attend the rehearsals. If all do not attend regularly, success is utterly impossible. I have been told that such and such a student will come. Suppose the present members have studied a chorus to satisfaction; at the next rehearsal a new member presents himself, and the same work has to be gone over and we can never advance. Two rehearsals are not enough either, if we wish to

give a concert in a few weeks. All those who wish to sing will present themselves at the next meeting, to be held at Cascadilla parlors on Tuesday of next week at 4:30 p. m. After that day I cannot accept any new members, as we wish to give a concert shortly. Hoping members will heed these few words, I am yours.
LUDWIG THOMAS.

To the Editors of the Era :

Allow me to differ with the *Sun*, when it says "while in base-ball the class ('81) has never done anything," etc. As Freshmen, we furnished two men, Adams and McConnell, for the University nine. We have furnished Latham, the most energetic manager in many years. The Treasurer, Shnable, is also a member of '81. I am not positive, but if I remember rightly, '81 has subscribed liberally. The only reason '81 has had no nine is not because the class has done nothing in base-ball, but that there have not been enough good players.
* '81.

FINAL STATEMENT OF NAVY FINANCES.

| 1880. | | Cr. |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Oct. 21. | By cash—telegrams, - - - | \$.30 |
| " 22. | " stolen in boat house, - | 20.00 |
| " 23. | " rent of Military Hall, - | 5.00 |
| 1881. | | |
| Feb. 11. | By cash to Jno. Lewis for expenses to Union Springs, - - - | 5.00 |
| " 12. | By cash to Andrus & Church—printing tickets, - - - | 2.00 |
| " 16. | By cash to Bement for Engineers' suppers, - - - | 1.60 |
| " 16. | By cash, C. L. Grant, for varnish, - - - | 4.40 |
| " 16. | " John Jamieson, for sinking well in boat house, '79, - | 10.00 |
| | Total, - - - - - | \$ 48.30 |

| 1880. | Cash. | Dr. |
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| Oct. 19. | To balance, - - - | \$13.77 |
| " 19. | To sub., H. Battin, - | 1.00 |
| " 27. | " J. L. Smith, - | 1.50 |
| Nov. 8. | " F. E. Wilcox, - | 2.00 |
| " 26. | " G. T. Ingersoll, - | 4.00 |
| " 30. | " From '80, - | .50 |
| 1881. | | |
| Jan. 31. | " T. P. Jacobs, - | 1.00 |
| Feb. 4. | " Frank Russel, - | 1.00 |
| " 14. | To check, E. R. Shnable, - | 20.00 |

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| | Total, - - - - - | \$ 44.77 |
| Feb. 17. | To deficit, due E. R. Shnable, - | 3.53 |
| | | \$ 48.30 |

ASSETS.

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|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Loan to Tom Hughes Boat Club, - - - | \$ 80.00 |
| Unpaid subscriptions of 1879-80, - - - | 260.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$340.00 |

LIABILITIES.

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|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Due to W. R. Hills on 4-oared shell, - - - | \$ 75.00 |
| Mortgage of C. W. Wasson, - - - | 300.00 |
| Loan from Hon. E. B. Morgan, - - - | 100.00 |
| Rent of Wilgus Opera House, 1879, - - - | 20.00 |
| Due to Wm. Jarvis, - - - | 16.41 |
| Labor on shells, Oct., 1880, - - - | 6.30 |
| Journal Association, printing, - - - | 14.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$531.75 |
| | 340.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Still due, - - - - - | \$191.75 |

EMILE SHNABLE, Treas.

The books will be open for inspection in the University Business Office, next week.

CORNELLIANA.

—Go to the Navy Reception next Friday evening!

—The Course Books of the Seniors have all been written up.

—Those engraved Navy invitations can be obtained at the book-stores.

—Those present at "Widow Bedott" enjoyed the antics of the "Widow."

—More invitations to the Navy Reception have been sent away this year than usual.

—Those wishing, can get tickets for the Navy ball of the Directors. The cost is only three dollars.

—The *Michigan Chronicle* calls the *Three Cent Orb* of Feb. 4th "the *Era* edition of the *Cornell Sun*."

—The D. K. E. fraternity had an initiation last Friday evening, and a banquet afterwards at Bement's.

—The Sophomore French classes have finished "Cinna," and will now read "Les Femmes Savantes."

—On Sunday evening, Mr. Badger will speak of Hume and Kant,—Skepticism and Faith. Inquiry Class at 8.

—The Navy Reception will take place in the dining hall of the Ithaca Hotel, which has been recently decorated.

—The "Greeley Club" will take as its subject to-night, "Horace Greeley." The various periods of his life will be treated.

—Fresh. translating Goethe, "*Einen Engel, Pfu!*" "An angel! Phew!" in a tone of intense disgust. The class show their sympathy.

—Tuesday's Junior orators rejoice in the fact that another week of grace is given them, on account of Washington's Birthday coming on that day.

—Do not forget No. 3's concert next Tuesday evening. The drawing for the prizes takes place in the hall, so all who have tickets should be present.

—Prof. Hale gave his Sophomore Latin class a "Prelim." yesterday. It was very thorough and consisted of sight translation and philological questions.

—Sophomore French. A Sophomore translates, *Il faut bien satisfaire aux feux dont vous brulez*, "It is indeed necessary to satisfy the fires with which you boil."

—The Pol. Economy classes may be interested in knowing that the classes at Johns Hopkins and Yale also will take up the study of Secretary Sherman's last Report.

—The Sophomores held a class meeting Wednesday, at one o'clock. Dix, chairman of the supper committee, made his report which was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

—Inscription in the basement of the McGraw—probably the work of Uncle Josh:

"Of all the fresh classes under the sun,
The class of '84 yanks the bun."

—"Endymion" appears to be a favorite subject for college essays just now. Yale Sophomores write upon it, and our Juniors write next time upon the "Social, Political and Moral Lessons of Endymion."

—A remarkable exhibition of German translating was given this week. Over a page of "Goethe's Prosa" was rendered in English in thirty-seven seconds, accompanied by the wild applause of the class.

—The Ithaca newsboys evidently are not impressed by the fame of the founder of the prize in oratory, for last Saturday they loudly proclaimed the news of the "Woodard Prize Contest! Full account!"

—The "Curtis" offers a rather novel programme for to-morrow evening. A mock trial will be presented with a gravity and solemnity befitting the Supreme Court. The list of counsel comprise some of the most eloquent and witty members of the Society.

—The *Shiner* man, in answer to a correspondent, says that "we do not consider it quite the proper thing, however, to change the wording of his communication." How about the communication of Oct. 25th?

—Some joking Sophomore put up a notice yesterday on the chemical lecture-room door that there would be no lecture in chemistry and signed Prof.

Garver's name; consequently but five persons were present, and so the class was dismissed.

—A concert by the Glee Club is to be expected within three weeks. The members are earnestly at work, and a varied and enjoyable program will be given. A few more voices are needed for the choruses, but none will be accepted after next Tuesday.

—It will be some time before the Juniors can have their banquet. To-night the Sophs. enjoy themselves, next Friday is the Navy ball, the next Friday is the Woodford competition and Freshman supper. So it will be March 11th before they can meet together.

—Prof. Corson indulged his English Lit. class on Wednesday with the reading of two true poems, types of the Nineteenth Century standard of poetry, "The Lady of Shallott," by Tennyson, and "A Musical Instrument," by Mrs. Browning. Monday's lecture he will devote to a critical study of "The Princess."

—There are about eighty Freshmen who have signed the paper circulated by the committee to obtain the names of those who will attend their banquet. Well done '84, and if you will only show as much zeal in subscribing for the Navy, and then pay your subscriptions, you will not only do credit to yourselves but also to the University.

—Scene in one of the recitation rooms. Prof. "Is Mr. W— here to-day?" Prof. "No! does any one know anything about Mr. W—? Is he alive?" Student. "Oh, yes!" Prof. "Glad to hear it, glad to hear it, and will you be so kind as to give him my compliments and tell him that it affords me unbounded pleasure to know that he is well?"

—Prof. Goldwin Smith in a review of "Endymion" says, "Lord Beaconsfield enfranchised the workingmen because he thought he could corrupt them by beer and turn them against the respectable middle classes. For himself, he dreams of luxury ostentatiously. It is the day dream of Houndsditch." This is replying in earnest to Lord Beaconsfield's attack.

—The float of our Boat House has been entirely demolished by the recent flood. About ten tons of ice lie mixed up with the debris. The Navy will undoubtedly be compelled to build a new float. We would suggest the building of one that permits of being drawn up during the winter, since ice, flood and canal boats have conspired to demolish what we have had almost every year.

—The Woodford competitors are: J. S. Ainslie, "The Stoic and Christian Types of Civilization"; W. B. Hoyt, the same subject; W. H. Moses, "The Poet in the Time of Aeschylus and Shakespeare"; W. S. Ostrander, "Forms of Government

as a Product of National Character"; I. A. Place, "There is a Mystery in the Soul of State"; Miss G. W. Van Pelt, "Life the highest art."

—*The Lariat*, published semi-monthly, at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, is an interesting, though not always sufficiently dignified sheet. The name is a conundrum. A lariat is a lasso or noose for catching wild animals, and we presume that by some mental process every reader is presumed to understand, that as used by the Wabash students, the word means a "noose paper."—*Saturday Evening Herald*.

—The Juniors will do well to read and ponder upon this, and see if they cannot invent some method of protecting their delicate taches. "A singular accident occurred in Cartersville, Ga., the other day. A gentleman walking on the street and smoking a cigarette was the victim. A gust of wind blew a spark into his whiskers, which, by some unknown cause, but supposed to be a dangerous hair dye, were ignited. The flame communicated to his hair and burned it all off, leaving him perfectly bald and badly blistered."

—*Billets doux* :—

"Mr. Thompson's respects to Mr. Simpson, and begs that in future he will keep his piggis out of Mr. I's yard."

"Mr. Simpson's respects to Mr. Thompson, and begs that in future he will not spell pigs with two gees."

"Mr. Thompson's respects to Mr. Simpson, and requests that he will add the letter *e* to the last word of the note just received, so as to represent Mr. S. and lady."

"Mr. Simpson's respects to Mr. Thompson. He returns the note unopened, the impertinence it contains being only equalled by its vulgarity."



W. D. HOLMES, '81, will be in Easton, Pa., for a short time.

FRANK D. NASH, '72, is practicing law in Waterville, N. Y.

SAMUEL M. SMITH, '77, is studying law in Rochester, N. Y.

RUGGLES, '84, goes to Bath on the 24th, to attend a grand ball.

MISS SARAH RUSSEL, '79, is in Boston, on a visit for a month.

MINSHALL, formerly '82, was at LeMans, near Paris, when last heard from.

COM. CHASE has placed a subscription paper in the hands of an energetic young lady.

ROBERT HERMANS, '79, is now chief engineer, and located somewhere in the wilds of Nebraska.

MAJOR BURBANK is the hero of "A Horse Car Reminiscence," appearing in last Wednesday's *Journal*.

HEYWOOD CONANT, '78, is the Treasurer of *The Wilmington Daily Commercial and Delaware Tribune*.

HAMILTON S. WHITE, '77, declined the re-election as President of the Syracuse Board of Fire Commissioners.

SOMMERS, '81, is unfortunate in possessing only three sides of his boat-house. The flood has the other side.

ED. S. ADAMS, '81, is a member of the firm of McCormick, Adams & Co., commission merchants, Chicago, Ill.

MISS L. B. PALMER, '76, teaches the young ideas of Bridgewater, N. Y., to shoot.

W. I. SCOTT, '72, besides attending to his business of manufacturing, is also a prominent member of the literary circle of Bridgewater, N. Y.

THAYER, '83, has been compelled to leave the University on account of ill-health, which still continues. He hopes to return next term.

R. P. HAYES, '80, is to marry the daughter of W. H. Smith, Collector of the Port of Chicago—so says a society journal of the western metropolis.

M. E. SERAT, formerly '82, paid a short visit to Cornell last week. Since leaving here he has been in the office of the U. I. & E. R. R. at Elmira.

F. C. GAGE, of the class of '72, is talking, with six others, of joining Rea, '69, at Bismarck, and taking up a Bonanza wheat farm. Gage is now a merchant at Fayette, N. Y.

MORRIS BUCHWALTER, '69, is a prominent lawyer of the Cincinnati bar, with a modest penchant for politics. He believes the Ohio man ought to have a chance. Mr. Buchwalter is married and happy.

WHITNEY, '83, Assistant Treasurer of the Gym., informs us, that the shower bath connected with the Gym. will be put in operation next term, if all the term dues are paid in. At present the water service pipe is frozen.

W. G. MAXWELL, '74, is doing a large business in manufacturing hosiery in Amsterdam, N. Y. He was recently married, and has returned from an European trip, and will be happy to entertain any Cornellian who may travel his way.

CHARLES F. HENDRYX, of the class of '69, is proprietor and editor of the Sauk Center (Minn.) *Her-*

ald. Is married to a granddaughter of old Gen. Harrison. With Senator Harrison as his friend and relative, Charles will be near the throne the next four years.

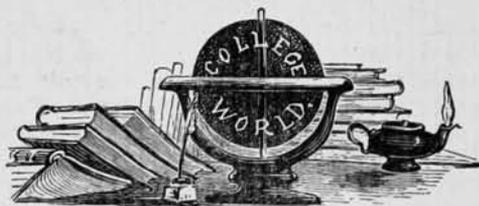
PROF. FISKE was heard from last Wednesday. His letter is dated the 4th of January, and is written from Thebes. He will ascend the Nile as far as the second cataract, and will then consume two months in drifting back to Cairo. He reports the weather as warmer than our hottest days in July.

Of the total number of graduates, two hundred and forty-nine, now attending Columbia College Law School, eleven are Cornellians. They are: W. M. Chandler, '79; W. S. Edwards, '79; C. H. Esty, '77; F. Van D. Sanford, '77; R. L. Stanton, '80; A. C. Wakeley, '78; F. E. Fishel, '80; C. H. Johnson, '80; Clayton Ryder, '79; Western Starr, '80, and F. J. Whiton, '80.

INSTRUCTOR GARVER scientifically arranges the spheres belonging to the C. U. Signal Station. He recently experienced an anniversary of his birthday. His landlady, in the goodness of her heart, constructed and baked him a birthday cake, but did not remember his age. She placed a candle in the centre of the cake, and hoisted thereto the usual signal of "doubtful." The present was appreciated and enjoyed all around.

MR. C. S. THATCHER, assistant principal in the Phelps U. and C. School, has accepted a position as civil engineer on a Kentucky rail-road. Mr. Thatcher is a graduate of Cornell University, of the class of civil engineering, and we doubt not that he will win many honors in the southern clime. He left Phelps on Saturday, with Mrs. Thatcher. They carry with them the best wishes of all.—*Geneva Courier*.

J. B. FORAKER, '69, stands at the head. He is Judge of the Superior Court of Cincinnati, and is one of the rising jurists of Ohio. At a recent banquet in that city he made a speech that Stanley Mathews, who followed him, complimented with the wish that he, himself, could have made it. The *Enquirer* says: "Foraker is an orator." He has three children. Mrs. Foraker is the daughter of ex-Congressman Bundy.



AMHERST :—

The Alumni of New York and vicinity have a reunion to-day at Delmonco's.

Pach has been chosen class photographer by the Seniors. The vote was 69 to 1.

The Freshmen are considering the expediency of starting a sinking fund to defray Commencement expenses.

On Feb. 2d the Alumni Association held its annual dinner at the Parker House, in Boston. There were announced at the table gifts amounting to \$5,000, for the Art Gallery.

At the request of a number of students, the "College Exchange" has been revived. Monday night the subject discussed was, "The Irish Troubles." The proceedings were opened by President Seelye.

COLUMBIA :—

Pach's pictures give great satisfaction.

"The new buildings that are to be erected involve an expenditure of over \$700,000."—*Spectator*.

The University Field Meeting will be held May 7, and the events will be open to contestants from the entire University.

Though much informal correspondence has been indulged in on the subject of an annual Harvard-Columbia University race, no positive arrangements have yet been made.

The effort to introduce mortar-boards in the college is successful. Dunlap furnishes them.

"The Athletic Association will hereafter elect representatives from the three upper classes, and not from the Secret Societies. These elections each year, in May, will be conducted on the following basis: One Freshman, for a term of three years; two Sophomores, for two years, and two Seniors, for one year. In the Mines, one first year man, for three years; one second year man, for two years, and one third year man, for one year. The association when filled will, therefore, consist of five Seniors, three Juniors, and one Sophomore—three fourth year men, two third year men, and one second year man."—*Spectator*.

HARVARD :—

Prof. Child is preparing a collection of English ballads.

Seventeen Seniors have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Volume XVI. of the *Crimson* was completed February 11.

Keefe, pitcher of last year's Albanys, coaches the ball-club.

Thomas Carlyle accepted the degree of LL. D. from Harvard in 1875.

Harvard is in favor of having the annual Yale-Harvard race on the Thames at New London, and of having that course decided upon as a permanent one.

MICHIGAN :—

The Palladium, year book, is soon to appear.

Volume XII. of the *Chronicle* was completed February 12.

Archibald Forbes was entertained by the Chi Psis while here.

The University Shooting Club won in a match held lately with a town club.

Mr. Fairbank, a graduate of the University of Toronto and attending the School of Pharmacy, committed suicide by shooting, a few days since.

At the concert of the Choral Union and University Orchestra, on Feb. 4, were presented Wagner's "Spinning Song," "Humpty Dumpty," and a "Concert Waltz," by Balfé. It was, according to all accounts, an affair of high musical merit.

CITY OF NEW YORK:—

The Seniors have elected Class Day officers.

There is a brisk warfare between the *Free Press* and the *Mercury*.

Professor Doremus is urging the need of a new observatory upon the Trustees.

The Scientific Society held a soirée a few days since. It is doing good work, being divided into eight sections, each of which has some special department assigned to it.

PRINCETON:—

"Dr. McCosh gave a reception to the Seniors last Monday evening."—*Princetonian*.

A course of lectures on art are to be given by Gen. Di Cesnola, Dr. Prime, and Prof. Weir.

At the recent meeting of the reorganized Alumni Association, held at Delmonco's, New York, 200 guests were present. Addresses were made by Dr. McCosh, Hon. Henry M. Alexander and Rev. Dr. Roberts.

TRINITY:—

The Directors of the Base Ball Association have disbanded the nine.

The interest of the College will be concentrated hereafter on the Cricket Club which is one of the best in the country.

The *Tablet* has passed into the hands of the new Board of Editors. They favor the I. C. Press Association and promise to attend.

WILLIAMS:—

Seniors have only two recitations daily.

Prof. Carter, of Yale, has been elected President by the Trustees.

A Shakespearian Club of 25 has been organized among the Seniors and townspeople.

YALE:—

The Amherst Glee Club will sing in New Haven Feb. 22.

Goldsmith, change-pitcher for the Chicagos, is coaching the nine.

Volume XVII. of the *Courant* will be completed with the issue of Feb. 26.

The Junior Promenade succeeded beyond all expectations. About 150 couples were present.

The following named members of the Junior class have been elected editors of the *Literary Magazine*: J. E. Whitney, Cornwall; Benjamin Brewster, New Haven; F. E. Worcester, Albany, N. Y.; C. A. Wright, North Hatfield, Mass.; W. I. Bruce, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The piece of land selected for the Athletic ground contains 29 acres, and is to cost \$20,300. The property is to be assumed March 1st, upon payment of one-half the purchase price, and the balance will be paid as soon as raised. Improvements to cost about \$10,000 are to be made upon them, so that the sports can be held upon them in the spring.

EXCHANGES.

We are pleased to note that the *Lasell Leaves* has agreed to forget the past. It is, however, incumbent upon us to correct a slight error in the statements of our worthy contemporary, even at the expense of not being looked at again during the remainder of the college year:

"With regard to its matter, the ERA is a true semi-monthly, consisting chiefly of local odds and ends, of but little interest to outsiders. Very many of our exchanges come under the same class; and to us who look on them all from an outside point of view, they are as like as peas, and almost as uncriticizable. We should judge, however, that such papers—the ERA among them—must be of interest to their readers, thus perfectly filling their destined place in the world."

We thank you for the well-turned compliment at close of your notice, but beg to inform you that the ERA is not a "true semi-monthly," or any other kind of a "semi-monthly." The exchange editor of the *Lasell Leaves* could not have examined very closely our heading, which states that the "THE CORNELL ERA is published every Friday afternoon of each college term, by editors elected from the Junior and Senior classes," or she would not have made this mistake.

The Yale Courant comforts us with the astounding statement that—

"Cornell students have been forbidden to assemble on the campus."

We are afraid that our contemporary has gotten things slightly mixed. There is a High School somewhere out West called *Cornell College*, where such a state of affairs might very possibly exist, but we would wish to state, for the *Courant's* benefit, that no such senseless edict has been issued by the Faculty of our own University. In fact, three feet of snow and an "eager" northwest gale would seem sufficient reasons why Cornell students should not "assemble on the campus," without a facultorial proclamation to that effect.

We would also politely request the *Courant*, that when it has occasion to rewrite, clip or quote from the ERA, not to garble the meaning of our items so that they are barely recognizable to ourselves, and may give to their own readers and to others a wrong

impression as to the meaning intended to be conveyed. At least, stick to the text, and if you don't understand that, leave it alone.

The following is the item as it appeared in the ERA:

"Terrible disaster! Sibley Bill was seriously injured yesterday, by the accidental discharge of his duties."

And this is the *Courant's* version of the same:

"A Cornell man was recently seriously injured by an accidental discharge of his duties."

Now, we are perfectly aware that you are not supposed to know that the "Sibley Bill" referred to is the gentleman of all work at the "Sibley" machine shop. We would even presume that you do not care who "Sibley Bill" is, but in justice to ourselves, and in truth to your readers, and in behalf of what little etiquette there is left among college publications, we would ask you either to leave us severely alone, or quote from our columns with some degree of truth.

The *Princetonian* comes to us full of news and bad poetry. Among its "Here and There" we find the following:

"At Cornell, smoking on the campus is not allowed. We'll soon be with you, Cornell."

The Vice-President, in one of his addresses to the student body, requested, as a personal favor to himself, that the students should not smoke on the campus. It was a *request*, and nothing more. The V. P., in view of the well known interest he takes in the health and general welfare of the University students, desired that they might give their lungs and throats a chance to gain a healthy condition by abstaining from making chimney-pots of themselves, and offending the co-educational portion of this University, during the hours intervening between 8 a. m. and 1 p. m. Is it plain to you, *Princetonian*? We presume we have again and again tried to make it apparent to our *exchanges* that smoking on the campus was abstained from by the students upon their own free will. We are not boys, but men; and being men, we do not need a facultorial edict to restrain an existing evil, when a polite request is all that is required. So, *Princeton*, you will not be with us until you get over your boyish propensities, and become men. Before that time occurs, *Princeton* will have sunk into the muddy flats of New Jersey, or an epidemic of some description will have swept her students from her halls.

BOOK NOTICES.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION, by George F. Seward, late U. S. Minister to China. 8vo., pp. xvi, 421. New York; Charles Scribner's Sons.

The author of this book, impressed with the growing importance of this subject, as a part of American politics, has treated it exhaustively in its

economical and social respects. For several years the accredited ambassador of the nation to the court of the Emperor of China and residing on the Pacific coast, he has made a thorough study of the subject, and is, of all Americans, the one entitled to speak upon it *ex cathedra*. He has collected evidence given before the Chinese Immigration Committee, the most of which goes to show that whatever may be the peculiar and disgusting phases of the Chinese life in California, it is not so bad as, and is in some measure due to the persecutions of the "Hoodlum" class. As to their establishing a government on American soil, Mr. Seward explodes the idea completely in one short chapter. He began his labors, he said, with a desire to ascertain the truth of the matter, and does not take long in coming to the conclusion that any labor that will help to develop the vast resources of the Pacific coast ought to be welcomed to our shores. Yet he is in no sense of the word partisan. A vast array of facts are marshaled to sustain both sides of the question, and everything is scrutinized with a calmly critical eye. We take pleasure in recommending this book as the best one we have seen on the subject, and one to which students, professors and politicians can resort for accurate information and unbiased discussion of this important topic.



—Put away his panorama,
Lay his criblet on the shelf;
He has gone to meet his mama,
Papa will exert himself —*Free Press*.

—FRESHMAN DIALOGUE:—
Say, chum, d'you go t' the prom?
No, Tom. Staid to hum.
I snum! No bum?
No bum. By gum!
Tum, I um! I um, Tum!

—*Yale Courant*.

—He has one great secret trouble,
Which makes his life a bubble,
And renders his existence here a bore.
In vain hopes to bring the hair,

Where his pretty lip is bare,
He has brought out all his patience—nothing more.
Alas! I grieve to say it—nothing more.
—*Varsity*.

—A HOPELESS CASE :

I begged her for a longer note.
 "Dear Rosalind," I madly wrote,
 "Your deuced angles
 Make four short words exhaust a page.

I vow 'tis wrong that in this age
 Of puffs and bangles,
 A fellow should be treated so,
 Write longer, blank it! Romeo."

A week went by; her answer came :
 "My dearest Romeo, don't blame
 Me for my writing ;
 In style you know I'm perfect! Grace,—

If you want that, a hopeless case
 You're wildly fighting.
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fy the most advanced mathematician ; and the undergraduate mathematicians of the University, who still may be called embryotic, need every facility which modern astronomical research has devised to render comprehensible the mighty movements of the heavens. The next time an appropriation is voted, the astronomical department should not be neglected ; and if a drop of the recent amount devoted to University improvements remain, it can be applied to good advantage in the interests of astronomy.

THE final contest for the Woodford prize medal is one of the most important events of the year. Probably three out of every four Freshmen who enter the University, have fully decided in their own minds that they will become some day the possessor of this elegant souvenir ; and only come to a different conclusion when circumstances render such a course extremely advisable. Under these circumstances, the final competition is a matter of great interest to everybody. In view of these facts, we earnestly ask those who have the matter in charge, whether a sufficient number of seats to accommodate all the students, can not be partitioned off and reserved for their use. For many years back those who would secure any kind of a seat, have been compelled to rush to the hall about six o'clock in the evening and remain there for two mortal hours before the orations begin to be delivered. This is, of course, exceedingly irksome to everybody, but it is a step absolutely necessary to secure a good post of observation during the evening's performance. We have, of course, no objections to the presence of as many townspeople as can possibly be accommodated ; but we do think and assert that this is essentially a student affair ; that it is substantially a University exercise, just the same as Commencement is ; and, that consequently, the demands of the students in the matter should be consulted first.

WE are glad to have the opportunity of noting that the attendance at the Glee Club rehearsals is increased since last week. This is a step in the right direction, for which the ERA and its subscribers have been hoping for some time. But it is only a step ; for there yet remains much to be done, before the club can carry out their proposed programme of concerts. For they have decided to

give one in Ithaca, March 14, and to practice together, with every part filled if possible, three times a week until the Spring vacation. They talk of then taking a trip to some of the neighboring cities and towns, and hope that their fame will have preceded them and result in calling together good audiences. Now, a great deal depends on the estimate the press make of their first concert, whether or not they will succeed in other places. And so it is imperatively necessary that the practice for the next two weeks be as faithful and thorough as it has been in the past ; and that the attendance on rehearsals be, if possible, more regular. We understand there are several new and excellent glees in rehearsal, and have heard the names of some of them, not necessary to mention now. As they are new and somewhat difficult, good work on them ought not to be prevented by indifference and non-attendance. On behalf of our subscribers and readers, and on behalf of ourselves, we thank the gentlemen who have labored so faithfully to make the Glee Club what it is ; and hope that they will not see fit to take exception to the few plain and truthful words we have uttered. Success in an undertaking of this sort is not cheaply won, that is why we advocate no half-way measures. And if success is won, none will be more proud of it than we.

THERE was something of a sensation among the Seniors when Professor Shackford announced that the thirteen Woodford competitors who were unsuccessful in the preliminary competition, would not be required to deliver their productions before the class, but might, if they chose, read them instead. The thirteen are almost unanimously satisfied with the arrangement ; but it is very doubtful if the larger portion of their classmates are. Some of the unsuccessful competitors have friends who would be delighted to hear their productions delivered. These friends naturally think that the thorough acquaintance of each competitor with his subject, the careful preparation of his production, and whatever slight feeling of emulation he may have, will result in their favorite's giving them something better in quality than the usual term orations of those who did not compete. And so many were disappointed by the announcement, for they conclude that it will be construed so as to deprive them

of the anticipated treat. Practically it will almost serve the purposes of a prohibition of the delivery or reading of these thirteen productions; for no man will have the assurance, we think, to step forward and elect to read in the expectation that his audience will be sufficiently pleased to warrant the step. And nobody will ask them to do so. Various conjectures are made as to the reason for this change in the usual custom; and it is surmised that the Woodford committee had something to do with it. Anyhow it is plain to be seen that there can be little cause for discussing the relative merits of those delivered in Library Hall compared with those delivered in Room T. As a consequence no such criticisms upon the selections will be made this year, as were very freely indulged in last year. Whether or not this is the true reason, we are not prepared to say. But if this be left out of the question, the reason for the change will remain a mystery until some one in authority is kind enough to explain it.

IT has often been remarked by the friends of Cornell men that in one thing they excel the men of all other colleges. Though some may have acquired a better intellectual training, and have developed their natural talents to a higher degree than the alumni of our *alma mater*, the men of no one college as a group, excel us in strength of character and in the possession of those traits which make manhood admirable. The question having thus been mooted, it may not perhaps be out of place here to offer a suggestion of a few facts, that may account for this particular excellence. Cornell University is in reality an institution which is organized much after the fashion of the public schools of this country. It draws largely on the graduates of public schools, and by its admirably regulated methods of leaving much to its students' honor, and insisting upon very little that can be called discipline, develops germens of independence in thought and action that have been sown in the schools. It is not a mistake we think to attribute to custom and practice the strengthening of tendencies until they become characteristics. A child will do many things that it will soon forget unless it repeats them; constant repetition will become habit, and habit, is usually stronger than the human will. Here there is no pretense of compelling religious culture; but there is a tendency, strong though indirect, to

encourage young men and women to search for truth for its own sake, and not to fear to recognize it wherever found. The conscious possession of truth has before this made men fearless in the face of the world's denunciation, and it will continue to be the one thing that through its possessors will work good for the race. Denunciation and slander cannot move from his purpose the man that is true to himself any more than the wind can overturn the 'eternal hills' that encompass Ithaca. For that man knows he has a message to deliver that will outlast piles of stone and accumulations of treasure—and that message may be found in the memory of a noble life. The old pass away and the young will soon be called to their places. How best can the generation now in college prove themselves worthy of the trust placed in those whose races are nearly run? We say by being manly, by being true to one's self; and secondly, by making the most of excellent opportunities for increasing one's usefulness.

Cornell University helps to call forth these traits, and therefore, aside from the merely secular education it imparts, is doing a great and good work. We hear complaints that there are no more statesmen in this country. Will any system of education that calls forth the nobler impulses to human endeavor, that helps to develop in men, almost unconsciously to themselves, the principles that lie at the foundation of a broad and true ethical culture, tend to decrease the race of statesmen? We think not. On the contrary it will send forth men who will strive most earnestly for the Nation's welfare, who will ever denounce wrong, and ever point out to the multitude its errors.

THE NAVY RECEPTION.

The much-talked-of Navy Reception began last night, and was reluctantly brought to a close this morning. It was after four o'clock before the brilliantly illumined dancing hall became deserted and dark. The affair of the season has passed into history, and its splendor, elegance and happiness remains only to be forgotten, if that be possible. Its pronounced success, socially, was commented upon by all. Its probable cause of a small loss to the Navy Treasury was a subject of worry to but a few Directors. The actual financial result will undoubtedly be ascertained to-day. Should there be a loss, the Navy Board can be congratulated that a new interest has been awakened in boating matters.

The scene was laid, as usual, in the dining hall of the Ithaca Hotel. It has recently been renovated and artistically decorated. Silver cups and other trophies were arranged upon the side-boards. On the walls hung the flags and banners won by our gallant University and Freshmen crews of '75 and '76. '81's famous flag was hung under a shell. The banner recently captured with ease at Lake George looked bright and suggestive of the future. The great flag presented by the ladies of Ithaca to the Cornell Cadets occupied a conspicuous place. Oars, some of which were pulled in winning races, were arranged in different parts of the room; drapery and U. S. flags completed the decoration. The only discomfort was the chilliness, but this was unavoidable, as the crash made the shutting off of the furnaces necessary. Drescher, of Syracuse, furnished the music, and received his share of praise. Supper was served in the ordinary between twelve and one o'clock under the efficient supervision of the famous Johnson. He took great pride in the tasty arrangement of the edibles and table ornaments.

Not long after 9 o'clock the dancers assembled. The usual number of visitors from neighboring cities was reduced owing to various disappointments. But a few townsmen were present. Among the visitors were:—Miss Edith Millspaugh, of New York, dressed in a white organdie, trimmed with lace and surah silk ribbons; Miss Coffin, of Auburn, in a light blue satin, with a white Spanish lace over-dress and corsage bouquet; Miss Frances How, of Auburn, in a pink cashmere trimmed with silk; Miss Agnes Murdoch, of Elmira, in a white satin and cashmere, trimmed with swansdown, wearing diamonds; Miss Fannie Wright, of Lockport, in a white figured swiss and natural flowers; Mrs. Fred. Neyhard, of Auburn, in a surah satin, with black Spanish lace overdress and court train; Miss Knapp, of Auburn, in a wine-colored silk and velvet; Miss Della Beardsley, of Union Springs, with pink silk and white dotted overskirt; Miss Ada Winegar, of the same place, in an *écru* silk with natural flowers and pearls; Miss Kittie Graves, of Trumansburg, in a white tarletan and sky blue silk waist; and Miss Edson, of Auburn, in a plain satin skirt, *écru* overdress and trimmed with light blue lace. Sage college was well represented. Miss Josephine Baum, '83, in a white satin and swiss combined; Miss Florence Yost, '83, in a light lavender, white lace and natural flowers; Miss Burt, in cream-colored silk, train and front trimmed with surah silk; Miss M. Thompson, '82, in a polka dot muslin; Miss E. F. Carlson, '82, in a white swiss; Miss Lucy Shackford, '80, in a pink bunting, trimmed with white lace; Miss Edith Grant, '82, in a gray silk trimmed with sky blue; Miss Maud Gage, '84, in a blue silk, trimmed with pink satin ribbons; Miss Isabel Howland, '81, in a black velvet skirt and pink silk bodice; Miss Grotecloss,

'84, in a cream colored bunting and satin overskirt, and Miss Phebe Fort in a pink silk and a white dotted muslin. Ithaca sent its fair delegation. There were present: Miss Eunice Cornell, in a dotted swiss, a beautiful Roman sash and natural flowers; Miss Minnie Andrus, in a white swiss, white silk waist and natural flowers; Miss Minnie Quigg, in a beautiful white satin; Miss Lucy Ellsworth, in a white dotted muslin, pink satin ribbons and sprays of smilax; Miss Lucy Lyons, in *écru* brocaded satin, with black satin bodice; Miss Mattie Wilson, in white swiss, with black satin bodice and natural flowers; Miss Lou Treman, in lavender silk trimmed with white lace; Miss Minnie Phillips, in a pink grenadine trimmed with silk; Miss Belle Williams, in a white cashmere, trimmed with satin; Miss Nellie Esty, in a white swiss, Roman sash and natural flowers; Miss Melotte, in a white grenadine and satin; Miss Minnie Glenny, in a peach blow silk with white lace and flowers; Miss Seeley, in a white dotted swiss, over heliotrope silk, and Miss Ida Osborne, in a white swiss and pink satin bodice. Among the spectators were, Mrs. Frank Cornell, Mrs. E. L. Williams, Miss M. McCormick, Miss Ada Partenheimer, Mrs. E. L. Williams, Mandeville, '77, Hon. D. J. Apgar, and Henry Winton. Among the gentlemen present were, Prof. E. A. Fuertes, Mr. M. C. Merriman, Jr., Syracuse, Mr. Wm. Stoddard, Ouray, Col., Mr. Fred Neyhard, Auburn, Mr. W. S. Winegar, Union Springs, Messrs. J. C. and C. I. Avery, Atwater, Brownell, Biggs, Bullock, Battin, Cowles, Carson, Chase, Catlin, Cole, Collman, Eidlitz, Gardner, Green, Holmes, Hamilton, Horr, Hough, Hornor, Hiscock, Horton, Kerr, Keith, Lucas, Lawrence, McLoughlin, Newton, Oatley, Rackemann, Raun, E. S. and J. L. Smith, Sommers, Sears, Taylor, VanRensselaer, Wright, Webster, Winegar and Yeaw.

SOPHOMORE SUPPER.

The same band of jolly boys, that met a year ago, with groans and hisses and expressions of everlasting contempt for Sophomores, sat down last Friday night to sing their praise. Thus time works changes in the stoutest hearts.

At half-past ten, the gallant "fifty-five," with officers at their head, like all good officers in gastro-nomic frays, descended with a marching song, into the dining room of the Ithaca Hotel. As they gathered around the table arranged in the form of a letter T, and handsomely decorated with both cut and living flowers, one naughty man attempted to spring a ghastly pun upon his fellows, by remarking something about the T table. All faces were at once overspread with solemnity.

President Humphries then announced the first of the literary exercises. Mr. Runyon, the class orator, delivered a very original and carefully pre-

pared oration on "Self Help," which was listened to with marked attention. Mr. Elmer, the essayist, described the visions of a banqueter, and brought up many of the scenes of a year ago. At this point, a teller for the spoon contest having been appointed, the charge of the ceremonies was turned over to Gen. Johnson and his corps of victual distributors. Course after course was disposed of as only Sophomores know how to dispose of food. When the last bone had been picked clean, and the last remnant of the feast had disappeared, all rose as one man, for a bit of pedestrian recreation. With Matthews and his big tin trumpet at the head, there was a walk around that would have put the seven laps about the walls of Jericho to shame.

When Humphries had secured the sceptre once more and quiet was again restored, Mr. Alling rose and delivered the class History, which was written in a very light and easy style and was received with great applause. The Prophecy, by Mr. Matthews, tore away the veil that shrouds the future of his classmates and gave them some striking views of their hereafter.

From this time forward, the Toast Master, Mr. J. C. Avery, took command. When the first volley of corks had died away, the toasts began in earnest. Mr. Ruggles aimed some puns at the "University." Mr. Kelley exposed the devices of the "Faculty." Mr. Payne lamented the inroads of the Faculty upon the ranks of '83, and drank deep to the "Missing Ones." Mr. C. I. Avery proposed a sitting toast to the "Freshmen," as '83 was accustomed to sit on '84. Mr. Stevenson's muse had whispered in his ear a poetical toast to the "Cadets," but, illness preventing his presence, it was rendered by Mr. Brownell. Commodore Chase, the monarch of the three 'C's,' was received with thunders of applause as he rose to respond to "The Navy." By this time the company had grown intensely hilarious. The trumpet was again brought into requisition, more go-as-you-please was indulged in and Matthews sang his famous song of the inebriate, amid much cheering. Mr. Ewing gave the fruits of extended research upon the subject of "Co-Eds." Mr. Prentiss discussed the habits and peculiarities of American college "Cribs." Mr. Raynor eulogized the "Supper." Mr. Tinsley explained the nature and use of "Berries" in promoting general student health. Mr. Whitney let his light shine upon the intricacies of "Class Politics." Mr. Humphries reveled in the glories of "The Class." Short impromptu toasts followed, during which all became clearly convinced that '83 had sustained the honor of the University, for the past year and a half, not only at the bat, but also in the boat, and in all other legitimate fields of action.

The teller having announced that the seventy-six dishes, which Mr. Marshall was quietly and unostentatiously carrying home, entitled him to the wooden spoon, the two marshals took the third and

led him around the table as a penalty for the puns he had perpetrated in honor of the spoon.

Gen. Johnson, having thoughtlessly admitted that he had not "been to a wedding" lately, was loudly called for. But he was so busily occupied in intercepting the gently-rolling tumblers which coursed about the floor, that his remarks were brief. Toasts followed from the committee, Messrs. Dix, Tinsley, Pratt and Bullock. With a collection for Gen. Johnson and his first lieutenant, and a song for '83, the Sophomore supper came to a close.

THE ENGINEERS' BANQUET.

Last Monday night our Engineers enjoyed the first banquet, within our recollection, to which all the members of the engineering course were invited. Twenty-six met at the Windsor. There were present one P. G., seven Seniors, three-fourths of '82, the Sophs. supplied the most—ten, and five Freshmen. At 10.30 the party marched into the dining-room above, which had been tastefully decorated, to the tune of the "Engineers' March." Like men, under restraint and overworked, the Engineers now free, abandoned themselves with a zeal, peculiarly their own, to the good cheer and hilarity of the hour. The viands, served in courses, were devoured, enjoyed and digested. This done, Toast Master McCrea assumed charge, and with his usual originality and wit, announced the following toasts:

The Engineering Course, - - F. W. Ormsby

"It waved its scepter o'er the beautiful,
And they are not. It laid its pallid hand
Upon the strong man, and the haughty form
Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim."

—Prentice.

The Engineering Faculty, - H. W. Battin

"For very shame be merciful, be kind unto the creatures thou hast ruined."
—Tupper.

Mr. Battin reproduced some of the peculiarities of the Faculty, amid much laughter.

The following toast was a good specimen of what an Engineer is capable of:—

Engineering Composition and Elocution,
W. B. Ewing

"Lord! would men let me alone,
What an over-happy one
Should I think myself to be."
—Charles Cotton.

Next followed a toast on

The Skew Arch, - - - O. M. Eidlitz

"There came a thoughtful man
Searching Nature's secrets, far and deep;
From a fissure in a rocky steep
He withdrew a stone, o'er which he ran
Fairy pencilings, a quaint design."
—Mary L. B. Brouch.

The Class of '83, - - - J. H. Furtess

"I am out of humanity's reach."—Cowper.

Hydraulic Heads and Friction Heads, J. E. Read

"Above all, I beg all men to forbear
Anticipating aught about the matter."

—*Medical Almanac.*

Descriptive Geometry, - - - H. M. Brownell

"Leaf after leaf he turned it o'er
Nor ever glanced aside,—
For the peace of his soul he read that book
In the golden eventide ;
Much study had made him lean,
And pale and leaden-eyed."

—*Thomas Hood.*

This toast was a descriptive poem, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Class of '84, - - - W. A. Carter

"Alas! regardless of their doom
The little victims play ;
No sense have they of the ills to come,
Nor cares beyond to-day ;
Yet see how all around them wait
The ministers of human fate,
And black misfortunes baleful train."

—*Thomas Gray.*

Engineering Dam(e)s, - - - Wm. Storey

"And he has learned to love,—I know not why,
For this in such as him seems strange of mood."

—*Byron.*

The last toast was,

Engineering Profanity, - - - Wm. Trumbull

He said, "that the Freshman swears timidly, the Sophomore short but firmly, the Junior swears in sentences, but the Senior swears until his breath gives out."

Many songs were sung, some for the first time, and some very often. Some of the new ones were, "Rank Tank," "Here's to Elocution, for she holds us in solution," "Engineers' Te Deum," "The Noble Duke of York," and "Polly Wolly Doodle."

At 2 o'clock the festivities were reluctantly brought to a close by the final "war-dance." Everything and everybody was heartily enjoyed and the banquet of last Monday night bids fair to be the first of annual banquets to follow. Before the last good nights had been said, a vote of thanks to the committee was responded to by the chairman, J. E. Read, '81.

It then occurred to some wag among them to serenade T. R. Fairchild, '82, who disappointed the party by his non-appearance. He should have responded to the toast, "The Five Year Course." Consequently, most of the party repaired to the residence of "the absent one," and made melodious the midnight breezes. Thus passed into history the Engineer's Banquet.

—'83 had *fifty-five* men at the class banquet. '82 had less than fifty last year, and it is very probable that there will be no class banquet this term.

CORNELLIANA.

—Miss How begins a half quarter next Thursday in Library Hall.

—The ERA will be the first in town to publish an account of the Navy reception.

—See the announcement of Messrs. Witherspoon and Johnston under "special notices."

—The engineers' banquet tickets were quite elegant—rounded corners, bevelled and gilt edges.

—The fair ones at the Navy last night very much admired the work of the Decoration Committee.

—A Junior says he wants to substitute bugle practice for orations. "The principle's the same," he says.

—Mr. Badger's lecture on Sunday evening will treat of Kant, or the Teacher of Hamilton, Mill and Herbert Spencer.

—Some very interesting discussions are had now in Political Economy upon the subjects, "Free Trade" and "Protection."

—Freshman class meeting:—"Mr. Secretary! Mr. Secretary!! I call the President to order!" Secretary:—"Yes, I hear."

—The Irving and Cornell Clubs have renewed their old custom of holding union meetings. The joint program this evening comprises the leading talent of both organizations.

—Mrs. M. J. Gage, widely known as the editor of the *National Citizen*, will address the students under the auspices of the Social Science Club to-morrow evening, at Association Hall.

—Last week mention was made of Ruggles, '84. Now, Mr. Ruggles is well known as a member of '83. Is it not rather queer that the *Sun* should make the same mistake we did?

—Vice-President Russel has expressed a wish to become acquainted socially with the members of the Senior class; and for this purpose has invited them to call on him any Thursday evening.

—The twenty-four amateur go-as-you-please contest was won by Thomas Buckley, who covered 118 miles; James Saunders, second, 115; Frank Carr, third 110. Can the third man be Carr, '83?

—The Navy Directors have decided to send Com. Chase to England with the crew, and have also selected J. E. Read, '81, as substitute. This is subject to the approbation of the Henley committee.

—Special notice:—A meeting of the crew, Navy Board and Henley Committee is called to meet in Dr. Van Cleef's office to-night, Saturday, at 7.30 sharp. Important business. A full attendance is desired.

—The Mock Trial at the Curtis Hall last Saturday evening was well rendered. There was present a large audience. The witty sallies of the counsel

were appreciated, and there were many amusing developments.

—How much would Cornell College, situated at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, take to change its name? We confess that it has a right to the name by priority of establishment, yet it "grinds" hard on us to be mistaken for such an institution.

—The first section in Junior orations are expected to display their oratorical powers on Tuesday next for the first time. They have had three holidays this term, and, in consequence thereof, they will have to take the rest of the term to deliver the orations.

—The Freshmen held a meeting yesterday, Vice-President Dann in the chair. A communication from the lady students of the class was read by Sec'y Poucher. It recommended carnelian and gold as the class colors for '84. Adopted. Moved and seconded by Brewster, that the Secretary thank the ladies. Carried.

—Those who wish to spend a pleasant and enjoyable evening, should attend Haverly's Minstrels. This show has the reputation of being one of the finest minstrel shows in the country, and it is so seldom that a good entertainment takes place here, that all should improve the opportunity when we happen thus to be favored.

—As we intimated last week a concert by the Glee Club will soon be given. We are not at liberty to state what will comprise the programme, but can let it be known that the members are at work rehearsing a difficult composition which will take nearly ten minutes in its delivery. It is very beautiful and will be one of the features of the evening.

—The young gentleman who fastened a pair of rubbers with the owner's name and some comments attached to them, to the bulletin board, would have been considered much more of a *gentleman* by all respectable students had he attended to his own business. Such low, sneaking performances as this should be beneath the dignity of any man.

—A large crowd witnessed the championship game of billiards between Sommers, '81, and Smith, '84, last Saturday. A number of brilliant shots were made by both, and some very creditable play. The game was 200 points, and was won by Smith leading by 19 points. The time of the game was two hours. Mr. Doherty acted as referee. The students can be on the lookout for another good game soon.

—How happy we should be that we have not President Porter of Yale to inflict on us such homilies as the Yale students recently had to endure. Such original and startling statements as, "Young men, you are the architects of your own fortunes," "Strike out!" "The small potatoes go to the bottom," "Fire above the mark you intend to hit."

"Read the papers," Advertise your business!" were presented to their astonished ears.

—The law in all the States makes any party liable to pay for any newspaper sent him, whether ordered or not, unless the publishers are notified not to send them, and all subscriptions in arrears paid. It is the duty of the party to whom they are sent not only to refuse to take them, but to notify the publisher, and to pay up for what he has had. It is the postmaster's duty to notify publishers when the papers are refused or not received by persons to whom they are sent through his office.

—Not very long ago we had occasion to criticise President Chadbourne, of Williams College, for certain remarks made by him at a banquet and intended to convey the impression that athletic sports are a curse to college students. We contended, in answer to his strictures, that physical health was of the utmost importance to the student, and asserted with some vehemence that a man that had no more adequate appreciation of the trust imposed upon him was not fit to act as President of a college. We now observe that he has been permitted to resign, and sincerely hope that his successor may prove to be a man of sense.—*Chicago Saturday Evening Herald.*

—All of our upper-classmen who knew Professor Adler will appreciate the following which appeared in a Chicago paper: "Professor Adler's call for a definition of a true gentleman calls out a letter from a lady who writes to the *Hour* that Mr. Adler 'ought to see her Alfred. His clothes are simply perfection and are always worn in good taste. I never saw him without the most beautiful gloves, and his boots are two lovely for anything. His selection of neckties is, as he has himself assured me, quite an art. But his most gentlemanly trait is shown in his selection of perfumes. It is exquisite. I wish, my dear *Hour*, you could arrange an interview between Mr. Adler and Alfred before the Professor delivers his next discourse on a 'A True Gentleman.' I am sure he could get some good ideas from Alfred."



E.D. RAUN, '77, held the ticket that drew the set of harness, but like Esau of ancient times, he sold it.

DR. ED. MORGAN, '77, drew a sack of flour.

COM. CHASE, '83, says that 233 is worth \$10.

PROFESSOR CHURCH did not meet his classes last Monday.

HAMILL, formerly '82, is a telegraph operator at Buffalo.

SEYMOUR, '84, has been spending a few days at Lyons and Seneca Falls.

MISS A. EVELYN ROSE, '80, is stopping with Capt. Spalding, in Washington, D. C.

A. PAGE BROWN, formerly '82, will soon embark in the architectural business in Detroit, Mich.

FREEMAN, '83, has left the University for the remainder of the year. He will return next Fall.

CHARLES EVERSON, '78, now in business in Syracuse spent a few jolly hours with his friends here last Monday.

KOZIMA, '79, is at present in Rome, Italy. He will travel in Europe for ten months longer, and then go direct to Japan.

PROF. B. P. MacKoon, of Cornell University, Ithaca, and family, passed the Sabbath in this city, visiting with Mrs. MacKoon's father, ex-Mayor McCrea.—*Auburnian*.

THE father of Tinsley, '83, who is editor of the Lyons *Republican*, acted as secretary at the recent meeting of the executive committee of the New York Press Association.

THE *Journal* prints a letter from Frank Wilson, '78, describing his narrow escapes from drowning in California. The danger is past, and Frank is anxious to make good his losses.

PROF. HORATIO S. WHITE, of Cornell, while in Syracuse a day or two ago, told a newspaper man that President White is expected home in time for the opening of the fall term of the University; and that Professor Fiske, now with his bride on the Nile, writes that he will give a Fourth of July dinner in Ithaca.—*Journal*.

JOHN A. REA, '69, didn't become an artist as his commencement speech led some of his friends to believe he would. He is a government official—Register of the U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, Dakota. His district is the largest in the United States, covering an area of fertile wheat lands larger than the State of New York. Mrs. Rea is an Ithaca girl and is now in the village. They have a youthful candidate for Cornell.

COLLEGE NEWS.

BROWN :—

Richmond is coaching the nine.

The Juniors will bury Chemistry.

The Sophomores have challenged the Juniors to a six-oared race.

The Alumni Association of Boston held its annual supper Feb. 16th.

In accordance with the request of the family, the bearers at the funeral of the late J. Lewis Diman were Seniors.

CITY OF NEW YORK :—

Seniors have elected officers.

The catalogue of the Clonian Society shows that there are 1,250 books in the library.

Freshmen tried to frighten the people of Twenty-third Street by hanging a straw man out the window.

Friends of the College advocate the entire separation of the Preparatory Department from the institution.

COLUMBIA :—

Graduating theses are due March 1st.

The Freshmen "Miners" talk of having a Glee Club.

The Junior reception has been postponed till after Lent.

About fifteen men from '84, School of Mines, are training for the crew.

HARVARD :—

The challenge of the Columbia Freshman crew has been accepted.

Professor Lanman began a course of lectures on the *Vedas* Feb. 22nd.

The Hasty Pudding Club have elected members from the Junior class.

On Tuesday last one student took his semi-annual examination in elective Chinese.

The coldness of the chapel gives rise to many complaints on the part of students.

Three of the six choruses of the Greek play have been given out to the singers.—*Advocate*.

The sum of \$1237.50 was received last year by the College for the use of Gymnasium lockers.—*Advocate*.

5,000 copies of "Students' Songs" have been sold within four months. A second edition has just been published, which contains songs not in the first.

The project of reviving the *Harvard Lampoon* as an undergraduate paper has been discussed, and a subscription book has been opened to see whether enough subscribers at \$1.50 can be obtained to warrant the undertaking.

MADISON :—

The University is to have a new gymnasium.

The Juniors in French read George Sands' novels.

The Social Reunion of the New York Alumni was held in New York Feb. 24th.

OBERLIN :—

The College Song Book enterprise is languishing.

The Conservatory students listened to the piano recitals of Mr. Edward B. Perry, of Boston, last week.

At the last Freshmen and First Year Sociable, the ladies did not wait to run the gauntlet at the door when it was time to go home, but escaped some other way.—*Review*.

SYRACUSE :—

The Freshmen have a Glee Club in active operation.—*Syracusan*.

Feb. 17th Chancellor Sims lectured on "The Giants of America."

Messrs. Lewis and Lane, of South Boston, have recently presented to the Fine Art College, 32 pieces of terra-cotta ware, representing different kinds and colors.—*Syracusan*.

Agent Curtis has recently received from New York gentlemen contributions to the University variously estimated from a hundred thousand to a million dollars.

YALE :—

Courant editors will be announced Feb. 26th.

Commencement productions are due April 12th.

There were athletic sports Wednesday afternoon.

The *Record's* new board of editors is announced.

The Freshmen and Sophs are fighting over each other's flags.

The Freshmen wear bangers, and there are occasional cane rushes.

The Foot-ball Association report a balance to their credit of \$965.01.

Fourteen men are training for the Sophomore crew and seven for the Junior.

The Promenade netted between \$75 and \$100 for the Athletic Grounds Association.

At the late rush, a member of the Faculty is reported to have stood upon the curb-stone, and frantically waving his arms, to have called upon the combatants to hold up while he went back to his room to get a note-book.—*Record*.

Resolutions passed by '83 S. S. S., at Class meeting held Feb. 16, 1881 :

Whereas, We deem it inexpedient to perpetrate the custom of Banger rushes in the Scientific School,

Whereas, We believe that the custom will cease to exist, if disregarded by the class of '83 ; and,

Whereas, We deem it cowardly to force a class of forty into a personal encounter with one of seventy ; therefore,

Resolved, That we take no aggressive move toward having one of those so-called Banger rushes.—*Record*.

EXCHANGES.

This week's issues of many of our Eastern exchanges were written by new boards of editors. There are a few in which we can detect some inferiority to the previous issues, but the excellent tone of most is, on the whole, well sustained. The plan of having one half the board retire from the management some time in the Winter term, and their places filled with editors elected for the merit and volume of their contributions has been discussed here, and has met with little encouragement. But it is plain that it would result in making a better paper. However, we hope to see this among the reforms which the whirligig of Time will bring about, and will do our best to further the cause.

Here are some "Lines" from the *Harvard Advocate*. They are of a character rather foreign to that journal, but are excellent in their way we think.

"There is a longing that was born with me,
And makes continual unrest in my mind ;
And though each man for his felicity
Must suffer and must labor, mine would be
To leave a single noble thought behind.

And I have hoped and do at times believe,
That once while I keep watch in doubt and pain
The angel will appear with my reprieve,
Stand by my side just long enough to leave
His shining message, and depart again."

We have before commended the *Exonian*, a weekly from Phillips' Exeter Academy. Its standard does not change much, but when it does, it is always for the better. We have to thank the *Exonian* for its well-meant but rather misapplied pity of us for what it seems to consider our misfortunes. Last week's issue contains the following :

"The outside page of the *Oberlin Review* is not pleasing to the eye. One gets a very narrow idea of a paper with such an outside. We have always heard of Oberlin as a college, operated upon a different plan from those of other colleges, and one in which the moral side of men received the most careful training, and yet a glance over their exchange column would seem to show otherwise. The unfortunate *Era* is being subjected to all the torture editorial ingenuity can devise. Perhaps a little milder air, a little more gentlemanly tone, would not injure the exchange column, and yet succeed as well in crushing the *Era*, which seems to be the object of the *Review*."

We do not think it unfortunate to be denounced for proclaiming what we think is right ; we long ago learned to expect it, especially from those from whose conduct and tone we begged to differ. The *Exonian* man has a great deal of penetration to discover that the professed tone of Oberlin's instruction does not accord well with the utterances of the *Review* ; for few others of our exchanges have yet remarked it.

The *College Mercury* gives its readers something quite mediocre this week called "Confessions of a Cat."

"I am a cat. My name is Kate, but I am more commonly known as Kitty, and I have even been called by more interest-

ing appellations. I have a strong voice, and have been instructed by the best masters, so I was well qualified for public singing.

My debut was to take place on a fence behind a populous boarding house, and I was to be assisted by Mr. Thomas (Cat) and his famous orchestra. At twelve o'clock the concert began, and I sang several airs before any enthusiasm was awakened in my programme. But finally a second-story window was opened, and a lady threw something to me and cried 'Shoo-o-o.' Well, it was a shoe, and Mr. Thomas being used to such things, said, 'it's for you,' and made a rapid exit over the yard fence. I remained. After I had sung for a few minutes more much enthusiasm was manifested by my audience. Windows were thrown up in every house near me, and torpedoes, ink-bottles, boots, curses, sticks of wood, coal, broken china, boot-jacks, oaths, blacking brushes, hair brushes, clothes brushes, epithets and bricks were showered on me in such volleys that I was compelled to fly for my life.

The last I heard was the dull thud of some heavy article striking the fence, and above all the curses shrill and deep, that were wafted upon the midnight air.

Oh! how ungrateful these men are, and what a poor ear they have for music. I pity them, poor things

I am now suffering from nervous prostration, called, by men, "fleas."

We have departed from our usual custom of presenting only the best extracts from our exchanges, in quoting the above. The ideas and everything in it, save the manner, are old, and do not do the *Mercury* credit. On the whole, we like this paper, and regret that any such *da capo* performance as the above was printed in its columns. The *Free Press*, a rival sheet in the same college (City of New York), is making a violent war upon it for some reason or other. We do not know the merits of the rivals, but we think few would hesitate to award the palm for excellence to the *Mercury*.

The last number of the *Free Press* pays us a compliment:

"We have carefully examined the back numbers of the CORNELL ERA and assert without hesitation that it is, in our opinion the ablest college newspaper in the United States."

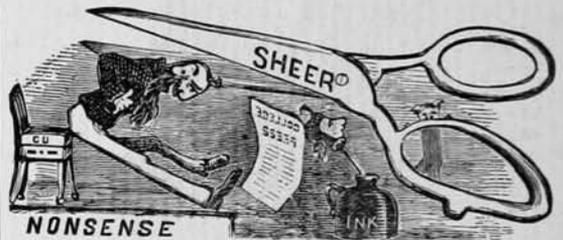
This number of the *Press* shows much improvement over former ones. If its tone is bettered with succeeding numbers we suspect we will be inclined to alter the above comparison in the *Free Press*' favor.

BOOK NOTICES.

FREDERICK THE GREAT, AND THE SEVEN YEARS' WAR, by F. W. Longman, Balliol College, Oxford. 16mo. pp. xii, 264. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.00.

This is the thirteenth of "Epochs of Modern History." In form and size it is much like the other volumes in the series; but in matter and the treatment of the subject it has an interest of its own that is far more, we think, than that of any other of the series. The German Empire to-day excites a great deal of curiosity among American readers; and therefore anything that throws any light upon the

beginning and growth of that power, ought to find among Americans wide reading. It is almost superfluous to say that the principal events are here accurately outlined, for we have come to look upon all of these volumes as the most reliable and readable hand-books of history, that can be obtained. Though this book does not pretend to contain anything relating to court diplomacy, it yet gives us succinct views of all the great European movements of the period. Its chapters on "England and France," "The Conquest of Canada," "India," and "The Fall of Pitt," seem strictly to have no connection with the subject, but they all tend to throw light upon European politics, and furnish an interesting back-ground to the discussion of Frederick's campaigns, and the growth of the national feeling in Germany, that no reader would be willing to dispense with. Not the least valuable parts of the book are the selected list of authorities upon the period, given in the preface, the excellent index, the two colored maps, and four wood-cuts to illustrate the geography of the theatre of war. It is altogether the most desirable book for students we know of, on this topic. Its typography, paper, marginal annotations, and binding, leave nothing in the mechanical line to be desired.



—Scene—Drawing Academy. ('83 boasts of his skill in drawing.)

'84: "Can you draw an inference?"

'83: "No, but I can draw beer."—*Acta Columbiana*.

—Scene in bookstore. *Literary young man to practical young lady*.—"Do you like Lamb?" *Y. L.* "Yes, with peas." *Y. M.* "No, I mean Charles Lamb." *Y. L.* "Oh, I prefer Mary's."—*College Mercury*.

—She was declaiming "The Launching of the Ship," and as with a tender voice she exclaimed:

"How beautiful she is! how fair
She lies within those arms that press
Her form with many a soft caress
Of tenderness and watchful care!"

the professor rolled his eyes in ecstasy and whispered, "Beautiful, beautiful figure!" and the boys held each other down in their places and smacked their juicy lips. Such, alas, are the temptations of co-education! —*Vidette*.

—How doth the learned editor
 Delight to clip and write ;
 He gathers items all day long,
 And writes them up at night.
 —*Ex.* [tra vile.]

—Sing a song of Freshies,
 Pocket full of Sophs,
 When the Freshmen make a rush,
 Sophs are used for mops.
 Then the crowd assembles
 To hear Doc. French's whims ;
 Isn't that a pretty dish
 To set before our Sims ?
 —*Syracuse Herald.*

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should be invited here, however much it may seem to argue a previous low standing in an intellectual way, on their part. And they pray that the non-residents may come quickly.

“THE world moves.” Some people think that the Faculty of Cornell University are never in a humor to give up any of their privileges, even to further a reform. The appointment of five citizens of Ithaca to constitute the committee which shall award the Woodford prize was about as startling as would be thunder out of a clear sky. No one even expected it, and every one is ready to say that it is the very best change that has been made by the Faculty in several years. One advantage, among many, to be gained by having town gentlemen on the committee is, that whatever their award may be, it will in all probability represent the judgment of the general public better than would any award which a committee of professors could make. The members of the committee, as it now stands, are all men of culture, vast experience, and excellent knowledge of human nature, qualities that are essential to any who would attempt to give judgment on the effectiveness of an oration. We heartily congratulate the powers that be for having instituted the change; and have little doubt but the result will verify their expectations.

TONIGHT the attention of the entire University will be directed to the six Seniors who stand forth upon the platform in Library Hall to show what they can do in oratory. We do not think that the award will find universal favor in the eyes of the audience; such has never been the case, and it would be folly to expect it now. But we do hope sincerely that if anybody honestly differs from the decision of the committee, none will be thoughtless enough to let the expression of his opinion add a drop of bitterness to the cup of the victor. To him, one of the most pleasant parts of his triumph will be the consciousness that he has earned it fairly; and the one who disturbs that consciousness does a cruel and uncalled-for act. The five men who do not get the medal will undoubtedly accept the result cheerfully; for their opinion of the final effort of the successful competitor will be a most complimentary one. A deep regard for one's opponent and a thorough respect for his abilities is quite often the

outcome of a competition, whether it be in dialectics or in arms. It is, therefore, both possible and probable, and, above all, it is highly desirable that all rejoice with him that wins, and forget themselves in doing honor to the success of a friend and a classmate.

IT is greatly to be deplored that so many student societies have been forced to discontinue, because they failed to receive proper and sustaining support. This is true of very many organizations which have risen and flourished here in past years, but at present we refer more particularly to the Chess and Whist clubs. Many of us can remember the time, when these societies were in splendid condition, and when the greatest interest was felt in their affairs. But of late years this feeling has entirely disappeared, and the associations, for lack of it, have themselves passed away. This, as we have said, is a fact greatly to be regretted. It is not expected nor desired that these games should in any way supersede the ordinary out-door athletics. These, of course, are indispensable in their way, but there are some constitutions which are not able to endure the violent exercise which they involve, and there are certain seasons of the year in which they are denied even to their most enthusiastic devotees. It is for these persons, and at these times, that such an institution as a chess or whist club is especially valuable. There are, doubtless, many who desire to become proficient in these games, yet who by force of circumstances have had no opportunity to gratify their inclination. For such as these, an association for the scientific study of these games, composed of enthusiastic lovers of them, would be a god-send. There are very few of us, in fact, whom such an organization would not assist very materially. In no games which are considered as scientific, is there a necessity for more thought or a better opportunity for displaying and cultivating quickness of perception and originality of action. The benefit which a careful and thorough study of them gives to the mind is something remarkable. In view of these facts, it is very desirable that these societies should be re-established upon a firm basis. We are confident that they would be filled and properly supported. And without doubt, the benefit derived would amply compensate for any efforts which may be required.

THE "Jenkins" of the *Journal* who wrote the account of the Navy reception that appeared in its columns last Saturday, is undoubtedly a gifted man. We have not taken the trouble to look up other effusions from his pen, but the article we have mentioned is a sufficient guarantee that his talents are hidden under a bushel, as long as they are confined to the business of reporting society gatherings in and about Ithaca. He should have a wider field, that he may shine and rise to the highest positions of honor his profession affords. All this needs confirmation, and confirmation of our views we will proceed to give. In the first place we wish to call attention to the consistency of his account. He begins by lamenting 'the absence of scores of our (Ithaca's) most distinguished citizens.' Well that is too bad. The Navy Directors ought certainly to have hired about forty Ithacans to warm the room with their presence, and then our friend of the *Journal* would have been justified in pronouncing the reception a success. But even after thus cruelly dampening our hopes of a 'puff,' his conscience smites him, and he lets his imagination loose to our great relief in this wise: 'The scene in the beautiful room where the dancers were moving gracefully through the merry mazes was a very pretty one, making a fit subject for the poet's pen or painter's brush.' This stamps our friend as a man of genius of the first water, notwithstanding the fact that some of the readers of the *Journal*, who cannot appreciate fine writing, heartlessly called it 'highfalutin.' Never mind, genius always had to put up with a great many trials, and this is undoubtedly nothing to our friend of the pen.

When, however, our friend begins to talk about the music, he seems to be a little cloudy. It is surmised that one of the fiddlers of the Ithaca orchestra met him in the office shortly after he wrote the opening paragraphs of his account, and lured him into the inner room for a slight refectation in liquid form. But this report undoubtedly was prompted by the spirit of malice working in the heart of one who is envious of the eminent abilities of our friend, and seeks to detract from the public's estimation thereof for his own profit.

And our friend must be too confiding and truthful, and perhaps thinks all men are like him. How else could he have the conscience to give the names

of three Ithaca gentlemen and eight students, as the 'gentlemen under whose management the ball was gotten up'? He must have been imposed upon by a malicious informer, possibly the member of the Ithaca orchestra, who did it out of spite when he saw the ocular aperient was beginning to have its effect. The truth of the matter is, that he published the floor committee in full, and forgot to mention that the gentlemen under whose management the ball was gotten up, were the Navy Directors and no one else. Our friend's list of the participants and the descriptions of their costumes, simply drive us to despair. We had hopes of becoming the most eminent journalist in this country at no distant day, but can never expect to reach the goal of our hopes while our friend still writes for the press. The description farther on gives evidence of more ocular aperients, and we are sorry to state that in our humble estimation our friend's mood changed for the worst as a result. His 'Notes' show how the truly gifted may sometimes fall into error through imbibing too many ocular aperients in the neighborhood of a ball-room. He says, 'kids were not *de rigueur*. Only three or four gentlemen affected them.' (Our friend is gifted in more ways than one, we see, for he has a knowledge of French). This is not strictly accurate, for none of the gentlemen 'affected' kids, and about half their number wore them during the first hour. The only puzzling inconsistency which even the theory of ocular aperients and gallinaceous caudal appendages does not throw any light upon, next comes to our notice. He says, "It was in sooth a collection of youth and beauty." Further down the column he states, "next to the ladies, they (the button-hole bouquets,—where's our friend's French, they are known as *boutonnieres*,) were the prettiest and sweetest features of the very pleasant party." Now we do not understand why our friend said also in his 'Notes,' "The co-eds enjoyed the ball, but book learning doesn't make every body graceful." Perhaps he has been jilted by one of the ladies of the University, or perhaps the gallinaceous caudal appendages began to mix with the ocular aperients, and had a depressing effect on his mind, causing him to take a despondent view of things in general. He undoubtedly meant to say that the University ladies were very graceful; and probably his copy does read to that effect, but we are willing to say that a fiend, known as 'a compositor,' betrayed our friend. W

cannot give any explanations of various other *lapses styli* we noticed.

Altogether we think the *Journal* has a prize in our friend the "Jenkins," whom we have been complimenting. He is a genius, as we said before, and we expect to see many more bright things from his pen. But like all geniuses, if report be true, he has his little failings in the matter of being too credulous and too easily induced to partake of ocular aperients and gallinaceous caudal appendages, to the detriment of his duty. We shall always look with interest in the *Journal's* columns for effusions from his pen. If he should deign to give any explanations or excuses for the somewhat mixed-up account of the Navy Ball, or to notice our corrections, we shall, upon his authority, dare to hope for journalistic fame in the future.

THE FRESHMAN BANQUET.

Perhaps at no time during a college career, is the spirit of good-fellowship and freedom for restraint shown, as when one is seated with his brother classmates around the board which groans with good cheer. At that time all personal animosities are forgotten, the petty quarrels of classes resolve themselves into staunch friendships, and with hearts of brother's temper each receives the other. Without condition, then, we would advocate these reunions, and hail them as oases in the desert of perpetual "grind."

It seems now to be, since the Freshman class of last year took the initiative not without opposition, an established custom at Cornell for the Freshman class to "eat, drink and be merry." Therefore, in accordance with this custom, '84 filed two by two, into the spacious dining-room of the Ithaca Hotel. A "walk around" immediately ensued, and then a single line, which extended around the entire length of the room, was formed. A count was called for and responded to. Many cheers greeted the last man when he called forth "seventy-two." This goodly number immediately seated themselves, and occupied the intervening hours between ten and twelve in paying careful and undivided attention to the elaborate *menu* which had been provided. At the hour of twelve Mr. McMillan, the Toast Master, took possession of the chair which '84's President, Mr. Bering, had so ably filled during the literary exercises. We beg leave to insert here our unqualified praise of the productions offered before the class. The Orator, Mr. Randolph, gave to the class many beautiful thoughts upon "Purposes," and was interrupted at intervals with hearty rounds of applause. This was followed immediately by Mr. Freeman's Poem abounding with ready wit, and bristling with points of interest. The History, whose career had

been so checkered, brought an additional share of attention which was amply repaid in telling satires and genuine humor. Though last, by no means least in worth, came the Prophecy of Mr. Penny. We would willingly give to each speaker a more extended mention had we space. But restricted as we are, we can only mention that in general, the matter of the productions put forth was exceptionally good, and the manner of delivery both pleasing and entertaining. We now turn to the toasts and Toast Master, whom we left so unceremoniously earlier in our article. The quotation which heralded their advent, was peculiarly appropriate:

"Fill the goblet again, for I never before
Felt the glow which now gladdens my heart to its core!
Let us drink!—Who would not?—Since through
life's varied round
In the goblet alone no deception is found."

—Byron.

We must again plead a want of space to print a full account of the spicy responses. Sufficient, however, to say that all were full of repartee, and—well of good and bad puns.

At the beginning of the Supper, to avoid confusion and mistakes, it was announced that all who wished to compete for the Wooden Spoon, should signify their intention of so doing. Six or seven responded, tellers were appointed from their immediate vicinity, and these contestants immediately set to work to create sad havoc among the dishes set before them. After much competition, Mr. Burrows was declared the winner of the broken Wooden Spoon. He immediately acknowledged the honor which he had conferred upon himself, with a few appropriate and well-timed remarks. The song "Balm of Gilead," which followed this toast, was omitted on account of several bad colds caught by the singing portion of the class in the draughts of the Supper-room. We would like to call the attention of the proprietor of the hotel to this fact. Perhaps he may remedy it by keeping the door shut which leads out of the office lobby into the—street. As a whole the Freshman supper was a decided success. In spite of Sophomoric wilyness and wise foolishness, in the face of all opposition, which was so praiseworthy overcome, the class of '84 heartily enjoyed themselves. Despite the storm without, there was much good cheer within. Despite the Sophomoric measles which breathed out contagion to the air, and which they were liable to catch, the Freshmen glanced not at the gas, tasted not the lemonade, nor thought of a "prelim." in mathematics on the morrow. Good thoughts, kind words and brotherly temper was the key upon which they based their spirits. Freshmen, your first class supper is a thing of the past. May it prove to you many valuable lessons, and give to you many rich thoughts for the future when you are toiling in the world's workshop and not that of your Alma Mater.

THE SOPHOMORE.

O, windy and tough is the Sophomore,
When he playeth his little chin chin ;
And cruel and harsh, the beavered youth,
When he taketh the Freshman in.

Merry and loud is his festal song,
When he goeth out for a lark ;
And crafty and sly the wicked deeds
He doeth in midnight's dark.

Jolly and bold is the man of canes,
And he maketh his tutor groan,
As he rideth gaily along his course,
Astride of a trusty Bohn.

I slept in this bad man's bed one night,
While the owner was out for a spree ;
And the spirits that liven his restless naps,
Came wooing and singing to me.

And the notes were so wild and wierd and
strange,
As they hung on the midnight hour,
That I half forgave the impetuous youth
Who are led by their mystic power.

And these were the visions that floated there
When the outside world was dead,
And the spirits that dwell in the upper air
Came down to the he-Soph's bed.

'Tis the middle watch of a dreary night,
And the time is Hallow E'en.
Full many a gate is torn away,
Full many a deed is done which day
Would blush for having seen.

The horns have squawked,
The thieves have thieved,
And tradesmen's signs are scattered ;
The Cops are balked,
And the Profs. deceived,
Where the Sophomore's feet have pattered.

Then goblins danced and fairies flew
And the scenes were quickly shifted,
And a new sight met my wondering gaze,
When another veil was lifted.

The peeler came down like a bat on a bug,
To the Sophomores' midst in the silent
night,
And pounced on the fellows surrounding
a jug,
As peelers can pounce when the victim is
tight.

But he fled like a hare,
When the cobble stones flew
In an angry storm about his head ;
And something remarkably like a swear
Came echoing back
In the words he said.

So the spot was all silent,
The Sophs all alone,
The jug all depleted,
The bold peeler flown.

Down by the lonely lake-side,
The clans are gathering fast,
And the welkin's calm is troubled
By the fish-horn's angry blast.

The Sophomore sings in triumph,
When the moon's bright ray is hid,
And the victim quakes with terror
Beneath the coffin lid.

There is a young Freshman
Tossed up in a blanket,
Seventy times as high as the moon,
While twenty bad Sophomores
Stand there to yank it,
And send poor youngster up like a balloon.

They bruise him and maul him
And make him to sing ;
They pull him and haul him
Around a big ring.
They halter and drag him
About on the strand,
Then pinion and gag him
And shower him with sand.
They drench him with acid
And soak him in lye,
Then hang him up safely
And leave him to dry.

Here I woke with a start,
For the restless throng
Were storming slumber's keep,
And the witching art
Of their magic song
Had loosened the bonds of sleep.

 LOST BY LAW.

Thursday morning the collegiate world was astounded to hear of a deed of daring such as has never before in the annals of the University been performed. Rumor said that the three Freshman banquet officers, Historian, Prophet and Toast Master, had been suddenly abducted in the silent hours of the night, and soon rumor gave way to fact, hard, incontrovertible fact. If anything were needed to confirm

the reports, it would have sufficed to gaze upon the countenances of the members of the "infant" class. Woe and despair were as plainly inscribed on their brows as if they had got their heads in a printing press and the words been stamped on. The Sophs. appointed Saturday evening to meet together to rejoice over their victory. '82 was rallied on her hard luck of last year, and '83's superior scheming talents were fully demonstrated.

It seems that at a meeting of the Sophomores the evening before it was decided to hie away with as many Freshman Banquet officers as possible, and keep them until the Banquet would be over. The scheme worked well. The Prophet was seized at the Psi U House, and the *click* of the hand-cuffs soon proclaimed that he was safe. The Historian was decoyed outside his house, and he was secured. The Toast Master was next summoned, but he entered a *nolle prosequi*, and force had to be used to persuade him to follow. The Sophs. concluded that it was best not to take the Class President along, so they followed the Lake road down to the quiet haunt known in the vernacular of the vulgar as Rogue's Harbor. Here the Fresh. were deposited to enjoy the residue of their night's repose, and the victorious captors sang in fiendish triumph. The next morning the guard was changed, and the weary Sophs. returned to Ithaca, where they assured their classmates that things were all right. But now the scene changed! The Post Office steps and the corners are crowded with laughing, and a few anxious students; some anxious, because they had heard that there was a prospect of their bread becoming dough. A little after two o'clock two wagons came dashing through Tioga street, and in them could be seen the now exultant Freshmen officers, surrounded by the servants of the law, and a number of Junior classmen. The streets now became the scene of the greatest excitement. Students of all classes rushed after the hurrying vehicles around to the Ithaca Hotel. The business men ran out of their stores to observe the returning heroes, the newly appointed police force, eager for fame and fight, lent their presence to the surging mob, and with thousands of cheers, the precious loads were deposited at the doors of the "Ithaca." The corridors soon were filled with disconsolate and crest fallen Sophs, who vainly endeavored to explain to numerous auditors how the thing had failed. The officers were now safe, as all Sophomores had to inwardly confess, although up to a late hour last night they remained in crowds at the hotel. But there were so many watchmen it was absolutely impossible for them to do any thing, and the Freshmen finished in great self-complacency their long-expected and fully deserved banquet.

[A fuller report is crowded out by the press of matter.]

THE CORNELL MATHEMATICAL CLUB.

The Mathematical Club met last night at the residence of Prof. Oliver, for organization. There were present, Professors Oliver, Crandall, Jones and Kerr, Jonas, '80, Kelso, '81, Thompson, '81, Wait, '82, and Kenney, '82. Prof. Wait, Miss Gilbert, '84, and Bullis, '81, are members, but were unavoidably compelled to be absent. It was decided that a President and a Recording Secretary were sufficiently able to govern the Club. Meetings will be held once in one or two weeks as is deemed best in the future.

The next meeting will be held in Prof's. Wait and Mackoon's rooms, in Cascadilla, next Wednesday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock. The first subject for discussion will be a paper read by Instructor Garver. Kelso, '81, was appointed to open a discussion on "The Highest Common Divisor, by the latest methods." Appointments and problems will be given out every week. The Club recommended the studying, or having studied Calculus, as a requirement to join. A very satisfactory start was made last night, and it is hoped the Club will live to flourish and be useful.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

To the Editors of the Cornell Era :

Have you space for a word concerning the individual and his sphere? This term sphere has fallen into disrepute by means of some of its associations, but its appropriateness as designating the field of individual forces, whose exercise forms the character, remains. It is true of each one that the sources of his power, of his effective activity, if you please, lie within certain definite limits. This constitutes his individuality. It is manifest that oratory lies without the sphere of certain Cornell Juniors. Yet, it has been decreed, wisely, no doubt, that Cornell Juniors, without exception, shall deliver certain productions without the aid of a manuscript. Shall the Junior whose sphere has not been made to in-

clude the graces of oratorical utterance, whose individuality expresses itself in another language, shall such an one, by superhuman effort, summon for the occasion sepulchral tones and spasmodic gestures, or shall he deliver his productions in the key of B flat? Does art gain anything by such a violation of nature? Is he not rather the truer artist, who, recognizing his inability to achieve oratorical distinction, performs this, as other exercises, in a characteristic fashion?

JUNIOR.

CORNELLIANA.

—*Cornellian* material is being industriously gathered.

—Number 11, Vol. XI. of the ERA, is desired at this office.

—\$100 is offered for the apprehension of the person or persons who burglariously entered the Psi U House and stole a penny.

—The Mozart Club will present "Athalie" at Library Hall next Monday and Tuesday evenings. The *Sun's* announcement was wrong.

—A Freshman, after their officers had been kidnapped, tried to console himself with the thought that "We were on the Sophs' scheme any way."

—No end of excitement this week. Wednesday night the Freshmen officers were kidnapped, last evening their class supper, and this evening the Woodfords.

—The Glee Club talk of taking in Elmira during the Spring vacation. Doubtless many of the students would like to go over at the same time, should inducements be offered.

—'83 is to be congratulated for their daring and bravery; and '84 for their perseverance in hunting up their officers. Still the Sophs can say that they gave them a pretty bad scare.

—It is proper to state that inasmuch as the inappropriate epithet "Kats" is beginning to be applied to them, that the members of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity are known as "Thetas," or "Theta Sisters."

—Envious Freshman to fellow-classmate, hearing applause overhead by Juniors who are appreciating some professorial *bon mot*, "Just hear them fellows stamp! We dassn't stamp like that," in a very aggrieved tone.

—Such are life's changes! All Thursday morning the Sophs. were on a broad grin. "Best thing of the season, ha, ha!" Thursday afternoon beheld the Fresh. complacently reviewing the congratulations of their friends.

—Scene in Political Economy: Prof. "Where are the bonds purchased by banks deposited?" Junior.—"Where they will draw interest." Another

answer to the same question was that "an Ohio man had charge of them."

—Considerable interest appeared to be taken in the Junior orations of Tuesday. The attendance of upper-classmen was quite fair, that of under-classmen quite large. Messrs. Dibble, R. C. Horr, Kent, Chester and Van Renssaeler, and Misses Curtis and Brown, spoke.

—A Freshman who was following the Sophs. around on Wednesday night being told that he was liable to get into trouble if he did not return to his room, turned pale, and with trembling lips, remarked: "Anything to accommodate you," and left as fast as a pair of legs could carry him.

—At the Navy Board meeting, last Wednesday night, in Cowles' room, the question of sending the Commodore to England was held over for future consideration. In the absence of Horr, '82, Chairman of Committee on Printing, Hornor, '81, reported a probable profit of \$3.00 from the Navy Ball.

—Mr. Bostwick having resigned as a member of the committee of award on Woodfords, his place has been supplied by the selection of Hon. E. S. Esty. The committee as now constituted is as follows: Hon. Douglass Boardman, Hon. Samuel D. Halliday, Hon. Henry B. Lord, Hon. E. S. Esty, H. W. Sage.

—Professor Corson's change in his Junior English Literature has been a change for the better. The attentive silence, and the earnest applause are good indications of the students' interest. We have noticed more visitors since the beginning of the readings. The professor intends to present "Maud" to the class ere long.

—In the last issue, we referred in this column, to the fact that a pair of rubbers had been nailed to the bulletin board. We characterized it as an act unworthy any one aspiring to the title *gentleman*. We desire to state that we were laboring under a mistaken impression. We should have said it was a performance beneath the dignity of any *lady*.

—F. R. Bliss & Co., of New Haven, Conn., make the following notice: Mr. F. B. Walker of our firm will be in your city on or about Monday, 21st inst, at the Ithaca Hotel, with a full line of foreign woollens for gentlemen's wear. An examination of our sample garments would be greatly esteemed. F. R. Bliss & Co., Tailors, New Haven, Conn.

—The doings of the Hare and Hounds Club have been kept remarkably secret. We had supposed the club had died an easy death, but the Hillian correspondent of the *Express* gives us the startling information that it recently had a "run," which we rejoice to hear. Yet doubtless there are a number who would like to take part in the next run. Less

secrecy must be observed, if the club wishes more members. If, however, it is a "close corporation," and wishes to remain exclusive, let it continue its course of the past.

—The "Majority" faction met last Wednesday to hear reports of committees. Committees on Supper and Statistics made formal reports. The former Committee reported in favor of consolidating the Ball and Supper Committees into a Reception Committee, recommending a reception during Commencement week. A list of questions presented by the Committee on Statistics was accepted. The Committee on Music received instructions. Messrs. Place, Dominick and T. Smith, were appointed a committee to act on behalf of a reconciliation.

—When the Freshmen chose their class-colors they were probably unaware that gold was the color of '82. Early in the fall of '82's Freshman year, a committee was appointed from Sage who selected gold, "being a color which would harmonize well with the college colors." The class colors were not given in the programmes of the Regatta which followed, nevertheless '82 had her colors. We presume the Freshmen made their unlucky choice through ignorance, but it was ignorance hardly excusable. Of course, their only course now is to select other colors.

—The "Minority" Seniors held a meeting in Room K at one o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Dominick was present from the "Majority," and stated that a committee on reconciliation had been appointed from their number. Mr. Taylor made a motion that a committee be appointed from the "Minority" to confer with them. There was a spirited debate upon this, in which Messrs. E. S. Smith, Sommers, MacArthur, Jaynes, Hornor, Concklin, the President and others took part. The motion was put, and carried by a very close vote; the President then appointed Messrs. Taylor, McCrea and Sommers as such committee. After further unimportant business, the meeting adjourned.

—Now, that the question of an Assembly Room on the hill has been agitated, a number have followed up the good work by talking up the subject of a similar room down town. There is at present no place in the village where the students can go in for awhile, read the papers and have a quiet smoke or indulge in conversation. By the way in which Mr. Spencer's kindness, in regard to tables and papers, is responded to, the desire of the students for some such place is fully demonstrated. Could a centrally located room be rented and furnished with tables, papers, etc., so say a number of the students, "a long-felt want" would be satisfied. There those who do not live in the center of the village could wait for the distribution of the mail, or, in fact, could drop in at any time when they had a few moments to spare.

—The *Michigan Chronicle* quotes from the *Detroit Post and Tribune*: "A private letter recently received from Minister A. D. White, at Berlin, contains the following words: 'I rejoice at the success of the University this year. You are simply beginning a great career which I foresaw years ago; and it led me when I was a student here to desire to cast in my lot with the University of Michigan rather than with any other institution. If your State can only realize what a noble trust is imposed upon her in this matter, your University will become not merely a glory to Michigan but to the United States.' It will be remembered that before Andrew D. White became President of Cornell he filled a chair in the University Faculty for some years with brilliant success. His judgment is that of a trained educator, of an observer with unusual advantages of views, and of a man who knows whereof he speaks."

COLLEGE NEWS.

COLUMBIA:—

The School of Mines now thinks of adopting a distinctive cap.

The Senior Promenade was a financial and social success. Over 300 guests were present.

The *Spectator* proposes that the Alumni associations of the different schools consolidate.

Mr. Ashmore, at the request of the President, has admitted a young lady to the volunteer Latin class. The Seniors and Juniors have the same addition to their regular number, at Prof. O. N. Rood's lectures.—*Spectator*.

The annual Register just issued shows an increase in numbers over any previous year, save in the School of Mines. The attendance is as follows: School of Letters and Science, 285; School of Mines, 249; School of Law, 455; School of Political Science, 11; School of Medicine, 555; total in all departments, 1555.

DARTMOUTH:—

The *Aegis*, year book, is soon to appear.

The Seniors had a class supper Feb. 22d at White River Junction, Vt.

The *Dartmouth* declines to accept the invitation to the Intercollegiate Press Association.

The Freshmen having cut a recitation to go to a class supper, they have been put on probation during the rest of the year.

HARVARD:—

The *Lampoon* has been revived.

Professor Childs is giving public readings from Chaucer.

A popular course in Anatomy and Physiology is called for.

The Sophomore class dinner took place Feb. 28th. About one hundred were present.

Of the \$4,000 needed by the crew, \$3,062 have been subscribed, and \$1750 paid in.

The Junior treasury is empty. The class cannot pay its Sophomore and Freshman boating debts.

A meeting of the Harvard Union occurred Feb. 24th at which was discussed "Resolved, that co-education is desirable at Harvard." The ballot on the merits of the question was two to one against it; but on the merits of the argument it was three to one for it.

The music of the Greek play is written for twenty-five instruments, and will cost, including printing and the training of the orchestra, about fifteen hundred dollars. The total cost of bringing out the play will be not far from three thousand dollars. It is not impossible that one or two representations will be given in New York.—*Crimson*.

MICHIGAN :—

A class in short-hand, organized a few weeks since, has about a dozen members.

The University Civil Service Reform Association has a course of lectures by prominent men arranged.

The *Chronicle* Association has a balance to its credit of \$349.28 for the first semester of 1880-1881.

The Wilhelmj-Sternberg-Fritsch concert company appear before the Lecture Association this evening, March 4th.

OBERLIN :—

Mrs. Caroline Phelps Stokes, of New York City, has recently sent her check for \$1,000 to Mrs. Johnston, for the endowment of a scholarship for the aid of self-supporting young women, preference to be given to young colored women preparing for missionary work in Africa.—*Review*.

UNION :—

Juniors held their class supper at Amsterdam.

Endowments amounting to over \$50,000 have recently been secured by President Potter for Union College, and scholarships established which will date from September 1st, 1881. The administration of President Potter has been successful in a marked degree, for during it Union College has received in the shape of bequests and endowments no less than \$500,000, and the number of students increased from 80 to 200.—*Troy Times*.

WILLIAMS :—

The new Clark Hall will contain a room for the reception of objects of historical interest.

Yale men have been writing letters to acquaintances here stating that President-elect Carter is very strict in his dealings with students; and, consequently, some of the men of this college mourn the prospect of his taking the chair of the institution.

There is now in process of construction by the Messrs. Repshold of Hamburg for the astronomical observatory, a new meridian circle. It is to be the gift of Hon. D. D. Field. Its telescope is to be five feet in length, with an aperture of about five inches.

YALE :—

A course of military lectures are being delivered. The will of Dr. Porter increases the amount he has given to the college to \$200,000.

The trial heats of the Athletic contests were well attended and very satisfactory.

The different athletic associations are considering the advisability of paying the bills of physicians who may attend injured members of the teams.

A bequest to the college by the late Dr. David P. Smith of Springfield, Mass., will amount to between \$40,000 and \$50,000, and will be used to endow a professorship.

Professor Sumner gave a lecture before Linonia last Monday evening on the present and future condition of national finances. He spoke also of the Funding Bill.

The frantic efforts made by members of the Sheff. Faculty to stop the academic rush were very amusing. One prominent professor must believe in the enormous efficiency of cold water, judging from the attempt which he made to get a hose at that time.—*Courant*.

PRINCETON :—

"More apron strings—In future, excuses for sickness will be granted only on condition such sickness is reported to the Registrar within 24 hours after the first absence."—*Princetonian*.

EXCHANGES.

We think the *Spectator* has struck the happy mean and is the model bi-weekly. An article in the number before us entitled "English Schools," is well worth quoting entire; but we will have to content ourselves by presenting a morsel only:

"Eton, Rugby, Christ's Hospital, St. Paul's, Merchant Tailors', Charter House, and other schools were all originally founded with charitable intent, nomination to the school being in the gift of different functionaries of the city of London, or other individuals. Now, however, many persons who can well afford to pay for their sons' education, move heaven and earth to get them on the foundation of one or another of the great schools, on account of the honor attending it. Indeed, education on the foundation, though nominally free, is no longer really so. At Eton, for instance, while an "opidan" (a scholar *not* on the foundation) pays no more than £100 a year for his school expenses, it costs a founderer fully half that amount.

Curious inconsistencies exist at Eton. The boys are some of them nearly men and yet they are obliged to be in at half-past five in winter and nine in summer. In some particulars surveillance is exercised over the boys which would be galling in the extreme to Young America, while in others they have the greatest freedom.

The founderers are supplied with beer at dinner. I knew a boy, who, going up for the foundation, drank his beer with the rest; but, being unused to it, he became so foggy that he failed to pass his examination, and was obliged to go down for another year. And yet very severe penalties are enforced upon any publican who sells spirits to the boys. The Eton authorities in fact, have the town pretty well under their thumb, from their owning most of it, and can keep objectionable characters away from the immediate neighborhood of the college."

The *Harvard Crimson* is the liveliest paper that comes to our hands. Its fun is never of the coarse kind, and often it takes the character of satire that would well be worthy an American *Punch*—did it exist. We apprehend that when the *Lampoon* is re-established there will be a slight falling off in its witty effusions. But we conclude that if such is the case, its columns will be filled with something equally interesting to students. Here is a rare bit of nonsense from the first number of the eighteenth volume :

"WELL, NOT THIS EVENING.

'Twas a bright and moonlight evening
As they wandered on the shore
And she gently pressed his coat-sleeve,
As she oft had done before.

And they talked about his college,
While she charmed him with her looks ;
Then she called him very naughty,
Not at all well up in books.

"Have you ever read," she murmured,
"Squees' Memoir? I wish you would"
"Well, since you insist," he whispered,
"I will try and be so good."

"Take your arm away— you monster!—
From my waist, you awful man!
That's not what I meant at all sir!
There, y' u're breaking my new fan!

'Twas the Life of Joseph Squees, sir,
And I think you're awful bad!
Am I a gry?—Take me home sir,
Yes, I am just fearful mad!"

'Twas a bright and moonlight evening,
As he wandered on the shore ;
But no maiden pressed his coat-sleeve
As she used in days of yore."

The *College Journal* from Milton, Wis., is undoubtedly the organ of one of the numerous high-schools in the West that confer degrees in such profusion that their graduates need not come East and take a course in a larger institution to obtain them. College degrees are not of import in this country simply because they are misapplied in being conferred on many who could not matriculate at Oxford or Cambridge, or even at Yale or Harvard. The *Journal* is a monthly of eight pages, including advertisements. It is much the same in character as the *Philologist Gazette* that reaches us from Homer High School in this State. The best articles in it are entitled respectively, "A True Lady" and "A True Gentleman." That our readers may get a fair idea of the sheet we present extracts :

"The first requisite of a lady is to be cultured and refined, which refinement should be of the heart as well as of the mind. A pleasant disposition is everything I think, for nothing is so disagreeable as to have a woman forever finding fault and grumbling. A true lady will always be the same in all places, keeping no company manners to be used on special occasions.

A true woman should have pure thoughts, pure heart, pure motives. Women have more opportunities for refine-

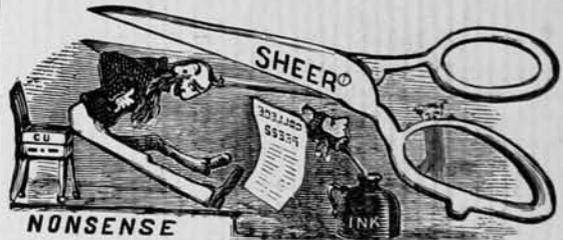
ment than men ; therefore, if they are not more refined, they ought to be. Macaulay says that history proves that although women, swayed by lofty impulses, approaches to the angels, yet when yielding to a master passion, she is capable of a refinement of wickedness which man never attains "

Now, about the true gentleman, it says :

"But he who can discern and appreciate a true man in the flesh, and moreover pay due regard to partial and perverted truth and the latent possibilities of truth, supplies in himself the highest test of manhood. For as it requires a higher form of genius to reproduce nature from art than to conceive art in the presence of nature to interpret a poem than to write it, so he who is able to esteem men according to their real worth must have the soul of a true man. He must have wisdom and earnestly seek the truth. What takes form in the deep, clear consciousness of one such mind is worth more in Time's superior court than the unimpassioned voices of millions that have no such consciousness. 'Tis a fact that in our life we do not put much value on true manhood.

A true gentleman never considers it humiliating to associate with and, if need be, lend a helping hand to those in a destitute condition. He never disregards advice intended for his good. For one to become entitled to the name of a real gentleman, he must possess true nobility of soul. Outward appearance avails nothing ; destitute of this redeeming qualification, no one has the right to claim the name of gentleman."

The *Clonian Monthly* is the organ of the Valley Female College at Winchester, Va. It is well edited and well printed, but scarcely rises in standard above a high school publication. We see it has borrowed our heading "Shear Nonsense," with a diminutive pictorial representation of a pair of shears. Well, for the benefit of the *Clonian* we will state it was not original with us.



—The melting cake is passed around
Amid the festive scene ;
A snowy crown on the topmost round
And chocolate between.

A generous knife has hewn each slice
Full four good inches through,
From plate to ice—and quite as nice
The breadth as well, 'tis true.

The ladies give a little tit—
Ter asked, "will you have some,"
They say—"a little tiny bit,"—
But never leave a crumb.

—'Varsity.

—Scene: Astronomy class. *Professor to Junior*—“What time does Mars get full?” *Junior*—“Don't know, sir; never associate with such company.” Decided applause.—*Unidentified Ex.*

—Senior class Rhetoricals—
“The mule stood on the steamboat deck,” (applause.)

“His eyes were flaming red,” (great applause.)
“His ears were curled about his neck.” (Prolonged applause and exit Senior.)—*Round Table.*

—An Irish waiter at a hotel complimented a tureen in the following manner; “Faith, it's not six hours since that turkey was walking round his rale estate with his hands in his pocket, niver draming what a pretty invitation he'd have to jine you gentlemen at dinner.—’*Varsity.*”

—“We love the darling creatures,
And their power we could tell—
To make this world a heaven
Or a blank and bitter—disappointment.
—*Targum*”

We don't pretend to be much of a poet, but it strikes us that there's something wrong in the rhyme and metre of that last line.—*Free Press.*

— Who starts a lady friend to meet
Across the bleak and slippery street,
Shall often lose his cautious feet
From under;
And striking on the cold, cold stones
With force that threatens broken bones,
Ejaculate in smothered tones,
By thunder!
—*Syracuse Herald.*

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—C. L. DAVIS is gaining a reputation as Alvin Joslin, a character that challenges comparison with any of its class. Monday night he opened at Heuck's in a packed house and supported by a good company. While Mr. Davis' characterization resembles Josh Whitcomb in many respects, he is a bluffer sort of Granger and his “business” is a trifle more

elaborate. Thompson's ‘Whitcomb’ is more a stage photograph from real life than is Davis' Joslin, but the almost perfect natural acting of the former is nearly equalled in interest by the spicy humor of the latter. Many of the situations and jokes elicited unbounded laughter, and judging from the effect upon the house, the play as well as the star can safely be said to have made a remarkable hit. Of the cast, Mr. I. N. Beers, the excellent character actor, who won such a decided success as Skinny Smith with Macauley last year, is entitled to favorable mention. A partial hearing only prevents the writer from giving a fuller notice of the company or drama. Suffice it to say both pleased a very large house immensely. “Alvin Joslin” again to night.

Mr. Davis appears at Wilgus Opera House, Thursday evening next, March 10 Admission, 35 and 50 cts.; reserved seats, 75 cents, at Finch & Apgar's on and after Monday, March 7th.

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undoubtedly their intention that nothing but orations should be delivered in Library Hall; and we think none who heard the production that received "honorable mention" as "an essay," will consider it other than a most excellent oration.

LAST week we referred to the non-resident professors, praying that they might come quickly. We were mistaken in leaving our readers to infer that there had been no arrangements made with regard to them. Next term the University will have the privilege of listening to some unusually interesting courses. On the eighteenth of April next, at twelve M., in Room T, Professor John Fiske, of Cambridge, will deliver the first of a series of seven lectures on American History. Professor Fiske is the author of a work on "Popular Myths," and is highly esteemed abroad as a lecturer. He has for some time been lecturing on American History in England, and is to lecture this year in Belgium and France upon the same subject. Professor Goldwin Smith is expected to deliver a course of lectures on English History during the coming term. These two courses of lectures will be a valuable complement to the studies in Constitutional History of the past two terms. In addition to these, Professor Boyesen will deliver a course of twenty or more lectures on German Literature. These are too well known here to need any comment. With these provisions for their growing necessities, the Seniors need have little anxiety on account of the scarcity of non-resident lecturers.

THE time is rapidly approaching, when the services at Sage chapel will be begun for the spring term. These chapel exercises are extremely interesting and instructive, but there is one respect in which they are a decided and pitiable failure. We refer to the singing. The eminent divines, who occupy our pulpit, often express great astonishment at finding such poor singing in a college where they naturally expect to encounter many fine voices and excellent music. We can partly explain the matter by saying that almost all the singing that is done takes place in the societies, and that the members of the fraternities are not as a rule, the most assiduous persons in the world in their attendance at chapel service. However, be this as it may, the fact is pa-

tent to everybody that the singing is far below what it should be. We have a very excellent leader, but one man, however sweet and sonorous his voice may be, can not hope to make a success of the singing unless he has assistance. The Glee Club is in excellent condition at present and comprises many fine voices. We would suggest to the "powers that be" that an effort be made to get them to form a choir of some kind, and perform the singing that is necessary. They would certainly be able to render the grand old hymns in a style worthy of them; they would do away with the present state of affairs, which is positively disgraceful, and at the same time, form an additional feature of attraction for the services.

PROBABLY before this issue of the ERA reaches the hands of readers, the Faculty will have made its decision in the matter of Soph. 28. Fresh. It was decidedly a matter of surprise to the general public that that august body took any notice of it; it was a matter of greater surprise that a member of the Faculty espoused the cause of one of the parties to a purely harmless and stupendously nonsensical piece of fun. We venture to predict, with all respect for the motives that may influence the decision of the Faculty, that if that decision savors of anything of pedagogy or of undue haste, it will be found decidedly unpopular by the general public and all the classes of undergraduates alike. The Freshmen had as much fun out of the affair as did the Sophomores; and the upperclassmen welcomed anything that would give a spice to the "stale monotony" of Ithaca life. If the younger class, as we hear, are to a man thoroughly ashamed of the means by which they outwitted the Sophomores; and if the latter, as we are given to understand, have overlooked that act, it is evident that the present good feeling between them, as the outcome of a frolic, is a highly desirable state of affairs that ought not to be disturbed by anybody. We venture to predict that if the matter is not opened again by the influence of a third party, nothing will occur to disturb the good feeling. But if it proves to be but the beginning of trouble for some of the late participators, we feel that we shall be ashamed to chronicle the result.

These are our opinions expressed freely, while yet

we do not know the outcome of the Faculty's deliberations; and we express them with a great deal of satisfaction because we have strong reasons to think that they are the general sentiments of the students of whom we boast of being the representative.

THE usual crowd met last Friday evening in Library Hall. The Freshman was there, the Sophomore also; and a select group of upper-classmen gathered in the space about the door. There was the usual avalanche of curious townspeople that poured in and monopolized almost every available seat as soon as the doors were opened, so that it was with difficulty that students and professors from the hill who came in 'busses, could find seats. There were the usual flowers, the usual applause at the entrance of University notables, and at the several exits of the several orators. In fact, it was the same Woodford competition that we have listened to so many times from back seats and dark corners, where all were packed into the minimum of space to the maximum of discomfort our bodies were capable of. It is time, we think, that the University authorities, when they hire Library Hall for any exercise to which students are invited, arrange that only a limited number be admitted, and, whoever these may be, be seated comfortably in at least enough space to permit of the occasional stretching of one's limbs; for there are periods when every one gets "tired." Of these, the last competition offered several, unnecessary to specify, for they must be patent to all. When the non-resident Professors come, we hope we can listen to them without being reminded every now and then that our neighbors have knees and elbows. If it is the desire of the University authorities to cultivate in the townspeople a taste for free lectures, they should provide a more commodious hall. We hope they will also hereafter remember that there are a certain number of auditors who pay into the treasury of the University, each a sum of money, at the beginning of every term; and we hope they will in the future care for the privileges of this class better than they have cared for them in the past.

THE *Acta Columbiana* contained in its last issue an editorial upon the boating relations of Columbia and Cornell that deserves more than passing notice. We shall most decidedly take some exceptions to the

assertions therein made, and say, regarding the opinions expressed, that we sincerely regret that the *Acta* saw fit to express them. It says that upon the announcement of the Boat Club to send its four to England in 1878 "as a representative of the Columbia College Boat Club alone," there was raised a storm of opposition by us, "to whose good-will, at least, we supposed we were entitled from our previous honorable contests together." Cornell made opposition to the plan of Columbia's sending her crew to England, because she understood, as everybody else did, that it was to go out as the champion college crew of America; when, however, Columbia abandoned that title, her crew went as the representative of Columbia College alone, with our best wishes. We never "denied" the Columbia crew the "right to go abroad as representatives of anything"; we desired to be just and desire to have justice done us now. Our intention is to send a crew to Henley this summer as a representative of Cornell University, an institution whose crews have won within the last eight years more and better contested victories on the water than those of any other college in America, and it is to go *only* as a representative of Cornell University; but on glancing at our past record, and more especially that of last year, we think it will be entitled to as much, or even more, consideration from its opponents as was Columbia's in 1878. We should, if it were possible, be glad to send the crew as the champion college crew of America; but inasmuch as there seems to be no possible way of deciding the championship, we shall never think of assuming that title for it. If Cornell rowed Columbia, she would have to hold herself responsible to every college crew that laid claim to the championship, and there would be plenty.

Moreover, the idea of sending a crew to England is not a new one here. In 1877, the money was almost raised and everything was ready for the trans-Atlantic trip, when circumstances interfered to prevent it. As the matter stands now, the great majority of Cornell men are anxious that no challenge be entertained from any crew; for that would, to a certain extent, throw a doubt upon the feasibility of the English contest.

One word more: we have a great respect for Columbia, and always have had. We have no

doubt but we shall be ready to meet her crew in preference to any other as soon as can be arranged after we have fulfilled our present engagements. If we are defeated this year, we have no doubt we shall be able to bear it with a manliness that will contrast very favorably with the manner in which the *Acta Columbiana* bore the defeat of last summer. We shall not, however, presume to teach any "unsuccessful aspirants for intercollegiate honors a lesson they sorely need to learn"; no, not even Columbia. As to the "controversy" the *Acta* mentions, we were not aware that any other college journal, or body of college students, had infringed on the *Acta's* patent of that article. We are sorry if they have done so.

THE WOODFORDS.

At precisely eight o'clock last Friday evening Vice-President Russel and Professors Shackford and Corson mounted the platform of Library Hall and took their seats under the "No License" mottoes and decorations.

Scarcely had the noise and uproar of arrivals subsided when the Vice-President introduced the first orator of the evening, W. S. Ostrander, whose oration was entitled "Forms of Government as Products of National Character." The production was an excellent one throughout. It showed a wide range of historical reading and originality in thought and conception. Mr. Ostrander's delivery was not ambitious; he made but few gestures, each of which were as nearly perfect as any made during the evening, and added force to what he said. The faults noticeable were, a very slight stiffness of carriage, and a peculiarity of voice which undoubtedly was due to a slight cold from which he was suffering. The attention of the audience was held completely through the delivery of this somewhat lengthy yet interesting oration.

Next came W. H. Moses, who delivered a production on "The Poet in the Time of Æschylus and of Shakespeare." Mr. Moses' oration, though abounding in thought clothed in good language, failed to meet the requirements of the subject. His delivery was earnest, but poorly conceived. Almost all his gestures detracted from the effect of the spoken words. His voice was used quite well, being flexible and pleasant; but at times his enunciation was too rapid.

After a few moments, William B. Hoyt was announced. When he stepped on the platform to deliver his oration on "The Stoic and Christian Types of Civilization," every one in the hall could see that he was unwell. However, he made a manful effort to deliver what was one of the best ora-

tions of the evening. His gestures were almost too many; but some of them aside from a slight stiffness, were excellent. We sincerely wished that Mr. Hoyt had been in better physical condition.

Amid a hum of expectation, Gertrude W. Van Pelt came before the audience. Being the only young lady who has appeared on the Woodford stage for some years, her position was a peculiar one because of the comparisons that would, from the quality of her production arise to the advantage or disadvantage of her sex. Her oration, "Life the Highest Art" was not surpassed by any; it showed much imaginative power both in thought and language; yet its ideas did not approach in solidity and breadth those of Mr. Ostrander's, a difference that undoubtedly was caused by the characters of the subjects. Miss Van Pelt's delivery held the closest attention of the audience from beginning to end, and undoubtedly commanded more sympathy than any other's of the orators. She was extremely self-possessed and made no ambitious gestures. Her musical voice was heard in every part of the hall, even when it sank almost to a whisper.

Next came James S. Ainslie who spoke on "The Stoic and Christian Types of Civilization." In our estimation, his oration was neither in matter nor manner superior to Mr. Hoyt's. The ideas were not extraordinarily novel, a number of the examples were not the best that could have been selected, and the subject was treated almost entirely from a theological standpoint. There was very little secular breath and liberality in it. It was, however, good of its kind; good as a specimen of pulpit oratory. The delivery was exceedingly vigorous, and in a somewhat exaggerated pulpit style. Mr. Ainslie gave one the idea of his being very earnest; and that part of the audience in the back part of the hall evidently attributed to the speaker's earnestness the rapidity of his utterance that at times defied an understanding of the meaning of what he was saying.

Last came Ira A. Place, whose oration was entitled "There is a Mystery in the Soul of State." This oration was well written and well arranged, but failed to impress upon the audience a very definite idea of what the "mystery" was, that Mr. Place was talking about. His delivery showed the evil effects of overtraining, and, though ambitious, failed to rouse much sympathy for the speaker's subject in the minds of the hearers. His voice was musical, and his enunciation and emphasis good.

The Judges immediately retired, and in about the space of eight minutes, the Hon. Douglas Boardman ascended the platform, and delivered an oration not down on the programme, the purport of which was that they had decided to award the Woodford Prize of 1881 to James S. Ainslie, reserving for Miss Gertrude Van Pelt the Honorable Mention.

The floral tributes of the friends of the orators were costly and magnificent, and at least equaled the best of the kind that Ithaca has yet seen at a Woodford Competition.

NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI BANQUET.

CHICAGO, March 6, 1881.

To the Editors of the Cornell Era :

The fourth annual banquet of the Cornell Association of the Northwest, with all its accompanying incidents, came, and is already a matter of the past. To you Cornellians in Ithaca, drawing vigorously from the copious fountain for your future lives, the occasion, doubtless was and is, of but a moderate degree of interest ; but, if you may be the means of sending ever so meager an account of the occasion to those that have tasted of the cup of separation from the familiar halls and walks, not to say from the many faces that during their stay in your village grew to be a daily essential, you will unquestionably be regarded with genuine gratitude. It is believed therefore a few words from here will be acceptable.

The banquet was in every respect a decidedly joyful occasion. Notwithstanding the antagonism of the snow fiend, the reception room at the hotel was early in the evening the scene of a series of most joyful surprises. One by one from every direction on land about our city slightly changed faces passed under the arch, to be greeted most enthusiastically by those who had either almost forgotten them or as soon looked for them there as in former evenings in a classical vineyard.

By the hour assigned for sitting down to supper, there had assembled a goodly lot of Cornelia's sons. In the midst of the re-establishments of former friendships and resumption of the threads of former acquaintances, the President of the Association announced that a most sumptuous table was awaiting the assembly. Whereupon George D. Bills, A. J. Jukes, Henry Tift, Frank P. Wheeler, Philip Barnard, Charles E. Nixon, H. B. Seely, D. F. Flannery, B. R. Cahn, John N. Tilton, A. J. Durland, G. W. Murray, Louis Falkenau, Fred. M. Mann, Fred. G. Andrew, Dr. R. H. Corwin, Daniel Martin, J. T. Sutor, W. P. Abbott, Charles W. Hinkley, Edgar L. Jayne and Charles Levings, followed later in the evening by Ed. S. Adams, walked arm in arm along the extended corridor of the Grand Pacific Hotel and into the magnificent, brilliantly illumined hall. Here the hearts of the assembled body received additional cheer ; and as course after course was served and partaken of, the good feeling of all increased with equal pace. Ere long the merry murmur indicated that pitch of joy which in vain seeks expression in every day English, and, the note being struck, with one accord all broke forth in good old merry college songs.

During the service of the various courses, and the fastidious appreciation of their fine qualities, a shower of repartees darted back and forth across the table and a stream of jubilant songs swelled the air and reverberated in the spacious hall.

The inner man contented, the pipe of peace was lit ; and, whilst the delicate wreathes of smoke playfully encircled and entwined all into a body more and more united in sympathies, the toast master, Charles Levings, took possession of the assembly ; and with a happy knack so peculiar to "Levings," a list of toasts was presented and cheerfully, jocosely and enthusiastically responded to by the various speakers called upon. The Corresponding Secretary spoke for the absentees. He had with him many regrets from those that would but could not be present ; they were from W. G. McMath, Recorder of Deeds, Bay City, Mich. ; J. J. McVean, Chief Engineer of the Detroit, Lansing and Northern railroad, Ionia, Mich. ; A. J. Rogers, Milwaukee, Mich. ; George H. Lathrop, Detroit, Mich. ; Captain J. N. Ostrom, Detroit, Mich. ; C. W. Souley, Milford, Mich. ; W. A. Ames, Novil, Mich. ; H. J. Gilbert, Ottawa, Ill. ; T. Worthington, Jr., Pittsfield ; W. S. Barnard, Ithaca, N. Y. ; C. R. Carpenter, Chicago ; M. M. Ross, Indianapolis, Ind. ; Howard Russell, Milwaukee, Wis. ; Will Brown, St. Louis, Mo. ; Frank Ferris, St. Louis, Mo. ; E. H. Cole, St. Louis, Mo. ; Will N. Rudd, Brookside, Wis. ; A. C. Lindemuth, Richmond, Ind. ; G. F. Belinger, Des Moines, Iowa ; Messrs. O'Garro and Devens, Des Moines, Iowa ; James O'Neill, Nealsville, Wis. ; D. S. Jordan, Bloomington, Ind. ; O. Mosher, Dallas Center, Iowa ; Fred G. Webber, Laporte, Ind. ; and F. W. Spence, Fond du Lac, Wis. No one supposed for a moment that W. H. French, of the Western Associated Press of this city, would be anywhere on the evening of the banquet except with the festive gathering ; but to the surprise of many, he was wanting. Later in the evening the following telegram was received :

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 28, '81.

To the Hon. J. B. Drake,
Grand Pacific Hotel :

Please tell the Cornell Alumni that I was called away suddenly and cannot dine with them Monday evening, as I intended. I shall, however, be with Garfield, and will secure all of them cabinet positions.
W. H. FRENCH.

The atonement was, as might be expected, perfectly satisfactory. To the toast "News from the New University," John N. Tilton responded. At the call for "Reminiscences from the Old University," the points of Edgar L. Jayne's mustachios received an extra twist ; and a significant twinkle of that gentleman's expressive eyes told tales in a glance as the scenes of the ghostly gatherings of the

old "Dagger and Serpents" and of the "Owls" rose once more from the dark pits of their repose. Jayne had them at his command; and ere he would let them return to their places of abode, the younger Cornellians present were indulged to a liberal view of them. "The Civil Engineer" was responded to by Louis Falkenau; "Recollections" by A. J. Durland; "The Bar," by D. F. Flannery; "The Press," by C. E. Nixon; "College Journalism," by J. T. Sutor; "Business," by C. W. Hinckley; and "Medicine," by Dr. R. H. Corwin.

How can a letter writer convey to you the wit, the humor and the language of the eyes and gestures that convey ten times better the feelings of the joyful hearts, than words ever were thought of doing? How can he convey to you the spirit of earnestness pervading the joyful atmosphere of an assembly like this? Mirth and song had taken possession of the assembly as one speaker after another gave vent to feelings which arise on occasions like this.

The President, George D. Bills, reminded all that some necessary business must be transacted before the meeting could be adjourned. The election of a new set of officers was thereupon proceeded with, which resulted as follows; President, Henry Tiffit; Vice President, Philip Barnard; Corresponding Secretary, Charles Harmon; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Charles W. Hinkley. Several resolutions of practical interest to the Association were then carried, after which the President-elect was introduced into the chair.

The hour had grown late by this time, and with a few more closing, farewell songs, the fourth annual banquet and meeting of the Cornell Association of the Northwest, by far the most memorable of the entire number, was declared adjourned; and the members present, with renewed cheer and buoyant hearts reluctantly withdrew from the elegant banquet hall, in which they had felt themselves once more drawn close to each other to realize the lasting bonds of elevated manhood. As ever, truly yours,

—P. B.

ANOTHER FRESHMAN SUPPER.

Thursday evening, March 3d, while Sophomores and Fresh-men were gathering at the Ithaca Hotel, the young ladies of the Freshman class, having obtained the necessary permission of "Ma" Kinney, met at Mrs. Cole's on East Buffalo st., there to enjoy themselves in a thoroughly unique fashion. The young ladies have a complete class organization among themselves; and under the charge of this, they held their supper while the gentlemen Freshmen were drinking weak lemonade and breathing dire threats against the Sophomores in the town.

Suffice to say, Mrs. Cole outdid herself at the supper. When the dishes and remnants of the feast (it was a feast, for Cornell girls are good eaters,) were cleared away, the literary exercises began. The

President, Helen M. Oakes, announced the various literary officers in their order. They were, E. N. Basset, Essayist, who read a paper entitled, "Thoughts About Girls;" the Historian, Charlotte Smith; the Poet, Helen M. Oakes. After music, "Alma Mater," the Toast Master, Maud Gage, took charge of the exercises, and called for toasts as follows:

- I. Cornell, - - - -
"Here is everything advantageous to life."
—*Tempest.*
- II. Our Homes, - - - -
"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."
—*Payne.*
- III. Co-education and Co-eds, - - - -
"I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study."
—*Ezra Cornell.*
- IV. Our Professors, to whom we owe an infinite debt of gratitude, - - - -
- V. The Boys of '84, - - - -
"Young men think old men fools, but old men know young men to be so."
—*Camden.*
- VI. The Absent Ones, - - - -
"Though lost to sight, to mem'ry dear."
- VII. The Fair Woodford of '84, - - - -
"Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee."
—*Longfellow.*
- VIII. Our Future Lives. May our efforts be to make them pure, happy, and hopeful, - - - -
- IX. The Girls of '84, - - - -
"As merry as the day is long."
—*Much Ado About Nothing.*
"Earth's noblest thing, a woman perfected."
—*Lowell.*

Music followed the toasts, after which Gertrude Van Dusen delivered the Prophecy. The supper broke up about twelve o'clock, and the tired Misses of '84 took their way Sage-ward.

Little suspecting what the powers of evil in the persons of the Sophomore Misses had in store for them against their coming, they went to their rooms to seek repose. But alas! Sad to relate, no repose was to be had in bed, bereft of quilts, sheets and pillows. Moreover, the rooms looked as though a small tempest had blown through them, spiriting away whatever was essential to the enjoyment of life after dark; lamps, chairs and books were, for a time, not to be found. A shift was made to pass away the hours till the dawn, and then an investigation of this stupendous hazing affair was in order.

Thus ended the first Ladies' Class Supper. There is no reason why the good taste of the Freshman fair should not be followed by those of succeeding classes, if they think the Ithaca Hotel at midnight, in company of four times their number of their boy-classmates, is not the proper place for social reunions.

THE POETIC FACULTY.

"Many are poets who have never penn'd
Their inspirations and perchance the best."

—Byron.

"A poet
But don't know it."

—Old Proverb.

Calliope, my darling, I pray you be *White*,
And *Russel* around and assist me to-night.
Let my Pegasus travel at Dexter's own gait,
So that when I am ready, I won't have to *Wait*.
I am but an ap-*Prentiss* and therefore may *Flagg*;
So *Gage* well the strength of my Parnassian nag,
And as she *Cleaves* the way with her *White Wings* serene,
Don't for ———'s sake, I pray you, *B Wilder B Green*.

We do not come to chant "the hanging of the *Crane*,"

And what is still *Morris*, thi*Smith* shall remain
As sweet to the taste as an *Oliver* peach.
So let us dis-*Corson* what's easiest to reach,
For *Wilson* go to *Law* or to *Potter* to *Hewett*
Still finer as old *Airy Schaeffer* would do it.
I *Fiske* is retained by him who is *Caldwell*
In the *Church*, the *Hale Kerr*, who presides o'er *Cornell*,

We must take a "*Steb*" higher that's hire a *Steb*,
If the French we've forgot seems too tangled a *Webb*.
So *Comstock* up your brain *Lucas* a non lucendo;
Look in what end you win but avoid inuendo.
If your *Harris* too thin you can get a *Newcomb*,
Or do as Mark *Anthony* used to at *Rome*.
But *Fuerles*'d now too much we can easily close,
And bid all a good night *au revoir bon repos*.

—K. K. K. 'O. O.

MEETING OF THE MATHEMATICAL CLUB.

The Mathematical Club met on Wednesday evening in Professors Wait and Mackoons's rooms in Cascadilla, for the first time. The meeting was called to order by the President, Professor Oliver. The first subject was the "Greatest Common Divisor," which was introduced by Mr. Kelso. He stated that the contractions to be used, consisted in, 1st, Use of detached coefficients; 2d, Working from right to left, and vice versa; 3d, Using negative numbers as multipliers. He used four central columns in his work. After he had explained the methods, he applied them to an example. Professor Oliver next took up the subject, using the same methods, with the exception of using two columns, instead of four; he also introduced some further contractions. The discussion was then taken up by Mr. Jones, who gave "The Italian Method." The subject was then laid on the table for future consideration. Mr. Garver gave an original demonstration of the melting point of carbon. The Club then ad-

joined till next Wednesday, when Professors Wait and Crandall, Miss Gilbert and Mr. Rites, will address the Club. All are welcome.

SECRETARY SHERMAN TO DR. POTTER.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

PROF. Z. H. POTTER,

My Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th ultimo, requesting to be furnished with copies of my last annual report for the use of your classes in political economy.

I have directed to be sent to your address one hundred copies of the Finance Report, which contains the Bureau Reports as well as the Report of the Secretary.

Your attention is called to the accompanying tables and documents, from which may be obtained an epitomized history of the transactions of the Treasury Department for all the years of our History as well as for the last fiscal year.

Your reference to the study of my report as a proper medium of inculcating the principles of political economy is quite flattering, for which please accept my thanks.

These documents should be considered as the results of the application of sound principles of political economy rather than the full realization of the science; but it is to be hoped that the careful study of political economy as a science will secure higher results for the future, and this should be the object of the young gentlemen in pursuing their studies.

Very truly yours,

JOHN SHERMAN.

THE CORNELL BOAT.

Wednesday, Mr. Waters, of Troy, put on the model what will in time be the boat in which our crew will row in England this summer. The boat will be known as the "Cornell Model," and will be almost exactly the same as the famous "Tyne Model" boat in which the Wards on Saratoga Lake, in 1871, won their international victory, rowing four miles with one turn in 24:40—the fastest four-oared time on record. The boat will be left on the model in the drying room an extraordinary length of time—perhaps two weeks—to insure stiffness and good seasoning. Its dimensions will be, length 41 ft. 6 in., width 21 in., depth 8 1/4 in. Its water lines will be finer than those of any English boat, and Mr. Waters is confident that it will be the fastest boat ever made for a heavy crew. Mr. M. F. Davis is expected here Saturday from Portland, Me., to take the measurements of the crew, and to give the final directions regarding the rigging. Inasmuch as he is the patentee of a great number of improvements in racing boats and has made the rigging of them a specialty for several years past, it is

safe to say that the Cornell boat will be one in which our boys will be bound to give a good account of themselves.

CORNELLIANA.

—Owing to a press of other and more valuable matter, "Exchanges" are omitted from this number, as is also the "College World."

—This is the last ERA of this term, next week being "cramming week."

—'83. We're the stuff! '83.

—Hello, Bob! Have you seen Rappleye?

—McGraw, the florist of Binghamton, was patronized extensively for the Woodford floral tributes.

—The Navy Board wish to extend their thanks to Mr. Newman for the use of the piano at the Navy ball.

—The Sophs made the three "unfortunates" of last Wednesday evening, drink to the success of '83 with milk.

—The retiring policemen had a celebration on the \$50 paid their chief by '84, to bring back the innocent ones.

—Pach, '80's Photographer, sent us a large group of ex-President Hayes' Cabinet. It is on exhibition at Miss Ackley's.

—The Temperance meeting Sunday afternoon will be addressed by Mr. Badger and several members of the Faculty.

—Should Princeton withdraw from the Childs' Cup Race at Philadelphia, there is a prospect of Cornell's admittance.

—A Soph, speaking to one of the Woodford men on last Friday evening, very innocently asked him, "if he had got his oration learned?"

—"H. '82," has a communication in the *Sun* which for poor taste and ungentlemanliness, exceeds anything we have read for some time.

—In Sophomore French, a would-be-Woodfordman, translated; *Avez-vous à lâcher encore quelque trait?* Have you yet some trait to laugh at?

—*On dit*, that the Juniors are making a creditable appearance in their oratorical efforts. Yea, the Junior is cunning, and layeth low for the Woodford!

—Every member of Prof. Potter's sections in Pol. Econ. should obtain Secretary Sherman's pamphlet on the Refunding Bill. It can be obtained at the Business Office.

—The Glee Club Concert will occur Monday evening next, in Library Hall, despite the repeated announcement made in the *shiner* that it will be on Tuesday evening.

—At the Unitarian Church, on Sunday evening, Mr. Badger's Lecture will treat "The Agreement of Physics and Metaphysics, that the Ultimate Fact in Nature is Spiritual not Material."

—There will be a meeting of the Navy Directors and Henley Committee this evening at Dr. Van Cleef's office at 7 o'clock, sharp. Business of importance will be brought up before the Committee and Directors, and it is desired that all may be present.

—The board of editors for this year's *Cornelian* has been chosen, and they have already entered upon their labors. Indications point to a lively number. The editors are as follows: Place, Shiras and Osterlander, '81; Cole, Dibble, Catlin and Horr, '82; Avery, '83.

—The President of the University of Pennsylvania Boat Club says, in a letter to a Cornell man, that there is some talk among them of sending a crew to compete at Henley for the Visitor's Challenge Cup. Wouldn't it make a lively race if two American college crews were there?

—When the Freshmen were forming to march down to the Ithaca Hotel, one thought it would be *Well (es)* to allow him to march in the center, as he was a prominent man, and the Soph's wanted to kidnap him. To show that he had provided for any contingency that might happen, he had concealed his supper ticket in his stocking. Ah! Freshman!

—The students who expected the small paper-covered Finance Report were much surprised to be handed a large, cloth bound volume which has quite an imposing appearance. The discussion on the Report is held three days in the week at 12; but, as that hour conflicts with Military Science and Physics there is not as large an attendance as could be wished.

—An excursion is being organized by Prof. Roberts to Guelph, Canada, via Niagara Falls. This is designed primarily for the class in Agriculture, but other students will be welcomed. It is proposed to visit the School of Agriculture situated there and investigate the methods of agriculture there used. The names of those who wish to go should have been in to-day. Arrangements will speedily be completed.

—The "Mozarts" rendered "Athaliah" on Monday and Tuesday evenings before houses which should have been larger. The music is quite difficult and hardly of the kind to be appreciated by the average ear, but the "Mozarts" did not disappoint the expectations of their friends. Had the choruses followed more promptly on Professor Corson's reading, the effect would have been better.

—It is absolutely necessary that a Junior University crew be organized. The Navy Board state very clearly that with '81's departure from college, little

experienced boating material will be left. '83 has fine boating material if it can only be worked. '82 has men quite worthy of places in the University boat. Of '84 we cannot speak, yet the enthusiasm the Freshmen displayed while preparing for the Fall Regatta betokens well for their college boating.

—Dr. Wilson conferred to-day with Mr. Concklin about the matter of an assembly room for the students. He said there were rooms that could be made available by next term, Room 49 North University and the room in the basement of South University directly under, and the same size as, the Faculty room. The matter is before the students for their action. It would be a good plan for them to have a general meeting at an early date, and make their preferences known.

—The Navy Directors are taking steps to have as strong a crew next year as we have this. It is a well-known fact that we lose three of the men on the present crew at the end of this year; and so it is really necessary that something should be done at once to get men in training to fill their places. Let those in '82, '83 and '84, who have any desire for the honor of being on our University crew go to work at once and try for a seat in the boat of the best college crew of the world.

—The next regular meeting of the Cornell Philosophical Society will be held in the Botanical Lecture room Saturday evening, March 12th, commencing at 7.30. The paper of the evening will be read by Major Burbank, subject—"An account of the military operations of the Franco-German war of 1870." We understand that the Society decided at its last meeting to issue no special notices to its members through the Post Office as has been done heretofore, but will trust to the newspapers to insert them.

—The "Minority" Seniors held a meeting in Room T, at one o'clock to-day. Mr. Taylor, Chairman of the "Minority" Committee on Reconciliation, reported the plan the joint Committee had decided upon. A motion to accept it was carried. A motion to accept the terms offered was rejected. A motion to refuse the offer was carried. A motion to retain the Committee for further conference with the "Majority's" Committee was lost. A motion to discharge the Committee with the "Minority's" thanks was carried. Much discussion was had as to the terms proposed and other matters. The meeting then adjourned.

—The "Majority" faction met in Room K. Mr. Burr called the meeting to order and then called Mr. Battin to the chair, and retired. Mr. Hoyt, Secretary, *pro tem.* then read a communication from Mr. Burr in which he resigned his office. Before action was taken on this, it was deemed best to hear the report of the Committee. It was presented by Mr. Place. Mr. Clark moved that the report be

accepted. Moved by Mr. Wilson to lay it on the table. Carried. Mr. Place moved that when the meeting adjourn, it adjourn to Monday, 1 o'clock at the same place. Carried. Motion to adjourn, carried.

—The Sophomores have committed another "deed of daring" which will draw upon them the eyes of the entire University. They have adopted the Oxford cap! The meeting yesterday for the purpose of considering the question was wildly enthusiastic. The matter had been pretty well canvassed previous to the meeting, and the general sentiment appeared to be strongly in favor of the proposition. One Sophomore agreed to it on purely patriotic grounds. He didn't think much of the idea, but was ready to wear a wash-tub on the hill, if '83 wanted it! This was received with tumultuous approval. It was finally decided that the class wear "mortar-boards" for class caps. The question of class pins came up, but was voted down. The m.b.'s will make their appearance in the spring.

—A large number of students witnessed the championship game of billiards last Friday afternoon, between Smith, '83, and Smith, '84, for it was felt that this would be the game of the season. As usual, the Sophomore distinguished himself by his brilliant shots, while the Freshman won universal admiration by his careful play. The game was 200 points. Mr. McIntosh acted as Referee. Smith, '83, closed the game by a brilliant run, and "game" was announced by the Referee. To this decision there were many objections, a number claiming that but ten points had been made in Smith's run, while the Referee decided eleven had been made. But it seems that the Referee's decision should stand. All bets, therefore, on Smith, '83, have won. As there is not universal satisfaction, another game will probably be played early next term.

PERSONALIA.

F. C. WOOD, '74, is in business at Buffalo, N. Y.

S. B. TURNER, '80, is studying law in the office of Judge Finch.

PROFESSOR H. S. WHITE will spend the coming summer vacation abroad.

F. D. WHITE, '81, will probably return next term to graduate with his class.

H. C. JOHNSON, '73, has been appointed Professor of Latin in Lehigh University.

E. K. ROSSITER, '75, has been in town the past week, the guest of Professor Hewett.

F. B. ALEXANDER, '74, is with the Union Rattan Manufacturing Company, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

CHARLES ATWOOD, formerly '80, has just graduated from the Medical Department of the Iowa State University, and will hereafter be in Moravia, N. Y.

LOUIS FALKENAU, '73, First Assistant Engineer of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, spent a few days in town visiting his old friends. He left last night.

F. W. WARTHORST, '74, City Engineer of Massillon, Ohio, in 1876, at present Secretary of the Warthorst Manufacturing Company, is in town, reminding himself of the good old days gone by.

BOOK NOTICES.

[Contributed.]

THE DUTIES OF WOMEN, by Frances Power Cobbe. Geo. H. Ellis, Boston.

Among the recent publications, a course of lectures by F. P. Cobbe, collected under the title of "The Duties of Women," certainly claims attention. It is an earnest, eloquent appeal to the women of to-day. Perhaps Miss Cobbe's attitude toward what is known as the "woman's question" is too well understood to need comment here, and it is evident throughout the whole of these lectures. One of the remarkable features of the work is, that it can be read by those who may be prejudiced either way in regard to the cause the author has espoused, without any jarring of the feelings. The coloring of sincerity and true womanliness throughout is too evident to fail to command sympathy.

The book is written for the exigencies of the time. Assuming a broader plane of action for woman as something inevitable, the question Miss Cobbe raises and attempts to answer is, How shall they comport themselves during the present crisis? She confesses she sees "numberless threatening rocks ahead," and asks "What is it which must determine whether this great change, fraught with such infinite consequences to humanity, will be a benefit or an injury, a blessing or a curse? *It must be the conduct of women themselves during the great transition.*"

The thoughts are presented in a simple and pleasing manner. Many may sound like mere truisms. Some may be only gentle reminders of duty, but there are more which carry something fresh and new to the mind.

One lecture is devoted to the personal duties of women, but the largest part of the work deals with her social duties. She addresses them as mothers, daughters, sisters, wives and members of society, and says to the latter, "My great panacea for making society at once better and more enjoyable would be to cultivate greater *sincerity.*"

That Miss Cobbe, in her efforts for reform, desires in no way to weaken what is now best in woman, but only to strengthen what is weakest, will be seen from the following: "It is here, in the faculty of noble, disinterested, unselfish love, that lies the true gift and power of our womanhood,—the power

which makes us, not the *equals* of men (I never care to claim such equality), but their *equivalents*, more than their equivalents in a moral sense."—"In picturing, then, the ideal life of woman in her home and in society, I should utterly fail if I did not convey to you my sense that it must be supremely a *living life.*"

Earnestly as woman's entrance into public life is upheld, the writer at the same time foresees that the immediate results of such a move may be dangerous. In that spirit the book is written.

—G. W. V. P.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Dec. 30, Salvini.

Dec. 31, Buffalo Bill.—*Tablet.*

—There was a young Freshman, urbane,

To Columbia came with a cane,

But a Soph took the stick

And that Freshie did lick—

Which astonished that Freshman, with pain.

—*Acta Columbiana.*

EPITAPH.

Here rests a woman in the lap of Earth,
To Bacchus and Gambrinus all unknown;
Loud laughed Ice-water at her humble birth,
And pale-eyed Dropsy marked her for his own.

—*Harvard Lampoon.*

—Kiss me, Lucile, just once again:

Your lips, like roses freshly wet,

Touch mine and make me quite forget

That I grow old like other men.

Do you remember far back, when

I whispered, ere our lips first met,

"Kiss me, Lucile?"

How many years? Did you say ten,

Since we were caught in Cupid's net?

Ah, well! your lips are roses yet:

Time only makes them sweeter;—then

Kiss me, Lucile!

—*Acta.*

—There were several young men of this college,

Who ceased the pursuance of knowledge,

But an order there came,

In the Faculty's name,

And those men are no more of this college.

—*College Mercury.*

—*Junior (translating from the French)*—"The child of the baker is sick." *Tutor*—"No, no, not the child of the baker, the child of the bakeress." *Jun'or*—"Well, ain't the child of the bakeress the child of the baker?" *Tutor*—"No, no, not in French; not in French." Too true! —*Berkeleyan.*

KIDNAPPING.

Some shy, sinful Sophs at Cornell
Of the Freshman class feasted got a smell,
And said they "We must
Make all efforts to bust
This little affair sure as L."

So while the kids napped in the night
Their officials were kidnapped from sight;
But the vigilant cops
Knocked the joke from its props,
And the banquet proceeded all right.

—Express.

SOUNDS OF SADNESS.

Full dreary is the whistling wind
Which sweeps the leaves away,
Or rain which patters on the roof
Throughout the live-long day.

The church-bell tolling for the dead,
The sea on rock-strewn shore,
A time-worn, wearying refrain
Are murmuring evermore.

But if I know a sadder note
Than nature's harp hath played,
'Tis the fruitless suction of the straw
As I finish my lemonade.

—Harvard Advocate.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

—THE BEST BOARD AND PLEASANT ROOMS AT 40 S. AURORA STREET.

—Go to Miss Ackley's for the finest stationery. Subscriptions for the ERA are received

—If you want good fitting and fashionable clothes cut or made, call on E. English, Tailor and Cutter Wilgus Block.

—A visit to the dentist is not always agreeable, but on this account should not be delayed. At Melotte's office as little pain is inflicted as is consistent with the performing of perfect operations.

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COURIER-JOURNAL. — ABBEY'S HUMPTY DUMPTY. — "Abbey's Humpty Dumpty Company, under the management of S. M. Hickey, began their engagement at MacAuley's Theatre last night, a good house being present. This is probably the best Humpty Dumpty Company that ever visited Louisville. The two clowns, Maffitt and Fiasser, are very funny fellows, who have become artists in facial expression. The second act is given up to specialties. Belle Gabrielle gave a number of pretty selections on the Crystaloneon. Alfred Valjean proved to be a wonderful juggler and balancer, and introduced a troupe of trained pigeons, which were thor-

oughly enjoyable. One of the most ludicrous things in the entertainment was the Rajade Troupe, which should be seen in order to be appreciated. The Martinetti's and Mlle. Belle Gabrielle, in their diabolical groupings, and posturing on moving chairs, were entertaining and wonderful. But the chief attraction of the entertainment was the band of Tyrolean Warblers, who gave several Tyrolean songs which were the perfection of tunefulness. The "Warblers" possess voices of unusual excellence, and they form, by all odds, the feature of the show. The last act is devoted to the "harlequinade." It is full of pretty dancing and the wildest kind of movement and nonsense. The harlequins in this "Humpty Dumpty" troupe are perhaps the best on the road. The entertainment never drags, and those who wish for an evening of pleasant and rollicking nonsense can be satisfied at MacAuley's." At Wilgus Opera House, Friday, March 18. Reserved seats, 50 and 75 cents

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MISS JENNIE McGRAW, some two years ago, gave the University a thousand dollars to be devoted to the general improvement of the campus. Ivy, wisteria and other vines were to be planted around the buildings, a fountain was to be placed on the slope west of McGraw, and the dear old campus was to be luxurious as another Eden. Such was the picture of the editor of two years ago. We introduce it here to show the fallibility of human prophecy, and as a preface to the question, where — are the improvements and the money gone? Time has kept up his rolling progress; the fair donor relinquished all her title to the name, a few brown vines have crept a few dreary inches up the stones, and the lazy mower has annually gathered in her crop of hay and aftermath, where flowers were to bloom. But where are the fountain and the other storied delights? Are we to be contented with the gaping ditch and ash piles that loom up before the S. U. B., or are these but the harbingers of better days? Or have we spent our capital in vines? Or have we graded off the grounds? Or have we got the money left? Or was there no money given? Or what is the explanation? Theses upon the subject by those having the matter in charge will be received at this office up to the first of June.

THE Mortar-board has at length appeared. On the streets and the campus, in lecture and recitation rooms, everywhere its delicate and graceful form may be discerned. The Senior, slow in thought and act, has not as yet seen fit to crown his head with the symbolic royal purple; but the Junior poses thoughtfully under the delicate blue, the Sophomore defiantly utters the college yell from beneath the bloody red, and the Freshman modestly sports the significant dark green, with hope in the future. These hats are historic. They are associated with many an event of English history, and the immortal struggles of Tower and Gower are familiar to ever student in the land. They have a deep significance. They mean a closer association of classes and a greater increase of college spirit. They mean a broader and deeper development of the possibilities of student life. Embodying as it does, these desirable results, with a pleasing and attractive shape and structure, we trust that the day may be far distant when the Mortar-board shall be laid aside. To be sure it is not the most becoming article of

head-gear in the world to some of our smaller students, but they should be imbued with sentiments of patriotism, and should glory in the unusually *distingué* appearance it causes some of their classmates to assume. They should learn to subordinate their individual good to that of their fellows; and doubtless this result will be achieved in time. The small boy in the street, who now glories at having something to shout at, will soon tire at the echo of his voice, and then this disagreeable feature will cease. The Mortar-board, relieved of all obstacles to its onward progress, will then rise and fulfill its grand destiny.

THE *Columbia Spectator* states that during the last eight years Cornell has won eight boat races and Columbia sixteen. We are certain that we have won eight, and that every one of those eight have been rowed in races open to boats from other colleges. We ask for information now. Were all those sixteen of Columbia's victories won in races with other colleges or only with amateur and scrub crews? And our statement that Cornell had won "more and better races" during the last eight years will hold good at least in part. For we have lost during that entire time but two races; and the most of our victories were won when the Intercollegiate Rowing Association was at its very best. Columbia, on the contrary, has lost nearly or quite as often as she has won, if we may put any reliance on the information we have at hand. If the *Spectator*, therefore, will have the kindness to give us a list of the victories won by Columbia during the time mentioned, and if the number of Columbia's intercollegiate aquatic triumphs exceeds ours, then we will acknowledge our error.

As to the misunderstanding referred to by the *Acta*, we have to state that it was a slight one on our side. Just as soon as it was well known *here* that Columbia's crew made no pretensions to being the champion college crew of America, our objections were hushed. To the *Acta's* good wishes for our success we have to say most earnestly, Thank you!

ON Friday evening last a temperance lecturer gave vent to some very strange opinions in Library Hall regarding students and their attitudes on the temperance question. As these did not seem to

find any response in the hearers' sympathies, he quickly changed his strain into one of almost unlimited slander and abuse of Cornell students. Why he did it will always remain a mystery to everybody but himself. If the gentleman thought the way to make capital for his cause in public opinion was by villifying three hundred young men, constituting the most respectable and the most generally respected body in this community, he but demonstrated his own stupidity, malice, or idiocy in making several remarks of which we regret we can only give the evident purport. He said, substantially, that a great number of students went to college to learn to sample whiskey, and that as great a number became good judges of that article before they graduated. That the presence of students in this town was the cause of the numerous gin-mills that were a plague on society; that they, too frequently had the delirium tremens; and considerably more, equally removed from truth and equally disgusting. It is unnecessary to say that any professor, any student, and in particular the ERA Editors, could have told this speaker that he was hugely mistaken in his sweeping assertions.

We regret that our friends, the advocates of temperance, are unfortunate enough to have such leaders as this man. If they wish to succeed in abolishing the liquor traffic in this place, or in any other, they must use common sense, brains and eloquence. Slander, misstatement of facts and insane harangues, will avail nothing; they will bring defeat upon the cause in which they are used. In conclusion, we wish to say that we hope the person we have been criticising will hereafter pass by Ithaca on his travels in furtherance of the temperance cause.

THE *Ithaca Journal* of March 22d, in an article on the State scholarship system suggested to State Superintendent of Schools, Hon. Neil Gilmore, the "propriety of giving public notice in every Assembly district in which such vacancies may exist, so that a student may be on hand at the beginning of the University year, to avail himself of a free scholarship." As far as our knowledge goes, such notice is given by the local School Boards in the Assembly districts, in accordance with the directions of the University authorities in regard to the matter. Now, the wonder to us is, that a large number do not avail themselves of the privilege of free instruc-

tion thus generously extended by the University. It has been a wonder to us for the last two years that half, or considerably less than half, these scholarships are awarded from year to year, and that but a small proportion of them are made available at the present time. There is the Register, which cannot fail to attract attention wherever it goes, as an advertisement of our superior advantages. But the fact is, Cornell University is not so famed among the great body of people in this state as one would naturally suppose it to be by reason of the various victories its sons have gained from time to time on the water and in the once flourishing Intercollegiate Literary Association contests. A profound ignorance of this institution is displayed by the School Boards, even in large cities. Some time since the "Sage College Circular" was published and quite widely circulated. It did much good in enlightening the parents of young ladies desiring to obtain a higher education, as to the merits of the co-educational system pursued here. But no such extraordinary pains were taken to put the matter of the scholarships before the people. If a circular were addressed every June to the local School Boards for the purpose of enlisting their sympathy and efforts, we have no doubt that the number of recruits to the successive incoming classes would be swelled. Perhaps the suggestion may be worth something when President White is returned, for then greater attention can be given to it than has been possible in the past.

THERE has always been a tendency on the part of a large portion of the general public and the general press to magnify the practical jokes of students into crimes. This was well illustrated not long since among us; and has again been illustrated in the case of the hazing affair at Syracuse University. Four Sophomores exercised their mischievous ingenuity upon a Freshman. The whole community was convulsed with a pang of righteous horror. At least that is the idea we obtained from a perusal of the articles of the vicinity journals upon the affair. They, without exception almost, invoked the vengeance of the law upon the heads of the perpetrators of the joke, and two of them were caught, tried before a justice's court; the evidence was thoroughly examined by the highest legal skill that practices before justices, and after all the hubbub, uproar, in-

dignation and waste of invectives by the press and part of the public, they were acquitted. Now, if lawyer's wits, after a careful review of the evidence, cannot convict these Sophomores of any crime, it is allowable for us to use this case as an illustration of our proposition. It is a fact that many people cannot make allowances for the spirit of mischief that sometimes breaks out among college boys, when at intervals they lay their books aside and cease from hard, exhaustive mental work. It is not our intention to uphold any form of hazing or practical joking that brings mortification upon its object. We desire only to express our wish that such things should be considered justly by the public and general press, and our disapproval of the evident willingness of outsiders to find material in the doings of collegians to gratify their prurient taste for the sensational and vulgar.

THE GLEE CLUB.

Monday evening, March 14th, a fair audience gathered in Library Hall, to hear the Glee Club Concert. Expectation was at a high pitch and was heightened by the neatly printed programmes of the evening's entertainment, distributed at the door. The numbers were almost all new to the audience; yet a few of the old songs that seem to be destined to last as long as there are colleges and students in the land, were presented, and were as well received as anything else. The Glees "Mother Goose's Melodies," and "Moonlight on the Lake," and the "Wine Galop," all rather more ambitious undertakings than those on last year's programme, were excellently rendered, and received their meed of approbation from the audience. Messrs. Luckey and Rappleye, the soloists, showed a vast improvement in their singing upon their efforts in former concerts. But by far the most artistic selections were the violin solo by Mr. Goodman, the violin duet by Messrs. Goodman and Eidlitz, and the piano selection by Mr. Penny. The latter was something quite remarkable, and showed the performer's talent to be equal to that of many professional pianists. Almost every number was encored, and the responses given by the club were usually old songs. One, however, "The Song of the Sophomore," a parody by Mr. Shnable, on "Ain't You Hard Up?" was received with as much vociferous applause as seemed to be consistent with the dignity of an audience composed largely of professors and select townspeople. Altogether the concert was an excellent one. The only faults we noticed were in the renditions of some of the more difficult pieces; and they may be easily remedied.

The Glee Club have decided to give a concert in Elmira one week from to-day, the 15th instant.

As Professor Thomas is absent, they will have the services of Professor Piutti, of Wells College, at their daily rehearsals until they leave for their venture in Elmira. Undoubtedly they deserve, and we hope they will have a large audience there.

RAYS OF ANCIENT ROME.

I.

Aprilis est adventus Amoris.

"Cras amet qui nunquam amavit—

Quique amavit cras amet."

Pervigilium Veneris.

"Let those now love who never loved before,
And those who've always lov'd now love the more."
—Parnell's Translation.

Mensis Veneris est Aprilis;

Tunc Cupidinis in coelis,

Volat Amor amabilis

Forsitan ut frequens felis.

Ranae nunc in paludibus

Cum corporibus nudibus,

Fecerint terram, noctibus

Ut Aristophanis Erebus.

Canerit avis in caelo,

Vehatve volante velo

Amantes autem pace-bello—

Sed satis. Caetera concolo.

RYMAN.

GYMNASIUM ASSOCIATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| " keys, - - - - - | 3 00 |
| " incidentals, - - - - - | 12 52 |
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J. M. RUDIGER, Treasurer,

March 23, 1881.

[The above report was handed in too late for our last issue last term.—EDS.]



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

FIELD-DAY.

To the Editors of the Cornell Era :

Notwithstanding the increase in interest and membership which is unprecedented in the short history of the Association, I believe that it may be further stimulated by the Association taking upon itself the management of all athletics here except rowing. I refer particularly to Field-Day exercises. This is an event which ought to excite, to some degree, the interest of every student in the University. And, I believe if the Gym. Association assumes the management, it will not only increase the membership at the gymnasium but also bring up the standard of Field-Day exercises. The only indebtedness we have now is a balance of \$10.64 on C. J. Rumsey & Co.'s account, \$3.00 that will be due the janitor at the end of the term, and the note against us which is held by the University. This condition is very flattering for the future well-being of the Association. Our having been able, under such adverse circumstances, to lift the debt (over one hundred dollars) which we had at the beginning of the year augurs well for the future. With the continuance of the interest that is now manifested and another year's income, the interior of the gymnasium can be improved as much as the outside has been.

Yours etc.
XXX.

CORNELLIANA,

- Leo says—"Wake up, Seniors!"
- \$2.50 and \$1.25 receipts for sale at Miss Ackley's.
- And the townies were fooled! No row at the burlesque!
- See Mr. Witherspoon's announcement in "Special Notices."
- Cornell has one representative at Andover Theological Seminary.

—The recent cold snap is a serious drawback on our crews' rowing on water.

—The class in "Orators" devote their attention this term to "Demosthenes."

—"Gentlemen, no distinction will be made between these and other hats!"

—Old Probabilities caught a severe cold last week, and he is very slow in recovering.

—It is rumored that some of the professors are to wear mortar-boards with black tassels.

—A Freshman translated, "*Donnant sur la campagne*": "Pass around the champagne."

—About a dozen Seniors wear the "mortars." New converts to it are, however, being made every day.

—Hundred-yard dashes after vagrant mortar-boards were frequent on the campus during the breezy days of this week.

—First Fresh. to second, impressively: "The Czar has been assassinated!" Second F., interestedly: "What, fatally?"

—Will some of the alumni of Cornell please take notice and present us with a new boat house. We won't be mean enough to ask for a new "gym."

—Prof. Anthony intends to move on the hill next June, to occupy Prof. Comstock's house now occupied by Prof. MacKoon. The latter will move into his new residence.

—A wicked Soph. beguiled and rejoiced some credulous "no-license" people by informing them that the blue tassels of the Juniors were intended for "no-license" badges.

—'84's B. B. committee are to be praised for their interest in the game, and it is to be hoped that they can get a better nine this spring than either one of those which played the '82 and '83 last fall.

—That was quite a cheeky Freshman who blandly informed an inquiring stranger that green was the Senior color and as he pointed out a "royal purple" disdainfully exclaimed "There goes a Freshman!"

—The Freshmen are promptly at work selecting material for a class nine. It promises well for their success. Now let them show equal readiness in boating, and they will have a crew not to be despised.

—The Junior Committees are: On Class Supper, Cole, Leary, Catlin, Sears; on Cap, Horr, R. C., Cowell, Rappleye; on Boating, Wait, Tuthill, Wilcox; on Base Ball, Kenny, Horr, N. T., Hiscock; on Foot Ball, Pierce, Collins, Brunn.

—Professor White's lectures on Goethe's Faust, Part II, have a very large attendance. They are exceedingly interesting and undoubtedly will do much towards raising the appreciation of German as an optional study in the University.

—E. Waters & Son undoubtedly are getting along nicely with our shell; but their employees have struck for a 20 per cent. increase of wages, and as the firm refuse to entertain any proposition from the strikers' committee, no work is done at the shops.

—"Waffles! Waffles!" shrieked the "townie" with envy and chagrin as he caught sight of the first mortar-board. But the student passed calmly by on the other side, although he had a conviction that his head ornament did resemble that of the notorious waffle vender.

—This is how a sentence from one of our worthy professors was twisted by a torturing fiend in the shape of a Soph, "All *art art* (ought) to be *articulated*," and when he had accomplished his fell design he actually grinned in savage delight. No wonder he rejoices in the gory red!

—The Juniors held a meeting in Room T on Thursday, March 17th, when it was voted to adopt the Oxford cap, and to have a class banquet in the Spring Term. The class constitution was adopted, and the President was instructed to appoint committees on banquet and caps.

—The Glee Club have decided to give a concert in Elmira one week from to-night. An endeavor will be made to secure special rates for those students wishing to accompany the Club, and to enjoy a night in a city which has always been friendly toward Cornell. All those who can should go.

—The Rev. D. W. C. Huntington, D. D., of Buffalo, N. Y., will deliver a lecture at the State Street M. E. Church next Wednesday, April 13th. A popular price of admission will be charged. The subject, "Ingersollism," will be of interest to all students who generally desire to hear both sides.

—It is rumored that certain members of the Faculty will don the "cap" with a black tassel. Well, why shouldn't they? It would be but following the same custom which the students follow. It would certainly tend to create a certain *esprit de corps* toward the University which would be common to all.

—The first game of the intercollegiate B. B. Association is scheduled for May 4th, and Harvard and Amherst open the ball. There are six colleges in the association and they are to play five games with each other. The last game is on June 25th, according to schedule, and Amherst and Yale will be the contestants.

—The Sophomores have recovered from their scare in Latin, and, so far as heard from no one has been fatally wounded. They are now congratulating themselves on having safely passed through the ordeal. There is no doubt it was a difficult examination and one which will elevate the standard of Latin scholarship here.

—The applications for admission to the classes in Shakespeare have been very large, but Prof. Shack-

ford wishes to limit the size of the sections, if possible, to about fifteen. The 9 o'clock class will read "Much Ado about Nothing"; the 12 o'clock class will study "Measure for Measure." The Clarendon edition is recommended.

—Rev. J. B. Thomas, who preaches at the Chapel next Sunday, is well known in Brooklyn as a powerful, earnest and impressive speaker. He was called to Brooklyn from Chicago, where he is also favorably known. He was formerly a lawyer, and left that profession to join the ministry; so we can expect an unusual depth and logic in his discourse. He is of the Baptist denomination.

—We understand drill by battalion will be much more frequent this term than ordinarily and it is expected that quite an advance will be made in the execution of maneuvers. A Sergeant-Major and other staff officers will be appointed, the band will play frequently on the campus, and on the early summer afternoons the University grounds will become an attractive resort, for the cadets will be parading in their gay uniforms, stylish equipages will go dashing by, and the air will be filled with stirring strains of martial music. Selah!

—How doth the little silent crib
Improve the student's marks,
And save him from the fatal jaws
Of grim tutorial sharks.

--Who said that I had made a flunk,
When I supposed I was all hunk,
And busted me, the mean old skunk?
My Proffy.

Who said he did not care a clam
But flopped him down upon his ham,
And ponied through the next exam?

Yours truly.

—Major Burbank and Dr. Van Cleef have had a new float constructed during the vacation, which the boating men pronounce to be quite satisfactory. From the platform two inclined planes descend and terminate in a float, which is so hinged that it will readily rise and fall with the water. It is not quite parallel to the boat-house front, but is so arranged that it points toward the coal docks, giving the boats opportunity for a much better start than they had formerly. The entire float, including inclined planes, is hinged, and can be taken apart. It is much more substantial than the old float, and will endure for a long time.

—On Wednesday, March 16th, the Sophomores, after transacting some special class business in their meeting, considered a motion made by one of their number, that the class censure the *Sun* for a certain editorial on morals that appeared in its columns March 15th. The motion was lost by a very close vote. The *Sun*, in commenting upon it said that the majority of the class took the same view of the matter discussed in the editorial, as did the

Sun. We are authorized to state that that is untrue. Certain other reasons, not at all complimentary to the *Sun*, caused the class to reject the motion. The sentiment of the meeting was strongly adverse to the *Sun's* view as expressed in the editorial.

—There is a very poor prospect of any B. B. games with other colleges this term, for in the first place the Fair grounds have been ploughed up and it is almost impossible even to play class games on the campus; then in the second place, the nine do not feel as though the students are interested enough to attend the games, or they would contribute enough to pay the seventy-one dollars (\$71) which the association owes. Fifty-one dollars of this goes to the last year's ERA board and must be paid this term. To be sure we can place a strong nine in the field with one exception, and that is the pitcher, who would only be fair, and the Manager assures us that if he gets any challenges he will try to organize a nine.

—The Agricultural students intend to make an excursion to Guelph, Canada, under the management of Professor Roberts, leaving Ithaca Monday, May 16th. About twenty have thus far signified their intention of going. The party will probably proceed to Lyons by the G. I. & S. road, and then take the Central. Special rates have been procured from the Central to Niagara, and it is expected that the same can be secured in Canada. The fare from Lyons to Niagara and return is \$2.50. This will give many a chance of seeing Niagara Falls at the pleasantest season of the year, and those who do not care to avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the Agricultural School at Guelph can remain at Buffalo or at the Falls.

—During vacation there were several events in Wilgus Opera House that deserve more notice than our space will allow. The Fisk Jubilee Singers had overflowing houses two nights, and gave highly satisfactory concerts. B. Macauley and company did well in "A Messenger from Jarvis Section," and were well patronized. Then the Boston Ideals rendered the "Pirates of Penzance" to an audience that excelled in quality and numbers any that ever filled the Opera House. Several of the best American singers appeared in the leading characters, and convinced us that their fame is more than deserved. And on the evening of Registration Day, Leavitt's English Opera Burlesque Troupe gave a most entertaining and excellent rendition of their burlesque on "Carmen." So good was their reception that they favored us on Monday evening with a burlesque on "Orpheus," which was, in the estimation of those who heard them both evenings, better than their "Carmen." In both, the costumes were magnificent, the acting good and the singing excellent. So the students who did not go out of town had some consolation during the rain and wind that conspired to render the week otherwise unenjoyable.



RUGGLES, '83, spent the vacation in Albany.

McMILLAN, '84, spent the vacation in New York.

J. W. READ, '83, wants to buy a single scull shell.

HORR, '82, spent his vacation with Case, '84, and Poucher, '84.

LEARY, '82, has resigned his position on the class supper committee.

PIERCE, formerly '83, is in the grape-sugar business at Peoria, Ill.

J. S. KELSO, '81, spent his vacation in Buffalo, visiting his brother-in-law.

EDMISTON GWYNNE, '83, sailed for Europe last Tuesday, to be gone two years.

COM. CHASE, '83, was unable to put in his oar, or presence, until last Wednesday.

EIDLITZ and Wightman, '81, were appointed captains of the Engineer's Lake Survey party.

CHAS. B. COOK, formerly '80, is doing a rushing business in architecture at Buffalo, N. Y.

RUNYON, '83, was kept at home by a severe cold and vaccination, but received his registration ticket yesterday.

BATTIN, '81, is laid up for repairs with a sprained ankle. He expects to run a line of levels up the Hill next week.

WELBY, '83, has sailed for England. From there he will return to Brazil, and come back to graduate with '84 or '85.

COWLES, '84, will not arrive until sometime next week. He expects his eyes will be "ready for business" by that time.

GEORGE MARTIN, well known as an enthusiastic oarsman during '81's Freshman days is now on the *Telegraph* of Pittsburg, Pa.

CHARLES H. HYDE, '79, was married in Wolcott, N. Y., on Thursday, March 17th, 1881, to Miss Carrie Johnson of that place.

FREEMAN, '83, sails for Europe, May 1st. He will study in Germany and return in two years. He is now located at Beverly, N. J.

CHAS. H. THOMAS, '82, was made, Thursday, March 17th, the Associate Editor of the *Lake Shore News*, published at Wolcott, N. Y., by his father.

THE Navy Board loses an energetic and favorite member in the removal of "Jack" Van Rensselaer, '82, to Geneva. He enters the class of '82 at Hobart.

STOREY, '81, was appointed computer by the Engineering Department, and will assume his difficult position during this spring's survey of the lake. He "set it up" last night.

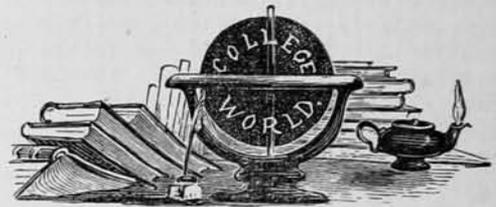
HENRY C. JOHNSON, '73, who was made LL. B. at Hamilton in 1875, and M. A. at Hobart in 1877, and who taught at the Jackson Military Institute, Ury House School, and the St. Paul's School, has recently been appointed Professor of Latin at the Lehigh University.

The resignation of Minister White, at Berlin, has been in the hands of the President for several weeks, coupled with the request that his successor be nominated as early as compatible with public interests. The President will probably send the name of Mr. White's successor to the Senate early this week.—*Buffalo Express*. President Barnard of Columbia College, has been appointed.

THE following editorial appeared in the *Buffalo Courier*:—"The *Express* is in error in stating that "Cullinan, who made the motion to reconsider the Robertson resolution, is Canal Auditor Place's man in the Assembly," for Patrick W. Cullinan belongs wholly and solely to himself. But if there were any collar-wearing to be done by either of these two men, the badge of servility would not be found around the neck of Mr. Cullinan. We will state for the benefit of our contemporary, so that it may have no excuse for doing further injustice to one of the brightest young men in the State, that Mr. Cullinan was nominated and elected against the wishes of the machine in Oswego." Mr. Cullinan was formerly a member of the class of '72.

FREDERICK LUDELING, son of ex-Chief Justice Ludeling of Louisiana, and a former Cornell student in the class of '79, was murdered, several weeks ago, on the plantation of a neighbor named Frank P. Stubbs with whom Judge Ludeling was at enmity. Their places join and for years the proprietors have been "at swords' points." Several reports have appeared in the local papers, but the following is the true one: "Judge Ludeling was absent in Washington, and Frederick, his son, and his nephew, Frank Dinkgrave, were managing the place. Fred Ludeling drove a wagon upon Stubbs's plantation to move some tenants. Mitchenor, the superintendent, cut the spokes out of the wheels with an axe. The drivers returned with the tale of injury, and Fred Ludeling and Frank Dinkgrave armed themselves and rode over to the scene of trouble, about one mile distant. What took place afterward can be learned only from the testimony before the coroner's jury. Mitchenor was there, but no witness states who else was present. Evidently some other persons

were, from the testimony in regard to Dinkgrave's salutation, which was, "Good morning, gentlemen." To this was returned the answer by Mitchenor that he had warned them not to meddle on that place. Then a quarrel ensued, Ludeling evidently taking no part. Finally Mitchenor called Dinkgrave a most opprobrious epithet, and Dinkgrave shot him in the breast with a pistol. At the time he shot, Ludeling was in front and nearly between him and Mitchenor—a change of position, owing to the horses shifting around, both young men being mounted. Mitchenor then pulled his pistol and shot Ludeling in the arm, breaking it, and fired two more shots, which were wide of the mark, as he was desperately wounded. The horses were frightened and turned, when other persons shot Ludeling in the back of the head and neck, and shot Dinkgrave in both arms. These three shots were from shot-guns, the first one, in Ludeling's arm, being a pistol wound."



COLUMBIA:—

The mortar-boards are very well liked.

The Glee Club recently organized bids fair to be very successful.—*Acta*.

A new year-book, the *Undergraduate Record*, will be published within two or three weeks.

Some Sophomores lately played a practical joke on a professor by placing dead cats upon his table.

A new fraternity, the Phi Epsilon, has just been founded by some students in the School of Medicine.

Extensive changes have lately been made in the marking system, which as amended is quite complicated.

Columbia will row in three races this season; on the Schuylkill for the Childs' Cup, in a four-mile race with Harvard, and in a Freshman race with Harvard besides taking part in the Lake George Regatta.

DARTMOUTH:—

The *Aegis*, year book, has been published.

A canvas-covered track of sawdust has lately been put in the gymnasium at a cost of \$50.

Keefe does not coach the nine as has been stated by some papers. They take daily practice under Captain Partridge.

HARVARD:—

The April number of the *Register* will be the last.

Seventeen Seniors have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Twenty-one thousand dollars have been subscribed toward the retiring fund for Professors.

Rev. Phillips Brooks of Trinity Church has been asked to accept the position of college preacher.

Carlyle bequeathed the books he used in the preparation of his "Cromwell" and "Frederick the Great" to the Harvard Library.

On April 1st the "Hasty Pudding Club" gave a rendition of "Robert Macaire" and an exhibition of Minstrels, in Paine Memorial Hall, Boston. The net receipts were given to the University Crew.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars have just been promised, for the building and equipment of a physical laboratory, on condition that \$75,000 shall be obtained for the running expenses of the establishment. —*Echo*.

Examinations for admission to Harvard College, the Scientific, Law and Medical Schools will be held in Exeter, N. H., June 30th, and July 2nd. Entrance examinations will also be held in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, and San Francisco.

MICHIGAN:—

The Medics will probably wear black plugs.

The Juniors will wear white hats. —*Chronicle*.

Two of the young lady Medics walked to Ypsilanti and back, a distance of eighteen miles, one day last week.

The Strakosch-Hess Opera Company presented Gounod's *Faust* to an immense audience of students and townspeople April 4th.

The University appropriation bill passed both houses and has become a law. It calls for \$160,500, of which \$100,000 is to be devoted to a library building, and \$12,000 to the Dental College.

Remenyi, who played before the Lecture Association a short time since, offered his services for organizing a "University Musical Festival" for Commencement '82; the proceeds to be given to the Gymnasium fund.

PRINCETON:—

The *Princetonian* board will nominate their successors April 9th.

The lower classes have signified their intention of wearing mortar-boards.

The Glee Club had a concert in Chickering Hall March 19th to a good house.

The Foot Ball Association, out of the abundance of its heart and Treasury, has donated \$200 to the less fortunate B. B. Ass'n. —*Princetonian*.

YALE:—

On April 12th some members of the Sophomore class will present a burlesque of *Medea* for the benefit of the Athletic Park fund.

The Townsend speakers of '81 have been appointed. They are Messrs. Aiken, Bacon, Bigelow, Bromley, Bunnell and Eliel.

Marbles, tops, nigger-baby and kite-flying, studies restricted by immemorial usage to the Senior year, are now very popular. —*Record*.

The Yale Seniors object to the Juniors' playing "nigger baby," and claim that precedent reserves all such infantile diversions as the special privilege of Seniors. —*Princetonian*.

Yale college is to have a new physical laboratory constructed with special reference to completeness of study and original investigation. This is a most generous gift from two graduates. —*N. Y. Tribune*.

The *Courant*, *Record* and *Lit.* will not hereafter exchange with the *Acta Columbiana* because of the late publication in the latter's columns of a scurrilous attack upon one of the *Record* editors, entitled "Smintheus in New Haven."

During the Spring recess which begins April 13th the Glee Club will sing in Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Washington, Harrisburg and other large cities. On their return they will give a concert in New Haven for the benefit of the University crew.

EXCHANGES.

The most important event among the exchanges lately is the début of *The Harvard Lampoon*. For a long time this most excellent publication had retired from among the company of college papers, but now again appears with much of its old spiciness, nay, we may add, with a still greater fund of humor and raciness within its pages. It is most welcome among our college exchanges. The cartoons are well executed and well-timed. The jokes have the great merit of originality.

* A pleasant 'smile'—Claret punch.

* The Nine Muses, or Thoughts on Base-ball,' is said to be the title of a new novel by L. ng-fll w.

If you wish to see a Roman *as*, you will find it in the Library; but for an antique scent, you must go to Memorial.

* If you're going to row, man, you must do as the Romans do' remarked the coach of the crew as he extinguished the substitute's cigarette.

* All that glitters is not gold,' remarked the student, as he reached out his hand for the watch in which the proctor had discovered 'Sold Again' neatly inscribed on a card.—'Don't crow till you are out of the woods.' replied the man of marks, adroitly detaching the exposed cuff on which were inscribed the formulæ for Freshman Physics."

The *Lampoon* is alone among the college papers of the day; in its province, however, it is most excellent.

The *Harvard Advocate* contains a most pointless,

silly poem (?) upon "Time Logic." And further, fills its pages with a "Sophomores' Class Supper Poem," which redeems but very little the impression left by the former ghastly attempt to be witty. It is evident that the *Advocate* was "hard up" for copy, or it would never have allowed this veriest trash to have entered its pages. A poem entitled "Song," immediately following the Sophomore measles, is much better. In fact we quote it:

"SONG.

At morning, when the mists have rolled
From mountain peak in clouds away,
The summit gleams in rose and gold,
Faint token of the dawning day.
But when the morn to older day has grown
From crest to base the rosy flush is strown.

When first thy life came near to mine
A faint, a nameless flush it threw
Amid the mists, of light divine;
And, like the crescent morn, it grew,
Till I may hope that ever to the end,
As now, that light with all my life may blend."

There is some poetry measure in the preceding lines, but when we think of the other,—bah! Harvard poetry takes a great deal after the style of the students,—a little flat.

In the line of poetry, the *Acta* is very fortunate. There is much real wit and point to the lines which appear in its issue. We clip the following:

THE NEW HAT.

"A hat with golden clasp—a large, black hat,—
A feather,
A maiden and a youth, who sit and chat
Together.
Fingers that fly to fix the feather bright—
A query;
"Jack, is the hat becoming? Is it right?"
'Yes, very.'
The youth, then turning, thus the maiden fair
Addresses:
"The hat is charming on thy golden hair
A d tresses;
But, Constance, the bright beauty of thy face
Entrances—
This beauty, the new hat, so full of grace,
Enhances."

J. F. J."

And again:

"A SILHOUETTE.

A shadow on a curtain,
I own was quite uncertain,
And yet I swore
I saw the fellow kiss her
A dozen times, and miss her
As many more.
'Twas in the morning's paper,
'A strange domestic caper!'
I chanced to spy.
'Twas salted well with swearing,
And said, 'He now is wearing
A purple eye.'

This confidential cussing,
I swore was blissful bussing,
And now I write

To say I was mistaken.

Things never should be taken

'In black and white'

F. D. S."

The Dartmouth contains, among other things, a long article upon the I. C. P. A. *The Dartmouth* says:

"Evidently the design of such an association would be to elevate the tone of the college press of the country, to establish rules of harmony to regulate it to unite in an effort to make it interesting not only to college men, but also to the reading public in general, and in short to raise it to a position of influence in the land. That such a result is desirable, none will deny; that it is possible, few believe."

These are our sentiments. The *design* of the association would be so-and-so. But the design is a long way removed from the execution. That is, in most colleges, Columbia excepted, of course. That institution is a monument of design and execution most happily combined.

We find the following in the Exchange column:

"We c st lots—lots of exchanges into the closet—and the lot fell on the *Cornell Era*. The *Era* has been a paper having thus far in the college year few superiors. But when the editors introduce cartoons of a style similar to those of the issue before us, they lower the standard of their paper. Not that illustrated college journals are wholly out of place, but that the *Era* has the ability to take a higher standard."

Our respects to the *Columbia Spectator*, with a desire to know what standard among college journals it expects to take after reading the above?

The Williams Athenaeum came to us with—

"GRACE

In dreams I see her pretty face,
Of every thought she forms a part;
I would my pen were all of grace,
As full of Grace my heart.
Her features every day I trace,
And every day new graces spy;
And if my Grace won't grant me grace,
A graceless wretch I die.
I've got my *coup-de-grace!* 'Tis Grace I love,
The Graces' graces. Grace is far above."

And we graciously take our leave.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—A Freshman was recently overheard to say: I have heard all of Mapleson's troupe except *Contraltti*."—*Acta*.

—Song of the scrub:

I wish I were a Freshman
And with the Freshmen stand,
Some hair upon my upper lip,
A cane within my hand.

—*Record*.

—"Fool of a fellow," said Tabb, speaking of a deceased acquaintance. "Gave himself dead away."

"Eh, what?"

"Left his remains to a school of medicine to be used for scientific purposes."—*Ariel*.

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—With pleasure we would draw the attention of all to the newly opened Art Gallery of Mr. Evans, of Corning, N. Y. Mr Evans occupies the entire upper floor of 74 and 76 East State Street over Grant's Drug Store. His rooms are elegantly fitted up, the Reception Room being a beauty of decorative art. The apparatus in the operating room has just been purchased, and is of the finest manufacture and very expensive. All the latest appliances for properly arranging the light are used.

We cannot speak too highly of the style, quality and character of work. A visit will convince any one of the fact that nothing but first class work will be done. Visitors are cordially received, and are invited to make an inspection.

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"The Rivé-King Concert Company gave a couple of concerts on yesterday at the Central Music Hall. The afternoon concert drew out a fair sized but not large audience, but the

evening entertainment was extremely well attended. Mme. Julia Rivé-King was received with enthusiasm. Here in a city wherein she counts so many admirers and friends, she invariably meets with a cordial welcome. Her playing of yesterday amply proved her right to a foremost place in the ranks of the great pianists, and never has it been more scholarly and finished. She made another emphatic success in her concerts of yesterday, and was heartily applauded. The company includes a new soprano of great excellence, a Miss Laura Bellini; Miss Mabella, the contralto; George Broderick, the baso; Herr Richter, and Mr. Dulcken. It is a strong organization, composed of artists of ability, all of whom are capable of sustaining a standard programme. It is announced that the company will return here for another concert in the latter part of next month." — *Chicago Times*.

This (Friday) evening the company will appear in Wilgus Opera House. Tickets at the door and at the usual places.

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our words with reference to the selection of editors would be of no effect whatever, if we can judge the future by the past. But we think we ought to say a few words which prospective candidates may read in the secret recesses of their closets to their profit. Do not imagine that the honor of being an editor will begin to compensate you for the trouble the position will entail upon you. Do not imagine that any personal popularity that will be the means of your election, will help you to perform the work expected of you after you may have entered upon your duties. Expect to be criticised, to have fault found with you by professors, University officers, and students; and be prepared to bear it philosophically and and smile your acknowledgments for the favors your critics confer. If you vote for Jones at the next class election in preference to Smith, be assured the latter's friends will say that the ERA is a partisan sheet, even though you rigidly exclude mention of politics from the editorial columns. If you print a communication from a man who has an ax to grind, or one to which any exceptions can be taken, go on the campus armed the next day, for your life will be in danger because of the views therein expressed. In short, do not expect to have an easy time. Do not expect to please anybody but yourself; if you think you can do that, and if, in spite of the terrible prospect which we have shown to be in store for the next board, you have reasons for seeking an election, and above all, if you can get the necessary election, we shall be happy at the proper time to place in your possession the good-will, fixtures, and stock in trade of the ERA, for you, your administrators, heirs and assigns to have and hold forever.

IT is with considerable surprise and a great deal of pleasure that the country at large is informed of the fact that with one or two exceptions, President Garfield, Vice-President Arthur, and the entire cabinet are college-bred men. Much well-directed and effective satire has been poured, from various sources, upon the highest executive officers of the country and their immediate advisers, on account of their evident lack of education. This neglect of early culture, even in such exalted stations, is of course to be expected in a country like our own. Here, theoretically at least, we have no blooded aristocracy who educate their sons just as far as the latter are willing to go, and then quietly slip them into some

high public positions, which are perhaps hereditary, perhaps obtainable only through the influence of a name and fortune. Some satirical person might be inclined to assert that that peculiar American edition of the *genus homo* called the "bloated bond-holder" is the substitute which America offers for the titled aristocracy of England; but of course in this country, in which ability and energy are the only gods which are worshipped, the millionaire has no more influence in the distribution and bestowal of public offices than any other man. Here then, theoretically we say, one man is born the equal of another, and only great strength and activity of mind can elevate him to those positions of public trust which are open to everybody. Hence it is the most natural thing in the world, that very frequently men, whose education has been sadly neglected, aspire to and obtain the highest offices in the land. But no one, of course, will pretend to say that by the elevation of men of this stamp the interests of the country are best served; that men, who have little or no acquaintance with the great and significant lessons of the past, can direct the attempt of our own people at self-government, as well as those who have carefully studied the growth and development of republics similar to our own, existing under similar circumstances. Any man of sense must certainly see, that the element of education in the administration of the country's affairs is becoming more important every day; that with our every advance in population or manufacture, new interests are created which the educated man will be called upon to provide for; new questions are presented that the educated man must solve. Therefore, it is a matter for public congratulation, when men, who combine culture with patriotism and a loyal regard for the welfare of the country, are selected to administer the affairs of the nation. Such is the case with the present executive and cabinet, and the country awaits the result.

THE village authorities seem to be anxious to reform a few things and otherwise to distinguish their administration. Accordingly when students sing in passing along the streets in an orderly and gentlemanly way, they are immediately called upon by a policeman to stop it. Some nights since a party of Engineers were talking and laughing, not in loud or disturbing tones, in the neighborhood of Mr. Sage's residence on State street, when they were

approached by a lean, ruffianly-looking individual evidently addicted to liberal indulgence in fine-cut, to judge from the appearance of the lower portion of his face, who by the use of much profanity in very loud tones conveyed to them his desire that they should stop the 'disturbance,' and at the same time showed a badge of the Ithaca police force. As he left the students, he declared with much more profanity and tobacco juice that it was his intention to "run them in" if his orders were not speedily obeyed. Now we wish to express our admiration of the laudable efforts of the police force to stop student singing, a thing that gives the great majority of people pleasure, and a custom that has existed for twelve years in this village without any particular complaint from the residents; and anybody can see that they adopt gentlemanly means of doing it. But really, there is no ordinance that prohibits singing; yet the police have no ear for music. There is one, however, that forbids a disturbance, or any loud, boisterous noise and disorderly proceedings on the public streets; but of course a man swearing at the top of his voice does not create a disturbance. However, we shall not complain if they will direct their efforts to the suppression of bell-ringing at auctions and blowing of fish-horns by milkmen in the neighborhood of the post-office. These are both explicitly forbidden by village ordinances. Yet the proprietors of a cheap 'bazaar' and of a millinery store lately caused an excruciating din to be made in front of their places of business by small boys with large bells. And, but a short time since, some "veterans" had an "encampment" whence they marched home very late at night to the inspiring noise of a bass drum and various other unmusical instruments, rousing every sleeping person within a quarter of a mile of their line of march. Perhaps they were physically too strong for the lean and enterprising individual who is anxious to distinguish himself by running somebody in; at least they were not disturbed by any suggestion from him. We only mention these facts to let the Police and J. P.s know that there is plenty for them to do in the way of running people in, other than by stopping students singing at reasonable hours.

IN accordance with a request made some time since by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, Vice-President Russel last week ten-

dered a resignation of his professorial and executive connection with the University. This has been the theme of popular discussion in Ithaca for some days; and it is not, or cannot be, wholly gratifying to the feelings of most of those who take an interest in the welfare of Cornell. We understand that there were no reasons given by the Committee for their action in demanding and accepting the resignation; at any rate, none were made public. We can readily grant that the Executive Committee knows its business, and intended to have the best interests of the University subserved by an entire severance of his connection with it. Nevertheless, it is among the undergraduates the general, almost universal, opinion that, however true it may be that his resignation as Vice-President is for the welfare of the University, to demand his resignation as a Professor was, or will prove to have been, a grave mistake. They consider that he was in no way lacking in the technical and natural qualifications necessary to a thorough, scholarly and excellent performance of his professorial duties. This was partly indicated by the long list of names at the end of the Seniors' petition, the evident import of which was that Professor Russel ought to be retained. But William C. Russel, as Vice-President, and as Professor, has the hearty sympathy of every student for the indignity that was offered him by the Executive Committee in their apparently hasty, arbitrary, and inconsiderate manner of demanding and afterwards accepting his resignation. Their action was taken almost at the worst time. President White is not here; and it is generally understood that he would have opposed that action by all means in his power. The Trustees, as a body, did not have anything to say in the matter. At all events, it is impossible for us to give any reason why the action, if necessary and desirable, could not have been discussed and definitely settled at the end of the University year, and in quietness and dignity by the full Board. And above all, it is impossible for us to discover the shadow of a reason why the Professor's resignation *as a Professor*, should have been requested and accepted. Everybody expected that some reasons for that action would be made public; but very much to our regret, and unfortunately for the public opinion of the Executive Committee's fairness, none have been. The Committee, either by careless oversight, or willful neglect, have put Vice-President Russel in a somewhat

doubtful position, but as to public opinion, have put themselves in a worse. We sincerely hope that an explanation will soon be made; and more especially hope that neither the Vice-President, Executive Committee, or the welfare of the University, will suffer by this action. As it is, however, the Committee appear to have used very little tact and good taste.

As a Professor, and an honorable and scholarly man, the Board of ERA Editors esteem William C. Russel second to none in the University. They have profited by his instructions, and by his example and precept have been stimulated to noble endeavor.

EDUCATIONAL REFORM.

The time has now arrived at which the Senior settles upon his future calling, and records it with no small pride in the class statistics. Each one will be guided largely by his past studies, and will go forth expecting large returns for the labor he has expended and the acumen he has acquired. Each will wish to engage in some occupation that will yield him such returns. The following advertisement, clipped from the "wants" of a leading metropolitan daily, may aid in the solution of the problem:

BARTENDERS, \$10 A WEEK; SALESMEN, \$20; COLLEGE youths, \$10; importing clerks, \$10; porters, \$14; drivers wanted, 1,329 Broadway.

To those who have toiled faithfully upon some speciality, it may be somewhat chilling to know how lightly the world regards them, and how carelessly it generalizes.

"College youths;" how unfeelingly the budding manhood of the Sophomore is nipped; how carelessly the growing Junior ladies' *man* is sat upon; and with what unholy coldness the awful and impressive Senior dignity is squelched. Only "college youths," on a level with bartenders and clerks, below the estate of porters and salesmen. What a triumph for the boasting towny! "What a fall is there, my countrymen." Are these the boasted blessings that great laws of political economy are bringing to the world? Is it for this that we have boned Greek and Sanscrit roots? that we have tracked the planets, and pondered o'er the subtleties of logic, mathematics and philosophy? Why were we forced to 'dig' instead of learning to mix drinks and carry baggage? Why were we not taught some useful and remunerative art? "College youths." Is it not high time that some reforms in education were set on foot, so that when we go out into the world we may go as men not as youths; so that we may be competent to take an active part in life on an equality with other benefactors of the race? If this is to be a

University where any person can obtain instruction in any branch, let us have a reform. Let us teach men how to earn good wages and be useful to the world. Let us have some new professorships at once. The need of the hour is strong and skillful men. Let us have sturdy Bill advanced to the chair of Portage, with an assistant skilled in that peculiar wist that can so easily demolish a Saratoga trunk, and that divine bullheadedness which always mixes baggage up. Let us have a cunning beverage manipulator who can make a punch, or Tom and Jerry, or a cocktail, in a lively and becoming manner. Let us not force the student to gain clandestinely his knowledge of these useful arts, but give him thorough instruction in them, and send him into the world prepared to play his part. Let us not discourage his horsemanship by the close surveillance of lynx-eyed Professors and tutors, but rather send him out capable of managing his steeds, so that when there are a few "drivers wanted," he may be competent to make himself useful to the public. It is high time that some reform were wrought so that we may not go out as mere collective "college youths," but may have some professional importance in the world.

CHAPEL SERMONS FOR THE SPRING TERM.

Following is a complete list of the sermons that have been, and are to be delivered before the University this term:

April 3, Rev. R. R. Meredith, Congregational, Boston.

April 10, Rev. J. B. Thomas, D. D., Baptist, Brooklyn.

April 17th, Rev. George Grant, Presbyterian, Kingston, Canada.

April 24th, Rev. H. C. Potter, D. D., Episcopalian, New York City.

May 1, Rev. M. J. Savage, Unitarian, Boston.

May 8, Rev. Bishop Warren, Methodist, Philadelphia.

May 15, Rev. William Ormiston, Presbyterian, New York City.

May 22, Rev. C. D. W. Bridgman, Baptist, New York City.

May 29, Rev. R. Heber Newton, Episcopalian, New York City.

June 5, Rev. Joseph Twichell, Congregationalist, Hartford.

June 12, Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Unitarian, Boston.

NOTICE.

The ERA will be mailed to any address for the rest of the year for 75 cents.

 RAYS OF ANCIENT ROME.

II.

AD NEAERAM.

Hodie divina dies,
Litusque datur quies.

Vita mea! tibi juro
Amo te amore puro;
Et in saeculis enduro
Cum corde semper securo.

Vox Veneris, verba lactis
Tibi sunt—amor in factis
Fides semper tuis pactis,
Haec tua annis peractis.

Si sit veritas in terrâ.
Verba haec sunt semper vera,
Nec feminae, gazae, mera
Similes sunt O Neaera!

Ergo Virgo! semper tibi
Honor est, et Virtus sibi
Te vocaverit et ibi
Eris Veneris Cara scribae.

 SPRING.

A brilliant bum and a plodding Prof.
Together came at a kettledrum.
Then sweetly smiled the plodding Prof.
And wickedly smiled the brilliant bum.
"Oh gentle youth," said the lonely Prof.
"Give me to know some friend of thine."
Said the wily bum with a smiling scoff,
"Rememberest thou that flunk of mine?"
And the plodding Prof. was wondrous tame,
And swore to forget the ancient flunk.
So the brilliant bum, long live his fame.
Dropped him in the wall-flowers' midst, ker-
plunk.*

 A PROTEST.

*"To the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees
of the Cornell University:*

We, the women of Cornell University, appreciating as we do, the past labors of Professor William C. Russel; realizing the loss which the University would sustain in his withdrawal from his professorship, and strongly feeling the injustice of the late action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees regarding him, do most respectfully enter our protest."

The above, signed by all the ladies of the University but four, was sent to the Executive Committee this morning.

*To rhyme with "flunk."

 A LETTER FROM PROFESSOR RUSSEL.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, April 14, 1881.

My Dear Mr. Burr:

A letter received yesterday, speaking of my resignation, says: "*But blessings on the class of '81,*" etc. If comparative strangers feel so kindly, you can imagine, to some extent, the comfort and pride with which the kind approbation of your united class, so promptly expressed, fills my heart. Nothing coming from student or students, since the beginning of the University, has given me so much pleasure.

At the same time I must say, with perfect truthfulness, that I do not share in the apprehension that my leaving will injure the department of History. Able men could easily be found, out of whom the spirit of Cornell could bring something better than my hurried work. We have a right to look forward to an improvement in this branch, as well as in every other, and to believe that the work of our dear University will ever grow larger and better. In the meantime, I shall always remember my part with a great deal of pleasure, and shall hope for God's blessing on all of Cornell's classes, especially that of '81.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM C. RUSSEL.

MR. GEORGE L. BURR.

 SPRING REGATTA.

At a meeting of the Navy Directors, held Tuesday evening the 12th, it was decided to have a Spring Regatta, to be held May 6th. Now, it is the duty of the students to make this a success so far as financial matters are concerned; and of the directors to contribute their share by having some good races, in which no one crew will have any great advantage over the others. The committees appointed to take charge of the affairs are: On train, Cowles, Rackemann, Horr, R. C.; Printing, Hiscock, Wilcox, Hornor; Crews, Shinkel, '81, Cowles, '82, Humphries, '83, Scofield, '84.

This will be the only opportunity to see our crew row before going to England.

 AMERICAN COLLEGES AND AMERICAN JOURNALISM.

The following circular was sent us with a request to publish:—

A test of the capacity and inclination of American College Students and Graduates for Practical Journalism is about to be made by *The American*. That paper offers

—\$1500 IN PRIZES—

FOR THE BEST EDITORIALS,
THE BEST SPECIAL ESSAYS,
AND THE BEST POEMS,

written by *College Students* or *College Graduates*.

There are two sets of prizes—21 in all,—offered

by *The American*. One set is for College students only; the second set of prizes is for those who have been graduated from American Colleges. The topics are not limited; and all articles unsuccessful in the competition, but which reach the standard adopted by *The American*, will be accepted by the Editor for publication in *The American*, and be paid for at the regular rates; thus, each competitor, if he can do anything at all with his pen, will not lose his labor.

The judges of the editorials and essays will be active journalists of national reputation,—Mr. Noah Brooks, of the *N. Y. Times*; Mr. Walter Allen, of the *Boston Advertiser*, and Mr. M. P. Handy, of the *Philadelphia Press*. The judges of the poems will be gentlemen competent for that duty. Their names will be hereafter announced.

Every American College Student or Graduate should compete for these prizes. To obtain full particulars, write (with stamp), to

W. R. BALCH,

Managing Editor *The American*.

Box 1690.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

CORNELL ENGINEERS.

Wanted, by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R. R. three Cornell Engineers.

The U. S. Government has written for a Cornell Engineer to go to Washington and prepare hydraulic experiments.

The State Survey wants a Cornell Engineer.

As all of the Cornell graduated Engineers have positions, the Engineering Department is unable to supply the above wants.

CORNELLIANA,

—Who comes next?

—The Princeton nine play the Metropolitans tomorrow.

—It is rumored that a Freshman society has been started in our midst.

—Are you going down to see the crew? No.—Are you? Yes.—Tra, la loo!

—The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered this year by Rev. Edward Everett Hale.

—The Junior committee on boating are making earnest efforts to put a strong crew on the water soon.

—The Sophomore class in Greek have just begun a new play, the "Birds" of Aristophanes. General satisfaction is expressed.

—The Chapel sermons prove to be an unusual treat this term. That of last Sunday morning was one of the best ever delivered here.

—Mr. Shepherd, of Shepherd and Doyle, has just returned from New York, where he has been buying novelties for gentlemen's wear.

—One of our editors read of the appointment of Professor Barnard, of Columbia College, to the Berlin ministry, in a Buffalo paper of recent date.

—Some specimens from what was supposed to be a silver mine were sent this week to the assaying department. The report comes that they are not of much value.

—The Freshmen are to be commended for their promptness in getting to work on the water. They sent out a gig crew Saturday which was composed of good material.

—A big, broad-shouldered Senior inquired at Finch & Appgar's the other day, for "B. Hermon Smith's Elements of the Laws."

—A towny, mistaking the name of the new student head gear called it the "martyr-board. Quite a sage remark for one of the unwashed.

—The Freshman Greeks again have an instructor, as Professor Flagg is able to attend to his University duties once more. They will probably be marked on last term's work.

—Prof. Leo began last week a series of germans which are attended by a number of students. Some of the figures were novel and the favors were quite odd in some instances.

—The four Syracuse Sophomores acquitted by the jury—suspended by the Faculty. Certainly not much respect shown to Syracusean administration of justice! Not that way here!

—The *Express* kindly praises Mr. Dulcken, the former piano accompanist of the Rivé-King Concert Co., when, in fact, Mr. I. V. Flagler, of Auburn, took his place at the concert a week ago.

—Will there be any attempt made this spring to grade the campus ball grounds? Skillful ball playing requires first a level diamond. Without it we cannot hope to keep up our reputation in base ball.

—Professor Corson has pleased his hearers by resuming his much appreciated readings this week. The resemblances and differences between Mrs. Browning and Robt. Browning, were critically considered.

—Prof. S. G. Williams has formed a field class in Geology which is doing good, practical work, and is knocking the chips off all the important boulders about here. A pleasant study studied in a pleasant way.

—The Secretary of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association writes us that entries close May 13th. Also, that "no entries will be accepted unless the entrance fee of \$10.00 of colleges from whence they come has been received."

—The Glee Club was photographed on Monday by Frear, who designed having the pictures ready by yesterday morning, that they might be sent down to Elmira at once, to be placed on exhibition. The

combination costume of dress-suit and mortar-board is very striking.

'82 is anxious to have settled weather so that they can win back the B. B. championship, and the chairman of the foot-ball committee informs us that he intends to contest that championship with '81 and if possible wrest it from them. May fortune smile upon you, '82!

—Boating men say that there is a good prospect of organizing a University six that can make a lively race with the four at the regatta. With such men as Winegar, Reed, Jayne, Wilcox, Webster, Collman, besides a large number who have been prominent in boating, a powerful crew could be formed.

—The oration subjects for the Juniors, fourteen in number, comprise about every class of subjects from "The Golden Mean in Horace" down to "Office conferred for party service." They are very satisfactory, much more so than subjects generally are. The first lot are to be handed in on Tuesday, the 26th.

—With fair weather we shall again see the Sophomore and Freshman tramping up the hill with one of Uncle Sam's muskets on their shoulders, the one rejoicing that this is his last term of drill, the other groaning in spirit to think that he has one more year of misery. Bugles will be used this term to issue the commands to the officers.

—Quite a number go over with the Glee Club this afternoon. The caps will be worn, and doubtless an impression will be made. The party will proceed to the Rathbun House, where accommodations have been secured, and where, no doubt, the best treatment will be received. After the concert a serenade at the college would be quite *à propos*.

—A machine has been recently invented which is warranted to make one hundred thousand cigarettes a day. The consumption of cigarettes, which is much promoted by college students, is now enormous. For the past year it amounted to four hundred and eighty millions, and it is estimated that one billion will be required for 1881. There is food for thought—and smoke.

—Would it not be better to have the opening in the middle of the float covered? It is almost impossible to turn a boat larger than a four-oar on the float, with perfect safety to the boat and those handling it. The gig, last Saturday, had to be shoved out, stern first, and then brought around; certainly not a very neat way of launching anything but a vessel!

—A number of students were on hand Saturday afternoon at the boat-house to witness the starting out of the crew. They were well rewarded for wading through the Inlet mud, for they saw some very creditable rowing, which caused hearty applause. The evenness of the stroke was surprising, considering that it was the crew's first spin. We can feel sure that we will have occasion to be proud of our crew.

—Rev. George Grant, who is to preach in the chapel on Sunday, was born in Nova Scotia in 1836. He graduated from Glasgow in 1857 with the highest honors. He was ordained in 1860 and preached at Halifax for fifteen years. He is Principal and Professor at Queen's University and has been very successful. He is one of the ablest and best preachers in Canada and all students should attend chapel on Sunday and hear him.

—There was a large attendance last evening at the meeting of the Henley Committee and the crew in Dr. Van Cleef's office. The whole ground was gone over, all the arrangements for the races were reviewed, and it was decided that an appeal be made to the students in regard to unpaid subscriptions. There has been over \$1000 already subscribed and about \$800 collected. The ocean fares for the six men will be about \$500, which is already secured. It was decided to petition the Faculty for leave of absence for the crew.

—Beaumont Buck, of Texas, a West Point cadet, who, when in a preparatory school at Newburgh, shot a fellow student, was yesterday acquitted of the offense. The student shot was a son of John G. Thompson, a Democratic politician of Ohio, and we believe he has recovered from his wound. The shooting was intentional, and so far as the public are informed, unprovoked, the only excuse being that the Texan fancied that he was being laughed at for his ideas of "honah." Why he was acquitted we are not informed. —*Buffalo Express*.

—The *Journal* gives good advice to those who are molested by rowdies in regard to the mortar-boards. A man's tassel should be guarded as jealously as his honor, and when it is insulted, he should not hesitate to summon his class-mates, to aid him in wiping out the insult. If a man regards it as an honor to belong to his class, he should be ready to uphold that class's honor. As soon as the rowdies learn that it is no jesting matter with the students when a mortar board is knocked off, but a thing which will be summarily punished, then there will be a cessation of hostilities.

—The fifth game for the championship in billiards between Smith, '83, and Smith, '84, took place on Saturday afternoon at Doherty's room. It was not generally known that the long expected game was to occur then, yet there were many of the billiard-loving fraternity on hand. The game was three hundred points, and much resembled past games, with the exception that never before did Smith, '83, fall so far behind, being led at one time by fifty points. A great number of these he regained and at the close of the game was only eighteen points behind. This seems to settle for a season, the championship.

—The Sophomores, feeling somewhat chagrined because they failed to carry out their proposed ex-

Excursions of last Spring to Sheldrake, have decided to make one more attempt to enjoy an afternoon and evening on the lake. Friday, May 13th, is the day chosen for the trip. It is proposed to go down to Sheldrake in the afternoon, and after the banquet, to return to Ithaca by moonlight. This will no doubt, be a very enjoyable affair, but care must be taken not to imbibe too freely of a certain "elixir of life," or some may have a shower bath on the return trip. The committee of arrangements are: George Bullock, C. C. Chase, G. E. Stevenson, E. Cushing and S. S. Serat. The officers for the excursion are: Master of Ceremonies, J. T. Humphries; Orator, C. H. Anderson; Essayist, Hermon Biggs; Keeper of Log, C. I. Avery; Toast Master, A. F. Matthews.

Following is the programme the Glee Club will render this evening in Elmira:

PART I.

1. "Solomon Levi."
2. "Hush Thee My Baby," - - - Sullivan
3. "Clementine."
4. Solo—"Mariner's Greeting," - - Fuchs
W. G. Rappleye.
5. "Hard-up,"
6. "Moonlight on the Lake," - - - White
7. Bass Solo—"The Old Sexton," - - Russell
F. R. Luckey.
8. "Michael Roy."

PART II.

1. Piano Solo—"Translated from Fra Diavolo,"
- - - - - Auber
G. B. Penny.
2. "Alma Mater."
3. Vocal Duett—"Fly Away Birdling," - Abt
Messrs. Luckey and Rappleye.
4. "Nursery Rhymes," - - - Farmer
5. "14 Long Weeks in a Pris-i-on."
6. "Wine Galop."
7. Bass Solo—"The Parish Sexton," - Stearns
F. R. Luckey.
8. "Days in Bivouac."
9. "Cornell."



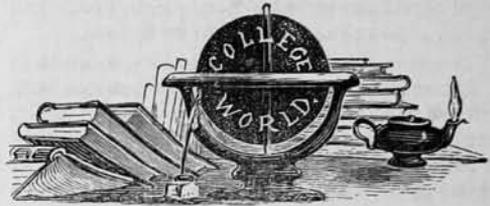
WRIGHT, '82, has been promoted from First-Lt to Captain, and Horr, R. C., from Second to First-Lieut.

CASE, '84, spent Saturday and Sunday at his home.

P. B. MATTHEWS, formerly '83, is in the railroad business in Plainfield, N. J.

W. B. READING, '82, is now in the office of the B. & P. R. R. Co., at Buffalo.

ED. L. PRESTON, '78, recently spent a vacation of some weeks in San Francisco, Cal. He has completed a two years' engagement in Arizona, and has left for Texas for two years' work on the Southern Pacific railroad.



COLUMBIA:—

Class crews are at work on the water.

The "Miners" have a lunch counter which is largely patronized by all the students.

The Glee Club, consisting of thirty-five good voices, have just completed a successful trip.

Workmen have already begun work excavating on the campus, for the foundations of the new building.

At a meeting of the Columbia chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, held on Tuesday, the 5th, the first ten members of '81 were initiated.—*Acta*

The dilapidated astronomical observatory, from which the instruments were removed a few weeks since, was set on fire the night of March 29th while a band of students were rioting around it.

PRINCETON:—

Princeton played the Athletics April 5th, and won by a score of 2 to 1.

The second term ended Wednesday. The third term will begin April 20th.

The winter athletic games occurred in the gymnasium April 2d, and were well attended and very well contested.

The Detroit and University nines met and played a game of base ball under League rules, April 2d. Score—Detroit 7, Princeton 2.

The charges made to Seniors for Commencement Exercises and Diploma, have been reduced from \$14.50 to \$12.00.—*Princetonian*.

Excavations are being made for the foundations of the new Marquand Chapel. It is to be 130 by 88 feet, and will have a tower 104 feet high.

There is a movement on foot at the seminary to have an establishment on the plan of Harvard's Me-

morial Hall. It is to be tried next year.—*Princetonian*.

SYRACUSE :—

Some parties suspected of being students, lately found up some sidewalks in the eighth ward of the city.

An unsuccessful attempt to abolish smoking the class pipe as a part of Class Day exercises, was recently made.

The colored church on Chestnut street during the revivals seemed to be the most popular resort yet found by some of the boys. * * * Two of the boys actually "caught on" the other evening, which explains the whole business.—*Syracusan*.

TRINITY :—

The Cricket Association is in a flourishing condition.

An amateur dramatic entertainment will be given by some students in Easter week.

The "Frog Opera" will be presented by students and town ladies some time in May.

Some one set fire to the grass on the lawn a short time since, and for a time several of the buildings were in danger from the flames.

WILLIAMS :—

The Seniors will graduate in mortar-boards.

A negro minstrel show was recently given by some Juniors.

The Faculty, on the petition of the students, have granted an extension of Easter holidays.

The Sophomores in class meeting voted to "come out" in Oxford caps next term, and have forbidden the Freshmen to appear in the same.—*Athenaeum*.

The high-hat mania has seized strongly upon the College; even the Freshmen have banded together into a "High-Hat Union" to appear whenever the Sophomores may think fit.—*Athenaeum*.

YALE :—

The Sophomores are rehearsing the play.

Junior Exhibition passed without disturbance.

The *Record* and *Courant* offer prizes for the best contributions.

The crew has been chosen and has gone into training. Their average weight now is 185 pounds. Average age, 22 yrs. 4 mos. They are the same as last year.

EXCHANGES.

We devote the space allotted to our exchanges in reviewing some recent and newly-fledged attempts in the field of college journalism. There have come within the walls which the exchange editor habits, within the past fortnight, many new and strange ad-

venturers. Although our exchange list is already very large, we extend to each new comer a hearty welcome, and the friendly grasp of the editorial brotherhood. We intend neither to stint our praise nor to hamper our criticism, but to preserve, as far as it is possible, an unbiased, unprejudiced and careful review of all the exchanges, old and new, which come within our province.

The first of our new friends is entitled *The University*. It hails from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. Our glance first rests upon a selection from Müller. We would kindly suggest to our new contemporary that *selections*, be they ever so good, ought not to have a place within the columns of any college journal. It gives one the idea that you are unable to write your own poetry, however unjust the thought might be. If you are unable to fill your columns with news, and readable articles, you had better cut the size of your paper down until it reach within the limits of your production. *The University* is a very tedious, tiresome paper, literally crammed full of indigestible addresses and the like. There is no life, no vivacity, no wit from the title page to the end. An almanac, or a circular of some cheap clothing house, would arouse as much interest as its contents. The contributed articles are heavy and studied: the editorials cheap and shabby. In fact, reform it altogether. As it stands now it is not worth the price of the postage required to mail it.

We now turn from this sad *fiasco* to the *Presbyterian College Journal*, a recent Canadian exchange. A poem (?) a column long, "fat setting" for the printers, graces (?) the first page. The best thing about this poem is that it is not selected. We struggled through one stanza, and then gave it up in despair. We quote three of the five stanzas, want of space leaving the other two in the lurch, but we think our readers will scarcely sigh for the remaining ones. If, however, great interest should be shown in them sufficient to warrant publication, the whole hymn will appear in our next issue.

Spring up, spring up, O well!
 Jehovah bids thee flow;
 He brings his people near,
 His grace and power to know.
 Dug from the sand,
 By princely hand,
 With pilgrim staff,
 Spring up, O well!

Spring up, spring up, O well!
 The rock was rent before;
 And by this desert way
 Its precious waters pour.
 Through all our course
 Unfailing source
 Of life divine,
 Spring up, O well!

Spring up, spring up, O well!
 The wilderness is past,

We reach with gladsome haste
The goodly land at last.
Thy rich supply
Here ever nigh,
Flows there a flood;
Spring up, O well!"

There are a few other articles of general interest to our readers, which we regret we cannot reproduce: the "New Hebrides Mission," etc. The *Presbyterian College Journal* may be found in the Library among our other exchanges, where these valuable creations of literary merit may be perused at leisure.

Oh! Here is a new exchange with no poetry within its pages. *Academica*, shake! The University of Cincinnati at last redeems herself. We now wake up and find our interest at last arrested. The articles are heavy, but well written. We presume there is but little use to criticise this lack of life in our new exchange. It has always been the common fault of college journals to deal with subjects that never should for a moment be considered. It is not within the province of such periodicals, since they have neither the space or time to devote to the discussion of topics which require more of both than they can rightly give.

The Undergraduate, from Middlebury, Vt., contains in the line of poetry an excellent translation from the German of Goethe, and an original poem entitled, "A Legend of the Tide." We would, with pleasure, quote both entire had we the space:

"I think of thee, when sunbeams brightly gleaming,
From ocean stream.

I think of thee, when moonbeams lightly streaming,
In fountains gleam.

I gaze on thee, when clouds of dust uprearing,
Enshroud the ways
In deepest night when narrow pathways fearing,
The wanderer strays.

I hark to thee, when with their muffled roaring,
The great waves fill.

In quiet groves, my thoughts to thee are soaring
When all is still.

Be where thou may'st, my ways with thine are twining,
Thou still art near.

The sunlight dies The stars will soon be shining,
Wouldst thou were here.

J. C. H."

The Undergraduate is most welcome, and bids fair to give us far more pleasure than any of our other new brethren.

This closes the additions to our exchange list with the exception of the *Oxford and Cambridge Undergraduates' Journal*. A review of the last named journal will be reserved for our next issue. Upon the whole, our trip among the new pages before us has not been a pleasant one; we will return, like many another weary traveler, to the familiar scenes from which we have all too long been absent.



LAMENT OF A DEFEATED CANDIDATE.

Under a cypress,
Crushed by a high-press
Of feelings, I lie.
Too fondly I trusted
In a clique that busted,
And sent me sky high. —Acta.

—We understand that some of the young people of Cambridge have started an Ante-Culture Club. We wish them success,—better success than we ever had with any "ante" we ever made. They must understand that there are many obstacles in their path; poker-playing is not to be learned in one evening, and Jack Pots are often a snake in the grass. Our Religious Editor objects to the culture of any such thing, even though it be so delicately veiled under the name of Ante-Culture.—*Lampoon*.

—He donned his Queen's Own Scotch-cap,
And stole from College Halls,
To Adam's, o'er whose doorway
Hang three shining golden balls.

He—determined to have money,
Being a financial wreck—
Left a seal-skin cap, and brought away
Two dollars and a check.

Then forgetting his objection
Of sitting next to 'hods,'
To see Bernhardt in Frou Frou,
Bought a ticket for the 'gods.'

—Varsity.

PRINCETON SALAD (A L'ITALIAN).

Tenor Solo—Ara, ara, heu gozioing toda ballerio dizze evinienti.

Presto—Nona, nona, (oh Dio,) notiate dizze evinienti.

Tenor Solo—Wy, wy, wy, venite qua, qua, qua, telmi.

Presto—Becozzioriano, dé nohavé, venitetuti frutti, ni wrumm-ritenuto, ni iceacreo creamo, notinga a rinforzando yorselvo, ah, oh Cielo, notinga atorlo togoto.

Tenor Solo—Isdatorlo yo gotabeallo fo? fi, fi, fi.

Presto—Nona! nona! (Con furia) —Yavilgo somoderio evinienti. (Con confidenti) —Dafactiz mi fadasis' dress-coto hazznoti bena maidovaietti fo mé. Sacramenta. Fin del opera.—*Princetonian*.

—He opened the door cautiously, and poking in his head in a suggestive sort of way, as if there was none to follow, inquired, "Is this the editorial rinktum?" "The what, my friend?" "Is this the rinktum, sinktum, sanctum, or some such place, where the editors live?" "This is the editorial room—yes, sir; come in." "I wanted to see what a rinktum was like, that's all. Looks like our garget, only wuss. Good-day."—*Scholastic.*

—1st Freshie Co-ed. to 2nd Freshie Co-ed.—"Say, I have a fine conundrum on that high-toned Senior. Do you think you could guess it? I made it all up myself, too. Why is K——y, '81, like a millionaire who has just made a will with innumerable bequests?"

2nd Freshie Co-ed.—"Can't say that I have seen yer (Senior) point."

1st Freshie Co-ed.—"Now you must be fresh. Why he has so much leg I see (legacy). Triumphant smile on part of first Co-ed.; deep blushes and amazement on part of second Co-ed.—*Berkeleyan.*

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A SMALL fraction of the Senior class has swung out in 'plug' hats. They are extremely becoming of course—to some. The wearing of a distinctive hat is rapidly becoming a feature of American college life. It is a good idea, and ought to thrive everywhere.

THE crew obtained a leave of absence and the privilege of special examinations by a vote of the Faculty last Friday. There ought, therefore, to be no delay in their departure on their trans-Atlantic trip, unless some unforeseen obstacle meanwhile arises. It was an act that met the hearty approbation of all students; and went to show that the Fac-

ulty, as an official body, really sympathizes with student undertakings and athletic ventures.

PROFESSOR JOHN FISKE gives his audience a rare treat in his lectures. No one will hesitate to say that they are among the very best, if not the best University lectures he has ever heard. The subjects are interesting, and are treated in an original and scholarly manner. Aside from our interest in the exceedingly valuable matter they contain, we desire to express our admiration of the beautiful and appropriate language in which they are clothed. No better opportunity than these lectures offer, could be had by the student of English to form from their examples a correct style of composition, and to approximate precision in the use of words.

IT is strange that there are some careless individuals who cannot take thought to come to the lectures of Professor John Fiske before five minutes after eight o'clock. Is it strange that when they steal in on tip-toe they almost invariably let the door slam so as to draw the attention of the audience and embarrass the speaker. We do not think that any stop will be put to this until the doors are locked and left locked during the delivery of the lecture; and accordingly, we suggest that this be done for the comfort of all concerned, and in justice to the speaker.

And too, those students who come into the Library Hall before eight o'clock, and do not find any seats, should make their wishes known, and insist upon some accommodation. The number of the town people and small boys admitted to the lectures ought to be regulated entirely by the number of seats vacant *after* students and professors have been accommodated.

A protest, signed by sixteen Cornell alumni residing in Washington, appears in another column. It is, in many respects, the most remarkable of all the expressions of opinion on the subject of Professor Russel's resignation, that we have printed. A slur is seemingly cast upon the judgment and motives of

the Executive Committee by the expression of the belief that the 'honorable body has been deceived by some malicious persons,' for the action of the Committee was, as we have been told, taken upon *their own* knowledge of certain facts. And again, on the face of the facts as known to the general public, it is no more a 'degradation and disgrace' for a man who holds a position of public trust, in that he is an executive officer of a public institution, to be dismissed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University, than it is for the Hon. Levi P. Morton to be denied a re-election to Congress by a formerly enthusiastic constituency. Both are men of ability and honor, and both discharged the duties of their positions as well as they knew how. They must be judged by the merits of their acts as public servants. And if their instituted authorities fail to continue to extend an endorsement of these acts, it is simply the misfortune of the public servants; and in retiring to private life, they retire with honor. We think we can take no exceptions to the protest in other respects.

NOW, that Saturday recitations have been tried, the Latin and Greek students, and perhaps some others, have formed opinions regarding them. They do not seem to think that they involve additional work, and such as live on the hill and in the immediate neighborhood of the buildings, probably have little objection to them for other reasons. But there are a number who look upon the Saturday recitations as a necessary and regretted evil that must be endured for the general convenience; and give themselves credit for suffering under a sort of educational martyrdom. The lake, the woods, the gorges, the blue sky, and all the beauties of nature in her spring clothes, taunt the Sophomore and Freshman, who have to toil up the long hill and spend an hour or two inside the four walls of a recitation room. The twitter of the birds and the hum of the bees are to them music to which Latin and Greek pronunciation is mere discordant noise. On those Saturday mornings, they would rather attempt to solve the mystery of the arbutus' budding and blooming, than to master the intricacies of Greek scansion and accentuation; to trace the courses of the brooks through the ravines and towards the lake, than to follow the wanderings of the much-enduring Ulysses. Be lenient with the cutter, then, O, ye

Prof. and Tutors, and you will earn his undying gratitude and the approbation of your own consciences.

THE manager and members of the base ball nine have at length made a move in the right direction. Early in the week, Professor Prentiss, who has entire charge of the grounds and campus, was waited upon by a committee who informed him that a very desirable improvement in the appearance and arrangement of the campus might be made in the interest of the national game. As a result of this interview, the Professor has very kindly consented to put the old ball grounds on the campus in a condition suitable for use. He will have the ground plowed, and a level and turfless diamond laid out. These grounds are, of course, not the most desirable in the world for their adaptability to the wants of the game, but, with the new improvements, they will overcome the great difficulty that we have been experiencing for years. With this change, there should be born a spirit of greater interest in the game and in the University team. Last year's nine was an exceptionally strong one, and all but two members of it still remain in the University. To be sure, we have lost our pitcher, but the managers of this year's nine are confident that this position will be satisfactorily filled. The team is not yet complete. The positions of short-stop and right field are still open for competition, and the men who prove themselves strongest in the practice and class games, will be secured to fill them. A greater interest in the game and nine is all that is necessary. Hobart, Rochester and Syracuse could probably be induced to send their teams here for a game, and we shall certainly, if we are provided with proper accommodations, be very happy to meet them. If a shadow of the base ball spirit that was alive last year be awakened now, we shall see some fine contests upon the campus during the present term.

ANOTHER and a hearty expression of the good will of the student body towards President Russell, is found in the resolutions adopted Tuesday with reference to his resignation. As far as they relate to him, it is safe to say that they are the unanimous expression of the students. But, as our report of the meeting shows, many did not vote for the adoption of the resolutions because they thought

it would not be in good taste to seem to criticise the Executive Committee at the same time. It is a matter of regret that a unanimous expression of the students' feelings was not given. And such an expression could have been obtained, in all probability, if the resolutions had been somewhat amended in the expressions relating to the Executive Committee. As they stand, however, they, and the proceedings of the meeting, testify unmistakably the students' sense of their loss in the resignation of his Professorship.

Another thing greatly to be regretted is that the discussion of the matter by a *Sun* correspondent, seemed to drift too much towards personality, and the assignment of a mean motive to a prominent member of the Executive Committee for his part in the affair. Now we most strongly deprecate this, for it only tends to weaken the good effect which these expressions of regard towards Professor Russel would otherwise have. Moreover, any criticism that seeks to throw a shadow of doubt upon the sincerity of the Executive Committee's motives in requesting the resignation, and upon their judgment in withholding their reasons therefor, is undignified and unworthy of any student who assumes a knowledge of the policy which the executive authorities of this University pursue or attempt to pursue.

FAIR PLAY.

From the various petitions, protests, rumors and accusations that have filled the air for a few days past, a stranger would be led to suspect that the Executive Committee of Cornell University was either a very ignorant or a very malicious body of men. Undergraduate invective and alumnical advice has flowed in very freely. It has been suggested that they were deceived by evil minded persons; that they have acted hastily, and should now be ready to retract; that they did not know how to value Professor Russel's services; and other reasons of a similar nature. Charges of direct injustice are made openly, and severer ones are freely talked of. Now is this wise and just? Does it subserve the highest good of the University, in the name of which the various petitions, protests and demonstrations are executed? Is not justice due as much to one as to another? And is it any less a wrong to proceed arbitrarily against the Executive Committee, than it would have been for them to proceed in like manner against Professor Russel? Though one entertain the highest regard for Professor Russel as a man, as a scholar, as an executive and a teacher, nevertheless

it is no part of such a friend's duty to carry such regard so far as to do injustice to the Committee.

They are placed in a peculiar position, and this fact should be considered in passing judgment on them. The fact that they made no reason for their action public, does not of itself necessitate the conclusion that their action has been unjust, unreasonable, or arbitrary. From this it does not follow that they had no reason but their own sweet will and inclination. Because the public have not been told their reasons for the various steps that they have taken in carrying on the business of the University, it does not follow that they had no reason for taking any of the steps. And because they have not told the public why they asked Professor Russel for his resignation, it does not follow that they had no reason for so doing.

Before employing too many epithets against them, would it not be well to ascertain whether their reasons were entirely unknown to the party most nearly interested: whether any undue harshness or severity was made use of by the Board; and whether everything was carried on with due kindness and consideration? If it shall appear between the parties most nearly interested, that these conditions were complied with, then it surely must be a source of displeasure to both to have the public mind prying into their own private matters. And if there was a tacit understanding of the case between all parties, as conversation with members of the Committee would indicate to be the case, then surely nothing but harm could come to either Professor Russel or the University by a public discussion of them. So much for their silence.

A few words may not be amiss regarding their motives. The most ridiculous of charges have been hawked about unsparingly, by those whose personal regard for one has led them to vituperation of the others. Some have gone so far as to assert that a quarrel between Professor Russel and Mr. Sage, concerning Beecher, lies at the foundation of it all. Others, keener in their forward glancing than the rest, descry a deep-laid plot to bring the University into sectarian harness. Others still cautiously affirm that an amount of personal malice and ignorance of the result were factors in the case. With those who know the parties, such things should have no weight. Yet they are gravely charged and circulated; can any one tell why? Do they add anything to Professor Russel's dignity or character, or detract anything therefrom? Do they further the interests of the University by being discussed in the papers, and on the street? And will they bear any fruit in the action of the Board after the case has long been considered, and very cautiously proceeded with? If it had been inspired by personal malice, would so large a Board of intelligent and conscientious men, have acquiesced? And if they had been deceived by any person would they not have discovered their mistake in the

course of their long and careful deliberation? Plain justice to the board requires a liberal construction of their motives and actions.

Will it lessen the probability of our securing good men in the future? We trust that no Professor, who is worthy of the position, would ever accept a chair in any institution, feeling that he was to be the sole judge of the circumstances of his coming and going. We certainly care for no Professor at Cornell, who would wish to retain a position when a board of intelligent, honest and practical men had decided, after due deliberation, that his stay was not for the best interests of the University. So we fail to see how any worthy man would be deterred from accepting a professorship by the transactions of the past few days. And we fail to see how the well being of Cornell is endangered thereby, protests from those who have left their posts here to work for personal interests, to the contrary notwithstanding.

In conclusion, would it not be well to place a little more confidence in the motives of the Committee, and give them time to work out their plans a little further, before charging them too strongly with injustice and impropriety? Instead of throwing stumbling blocks in their way and repining because we have lost an able Professor, should we not hope with Professor Russel, that his leaving will not permanently injure the department of History, and that some able man will be found to improve it, if possible? The Committee are men of judgment and experience. They are responsible for the well being of the University, and act with the full consciousness that the eye of the public is upon them. Is it any more than plain and open justice to give them the opportunity of carrying out their plans before judging them too severely?

ELMIRA POLICE FORCE.

Considerable of a hubbub has been made, relative to the reported stopping of the Glee Club's singing on the streets, while in Elmira. The facts are these: after serenading and partaking of some refreshments at Haight's, the Club marched to the hotel singing on the way. This was a little after midnight. One or two police officers requested the boys not to make so much noise, as they were being passed by the songsters. The Glee Club and their friends did not stop singing, but moderated somewhat the volume of their harmony. Later, two or three of a party of Cornellians, feeling quite jolly, and loth to retire to their little beds, were escorted to the hotel. This was a practical joke put up by their friends, who persuaded the policemen to threaten the "cooler," and then show them the way to the Rathbun House.

The Chief of Police did not charge the usual license fee, and the Glee Club and their friends have every reason to be pleased with the Elmira police force.

ON A DEAD LADY.

("SUR UNE MORTE.")

After the French of Alfred De Musset.

She was fair, if the sombre brow'd, Night—
That sleeps in that dim chapel where
Michael Angelo lived long from sight—
Immovable yet may be fair.

She was good, if but this may suffice
That in passing the open hand gives,
While the heart remains colder than ice;
If gold without pity relieves.

She thought could the vain, idle trill
Of a voice sweet and measured have taught;
Or as the sweet sound of the rill
Have brought to her spirit a thought.

She prayed if two beautiful eyes
Sometimes looking to earth—now in air
Piercing far through the clear azure skies,
If these may be e'er called a prayer.

She perhaps would have smiled if the flower,
Which hath not been opened yet may
Bloom forth by the breeze of an hour,
Whose freshness soon passeth away.

She perhaps would have wept if her hand
Coldly placed on her breast e'er had been,
Bedewed by that heavenly land
Where all is forever serene.

She had lov'd if her cold heartless pride,
Like a funeral lamp had not shed
A shade o'er her soul far and wide,
And left it unholy and dead.

She is dead and she never has lived.
'Twas a mirage she saw in time's sands;
Naught from life's open book she received—
It hath fallen unread from her hands.

RYMAN.

THE ELMIRA TRIP.

The ride to Elmira was uneventful enough until the train reached that settlement of far-famed historic note—Horseheads. The enthusiasm of the boys, on discovering on the depot platform, several "Cornell" washing-machines—or perhaps they were hay-cutters—was given vent in several hearty cheers and the inevitable yell. With the yell came increased good humor, and when the Elmira depot came in view, all were ready to disembark with pleasant anticipations of a big house, a rousing welcome and immense success. It was with considerable pride and self-complacency that we sauntered down the avenue and entered the hotel, returning the aston-

ished and awed looks of the inhabitants with glances of ineffable scorn. It was with no small degree of satisfaction that we beheld the impression made by the mortar-boards—an impression equal to that made “by the street parade of a minstrel show,” as one of the “city” papers kindly remarks. But we made an excellent advertisement, and we are satisfied. Everyone went to the Rathbun House, where everyone was well treated, and, as the office clock indicated that the hour for the concert was near at hand, the party proceeded to the Opera House, where, even at that early hour, they found a select audience assembled. It reminded us strongly of the audience which greeted the Rivé-King troupe lately in Ithaca, for it was cultured, it was appreciative, and was generous in showing its appreciation. What more could be asked? The singing was much better than in the Ithaca concert. The different parts in the glees were finely rendered and fitted into each other with a precision which showed faithful practice. This was noticeable in “The Moonlight on the Lake,” where the bass was very good, and in the encore, “The Bull Dog,” in which the warble was a novel and exceedingly pleasing feature. Mr. Penny in his Piano Solo did even better than in the first concert, and, securely held the attention of the audience, although both must have been annoyed by those coming in late for the second part. We suggest that hereafter the second part begin with a chorus; it would look much better and would, we feel sure, be more agreeable to the pianist. The duet was one of the best, if not the best, thing on the programme. We have heard Abt’s “Fly Away Birding” a number of times, but never heard it sung, to equal in sweetness and clearness, the singing of last Friday evening. “The “Nursery Rhymes” were not sung as well when sung here. Yet they made a great impression, and one of the Elmira musical organizations has asked for the words and music. It must be confessed that in the “Wine Galop” and “Days in Bivouac” there was some truth in the criticisms of the papers, that there was not enough enthusiasm manifested, “no outburst of youthful exuberance,” but this lack can be easily excused under the circumstances. But both were well sung, and no one could help being struck with their beauty. As the club came on the stage with the Cornell adornment—the mortar-board, they left it with the Cornell slogan—the yell. After the concert, under the leadership of Mr. C. M. Beadle, and Mr. W. T. Smith, ’78, Princeton, the club and followers visited a number of the more prominent residences, and, we understand, gave considerable pleasure by their serenades. The following morning was passed in viewing the “city,” and in resting from the labor of the previous evening. A number drove around, while others strolled about the beautiful streets with which Elmira is indeed blessed. But three o’clock was not long in arriving, and with

many a sigh and cheer, Elmira, with its pretty girls, its handsome shoe factory, and its Opera House seating 1,500 persons, was left far in the distance. Through the kindness of Mr. Serat, the boys enjoyed the luxury of the President’s car, and real, solid comfort was experienced on the return trip. Yet a sort of “funereal” mist seemed to envelop the crowd, and not more than a half a dozen songs were sung on the way back. The cause of it was the parting “side-wipe” given by the *Advertiser* that morning in its account of the concert. That was crushing!

THE MASS MEETING.

In accordance with a call signed by the Presidents of all the classes for a mass meeting to take action upon the resignation of Professor Russel, about two hundred students assembled at one o’clock, Tuesday, in room K. At the suggestion of Messrs. Burr and Hahn, Mr. I. P. Smith, President of the Junior class, took the chair. Mr. Humphries, President of the Sophomore class, was elected Secretary of the meeting. Mr. J. S. Ainslie, ’81, then stated that the object of the meeting was to obtain an expression of the sentiments of the students, as a body, upon the resignation of Professor Russel, and to express their regret at his intended departure. When he resumed his seat he was loudly applauded. Mr. George L. Burr, ’81, then came forward and read the following series of preambles and resolutions that had been drawn up before the meeting convened:

“Whereas, Professor William Channing Russel, LL. D., in compliance with the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Cornell University, based upon grounds which, though not yet publicly announced, can hardly reflect discredit upon his character or abilities as an instructor, has submitted a resignation of his professorship in the Cornell University; and

Whereas, It has seemed best to the Executive Committee, despite the various protests of undergraduates, of alumni, and of other friends of the University, to persist in accepting that resignation: therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the students of the Cornell University, as a body, with all deference to the superior wisdom and experience of the Executive Committee and with grateful recognition of their past efforts in our behalf, do respectfully protest against a policy which, while already depriving us of one of our ablest instructors, appears to us to threaten, through the sense of insecurity which it entails, to render undesirable any position upon the Faculty of the Cornell University;

Resolved, That we tender to Professor Russel, in view of his approaching departure from us, the assurance of our sincerest esteem, our most cordial

sympathy, and our heartiest good wishes for the future ;

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to Professor Russel, to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, to the College journals, and to the newspapers of Ithaca."

They were vigorously applauded. A motion was made and seconded that they be adopted. Before the motion was put, opposition to certain expressions in, and part of the wording of, the resolutions was made by Mr. Catlin, '82. This was debated with a few words by Mr. Hahn, '81, after which Mr. Concklin, '81, objected to the passages that criticised the action of the Executive Committee, and hinted that they should be amended by being struck out. The Chair then put the motion, a few voting against it, though, as nearly as can be ascertained, at least fifty did not vote. A motion was then made to make the vote unanimous, which met with opposition, and was withdrawn. The meeting then adjourned.

RAYS OF ANCIENT ROME.

III.

CARMEN CUPIDINIS.

Air—"Lauriger Horatius."

"Amor ut lacryma oculo oritur in pectus cadit."

—Publius Syrus.

Aprilis mensis Veneris ;
Delectio Deorum !
Nunc in Latinis litteris
Scribo meum amorem.

CHORUS—

Amica Amantissima !
Divina Feminiarum !
Puella pulcherissima
Es in orbe terrarum.

Stellae tui oculi ;
Stellae verae Amoris :
Tibi sint meae voculae
Haruspices Honoris.

CHORUS—

Amica Amantissima ! etc.

Semper sis sic similis
Verae divinae Deae ;
Semper eris in saeculis
Voluptas vitae meae.

CHORUS—

Si verus Vates Veneris
Vel veris ego ero :
Tuum nomen vaeiculis
Semper erit ut spero.

RYMAN.

PROTEST FROM WASHINGTON ALUMNI.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 13th April, 1881.

To the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University.

GENTLEMEN :

We, the undersigned alumni and former students of Cornell University, now residing in Washington, have learned, with great surprise and deepest regret, that you have requested the resignation of Vice-President William C. Russel from his executive and professorial positions.

Believing as we do that no officer has labored more faithfully for the welfare of the institution than he has done, and that his labors have been eminently successful, we can see no good reason why this step has been taken. And we respectfully but earnestly request that the matter be reconsidered, and that Professor Russel's resignation be not accepted.

We are loth to believe that the time has come when our beloved *Alma Mater* seeks to reward one of her most efficient and faithful officers with degradation and disgrace. And only the belief that your honorable body has been deceived by some malicious persons, and the hope that you may be induced to reconsider the action you have taken, and render justice to one who is now greatly wronged, enables us to make this request, quietly and respectfully.

J. Henry Comstock, Class of 1874 ; Entomologist U. S. Department Agriculture.

Richard Rathbun, Class of 1875 ; Assistant Curator U. S. National Museum.

Jas. M. K. Borden, Class of 1878 ; Topographical Division P. O. Dep't.

Harris I. Carpenter, Class of 1878.

Chas. A. Caldwell, Class of '77 ; Teacher in Franklin School.

Thomas P. Borden, Class 1878 ; Aid U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Leland O. Howard, 1877 ; Assistant Entomologist U. S. Dep't. Agriculture.

Chas. S. Sheldon, Class 1880 ; Census Dep't.

C. Fenner Saunders, Class of '76 ; Law Student.

Fred M. Tryon ; Patent Office.

Frank D. Y. Carpenter, Class of 1873.

Chauncey N. Dutton ; Architect and Engineer ; Class 1880.

Thos. H. Trumbell, Class 1878 ; Draughtsman in Interior Department.

Anna Botsford Comstock, Class 1878 ; Assistant in Entomological Division U. S. Dep't. Agr.

Thomas Hampson, Class of '74 ; Bureau of Education.

C. L. McKay, Class '78 ; Signal Officer U. S. A.

—There were representatives in Elmira Friday night from Yale, Princeton and Hamilton, with whom a number of the students became acquainted.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

"GENERAL PROTEST OF THE CORNELL ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

To the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University :

GENTLEMEN : We, the alumni and former students of Cornell University, have learned that your honorable body has requested Vice-President William C. Russel to resign his executive position and also his professorship in the University. Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees, we herewith enter our own respectful, earnest, but none the less indignant protest.

Do you ask who "We" are? We are over three thousand young men and women who have left Cornell University, bettered by the teachings and influence of William C. Russel. Your blow at him hits us. For twelve years of faithful, conscientious work in the University, you are about to reward him with a disgraceful dismissal from his field of work. We believe this an instance of apparent ingratitude without parallel or precedent any where in college legislation. We cannot believe that Professor Russel's course of action has merited this dismissal.

We request, therefore, Gentlemen of the Committee, not only because of personal attachment to Professor Russel, but by reason of our deep concern for the best welfare of Cornell University, that your honorable body reconsider the action already taken ; that the resignation of William C. Russel be not accepted ; and that, if possible, he be prevailed upon to continue in his professorial connection with the University.

Signed by the following, resident in - - - - "

[The above, as the heading to a sheet of paper, with some other documents explaining it, was sent to us to-day. We are asked to print the names of those who sign it; and it seems to be taken for granted that all of the "three thousand young men and women who have left Cornell University" will

sign it. We cannot agree to print three thousand or three hundred names, and are too busy to circulate this document for signatures ourselves. In other respects we will try to carry out the accompanying directions. If any one wishes to canvass for signatures to this "protest" we will upon his applying to us, put him in possession of the blank and other documents.—Eds.]

A SONG RECITAL AT WELLS COLLEGE.

It is with great pleasure that the Department of Music of Wells College announce a song recital, (Forty-fourth Concert at Wells College,) to be given Saturday morning, April 30th, at 11.30, for which the services of the famous artists, Mr. and Mrs. Georg Henschel, have been secured.

Mr. Henschel, (whose voice is a baritone, and of whom a sketch and picture appeared in *Harper's Monthly* for April, 1880,) has, since his arrival from London last October, been the most prominent singer on the American concert stage. The press of New York and Boston has unanimously pronounced him one of the greatest singers ever heard in this country ; and so great has been his popularity that he has appeared, in the capacity of singer, pianist and composer, in almost every concert of note.

Mrs. Henschel, (*née* Lillian Bailey), an American by birth, was for several years the pupil of her husband in London, and one of the most popular sopranos in England. Since her return to this country, she has everywhere reaped the highest praise for the beauty of her voice and the purity and exquisiteness of her style.

Mr. and Mrs. Henschel have confined themselves to very few of our largest cities, and as they are soon to return to Europe, the Musical Department of Wells deem themselves fortunate in presenting the only opportunity to hear these great singers.

The recital is to take place at 11.30 a. m., in order to enable all not residing in Aurora to come and return on the same day.

The hotel accommodations in Aurora are very good, a new hotel having been opened there this week which is entirely worthy of patronage.

We hope that the students of our own University and the residents of Ithaca will not fail to take the advantage, which this opportunity affords them, of hearing such excellent artists.

CORNELLIANA,

—A dinner was given in honor of the Alpha Deltas last Saturday in Elmira, by Mr. W. T. Smith, '78, of Princeton, an old member from Rochester University.

—The Rev. H. C. Potter, of New York city, will preach at the Chapel on Sunday. The weather be-

ing excellent, there should be a large attendance Sunday.

—Geo. F. Simpson, who conducted the Alhambra, from the opening of the University until '76, has bought out the "genial Lew" Bement, and will be happy to see "the boys" at any time.

—One copy of the ERA which finds its way to a manufacturing town in the nutmeg state, is regularly borrowed by the following formula: "Miss —, can I borrow one o' them Cornhill Earaches?"

—There will be an organ recital this evening at the Chapel, under the direction of Mr. Cramer, of Seneca Falls. Those desiring can attend Part I, and then be in time for Prof. Fiske's lecture at Library Hall.

—When one of our Freshmen spoke of Remenyi as being a very *violent* man, and cited his recent ignominious failure, another spoke up at once and denounced what he called an attempt at a bass viol joke.

—Just before reaching Ithaca, last Saturday afternoon, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Serat, of the U. I. & E. road, for the use of the President's car in which the Glee Club and followers were returning.

—A game of base ball will be played with Hobart some time this term. Two men are yet to be chosen, before the nine will be complete, and any wishing to play on the nine should go to work at once. The seven men chosen are, Humphries, Woodard, Chase, Sears, Hiscock, Kenney and Suydam.

—Cornell University has abandoned base ball this year in favor of boating. It hopes to send a crew to England, and the success of Cornell crews in the past makes the undertaking one to be encouraged by all who take pride in having American colleges well represented in English boating contests.—*Buffalo Express*.

—To those who are sorrowing over the apparent decline in base ball we would say, get a pitcher and we can have as strong a nine as any college, but there is no use in organizing a nine without a first-class pitcher. The lack of one is the sole reason why the nine is not formed. Rather than put a weak nine in the field, it is better not to have any.

—A game of foot ball is to be played this week between '82 and '84. It is not to be expected that '84 can win, but with practice they ought to have a fair team in the field. The Freshmen must remember that they are expected to play '83 this term, and as they cannot probably win at base ball, they ought to try and get an excellent team in practice at once.

—The Boat House is now a center of attraction. Crowds go down every pleasant day to criticise and encourage the crew. On Tuesday afternoon, in answer to a call for applicants for the University six, a

number appeared. A six was finally arranged, consisting of Winegar, '81, stroke; Tuthill, '82, 5; Chase, '83, 4; Reed, '83, 3; Scofield, '84, 2; Reed, '81, bow. With the exception of a little rocking, they rowed very well, considering it was the first time they had pulled together.

—Perhaps few are aware that it was Mr. Cornell's request to be buried on the campus—on the campus of the college he loved, and to which he gave his whole heart. The place he selected was west of North Building, certainly as fine a site for a monument as could be chosen. After his death, it was proposed by prominent citizens of Ithaca that, as an acknowledgment of the many services he had rendered to Ithaca, a monument be raised by the citizens, to which each should contribute one dollar. A few questions are in order: Is Mr. Cornell's wish to be fulfilled? Were there any subscriptions received, and, if so, where are they now? Would it not be a good thing to do justice to his name now, even though it is rather tardy?



W. D. HOLMES, formerly '81, will sail for Europe in May.

CATLIN, '82, attended a reception in Auburn last evening.

W. B. BRADER, formerly '81, has gone into business in town.

HODGMAN, formerly '83, came down to Elmira, and greeted the Glee Club party.

MISS L. B. PALMER, '76, is a teacher in the Clinton Liberal Institute at Fort Plain, N. Y.

W. M. ROBERTS, '82, will not return to the University this year. He will be back in September.

J. S. LAWRENCE, '80, left last Tuesday for Gunnison, Colorado, where he has several mines located.

DOUNCE, '79, of Elmira, met the boys at the Rathbun House, and was at once recognized by a large number.

THOMPSON, '77, member of the famous Thompson six-oared crew, very kindly entertained some of the Glee Club in Elmira.

MISS NETTIE PALMER, formerly '80, is teaching in Rushville, Ill. She has a good situation, good wages, and is very much liked in her work.

CLARENCE BEEBE, '73, is in town. He has until lately been located in Chicago, but is now traveling for W. H. Parsons & Co., paper dealers, of New York City.

PROF. C. V. PARCELL, formerly '72, is the Principal of Clinton Liberal Institute at Fort Plain, N. Y. The institution is an excellent school and of the same grade as high schools and academies.

F. W. SIMONDS, Professor of Geology, Zoology and Botany at the University of North Carolina, who has lately been very seriously ill with pneumonia, has, we are happy to learn, entirely recovered.

PHIL. J. PARTENHEIMER, Esq., the 'genial secretary' of the Wapsipinnicon Boat Club, Clinton, Iowa, is in this city.—*Chicago Saturday Evening Herald*. The "genial secretary" was formerly a member of the class of '78.

PROF. Z. H. POTTER is the author of a very sensible letter in last Saturday's *Herald* upon the bill now before the Legislature empowering the Supreme Court to open the doors of poor houses, asylums and other charitable institutions to the visitors of the State Charitable Aid Association.

THE following is the first complete list of those who accompanied the Glee Club to Elmira: C. G. Cole, A. K. Hiscock, F. S. McGraw, A. Hamilton, G. W. Lewis, J. B. Davol, J. C. Avery, C. I. Avery, G. H. Wright, H. L. Pease, F. M. McMillan, F. Suydam, J. D. Hoefler, F. M. Haldeman, D. E. Smith, J. T. Stambaugh, S. S. Serat, N. A. Welles, H. W. Nash, J. L. Smith, E. Yeaw, W. F. Cassey, A. T. Cowell, H. P. Rose.

THE *Troy Times* made a partial change of proprietorship a short time ago, Mr. H. O. Tucker selling out his half to J. M. Francis, who in turn has arranged a new distribution of ownership which will go into effect on the first of May. Mr. Tucker received for his half \$100,000. Mr. J. M. Francis transfers to his son, Chas. Francis, '76, a one third interest. "Charlie" thus is not only a partner but receives a salary and has charge of the city department. The *Times* is a very prosperous enterprise. It is claimed that one year's profits amounted to \$66,000. Shake! "Charlie."

COLLEGE NEWS.

HARVARD:—

There are thoughts of starting a Shakespeare club. It costs over \$200,000 per annum to support the library.

Earnest efforts are being made to re-organize the rifle club, and shoot with Yale.

When the tickets to *Ædipus Tyrannus* were put on sale, the first five men in the line bought them all.

The Columbia Cricket club has challenged the Harvard club. The challenge will probably be accepted.

The students are anxiously awaiting Dr. Brooks' decision on the call to take the chapel pulpit, and promise him a warm reception if he accepts.

So many students were unable to secure seats for the Greek play that it has been decided to give one or two performances, in addition to those already arranged for.

The Varsity crew and the two substitutes have gone to a training table at 4 Story street. The steam launch is in the water, and Mr. Watson has already begun to coach the men.—*Advocate*.

MICHIGAN:—

The Regents, at their last meeting, considered the advisability of extending the Law course.

The Athletic Association is active. It was decided to have two field days this spring, on May 14, and June 29.

About one hundred and thirty volumes have been added to the University library within the past month, and a number more have been ordered but not received.—*Chronicle*.

The Lecture Association's yearly report shows a balance to their credit of \$732.94. The money was distributed as follows: to support of Reading Room for '80-'81, \$100; to the next Board, \$100; to "set up," \$20; to Gymnasium fund, \$512.94.

The University Calendar for 1880-'81 shows the total number of students to be 1,534, distributed among the various departments as follows: literary, 521; medicine and surgery, 380; law, 371; pharmacy, 88; homœopathy, 88.—*Chronicle*.

OBERLIN:—

Junior exhibition to-day, Friday, April 22d.

During the late vacation there were many enjoyable social gatherings among the students.

A subscription fund has been started for the purpose of building a hall for the Conservatory of Music.

At the State Oratorical contest, R. S. Lindsay and W. J. Turner, both of Oberlin, stood first and second respectively, in the order of excellence.

VASSAR:—

The Freshmen lately gave a reception to the Seniors.

On April 6th, the Rutgers Glee club sang in Poughkeepsie. In the afternoon of that day they sang in the Chapel, and met the ladies in the parlors.

The young ladies took regular practice in the Gym. during the entire winter. Walks and rides are now substituted, in addition to other out-door exercises.

EXCHANGES.

We head our exchange column this week with the *Queen's College Journal*, Kingston, Canada. We do this because we owe the paper above mentioned a decided reproof for the manner in which it comes addressed to us. How the journal in question safely arrived within our walls is beyond our knowledge.

Perhaps through good fortune, perchance by the reason of the better judgment of the mail clerks. We gazed upon the wrapper which encased this exchange and read thereon, "Era, Cornell College, Ithaca, N. Y." We grew almost impatient. It was only by a strong, an almost superhuman effort that we controlled ourselves. Yet we have recovered, and we are now calm. An appeal has evidently got to be made to the college press in general, and to this exchange in particular. We therefore do most solemnly appeal that the *University* we represent shall be called *The Cornell University* and not the *Cornell College*. We do further most solemnly appeal that the town in which our beloved *University* is situated, shall be written with an *a* in place of the *i* which is so often used; thus, *Ithaca* instead of *Ithica*. We would refer our contemporary to his *Odyssey* for the proper orthography of *Ithaca*. Perhaps we may seem to many of our exchanges altogether too particular concerning the proper name of our *Alma Mater*, and the town in which she is located. If so, we would ask all to bear with us, and give for our excuse a proper pride and interest in our *University*. Certainly it is a matter of honor to us, and a most serious one too, when we are confounded with an institution somewhere in Iowa, whose aspirations, although they may be of the highest, yet have a most plentiful lack of realization. With this we close our plea, and leave it in the hands of our brother editors.

We find an item in the *Queen's College Journal*, under the head "College World," which we clip.

"Mrs. A. T. Stewart, as Executrix of her husband, is about to establish a college in New York at a cost of \$400,000. It will be the largest in America. Co-educational and non-sectarian.

The item attracted our notice because of the sentence, "It will be the largest in America," after the figures \$400,000. The absurdity between the sum of money to be employed and the magnitude of the institution to be established, struck us as being very ludicrous.

The C. C. N. Y. Argus comes to us uncut. We would mildly suggest to the *Argus* that it would take but a few moments to cut its pages, and thereby add greatly to the comfort of the reader. Unless the editors of the *Argus* can make the contents of their paper so interesting that its readers will take the trouble to do what they themselves ought to do, we fear that many times its pages will remain, to many, forever unclosed. However, after we got inside, the matter which there awaited us amply repaid our trouble. There is much wit, some originality, and a delightful lack of the heavier forms of printed matter, all of which we praise and are most grateful for.

The editors of the *Argus* evidently are all live men.

We close our exchange list this week with a brief review of the *Acta Columbiana*. An editorial first meets our eye and excites our comment:

"Columbia has a fair chance of winning the Intercollegiate Cup this year. The class of '84 has brought several good athletes to the college, all of whom seem disposed to work hard to sustain our reputation for excellence in athletics and get the name of Columbia once more on the much-coveted cup."

Yes, you are right. Columbia has a "fair chance" of winning the Intercollegiate Cup this year, inasmuch as Cornell will not be there to win a victory. Go in, Columbia, now is your only chance; you may never have such another. We would advise you strongly to "get there" this time. The remaining editorials have their usual tone, style and scope, and therefore no mention of them is needed. The body of the paper is well filled and attractive. Nothing, however, excites special comment save the following, which we quote, and with which we close:

"L'ADORATA.

Whene'er thro' woodland glade I roam,
And chance, 'mid ferns and flowers,
To find, half hid, a crystal lake -
A gem in Nature's bowers;

A mirror clear that flashes back
A picture warm and true,
Of sunbeams dancing, sparkling bright,
And of the heavens blue.

Then come to me those eyes of thine,
Their blue, unfathomed depth
That sparkling like the forest lake,
A heaven's smile reflect. F. G. W."

SHEAR NONSENSE.

-Flunk, students, without care,
An angular zero for the gay flunkaire,
A zero also for the poor diggaire;
While the Prof. in agony sits in his chair,
And at Monday morning doth mentally swear,
And around the class doth wildly glare,
And sees flunk writ in the vacant stare
That the class throws back at the professoraire,
On Monday.
-Brunonian.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

---THE BEST BOARD AND PLEASANT ROOMS AT 40 S. AURORA STREET.

-Go to Miss Ackley's for the finest stationery. Subscriptions for the ERA are received

-If you want good fitting and fashionable clothes cut or made, call on E. English, Tailor and Cutter Wilgus Block.

-A visit to the dentist is not always agreeable, but on this account should not be delayed. At Melotte's office as little pain is inflicted as is consistent with the performing of perfect operations.

-Finch & Apgar are the agents in Ithaca for the sale of the publications of the American Book Exchange which they furnish at the publisher's prices adding only the postage. Call at their store and see the cheapest books ever before published.

-Students can buy Note Books, Scratch Tablets, Stationery, Pencils, Pens, Ink Stands, Drawing and Detail Paper, Waste Paper Baskets, Book Shelves, Pictures Frames, &c.,

&c., very cheap at Bool's Fine Art and Variety Store, (New Front,) 40 East State Street, Ithaca, N. Y. Look at the Local Sun Dial.

—With pleasure we would draw the attention of all to the newly opened Art Gallery of Mr. Evans, of Corning, N. Y. Mr. Evans occupies the entire upper floor of 74 and 76 E. State Street over Grant's Drug Store. His rooms are elegantly fitted up, the Reception Room being a beauty of decorative art. The apparatus in the operating room has just been purchased, and is of the finest manufacture and very expensive. All the latest appliances for properly arranging the light are used.

We cannot speak too highly of the style, quality and character of work. A visit will convince any one of the fact that nothing but first-class work will be done. Visitors are cordially received, and are invited to make an inspection.

—“ROOMS FOR RENT.” PURE ENJOYMENT. It is said that the Comedy, “Rooms for Rent,” soon to be given here, contains more real entertainment of a legitimate order than any play which has come West the present season. NEW AND GRATIFYING. From the high opinions regarding it, and the character of the Company which gives it, there can be no doubt that the play “Rooms to Rent,” is one of the best and most entertaining comedies now being presented to the public.

“Every one asks, this morning, ‘Did you see ‘Rooms for Rent,’ last night?’ ‘Did you secure a room;’ and ‘Do you think you can get into the drug store by seven o'clock in the morning?’ ‘What does this mean?’ It means, simply, that ‘Rooms for Rent’ is the unique name of the brightest and best comedy we have seen for many a day; that it is interesting, amusing, healthy, and with just enough melodrama in it to flavor, and has the best company to produce it that we have seen on the road this season. Go to night, if you can get in; and if the ‘rooms are not all rented,’ we promise you, you will laugh and snicker till you will feel so charitably disposed towards all mankind, that you can ever find it in your heart to forgive the crusty old landlord who fills your trunk with dynamite, and charges extra for ‘gas burned’ after 9 p. m.”—*Milwaukee Sentinel*.

This charming comedy will be presented in Wilgus Opera House, Wednesday evening, April 25th. Reserved seats may be obtained at Finch & Appgar's.

—HELEN POTTER'S PLEIADES.—UNDER THE AUSPICES AND FOR THE RELIEF FUND OF SIDNEY POST G. A. R. On Saturday evening, April 30th, in Wilgus Opera House, Miss Potter and her unrivaled company of musicians, will give one of their excellent and unique entertainments. Following are a few of the many good things the *Philadelphia Inquirer* says of an entertainment they gave April 1st.

“One of the most brilliant entertainments of the current series of the Star Course was given at the Academy of Music last evening by Miss Helen Potter, assisted by the Eichberg Quartette of young lady violinists. The programme opened with a concertino for four violins, by Eichberg, introducing allegro, maestoso, andante and rondo movements successively. . . . The Eichberg Quartette is composed of Misses Chandler, Shattuck, Louder and Grebe, four young ladies of girlish appearance but who handle their violins with a grace of position, easy bowing and skillful fingering that would be envied by many an old student. They were heard several times during the evening and each time with unchanged satisfaction, evidenced by the generous share of applause these talented young ladies were awarded.

The distinguishing and most attractive feature of the entertainment, however, was Miss Potter's impersonation of Sara Bernhardt. By her impersonations of John B. Gough (which were received again last evening with vigorous manifestations of approval), Anna Dickinson, Charlotte Cushman and others, Miss Potter had made good her claim as a mimic of that order which requires the highest degree of art; but Miss Bernhardt is tall, almost phenomenally slender and willowy, and possessed of a face, which is extremely unlike the round, full face of Miss Potter, and it might reasonably be supposed that these physical differences would prove altogether insurmountable.”

Let everyone who wishes to pass a pleasant evening, attend this entertainment. Admission, 50 cents; Reserved seats, 75 cents, to be had at Finch & Appgar's, and of the members of the Post.

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Many ought never to be lecturers, or even instructors, for they have not the ordinary natural qualifications for the work. It is not enough that each department be under the charge of a competent professor who is an experienced and able instructor and a scholar of eminent attainments. His assistants should be men who really have some claim to be considered specialists, and who can second the Dean's able efforts in giving first-class instruction. But what a mockery it is to find that this institution which professes to give the best instruction in all its departments, employs men who cannot, in some instances, demonstrate a single problem before a class without referring to the text-book, who cannot deliver a lecture without making, on an average, considerably more than one grammatical mistake a minute. These facts are notorious among students, and ought to be known to the proper authorities. If they are not, those authorities ought to have some means of finding them out for themselves. And they ought never to make the boast of giving superior instruction, unless they employ men in every grade who come well recommended as being gentlemen of liberal culture, scholars, and specialists of note. It has been surmised that there is soon to be a general overhauling, and in some cases, a reorganization of the departments of instruction here. If that surmise be correct, we think that these few remarks will assist the authorities in directing their attention to some things that ought to be reformed.

AND just as soon as the state of the University finances will allow, the subject of music ought to be taken in hand. We have very little disposition at present to dilate upon the necessity and advantages of having a Faculty of Music here. But we think that whatever is attempted in the way of music, ought to be done well and thoroughly. It has (to make a trite complaint,) been a matter of great mortification to the lovers of music among us,—and they are not few—that the Chapel hymns are wretchedly rendered, and the voluntaries and preludes are positively of an inferior order of amateur merit. We said above that this is trite. But, perhaps it has not been before observed, that unless some competent professional musician is employed to give his whole time and attention to the subject, the Chapel music, and, in fact, all music here will

be poor. A numerous volunteer choir could be formed if there was anybody to train it. But no students are coming forward to form of themselves a choir, if they have to fall back upon town professional talent, at a number of dollars a lesson to train them for the well-rendering of gratuitous services. It is under circumstances of the greatest difficulty that the Glee Club can obtain thorough drill, and they expect their concerts to pay the expense of it. And too, no good singer wants to sing a hymn when the accompaniment is poorly rendered; and no body of singers can do good work unless the organist is at once their leader and accompanist. It seems to us there are latent musical possibilities in the Chapel organ and among the students, that are completely neglected, all for the want of a yearly expenditure by the University of a few hundred dollars.

WE presume all undergraduates are aware of the fact that there is such a thing as the Association of the Junior Class in their midst. Various items have appeared from time to time in the columns of this paper chronicling the unsuccessful efforts of this organization to hold meetings for the transaction of class business. It is patent to all that the want of success in most of their efforts has been due to the want of quorums. There seems to be such a total lack of interest in class affairs that the most urgent appeals on the part of the officers, fail to collect generally more than a dozen when a meeting is called. Now we appeal to the Juniors who have made themselves conspicuous by ignoring these calls; whether this is a state of affairs that ought to continue much longer. Here is a class that is capable of making a good record in the University, and in sports, if it would only get itself together once a term and do its business. But now, by the reason of the lack of interest in the class organization, many of its affairs remain *in statu quo* they were last fall. This betrays something strongly akin to selfishness on the part of some, and results in making the class appear ridiculous to the other classes. We think it is the duty of the members of every class to take part in their class organization; to be willing to sacrifice just the smallest portion of their personal comfort in order to gain the good of the body. What would be thought of a member of a community who refused invariably to take part in the politi-

cal affairs of that community, in which he, as well as his neighbors and countrymen, is concerned? A class organization, as it exists in this University, is, to a certain extent, a political world in miniature. An individual who takes an active part in the doings of his class, will be indulging tendencies which ought to exist in every citizen of this Republic; and will learn the elementary lessons of a democratic system of government. All this will apply to the ladies of the class as well as the gentlemen; for the reasons that prevent ladies from attending class meetings, and voting at class elections, are indefensible and somewhat discreditable, and lead to misunderstandings between them and the gentlemen that would otherwise be avoided. We hope, for the good of '82, that we shall not hear "no quorum," "no meeting," repeated by its members again.

THE *Elmira Advertiser* is very kind. It advises us not to boast any more of the trip to Elmira; and as a reason tells some first-class editorial lies about some occurrences after the memorable concert. There is a harrowing tale of a restaurant keeper, who came nearly losing an opportunity of collecting three dollars and half from a student who had accidentally broken a pitcher worth about a dollar. And our esteemed contemporary says that the services of two policemen were necessary to enforce payment. The fact is, payment was never refused, even though the demand was perfectly exorbitant; that the policemen happened to come in at the time to get their usual eye-openers and weeds, and were not called upon to lend assistance. And, too, we can assure the *Advertiser*, that as to the other case, the facts are exactly as we stated them last week. Several of the party who went to the concert have been interviewed, and have said in answer to our inquiries: "those statements of the *Advertiser* are misrepresentations, lies; we did nothing in Elmira that we would have been ashamed to do were our Vice-President of the party." We can extend our editorial sympathy to the scribbler of the *Advertiser* who manufactured the "side-wiper" out of whole cloth. We can feel for him, for we, too, have felt the agonizing sensations that result from three devils' calling for more copy, when the material for copy is not near at hand. The *Advertiser* is a large and pretentious sheet; it requires many thousand ems of printed matter to fill an issue. But we advise it,

before it advertises itself again as a retailer of fiction as fact, the unreal for the real, to diminish the size of its form. Then, perhaps, our friend with the exaggerated auricular appendages who evolved the stupendously mendacious account in last Monday's issue, will be able to fill his space with real news. And, in either case, we wish him joy.

N. B.—This was written expressly for circulation in Elmira. The Glee Club want a big advertisement. Therefore, we hope the *Advertiser* can quote the article entire.

NOW that the excitement attendant upon term examinations has passed away, we wish to call the attention of the proper authorities to what has long been looked upon by the students as a growing evil; and was especially apparent at the close of the Winter term. In the departments of Mathematics, Physics and Latin, the Freshmen and Sophomores are worked too hard. Lesson after lesson is given out by the Professors in charge to the lower classmen in these departments, as though there were no other lessons to be got in the University. Algebra was for the Freshmen a particularly hard study; and there are many who, after a term's faithful work thereon and careful reviewing extending over a space of several days, failed to pass the examination. With their other studies, in many instances Latin and Greek, to be attended to, they actually had not enough time to prepare them for the difficult paper in mathematics that awaited their attention at the end of the term. In the Latin department lessons are given out that are entirely out of all proportion to the amount of time the students have to devote to them. As regards these two departments the complaints are not so numerous nor of so ancient a character as of the department of Physics. It is in this latter that the examinations are out of all proportion to the instruction given, and have been so for years. The classes are large, because Physics is required in several of the general and technical courses. The instruction is given by lectures and recitations. Although in the latter the students are required to solve problems, we are advised that no demonstrations of problems and very few formulæ are explained. In fact, an enormous amount of work is mapped out for the student, in addition to the lectures, which he must accomplish or fail at the term examinations. These being the circumstances, it

has long been a matter of wonder to us that the large proportion of those conditioned and dropped at the end of every term is not much larger. This severity, too, compels the student to neglect to give a reasonable amount of attention to the studies of those departments where the examinations are more reasonable in proportion to the amount of instruction given; and this is a serious matter. In short, if professors want students to pass extremely hard examinations, they must give them instruction that will warrant their imposing difficult papers. And, if they cannot do that, then they should have some feeling for the students, and make their examinations shorter and easier; so that at least three quarters of their hard-working and faithful pupils can pass them. We refrained purposely from mentioning this matter three weeks ago, when the complaints were very general, thinking that if it were brought forward at the proper time, it would be more likely to result for the good of all concerned.

ENGLISH UNIVERSITY TRAINING.

We print below an article recently published in the London *Pall Mall Gazette*, and of interest to our crew and boating men.

"A University eight trains for five weeks. A waterman would take three months for a match, but then the university men have mostly been in good exercise for some weeks before actual training commences. They rise at seven, or earlier, take a gentle half hour's walk, running, perhaps, a couple of 'sprint' bursts. They then come home for bath and dressing. They breakfast about 8 A. M. on decently-cooked chops and steaks, sometimes a little fish, and not more than one egg, if any. Two cups of tea are the outside allowance to drink. Stale bread is used, or dry toast; and they wind up with water-cress. For lunch a small quantity of cold meat, stale bread, and half a pint of old ale. For dinner, roast beef and mutton (not boiled), and perhaps fish or poultry on alternate days, as an extra course: now and then jelly or a plain pudding is added. A pint of ale is allowed, with a glass of port with an orange and dry biscuits for dessert. Half past ten is the latest for bedtime. At the university, the rowing is done only in the afternoon, but when the crew migrate to other training-quarters they take morning rows as well. In the early part of training, a good deal of steady running is done after the day's row, to get off superfluous flesh; later on, extra muscle begins to supply its place, and a well-trained crew will train up distinctly in weight towards the last. The third week is the critical period, when men

are prone to be weak, before new muscle has replaced the flesh which hard exercise has reduced."

RAYS OF ANCIENT ROME.

IV.

VOCES NOCTIS.

"Nox erat et caelo fulgebat luna sereno
Inter minora sidera"

—*Horace. Epode XV.*

O Alma Veneranda Nox!
Mihī es semper Cara;
Hoc scribo in horis tuis
Dum fulget luna clara.

Veni alata nobis Nox,
Divinaque Dearum!
Dum regis, voluptatis vox,
Et fax feminarum

Sunt semper gratæ in terris,
Et nunquam raræ aves;
O Nympha Noctis! semper sis
Ut claro mare naves.

Haec est Hora Hesperia—
Natalis hora noctis;
Ex Erebo venit atra.
Visenda via lactis.

Somnus simulacrum mortis
Dat finem laboribus;
Tunc animi vivida vis
Est vero in nubibus.

Sit mors ut tu O Alma Nox
Somnus levis in terrâ;
Aut veni veneranda vox
At monstra omnia vera.

Sit mors vera vita nova,
Sint somnia omnia cara,
Et clara, et nunquam falsa.
Haec Nympha Noctis para.

RYMAN.

BOATING.

Major Burbank has just returned from Troy and New Haven, to which places he went on business connected with the Navy. He states that our new shell is a beauty; and that Mr. Waters expects to have the shell weigh but 97½ pounds. A set of the Davis oars has been ordered and will be tested. This oar is of an entirely new shape and constructed on mathematical principles. They are the only ones used at Harvard and Yale, as we are informed.

Mr. Davis, the famous light weight sculler, will be here next week to superintend the rigging of shells and to make suggestions as regards the crew and their future work.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

SENIOR DIFFICULTIES.

To the Editors of the Cornell Era :

Is the class of '81, which has done so much to keep alive college institutions, going to graduate without the time honored and established customs of Commencement week? That the division in the Senior class is not likely to be bridged over, is probably a settled fact; yet there still remains something that the class can and ought by all means to do. While the two factions have refused the plan their committees drew up for reconciliation, and on that account have little prospect of a fusion, if they will but unite on *some* scheme in which all parties shall heartily join, then there can be at the close of the year a meeting of the class of '81 which will be a source of bright recollections in the future. College days will soon be a thing of the past, and no class can afford to go away without some farewell occasion in which all shall cordially meet for the last time.

There seems to be no ill-feeling among the members of the class—no personal ill-feeling. It therefore is only a question whether the class will not for some specified occasion agree to something which shall promote the measures herein earnestly advocated.

I would suggest,—tentatively, at least, that the matter may be discussed,—that the class celebrate their *Class Day* together. It can easily be arranged. At the next regular, or a special meeting, the two factions can appoint committees to confer with each other and make *definite* arrangements. There being two presidents affords no real obstacle. Let these be appointed suitable parts for the day, by the aforesaid committees, or let them mutually agree between themselves as to how they shall conduct the day. Possibly the day might be divided between them. At any rate farewell addresses from the two presidents will be a doubly good thing. As to the rest of the officers, I think that these committees *can* arrange the matter satisfactorily to both sides, and a fair proportion from each side, based upon positive and well known merit, can be selected. In this

there will have to be self-denial, but every loyal '81 man will do his part to settle the affair, even if it does cost something, that the class may do itself honor. It can *all* be done if both sides will enter into the matter fraternally and earnestly. How appropriate will it be in case this suggestion is adopted to see the whole class unite in planting the ivy! And how particularly appropriate it will be to see every member of '81 smoke the pipe together, meet in harmony and happiness, for the last time! What a farce it will be to see the two factions of the Senior class do these things in separate bodies on separate occasions! This from the good class of '81 which has drunk of the same fountain in union for so long a time! Let this or some other suggestion of the same nature be at once adopted, that the remembrances of the college days spent together be not marred by disruption at the close, that Cornell may not in '81 send forth the first class who go not forth with fraternal union.

SENIOR.

SPORTING.

Yesterday afternoon the Kappa Alphas and Alpha Delta Phi played the first game of base ball of the season. The game opened very auspiciously for the Alpha Deltas, but it was not to last long. In the second innings the K. A's scored five runs, and from this time on they had everything their own way. At times, during the game, some brilliant playing was indulged in, two cases being especially noticeable, a liner caught by H. Cushing, and assisting to third base, thus making a double play; the second was a pick-up of a hot grounder by Cole, with his left hand, and throwing the man out at first base. The K. A's played a very strong fielding game throughout, whereas the Alpha Deltas at times became somewhat "rattled." They need much practice before they play K. A. again. Appended is a summary of the score :

Kappa Alpha—Runs, 24; base hits, 12.

Alpha Delta Phi—Runs, 4; base hits, 5.

ROOMS TO RENT.

It may be, owing to the abundance of rooms, of all sizes, locations and prices, which are "for rent" in Ithaca, that quite a number of seats were "to rent" in Wilgus Opera House last Wednesday night. Not anxious to report a "Real Estate" or "Go Rent" market, I must say that the Standard Company richly deserved the appreciation they received. Not one of the parts was played by a poor actor. Huckleman, Mrs. Cutter, the artist, Col. Bombast, the landlord and the detective, kept the house a roaring. Most of the play consists of lively comedy with amusing and ridiculous situations. A counterplot as to the identity of Helen, the criminal's daughter, lends an unusual interest to the play. The final

ruse on the part of Hucclenān is the means of happily ending all the surprises and discomforts of Mr. Cleveland's boarding house. If this company ever come to Ithaca again, a full house will undoubtedly greet them.

CORNELLIANA.

—Pay your ERA subscriptions.

—The *Cornelian* will be out about—well, say Sept. 16th.

—Psi Upsilon vs. Delta Kappa Epsilon next week on the campus.

—The Cornell crew have been at practice nearly a month.—*The Oar*.

—The Kappa Alphas have the finest nine of any of the college fraternities.

—Pay your navy subscriptions. '81 and '84, brace up, and do not always be the laggards.

—The Wells Musical Recital is one of the attractions which draw our society young men to-day.

—Prof. John Fiske was the guest of the Psi Upsilon on Tuesday and Thursday evening of this week.

—The ERA canvass during the past week appears to have been a remarkably quiet one, yet we understand that a good deal of effective work has been done.

—The "Josh Whitcomb" company display the Duke of Brunswick's diamonds, for which \$16,500 was recently paid in St. Louis, in the ball room scene.

—The Sophomores succeeded in electing to-day four editors for Volume XIV of the ERA; Messrs. A. F. Matthews, E. L. Prentiss, F. W. Runyon and G. H. Thayer.

—That was a Freshman who put "P. B." at the end of his letter, meaning "N. B.," and he couldn't understand why the person he wrote to should get mad about it.

—The Juniors to-day elected three editors for volume XIV of the ERA; Messrs. J. D. Adams, A. T. Cowell and Frank Leary. There were five candidates in the field.

—The spellin of a phew of our bullytin bored notisses, dooring the passed weak has bin sumthin atrocious. Sutch mistakes as "Langwage" and "Tellars" are inexcusable.

—All '82 men who play base ball, and who care to have the class well represented on its nine, should be on the campus to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 to engage in a practice game.

—A game of base ball will be played with Hobart in a couple of weeks, as a challenge has been received from them. Whether the game will be played here or at Hobart has not been decided.

—So far, we have received the signatures of H. B. Knight, Russel Headley, from Newburgh; G. Martin Luther, from Albany; J. C. McMullen, from Bradford, and L. G. Dewsnap, as signers to the General Protest.

—Thursday afternoon the campus presented a very pretty and animated appearance. There were three games of ball going on, besides a lively hound race in which many of the sporting men appeared to take a lively interest.

—*Student in Astronomy*—"Professor what is there about the conjunction of planets, which takes place this noon? You know the world is coming to an end about twelve o'clock." *Prof.*—"Oh! that's good; then there won't be any Faculty meeting this afternoon.

—The next regular meeting of the Cornell Philosophical Society, will be held in the Botanical Lecture Room, Saturday evening, April 30, commencing at 7.30. The paper of the evening will be given by Prof. A. A. Breneman, on "The nature and structure of matter in its present aspect."

—At a meeting of the Glee Club it was decided to make and entertain proposals for concerts soon in Rochester, Syracuse, Bath and Buffalo. A proposition from Waverly to assist there in a concert was considered and the manager instructed to send terms. Propositions were sent to the manager of the Elmira Opera House, and another trip was considered.

—'82 has challenged '83 to play a series of games for the championship of the University. Why not extend the games to '81 and '84, if they wish to play? Under these circumstances the nine winning could claim the championship, but as neither '82 nor '83 has beaten '81, they cannot rightfully claim the honor of being champions of the University.

—At the request of the gentlemen of the Senior Class, Prof. Wilder will address them on Saturday, April 30, at 11 a. m., in the Anatomical Lecture Room. A cordial invitation is extended to all officers of the University, and to the physicians and clergymen of Ithaca. Students other than Seniors, who may desire to attend, must satisfy Prof. Wilder that this is likely to be their last year at the University.

—Professor Goldwin Smith will begin Monday, May 16th, a course of four or five lectures on "The English Revolution." The lectures will be delivered daily at eleven o'clock in room T. Professor Russel's lectures on Medieval History will be suspended as will also Professor Wilson's on American Law in order to give the Seniors and Juniors an opportunity of hearing Professor Smith.

—As the managers of Den Thompson as "Josh Whitcomb," and his excellent company do not advertise extensively, we would announce a genuine treat on May 6th. On that date appears one of the most popular and entertaining artists that now travels.

"Josh Whitcomb," the honest and witty New England farmer, appeals to the humor and heart of everyone of the overflowing houses which he has repeatedly amused for years.

—The election of officers for the Hill Banquet resulted in the following list: For President, W. C. Kerr; Secretary, G. Waldo; Treasurer, F. C. Curtis; Orator, E. W. Hufcutt; Poet, J. A. Holmes; Toast Master, G. L. Burr; Prophet, M. E. Cheney; Historian, W. P. Herrick; Steward, F. L. Kilborne. The Banquet will probably be held on Friday evening of examination week. Mr. Curtis was appointed a committee to buy another hill god, for the deity which has been heretofore the palladium of the hill has broken its nose in a most ignominious fall and is so disabled as not to be presentable to visitors.

—The Junior Class held a meeting yesterday at 12 o'clock, in Room T, for the purpose of selecting a day for the ERA election. Mr. R. C. Horr moved that Friday, the 29th, be the day and that the election occur between the hours 11 and 1.15 in Room F. This motion was amended by Mr. Rackemann to the effect that a separate box be provided for the *Sun* election. As this was not seconded, the original motion was put and carried. The President appointed as "Inspectors of Election"—as the Junior constitution terms the tellers—Messrs. Gill, Lyon and the Class Treasurer, Waldo. The meeting then adjourned.

—Dr. McCosh, President of Princeton College, exercises such parental care of his students that he refused to let a glee club go to Trenton to sing, for fear of the saloons and other temptations. The good Doctor is very old-fashioned. The modern universities of this country, like those of Germany, exercise little control over the students beyond requiring them to pass examinations or leave. The idea is that the students are men responsible for their own conduct, instead of boys, for whom the President is responsible. But the idea often does the student much more than justice.—*Buffalo Express*.

—Professor Boyesen will begin on Monday, May 2d, a course of twenty lectures on German Literature. They will be delivered at the University at 12 o'clock. That the members of the Junior class may have a chance to hear him, the sections in Orations have been changed to 8 o'clock. Although this will involve on the Junior a little earlier rising yet he can stand that for a few more times this term. Professor Shackford will also allow the members of his 12 o'clock Shakespeare to change to 8 o'clock. The probabilities are, therefore, that the attendance at Professor Boyesen's lectures will be very large.

—There was a fair-sized audience last night at Sage to hear Prof. Fiske's lecture on "The Common Origin of Language." The lecture was one of the most enjoyable which he has given here. He

took the view that language comes from several primary dialects, that in time one superior dialect or rudimentary language overcame the others and from this most of the languages of the present are derived. Only on this theory can a great many dark points in philology be explained. The lecturer spoke in an easy style without manuscript, and held the attention of all. The Social Science Club are to be congratulated for their success in obtaining a lecture from Prof. Fiske.



S. G. DEWSNAP, '78, is now at Gloversville, N. Y. HISCOCK, '82, will probably go abroad with the crew.

MISS GAGE, '84, has been spending a few days at home.

SHINKEL, '81, spent a few days in Dryden on a visit last week.

W. C. BROWN, '81, will spend a part of the summer vacation with Horton, '84, at the home of the latter.

THEODORE STANTON, '76, is engaged to a French countess, and it is said will be here with his fair bride at commencement.

"DOC." LUTHER, '70, is a member of the firm of G. W. Luther and Sons, Coal Dealers, doing a big business in Albany, N. Y.

ED. VAUGHN, '81, returned this week. He was unavoidably detained in New York city. He went there for treatment of his eyes.

THE famous Beahan, '78, is now 65 miles south of El Paso, Texas, and expects to make successful progress with his pet Southern Pacific R. R.

DUDLEY R. HORTON, ex-business manager of the *Review*, Counselor at Law and Proctor of Admiralty, is now located at 120 Broadway, New York City.

ROMAINE COLE, formerly '82, has entered '83, and is making chemistry and assaying a specialty. He expects to go to Johns Hopkins University next year.

"BOSS" KEITH, '78, has resigned his position as Instructor in Chemistry. He intends going to Gunnison City after Commencement, to engage in mining.

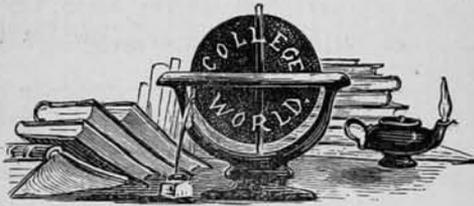
W. GENTLEMAN, '77, ex-editor of the ERA has

just been elected Corporation Counsel of Ottawa, Ill. That a Democrat should be elected in Illinois speaks well for the individual ability of Mr. Gentleman.

J. F. THOMPSON, '77, took up the pen in defense of the recent attack on our Glee Club by the *Elmira Advertiser*. It seems that the citizens of Elmira are now left to take the word of a gentleman or of a "burly policeman." At least, so the *Advertiser* puts it.

"PHIL" BARNARD, '78, recently passed his examination for admittance to the bar of Illinois with high honors at Chicago. Out of seventeen applicants, Phil was the only one publicly complimented by the committee. He was also given to understand that he ranked No. 1 in the class.

J. C. McMULLEN, '76, journalist in Bradford, Pa., writes us: "The Bradford crowd of Cornellians are ready to do anything in their power to have Professor Russel kept in his old place. We know and appreciate the rugged work which he has done for Cornell at all times."



DARTMOUTH:—

Much interest is manifested in the coming meeting of the Athletic Association.

The rumor that Dartmouth College is to be opened to women is without foundation and is probably premature.

The late Stephen N. Stockwell, of the Boston *Journal*, gave, by his will, \$1,000 to found a scholarship at Dartmouth.—*Dartmouth*.

The chair of the Lawrence Professorship of the Greek Language and Literature, left vacant by the death of Professor Proctor, is now filled temporarily by Professor John H. Hewett, Yale '59. An election will be held in June.

HARVARD:—

The Glee Club concert is to take place Wednesday evening, May 4th. Tickets are selling rapidly.

Mr. Charles P. Parker will give a lecture May 5th, on "Student Life at Oxford" before the Harvard Union.

Music for the male chorus and orchestra of the Oedipus Tyrannus of Sophocles, by John K. Paine, is on sale. It is considered one of the greatest works of American musical art.

Dr. Phillips Brooks has declined to accept the call of the President and Fellows to the Plummer Professorship of Christian Morals. Great regret is expressed by the entire University because of this.

The *Crimson* discusses at some length the reason why Harvard does not favor having the Yale-Harvard boat contest at New London. It alludes particularly to the inferior accommodations her men had there last year.

The students lose in Dr. Peabody, * * * not only a kind friend, but a positive benefactor. Many needy young men, without regard to rank, used to receive from him annually sums ranging from fifty to one hundred dollars. It was understood that he received funds from wealthy friends for such aid to needy scholars. It now turns out, however, that by far the largest amount of these funds was given to Professor Peabody—by Professor Peabody himself; in other words, that with the departure of our pastor from the college, it loses one of its most effectual benefactors.—*Crimson*.

LAFAYETTE:—

The regular Spring Meeting of the Athletic Association will be held Saturday, April 30th.

A number of valuable instruments have lately been purchased for the Department of Physics. Most of them were made in Europe.

The President, on the occasion of his meeting the Senior class for the last time, gave them a talk on their prospective duties as alumni, in which he detailed the financial history of the college.

MADISON:—

There is a temperance agitation among the students.

It is proposed to try to start a weekly prayer meeting composed of the whole body of students, looking to the formation of a Young Men's Christian Association next year.

SYRACUSE:—

The hazing affair was illustrated in the *Police Gazette*.

The entire valuation of the University property is about \$600,000.

The action of the Faculty in putting the hazing affair in the hands of the police courts and then not accepting the verdict of acquittal as conclusive of the alleged perpetrators' innocence, is generally condemned.

In consequence of the excitement regarding the late hazing affair, which was displayed at the trial of the alleged perpetrators, many of the professors did not hold examinations at the end of the term, but passed their pupils on term's work.

The newly elected Chancellor, Rev. Dr. Sims, arrived about two weeks since, and has made hosts of friends already by his pleasant manners. Since his

election to the Chancellorship he has been constantly at work for the University, and reports that he is greatly encouraged by the financial outlook.

UNION :—

Some kleptomaniacs relieve the reading-room of books and magazines, and are consequently threatened with exposure.

During the last year the college has received gifts amounting to \$153,544, which has been applied to various objects, prizes, scholarships, etc.

YALE :—

The Spring athletic games will occur May 4th.

The *Courant* thinks that 'Yale's boating prospect was never so good as now.'

The annual election of officers of the University Boat Club will occur May 4th.

Yale is disgusted with the attitude of Harvard towards the New London race.

Phillips Exeter and Phillips Andover academies will each send thirteen men to enter '85.

The base ball team will play the Providence nine at New Haven to-morrow, Saturday, April 30th.

Base ball interest is lively, as the record of the following games will show. On April 9th, in New York, Yale, 7, New York, 5; Metropolitan, 14, Yale, 7; in Worcester, Worcesters, 19, Yale, 14; second day, Worcesters, 7, Yale, 3.

EXCHANGES.

We welcome, most cordially, *The Critic* among our exchanges. The paper is thoroughly what its title bespeaks for it, and a most valuable addition in that line of journalistic work which is too greatly neglected. The lengthy and carefully written reviews of recent books are valuable beyond expression to those who are book buyers, and they add a feature to the paper which one finds in no other, with but one exception, *The Nation*. The "Literary Notes" are full of excellent information to all who care to keep well posted in regard to recent movements in literary circles, and they are brim-full of newly announced publications of every form and class. An article entitled "Bricks versus Brain," is too long to quote entirely, and too good to print in sections, so we are compelled to omit it altogether. It is a great pity, since every student might read it with profit. We will carefully lay it aside, and perhaps at some future day we may find space for it. The last three pages of the paper are devoted to "The Fine Arts," "The Drama" and "Music," each of which is conducted in a manner beyond criticism. *The Critic*, upon the whole, is a periodical which, although a new venture, ought to obtain a place upon the table of every person interested in the literary products and criticisms of the day. It numbers among its

contributors some of the best *literati* of our country, and gives in a cheap form criticisms and productions not to be had elsewhere. May success attend its advent and its present excellent standing never depreciate.

The *Ariel*, University of Minnesota, preaches a very pretty sermon and draws a most excellent moral from the "dead-lock" among the members of the Senior class of the Cornell University:

"The Senior class of Cornell University has been divided by an internal strife, which has caused a breach to be made which refuses to be closed. This reminds us that perhaps a few remarks on this subject may not be untimely with us. These unpleasantnesses are usually caused by the determination of a few not to yield to the majority; or by the hostility between secret societies, a large part of whose members are distinguished for their magnificent exclusiveness, or an exalted personal ambition, joined to a puny capacity which needs the support of colleagues to sustain it; and the more democratic outsiders, who often have among them certain invidious and belligerent characters, who are never ready for a reconciliation so long as they are in the ascendancy. But whatever may be the cause, it is conceded by all that such a state of things is deplorable—as working against the best interests of the class, and to the injustice of its members.

College honors are worthless, except as they are the results of acknowledged ability. In the world honors and emoluments are won through intrigue and party feeling; but in college we *profess* to be removed from the petty considerations which affect the *oi polloi*, or a U. S. Senate, and to be governed by reason and judgment.

But as human nature is pretty much the same wherever you may find it, the only way out of such difficulties is for the sensible members of both parties to waive personal feeling and petty strife of clique, and, uniting, keep before themselves only the honor of the University, the class or literary society.

"There can be no satisfaction in wearing honors which belong rightly to another; and the young man who has earned an honorable recognition, but has failed for personal reasons to receive it, must carry with him from college a bitter sense of injustice."

Perhaps the writer of the above never suffered the pangs of disprized ambition. Perhaps he never experienced the many dynamical force which clashing and combining form a resultant which even his philosophy could not cope with. Perchance he had better wait until he has felt the strife of the battle, ere he rush in where many, as well balanced as our Corinthian, have fallen.

For many weeks we have passed by our old friend, *The Notre Dame Scholastic*. Therefore, upon this occasion, we take the opportunity to renew our acquaintance with that worthy publication. We open. We read. It all comes back to our remembrance. The same style of articles, the same heavy type, the same tone meets us everywhere. Verily, old friend, you have not changed one particle, neither for better or worse. To be sure you have added a *Supplement* this issue, but even that chronicles nothing new, and merely commemorates the old. And there is that everlasting, detestable "Roll of Honor," over which we had such a discussion. All, all the same. O! reform it altogether. Lighten the literary portion of your paper, put some life in your editorials, and

college items, and for Heaven's sake, remove that "Roll of Honor"!

The *Harvard Lampoon* is as racy and attractive as ever. Many are the excellent hits upon University and worldly life, and its attractions seem to increase with each issue.

"SNUBBING.

There's a mocking smile in your dancing eye,
With an easy victory all aglow,
You know that politeness forbids reply, —
Like a coward, you've struck a defenceless foe;
He's a mild young fellow, you wonder why
His lips are so set as he starts to go.

My Lady Kate, do you ever suppose,
As your bitter words you heedless fling,
Men love to seek for a thorny rose,
From the zest of danger the briars bring?
Your wounds, too many a fellow knows
Are the poisonous nettle's rankling sting.

You smile serenely, my bitter sweet,
Lightly you value both reason and rhyme;
But though sharp pickles sometimes we eat,
One can't use pepper-sauce all the time,
And a biting wind with a cutting sleet
Soon drives the birds to a milder clime.

FEZ "

We sincerely hope that our contemporary shall never want for patronage. There is nothing low or vulgar about the wit contained within its pages, and it ever sits in the "golden mean" of all that which it undertakes. Good fortune to the *Lampoon*!

Following is a poem from our new exchange C. N. Y. *Argus*, which is well worth the quoting:

"NON COGNOSCO."

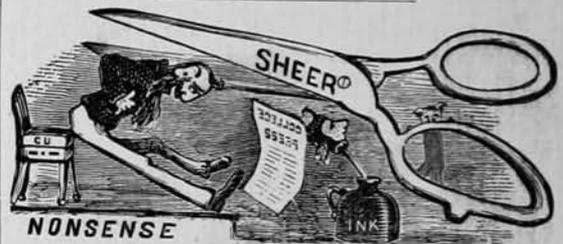
" 'Twas in the Latin tutor's room,
A freezing winter's day,
I sat upon the wooden bench,
And dreamed my cares away.
When all at once, with fearful din,
Through the room there thunders
A voice that called my name aloud,
And disturbed my peaceful slumbers.
'What mean these words?' the tutor cried:
'I do not know,' I faltered.
'Quite right, quite right,' he then replied,
In a tone that was quite altered.
'You've gained your max;
Your mark to day will be the number 10,'
And looking down, with pleasant smile,
Recorded with his pen.
I heard the words with great surprise,
For a zero I expected;
When a student whispered from behind,
'The passage 'Non Cognosco,' he selected.' "

BOOK NOTICES.

HISTORY OF THE FREE-TRADE MOVEMENT IN ENGLAND, by Augustus Mongredien, cloth, 16mo., pp. 188, (Library of Popular Information), New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price, \$ 50.

The author of this work is one of the advocates

of free trade, who have from time to time found a hearing in America, among a small but intelligent class of readers. It may be said that their views are always regarded with a certain amount of distrust in this country, because the policy of protection has conferred upon American commerce advantages which few, if any, can gainsay. This book has the air of a pamphlet written for the purposes of making converts to the system its author advocates; yet it is by far one of the best we have seen on the subject. The author says that the arguments for protection are founded upon misrepresentations and concludes that the best way to rebut them is to set forth the "exact truth as embodied in historical and statistical facts of undeniable authority." And he thinks that the causes which led England alone to abandon protection, and to form an exception among nations, in that she adopted a policy of free-trade, should afford an interesting subject for inquiry. We shall leave the argument and content ourselves with admiring the masterly statement of facts to be found in the pages of this book; and heartily commend it as one worthy the careful perusal of all students of American commercial affairs.



—How doth the little lazy Fresh-
Man work each night and day;
Now cramming up his little books
Against the fifth of May! — *Varsity*.

— "Hark! I hear an angel sing," sang a young man, in an outside township school exhibition. "No, tain't," shouted an old farmer in one of the back seats, "It's only my old mule that's hitched outside!" The young man broke down and quit. — *Tripod*.

— "I want to be an editor
An' in my sanctum stand,
The door a standin' open
An' a big club in my hand;
Then let the cuss who didn't like
Some article I'd writ,
Come softly o'er the threshold,
I'd reckon he'd get hit;
I'd hand him one right on the gourd
Among his brains and things,
And send him flumixin' up thar
To sport a pair of wings.

—C. C. N. Y. Free Press.

—There was a young lady who said,
 "I wish I could walk on my head,
 'Twould save my new shoes,
 And serve to amuse,
 And be neat and attractive," she said.

—Lampoon.

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DON'T FORGET THAT ON SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 30th, HELEN POTTER'S PLEIADES will give an entertainment in Wilgus Opera House, for the **RELIEF FUND OF SYDNEY POST, G. A. R.**, in every respect a worthy object. From the many testimonials at hand as to the character of the entertainments we select the following :

•• **MISS HELEN POTTER** made her first appearance in New York this season last evening. Hardly a seat was vacant. She has a clear bell-like voice. Her first selection was the history of the goblin experience of Gabriel Grub, the gloomy sexton. In the goblin chorus Miss Potter displayed to its full the melody and power of her voice. The reader's ability as a mimic was next shown in her rendering of Thomas Beecher's account of his black "Brudder Anderson." The spectators distinctly recognized the stride of Anna Dickinson in "Anne Boleyn," the spectacles of Susan B. Anthony, the wail of Charlotte Cushman as "Meg Merrilies" and the arguments of John B. Gough, with every peculiarity of utterance, intonation and enunciation brought out clear and distinct Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were present at Helen Potter's entertainment in Masonic Temple last evening. Among those personated by Miss Potter were the ladies above mentioned. She is a strong lyceum attraction. Besides the various things Miss Potter did, the rest of her company—the Pleiades—filled out a long programme of vocal and instrumental music artistically. They give a capital entertainment, and are in every way well worth seeing."—*N. Y. Sun.*

HAPPY CAL WAGNER and his well-organized company will give one of their side-splitting entertainments in Wilgus Opera House, Tuesday evening, May 3d. We have no hesitation in commending "Happy Cal" and his followers as one of the very best minstrel troupes traveling. Read what the Syracuse *Courier* says of them :

HAPPY CAL'S GREAT TRIUMPH.—Happy Cal Wagner and his company appeared at Wieting Opera House Saturday evening and the audience was one of the largest of the season.

To say that the audience were well and delightfully pleased is mildly writing it. From the first rising of the curtain to the falling of the same on "the coming and going man," there was not an idle moment or an impatient spectator. It was one of the best minstrel entertainments ever given in Syracuse and it requires no words from us to assure the people who were not present of this fact. Cal deserves good houses wherever he goes, as his troupe consists of only star performers. Everything was first-class through the concert programme as well as the after divertisement. The announcement was made that the troupe would appear again on the evening of Saturday, September 22, two weeks from Saturday evening, and in Wieting Opera House. So look out for a rush for the public wait for Cal.

Popular prices. Tickets for sale at the usual places.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Congregational Church, corner Seneca and Geneva Streets. Pastor, C. M. Tyler. Services, Preaching at 10-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7-00 p. m., Sunday School, after the Sunday morning service.

Presbyterian Church, Dewitt Park, north-west corner. M. W. Stryker, Pastor. Public worship at 10-30 a. m., and 7-30 p. m., Church School at 12-10, Young Men's Meeting in Chapel at 6-45 p. m., Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7-30 p. m.

Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Pastor, Henry C. Badger. Services 11-00 a. m., 7-00 p. m., Sunday School and Young People's Classes, 12-00 m., Inquiry Class, 8-00 to 9-00 p. m., during the winter. Mr. Badger at home Tuesday evenings, 148 Cascadilla.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Buffalo and Cayuga Streets. Rector, Amos B. Beach, D. D. Services at 11-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Sunday School at 9-30 a. m. Students cordially received.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel, (East door,) Prof Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services, every Sunday, at 10 a. m., and 4-15 p. m.

Baptist, The Park Church, DeWitt Park, East Side. Pastor, Robert T. Jones. Services, Preaching at 11-00 a. m., and 7-00 p. m., Conference Meetings, Sunday, 6-00 p. m., Wednesday, 7-30 p. m., Church School, Sunday, 12-30 p. m.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill Streets. Pastor, A. W. Green. Services, Preaching at 11-00 a. m. and 7-00 p. m., Sunday School at 12-30 p. m., Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7-30 p. m., Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7-30 p. m.

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We are advised that it will be ready for use in a few days. It is hardly necessary, we hope, to remind the students that they ought to use the room in a manner that will show the Trustees that their kindness is appreciated. At the same time it is understood that no restrictions of any kind are to be placed upon the students when they assemble there in a crowd from time to time. Everything is to be done with reference to the convenience of the many who have in years past sighed for some such lounging place. Now, that their wishes seem to be on the eve of fulfillment, we hope they will not stifle their expressions of approbation of the generosity of the Executive Committee.

IT is singular with what rapidity the mortar-boards have disappeared. At the beginning of the term the whole University, apparently, with the exception of the Senior class, appeared in this peculiar head-gear. For a time they were worn constantly, but as soon as the novelty wore off, they began to vanish one by one, and now they are very infrequently met with. The causes of all this are very apparent. The cap affords little or no shade to the eye, and for those whose eyes cannot bear the brightness of the sun, it is certainly not the most desirable form of head-gear. Then, the mortar-board, being black and heavy, is very warm, and, on a hot spring or summer day, it is desirable to keep as cool as possible. For these reasons, it seems to us that the hat is one which cannot flourish long in this vicinity. It may be worn in the spring or late in the fall, when the sun is neither very bright nor very warm, but it is extremely doubtful, whether, as a college hat to be worn all the year, its use will continue longer than the present term.

IT is with pleasure that we record the meeting Tuesday night which was called to take the preliminary steps in organizing a Cornell Alumni Association of Ithaca. The attendance was quite large enough to warrant an assertion that such an association will be formed. The Committee on Constitution are evidently all interested in the work, and will do their share to call the proposed organization into being. We believe that none but graduates were present; and do not know whether those residents of Ithaca who attended the University for some time

but did not graduate, are to be considered eligible for membership or not. If this matter has not been discussed and decided, it ought to be at once. It is almost unnecessary to point out the advantages that would result from having a large membership, and from attaching more firmly to Cornell's interest even the least of her children; for they must be obvious to all. Altogether, we think the gentlemen who took the initiative on Tuesday evening will have every reason to be proud of their work.

THE first of a series of games for the championship of the University in base ball was played on the campus last Tuesday, between the Juniors and Sophomores. The contest was a close and interesting one from beginning to end, and it was not until eight innings had been played that any idea could be formed as to who were to come off winners. Then the Sophomores gradually drew away, and the Juniors were unable to overtake them. We trust that the interest which this game has seemed to awaken may not be allowed to die out. The grounds upon which we are compelled to play at present, are of course very unsatisfactory, but we have hopes of better ones in the near future. The crew now seem to be upon a very safe footing financially, and there is no reason why base ball should not become the great sport of the University. As to the result of the game Tuesday, the Juniors have no reason to feel discouraged, because, if we are not mistaken, this is the first regularly contested game of ball for the championship of the University that they have lost. The Sophomores can congratulate themselves that they were the class to win this game.

VARIOUS newspapers in various parts of the country have commented in various ways upon the four which Cornell intends to send to England. None of the accounts have been as accurate as we could have wished them to have been. Some even state that the project of sending the crew abroad has been given up for this season; for which report they have not the slightest authority. Passage has already been taken by one of the steamers of the National line. As far as plans are made, the crew will leave Ithaca for New York on the evening of May 20th, and will embark on their voyage the next afternoon. Allowing the usual time for making the

passage, there will be left, for training on the Thames, nearly five weeks before the date of the race for the Stewart's Challenge cup. Perhaps it is still somewhat early to speak with any great accuracy regarding specific faults and excellences, yet in a general way a few remarks may be made which will put the newspapers on the right scent. The members of the crew are all tried men; they have all rowed in races since they have entered the University; they know what an oar is, and they know how to use oars probably as well to-day as any college four in the country. All through the past winter, they have kept themselves in good muscle by hard exercise. For three weeks past they have rowed every day, with the exceptions of a few stormy days. As they row now, only an experienced eye can detect any faults. They use an old boat; but as that is of almost the same dimensions and rigging as the new boat, we anticipate no trouble when they begin on the Thames to try what is confidently asserted to be the best four-oar shell Waters ever made. The new boat will be shipped directly to New York, and will not be tried till the crew get into it on the Thames. The only entirely new feature is the provisional substitution of the Davis oars for those now in use. In case, however, they fail on trial to give all the satisfaction desired, it is not probable that they will be used in the Thames races. Probably, ere this paper reaches its readers, the crew will have begun to take their meals at a training table in the Ithaca Hotel, where everything that can make muscle, to the exclusion of dainties, will be served them regularly. Knowing ones say that the time the crew has made within the past ten days, compares very favorably indeed with the time actually made by the Columbia four on the Thames; the figures are a secret. Altogether we think Cornell will have reason to congratulate herself on the record her four will make,—barring accidents,—when pitted against the best college and amateur talent of England.

MARGINALIA.

I.

Why should we seek to disillusionize ourselves by coming in contact with the great names of books? In the Boston *Herald* there is an account of an interview with Henry James, the father of the novelist, in which are given some particulars more personal and interesting even, in regard to Carlyle, than are contained

in Mr. James's article in the May *Atlantic*. In this, John Stuart Mill is reported as saying that "Carlyle was a very insincere talker;" and no one can help feeling that he was that in his books. Judge him by the canons of criticism he applied to others, and there is a vast deal of sham and bosh in his extravagant outcries against sham and rhetorical exaggerations. The man who heads the crowd crying 'stop thief!' is generally a suspicious character. But of this company of remarkable men gathered in conversation about Carlyle, including Mill, Maurice, Helps, Lewes and Emerson, Mr. James says: "These men differed widely from Americans of the same type of thought. They had not half the seriousness of our men. Life to them began and ended in conversation not in action." No wonder that Carlyle had so much to declaim against palaver and tongue-fence. It was a bad atmosphere, very bad; for, according to James, "they were all cynical, except Sterling and Mill." After all, there is some compensation in being obliged to stay at home, and know men only in books.

II.

Mr. Dowden is a very good critic, but what does he mean by telling us that "the *Stoic* Brutus, by the rules of his philosophy, blamed Cato for a self-inflicted death"? Did Stoicism blame a man for taking his own life? Then the founder of Stoicism himself must be very considerably blamed; for, according to the tradition, being ninety-eight years old, and stumbling and breaking a finger, he regarded it as a summons from the earth that he should relieve it of his presence and straightway hung himself. Brutus may have had a philosophy which condemned suicide, but the stoic as such, regarded it as a prerogative of reason to decide when a man might take his life.

III.

In Sir J. E. Alexander's "Expedition into the Interior of Africa," there is mentioned a curious custom of the Namaquas not to eat the flesh of a hare, after the ceremony of inducting them into the tribe as men has been performed. And the reason given is, that "once the moon wished to send a message to men, and the hare said he would take it. 'Run, then,' said the Moon, 'and tell men that as I die and am renewed, so shall they also be renewed.' But the hare deceived men and said, 'As I die and perish, so shall you also!'" Hence to eat the hare was an abomination for any but thoughtless and indiscreet young people. And so angry was the Moon at the perversion of her message, that "she threw a hatchet and split the hare's lip, whence came the hare-lip." If the same process were repeated to-day on those who say, as the interpreters of nature, "As I die and perish, so shall you also," we should see a great many victims of the offended Moon's hatchet.

IV.

In his article on Voltaire's younger days, Mr. Par-ton does not give us one of the most characteristic anecdotes, told by Voltaire himself of his visit to a usurer, when in need of a little ready cash, as follows: "On entering I saw on his table two crucifixes. I asked him if they had been pawned, and he replied in the negative, saying that he never made any bargain except with them lying near. I answered that I thought one would do for that purpose, and I would advise him to place that between two thieves. He said that I was impious, and he would lend me no money. But he did, charged me twenty per cent., took out the interest in advance, demanded securities worth five times the sum loaned, and finally disappeared with my securities in his pocket." Here the boy was very far from being the father of the man, for the man Voltaire early amassed a large fortune, and became himself a very shrewd and provident business man, always having an eye to the main chance in all his money dealings.

V.

Here is a nut for our students in political science! In 1880, Mr. Ruskin, being asked to stand a candidate for the Lord Rectorship of Glasgow University, was written to by the President of the Liberal Club, and asked whether he sympathized with Disraeli or Gladstone. His reply was in the following amiable style: "My dear Sir: What in the devil's name have you to do with either Mr. Disraeli or Mr. Gladstone? You are students at the University, and have no more business with politics, than you have with rat-catching." And he closes with saying, "I hate all Liberalism as I do Beelzebub," and that, "with Carlyle, I stand, we two alone now in England, for God and the Queen." Now he literally stands alone, for Carlyle no longer stands here below. But here we see cropping out that immeasurable arrogance and contempt, which perhaps is the secret of Ruskin's and Carlyle's reactionary outbursts. The attitude of contempt is the most fatal of all for every human soul. No man is wise enough, or pure enough, or great enough to despise the meanest of his fellows. The horse laughter of these contemptuous giants is something to be pitied.

VI.

To have read Plutarch's Lives is of itself almost an education, and to read him is a constant entertainment. What could be more humane or philosophical, more in accordance with our highest modern idea than what he proposes to himself in the following fine passage? "It must be borne in mind that my design is, not to write histories, but lives. And the most glorious exploits are not the most characteristic. Sometimes, a matter of apparently small moment, an expression or a jest, gives a truer insight into a man's mind than the most famous sieges, the greatest armaments, and the bloodiest battles." Here, certainly is a forefeeling of that new spirit

which makes even the humblest event an exponent of the real character.

THE ITHACA ALUMNI.

Another association has been added to the many bearing the name of Cornell. It is rather surprising that in the place which has furnished so many students to the University, an Alumni Association should not have been formed before. In response to a call, about twenty resident Alumni met in Dr. Van Cleef's office on Tuesday night to organize a local association. Hon. S. D. Halliday, '70, was chosen Chairman, and C. Humphrey, '80, Secretary. A committee consisting of one from each class was appointed by the Chairman to draft the Constitution and By-laws, and is as follows: '70, S. D. Halliday; '71, C. E. Van Cleef; '72, C. L. Crandall; '73, G. W. Harris; '74, W. R. Lazenby; '75, G. S. Moler; '76, M. M. Garver; '77, C. B. Mandeville; '78, R. H. Treman; '80, S. B. Turner. An Association Dinner was discussed and a headquarters, but neither was decided upon. Another meeting is called for Tuesday evening next. It was decided that any one holding a diploma from the University could become a member of the Ithaca Association, no matter where he resided, thus making this a sort of a parent association of the numerous other ones throughout the country. Undoubtedly other residents of Ithaca, who have been matriculated at the University, but have not graduated, will be admitted as is the custom elsewhere.

"THE RIVALS" AGAIN.

The Cascadilla Dramatic Club have decided to again present "The Rivals;" this time for the benefit of the Navy, in Journal Hall, Tuesday evening, May 17th. The play has been revised in a way that will greatly improve the action and lessen the time necessary to present it. The costumes will be handsome and appropriate, and no pains will be spared to present the piece satisfactorily in all respects. Following is the cast, nearly similar to the previous one.

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|
| Sir Anthony Absolute, | - - - | Mr. Lucas |
| Captain Absolute, | - - - | Mr. Luckey |
| Acres, | - - - | Mr. Wendell |
| Faulkland, | - - - | Mr. Breneman |
| Sir Lucius O'Trigger, | - - - | Mr. Oliver |
| Fag, | - - - | Mr. Carter |
| David, | - - - | Mr. Garver |
| Thomas, | - - - | Mr. Badger |
| Miss Malaprop, | - - - | Mrs. Corson |
| Lydia Languish, | - - - | Miss Neymann |
| Julia, | - - - | Miss Harlow |
| Lucy, | - - - | Miss Grant |

We can confidently promise that this entertainment will be one of the best ever given in Ithaca, and desire to bespeak for it a large audience.

FIRST OF THE SERIES.

About two hundred students assembled on the campus Thursday afternoon to witness the long awaited game between '82 and '83, the two base ball classes. The diamond used was the one used in the late fraternity game, and did tolerably well, the only trouble being that left and center fields were rather on an incline. The game was, on the whole well played, considering that it was the first game of the season. A number of innings were played in a manner which would not have reflected discredit on more famed organizations. The fielding of the two short-stops, Cole and Haldeman, should be noted, the first playing without error and making some very pretty stops and throws, and the other, with but one error, which he fully redeemed by catching a most difficult liner. The Juniors were weakened by changing catchers, while the Sophomores also suffered by an accident to Humphries. With two exceptions '83 played her regular nine, and but one man was lacking to '82. Betting at first was largely in favor of '82, which afterwards changed to even.

SCORE
SOPHOMORES.

| | B.H. | E. | A. | P.O. | R. |
|------------------|------|----|----|------|----|
| Anderson, b. | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Chase, c. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Humphries, | 0 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| Ingersoll, m. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Avery, J. C. a. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| Avery, C. I. p. | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Patterson, l. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ruggles, f. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Haldeman, s. c. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 10 | 7 | 19 | 27 | 12 |

JUNIORS.

| | | | | | |
|--------------|----|---|----|----|----|
| Woodard | 3 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 0 |
| Kennedy, p. | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Hiscock, c. | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sears, b | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Cushing, l. | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Cole, s. | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Suydam, a. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 |
| Trumbull, r. | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Pierce, m. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 10 | 8 | 18 | 24 | 10 |

Fly catches—Haldeman, 2, Chase, Ingersoll, Cushing, 2, Cole, Suydam, Woodard, Hiscock—10.
Bases on balls—Sears, Suydam, Humphries.
Umpire—H. P. Rose, '84.

NAVY—MESMERISM.

After an extended absence, Prof. John Reynolds, the famous mesmerist, is again among us. He has amused thousands in various parts of this State and Canada, since his departure, a few months ago. He has kindly offered his services and his well known ability to make us roar, for the benefit of the Navy, to-night, at Library Hall. The Henley Committee on Finance has shouldered and paid several old debts of the Navy, amounting to about \$500. Hence, every endeavor must be resorted to, in order to raise sufficient money to properly equip our crew. Let every one go to-night, and remember that it is no act of charity, as you will get more than your money's worth.

NOCTURNE.

From the French of A. C. Swinburne.

Night listens, and conceals itself under the wave
There to get nothing but a breath of love;
No light no music in the world
No sleep nor stay for me.
O mother, O Night from thy profound source
Grant us, grant at length forgetfulness of the day.

Grant us forgetfulness of anguish and of the day;
Sing; thy song stills the soul and the wave;
Make of thy bosom a home for my soul,
It is well, O mother of this world
Where the kiss does not wish to say love
Where the soul that is beloved is less profound than
thou.

For each lovely thing is less profound,
O Night, than thou, daughter and mother of day,
Thou whose vigil is the respite of the world,
Thou whose sigh is full of words of love,
Thou whose breath elates and subdues the wave,
Thou whose shadow hath the whole heaven for its
home.

Misery humble and weary, without home,
Shelters itself and sleeps under thy mighty wing;
Thou givest the alms of amour to all;
All who thirst come to drink of thy wave,
All who weep and shun the day
All the hungry and all the evil ones of earth,

I alone I watch and see only in the world
My grief, which has no place
To be covered under thy vast expanse
And to sleep under thy eyes far from day;
I go ever seeking on the shore of the wave
The blood of the fair foot wounded with love.

The sea is sombre where thou wast born, O love,
Full of the tears and the sobs of the world;
No longer is seen the gulf where day is born
To light and quiver under thy profound glimmer;
But in the hearts of men where thou makest thy
abode
Grief mounts and kisses a wave.

ENVOI.

Daughter of the wave and mother of love,
From thy lofty dwelling full of thy profound peace
Shed forth on this low earth a little joy.
April 27, 1881.

RYMAN.

—Evans has made a fine picture of the Chi Phis, which is on exhibition at Spence Spencer's. The likenesses are very distinct and true, and the chapter and photographer are to be congratulated.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

BASE BALL FINANCES.

ITHACA, May 2, 1881.

MR. R. C. HERR :

Dear Sir : I hope the management of the B. B. A. will make vigorous efforts to get on a sound financial basis before the season closes. As manager of the ERA, Volume XII, I hold a note for \$75 against Messrs. Latham, Woodard, Wendell and Marvin, and if some movement is not made by the association towards canceling it, I shall be obliged to bring suit against the parties aforesaid to recover the amount. I understood that Mr. Shnable, late Treasurer of the association, holds for the association about \$25, and it will, therefore, only be necessary to collect, by subscription or otherwise, \$50. If this cannot be done, I suggest that arrangements be made to transfer the note to underclassmen, or some underclassman, who could hold it until another year, when it is quite probable it can be paid.

Very respectfully,

G. F. GIFFORD.

[Something should be done at once to pay this note, as the signers are somewhat averse to paying the amount. The Manager gives us authority to state that four men will be appointed to collect subscriptions, and it is to be hoped that all will donate liberally. The amount mentioned, \$75, will just about pay the full debt of the association. This letter was published at the desire of the gentlemen interested.—Eds.]

FRESHMAN MATHEMATICS AND THE STANDARD OF ADMISSION TO CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

To the Editors of the Era :

In your last issue, you make some strictures on the examinations in Latin, Physics and Mathematics, and name the last paper in Algebra as particu-

larly severe. As to the Latin I know nothing ; but with regard to the Physics, I am advised that the chief difficulty is the small knowledge of Mathematics generally possessed by the students in Physics ; and with regard to the Mathematics I submit a brief statement of facts.

In the Algebra only one-fifth of the class was conditioned or dropped, a smaller proportion than usual. The paper complained of was not meant for children ; it was not meant to be passed without hard work, and a good deal of it, but was a fair paper.

Here is a very important matter that must be carefully considered in this connection : the conditions of admission to this University are very low. I do not say too low ; but, certainly, to most of our courses, admission is granted with much less preparation than to the better classical colleges, and with much less preparation than to our own classical course. What is the result ? A large fraction of those admitted here are really unfitted to go on with University studies, and their proper place is in a good high school. Why not then raise the terms of admission ? Because that would keep out a considerable number who are able to go on and do good work. This seems like a contradiction. Not at all ; there are two classes of students who come here poorly prepared : bright boys fresh from school who have but a superficial knowledge of the requirements, but who, more from force of memory than understanding, are able to pass a fair examination ; and older, more mature men, who are not fresh from school, and who pass a poor examination on what they may really know a good deal about. The first class are likely to fail here because the work is too heavy for them. The others are likely to succeed because they are stronger, and, at bottom, have more knowledge. These two classes cannot be separated at the examination, and the only thing to do is to let in all those who have any chance of success, and let them try it. During the first year a sifting process goes on and the weaklings drop out. There is no occasion to lower the standard of scholarship on account of the presence of these men. The real favor to them is to advise them to go to school a year longer and try it again.

There is another class of men, a class with which every college is cursed, the dissipated and the triflers. They do no good to themselves nor to their associates ; they have no business here, and the sooner they are shut out the better for all concerned. The most effective way to get rid of them is to demand good work from them, and when they fail, as they generally do fail, to drop them.

When, therefore, you count up the men of these two classes, the babies and the bummers, who have no business here, and add to them those who are incapacitated by sickness, excess of work attempted, and other minor causes, I think you will say that

about the right number, possibly too few, were conditioned in Algebra, and when you look at your own diplomas by and by, and are able to say that they were earned, and could only be got by four years of well-directed, hard work, you will thank the professors who stand up squarely and allow no shirking.

Understand me, the great majority of the students are faithful, hard-working and capable, and the great majority pass the examinations successfully; and having done so, they are entitled to the corresponding honors, among which, and chief of which, is the possession of a diploma which certifies to, and means, high scholarship. The honor, and the honors of the University, must be jealously guarded, and not cheapened by too easy acquisition.

You are anxious for the prosperity of your *Alma Mater*; how better can that prosperity be promoted than by letting it be understood, now and forever: first, that they who enter here will have the best and most effective instruction; second, that they will themselves be held to strict accountability for the use of these opportunities; and third, that no man will be admitted into the honorable company of the alumni who is not a scholar, as well as a gentleman?

[This letter seems to discuss matters suggested by the editorial referred to, and does not materially affect the position that we took last week on the subject of the relations of the instruction given, to the term examinations, and of the wide-spread complaints on the part of many students with regard thereto. It is a very good exposition of what we should consider to be a professor's way of looking at the subject. One or two statements rather surprised us, however. We have been from time to time given to understand by persons who know best of all concerning the thing whereof they speak, that it is quite as hard for a man to enter any course at Cornell as it is for him to enter the corresponding courses in the older and larger and best colleges of the land. Again; we take it for granted that the University exists for young men and women, and not the young men and women for the University. No college can safely afford to raise its standard until there are schools that can prepare boys for entrance to its courses. And the standard of colleges seems to us to be regulated more by the standard of the academies and schools, or by custom, than anything else. And very few schools can prepare pupils for entrance here even now. The subject is one which will bear more discussion in all its aspects. —Ems.]

RAYS OF ANCIENT ROME.

V.

IN HONOREM OMNIUM PRINCEPIS POETATUM.

O degli altri poeti onore e lume,
Vagliami il lungo studio e'l grande amore
Ohe m'han fatto cercar lo tuo volume.

—Dante.

Byron est princeps omnium poetarum!
Natus nympharum, musarum dearum.
Italia, Britannia, et Hellas Sacra
Ad honorem illius coronant templa.
Regnavit rex regum regno litterarum;
Mandavit manus multifloras musarum.
O Alte Vir vero, in via vitae.
In caelo tecum para locum pro me.
Nunquam O Poeta! sit minus amor
Regna cor meum semper! semper regna cor!
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CORNELLIANA.

- Library Hall, to-night.
- Well done, '83! You're the stuff!
- The Junior essays are due May 16th and 17th.
- There will be a battalion drill next week Friday.
- Don't forget the benefit for the Navy, to-night.
- "Harvard Glee Club Wednesday." —Sun.
- Where?
- A game of Base Ball will be played next week between '82 and '84.
- Ten cents will be paid for Nos. 3 and 21 of volume XII, at the ERA office.
- Don't forget "Uncle Josh." next Wednesday night, if you want a good laugh.
- The Field class in Geology went down the lake this morning to be gone until to-morrow night.
- The Senior class, with the exception of twenty members, was photographed yesterday morning.
- The pictures of the crew appear in the last number of *Harper's*. They are poorly executed.
- No Junior banquet this term, or so it seems, as the committee have as yet made no arrangements.
- An effort is being made to get a crew together in the eight-oared shell, which is to row against the University four.
- Mr. Notman's genial operator has spent most of the week taking views of the University buildings and surroundings.
- The Sophomore German examination will be sight translation, and will take place during the last recitation of the term.
- The game of Base Ball between the Psi Upsilon and D. K. E. fraternities will probably be played some time next week.
- Attention is called to the letter of the Business Manager of last year's ERA, to the Manager of the Base Ball Association.

—One of the shining lights of '84, insisted on calling *pedestrian* "*pedesterian*," although the Professor informed him that he was wrong.

—Mr. Badger will speak Sunday morning of "The More Recent Studies of Jesus and His Death." Vesper Service in the evening.

—Mr. Davis, of Portland, Me., came yesterday, and is stopping at the Ithaca. He began overhauling last year's shell, by attaching the new foot-rests.

—The class of '84 met to-day at 12 o'clock. It was decided that a committee of three be appointed to canvass the class with reference to the Cremation of Trig.

—The new board of ERA editors held a meeting Wednesday evening, and the different departments were assigned. "Hard work and no play," is the best motto to adopt, and it will insure you success.

—It is rumored that some of the Juniors are to be invited to go down the Lake with the Sophomores. Surely no better scheme could be thought of, and it would increase the harmonious feeling existing between the two classes.

—Professor Shackford has found it necessary to abolish the 8 o'clock section in Shakespeare, as on the last meeting of the section but three appeared, and one of them signified his inability to appear again at that un-earthly hour.

—"Minority" Seniors, attention! The Committee on "Minority" group has arranged with Mr. Courtney to have the group taken on the East side of McGraw at 2.30 P.M., Monday, 9th inst. Let all the "Minority" be present.

—We hereby acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Inter-state Collegiate Oratorical Association, held at Jacksonville, Ill., from the 3d to the 5th of May, under the auspices of the Illinois College Oratorical Association.

—Goldwin Smith, who though living in Toronto is still a non-resident Professor of English History in Cornell University, is about to deliver five lectures in the University on "The English Revolution." There are few lecturers who can tell so much with so little fuss about it as Goldwin Smith.—*Buffalo Express*.

—An offer has been received from a State street business man to fit up a diamond for the nine down on the circus grounds on Seneca street. As the ground is quite level, a very fair diamond might be laid out, but as regards gate money there would be more trouble than if the games were played on the campus. However, the subject is worthy of attention.

—Those students who intend going on the Canada excursion must bear in mind that the time for departure is near. As was remarked before, all who start are not compelled to go on to Canada, but can

remain in Buffalo. If the Glee Club trip to Buffalo can be arranged for the same time, the students can be sure having a most enjoyable time.

—A game of B. B. will be played with Hobart on Saturday the 14th, on the campus, if the financial part of the programme can be satisfactorily arranged. The nine will be chosen at once, so that they can begin practice. There is little doubt but that, weak as we are in the pitcher's position, by good fielding and heavy batting we can make a good game.

—Since last Friday we have received the following signatures to the Alumni General Protest: T. L. Mead, '77, of New York City; Miss Helen A. Buck, '80, of Watkins, N. Y.; Chas. Francis, '76, Geo. W. Cole, '80, A. G. Sherry, '77, from Troy, N. Y.; M. J. Morse, '71, S. E. North, '72, W. E. Prentice, '80, and Jno. Darch, '78, of Batavia, N. Y.

—At a meeting of the Glee Club Tuesday evening it was decided to give concerts at Rochester and Buffalo, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made. St. James' Hall in Buffalo will probably be secured, and as Buffalo gave the Williams College Club a \$400 house, we can have some reason for high expectations. The Club will leave about May 20th.

—The ERA Board-elect entertained their friends last Saturday evening at Mein Herr Zinck's. It was the largest gathering of the kind this season and passed off quite successfully. The Ithaca Quartette favored the assembly with some very fine music which was repeatedly encored. There was some student singing, though not as much as is usual on such occasions, and many good wishes were expressed for the success of the next year's ERA Board.

—Mr. Savage preached a sermon last Sunday evening at the Unitarian church to a very full house, composed for the greater part of students. While his manner might be open to criticism, yet the matter of his address which was on "The New Religion," was heartily relished. Its reason and logic was fully conceded. Mr. Savage is an advanced thinker, yet nothing that he said last Sunday could be called irreligious—in fact he claimed that the orthodox were more irreligious than he.

—The "Minority" faction of the Senior class met Wednesday at 10 o'clock in Room K. After miscellaneous business, reports by officers and committees, the matter of the class indebtedness to the Committee of Escort of the late Mr. Halsey's remains to his home, was discussed. It appeared from the statement of the Treasurer, that nothing had been collected to defray the "Minority's" share of the expense. He was forthwith instructed to collect a *pro rata* tax and deliver it to the Committee of Escort. It was, upon motion, decided to have no Class Day, but to have a Class Ball and a Class Supper. It was also decided that the "Mi-

nority" should have a group taken by Mr. Notman. After a few announcements by the President, the meeting adjourned.

—There is trouble at Dartmouth College, the faculty, students and alumni being arrayed against President Bartlett and desiring his resignation. The President belongs to the old school of educators and believes the classics are the basis of every properly organized college curriculum. He has consequently dissuaded young men from entering the Chandler Scientific School in connection with the college, and it is rapidly running down. The faculty and alumni take a different view of affairs, and the feeling has become so warm that alarm is felt for the future of the college. It is expected that an investigation will shortly take place by the New York alumni, and action will follow for a settlement of existing differences.—*Buffalo Express*.

PERSONALIA.

CHANDLER, '79, was in town to try the examination to the bar.

CRAMPHIN, '80, spent Saturday and Sunday in town, as a guest of the Dekes.

KELSO, '81, will sail for London in August to embark in the life insurance business.

HON. S. D. HALLIDAY, '70, will be found in his new office over Hawkins & Finch's store.

WESTERN STARR, '80, is in town visiting his old friends. He came from New York City.

PROFESSOR CORSON will spend the long vacation in Europe. He intends to be present at the Henley races, if possible.

GEORGE CARPENTER, '80, was in town for a few days this week. He is attending the medical department of the University of New York.

HON. E. B. MORGAN, a friend of the Navy and a Trustee of this University, has just given \$10,000 to Wells College, making a grand total of \$160,000 up to date.

MCUREA, '81, Commissary of the Engineers, has gone to North Hector and Ovid Centre to make arrangements for the reception of the Lake Survey Party.

PROFESSOR HEWETT will spend the summer vacation in Germany. He has been given a commission to write a number of articles for *Harper's Magazine*, which will enable him to combine business with pleasure, happily, we hope.

W. B. BRADER, formerly of Cornell University, '81, has at last determined to settle in Ithaca. He is occupying the store on the corner of Farm and Tioga streets, recently occupied by Johnson Brothers. He has had it arranged in a very tasty manner and is fully deserving of the success which we hope to see him win. Give him a call.—*Express*.

COLLEGE NEWS.

BROWN :—

'83 has already lost nearly thirty men since entering college.

Junior exhibition was a success, and passed without any disturbance.

The Glee Club gave an excellent concert at Lawrence, Mass., a few days since.

The "Hammer and Tongs" give a minstrel entertainment this evening, May 6th, for the benefit of the ball nine.

The base ball nine has had a series of games with the Providence nine, and were beaten every time. In a game lately with the Woonsocket team, the Brown nine beat their opponents by a score of 33 to 5. Errors 4 and 22 respectively.

COLUMBIA :—

Sight reading in the classics is an optional.

Efforts are being made to organize a lacrosse club.

The School of Mines will be represented by speakers at the coming Commencement.

The Junior Reception was a complete success, and was attended by many society leaders.

A triumph is to be held May 27th, instead of the usual Burial. The sum of \$500. has already been subscribed to defray expenses.

The Sophomores in German history thought a syllabus of the subject would be an excellent thing, and expressed themselves to that effect to the Professor. He furnished the syllabus, and sent a bill of \$32. for the printing to the class; whereat the class were indignant.

HARVARD :—

The Harvard and Dartmouth nines will play at Hanover May 7th.

The *Advocate* suggests that Dr. Storrs, of Brooklyn, be invited to accept the College Preacher-ship.

The nine have thus far played five games with professionals, and have been defeated in all. The regular pitcher and catcher are absent.

The suggestion made by the *Crimson* some time since that "an English club as a sort of auxiliary to the New Shakespeare Society of London" should be organized, is exciting much comment, and provokes discussion by the college papers.

YALE :—

Considerable fault is found with the nine for loose playing.

On April 30th, in New Haven, Yale scored a victory over the Providences by 9 to 6.

The Boat Club received \$400.14 as the proceeds of the recent Glee Club Concert in New York.

Harvard has not withdrawn from the Thames river race, and her action is regarded favorably by Yale.

The *Courant* proposes to canvass the College, and

ascertain the religious beliefs and disbeliefs of the undergraduates.

A travesty upon Medea will be presented May 20th, at the New Haven Opera House, by some students for the benefit of the Athletic Park. An ample orchestra will be provided and no expense spared to make it a success.

EXCHANGES.

The *Philosophian Review* for April is upon our table. This sex-weekly is published in the interests of the Philosophian Society of South Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, N. J. The matter contained within its pages is, for the most part, purely literary. We would call the attention of the writer of the article entitled, "Men of Principle," to the fact that he has mis-quoted Shakespeare's lines as found in Mark Antony's speech in the tragedy of Julius Cæsar. Instead of "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is often interred with their bones, so was it with Cæsar." The lines quoted should read, "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones; so let it be with Cæsar." We notice the above inasmuch as we have a great regard for the text of this "Triton among the minnows" of dramatic literature. In the main, the literary portion of the paper is "weary, stale, flat, and unprofitable." How men of any brains whatever, can turn out such veritable trash is beyond conception. "O, reform it altogether."

The *Undergraduate* from Middlebury College, Vt., has lost its exchange editor. This fact, the gentleman who took his place need not have recorded. The very puerile, vulgar and undignified style of treating the Exchanges is, we hope, beyond the dignity of the regular exchange editor. Below is a fair specimen of this gentleman's style:

"Here's the Dartmouth! Old fellow! shake! been gone nearly a year. Glad to see you back, missed you sadly. How did it happen? Don't get astray again, will you?"

"The Oberlin Review is good but the type is too small in much of the reading matter. It makes hard work where we expect to take things leisurely. Excuse us, Oberlin. Paper is cheaper than spectacles. Spread out your type and receive the blessings of your near-sighted friends."

"We had a little quarrel with the Rockford Seminary Magazine. That is, they called us dignified and we rebelled, so if we praise you the April number they will think we are trying to 'make up' which operation isn't at all dignified, but it's lots of fun."

We should be inclined, were we the exchange editor of the *Dartmouth* or *Oberlin Review*, to resent the vulgar familiarity which the gentleman exchange editor of the *Undergraduate* has shown. Such specimens as "Old-fellow," "Lots of fun," etc., are beyond a doubt indicative of the ability of the gentleman exchange editor of the *Undergraduate*, but scarcely admissible within the exchange column.

The *Boston Times*, although not strictly a college exchange, is very welcome to our table on account

of its valuable dramatic criticisms. The literary items are exceedingly well written, and add much to the elevated tone of the paper. We close our notice of this exchange with an additional mention of praise for the dramatic editor, and add our thanks for the pleasure he has given us.

The *Fale Record* contains the following very pretty poem:

"A RECOLLECTION OF COMO.

I lay as one entranced; in the evening sun
Shimmered the rippling lake beneath my feet.
I felt the quiet of a day that's done;
I heard the monotone of wavelets' beat,

The bleating lambs upon the mountain side,
The shepherds calling to the flock abroad,
The distant vespers which at eventide
Call to their knees the worshippers of God.

Sleep fell upon me; when I woke again,
The moon, just rising o'er a distant hill,
Gazed on the water's face a silver train;
The rustic sounds had ceased; the world was still.

But, as I rose to take me to my rest,
Lo, as it conjured up by some sweet fay,
Soft strains of music came from Como's breast,
A woman's voice sang, *Con amor di te.*"

We are indebted to the gentlemanly courtesy of the *Harvard Advocate* in placing the following item under the list of "Lies of the Week":

"The crew obtained a leave of absence and the privileges of special examinations by a vote of the Faculty last Friday. There ought, therefore, to be no delay in the re-departure on their transatlantic trip, unless some unforeseen obstacle meanwhile arises. It was an act that met the hearty approbation of all students, and went to show that the Faculty, as an official body, really sympathizes with student undertakings and athletic honors.—*Cornell Era.*"

We shall take measures for finding out the truth of the above statement inasmuch as the *Advocate* has stamped it a "lie." We thoroughly believed in the truth of the above until we read the *Advocate*, which paper left us wavering between our own firm convictions and a belief that the *Advocate* had experienced the pangs of jealousy. N. B.—Since the above was written we have ascertained that the Faculty really did grant a leave of absence, and the privilege of special examinations to the crew, the *Advocate* to the contrary, notwithstanding. We are therefore left the alternative, and believe that the *Advocate* has experienced sour grapes.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Junior, reciting in *Rhetoric*—"The imagination is that part of the mind which looks forward to that which it doesn't lay its visible eye on."—*Williams Athenæum.*

—The walls of a certain \$2.50 club's eating-room have one embellishment—a motto, bearing this inscription: "Eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow ye die."—*Princetonian.*

—An Illinois girl's toast: "The young men of America—their arms our support, our arms their reward. Fall in, men."—*Courant*.

—March did not leave us like a lion.—*Watertown Gazette*.

We guess you're a lyn. —*Waupun Times*.

Wau-pun on that item any longer. *Scholastic* men don't March in that kind of a lion.—*Notre Dame Scholastic*.

"Lion upon lion and precept upon precept" won't stop this wau-pun-ing among our contemporaries.

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JOSHUA WHITCOMB, YANKEE FARMER AT THE LYCEUM THEATER—They gave out gilt-edged programmes at the Lyceum Theater last evening to celebrate the 70th performance, excluding matinees, of the piece which forms the setting for Mr. Denman Thompson's delineation of an old Yankee Farmer—ylept Joshua Whitcomb. People have recently been finding out that such a piece was running over there, where pieces have never run of late years except into the ground. A man would say to you, "Have you seen Uncle Josh?" You would reply in the negative. Straightway he would broaden into a grin—the grin of tickled recollection—and says, "Go." What is he like; what is the piece about?" "Oh never mind about the piece and the plot, and all that critical flummery that keeps a man asking himself if he ought to laugh; just go and roar at him he's a Yankee Farmer." After a week or two a man stops you in the street and says, "Do you know that Hergh has been laughing?" Having seen that Knight of the Rueful Countenance rise in the Court of Special Sessions to demand the punishment of the father of a half-starved family, who was working a horse with a sore ear an unheard of cruelty. "Your Honor," you deny the possibility as you would that a Hoboken ferry-boat had been caught grinning. He thrusts a card from a newspaper under your nose. "It is a long time since I enjoyed such a continuous and hearty laugh as you afforded me last night, and I feel better for it this morning." That settles it. As the next best excrementiously funny thing in the world, go and see what caused it. You go, you laugh, you chuckle, you grin and roar. You find something rising in your throat, and something like tears starting to your eyes; in an instant you are rocking with laughter again like a 3-year old. It is a difficult matter to sit down and describe it.—*A. Y. Herald*.

"Josh," and his unparalleled company will appear in Wilgus Opera House next Wednesday evening. Of course, Den. Thompson is the star, he being the original "Yankee Farmer;" since his first appearance, many years ago, many imitators have sprung up. Here in Ithaca two have appeared, namely, Davis as "Alvin Juslin" and Macaulay, as "Uncle Dan'l." But Den. Thompson is the peer of them all. He comes supported by a talented company. Julia Wilson, who represents the sorrows and joys of "Tot," the street-crossing sweeper, goes right to the peoples' hearts. Her songs and dances with Ignacio Martinette as "Roundy, the boot-black," invariably are encored. Miss Alice S. Logan, as Susan Martin, has secured an enviable reputation as a soloist.

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Ball Association ought to be removed by the proceeds of this game, and, at the same time, a deep and abiding interest ought to be awakened. If these results can be secured, the manager of the nine and his assistants will feel fully compensated for their labors.

MOVEMENT' is on foot among the members of the Senior class in General Literature and Oratory to petition for no examination in this term's work. This would seem, at first, to be an exhibition of great 'gall' combined with superhuman indolence. But really it is grounded in good sense. The subject matter of the lectures has been well impressed upon the class by the novel mode of teaching employed in the department. The lectures have been listened to, and the salient points reproduced and well discussed in the essays and extempore addresses of the term. The only point to be attained in holding an examination is to demonstrate the Senior's ability to construct, at short notice, an essay upon some topic with which he is acquainted. This leads to the composition of four hundred to six hundred pages of manuscript for the Professor to wade through in making up the marks. Probably the standing of each man who has been for four years in the class, is just as well known to the Professor before as after all this labor. The labor required in essays, discussions, theses, *et cetera*, seems all-sufficient for the last term of the course. It is to be hoped that the movement will be vigorously carried on, and both Professor and students spared unnecessary labor.

THE college year is rapidly drawing to a close. The Senior examinations are beginning to loom up in the near future, and the Senior himself is deeply engaged in preparations for graduation and Commencement, the crowning events of this course. It would seem only right and proper that the few concluding weeks of a four years' course should be made as light and agreeable as possible; that no extra task of any kind should be imposed upon the man so soon to conclude his collegiate existence. The Faculty, however, think otherwise. They imagine that in the worry and hurry consequent upon Commencement, and the three or four weeks preceding it, a man's mind is, to an unusual degree, capable

of evolving a representative production; and, consequently, they require at the very last moment, the presentation of what is perhaps considered the greatest bugbear of the course, a thesis. Next Monday this grand presentation act takes place, and the occurrence is always an extremely solemn one. The Senior clad in habiliments of inky blackness, is expected to present, with a most profound salutation, an "Oration, Poem, or Essay," which is supposed to represent the accumulated culture and literary proficiency of four years; and which, to tell the truth, is probably the result of the severe mental exertion consequent upon three or four days' close application in the library and the metamorphosis of certain ancient ideas into original and modern languages. The theses are then carefully perused by the professors in charge, certain corrections and improvements are indicated, and then they are tenderly deposited in the library—to be seen in this world no more. These theses, which are supposed to stand for the maximum point of four year's gradual mental development, now become the prey of worms and mice, which are accustomed to desecrate the last resting place of manuscripts even more famous than these. The Seniors have been obliged to experience all the trouble and worry and to what end? No one knows. Certainly, if the desire of the Faculty is to procure speakers for the Commencement stage, it might be done in a much easier manner. Four years' intercourse between professors and students ought to give the former some idea of the comparative ability of the latter. It is of course to be desired that the most able men of the class should be selected to represent it in the Commencement exercises. By "able" we mean men who have the requisite ability to produce an oration or essay worthy of the class and the occasion, and who also possess the faculty of delivering it well. Several times it has happened, within our own remembrance, that those men whose productions have been the most commendable, have a delivery which is simply execrable, and their appearance upon the stage, in spite of the excellent quality of what they had to present, was the signal for much unfavorable comment and even for ridicule. Now it seems to us, if a committee having the matter in charge, were to take into consideration both the impression which a man's delivery is likely to create, and the

ability displayed by him during his college course, that a selection might be made which would be eminently satisfactory both to the class and to the audience attending the exercises. Certainly the very unfavorable criticisms sometimes offered, would be done away with, and the foolish practice of furnishing a certain amount of paper, to be deposited where it can never be of the least possible use, would be no longer required.

WE thought a week ago that the matter of Professor Russel's departure would not be discussed again by the press until after the Trustee meeting in June. But the *New York Times* of Monday came out with a long, exceedingly inaccurate and very foolish article on the subject, which in the minds of those who know anything about it, was its own condemnation. Professor Russel saw fit to correct some of the misstatements and leave others untouched in a letter published by the *Times* yesterday; which had the effect of still further promoting discussion of the matter, and in a way that will not particularly redound to the good of the University. We can not help thinking that it will be best for all parties concerned, if they wait until the Trustees see fit to make public their reasons for the act that has, unfortunately and almost needlessly, created such an uproar. The *Journal's* remarks on the *Times* article was thoroughly sensible, and leaves nothing further for us to add.

VACATION ETHICS.

"Denton!"

"Well, Dick?"

"What are you going to do in vacation?"

"A queer question! You'd better ask what I'm going to do before vacation comes. Look at all these note-books!" and Denton gave the formidable pile of syllabi, etc., lying before him, a malevolent look on his own account.

"Don't be sarcastic. It isn't in your line old Diogenes. What will you do in vacation?"

"Do? Why as usual, I suppose,—lounges for the most part, catch fish, or try to, lie in a hammock and read novels, go botanizing,—that is, start with that intention in the morning and end by going to sleep under a tree and dreaming of endless 'honorable' in Botany. That is the usual programme, I believe."

"Is that the way a reasonable being should spend three months of the year?"

"I have the authority of numberless old saws for

it, 'Rest on your oars,' 'Unbend the bow,' 'All work and no play,' etc."

"But, Denton, do you really enjoy your vacation in that way?"

"Enjoy it? Well, no,—yes, for a little while. But I get desperately tired of it before it's over, and fairly welcome the Fall term, lectures, quizzes and all, when it comes."

"I should think you would! Didn't it ever strike you that it would be an interesting experiment to study—just a little, enough not to forget how—in vacation?"

"Can't say it ever did. Sincerely hope it never will," was the ungracious response.

"Come! Don't be surly. Nor quite so laconic. It won't hurt you to talk for ten minutes."

"Here goes then!" and Denton threw himself upon the sofa, and clasped his hands behind his head. "Lay on, Macduff, etc. I suppose I can stand one of your sermons, if it's to be only ten minutes long."

"Oh, I'm not going to preach! That air of exaggerated resignation is wasted. I just want to reason with you. Honestly, why shouldn't we put vacation days to some more practical use than dreaming?"

"You 'insatiate monster'! Do you want a poor fellow to 'dig' all the days of his life? Don't we study hard enough in term time to earn a little rest. I'd be glad to know?"

"Yes, we 'study,'" said Dick with a somewhat sardonic smile, "spasmodically. We indulge once a term in a cataclysm of study. We surfeit on it, and are naturally nauseated, so that when vacation comes we are content to become mere loafers, idlers, 'cu-cumbers of the ground,' as an old Deacon I know always quotes it."

"We-e-e-ll?"

"I wish you wouldn't yawn. You remind me unpleasantly of the Lisbon earthquake. What do you mean by 'well'?"

"Oh, I mean what are you going to do about it?"

"Nothing. I don't pretend to be a Hercules. One labor is enough for me at present, that is, to talk to an uninterested audience of Chum, who furthermore won't listen to reason. Can't you conceive of a better plan of study than prevails?"

"For instance?"

"Don't you think we are inclined to—condense our study—to put it mildly—rather too much? Wouldn't it be well to spread it out a little thinner, instead of taking it in lumps as we do?"

"My candid opinion is, Dick, that it's too thin already."

"Now that's unworthy of you, Denton!"

"Is it? I'm glad you find one thing unworthy of me."

Dick looked a little disconcerted, but returned to the attack. "I have tried both ways, so I can

“ speak words of sober experience. I took my first vacation *à la Lotus Eater*, and I must say I was never so utterly disgusted with all the world in general and myself in particular, in my life. The second vacation I tried a new regime. Of course, I didn't ‘bone,’ as you boys call it.”

“ ‘You boys’ indeed! How much older than I are you, old man, if you are a Senior?’ ”

“ Centuries and cycles. ‘We live in deeds not years,’ you know, and as I have really accomplished the remarkable feat of doing work when the law did not exact it, I must be antediluvian. I don't want to boast,—I will tell the truth,—I only read a few books, more or less carefully, according to the temperature, but I read in the line of one of my next term's studies—read everything I could find that had a bearing upon it, and it was rather interesting, too, to fish up information from unexpected places. And it was a real consolation, when lectures began again to find that I sometimes anticipated the Prof., and that my mind was not a perfect blank on the subject.”

“ Poor simile, Dick. A ‘blank’s’ the very best thing in the world to put new impressions on.”

“ I never enjoyed a better rest,” continued Dick, not heeding the interruption, “ than that same vacation. And you can never make me believe that it's best to study by fits and starts, in the customary jerky fashion. It isn't natural.”

“ Natural? Yes it is. Just look at the story Geology tells; certain epochs—ages—and then ‘breaks’ between. What else does ‘unconformity’ mean than that ‘erosion’ and the other tired forces were taking a vacation? Stratified knowledge is good enough for me, sandwiched between comfortable eras of indolence.”

“ Humph! Your Geology and your Logic are alike shady, I fear. Those transition periods you call so comfortable—because they're blank?—were eras of intense activity, so ardent that they burned their own records. Much like our seasons of sudden interest in study, when we accomplish so much in so short a time, that we can never recall a word of it a year afterward. It was in those geologic ‘vacations’ that the stratification was really done, slowly and in silence. What do you think about it?”

“ I think it's time for a ‘break’ in the record of this particular stratum. I'm half fossilized already. And my mind is an utter blank except for a dogged determination never upon any persuasion to study if I can help it.”

“ Nonsense! You're not naturally indolent—”

“ I am human.”

“ Surely, surely slumber is more sweet than toil. The shore Than labor in deep mid-ocean, wind and wave and oar. Oh, rest ye, brother!”

“ I'm not advising you to contest for honors of the oar, Denton. Just be reasonable.”

“ No power on earth could make me study in vacation.”

“ Don't then. But don't be entirely useless, effete, good-for-nothing. Make yourself useful to somebody—it's my nature to prefer serving myself, but if you are more unselfish, all the better. The easiest way to become a public benefactor, is to entertain the girls—”

“ All right! I may be entertaining angels—unawares.”

“ Turn society man, join an archery club, be the one who can always be depended on for little services. It will keep you busy, out of mischief—‘idle hands,’ you know—and you'll be a tremendous favorite. I'd rather read, but anything is better than the utter vacuity of idleness. What do you say?”

“ I hat it's about supper time, most excellent Ecclesiastes!”

MAY PRESTON.

“ UNCLE JOSH.”

Joshua Whitcomb, which was produced at the Wilgus Opera House on Wednesday evening, with the combination that has been playing it around the country, is a farce comedy rather less wild in its development than most plays of the kind we have had in Ithaca lately. It is impossible and needless for us to write at length of the acting of Mr. Thompson in the title rôle of this play. Those who listened to the rendition of his lines and observed his matchless characterization of a New England farmer, know full well how to value both. To those who failed to attend this, the acme of all our dramatic performances this season, we extend hearty sympathy, for the great treat they missed. There were many, of what would be called in a higher field of dramatic art, tragedy, lightning flashes of delineation, born only of genius. It has been said that the actor is born, but the artist is made. Mr. Thompson combines both in perfect unanimity, actor and artist, and adds a third, not the least in importance, genius. It is not necessary to speak of Mr. Thompson's support in terms of the highest praise. They, we think, have individually and collectively, spoken for themselves. We cannot avoid, however, mentioning Miss Julia Wilson as *Tot*. She is twenty-two years of age, although she does not look more than twelve upon the stage. She has been speaking the same lines every night for eight years; having played the same part in variety theatres for three years previous to her regular engagement with Mr. Hill, with whom she has been five years. It is pleasant to find a company like this one, not actuated by motives of the most sordid description; a company which knows full well what an artistic rendition should be, and then endeavors to realize it. We close our notice with our thanks, and we fear not to add those of our readers who were fortunate enough to attend this most excellent performance.

RAYS OF ANCIENT ROME.

VI.

AD MEAM CARITISSIMAM NEAERAM.

"Je vous aime!
Je vous adore!
Que voulez-vous encore?"

"Vida de mi vida!
Gloria de mi alma!
Viva en la memoria,
Muerta en la esperanza."

Te amo, adoro
Quid plus cara! vis?
In vitâ in morte
Lux mea eris.
Mia stella stellarum
Es terrâ, mare.
Ergo O Amica
Ama, ama me!

Voluptas deorum
Est Venus Alma;
Et malum malorum
Atra odia;
Nam datur est hora
Pro vita et vi;
Ergo carissima!
Ama! ama me!

Vox noctis est cara,
Sic autem est lux;
Sed semper in rebus
Amor erit dux.
Amoris in horis,
Lacrymarumque
Eadem es semper,
Ergo ama me!

O Cara! in terrâ
Sic semper est prex:
"Benedicta Neaera
O hominum Rex,"
O Pater deorum
Sic oro a te
Et Amica mea
Ama! ama me!

Vita mea et stella
Et Lux mea es.
Verum amatorem
In me tu habes.
Quanquam sunt in terrâ
Multae lacrymae
Te precor, te oro
Ama! ama me!

Feminarum Divina!
Dulce decus deorum!
Amantium Amica!
Actor angellorum!

Clara Virgo Cara!
In via vitae,
Et saeculis semper
Ama! ama me!

Quum pallida Mors venit,
Et nobis in ventis
Vita vilis discedit,
Tunc vivida sis.
Si hoc sit donatum
Non dubito te.
In Caelo O Cara!
Amabis tunc me.

Vita mea, et stella,
Et lux mea es;
Templum in meo
Corde tu habes.
Ergo mea virgo
Ama! ama me!
Nam nihil est bonum
Quod non est in te.

RYMAN.

OBITUARY.

On May 1st, at the home of his parents, at Rexville, N. Y., Milton Failing, '83, died of a sickness contracted last term. He was present at a part of his examinations at the end of the Winter term, but was compelled to leave the University before he concluded them. The esteem in which Mr. Failing was held, is shown by the following resolutions adopted by his classmates and the Christian Association.

Whereas, the class of '83, of Cornell University, has heard of the death of its class-mate, Milton Failing, on May 1st, 1881, with deep regret, and with sorrow peculiarly great, since this is the first time death has visited its number; therefore be it

Resolved, that the class has lost a most earnest and respected member, the University a zealous and diligent student, and his fellow students a sympathizing and affectionate friend; and be it

Resolved, that we will always cherish with dear remembrance his strict integrity, his true manliness, his great patience and pleasing manners in all circumstances and at all times; and be it

Resolved, that we, the members of his class, deeply sensible of our loss, do extend to the bereaved friends of the deceased our heart-felt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the friends of the deceased, and that they also be published in the college papers.

H. C. ELMER,
C. H. ANDERSON,
A. F. MATTHEWS,
Committee.

Whereas, It has pleased our All-wise Father to remove from our presence our much esteemed friend and brother, Milton Failing, therefore

Resolved, that while we feel deeply our own loss, we, the members of the Christian Association of Cornell University, do extend to the family of the deceased our hearty sympathy in this, their hour of affliction.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and to the college papers for publication.

H. H. WING,
W. P. HERRICK,
M. R. KERR,
Committee.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

To the Editors of the Era :

As the end of the college year approaches, the thought of every Alumnus naturally turns to the class of young men who are soon to be thrust upon the world, as they themselves were, only a few years since. It is to the members of this class that I would give a few words of advice ; though I do not pretend to wag a very wise head, or to have had a vast amount of experience ; but those possessing these advantages persist in holding their peace. First let me tell you that you will have to cope with hundreds of other young men, possessing equal ability with yourselves, and who have enjoyed privileges, similar to those you have enjoyed at Cornell. You will find hundreds of young men, who have never seen the inside of college walls, who will outstrip you in the practical business of life.

Your diploma will not be a passport to the highest points of usefulness. The world will not ask you to show it, much less ask you whether you received the Woodford prize, or your name appeared on the Commencement programme. One class of individuals may regard your diploma with some respect ; these are the boards of education throughout the country. These men regard a diploma not only as

a testimony of scholarship, but also of ability to teach ; that there is a wide difference, no one can doubt, after a moment's reflection. In fact, it seems to me, as I look back to Cornell, that I remember men who had obtained excellent degrees, but whose ability to teach, and the accumulation of degrees seemed to be in the inverse ratio to each other.

A young man once asked an eminent English jurist how he could succeed at the bar ; the reply was to "live like a hermit and work like a horse." If this would enable a young man to succeed in the days of Lord Coke, it will also enable him to succeed at the present day. Some speak of a secret to success, of good luck or good fortune, but hard work, persistent effort in one direction—stick-to-it-ive-ness—is the only secret there is in success. Another element that is necessary to success, is a business etiquette. Hundreds of men fall simply because they have no true business habits. People prefer to patronize a man who has a pleasant good morning, and social business habits, rather than one who is cold, gruff and unfeeling in his outward manner. It may require some effort to speak pleasantly at all times, but the result will richly repay the effort. What the world will appreciate in you is sound *common sense* ; it cares very little for outward show, for fine clothes. There are a great many snobs in the world and they will ever remain so. Do not expect to occupy the highest places in the public trust before you have had experience. Experience must be had by every one who expects to rise ; few are advanced without it. Wishing you each the highest success in life, I remain your fellow student.

ALUMNUS '79.

CORNELLIANA.

- Hobart, Saturday on the campus !
- No lectures in Mediæval History next week.
- Laboratory work has begun for the class in Botany.
- Base-ball. Cornell vs. Hobart, to-morrow afternoon.
- The crew was again photographed yesterday morning. Next !
- "The Second of the Series" resulted in almost a clean sweep for '82.
- No. 11, Vol. XI, is wanted at this office. A liberal price will be paid for it.
- Buy a ticket to the ball game Saturday. Twenty-five cents is all it will cost you.
- A number of the students attended Prager's sociable last Friday and report a fine time.
- A return game of base ball will probably be played with Hobart at Geneva on Saturday May 21st.
- The Juniors will challenge the Sophomores to a game of base ball before Chase leaves for England.

—The Philadelphia *Times* announces the revival of pretty girls. We hope the next ERA board can do the same.

—The Buffalo *Express* severely lectures the Troy *Times* and Ithaca *Journal* for their opposition to the Niagara Falls Park scheme.

—Living-ston(e) & Se(ai)l-over, an Ithaca tobacco firm, have a rather logical name. If a stone is living we imagine it would sail over.

—The Engineers have been remarkably accurate this year in their campus survey. The variance from last year's measurements are very slight.

—The bathing season has begun in the region north-east of the University grounds. A number have already enjoyed the luxury of a cool swim.

—With but a few exceptions, the "Minority" were photographed on Monday afternoon in front of the McGraw. The Ensenore flag forms a prominent feature of the group.

—The *Patriarch Student* of the *'Varsity*, invites those intending to go on the Canadian Excursion to stop at Toronto. We doubt not they would be well received by our "cousins."

—The nine for Saturday will be: Humphries, c., Woodard, p., Sears, Captain and 1 b., Anderson, 2 b., Cole, 3 b., Hiscock, s. s., Kenney, l. f., Halde- man, c. f., C. I. Avery, r. f.

—It is evident that our sister colleges in the East will have a tough fight this year for the base-ball championship. It also seems that the question of superiority lies between Yale and Princeton.

—A crowded house should greet the representation of "The Rivals" next Tuesday evening in Journal Hall. Those who were unable to see the performance at Cascadilla should not fail to see this one.

—Bishop Warren preached a grand sermon last Sunday morning to a very large audience considering the temperature of the day. He is a pleasant and fluent speaker, and held the attention of the congregation for nearly an hour.

—The Sophomores held a meeting Tuesday noon, at which it was decided to invite upper-classmen to the excursion, and to have the class group taken yesterday afternoon, by Mr. Evans. Resolutions of respect to the memory of Mr. Failing were then passed.

—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, who is to preach in the Chapel Sunday, is too well known to Cornell to need any introduction. He is both a popular and earnest preacher, and a talented gentleman and scholar. Undoubtedly his discourse will interest all who attend.

—Last Saturday afternoon a scrub eight was arranged which took a spurt with the Four, which was witnessed by a number of the students. The crew

were afterwards photographed in their boat just in front of the boat house, the camera of the operator being on the opposite point.

—Cincinnati *Saturday Night*.
tion to it, we conclude that writing does not pay. requesting him to square up, and he gives no atten- write half a dozen letters to a delinquent subscriber in a late number of *Belgravia*. Well, when we — "Does Writing Pay?" is the title of an article

—The item published last week in regard to Prof. Shackford's "Shakespeare" section at 8 o'clock tended to create a wrong impression. This section was formed at the middle of the term to accommodate those who desired to attend the lectures at 12 o'clock. Very few, it seems, took advantage of the opportunity, and hence the small section.

—The Juniors are going to challenge '81 to a game of foot ball. It is hardly probable that the Seniors will play, as examinations are so near at hand; but it does seem as though something ought to be done to revive the interest in foot ball. If Rugby cannot be made a success, let us return to the old "Cornell" and play for our own amusement, if nothing more.

—The communication in the *Sun* on sending the Commodore of the Navy to England may reflect the opinion of a few of the students, but it can hardly be that of the majority. The Commodore is elected for the purpose of having charge of our Navy affairs, and he has labored very earnestly in its behalf, and now, according to all precedent, he should go to England with the crew.

—Prof Reynolds' mesmeric entertainment for the benefit of the Cornell crew failed for lack of an audience at Library Hall last Saturday evening.—*Ithaca Democrat*. The "mesmeric entertainment for the benefit of the Cornell Navy," occurred last Friday evening, and netted a balance of \$32 for the Navy. We hope the time will soon come when the only "successful newspaper" editor, with a white neck-tie, will successfully forget to tell the truth (?).

—The *Delta Beta Phi Quarterly*, published by editors chosen from the various chapters, made its appearance lately. The editors from the "Alpha" chapter of Cornell are W. B. Beach, '81, H. Krüsi, '82, and H. M. Brownell, '83. The *Quarterly* is of quarto size, about twenty-four pages, and is filled with information that is valuable and interesting to the members of the fraternity. It is printed by the Journal Association, and is a model of typographical art.

—The game of base ball between '82 and '84, Tuesday last, was indeed a novel one. The Juniors seeing that the poor, unsophisticated Freshmen were unable to solve the mysteries of a curve, kindly began tossing the ball to them. Still they were unable to do anything at the bat and much less in the

field, and showed a great lack of practice. There are a few men in the class who can play ball, but those few are usually overlooked when the nine is chosen. Rose pitched very fairly, considering the support that he received. Hoefler on third played fairly, capturing two very difficult fouls. For the Juniors, the score shows for itself. Their fielding was almost perfect, and they batted terrifically. The score was Juniors 17, Freshmen 4.

—The local Alumni Association met for the second time last Tuesday evening, with thirty-eight members present. The Committee on Constitution reported, and the following officers were elected: President, Dr. C. E. Van Cleef; Vice-President, Professor W. R. Dudley; Secretary, D. F. Van Vleet; Treasurer, Wm. H. Smith; Executive Committee, Messrs. Harris, C. E. Van Cleef, Van Vleet, Waterman and Smith. A motion to appoint a committee of three to confer with the Executive Committee of the University, in order that the Association make take action based on authentic information, concerning the recent action of the Committee in requesting the resignation of Professor Russel, was tabled by a vote of 32 to 5; 1 not voting. A banquet will probably be held in the near future.

—Owing to a press of matter in our last issue, we failed to chronicle the part played by Cornell in the Annual Convention of the Delta Beta Phi Fraternity held in Philadelphia April 29th and 30th. Representatives were present from chapters located at the College of the City of New York, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, Michigan, Lafayette, Lehigh, Princeton, and Cornell. These were guests of the Sigma Chapter of the University of Pennsylvania. On the morning of the 29th, the Grand Chapter held its business meeting in the rooms of the Sigma Chapter on Chestnut street above Ninth, and in the evening had a banquet at the Lafayette Hotel, covers being laid for over forty. President Louis J. C. Kimmell of the University of Pennsylvania presided. W. D. Kelley, Cornell '80, responded to the toast "Alpha." The other Cornellians present were R. B. Wick, '81, and W. B. Beach, '81.

PERSONALIA.

R. L. SMITH, '81, was in the Minority last Monday.

C. H. MCKINSTRY, '80, is now in Coxsackie, N. Y.

D. W. MESICK, '80, has just removed to Newark, N. J.

L. O. HOWARD, '77, spent a few pleasant days in Ithaca this week.

CHASE left for home this afternoon to remain a few days before he takes his departure for England.

B. W. LAW, '74, in the petroleum refining busi-

ness in Havana, Cuba, is visiting his friends in town.

HODGMAN, '83, is in town to attend the Sophomore excursion, and witness the game of ball Saturday.

CHAS. E. SEARS, '72, was married at Portland, Oregon, April 17th, '81, to Miss Carrie Randall.—*Journal.*

"BISH" ARNOLD, one of '81's Freshman crew, spent a few days in town this week to witness a steam engine test made by Professor Kerr, in the Sibley building.

A. M. REEVES, '78, ex-editor of Vol. X of the ERA, is now a member of the firm of Jenkinson & Reeves, proprietors of the *Daily and Weekly Palladium*, an enterprising paper in Richmond, Ind.

GEO. M. JARVIS, '78, is in town for a few days. His first afternoon here was spent at the boat house. He has just returned from Brazil, where he has been employed as an engineer for the past two years.

A. J. LOOS, '77, ex-editor of the ERA, now with the Chester Oil Co., of Philadelphia, writes us: "I have been very much pleased with the course of the ERA during the current volume, and congratulate you on having maintained so high a standard of excellence.

The Buffalo *Courier*, in commenting on the new firm, Greene, McMillan and Gluck, says: "The youngest member of the firm is Mr. James Fraser Gluck, one of the most promising young lawyers in the State. His scholarly and brilliant qualities as a lawyer, essayist and orator have won him such warm eulogism as would have turned the head of a less evenly balanced man; and, to speak candidly, we thought a few years ago that Mr. Gluck was in danger of being sacrificed on the altar of admiration. But he showed that he had stamina; and his career as a lawyer has proved his thorough appreciation of the serious obligations pressing upon him in a professional way, and as a counselor and an advocate, if health is spared him, he is destined to a high place in the history of the profession in this State. He combines subtlety, industry, judgment and brilliancy in a remarkable degree, and the firm of which he is the youngest member will be a power in our city." Mr. Gluck is a well-known member of the class of '74.

COLLEGE NEWS.

BROWN:—

The Forty-ninth Annual Convention of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, will be held with the Brunonian Chapter, May 24th and 25th. Business will be discussed the 24th, the afternoon of which day, also, the visitors and their hosts will take an excursion down Narragansett Bay. The public exercises will occur in the Providence Opera House, Wednes-

day evening, May 25th. The speakers will be Hon. Chas. S. Beadley, Brown, '38, Hon. W. W. Crapo, Yale, '52; President Chase of Haverford College, Harvard, '48; Everett P. Wheeler, Manhattan, '56, and others. Hon. John Jay, Columbia, '36, will preside. The dinner will take place at the Narragansett Hotel on the close of the public exercises.

DARTMOUTH :—

President Bartlett has, it is alleged, been discriminating against the Chandler Scientific School. As a result, most of the professors united in a letter to the Trustees, asking them to request his resignation. The President refused to resign; and the alumni asked for a committee of investigation of the affair. The committee took evidence in the case May 9th and 10th, and will submit a report to the Trustees, June 9th. It is hoped that some arrangement may be determined upon which will speedily end the trouble.

BOWDOIN :—

Work has been begun on Memorial Hall.

A new collection of statuary has been received and opened lately. It was a gift of a friend of the college.

Many of the Seniors are not satisfied with the class officers elected a short time since. They claim that the Societies have an unfair proportion of them, and gained the election by unfair means.

HARVARD :—

Preliminary field sports were held by the Juniors yesterday, on Jarvis field.

Harvard and Princeton nines will meet on the ball field at Princeton, May 20th.

Interest in lacrosse has revived. There is some prospect of a match with Columbia.

An annual parade of the League of America Wheelmen will take place in Boston, May 30th. Representatives will be present from the bicycle clubs of Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia.

The *University Bulletin* has appeared. It is considered an improvement upon the *Harvard Register*, which it replaces. It contains votes of the Corporation and Overseers, and abstracts of the labors of Harvard scientists.

In its "Table of the American College Record," the *Crimson* credits Caulmann of "Cornell College" with the 3-mile walk. The record made was 25 m. 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec., by J. S. Collman, '81, of Cornell University, May 25th, 1880.

MICHIGAN :—

Delegates from the literary societies met delegates from the societies of Adrian, Albion, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, Olivet and Lansing, and formed a state inter-collegiate association April 15th.

The Senior class, and the whole University, to a

certain extent, are agitated over the question of having Class day and Reception and of procuring the use of the college buildings for them.

Two games of base ball were played by the University nine and the Detroits lately. The score of the first was Detroits 23, University 0; of the second, Detroits 17, University 4. The University men are satisfied with the results.

YALE :—

Spring regatta will occur May 18th.

Freshmen and Sophomores now elect their fence orators.

The University Orchestra has announced a concert for Tuesday, May 17th.

Harvard and Yale meet on the ball-field to-morrow. An exciting game is anticipated.

Yale and Princeton teams met in New Haven, Saturday, May 7th, and played a close and interesting game of base-ball, Yale winning by 6 to 5. The errors were, Yale 5, Princeton 11.

The question of rowing class races on the harbor instead of Lake Saltonstall is being discussed. It is claimed that the change would reduce the expense of preparation and transportation.

Professor Wright contemplates omitting the lectures on Light, which were to be given before the Junior class this term, because he fears a repetition of the disorder which was prevalent last term.

EXCHANGES.

The *University Magazine* is among the first we select at random to review this week. It suggests to us in an article entitled, "The Representation of the Alumni in the Board of Trustees," a thought which it were well if our own Alumni were to dwell upon. That the Alumni of any institution of learning ought to be well represented upon the Board of Trustees, is beyond controversy a most excellent arrangement both for the best welfare of the said institution and its students. But how many of our Universities and Colleges have even a fair representation? We know of none. It seems to be the fate of our younger institutions to be governed by bodies of men chosen from among the wealthier and more influential citizens living in their immediate vicinity, and whose connection with these institutions is born of the fact that they have been generous enough to give a few hundred thousands either from a philanthropic stand point of view or to perpetuate their own names to posterity as foster-fathers of learning. They seldom, if ever, visit the institution which they have endowed, and of its daily workings they know nothing whatever. Such a state of things, to say the least, is most undesirable.

The gentleman who wrote the article entitled "Bricks versus Brains" in *The Critic*, has thoroughly

and clearly discussed this question and others of equal importance. We quote at length :

"To the popular mind a college is a building or a collection of buildings. When a rich man founds a college his first concern is about the bricks, the stones, and the plans for the buildings which he thinks are to constitute the foundation of its fame. Then, when he has spent three-fourths or more of his endowment in brick and mortar and in beautifying the grounds, he begins to cast about him for a President and a suitable Faculty. His old pastor, the Rev. Mr. Ranter, is an excellent man and might make a very acceptable resident; and if he is himself a little too old, he will undoubtedly know some good man who can teach young men the way they should walk. Accordingly Mr. Ranter recommends his friend, Mr. Blower, who, he says, is a rising man, and understands the hearts of the young. Mr. Blower, then, is appointed, and the board of trustees, consisting of thirty or forty of the wealthiest men in the State, proceed to elect a Faculty, appointing, when they have no candidates of their own, the President's nominees. But before proceeding farther, let us inspect, for a moment, the body called the Board of Trustees. They are, we have said, rich men or prominent politicians, who have been elected with the hope that some day they will put the college down for a handsome sum in their wills. Six or a dozen of them may be college graduates, but a majority are 'self-made' men, who have certain narrow practical notions concerning education as concerning everything else, and look upon culture as a luxury which the world can get along very well without."

As we want space, we omit here the discussion of a principle which impels banks, insurance companies, and other corporations, "to secure from among the stockholders men who, besides being financially sound, possess a special knowledge of the particular kind of business which they are to direct." The principle, however, fails to govern the election of a college Board of Trustees.

"Are the scholars of the land greatly in demand as Trustees? How many of them are there at present, in the governing boards of colleges? Excluding the Presidents, who also have seats in the Boards of Trustees, they could, perhaps, be counted on the fingers of one hand. The scholars are in the Faculties of our colleges, it will be answered; and Faculties and Boards of Trustees are distinct bodies with different functions. Granted; but that is no valid reason why a really able Professor, who has the interests of the college at heart, should not also be eligible to the Board of Trustees. In this State, we believe, there is a law permitting such elections, but it is a dead letter."

The writer here leaves this question, and dwells upon another of no less importance :

"It is almost a truism to say that the success of a college depends primarily upon the efficacy of its teaching force and that the number and size of its buildings are of secondary importance. Great Universities have existed for centuries, and become world-renowned, without owning a building. The University of Jena won fame while its Professors taught in hired halls scattered about the city. It is only ten or fifteen years since it was enabled to erect an edifice of its own."

"It was the brains," the writer adds, "of men like Wolf, Schiller, Fichte, and Oken, which made Jena renowned, and attracted students from all parts of Europe." Without such men no splendors of architecture would have availed."

The writer closes his argument with a plea for the better payment of our Professors. "In our opinion, the system which gives so great a power to the Board

of Trustees is largely responsible for the mistakes by which our colleges are constantly impeding their own progress. The utmost parsimony always governs this body when the question is one of keeping or procuring a valuable man; and one, two, or three thousand dollars seems an enormous sum to invest in brains, while fifty or a hundred thousand may be cheerfully voted for more bricks." The Trustees reason that there is little use of paying a Professor a high price when they can get a very decent man for less money; or even paying present incumbents fair salaries when they receive applications from real respectable persons who are willing to do the same work for half price. "But the Trustees, in nine cases out of ten, have no means of knowing the quality of his work, and would hardly be able to form a sound opinion of it, if they were daily present in his own class-room, or at his lectures. Thus the system operates. Instead of resulting in a survival of the fittest, it results in a survival of the cheapest."

Here we are at the end of the article and our space. We do not apologize either for devoting the entire space of our exchange columns to these questions or for quoting so much at length from the above article. We acknowledge that the reforms needed could not have been better set forth by ourselves or are of less interest to us than to the writer of the above well-balanced article.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—An industrious man read the bulletin board in front of the University through the other day, and sends us the results. Here they are:—

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—*Harvard Advocate.*

—"No, sir," said the glove seller to Spot; "I could give you a smaller pair, but to sell you anything below fourteens, well-stretched, would render me liable under the statute for the prevention of cruelty to animals."—*Varsity.*

—"Do you dance the quadrille?" "No but I have a bro. Bill from Brazil, who dances the quadrille on the window-sill."—*Lampoon.*

—Prof. S. : “What mammals are found in Australia and nowhere else?”

Mr. T. (whose hat is uncomfortably tight this a. m.) : “Snakes, sir.”—*Princetonian*.

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—THE FAMOUS MCGIBENY FAMILY, THE MUSICAL MARVELS, will appear in Wilgus Opera House next Friday and Saturday evenings, May 20th and 21st. Admission 25, 35 and 50 cents.

From the Syracuse Sunday Times, January 2.

WILL GIVE A PRIZE FOR ONE WHO HAS HEARD THEM AND WAS NOT ENCHANTED—We have but little room for notice of the marvelous McGibeny Family, who have astonished and pleased Syracuse the last two days, therefore we shall put it strong in a few words. They have been induced, then, to give four more performances here, as detailed elsewhere. The Opera House has been packed to hear these already given, and we will give a prize for one person who has heard them and was not enchanted with the entertainment and bound to go again, no matter what it costs. Their entertainment cannot be described—it must be heard. It is such a cozy, home like, easy going affair, and so genial and pleasing to all classes, that it is no wonder opera houses cannot be found large enough to hold the people who want to hear them. To conclude the person in this city who does not go and hear the McGibeny's, misses one of the rarest treats of his life.

—DUPREZ AND BENEDICT'S GIGANTIC FAMOUS MINSTRELS.—Minstrelsy seems to be the most popular of amusements here, and among the most popular are Duprez & Benedict's. What the papers say :

The lovers of rollicking, roaring fun, and of artistic impersonations, will have a good chance to burst their sides with laughter at the comic bits of Duprez & Benedict's Minstrels this week. This is the oldest troupe in the country, and the only troupe that season after season has reappeared with fresh sketches fresh jokes, fresh scenes, fresh everything, and a ripple of laughter follows them from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Lakes to the Gulf. The company embraces many of the best and most famous Ethiopian comedians, end-men, ballad singers, dancers and specialty men who have ever engaged in the business. Mr. Charles H. Duprez, the veteran manager, is the sole director and proprietor of the

company, and under his charge it has become to be the perfection of minstrel troupes.—*Washington Daily Republican*.

“Good, O good minstrels.” Duprez & Benedict's troupe gave an unexceptionable entertainment at the Opera House on Saturday evening, before a large and intelligent audience. The whole performance was better than that of any minstrel troupe which has visited this city for a long time. It is a strong, well-organized company, and they can depend upon a good reception should they soon visit Poughkeepsie again. —*Loughkeepsie News*.

This well known troupe will appear at Wilgus Opera House next Thursday evening, May 19th. A popular price of admission will be charged. General admission 35 cents. Reserved seats, 50 cents. Children, 25 cents.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Congregational Church, corner Seneca and Geneva Streets. Pastor, C. M. Tyler. Services, Preaching at 10:00 a. m., and 7:00 p. m., Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:00 p. m., Sunday School, after the Sunday morning service.

Presbyterian Church, Dewitt Park, north-west corner, M. W. Stryker, Pastor. Public worship at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., Church School at 12:10, Young Men's Meeting in Chapel at 6:45 p. m., Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Pastor, Henry C. Badger. Services 11:00 a. m., 7:00 p. m., Sunday School and Young People's Classes, 12:00 m., Inquiry Class, 8:00 to 9:00 p. m., during the winter. Mr. Badger at home Tuesday evenings, 148 Cascadilla.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Buffalo and Cayuga Streets. Rector, Amos B. Beach, D. D. Services at 11:00 a. m., and 7:00 p. m., Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Students cordially received.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel, (East door,) Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services, every Sunday, at 10 a. m., and 4:15 p. m.

Baptist, The Park Church, DeWitt Park, East Side. Pastor, Robert T. Jones. Services, Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 7:00 p. m., Conference Meetings, Sunday, 6:00 p. m., Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Church School, Sunday, 12:30 p. m.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill Streets. Pastor, A. W. Green. Services, Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 7:00 p. m., Sunday School at 12:30 p. m., Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m., Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m.

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and that the present trial at our own University is only an experiment. We hope that the experiment will prove to be an extremely happy one, and that the persons who have this matter in charge, stimulated by their success on a small scale, may be tempted to exert themselves in this direction in a much more extensive and general way.

THE Glee Club, nothing daunted by bad luck, are going to give a concert in Buffalo one week from to-day. There is nothing like perseverance; and we have no doubt but that, after their faithful practice of the numbers of a tasteful programme of college music, they will meet with the reception and credit that they deserve. Wherever they have sung outside of this village they have, under adverse circumstances, succeeded in taking the press by storm. This will be seen by a reference to the highly complimentary articles in the Elmira journals on the occasion of their late visit to that city. Last Spring when they sang in Syracuse and Auburn they met with enthusiastic receptions from small audiences and were highly praised by the papers. If the public loves music, and that of an unconventional and exceedingly pleasing kind, it should hear our Glee Club, by all means. Some new pieces are in rehearsal now which will greatly add to the interest of their programme. In all probability there is to-day no college in New York state that can boast a glee club the equal of ours. By all means, therefore, they ought to have a good reception in Buffalo. We have no doubt that their concert in Geneva to-morrow evening will add more laurels to their record.

EVERY one must have noticed that the campus, during the present term, has been subjected to very extensive improvements. The ground, for quite a distance on each side of the walk extending from the North to the South building, has been leveled and graded, and as soon as nature shall have covered the bare places with a mantle of green, it will be apparent how beneficial the changes and improvements have been. At present the greatest amount of labor is being performed upon the large field to the rear of Professor Babcock's house, and known as the old ball-grounds. This has been completely floored over, with the object, we are informed by Professor Prentiss, of leveling and grading it.

The new ball-grounds, which now seem to be almost within our grasp, will be laid out nearly where they were situated before; the diamond will be turfless, and the remainder of the field will be seeded. With the expenditure of comparatively a small amount of labor these grounds can be made to suit our purpose splendidly, and we trust that coming years will see succeeding ball teams achieve many victories upon them. The campus, take it altogether, is being much improved, and doubtless when Commencement week shall bring back many of the old graduates, they will rejoice to see the judicious and beautifying changes which have been made.

THE crew have for some days past been making a trial of the Davis oar with a view to substituting it for one they have used in all their races heretofore. Old oarsmen who have become accustomed to any one style of oar, are of course prejudiced in favor of that pattern. Yet the trial of the new oar so far, has not determined that for our crew it is preferable. It is a mistake to say, as has been said, that the leading oarsmen of the country endorse the Davis oar as being the best. Captain Hills, of the Albany Boat Club, the Detroit, Ellis Ward, and Captain Ostrom, besides many others who have examined and used the new oar for which so much superiority is claimed, have rejected it, and say that after a fair trial they find no advantage is to be gained by using it. Though this testimony is valuable, it is not conclusive in deciding the choice of our crew. We wish to press upon our oarsmen the necessity of being extremely cautious about making any radical changes that are of doubtful expediency. If they find they can not do as well with the new oar as with the old, they should discard it at once in spite of the positive protests of the Henley Committee, the inventor and all others. The matter ought to rest with them alone, for upon them alone now rests the responsibility of Cornell's success in the Henley regatta. Inasmuch as testimony regarding the merits of the oar is conflicting, they are the only judges who can decide. In all probability their decision will be given in a few days, and we hope it will prevail.

THE ball game with Hobart was a very pronounced success. The day was all that could be desired. The Hobart men proved themselves to be

gentlemen in every sense of the word, and the game, in a financial point of view, was quite satisfactory. It is true that the nine men who represented the college at Geneva were somewhat more proficient in the art of playing ball than we had anticipated. It may be, perhaps, hinted in consequence, that our team went upon the field with something which greatly smacked of over-confidence in the result; that they had neglected to practice in preparation for the game; and that a little trip down the lake, with all the attending circumstances, which render such an excursion a thing to be remembered with especial distinctness during the next day, is probably not the best preparation that a ball nine could receive for a game of base ball. However, the facts that the Hobart men could play ball a little, and that our own team were scarcely in the best possible condition, were soon demonstrated to our entire satisfaction. And the result was hardly in conformity with our sanguine expectations. Tomorrow the return game is to be played at Geneva. This trip will doubtless allow everybody an opportunity to enjoy one of the pleasantest times possible. The Glee Club, it has been announced, will accompany the nine, and will give a concert in the evening, and this, together with the pleasure of seeing the ball game, and of becoming better acquainted with the Hobart men and their surroundings, is an opportunity which should not be neglected. To Manager R. C. Horr is due a great deal of credit for the ball game of last week, and the financial success which attended it. His energy and successful management deserve many thanks.

IT is with pleasure that we announce the opening of the assembly room, which occurred Monday. The idea of having a place on the hill set apart for general student use, a commodious and well-lighted room, where all can meet upon equal terms with no restrictions, has long been one of our pet schemes. Now, the Executive Committee have kindly supplied our want, and have well supplied it. At a cost of over one hundred dollars for actual work done, and of great inconvenience to Professor Anthony, whose complicated apparatus had to be moved to another place, the basement room in the South University has been put in order for our use. Let us then use it in a way that will show the authorities

that we sincerely appreciate their kindness. Nothing has been said as to any conditions upon its use, everything being left to our own good sense and discretion. Therefore, we do not hesitate to utter a few plain words in the shape of cautions. In the first place, if we had not already specimens of their work at carving and whittling the University furniture, it would plainly be unnecessary for us now to put ordinary students upon their guard against the knife fiends who delight to cut their names and their friends' names and various other devices, on seats and benches and woodwork; or when the knife is wanting, to scribble on hard walls and smooth paint. But we all know that there are a few such in our midst; therefore, we say, let us be on the lookout for them. The discovery has been made that loud noises and sounds made in the basement room can be heard in Professor Hewett's lecture room. Therefore, let us confine whatever discussion we hold in that apartment to the ordinary tones of voice. If there are any other points that need attention and care, we trust that they are so self-evident to *gentlemen* that it is unnecessary for us to mention them. One word more; the best evidence of gratitude we can render to the Trustees is, to use the room and to preserve it and its contents in such a way that none would ever be ashamed should Professors or Trustees happen to drop in unexpectedly to make an inspection of the premises.

HOW THE ERA WAS STARTED.

MR. JOHNSON BRIGHAM, EDITOR OF THE HORNELLVILLE DAILY TIMES, AND THE FIRST BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE ERA, INDULGETH IN REMINISCENCE.

Mr. E. R. Shnable, CORNELL ERA:

My Dear Sir:

A copy of your well-edited and beautifully-printed ERA lies on my desk before me; and it has set me thinking of *our* ERA, *my* ERA—the small, ill-gotten-up, loosely-edited, rough, pioneer ERA of twelve years ago; a sheet which in its day furnished much subject matter for “the gossip of the bourg,” and as we editors fondly believed, for “the murmur of the world.”

You tell me the founding of the ERA has never been “written up.” That is strange. An event so momentous (to us who were part of it) must not longer remain unchronicled.

It was a motley crew gathered round the board at Cascadilla Place that second week in October, 1868. We had “come from every nation,” almost, and, literally, “from every way.”

But the one particular picture upon which my mind's eye is now resting is that of the mud-draggled recruits of "Company B." (Cornell Cadets) as I, their mud-bespattered captain, vainly endeavored to keep them in line on the march to and from our meals at Cascadilla. In that elder day there was no bridge across the ravine just north of Cascadilla Creek; and in rainy weather, when we were favored with much mud, the slipping and sliding down into that ravine and the frantic struggles to clamber up and out again were fatal to all discipline and a prolific source of merriment. Believing the grave and reverend lawyers, legislators, doctors, etc., who once trained with me, and with me once wore the muddy badge of service, will pardon the caricature, I am tempted to quote Falstaff in this connection:

"You would think I had a hundred and fifty prodigals, lately come from swine keeping."

Where two or three hundred are gathered together, anywhere on American soil, there will the Newspaper be in the midst of them. We of the first Junior class had hardly begun to know one another by sight when we began in all seriousness to talk newspaper. Talk was cheap then, and we made free use of it. To secure the editorship of the proposed sheet, all sorts of queer combinations were made. (Of course, nothing of the kind is done now.) The Independents might easily have beaten our little handful of secret society men; but we were well organized, and they were not. We had great faith in *deus machina*. They had unbounded confidence in the supremacy of intellect and real merit over the power of "the machine." Our ultimate triumph proved our faith well founded, and demonstrated anew the omnipotence of the right kind of machinery well applied—in modern politics, inside as well as outside college halls.

But I am anticipating. For a time it looked as though the brilliant and somewhat erratic Julius (Chambers) would "git thar"; but, luckily (or unluckily) for us, the boys of the class of '70 didn't know what a menagerie there was in that teeming brain of his. Storke, too, had strong "claims"—chief among which was that of experience at the case and in the editor's chair—but, like many another man with a claim, at the end of the contest he still had *his claim*—Halliday, or "Hal," as he was familiarly called in those days, had lost his *Alpha Delta Phi* badge in the hay-field the summer before, and inasmuch as societies were not organized at Cornell then, he passed for an Independent, and no questions were asked. Being a large patterned fellow, mentally and physically, and not discoverably lacking in ability to tell you all he knew,—and, if occasion required, more also,—the Independents finally made him their first choice for the editorship. Hal had a "walk-over,"

but the rest of the corps, (Avery, Lothrop, Greene and myself) obtained the prize only after much manipulation of strange button-holes and many grave assurances from each of us that the others on our slate were far better and more brilliant than they looked.

We were not long making the discovery that the much-coveted prize of editorship was an immature elephant on our hands. We were wholly innocent of all knowledge of or experience with "the black art;" we were almost wholly unacquainted one with another; every one of us had his own magnificent idea of how a newspaper ought to be run, and no two of us possessed ideas that touched at any point. Then, again, we had our studies to hinder us—though our obligations as students rested not weightily upon *some* of us. And, too, society wooed us from our work,—for in that elder day, to be a student was greater in society circles than to be a member of the then famous "'Why not?' Club." And behind all these impediments to the success of our journalistic venture stalked grim Impecuniosity—impertinently reminding some, possibly not more than *one*, of us that we had "*got to*" make a success of it.

In a weak moment (so *we* thought), after some concessions had been made by Greene, Avery and Lothrop, Halliday and myself consented to name our proposed creation *The Cornell Cadet*; and circulars were issued pathetically urging students and citizens to turn in and help us along.

After committing ourselves to the circulars, we visited Ezra Cornell and President White, ostensibly to ask their advice and counsel, but in reality to enlist their sympathy and support—advice was the least of our wants, for we felt serenely confident of our ability to make a "go" of it.

We first called on Mr. Cornell. He received us in his quiet undemonstrative way, and listened patiently while we unfolded the details of our scheme. When asked for his opinion, he replied that he could see no money in it for us, and was afraid it would interfere with our studies. We hastened to reassure him on these points, and before we had talked very long on the subject nearest our hearts, the kind old man remarked, with the faintest approach to a smile, "I rather think you've about made up your mind to start this paper, and don't need very much advice from me. Here's five dollars; put me down on your list and be sure and mark me paid; and if you'll do the best you can for the interests of the University, you'll win friends who won't see you suffer."

President White took a more hopeful view of the enterprise, until one of us ventured to remark that there was "money in it." At this he smiled and shook his head. "Don't deceive yourselves with that idea, gentlemen. If you're not compelled to put your hands down into your pockets for

about a hundred dollars apiece at the end of the college year, then all my experience in college journalism goes for naught."

Observing our dejection, and possibly surmising that some of us were financially not strong, he smiled and added, "But I will say this for your encouragement, gentlemen. Go ahead, and do the best you can with your enterprise, and when you get where you need help, come to me and I'll—well, I'll see what can be done for your relief." The kind elder-brotherly way in which the President dismissed us overcome our first depression, and we went forth resolved to do great things.

We adjourned to the sky-parlor in South College, which Halliday and myself occupied, in common with a (then) Freshman named D'Autremont, now one of Chemung county's venerable Supervisors. Excusing the Freshman, we sat down to the grave and difficult task of selecting a name for our paper for all coming time.

Halliday was Chairman. Greene promptly took the floor, and moved that we stick to the name first chosen, *The Cornell Cadet*. He eloquently argued the appropriateness of a military title for a paper issuing from a University in which military training was likely to be a distinguishing feature. He made the syllables of his pet name skip trippingly from his tongue, and then called our attention to the euphony of it—or something of that sort. He urged the name, also, on the ground that everybody liked it, and the boys especially were delighted with it. I opposed the motion; was, in fact, "dead set" against a military title; had had enough of dress-parade and mimicry of war; thought the word "Cadet" was not sufficiently dignified for such a paper as Fate had destined ours to be. Halliday's position as presiding officer could not restrain him much longer. A vigorous smile and a shake of the head told the opposition that, as touching this one thing, at least, he and his chum were agreed. Avery thought that "Cadet" was all that could be asked—the cadets liked it, and would be indignant if we were to change the name at this late day. Lothrop thought as Avery did; "and more, also." He thought every cadet in the University would feel that the *Cornell Cadet* was his personal organ. I returned to the attack with some warmth, saying if students had come here from all over the country to learn to play soldier I was much mistaken. I believed they had come to study, and would soon become disgusted and leave if they should find the civil subordinated to the military features of the course. I stoutly declared that a reaction had already set in; that I, myself, was about to throw up my commission and, with a number of others, was going to board down in the village to escape the draft. "Here, too," exclaimed the Chairman, forgetting for the moment the requirements of his

position. But the silence was broken, and the Chairman asked to be allowed a word; then, not waiting for our consent, he proceeded to deliver himself. Not to weary you with his points against the name proposed, it will suffice to say that before he had finished his harangue, there was an evident weakening of the opposing forces.

"How would 'Vidette' do?" asked Greene in a spirit of compromise. "Not at all," I quickly responded. "It's open to nearly all the objections that have been made to 'Cadet'; and, besides, the Williams *Vidette* has preëmpted that title." Then began a "free-for-all, go-as-you-please" contest, in which every one of us took a part; and the hackneyed titles, *Courier*, *Courant*, *Times*, *Tribune*, *Herald*, *News*, etc., etc., were, each in turn proposed and voted down. Then we went back to *The Cornell Cadet*, and fought the battle over again, mutilating said Cadet by our rough handling more brutally than our colored friend and brother, Whitaker, was mutilated at West Point. At the first symptom of a return to the subject, Hal. withdrew to the bedroom adjoining and threw himself upon the bed in despair of an agreement.

It was early afternoon when we sat down to our task, and it was now growing dark, and yet the child was without a name. The rest of us had well nigh reached the point of despair to which the Chairman had already attained, when the chimes broke the stillness of the hour by warning us that supper was fifteen minutes ahead, and that the ravine must again be crossed. Greene when under the spur of an immediate necessity always became inspired. He listened a moment, then sprang to his feet, and with big expletive, exclaimed, "I have it! *I have it!* Why didn't somebody think of it before? Just the word! So suggestive of the new order of things?" "What is it?" we all asked together.

"THE CORNELL ERA," he replied, and sank into his chair exhausted. "How is that for a name?" asked Avery. "Good enough," groaned Hal. from under the pillows in the bedroom. "What do you say to it?" asked Lothrop turning to me. "Just the thing," I quickly responded. "All in favor of 'Era' say 'I,'" roared forth the Chairman, now sitting upon the edge of the bed. Our four responsive eyes were given with a shout of relief which started the Freshmen from the room across the hall, and brought the Orderly Sergeant of Company B from a lower floor with the inquiry, "What's going on up here?"

We adjourned to the village for an extra supper in honor of the occasion, and a happier or more harmonious corps of editors never sat down to sup together. But, alas, our era of good feeling, or the good feeling over our ERA, was too delightful

to last. Of the ERA's checkered career during that first year's struggle for existence I may write somewhat hereafter, should the *cacoethes scribendi* ever again attack me.

Permit me to boast, in conclusion, that we never were compelled to ask financial aid of our generous patrons; but, on the contrary, our "dividends" amounted to somewhat over a hundred dollars apiece.

Hornellsville, N. Y., May 3, 1881. J. B.

THE SOPHOMORE.

"The Sophomore is a divine thing."

—President Humphries.

Last Friday afternoon the village was again started by a deed of daring perpetrated by the class of eighty-three. Shortly after four o'clock in the afternoon, the 50th Regiment Band roused the sleepy lawyers in the old Cornell Mansion and the neighboring buildings with strains of inspiring music, and convinced them that something was going to happen. Well, something did happen. In a few minutes a select delegation of Sophomores, accompanied by the band and Senior and Junior friends, filled the 'busses which had meanwhile arrived, and were driven rapidly away in the direction of the steamboat landing. The spectators then knew they were about to embark on the Frontenac for the Sophomore Excursion to Sheldrake. At five o'clock the steamer was out of the inlet with a jolly crowd of sixty-seven, (including, as guests, the Ithaca Glee Club), on board. The time was pleasantly spent until, on nearing Sheldrake, at the earnest wish of the jolly Sophs., the Committee arranged to pass on down to Aurora and pay their *devoirs* to Wells and its charming inmates. This roused anticipation to an extraordinarily high pitch on board the boat, and struck the delegation of small boys, who received the excursionists on the Aurora dock, dumb with amazement and delight. Forming in threes under the leadership of Mr. R. C. Horr, '82, with the band, Committee and Glee Club at the head, the company marched through the streets of the village to Wells. Here the Glee Club distinguished themselves by singing a few of their glees in an incomparable manner to the great delight of the audience, whose costumes had gracefully converted the entrance of the college building into a beautiful array of colors. Then, after a selection by the band, and "Solomon Levi" and the yell by the students, the party took its departure, unwillingly to be sure, warned by the Frontenac's whistle that their time was expired. Only a few moments' delay was consumed after leaving the dock, to give Wells a parting salute in passing.

Arrived hungry and good-humored at Sheldrake, the company repaired at once to the Hotel. After a half-hour's delay, at about half past nine, all were seated in the dining-room and discussing the supper. After the voracious appetites, which had been whet-

ted by the bracing air of a breeze from the north and the unwonted exertion of singing before the appreciative Wells audience, were appeased, the literary portion of the programme was discussed. In a few words of welcome Mr. Humphries, the President, introduced in order Messrs. C. H. Anderson, the Orator, George Stevenson, the Poet, and C. I. Avery, the Keeper of the Log. If the Sophs. had already showed their ability to 'woo the fair' and to 'brave the raging main,' and as connoisseurs of edibles, they now proved themselves equally capable of appreciating the more sober charms of the intellectual productions, as their discriminating plaudits proved. These exercises no less than the toasts, which were thirteen in number, showed that the rare talent for leading the fun of a crowd is possessed by the gentlemen who, in various capacities, contributed to the exercises. Of the toasts we can only say that all were excellent, and some incomparable. Therefore, it was no wonder that it required much exertion on the part of Mr. A. F. Matthews, the Toast Master, to bring the programme to a speedy close at one o'clock Saturday morning, in response to the earnest solicitations of the Captain, who, it seems, was fearful of a fog, whether literally or metaphorically, we cannot say. Anyhow, under the careful management of several of his good friends, he ran into a mist and got aground on a bar, on the way back. No damage was done, however, to boat or cargo of jolly fellows; and at three o'clock, *ante meridiem*, the Sophomore Excursion was one of the *glorious* events of the past.

OUR UNIVERSITY FOUR.

Our crew, substitute and Commodore will bid us farewell next Wednesday or Thursday, and will set sail for Europe the following Saturday on the steamer England, of the National Line. The ocean voyage will consume about ten days. The party will stop at Troy and give the crew a chance to try the new shell, christened "Cornell." Few now realize the immensity, responsibility and dangers of this enterprise. Newspapers have puffed up the merits of our gallant four, until many expect nothing but a series of splendid victories to follow their wake. The Navy Directors and Henley Committee have labored unceasingly, and have given the crew every opportunity of which to take advantage. Major Burbank has secured all the practical experience and inventive ingenuity of Mr. Davis, who has scientifically rigged our shells. The crew have bettered their time lately. What their practice time is or has been will never be published, and is known to but few. Whatever be the result of the races on the Henley, June 30th, July 1st and 2d, (and we hope, with all our might, that Cornell will "git thar") we will always feel proud of this one great effort.

STATISTICS.

A. H. Cowles, '82, rows bow, was born in Cleveland, Ohio; height, 6 ft.; weight, 149 lbs.; age, 22 years. He rowed No. 4 in the Harvard vs. Cornell Freshmen 8-oared race, at Ensenore, N. Y., 1878; bow at North Hector, on Seneca Lake, July 3rd, 1880, and bow on Lake George, July 16th, 1880.

John Lewis, '79, rows No. 2, from which he steers. According to the *Spirit of the Times*, he is now the best steersman of any college crew. He has a longer record than any man of our crew. He was born in Ithaca, N. Y.; height, 5 ft. 8 in.; weight, 145 lbs.; age, 25 years. He rowed stroke in the Freshman 6-oared shell, at Saratoga, N. Y., in 1875; No. 5 in the University 6-oared shell at the same place in 1876; stroke in the University 4-oared shell at the same place, July 9th, 1879; also, in a single scull race at the same place and time; stroke of the same crew at Lake George, July 18th, 1879; No. 2, at North Hector, July 3d, 1880, and the same position at Lake George, July 16th, 1880.

J. G. Allen, '81, No. 3, was born in Aurora, N. Y.; height, 6 ft.; weight, 165 lbs.; age, 20 years. He rowed No. 6 at Ensenore, N. Y., July 17, 1878; No. 2, at Saratoga, N. Y., July 9th, 1879; the same position at Lake George, July 18, 1879; No. 3, at North Hector, July 3d, 1880, and the same position at Lake George, July 16th, 1880.

J. N. D. Shinkel, '81, rows stroke, was born in Rochelle, Ill.; height, 5 ft. 10½ in.; weight, 173 lbs.; age, 23 years. He rowed stroke at Ensenore, in 1878; No. 2, at Saratoga, N. Y., July 9th, 1879; the same position at Lake George, July 18, 1879; stroke at North Hector, July 3d, 1880, and the same position at Lake George, July 16th, 1880.

The averages are: height, 5 ft. 10⅝ in.; weight, 158 lbs.; age, 22½ years.

J. E. Read, '81, substitute, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y.; height, 5 ft. 9⅓ in.; weight, 145 lbs.; age, 19 years. He has rowed in many class races, and has always sat in the winning boat.

The time made by the crews with which the members of the present four have rowed is as follows:

Freshman Intercollegiate race at Saratoga, in 1875, three miles straight-away, Cornell first in 17 min. 34½ sec. University Intercollegiate in 1876, same place and distance as above, Cornell first, in 17 min. 1½ sec. Harvard vs. Cornell, Freshman race, at Ensenore, N. Y., in 1878, Cornell first, in 17 min. 13¼ sec. N. A. A. O. race, at Saratoga, in 1879, 1½ miles straight-away, a walk over for Cornell in 9 min. 15 sec. John Lewis rowed over the same course alone, during the same day in a single scull in 11 min. 28 sec. At Lake George, in 1879, 1½ miles straight away, Cornell last, in 8 min. 46 sec. At North Hector, in 1880, the Watkins crew was distanced, and no time was taken. At

Lake George, two weeks later, Cornell won the Cornell-Columbia-Pennsylvania race in 9 min. 12 sec.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR THE CREW.

A Vienna paper says: The sporting paper, *Turf, Field and Farm*, published in New York, described, in one of its last numbers, the capabilities of the Viennese rowing clubs in such a disreputable way that their American sporting comrades must form a very contemptible opinion of them, which can only be removed by facts. The members of the Vienna regatta committee have, therefore, resolved to offer an honorary prize of the value of \$1000 (2500 gulden—£200), for an Austrian-American amateur four-oared match, to be rowed for by amateurs on the Danube, near Vienna, and respectfully invite all American amateur rowing clubs to take part. Further particulars as to time of match, distance, etc., are left to the mutual consideration of both parties. *Boston Herald* adds, "It is possible that the Cornell crew may conclude to sweep the Danube before returning to this country next July."

SPORTING.

HOBART VS. CORNELL.

A large crowd, composed mostly of students, assembled on the campus Saturday to witness the game of ball between Hobart and Cornell. They were somewhat disappointed, as the home nine failed to play any game at all; but Hobart surprised everyone by their sharp fielding. Before the game began an accident deprived us of our agile and superb short-stop, Cole, '82, who had his finger split open by a hot liner. Our nine was still confident of success, and Suydam was told to take Cole's place. The game was called at about 3 p. m., with Hobart at the bat. Through errors of Hiscock and Humphries, they scored the initiatory run. Cornell was relieved in one, two, three order, until the third innings, when by two hits, and an error of Tuthill, Cornell gained her first run. This tied the game, and again our star was in the ascendant, but only for a short time, as in the fifth innings Hobart added two more runs to her score, and one in the sixth, and thus at the end of the seventh inning, the score was *four to one* in favor of the visitors. Then Cornell resolved to make one more effort for victory, and right nobly did she struggle, and had the crowd kept down its enthusiasm while Anderson was running from second to third, the game would have been tied and possibly more. To be sure, there are a number of things which would account for our defeat; but the great fault was a lack of practice. This does not deprive Hobart of any of her honor, for the visiting nine was indeed an excellent one. They played a very strong fielding game and batted fairly. The ones deserving credit for fine playing

are: Boman, Van Rensselaer, Robottom and Mallett, for Hobart, and Haldeman for Cornell. Credit is due Mr. Treman for his impartial decisions. Appended is the

SCORE.

HOBART.

| | B.H. | A. | P.O. | R. | E. |
|-------------------------|------|----|------|----|----|
| Ayrault, 2b..... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Boman, s. s..... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Mallett, p..... | 0 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Pierce, l. f..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tuthill, c..... | 1 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 2 |
| Maan, c. f..... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marshall, r. f..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Van Rensselaer, 3b..... | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Robottom, 1b..... | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 |
| Total..... | 6 | 19 | 27 | 4 | 3 |

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| Woodard, p & 3b..... | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Hiscock, 3b & r. f..... | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sears, 1b..... | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| Humphries, c..... | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 2 |
| Snydam, c. f..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kinney, l. f..... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Anderson, 2b..... | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Haldeman, s. s..... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Avery, C. I., r. f. & p..... | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 5 | 20 | 27 | 3 | 10 |

SUMMARY OF INNINGS.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Hobart..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0-4 |
| Cornell..... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0-3 |

Bases on balls—Hobart 4; Cornell 1.
Left on bases—Hobart, 12; Cornell, 0.
Umpire—R. H. Treman, '78.

“THE RIVALS.”

Journal Hall seemed to be a place inconvenient for students to assemble in, for Tuesday evening saw but about thirty or forty scattered about in an audience of nearly two hundred and fifty. As a result, there was very little enthusiasm manifested at what was undoubtedly the best theatrical performance ever given by the Cascadilla Dramatic Association. We can console ourselves, however, by remembering that an audience composed of the élite of Ithaca is so calmly critical and so familiar with the triumphs of the best living actors that any entertainment by amateur University talent is highly complimented by its attendance.

Everything was “amateurish” that was done and said on the stage Tuesday evening; yet portions of the acting, and the characters of some of the ladies and gentlemen, could have been equaled by few dramatic companies that have been heard in this village. One lady and one gentleman, in particular, deserve special commendation for their exceedingly realistic manner of presenting two scenes; another gentleman was heartily applauded for the manner in which he acted the poitroon; still another for the admirable conception his acting displayed, of that most difficult character, an Irish gentleman. Of the ladies, we can say that they ably seconded the efforts of the gentlemen and contributed to make the entertainment an eminent success.

It failed of being unqualifidely satisfactory by reason

of circumstances over which the company had no control. One was, the character of the stage and scenery, that rendered long delays unavoidable. Another was, the necessity of performing some of the scenes before the curtain. Music was furnished by three gentlemen of the Freshman class, and, in its quality, disappointed none. Financially, the result of the entertainment was satisfactory. It netted over \$40 for the Navy.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.

For the benefit of our boating men we insert the following statistics:

As is well known, the Oxford University crew won the great University eight-oared race, over Cambridge, on the Thames, last month. The winning time was 21 min. 51 seconds. The Cambridge crew average 179½ pounds, and the Oxford 176½ pounds.

The following table of races in the past between the representatives of the rival University crews will be found interesting:

| Year. | Cour. e. | Winner. | min. sec. | How won. |
|-------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 1829. | Henley | Oxford | 14 30 | Easily. |
| 1836. | Westminster to Putney | Camb. | 36 00 | 1 minute. |
| 1839. | Westminster to Putney | Camb. | 31 00 | 1 m. 45 se ^o |
| 1840. | Westminster to Putney | Camb. | 29 30 | ¾ length. |
| 1841. | Westminster to Putney | Camb. | 32 30 | 1 m. 4 sec. |
| 1842. | Westminster to Putney | Oxford | 30 45 | 13 seconds. |
| 1845. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 23 20 | 30 seconds. |
| 1846. | Mortlake to Putney | Camb. | 21 5 | Two len*. |
| 1848. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 22 00 | Four len. |
| 1849. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | — | Foul. |
| 1852. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 21 36 | 27 seconds. |
| 1854. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 25 29 | 11 strokes. |
| 1856. | Mortlake to Putney | Camb. | 25 50 | Half len. † |
| 1857. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 22 35 | 35 seconds ‡ |
| 1858. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 21 23 | 22 seconds. |
| 1859. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 24 40 | Cam. sank. |
| 1860. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 26 5 | One len. |
| 1861. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 23 30 | 49 seconds. |
| 1862. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 24 41 | 30 seconds. |
| 1863. | Mortlake to Putney | Oxford | 23 6 | 43 seconds. † |
| 1864. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 21 40 | 27 seconds. |
| 1865. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 21 24 | 4 lengths. |
| 1866. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 25 35 | 15 seconds. |
| 1867. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 22 40 | Half length. |
| 1868. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 20 56 | 6 lengths. |
| 1869. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 20 5 | 3 lengths. |
| 1870. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 22 4 | 1¾ lengths. |
| 1871. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 23 5 | 1 length. |
| 1872. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 21 15 | 2 lengths. |
| 1873. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 19 35 | 3¾ lengths. |
| 1874. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 22 35 | 3 lengths. § |
| 1875. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 22 32 | 10 lengths. |
| 1876. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 20 19 | 5 lengths. |
| 1877. | Putney to Mortlake | — | — | Dead heat. |
| 1878. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 22 15 | 10 lengths. |
| 1879. | Putney to Mortlake | Camb. | 21 18 | 7 lengths. |
| 1880. | Putney to Mortlake | Oxford | 21 23 | 3 lengths. |

Races to Oxford.....19
Races to Cambridge.....17

* The first University race rowed in outriggers.

† These races, 1836 to 1863, were rowed from Burker's Rails (Mortlake to Putney, about 1,200 yards farther than the ordinary course.

‡ First University race rowed in the present style, in boats without keels.

§ Sliding seats were first used in the University boat race in 1874.

CORNELLIANA.

—Geneva to-morrow!

—The nine will go to Hobart to-morrow, and let every student go who possibly can.

—Dr. Ormiston last Sunday sustained the high standard which the chapel preachers this term have raised.

—The nine did some excellent work yesterday at

practice, and something surprising may be looked for to-morrow.

—The Sophomores were unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain a satisfactory group last week. Another trial was made yesterday.

—The crew had their examinations last Saturday and, it is believed, were quite successful. This refutes the assertion that brain and muscle do not go together.

—The walk is now being laid so rapidly that when it and the turf border is finished, the grounds will present a very handsome appearance by Commencement.

—Where will the class exercises on the hill take place? That part of the campus usually reserved for those exercises now resembles the pleasing aspect of a "potato-patch."

—A mathematical problem given on the base ball grounds last Saturday will puzzle the brains of some of our brilliant mathematicians—"If Hobart got six hits off Woodard and Avery, how many would they have got off Hunter?"

—A number of students left early this week on the excursion to Canada. As before stated, they secured special rates on the N. Y. C. from Lyons. Through the courtesy of the G. I. and S. railroad, they were passed to Lyons.

—At a meeting of the nine on Tuesday, in Hiscock's room, the resignation of Mr. Sears as Captain was accepted, and Woodard chosen in his stead. It was also decided that the nine for to-morrow would be as follows: Humphries, c., Avery, p., Chase, 1 b., Woodard, 2 b., Haldeman, 3 b., Cole, s.s., Kenney, l. f., Anderson, c. f., Hiscock, r. f.

—The new Assembly Room has already become quite a resort for the students. As the warm weather advances it will be found to be as cool and comfortable as could be wished. The college papers will be placed there, and if all take part, the room can soon be an attractive place. The thanks of the students are heartily given the Trustees for their appreciation of the students' needs.

—A Sophomore who happened to be passing through Geneva on Monday morning, thinking he would like to invest a little on the game of to-morrow, ran up and accosted a fine looking young fellow with, "Would you like to risk anything on the game of ball, Saturday?" He received the following intelligent reply: "What — are you giving us?" The Soph. remarked that it made him tired, and so retired to the cars.

—In consequence of delay in completing the new four-oared shell for the Cornell crew, the oarsmen of Ithaca will not leave for England until May 28th. They prefer to accompany the boat, in order that no accident may befall it on the way across the ocean.

—*Boston Herald.* There is a slight inaccuracy in the above. The crew decided not to leave until the 28th for other reasons than the non-completion of the boat.

—Students wishing vacation employment should canvass for the American Revised, 1881, edition of Chambers' Encyclopaedia, in ten large volumes. The work sells at a very low price, and has no real rival, as it is the only low-priced edition that does not omit the 4,000 illustrations. Send for agents' terms, and see if you can find more profitable or honorable employment. Address Sturdevant's Teachers' Agency, Fulton Avenue, East New York. Many teachers wanted for schools.

—In years past many members of the graduating classes have failed to pay the fee for diploma, and have had their degrees conferred by being read from the list. This fact was lately brought to the notice of the Executive Committee, and it decided that hereafter no names of candidates for first degrees would be read upon the Commencement stage unless they had some time previous paid their fees for diplomas to the Treasurer. Mr. Williams' list of those who shall have paid their fees, will, therefore, contain *all* the names of those upon whom first degrees will be conferred. This is a matter of importance to the Seniors, as the rule will take effect at the coming Commencement.

PERSONALIA.

PROFESSOR E. A. FUERTES, it is stated on good authority, has resigned his position as Dean of the Engineering Department.

PROFESSOR MOSES COIT TYLER, of Michigan University, it is rumored, has been invited to accept the chair of History, made vacant by Professor Russel's resignation.

COLLEGE NEWS.

HARVARD:—

Base-ball May 12th, Harvard 10; Dartmouth 4. Errors 4 and 7 respectively.

The managers of the Harvard and Yale crews have not appointed the time for the Thames River race yet. It will probably occur between June 29th and July 4th.

A subscription lately started for the purpose of procuring the crew better quarters at New London, bids fair to be successful in attaining its object.

M. Jacquinet, a Professor in the University, lately contributed the first of a series of papers to the *Revue Internationale de l'Enseignement*, published in Paris, on *L'Université Harvard*. He intends to give a succinct history of the institution, and in all probability the articles will be translated for the benefit of American and English readers.

YALE :—

Amherst and Yale Freshmen had a ball game Saturday, May 14th. Result—Amherst, 3 ; Yale, 14.

Yale vs. Harvard at Cambridge, May 14th, Yale 9 ; Harvard, 14.

Yale proposes to send a numerous and strong athletic delegation to Mott Haven, to participate in the Intercollegiate Games.

A class of young ladies has been organized to receive instruction and lectures from Profs. Sumner, Williams, Brewer and others.

The Yale College funds now amount to \$1,830,000, of which the academical department has \$856,435.

EXCHANGES.

The *Lafayette College Journal* contains but little that would interest anyone outside of its own particular circle. Much space is devoted to the dedicatory services of the "Washington Literary Society" and the "Franklin Literary Society." An article entitled "Reniniscences of the Early Days of Lafayette," must be enjoyable to those connected with that institution. For a monthly the *Lafayette Journal* shows but little enterprise and literary merit. It endeavors both to chronicle college events and move in a literary sphere. The result is apparent to those who have tried this kind of journalistic enterprise ; failure.

The *Williams Athenaeum* opens at a very well written and readable article entitled "The Poet." That portion of the paper devoted to editorials seems to be well taken care of. It devotes itself to the interests of the college and the student body. The editors therein take their leave of editorial life, and flatter themselves not a little for the prosperous condition in which they have left their journal.

A very interesting monthly comes to us under the title of the *Richmond College Messenger*. An essay upon Lord Macaulay is the chief feature of the number.

The *Ariel* alights upon our table like a shooting star, although its brilliancy is somewhat clouded by the heavy atmosphere which accompanies it. An oration entitled "The Girondists," which appears in the number is of great power and breadth.

We have thus far been floundering around among our exchanges and have failed to find anything whatever of more than average interest. We do not think that we remember a time when our exchanges were so utterly void of all life and character.

Here is the *College Rambler* with nothing in it. Its columns are filled with a most plentiful lack of readable matter, and that, too, set in a type which no one who sets the value of a pin's fee upon his eyes, would care to read. We can not see the philosophy of setting a paper up in type that strains our eyes and makes the editorial, literary matter for our article, seem doubly tedious and burdensome.

These remarks will very well apply to the *Michigan Chronicle*. We would not read through either of these papers to gather untold wealth, which they undoubtedly contain.

There is a very pretty poem in the *Crimson* entitled,

"EVENING REST.

There is a balmy dew from heaven,
A solace unto mortals given.
Which from the silent moon distils,
And men with rest and pleasure fills ;
Which comes at eventide, when stars
In fullest glory shine, and bars
From mortal eyes, with gentle might,
The glorious mysteries of the night ;
Far be it from my speech to show
How patriarchs of long ago
Mount up the dome of night ;
Far be it from me to record
How, glorious with the shining sword,
Around his waist a golden cord,
Orion rules in might.
These mysteries to fitly tell
Demands that mightier powers impel
My soul to heavenly harmonies.
Mine be it then, with modest lays
And humble voice, to sing the praise
Of that which weariness alays,
And respite gives from drudgery,
To that which clasps my mystic hand,
Gentle yet strong as iron band,
The eyes of man but to disclose
The weird imaginings of repose.

A very sickly attempt at college journalism comes to our notice in the form of the *College Journal* from Milton, Wis. We presume the name of the college (?) from which it hails is called "Milton College," although we could find no notice or mention to that effect within its columns. It devotes a column to *Poetry* (?). Under this head comes "Dedication" and "At Home," both too charming to appear in a college journal of any kind. Dear "Gertie,"—the author of "At Home,"—should have the *Poem* embalmed. There is also in the *Journal* an article entitled "Correlation of Forces," by "P. H." (it should have been "P. B."). Where the "correlation" comes in, the author does not explain, but it is left to the natural and inborn intelligence of the reader to solve the problem. Bah ! The exchange editor of this paper has had a sufficient dose for one week. He will instantly take a blue pill, put his feet in hot water, place a towel about his head and reflect upon the wretchedness of his lot. If he recovers, he hopes to meet with a better reception next time.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—A strong demand in favor of co-education has thrown open the doors of many of our universities and colleges to women, and the college press, thinking it a poor rule which will not work both ways, is insisting that Vassar admit men. Hear ! Hear !—*Chronicle*.

—Diminutive Horner, with Christian name John,
In parietal junction a cushion sat on,
A holiday pie masticating.

Its center his digital member did visit,
And from its interment a prune did elicit,
His personal goodness, John stating.

—*Dartmouth.*

—Safe in the arms of some one,
Safe on his manly breast,
There by his love overshadowed
Sweetly her head did rest.

Hark! 'tis the voice of the old man
Over the stairs to me,
Over the stairs to the parlor,
"B-O-U-N-C-E!"

—*Courant.*

—Twenty penny whistles,
And some trumpets too I hear,
See some flying missiles
Through the night so bright and clear.

All is sudden silence
For a Prof. has come on board:
"Children, cease your violence!"
And the Freshman class is awed.

—*Trinity Tablet.*

—An Irish student in a medical college undergoing examination was asked: "What would you give a patient who had taken a heavy dose of arsenic?" "I think," said the student, scratching his head thoughtfully, "that I should give him extreme unction."—*Unidentified Ex.*

—Prof. (to student who writes, not for the masses, but for the educated few): "You should write so that the most ignorant of your audience can understand all you can say."

Student (puzzled): "What part of my production is not clear to you sir?"—*Berkeleyan.*

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THE Statistics Committees of the factions of the Senior Class have had blanks printed, and have circulated them among their classmates. We believe most of the Seniors have already returned them filled out with the answers to the questions proposed; but there are some who have not, for some reason done, so. The Committees are doing all in their power to have the tables complete and accurate. If they are to be published in this paper, it will be necessary for us to have the copy in hand not later than Tuesday of next week. Let all, therefore, who have not yet recorded the necessary particulars regarding themselves, on the blanks, make haste to do so at once.

THE sarcastic man of the *Acta Columbiana* is allowing his mind to wander again—if, indeed, he may be said to be in possession of that useful organ. The young gentleman who does the sarcastic business for the *Acta* doubtless really imagines that he is witty and that his sarcasm is brilliant and penetrating, and it is just as well, perhaps, that there should be one person in the world who does so consider it. In regard to the article which called forth this brief editorial, we have nothing to say, except that the man who will give utterance to such contemptible remarks through the columns of a college paper thereby merely dubs himself an ass.

IT was unfortunate, for more reasons than one, that the proposed combined trip of the Ball Team and the Glee Club to Geneva had to be given up. Quite extensive preparations had been made on the part of a large number of students to make the affair a success and something to be remembered for some time to come. The Glee Club, however, kept their engagement, but their financial success was nothing startling. The ball nine, we are informed, have now decided to play the return game with Hobart on next Monday afternoon. This will be Decoration Day, and there will be no University exercises. Consequently an excellent opportunity will be afforded to all to visit Geneva and cheer the nine on to victory. The team is capable of playing a good game of ball, under favorable circumstances, and, if they expect to receive very much sympathy and support in the future, they must show their mettle on this occasion.

LAST July, when the crew returned from their Lake George trip they received an ovation at the hands of the citizens of Ithaca. But the occasion was marred by a premature explosion of fireworks which burnt an omnibus and caused the death of one man. Mr. Hymes, the proprietor of the omnibus, volunteered the use of it to the crew, and, but for his generosity in so doing would not, probably, have lost his vehicle. It has been proposed, therefore, to start a subscription to reimburse him to

the full amount of his loss, if possible,—seventy-five dollars. A committee has been selected which is ready to receive subscriptions. It is composed of the following gentlemen: Seniors, J. S. Collmann, Frank Harding; Juniors, R. C. Horr, M. S. Purdy; Sophomores, A. F. Matthews, J. W. Read; Freshmen, C. J. Walch, H. P. Rose. It would, in our opinion, be no more than a just action for the student body to make good this loss; and we therefore hope to be able to record numerous contributions for this purpose in our next and last issue.

IT will be seen by a reference to another column that Cornell has not yet done building. The building that is to be erected during this summer, will be one of the handsomest and most convenient of the whole group on the hill. It will supply a want that has been a long-felt one, and by enabling the professors whose departments are to occupy it, to increase their range of instruction and experiment, will doubtless attract additional numbers of students here. We cannot positively state at this early date, before the ground has been broken, the particulars of its external appearance; but we have been assured that it will be the finest, or one of the finest of all the buildings in this country, in which instruction is given in Physics and Chemistry. When it is completed, and as soon as the finances will allow, we hope to see expenditures in another direction; we hope to see the salaries of the professors and instructors raised; and we hope to hear as a consequence, that the best talent in the country is engaged in giving instruction to the hundreds of students who will assemble in the various buildings on the campus. In other words, we hope at no distant day to see the University moneys spent in a large acquisition of *brains*: of *bricks and stones* there will soon be enough. And if report is true, the Trustees intend so to spend a large portion of the income of the University.

THE appointment of Moses Coit Tyler to the vacant chair of History, is an important step in the right direction, and, if this is an earnest of the selections to be made in the future, surely no one can complain of the course which the Trustees are pursuing. Professor Tyler is a man who has a

very well deserved international reputation. He is a distinguished scholar in the domain of literature, and doubtless a man of his mental calibre will have little difficulty in meeting with success in the comparatively new field of history. It is rumored that one condition upon which Professor Tyler accepts the chair in this University, is that he shall have power to purchase any book necessary for the completion of his new work on American History. These works will be, of course, deposited in the library, and will greatly and judiciously increase the number of references accessible to us on this important subject. The graduating class of next year will be an extremely fortunate one. President White will return and will give them the benefit of a new course of lectures prepared by him during his residence in Europe. Professor Fiske will, we presume, assume charge again of the library and also become again Dean of the North European Languages. Professor Tyler will deliver his lectures on History. These, together with some others still to be selected, and the non-resident lecturers will have next year's graduating class under their direct charge; and certainly the class will have no occasion to find fault. The outlook for next year, if present indications can be relied upon, is extremely favorable.

FOR some time past, the air has been thick with rumors regarding certain proposed changes in the Faculty of the University. No one seems to know when or where the lightning is to strike, but it seems to be the general impression that the return of the President from abroad is to be made the occasion for a sweeping and long-contemplated change in the composition of the Faculty. That such a change is, in some departments, a thing greatly to be desired, no one can doubt for a moment; and, that the University, at present, is very well supplied, in certain branches, with corps of very efficient instructors, is undeniably true. The Trustees have a very delicate duty before them in selecting the men to be removed, and a task even more delicate and important, if possible, in appointing their successors. The question of deciding who is to occupy the different chairs made vacant in the University is, of course, a vital one. In estimating the higher advantages which a man who has passed through a University career ought to be able to offer in any

walk of life, great stress and importance is attached to the question—"What college did you graduate from?" This arises always not so much on account of a partiality for any one college as from the estimate that a man is able to form thereby, as to what class of men and, particularly, what class of professors the graduate has been meeting during his whole college course. Now, it seems to us, that while these changes are to be made in our Faculty, the Trustees would do well to attempt to secure in their places men of great and international reputation. It is not enough that a professor be able to carry a recitation or lecture through successfully; that he be able to perform the routine work attaching to the chair of a department in a University; in a word, it is not sufficient that he has attained a decent mediocrity in his department. In order to raise a college to the point which they all wish to attain and keep, it must have within its walls men of great reputation in science and in literature. It must have specialists. It must have men of broad and ripe experience, men who have spent all their younger years in widening and maturing their intellects, and, in middle life or in their later years, are able to give to others the fruit of their own thought and research. The old New England schoolmaster has become historic; he has passed away, and, in his stead, stands the mature scholar of the nineteenth century. Truly time works changes. And now, as we have said above, these facts ought to be taken into consideration in determining the new appointments. Supply the University with tried and proved men, and the result will be satisfactory in every sense.

THE morning papers contained a telegram which stated that the Committee of the Henley Royal Regatta held a meeting yesterday to consider the application of our crew to enter for two races, and decided not to allow it to enter, "as all foreign entries are subject to a resolution passed in April, 1870, which requires that they be made by the first of March, with competent notarial certificates regarding their non-professional status." This objection is founded on a mere technicality, and is presumably made to debar us because the Committee are afraid that the American crew will again take the laurels. We do not think that public opinion on this side the

Atlantic will endorse the action of the Committee; and we doubt whether it will in England. Sentiment in the University, as far as could be ascertained this morning, is decidedly in favor of the crew's going and rowing in the races, under protest, if necessary. Should the crew come out ahead in the races, it will have all the honor of a victory, whether or not the judges afterwards rule it out. Correspondence on the subject can be found in another column.

WE have been permitted to peruse a private letter giving an account of the last illness of Milton Failing, '83, and it seems to us that one point may be worth remembering by the students. Failing had been suffering from a low fever of the malarial type, but he had become very much better. In this condition he wished to go home, and there was no reason why he should not do so. He, however, indulged his feeling of regained health to such an extent, that he lost all he had gained. He arrived at Canisteo late in the evening, and instead of resting there over night, pushed on and reached home between one and two o'clock in the morning. The next day he gave way to his desire of examining old places about his home, and the next day made preparations for going to work. He had, however, over-exerted himself. His new strength was insufficient and was exhausted. At the end of the third day he went to bed with the loss of all his strength. That night the fever reappeared, and at the end of ten days he breathed his last. Students cannot be too careful as to over-exertion when convalescent from malarial diseases. A large proportion of the cases of fevers of this class are caused by neglect of the cautions which common sense would dictate as necessary in order to insure a recovery. The patient is apt to think he can eat anything, and take an unusual amount of exercise, before he is fairly off the sick bed. Within our own memory here in Ithaca and among students, there have been at least two cases nearly similar to Mr. Failing's, in that the patients were on the road to a speedy recovery when over-eating or over-exertion brought on a fatal relapse. Surely these are cases for the careful consideration of every student.

—The crew took their last pull—which was a long one—on Cayuga Lake last Tuesday morning.

ANOTHER GIFT FROM PRESIDENT
WHITE.

AMERICAN LEGATION, BERLIN, May 3, 1881.

DEAR SIR:—

I have this day purchased, and hereby ask you to accept on behalf of the Trustees of Cornell University, a collection of Medallions and other casts relating to History and Art, as follows:

First. A collection of casts of the ancient engraved gems in the Government Museum at Berlin, classified and arranged with reference to the illustration of classical antiquity, numbering in all about 3,500.

Second. A supplementary collection of casts of ancient gems, in various museums of Europe, numbering about 2,000.

Third. A collection of carefully made casts of selected medallions of larger size, the work of engravers of the Middle Ages, and the period of the revival of Art, in all about 700.

Fourth. A collection of Portrait Medallions, from most authentic sources, of rulers in all the leading countries of Europe, arranged chronologically, for the purposes of historical study, in all about 200.

Fifth. A collection of Medallion Portraits of distinguished men in every modern country, arranged with reference to historical studies; in all about 600.

Sixth. A number of casts, in full size, of statuary, mainly found in the recent investigations conducted by the German Government, at Glympha, Pergamon and elsewhere.

Seventh. A collection of large photographs of important edifices, from a historical and architectural point of view, to be added to the collection formerly donated by me, which will thus be made to number in all, somewhat over 2,000 specimens.

I would ask our colleagues to accept for the University these collections, as a slight token of continued interest in the educational work of our country, and our own State, as also of devotion to classical studies and culture, not less than to historical and scientific.

I remain,

Very respectfully and truly yours,

ANDREW D. WHITE.

The Honorable,

HY. W. SAGE,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

THE NEW BUILDING.

Through the kindness of Professor Babcock we are enabled to give to our readers full data in regard to the new building which is to be erected to accommodate the Departments of Chemistry and Physics. Prof. Babcock has been at work on the plans for some time and has drawn them with espe-

cial regard to the requirements of the Professors in those departments—Professors Anthony, Schaeffer, Caldwell and Breneman. The plans have been adopted and ere long work will be begun. It is desired to have the building ready for occupancy by the beginning of next winter's term.

It will be situated just west of Sibley and north of North Building, with a south front. It will be in as convenient a position as can be obtained. It will be of brick, three stories in height, and in style will be a marked contrast to the other principal buildings. It is rather of the Gothic order, but not pronouncedly so. Length of front will be 140 feet (about); width, 74 feet; height, 60 feet to the top of the roof. The basement will be five feet above the ground, and will be therefore dry and well-lighted.

The basement is devoted to the use of Professors Anthony and Schaeffer. In the eastern half is a large Physical Laboratory 40 by 50 feet; an Apparatus Room, 25 by 50 feet. In the western half is a large Assaying Room.

The first story is devoted exclusively to Physics. In the eastern portion is a large lecture room, capable of seating two hundred students. 40 by 50 feet, and 18 feet in height. The seats will rise in tiers, the highest being 6 feet from the floor. The rest of the first floor is devoted to an apparatus room, 26 by 50, and a physical laboratory, 50 by 56, besides cloak rooms, and a room for the Spectroscope, and one for the Photometer.

The second story has in its western portion Professor Schaeffer's Lecture Room, 40 by 50, and 18 feet in height, a mineralogical laboratory, 30 by 50; in the eastern portion is Professor Caldwell's Lecture Room, 24 by 40, a Mineralogical Museum, 25 by 54, and a library for the departments of Chemistry and Physics, 16 by 25.

The third floor is for Professor Caldwell's use. It contains a large laboratory, 25 by 54, for Qualitative Analysis, another 25 by 64 for General Chemistry and Quantitative Analysis; two private laboratories, a laboratory for Medical Chemistry, one for gas analysis, one for spectroscopic analysis and one for special work. Besides these are a balance room, photographic rooms, store and cloak rooms.

It can be seen from these brief data that the building is admirably adapted for the departments in question. When completed it will be as fine a building for the purpose as any in the country. The inside appointments are fully up to modern requirements. The building will be heated by steam, and ventilated by machinery, placed in the basement. The students are thus assured of plenty of heat in winter, and sufficient fresh air at all times.

A special entrance has been provided for Prof. Caldwell's students who wish to go at once to the Qualitative Analysis Laboratory. This is situated at the south-west corner of the building.

It is estimated the cost of the building will be about \$40,000 which may be increased to \$50,000 the full amount appropriated, when completely furnished. With such an equipment the University will have good reason to feel proud of these two Departments.

PEACE.

I read it in the violet's blue eyes—

This strange, new lesson, mine to learn ;
And study it from silent, starry skies

Whose calm rebukes ambitious tho'ts that burn
The soul itself with their consuming fire.

All vain regret and passionate desire

Are silenced by the influence serene

Of woods and waves and wandering winds that bring
The first sweet fragrance—hostage of the Spring,
Sent from her islands green.

“Why blot out the bright earth with bitter tears ?

Transfer them into rainbows with a smile.

Or soon or late the dearest friends must part—

But it is only for a little while !”

So comes a quiet voice across the years

And it speaks peace to my impatient heart.

MAY PRESTON.

THE CREW'S DEPARTURE.

The crew have taken their last row on Cayuga's waters, have bid farewell to the University and in a few hours will be on the sea *en route* for England. When it became positively known that on Wednesday morning they would leave Ithaca, a large number of the students hastened to the depot to say “Farewell,” and wish them heartily “Good Luck !” Although the hour was inconveniently early, yet upwards of a hundred and fifty gathered at the depot. A special car had been provided, in which the two shells, the '79 and '80 Lake George shells, were placed. The time before their departure was occupied in hand-shaking, cheering, and singing a number of appropriate college songs. After giving the yell a number of times, to which the crew once responded, that touching and patriotic song, “It's a cold day when we get left, whoop'er up for Cornell's crew !” was sung to the tune of the Fatinitza Trio. Then after a few more cheers and good wishes, the train moved off, a number of students accompanying the crew. Should the crew return as we hope they will return, last Wednesday's “send off” will be compared to the reception they will then get. The Faculty was represented in Professors Jones, Williams and Perkins.

—Seniors, attention! Examinations in Modern History (President White's Lectures) will be held in room T next Wednesday, at 3 p. m.



[Space is offered under this heading for communications on current topics, and items of general interest. The Editors of the ERA are not to be held responsible for opinions expressed by the writers of the letters below, save when they comment on them in editorial notes.]

To the Editors of the Era :

Not knowing how the coming Vice-President of this University is placed in office or by whom, I can offer but a suggestion, one that is uppermost in the minds of a large number of students. Without much ado, I would desire to ask, why cannot Major Burbank be Vice-President of Cornell University? He is one of the most popular of our large Faculty. He has the unbounded respect of all. He has seen the world and knows human nature and affairs. His work in behalf of the crew has demonstrated his executive ability and hearty interest in any subject that adds lustre to the name of Cornell. He seems to be the very man to assume the grave responsibilities of the position. I trust the “powers that are” will consider the subject, keeping this simple suggestion in mind. *

TO THE JUNG FRAU.

(“AU YUNG FRAU.”)

After the French of Alfred De Musset.

Jung Frau ! the traveler who stands on thy brow,
And there views his journey far lying below,
He will feel in his spirit that deep noble rage
When his soul o'er thy snows (that for many an age
Have been gathering) shall soar like a young eagle's
flight,
Far away up and on through the pure ether's
light.
Jung Frau, I know a heart that like thee is concealed,
In a spotless robe clothed where no taint is revealed—

It is nearer to God than thou art to the sky,
So do not be astonished, O Mountain, if I—
The first time I beheld its sublime purity—
Thought the place far too holy for mortal to be.

RYMAN.

ENGLISH BLUFF.

LONDON, May 26.—The Committee of the Henley Regatta held a meeting to-day to consider the application of the Cornell University crew, to enter the regatta. It was decided that the entry of the Cornell crew could not be accepted, as all foreign entries are subject to a resolution passed in April, 1870, which requires that they be made by the first of March, with competent notarial certificates regarding their non-professional status, etc.

Our crew will row at all events, judging from the following :

NEW YORK, May 27, 1881.

The crew sails to-morrow. Expect to fix things all right.

MAJ. BURBANK.

PROFESSOR GOLDWIN SMITH.

In his address to the students, Prof. Goldwin Smith said:—"Of the original set of non-resident Professors, I believe I am the only one remaining—the last leaf fluttering on that tree." Some have inferred from this that this was his last year at Cornell. Some have thought that his visit to England this Summer will result in a change of residence. However, we are informed of the Professor's firm determination to return and again favor us with his valuable lectures next year.

COMMENCEMENT APPOINTMENTS.

R. B. Alling, H. W. Battin, A. R. Bullis, G. L. Burr,* F. C. Curtice, A. Goddard, F. Harding, G. B. Harlow,* H. Heyl, W. B. Hoyt,* W. S. Ostrander,* J. E. Read, F. M. Rites, G. Schumm, P. E. Simmons, T. Smith, W. R. Storey,* C. L. Teague,* H. H. Wing, J. A. Holmes,* J. S. Ainslie.*

*Those marked with a star will be the speakers.

CORNELLIANA.

—One more *Era* this term!

—Miss Ackley has Evans' and Frears' photographs for sale.

—Eagles took stereoscopic views of the crew last Tuesday morning.

—The Columbia Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi was reestablished last week.

—Wonder who sang, "Good-bye, my lover, Good-bye," when the crew left?

—The ladies of Sage hold a picnic to-morrow afternoon down the lake at Stratton's.

—A good price will be paid at this office for No. 12 of this volume of the "*Era*."

—The examination in Prof. Hewitt's "Deutsche Geschichte" was held yesterday at 2:30 p. m.

—Next week is cramming week, and it is very apt to be a warm one in more respects than one.

—Dr. Howe has just completed the decoration of his dental rooms. They are the most elegant of any in town.

—The Glee Club have abandoned their proposed trip to Buffalo, but will give a Commencement Concert in Ithaca.

—Work on the *Cornelian* is rapidly progressing. We are led to expect a number of unusual excellence this time.

—The first battalion drill of the term took place this afternoon. There is a marked improvement in the drill of former years.

—On Sunday morning Mr. Badger will speak of the New Version of the New Testament, its amendments and erasures. No evening service.

—'82 will do well to appoint a committee on a class photographer. It takes time to decide who shall do the work, and then more time to do it well.

—In the advertisement of the University in the *Tribune*, no mention is made of the Entrance Examinations in New York City. Surely this should be remedied at once.

—The last meeting of the Junior class in oration will be held on Thursday next at 12 m. The two sections are to combine on that day, and some of the best orators in the class will orate.

—The next meeting of the Cornell Philosophical Society will be held in the Physical Lecture room (McGraw building) Saturday evening, May 28th. Prof. Wm. A. Anthony will exhibit and explain Crookes' tubes.

—Two rising young business men, Messrs. Shepherd & Doyle, have ordered four kerchiefs, carnelian with a white border, C. U. being worked in the corners, from New York. They will be sent to London as a present to the crew.

—The *Sun* is calling for an election of editors from the Junior class, and possibly it would be well to have the time appointed by the President for holding such election, as nothing short of an earthquake could get a quorum in that class this warm weather.

—At a meeting of the Minority Seniors to-day at 1 o'clock, the Committees on Supper, Ball, Statistics and Memorial reported. The reports were all adopted. A class tax of \$4 was levied. It was decided that no memorial be left this year. A supper and ball were decided upon; the cost of the latter will be about \$250.

—At a meeting of the "Majority" Seniors at one o'clock, the various committees reported in regard to estimates, which were adopted. A class tax of four dollars was levied. It was moved to reconsider the

class' vote on the Album. This motion was carried, but, on the original motion being put, the matter was left as before.

—A meeting of the nine was held Tuesday evening in Cole's room, and it was decided to go to Geneva Monday. There are at least seven of the nine who have agreed to pay their expenses on the trip in order that the \$20 guarantee may go towards cancelling the debt of the Association. With this example before them students ought surely to contribute enough to pay the remainder, which is about \$50.

—The nine at Geneva, Monday, will be as follows: Humphries, C.; Avery, P.; Hiscock I. B.; Woodard 3d B.; Haldeman, 2d B.; Cole, S. S.; Kinney, L. F.; Anderson, C. F.; McGraw, R. F. Mr. Sears has kindly consented to accompany the nine, and should any accident prevent any of the aforesaid men from playing, he will once more don the uniform and play. The nine have been doing some very fair work practicing this week, and they hope to regain the lost laurels.

—The Harvards and Dartmouths have been the first of the college clubs to finish their series, in which Harvard reversed the result of last season by winning both games. The feature of the series was the unprecedented number of home runs, five of which were credited to Dartmouth and four to Harvard. A glance at the tabulated result may prove interesting.

| | A. B. | R. | I. B. | T. B. | E. | B. AV. | F. AV. |
|-----------------|-------|----|-------|-------|----|--------|--------|
| Harvards..... | 88 | 23 | 28 | 44 | 27 | .318 | .769 |
| Dartmouths..... | 75 | 15 | 22 | 34 | 29 | .293 | .747 |

PERSONALIA.

PROF. Z. H. Potter is a cousin of President Garfield.

ROBERTS, formerly '82, has removed to Socorro, New Mexico.

DEWSNAP, '79, is a successful assayer in Gloversville, N. Y.

C. E. DUTTON, '73, is one of the engineers of the Cleveland Bridge Co.

THOMAS, '71, is city editor of the *Sunday News* of Columbus, Ohio.

PROF. RUSSEL will go to Europe this summer with Prof. and Mrs. Corson.

EDWIN KELTON, '73, is now a prosperous lumber dealer in Columbus, Ohio.

LANDON, '80, Commissary of last year's Engineering Party, is spending a few days in town.

JESSE R. GRANT, '77, was recently elected a member of the Union League Club, of New York city.

GEO. SHEPHERD, '74, a rising young lawyer, has just returned from a prospecting tour in New Mexico.

C. H. ESTY, '76, last week completed his course

at Columbia Law School, and has returned to Ithaca.

A. G. C. HAHN, '81, has been in Providence the past week attending the 49th Annual Convention of Alpha Delta Phi.

B. A. HAYES, '74, is the junior member of the prominent law firm Swayne, Swayne & Hayes of Toledo, Ohio.

LEE VANCE, '80, is writing a series of articles on "Ancient America and Chinese Voyages," for the *Fates County Chronicle*.

"DAN" DESBECKER, formerly '83, has been busy in the drug business at Buffalo, N. Y., since leaving the University.

J. R. VAN NESS, formerly '81, is at present a merchant at Osborne's Bridge, New York. He will enter Union College this fall.

ROBERT P. GREEN, '80, who lately has been located at Pawnee City, Wyoming T., engaged on a new railroad from Omaha, is now at Troy, Kansas.

MR. KINNEY, Superintendent at Sage College, will leave at the end of this term and take up his residence in Cleveland, where he will engage in business.

C. H. BLAIR, '72, has been retained as counsel in an important litigation in New York, concerning the estate of the late Dr. Edward Franklin, of Providence, R. I.

A. S. WILCOX, '82, has left the University, and will travel for pleasure through the Western States after the 1st of June. This makes another vacancy in the Navy Board.

UPTON, '81, and Waldo, '82, at a great risk of their lives, assisted in the recovery of the body of Rubie Whittaker, who fell down the south embankment of Fall creek gorge.

CHITTENDEN, formerly '83, and now in the Fourth year course at West Point, ranks seventh in a class of seventy-five. He is spoken of by his associates as being an industrious and courteous soldier.

F. W. SIMONDS, '75, Professor of Geology, Zoology and Botany at the University of North Carolina, has been compelled by reason of poor health, to resign his professorship. He has our heartiest sympathies.

SEYMOUR, formerly '81, is still with the Holly Manufacturing Works, at Lockport, New York. He recently took a trip through New York, Florida, Cuba, and Key West Islands, coming home through New Orleans, St. Louis and Buffalo.

We have received a very neat and thorough paper, illustrated and devoted to the artistic decoration of homes, called the *Artistry*, of which E. O. Randall, an ex-ERA editor, is the editor and publisher. A week ago Mr. Randall gave a public lecture, under the auspices of the Columbus Art Association. His

subject was "The Decline and Rise of Art in Italy." He was greeted by a full house, and all the city papers pronounced it a success.

THIS is encouraging. The following appeared in the Buffalo *Courier*. Mr. McMillan is a Cornellian of the class of '72. "Mr. McMillan is a gentleman of acknowledged ability as a clear-headed, careful and pains-taking counselor. Mr. McMillan ought to be on the Bench, for his mind is pre-eminently of the judicial cast, and on the Bench of the Superior or Supreme Courts he would be a revelation to the Bar as well as to the Bench. The judicial qualities which we believe him to possess, and which for some years we have credited him with, are invaluable to his clients, it is true, but they really ought to be utilized for the general good."

HON. S. D. HALLIDAY, in correcting the wrong impression our personal of last week on Professor Fuertes gave, said in substance, that the Professor sent in a letter of resignation to the Executive Committee a day or two after the *Times* account of Cornell matters; the resignation was understood to have been given for the purpose of leaving the committee entirely at liberty to procure another Dean of the Civil Engineering Department, if it so desired. It was acted on almost immediately and refused. Mr. Halliday also took occasion to say that the Committee esteems the Professor very highly for his executive ability which was displayed in organizing the department, and which is untiring in making the instruction better and more thorough.

C. R. HAWKINS, of Buffalo, a deservedly popular student in the Rensselaer polytechnic institute, and formerly connected with Cornell University, has accepted a salaried position of responsibility under Verplanck Colvin, superintendent of the Adirondack survey. Mr. Hawkins will have entire charge of the transit work by tracing the county line between Herkimer and Lewis counties—a distance of about forty miles through the depths of an unbroken wilderness—and will report for duty about June 20th. The offer made by Superintendent Colvin reflects credit upon the ability of Mr. Hawkins as a surveyor, and his many friends will be gratified upon his selection to fill so important a position. We all remember Hawkins, formerly '81, and wish him success.

THE regular meeting of the Providence Franklin Society was held Tuesday evening, May 17th, when a lecture was delivered by Dr. Herbert Terry, on "The Philosophy of Coal-gas Poisoning." The lecturer spoke of several cases of coal-gas poisoning which had come under his care, in which the symptom's differed greatly. In one case the person appeared as if intoxicated, his speech being thick, his gait unsteady and his head aching. Another suffered with a headache, with vomiting and purging. A third was in a semi-unconscious condition, with

quick, weak pulse, rapid breathing and eyes dilated, and complaining of being cold. Still another was unconscious and suffering from convulsions. Besides these, several other and different cases were described. The treatment in all the cases was fresh air and alcoholic stimulants. Experiments have been tried upon dumb animals, and with various kinds of gas, and it appears from all the experiments that carbonic acid gas in the presence of oxygen, will not destroy life. Therefore it appears that carbon monoxide is the poison which is in coal gas. It also appears that the blood is the part affected. It being of a light cherry-red, it is caused by the alteration of the physical character of the red globules. A very small quantity of this gas is sufficient to cause death, even in the presence of oxygen, being only about one part in three hundred.—*Providence R. I. Journal*. Herbert Terry is a member of the class of '76.

COLLEGE NEWS.

COLUMBIA :—

Sixteen Freshmen are trying for the class crew.

Eight men are in training for four vacant places on the University eight.

Base-ball: the College vs. the School of Mines, May 9th; score, College 18; Mines 4.

Instead of celebrating Class Day on the campus, the graduating class will take a trip on the Sound and listen to the exercises at some convenient stopping place.

A certain Junior * * * has assumed the character of tale-bearer to the Faculty, and has secured his swift and only reward in the shape of a thrashing at the hands of a fellow student.—*Acta*.

It is reported that the students of the New York University, who are left without a college by the abolition of the academic department of the University, are to be admitted to Columbia without examination.

HARVARD :—

All Cambridge is enthusiastic over the success of *Oedipus*.

One hundred and ten Juniors attended class supper. It was a success in every way.

Extensive changes have been made in Greek Electives, and several new courses added.

The Juniors had a class supper at the Revere House, Boston, Monday evening, May 16th.

Another addition to the list of books by Harvard instructors: Analytic Geometry, by Mr. George R. Briggs.—*Advocate*.

The first intercollegiate Lacrosse match, between Harvard and Columbia, resulted in a victory for the former. Score, 4 to 0.

The professors connected with the Greek department gave every one of their students an opportunity to witness *Oedipus Tyrannus*.

Professor J. W. White has instituted a new course on Greek Social Life. Lectures will be given once a week to Juniors and Seniors only.

The pictures of the various athletes who have represented Harvard at intercollegiate contests in the past have been added to the attractions of the Gym meeting room.

The following appointments have been made by the Overseers: Assistant Professors Byerly and Jackson, full professors,—well merited promotions, both. Rev. F. G. Peabody has been appointed Parkman Professor of Theology. Mr. Edwin H. Hall has been appointed Instructor in Physics.—*Crimson*.

PRINCETON:—

Lacrosse has been introduced.

Princeton vs. Yale at New Haven May 7th, Princeton 5; Yale 6.

Base Ball, Saturday, May 21st; Harvard, 4; Princeton, 1.

Princeton vs. Dartmouth at Hanover, N. H., May 9th, Princeton 20; Dartmouth 3.

The Treasurer's report of the Foot-ball finances for the season 1880-81, shows a balance to its credit of \$633.28.

President McCosh has refused to give the Glee Club permission to sing in Trenton, on the ground that it interferes with their studies and will subject the members to numerous temptations in the shape of bar-rooms.

WILLIAMS:—

A new bi-weekly the *Argo*, has made its appearance.

Members of the Faculty are interested spectators of the ball games.

President Garfield is to attend the Commencement and will be the guest of Dr. Hopkins.

Members of the Junior class intend to give a dramatic entertainment about June 1st.

YALE:—

Base Ball, Saturday, May 21st; Dartmouth, 6; Yale, 3.

The orchestra concert has been postponed until Commencement week.

Yale vs. Harvard, at Cambridge, May 14th. Yale, 9; Harvard, 14.

The Alumni Association of New York will hold its seventh and last meeting of the season, May 20.

Amherst and Yale Freshmen had a ball game Saturday, May 14th. Result, Amherst, 3; Yale, 14.

The Yale College funds now amount to \$1,830,000 of which the academical department has \$856,435.

A class of young ladies has been organized to receive instruction from Professors Sumner, Williams, Brewer and others.

Yale proposes to send a numerous and very strong athletic delegation to Mott Haven to participate in the Intercollegiate Games.

EXCHANGES.

The *Notre Dame Scholastic* contains a most excellent article upon Thomas Carlyle. Like most all of the literary attempts of this exchange, the article is intensely critical and justly so. We, however, have expressed before, our admiration of the literary tone of this paper, and need not add further praise. An article entitled "Wild Flowers," is worthy of a more extended notice than we can give. The notes upon "Art, Music and Literature," are instructive and interesting. In fact the whole of the paper is stamped by literary merit of a high order, and is well conducted in all its departments. The *Notre Dame* is the only exchange we have whose tone is unexceptionable, and whose literary articles are worth reading. In the face of so much merited praise the *Notre Dame* will allow us to add, that as a college journal, we take exception to the heavy literary tendency which marks its productions. However, everything in the paper is worth reading, and that is more than can be said of many of our exchanges.

We now pass to the *Dartmouth*. "What a fall was there, my countrymen!" Prosy, tedious, and without interest, this exchange is not worth the paper upon which it is printed. Pass on!

The next, gentlemen, is the *Lantern*. Herein we have an incongruous mixture. "The Bird Phoenix, or What is it," attracts our notice, and we give it up. "Liberalism" is something which we dare not attempt. "Our Debt to Mythology," may be excellent, and no doubt is so, but the weather is warm and we are threatened with brain fever.

Turn the crank! What have we here? Ah! *The Harvard Lampoon*. Now we are pleased. "Crushed" is good; "The Coming Style" is better; and "The Great Olympic Combination now Visiting Harvard," is best.

"AT THE GREEK PLAY."

'Sh! Is n't that chorus impressive, quite too exquisite. See they're going into the *adagio con sentimento*; what a nuisance it is that they can't leave out the acting, nobody wants to hear all that old—' As I was saying, the pronunciation of the *eu* is wrong, absolutely wrong; it destroys the beauty of the whole performance. Now, my theory is, that the diphthong is a representation not of a single sound, but a slide, the first letter representing the starting point, and the second the finish, as you will remember Dudelheimer in his 'Geschi:hte der althochdeutschen Phil.'. Now, were n't those little dears in white aprons just too sweet to live, I think they're just too cunning for anything— Oh! there's Tom, I mean Mr. Aubyn, there I think you're just horrid, of course I didn't mean—' Well, you see if our crew had rowed a quicker stroke, we should have had the race; they're by all

odds the best crew, and if the course had been half a mile longer—' 'What a shame that all those nice-looking fellows have to go and tie on those horrid old beards and make up their faces that way; but are n't those dresses just splendid? I wonder who cut that polonaise of Jocasta's. Does n't he act well? but I do think a bang would become him better than those old strings over his hair—' 'Well, good-by, old man, I'm going to drop in Thursday for an hour or two more; how immense if they'd only give the theatricals with this orchestra; quite the scheme, don't you—' 'Isn't this about the sickest show you ever saw; why down at Yale we'd run a thing like this so that it would have some life to it; and that crowd shows what Harvard muscle amounts to; now we could show 'em some fine, handsome men; wonder they don't hire Ernst and Tying to come out and help 'em that's the regular Harvard trick. They had to go and drag a man out of Princeton to help beat us at base ball. Well, just wait till they get down to New Haven.'"

A running comment upon the "Greek Play." Which is Daniel and which is the Lion? You will notice Daniel by the gingham apron and a black bot.—*The Round Table*. Here we have it, "A Plea for Depth of Culture." Fine, is it not? "A Scandinavian Legend," this is good.

II.

"The east wind blows,
The west wind blows,
It blesses man with breath;
The east wind blows,
The west wind blows,
It visits man with death.

The water cool
In rill and pool
Relieves his burning thirst;
No more to quench,
A noisome stench
Exhales from fountains accursed."

That's enough, did you say? Walk up, walk up! The "*Cap and Gown*," (we wonder where the "Bells" are), comes addressed "CORNELL ERIE." "Golden Moment," "What will he do?" and the "New Uniform." Here is a mixture indeed! This child, however, has been recently born, and we bear with it. N. B.—No pun intended.

This show closes with a specimen of *The Bates Student* poetry.

"MAY FLOWERS.

Two centuries ago, and more,
And o'er the stormy ocean wide,
The Pilgrims sought New England's shore,
Where they their faith need no more hide.

When wooed by April's gentle showers,
And fanned by softest breeze of May,
Ye showed your buds, O sweet May-flowers!
Strewn all about their woodland way.

Did ye not seem like flowers they knew,
In that far home beyond the sea?
Like hawthorn buds, whose beauty grew
Most fair, in month of May, like ye?

And when, throughout the wooded shore,
Your fragrant breath filled all the air,
Ye must have brought sweet hope once more,
To hearts before filled with despair.

O, sweetest of New England's flowers!
Blooming when Winter's sway is o'er,
Ye come, like rainbows after showers,
God's promises to bring once more.

C. W. M., '77."

All over, ladies and gentlemen. Close the doors and put out the lights. Slow music. Curtain.

BOOK NOTICES.

CO-OPERATION AS A BUSINESS; by Charles Barnard; cloth, square 12mo., pp. vi, 234. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. For sale by Andrus & Church, \$1.00.

This is by far the best book, dealing with the whole subject of co-operation in a condensed form, that we have seen. The author is a well-known advocate of co-operation, and has been listened to with attention by multitudes of thinking people in this country, and has contributed articles on this subject to *Scribner's*, the *New York Spectator* and *Independent*, that have been widely read. He disposes summarily of the vulgar objections to co-operation that confound it with socialism, communism and other vicious fancies. The statements of the workings of the system in all the different kinds of business are accurate; the advantages to be derived from it are put forth as the logical deductions from facts which everybody can verify from his own experience and observation. The book is in no wise a history of the system the author advocates; that has already been written. The summing up of the advantages to be gained may be given in the author's words; which will also convey an idea of his direct and pleasant style: "What then in this light are its advantages? They are these: It is more equitable and just to the three parties in every trade, the capitalist, the worker, and the consumer. It recognizes the rights of all three, and divides the profits fairly between them. It is more simple in its methods than ordinary business, it extinguishes the loss and confusion of debt, and it gives all, both rich and poor, an equal chance. It represents the good of all as opposed to the gain of the few, and substitutes mutuality, helpfulness, justice, convenience and cheapness for competition, selfishness, and useless expense and wastefulness. In one word, it is equity."

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Fudgeby ('82) had been writing for half an hour under the discordant blows of a German band, and listening to the dying shrieks of distorted harmony as it was racked to death on a cracked clarionet, and at the end the leader calmly called and asked him to remember the music. Before the distinguished exile had regained his mother earth, after a flight from Fudgeby's boot, he decided, as well as Fudgeby, that the occasion would be well remembered.—*Lampoon*.

—“O look from the window on me,”
The lover he wildly prayed.
The window stirred
But he had erred,
’Twas Bridget the chambermaid.

—Trinity Tablet.

—“Say, Doc., what is good for sore lips?” “Oh,
I don’t know, Vassar-line is pretty fair.” —Targum.

—A student of Oxford University, on being asked
“Who was Esau?” replied: “Esau was a man
who wrote fables, and sold his copyright for a mess
of potash.” —Varsity.

—He pressed his lips fondly to the little round
mouth,
He placed his arm gently around,
With a-look of placid content on his face,
He—turned on the faucet and drank.

—Williams Argo.

—There was a young feline apology,
With decided distastes for zoology;
When they sought to ensnare her
She made herself rarer,
And avoided the list of necrology.

—Record.

—The batter takes his stand;
The pitcher, with a leer,
Projects a curve,
With an inward swerve,
That takes him in the ear.

—Athenaeum.

—He appeared to be almost gone. Rolling his
eyes to the partner o’ his bosom, he gasped: “Bury
me ’neath the weeping willow, and plant a single
white rose above my head.” “Oh, it’s no use,” she
snapped out, “your nose would scorch the roots.”
He got well. —Ex.

—Did you hear “Tommy Tonsorial” advertise
the lemonade during the Bowdoin game? “Right
this way! gentlemen, for you now have time to
spare to refresh the inner man with a nice, cool
glass of lemonade! This lemonade, my friends,
was manufactured by an old maid, in the shade, yes,
even 360 feet below the surface of the ground, in a
cavern lit up by the sparkling rays of a diamond! It
was stirred by the fore finger of Jenny Lind and
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ance. Cornell is in the midst of a change; perhaps it is not to be a marked one when complete, but nevertheless it is an important one. There is to be a modification of the relations between the students and the disciplinary power of the authorities. The Executive Committee have discussions almost daily on matters closely concerning the welfare of the University. At the Trustee meeting in June much will undoubtedly be made public that we have been anxiously trying to find out for the last three months. The Trustees cannot make themselves well understood to all the graduates scattered from one end to the other of a vast territory; and yet Trustees and alumni ought to be in communication with each other. The alumni ought, if possible, to be in sympathy with the Trustees; and, at any rate, ought to express their opinions regarding important changes. This is one of the prime reasons why, we think, there ought to be reunions. And any class that takes the lead in the matter will have our hearty cooperation and support. Therefore, we urge all seventy-eight men and all other graduates to come to Ithaca; if not this year, some other year; let the authorities see that you are actively interested in their charge; misunderstandings will then cease, and everybody will feel confident that Cornell is destined yet to enlarge her sphere of usefulness.

PROFESSOR Mackoon was never, to our knowledge, eminent for "ruling his spirit." There have been occasions when we were strongly tempted to tell him so. Since his action of last Thursday morning we have come to the conclusion that justice and decency demand that we shall no longer keep silence regarding him and his bad temper. We should like to lay a few facts before our readers, that they may also be the judges of his conduct. Last Wednesday, at nine o'clock, a young lady, a Junior, asked him in a very polite manner if he would excuse her from the recitation the next morning, that she might attend an examination in Senior Latin. He immediately replied in loud and indignant tones to the effect that if she did not attend his recitation she would be debarred from examination in his subject at the end of the term, and something more in language that was ridiculous, extravagant, and highly ungentlemanly. The next morning the young lady was absent, and afterwards

informed him that she had attended the examination as she had proposed the day before. This was the occasion of another outburst of a whirlwind of passion on the part of Professor Mackoon. The young lady mildly told him that she had not been absent once before during the term. This did not have its due effect; nor did the fact of the young lady's being one of the most promising students under his instruction. He reiterated, in intemperate language, his threat of debarring her from his examination, and added another, to the effect that he would bring her action before the Faculty for judgment. When he had exhausted himself, the young lady departed, with the horrors of the Facultorial inquisition before her eyes. The Faculty did not hesitate to excuse the absence. Since then Professor Mackoon has apologized for misunderstanding the facts of the case, but not for his manner of insisting upon the young lady's attendance.

Inasmuch as this is only an instance of frequent occurrence, it is worth the while of the students who claim to be gentlemen, never to take Professor Mackoon as a model in anything. A long argument could be constructed upon the arbitrariness of his conduct, judged by the standard of the Faculty; but that is not our purpose. We wish to state that in our humble opinion a man is out of place in this Faculty who has notoriously as little self-control as Professor Mackoon. It makes no difference what his colleagues and the authorities think of his scholarship and success as a taskmaster to beginners in German; the students were never more unambitious on any one subject than they are on this. It is with regret, then, that we warn those who have not met the Professor that he is not a man to be copied nor admired; and let us hope, to paraphrase the closing words of a communication we printed a few numbers back, that "no man should find a place in the honorable company of the Faculty of Cornell University who is not a *gentleman* as well as a scholar."

IN the last number of this volume, we may, we think with propriety, say a few words about ourselves. In undertaking the publication of the CORNELL ERA we almost unhesitatingly resolved on one or two reforms. One was, thorough independence of all individuals, cliques, and officials in the conduct

of this paper. Our theory was, that to make the ERA recognized as the voice of the students body its independence is essential. Accordingly we have criticised Faculty, Trustees, and students alike when we thought we were doing so for the good of all concerned. We have from time to time suggested changes and alterations in various particulars; we have done so without the least desire to be personal; but, unfortunately, in some instances our motives were not understood and we have been charged with being personal. Our theory with reference to the University has always been, that nothing is too good for Cornell; when better can be had, by all means procure the better, if possible, and let the inferior, creditable, and respectable go; for an institution with the possibilities of Cornell before it ought not to be hindered from realizing these possibilities, because in doing so it will have to get rid of objectionable features, and replace some of its professors from time to time. We looked upon the Trustees as the body that should bring this institution to greater perfection, and therefore defended them when they were judged hastily; nevertheless, within the pages of this volume can be found criticisms upon them. In short, as far as Professors, Trustees, and students are concerned in it, we always had a loyal desire to see Cornell in the right, and foremost among the institutions of higher learning. Such has been our policy with reference to Trustees and Faculty; and we have desired to see the students excel those of other institutions in everything that makes students admirable and superior, in their own and other people's judgments. Assuming that the matter of the standard of scholarship engaged the attention of the Faculty, we have thrown ourselves heartily into the support of the athletics and various amusements. Especially have we labored to bring into being the interest in boating that once flourished here; and were heartily disappointed when it was found impracticable to have any inter-class races during the year.

Of changes in the methods of editing the ERA, a few words may be said. We always thought that there was too much literary matter in the average weekly or bi-weekly college paper. Consequently, our policy has been to admit no purely literary matter to the exclusion of discussions of matters of live interest to all connected with the University, and, in any case, to admit only the best that could be ob-

tained. It will be noticed also that there have been more literary and dramatic criticisms in our columns than in any other volume of this periodical. We found there was a growing demand for news from other colleges, and accordingly gave to "College News" an additional space, and very carefully edited it, leaving "Exchange" open to general warfare with our contemporaries; for such is inevitable in the conduct of a college paper.

In the news columns our effort has been to be accurate, reliable and prompt; of our success, we will leave our friends and readers to judge.

In making our *adieux* as editors, we beg the critics to remember that we are only students; it was not our expectation to dispense solid, unalloyed wisdom in long primer, for failure would have been inevitable, and would have made us ridiculous; we aimed, student-fashion, in the main to edit a periodical for students, and feel that, under the circumstances, we could not have done much better.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

Although the Senior class is still divided, yet practically it will make no difference in the usual exercises of Commencement week. When it became evident that the "minority" did not wish to hold Class Day Exercises, then it was apparent that there would be no strange and unusual events, to interrupt the harmony of the last week. Everything was practically harmonized by the decision of the majority not to have a Supper and Ball, but to leave those to be given by the other party. Therefore there will be the usual exercises during the week, and to strangers who are unacquainted with the politics of the Senior class nothing will appear at all anomalous. The class is therefore to be congratulated. Both sides have adhered to their principles, and there will be all appearance of harmony. Neither side has yielded its principles for the sake of appearances.

The class is fortunate in having that well-known preacher, Edward Everett Hale, deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon. Probably no man in this country is better qualified to give advice to young men than the author of those admirable papers, "How to Do It." Mr. Hale has been here before, and has always been greeted with a full chapel. Certainly all who can should hear him this time, for the occasion will demand a greater effort than any he has yet made here. The sermon and address will be delivered next Sunday afternoon, June 13th, in Sage Chapel.

Monday the Seniors will have a chance to rest and prepare for the exercises of the following day. In

the evening the Glee Club will give its regular Commencement Concert. This should be attended by all the students, and with the many visitors and entering Freshmen in town, a rousing house should make the Club forget its recent financial failures. It is really the duty of all who can to go, that the Club may end the year in a sound financial condition.

Tuesday is Class Day. The usual literary exercises, consisting of an essay, oration, poem, and President's address will be given in the afternoon in Library Hall. The exercises on the Campus will follow, and will consist of the Ivy Oration and Pipe Presentation address. It has been decided to abandon the old-time custom of smoking the pipe together, but the symbol of union and concord will be on hand. The Commencement Ball will be given in the evening at Wilgus Opera House, and promises to equal, if not surpass, any given for a number of years. The Invitations are very elaborate, and the Dancing Orders very neat. The music will be as fine as can be obtained, and '81 will have no occasion to be ashamed of her effort.

On Wednesday, Alumni Day, in the morning at 10 o'clock in Library Hall the alumni hold their annual business meeting, elect their officers and one Trustee for the University. The same day the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees occurs. They elect two new Trustees. The Trustees whose terms expire this year are H. B. Lord and J. B. Williams, of Ithaca, and A. J. Parker, of Albany.

In the afternoon, in Library Hall, the alumni hold their annual literary exercises. Considerable interest is attached to this re-union, as it is the Decennial Re-union of the class of '71. The Presiding Officer will be Geo. B. Turner, '73, who will deliver an address. The Poet will be John D. Warner, '72, and the Essayist Fox Holden, Jr. The names are too well known to Cornellians to need any comment. The alumni exercises are always interesting, and every one who attends them are well repaid. There will probably be no banquet this year.

Thursday is the eventful day which will end Cornell life to upwards of eighty of the students. The Commencement exercises occur in the forenoon, the Senior Supper in the evening. The latter will take place at the Ithaca Hotel, and will in all respects be an elegant affair. It will be given by the "minority," who have invited a number of former '81 men, who will be in town to take part. The *menus* have been ordered from New York, and will be as fine as anything ever used in Ithaca. They will be of white satin, and each one will have the name on it of the occupant of that particular chair. Mr. Hahn will be the Presiding Officer, and Mr. Winegar the Toast Master. It is intended that '81 shall end her course in an appropriate and convivial manner. From the indications the supper will be a complete success. And when the supper shall have ended, and all shall have gone their several ways, there will

have departed from Cornell a class that will be remembered in the annals of the University as one that has done more to sustain the proud fame of her aquatic triumphs than any class that has ever left her halls!

SENIOR RECEPTION.

The "Majority Faction" will conduct the Class Day exercises, and the Class Ball and Class Supper will be given by the "Minority." Thus Commencement week will have its full quota of attractions. The Class Ball committee, consisting of W. C. Brown, H. C. Sommers, O. L. Taylor, H. P. Winegar, and E. R. Shnable, chairman, have been industriously at work, trying to make the final festivities as elegant and complete as possible. They occur next Tuesday night in Wilgus Opera House. Dreka has engraved the invitations, which are admired by all. The oars show the distinguishing feature of '81. Wilgus Opera House has been secured. The entire floor, besides stairways and lower halls will be crashed, using over 450 square yards of crash. The dressing-rooms will be on the second floor. Supper will be served behind the curtain. Tables will be set to accommodate seventy eaters at once. In front of the curtain, on the stage, seats will be arranged for spectators, there being room enough for fifty persons. Two rows of seats will surround the dancing floor to accommodate an overflow and those spectators who desire a seat near windows. When the hall is artistically decorated no better place can be desired, for spaciousness, comfort and fresh air. Twelve pieces from the 54th Reg. Band of Rochester will furnish the music. We are promised new music by first class musicians. Although the committee have no fears but that the Reception will be attended sufficiently to pay expenses, yet no pains nor money will be spared to make this the affair of the week in every respect. Orders of dances will *positively* not be distributed until the dancing begins.

The Committee have selected the following floor managers:—

From the town:—Messrs. F. W. Brooks, W. N. Noble, R. H. Treman, D. E. Marsh, and Clarence H. Esty.

From the alumni:—Messrs. J. F. Gluck, H. Altman, Hamilton White, and C. S. Francis.

From the Faculty:—Professors E. A. Fuertes, W. E. Lucas, and Maj. J. B. Burbank.

OUR CREW.

The press of both England and America almost universally denounce the action of the stewards of the Henley Regatta as bluff. We can not expect fair play from the *New York Herald*, as its aquatic department is run by a Columbia man. However, prominent men in England have interested them-

selves in behalf of our Four. Our honored, though absent President, has written the following:—

BERLIN, June 1, 1881.

DEAR SIR:—I delayed answering your telegram until I had made a careful examination regarding the Cornell crew, in comparing the list of them with the University register and the list of the alumni in my possession. Having done this I take pleasure in certifying that all the gentlemen named, including the substitute, who comes with the crew, are members of the Cornell University boating organization, in full regular standing, and amateurs.

[Signed] ANDREW D. WHITE.

The stewards will convene again on the arrival of our Crew and Commodore in London. This will be the 10th, next Friday. We all shall anxiously await the arrival of dispatches of the above date. Until then everything will be surmises and hopes.

The Stewards of the Henley Regatta seem extremely anxious to avoid competition. On two distinct occasions they have treated American entries in a very shabby manner—making regulations without giving due notice thereof, and tricks of that kind. American oarsmen can outrow the world today, and only want an opportunity to prove it.—*Saturday Eve. Herald.*

Britannia rules the wave at Henley, but the *New York World* believes it is only because she will not waive the rules.

CORNELL VS. HOBART.

On Monday May 30, the nine took the six o'clock train on the G., I. & S. for Geneva to play the return game with the Hobart College Club. No excuses ought to be made for losing the return game; but when those who have seen Chase and Kenney play, know that they were absent, they must admit that the nine was not as strong as would have visited Geneva on the 21st ult., had not rain prevented the game from taking place.

The nine arrived at Geneva about 8 o'clock, and passed the forenoon in seeing the sights and visiting the college and other places of interest.

The game was billed to be called at 4 P. M., but the manager of the Hobart nine kindly consented to have it called at 3.30 P. M. Now began the pleasant part of our nine's reception. Every good play and some that were not good of the Hobart nine were cheered. Take the reverse of this and you have the applause that our best endeavors could win. A poor play was cheered, but when a good play was made, all enthusiasm of the crowd received a dampening effect, and "silence reigned supreme." Then the umpire who was chosen was a stranger to both nines, and an uninterested party, and had he possessed more decision and promptness in his rulings all would have gone well, but he seemed out of place and made a complete botch of his work from

beginning to end. He gave Hobart a run on a dead ball, and, again, after he had called three strikes and we had made a double play, he reversed his decision and called the striker out for kicking a batted ball, when he had not touched the ball with his bat. Mr. Putnam probably meant to do his best, but such rulings as these are simply disgraceful. Thus we see two runs were given them through poor decisions, and these two taken from their total would have tied the game.

The fielding of both nines was excellent, and had our nine batted with any degree of effectiveness, the game would have been ours. Too much credit cannot be bestowed upon Mallett for his work as pitcher. To him belongs the greater share of the credit for their victory. He was well supported by Tuthill and also fairly in the field. For Cornell, Humphries, Hiscock, Cole and Anderson deserve credit for their good work, the latter being the only man who hit with anything like safety. Some fine plays were made by both nines, and the fielding was about equal. Of our treatment by the nine and the spectators the less said the better for Hobart. No nine has ever received such treatment at Cornell as we did at Geneva, and it is sincerely hoped that none ever will. Hobart acted more like high school boys than men, and although perfect gentlemen off the ball field, they did not act like gentlemen while playing. In such an act as a man striking at a ball after it has struck the back-stop because it is the third strike and the catcher is after his mask, is not the striker's action to be censured? The score will show that the game rightfully belonged to Hobart, but that does not excuse their ungentlemanly treatment of our nine. Appended is the

SCORE.

HOBART.

| | R. | B.H. | P.O. | A. | E. |
|----------------------|----|------|------|----|----|
| Ayrault, 2b | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Bowman, s. s. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Prince, l. f. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Mallett, p. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Tuthill, c. | 1 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Mann, c. f. | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Marshall, r. f. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Van Rensselaer, 3 b. | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Robottom, rb. | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 4 | 9 | 27 | 18 | 4 |

CORNELL.

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|----|----|---|
| Woodard, 2b. | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Hiscock, rb. | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Humphries, c. | 0 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 0 |
| Anderson, l. f. | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Avery, J. C., r. f. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cole, s. s. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Haldeman, 3b. | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Ingersoll, c. f. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Avery, C. I., p. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Total | 2 | 3 | 27 | 18 | 7 |

SUMMARY OF INNINGS.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Cornell | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0—2 |
| Hobart | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0—4 |

Bases on balls—Off Mallett, 1; off Avery, 2.
Left on bases—Hobart, 7; Cornell, 2.
Umpire—F. H. Putnam, Auburn.

STATISTICS OF THE

| | NAMES. | PLACE OF RESIDENCE. | PLACE OF BIRTH. | DATE OF BIRTH. | AGE. | Ht. | WT. | WHERE FITTED FOR COLL. |
|----|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | James S. Ainslie..... | Burlington, N. Y..... | Burlington, N. Y..... | May 6, 1856..... | 25.1 | 5.9½ | 155 | Cooperstown Union School, |
| 2 | John G. Allen..... | Aurora, N. Y..... | Indianapolis, Ind..... | Sept. 10, 1860..... | 20.9 | 6.½ | 175 | Aurora, N. Y..... |
| 3 | Robert B. Ailing..... | Bangall, N. Y..... | New York City..... | July 28, 1859..... | 21.10 | 5.8½ | 139 | Chappaqua Inst..... |
| 4 | Justin L. Barnes..... | New York City..... | Middletown, Ct..... | Aug. 22, 1859..... | 21.10 | 5.8 | 140 | Cambridge, Mass..... |
| 5 | William H. Bates..... | Washington, D. C..... | Newark, N. J..... | Dec. 23, 1860..... | 20.6 | 5.8 | 130 | Washington, D. C..... |
| 6 | Henry W. Battin..... | A. bany, N. Y..... | Middletown, Ct..... | Mar. 26, 1861..... | 20.3 | 6. | 170 | Albany High School..... |
| 7 | William B. Beach..... | Brooklyn, N. Y..... | Brooklyn, N. Y..... | Aug. 27, 1860..... | 20.9 | 5.8 | 140 | Washington, Ct..... |
| 8 | Seward L. Bowman..... | New Lisbon, O..... | Medina, O..... | Apr. 8, 1860..... | 21.2 | 5.9½ | 142 | New Lisbon High School..... |
| 9 | William C. Brown..... | United States..... | Ogdensburg, N. Y..... | Dec. 8, 1860..... | 20.6 | 5.8 | 132 | Sing Sing, N. Y..... |
| 10 | Abram R. Bullis..... | Macedon, N. Y..... | Farmington, N. Y..... | Sept. 1854..... | 26.9 | 6. | 185 | Macedon, N. Y..... |
| 11 | George L. Burr..... | Ithaca, N. Y..... | Oramel, N. Y..... | Jan. 30, 1857..... | 24.4 | 5.1½ | 123 | Cortland Academy..... |
| 12 | Edwin Campbell..... | Mumford, N. Y..... | Mumford, N. Y..... | 1858..... | 22.6 | 5.8 | 137 | Rochester Free Academy..... |
| 13 | Frederick D. Carman..... | Jacksonville, N. Y..... | Jacksonville, N. Y..... | Jan. 10, 1858..... | 3.5 | 5.11 | 162 | Ithaca High School..... |
| 14 | Edwin W. Catchpole..... | Rose, N. Y..... | Rose, N. Y..... | Oct. 20, 1859..... | 21.8 | 5.10½ | 167 | Cazenovia Seminary..... |
| 15 | Edwin L. Chapman..... | Monroe, Mich..... | West Andover, O..... | Nov. 13, 1858..... | 22.7 | 5.9 | 180 | Monroe, Mich..... |
| 16 | Miles E. Cheney..... | Chautauqua Lake, N. Y..... | Chautauqua Lake, N. Y..... | Oct. 11, 1855..... | 25.8 | 5.9 | 155 | Jamestown, N. Y..... |
| 17 | Percy E. Clarke..... | Washington, D. C..... | Mount Pleasant, Ia..... | Nov. 9, 1859..... | 21.7 | 5.8½ | 150 | Rittenhouse Academy..... |
| 18 | James S. Collmann..... | Freeport, Ill..... | Freeport, Ill..... | Dec. 13, 1858..... | 22.6 | 5.10 | 154 | Freeport High School..... |
| 19 | Henry S. Concklin..... | Poughkeepsie, N. Y..... | Washington, N. Y..... | Sept. 20, 1858..... | 22.9 | 5.10½ | 140 | Poughkeepsie, N. Y..... |
| 20 | Fred. M. Cop..... | Jordan, N. Y..... | Jordan, N. Y..... | Sept. 5, 1856..... | 24.9 | 6. | 162 | Jordan Academy..... |
| 21 | Fred. C. Curtice..... | Ithaca, N. Y..... | Stamford, Ct..... | May 7, 1856..... | 25.1 | 5.10½ | 146 | West Winsted, Ct..... |
| 22 | Harriet M. Day..... | Cooperstown, N. Y..... | Hamilton, Ont..... | Apr. 5, 1856..... | 25.2 | 5.3 | 114 | Cooperstown..... |
| 23 | DeWitt C. Donnick..... | Gallupville, N. Y..... | Gallupville, N. Y..... | Sept. 1853..... | 27.9 | 5.5½ | 130 | Albany Normal School..... |
| 24 | Frederick M. Ehrlicher..... | Watertown, N. Y..... | Watertown, N. Y..... | March 4, 1860..... | 21.3 | 5.8½ | 165 | Watertown High School..... |
| 25 | Otto M. Eidlitz..... | New York City..... | New York City..... | Sept. 18, 1860..... | 20.9 | 5.10 | 170 | College City of New York..... |
| 26 | George F. Ferris..... | New York City..... | Riverdale, N. Y..... | Nov. 2, 1860..... | 20.7 | 5.11 | 135 | Urty School..... |
| 27 | Walter J. Flanagan..... | Binghamton, N. Y..... | Binghamton, N. Y..... | Sept. 14, 1859..... | 21.9 | 5.0½ | 145 | Binghamton, N. Y..... |
| 28 | Phebe I. Fort..... | Albany, N. Y..... | Kalamazoo, Mich..... | A. g. 31, 1859..... | 21.10 | 5.7 | 129 | Albany Normal School..... |
| 29 | Alice Goddard..... | Worcester, Mass..... | Worcester, Mass..... | Aug. 28, 1857..... | 23.10 | 5.6 | 132 | Worcester High School..... |
| 30 | Emily L. Gregory..... | Fremont, O..... | Fremont, O..... | June 20, 1859..... | 22..... | 5.5 | 115 | Buffalo Central School..... |
| 31 | Moses Gudsorf..... | Brooklyn, N. Y..... | New York City..... | Ma. 11, 1857..... | 24.3 | 5.9 | 157 | College City of New York..... |
| 32 | Albert G. C. Hahn..... | Callicoon, N. Y..... | Callicoon, N. Y..... | Oct. 4, 1858..... | 22.8 | 5.9 | 166 | Honesdale Pa. Academy..... |
| 33 | Frank Harding..... | Stockton, Cal..... | Stockton, Cal..... | Dec. 21, 1856..... | 24.6 | 5.9 | 130 | Promiscuously..... |
| 34 | George S. Harkness..... | Syracuse, N. Y..... | Portland, Me..... | June 22, 1859..... | 22..... | 5.7½ | 150 | Syracuse High School..... |
| 35 | Gertrude B. Harlow..... | East Randolph, N. Y..... | Amity, N. Y..... | Nov. 3, 1854..... | 26.7 | 5.7 | 135 | Randolph, N. Y..... |
| 36 | William P. Herrick..... | Aurora, N. Y..... | Aurora, N. Y..... | Aug. 1, 1859..... | 21.10 | 5.6 | 140 | Sherwood Select School..... |
| 37 | Harriet Hevl..... | Laurens, S. C..... | Laurens, S. C..... | Nov. 23, 1859..... | 21.7 | 5.11 | 160 | At Home..... |
| 38 | William I. Hoag..... | New Orleans, La..... | New Orleans, La..... | Dec. 17, 1860..... | 20.6 | 5.8 | 130 | Mr. Kinne's School..... |
| 39 | Joseph A. Holmes..... | Lowville, N. Y..... | Albany, N. Y..... | Mar. 30, 1857..... | 24.3 | 5.8½ | 150 | Lowville Academy..... |
| 40 | Charles W. Hornor, Jr..... | Sherwood, N. Y..... | Sherwood, N. Y..... | May 21, 1859..... | 21.1 | 5.5 | 120 | |
| 41 | Romeyn B. Hough..... | East Aurora, N. Y..... | East Aurora, N. Y..... | April 20, 1858..... | 23.2 | 5.9½ | 127 | Buffalo, N. Y..... |
| 42 | Isabel Howland..... | Jasper, N. Y..... | Jasper, N. Y..... | May 7, 1856..... | 25.1 | 5.10 | 165 | |
| 43 | William B. Hoyt..... | North Norwich, N. Y..... | North Norwich, N. Y..... | June 12, 1857..... | 24 | 6.½ | 175 | Alfred University..... |
| 44 | Nathaniel P. Hunter..... | Stamford, Ct..... | New York City..... | April 8, 1859..... | 22.2 | 5.6 | 133 | Private Tutor..... |
| 45 | De'os Jan Jayne..... | Kell'gsville, N. Y..... | Skenesatles, N. Y..... | Oct. 7, 1858..... | 22.9 | 5.5½ | 135 | Moravia Union School..... |
| 46 | John S. Kelso..... | Burlington, Ia..... | Burlington, Ia..... | July 22, 1860..... | 0.11 | 5.6 | 140 | Burlington, Ia..... |
| 47 | Fred L. Kiborne..... | Oil City, Pa..... | Oil City, Pa..... | Sept. 19, 1852..... | 28.9 | 5.10½ | 160 | Country School..... |
| 48 | William C. McArthur..... | Malone, N. Y..... | Malone, N. Y..... | April 30, 1858..... | 23.2 | 5.10 | 136 | Franklin Academy..... |
| 49 | Clark W. McRea..... | Cicero, N. Y..... | Cicero, N. Y..... | Feb. 25, 1861..... | 20.4 | 5.10 | 141 | Cicero, N. Y..... |
| 50 | Willis H. Moses..... | New York City..... | Janesville, Wis..... | Ides of March..... | 20..... | 5.4 | 122 | Anna C. Brackett's N. Y. C..... |
| 51 | Guy Moulton..... | Oswego, N. Y..... | Oswego, N. Y..... | Oct. 17, 1857..... | 23.8 | 5.8 | 150 | Oswego High School..... |
| 52 | Olga Neymann..... | Schuylerville, N. Y..... | Saratoga, N. Y..... | June 28, 1858..... | 22.11 | 5.7 | 145 | Schuylerville H. S..... |
| 53 | Frank W. Ormsby..... | Sing Sing, N. Y..... | Sing Sing, N. Y..... | April 29, 1862..... | 19.2 | 5.8½ | 138 | Sing Sing, N. Y..... |
| 54 | Will S. Ostrander..... | Alfred Centre, N. Y..... | New York City..... | May 8, 1854..... | 27.1 | 5.5 | 120 | Alfred Academy..... |
| 55 | Hannah W. Otis..... | Brooklyn, N. Y..... | Brooklyn, N. Y..... | Nov. 15, 1861..... | 19.7 | 5.9½ | 163 | Brooklyn, N. Y..... |
| 56 | Milton C. Palmer..... | Ellington, N. Y..... | Ellington, N. Y..... | Sept. 4, 1858..... | 22.9 | 5.3½ | 135 | Ellington Union School..... |
| 57 | Ira A. Place..... | West Potsdam, N. Y..... | Rensselaer Falls, N. Y..... | Jan. 4, 1856..... | 25.4 | 5.8 | 136 | Potsdam Normal School..... |
| 58 | Jesse F. Read..... | Chester, N. Y..... | Springfield, Ill..... | July 20, 1858..... | 22.11 | 5.6½ | 160 | Chester, N. Y..... |
| 59 | Mary C. Putnam..... | Sauk City, Wis..... | Galena, Ill..... | Jan. 26, 1856..... | 25.5 | 5.6 | 140 | Public Schools..... |
| 60 | Fred. W. Rich..... | Rochelle, Ill..... | Philadelphia, Pa..... | Mar. 18, 1858..... | 23.3 | 5.10½ | 140 | North Western University..... |
| 61 | Francis M. Rites..... | Pittsburgh, Pa..... | Pittsburgh, Pa..... | Jan. 1, 1859..... | 22.5 | 6.2½ | 158 | Phillips' Andover Acad..... |
| 62 | George Schumm..... | Chicago, Ill..... | Chicago, Ill..... | Jan. 14, 1857..... | 24.5 | 5.8 | 149 | Not Fitted..... |
| 63 | John N. D. Shinkel..... | Clarence, Ia..... | Tipton, Ia..... | Oct. 29, 1858..... | 22.7 | 5.5½ | 135 | Prep. Dep't. Cornell Coll..... |
| 64 | George Shitas, 3d..... | Canajoharie, N. Y..... | Canajoharie, N. Y..... | Dec. 7, 1859..... | 21.6 | 6. | 156 | West Newton, Mass..... |
| 65 | Emile R. Shnable..... | Ithaca, N. Y..... | Franklin, Pa..... | May 18, 1854..... | 27.1 | 5.10 | 160 | Montrose, Pa..... |
| 66 | Parke E. Simmons..... | Albany, N. Y..... | Albany, N. Y..... | July 31, 1859..... | 21.10 | 5.9½ | 132 | Albany High School..... |
| 67 | Edward S. Smith..... | Ithaca, N. Y..... | New York City..... | Nov. 22, 1861..... | 19.7 | 5.8 | 128 | Ithaca High School..... |
| 68 | Raymond L. Smith..... | Rouse's Point, N. Y..... | Rouse's Point, N. Y..... | Sept. 15, 1858..... | 22.9 | 5.11 | 168 | Champi in Academy..... |
| 69 | Theobald Smith..... | Rochester, N. Y..... | Rochester, N. Y..... | Apr. 9, 1858..... | 23.2 | 5.9½ | 163 | Rochester Academy..... |
| 70 | Harry C. Sommers..... | South Byron, N. Y..... | South Byron, N. Y..... | Dec. 6, 1851..... | 29.6 | 5.9 | 140 | Batavia Union Schol..... |
| 71 | James B. Stearns..... | Freeport, Ill..... | Freeport, Ill..... | Sept. 1, 1858..... | 22.10 | 5.6½ | 138 | Freeport High Sch ol..... |
| 72 | William R. Storey..... | Caribou, Me..... | Turner, Me..... | July 1, 1856..... | 24.11 | 5.6 | 105 | |
| 73 | Duane Studley..... | Smithville, Ga..... | Greensfield, Ga..... | Apr. 15, 1859..... | 22.2 | 5.9½ | 132 | Macon, Ga..... |
| 74 | Oscar L. Taylor..... | Clymer, N. Y..... | Clymer, N. Y..... | Oct. 24, 1856..... | 24.8 | 5.9½ | 140 | Clymer School..... |
| 75 | Clara L. Teague..... | Richmond, Ind..... | Elizabeth, N. J..... | Apr. 16, 1856..... | 25.2 | 5.4½ | 106 | |
| 76 | Erwin W. Thompson..... | Richmond, Ind..... | Richmond, Ind..... | Jan. 20, 1861..... | 20.5 | 5.10 | 160 | Richmond High School..... |
| 77 | Gertrude W. Van Pelt..... | Clyde, N. Y..... | Clyde, N. Y..... | A. r. 21, 1856..... | 25.2 | 5.7½ | 169 | Cazenovia Seminary..... |
| 78 | Edward G. Vaughan, Jr..... | New York City..... | Waterford, N. Y..... | Feb. 6, 1859..... | 22.4 | 5.10½ | 160 | United States and Canada..... |
| 79 | George C. Watson..... | Pleasantville, Pa..... | Pittsbr'g, Pa..... | Aug. 8, 1859..... | 21.10 | 5.9 | 150 | Mr. Kime's School..... |
| 80 | Henry T. E. Wendel..... | Hastings, N. Y..... | Hastings, N. Y..... | Jan. 31, 1852..... | 29.5 | 5.10 | 140 | Mexico Academy..... |
| 81 | Richard B. Wick..... | Corry, Pa..... | Sinclairville, N. Y..... | Sept. 6, 1856..... | 24.9 | 5.7 | 160 | Corry H. H. School..... |
| 82 | Willard H. Wightman..... | San Francisco, Cal..... | San Francisco, Cal..... | Apr. 8, 1859..... | 22.2 | 6.1 | 18 | San Francisco, Cal..... |
| 83 | Frank T. Wilson..... | Willow Brook, N. Y..... | New York City..... | Nov. 29, 1859..... | 21.8 | 5.9½ | 156 | Trinity School, Tivoli..... |
| 84 | Harry P. Winegar..... | South Amboy, N. J..... | Germantown, Pa..... | Aug. 15, 1860..... | 20.10 | 5.4½ | 139 | South Amboy, N. J..... |

SENIOR CLASS.

| | TIME OF ESTERING. | TERMS. | DEGREE. | FUTURE OCCUPATION. | POLITICS. | RELIGION. | COLLEGE SOCIETIES. | CO-EDUCATION. |
|----|-------------------|--------|------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Sept. '77. | 12 | A. B. | Ministry. | Republican. | Baptist. | | For |
| 2 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. M. E. | Mechanic. | Republican. | Congregational. | Delta Beta Phi | For |
| 3 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Law. | Democrat. | Protestant. | Beta Theta Pi | |
| 4 | Jan. '78. | 11 | B. S. | Physician. | Republican. | Unitarian. | | For |
| 5 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Agri. B. | Teacher. | Republican. | Universalist. | Greeley Agr., Nat. Hist. | For |
| 6 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. C. E. | Engineering. | Republican. | Liberal. | Delta Upsilon | For |
| 7 | Jan. '78. | 11 | R. S. | Horticulture. | Republican. | Congregational. | Delta Beta Phi | For |
| 8 | Sept. '77. | 12 | R. S. | Law. | Republican. | Liberal. | Cornell Debating. | Indifferent. |
| 9 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. M. E. | Mech. Eng. | Republican. | Presbyterian. | Psi Ups'n, Theta Nu Eps'n | N. G. |
| 10 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | | Republican. | | | |
| 11 | Sept. '77. | 12 | A. B. | | Independent. | Christian. | C. D. C., So. Sc., Ch. Ass. | For |
| 12 | Sept. '77. | 11 | B. S. | | Republican. | Presbyterian. | C. D. C. | |
| 13 | Sept. '77. | 8 | A. B. | | Independent. | Non-Sectarian. | Irving | For |
| 14 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Agri. B. | Business. | Republican. | Presbyterian. | D. K. Eps'n, Th'a Nu Eps'n | NO |
| 15 | Sept. '77. | 8 | R. S. | Undecided. | Republican. | Liberal. | Sigma Phi | Against. |
| 16 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Ph. B. | Plunder. | Canal Boy. | Spiritual. | Chris Ass., Irving. | For |
| 17 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Patent Lawyer. | St. Repub. | Unitarian. | Chr'tis. Soc. Sc. | For |
| 18 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Lawyer. | Independ. nt. | Liberal. | Theta Delta Chi. | Against. |
| 19 | Sept. '76. | 13 | A. B. | Law. | Republican. | Liberal. | | Against. |
| 20 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Farming. | Democrat. | Unitarian. | | Indifferent. |
| 21 | Sept. '77. | 11 | R. S. | Surgeon. | | | Nat. Hist., C. D. C. | For |
| 22 | Sept. '77. | 12 | A. B. | | | Presbyterian. | | For |
| 23 | Sept. '77. | 11 | R. S. | Teaching. | Republican. | Non-Sectarian. | Irving | For |
| 24 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Lit. B. | | Independent. | Liberal. | C. P. C., So. Sc. | For |
| 25 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. C. E. | Arch. & Build. | Republican. | Liberal. | Delta Upsilon | Against. |
| 26 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. C. E. | Not decided. | Democrat. | Episcopal. | Psi Upsilon | Emphatically Opposed. |
| 27 | Sept. '77. | 12 | A. B. | Medicine. | Republican. | Roman Catholic. | | For |
| 28 | Jan. '78. | 10 | R. S. | Teaching. | | Liberal. | | Conditionally For. |
| 29 | Apr. '78. | 10 | A. B. | | Republican. | Congregationalist. | | For. |
| 30 | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Lit. B. | Journalism. | Ind. R pub. | Jewish. | So. Sc., C. D. C. | For |
| 32 | Oct. '78. | 9 | Agri. B. | M tallurgy. | On the Fence. | Lutheran. | A. D. Phi, Th'a Nu Eps'n | Neither. |
| 33 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Law. | Democrat. | Non-Sectarian. | Irving | Indifferent. |
| 34 | Jan. '80. | 5 | A. B. | Medicine. | Republican. | None. | Chi Phi | Against. |
| 35 | Sept. '78. | 9 | A. B. | | Republican. | Unitarian. | Beta Pi, Curtis. | For |
| 36 | Sept. '77. | 11 | Ph. B. | Teacher. | Independent. | Natural. | Cornell Debating. | Against. |
| 37 | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Physician. | Republican. | Friend. | Nat. Hist. | For |
| 39 | Jan. '78. | 11 | Agri. B. | Agriculture. | Independent. | Christian. | Gr. Ag., Nat. Hist., So. Sc. | Against. |
| 40 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Ass-ayist. | Republican. | Episcopal. | So. Sc., Curtis. | Against. |
| 41 | Sept. '76. | 11 | A. B. | Medicine. | Republican. | Methodist. | Curtis. | For |
| 42 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | | | Liberal. | | For |
| 43 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Ph. B. | Law. | Democrat. | Baptist. | T. D. Chi, C.D.C., &c., &c. | For |
| 44 | Sept. '77. | 11 | A. B. | Medicine. | Democrat. | Positivist. | Chi Phi | Against. |
| 45 | Sept. '77. | 11 | B. S. | Law. | Democrat. | ? | | Against. |
| 46 | Sept. '77. | 12 | L. in Mat. | | Republican. | Christian. | Zeta Psi. | Against. |
| 47 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Agri. B. | Agriculturist. | Rest Man. | | Nat. Hist., Greeley | For |
| 48 | Sept. '78. | 9 | R. S. | Undecided. | Republican. | | Zeta Psi | Against. |
| 49 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. C. E. | Engineering. | Democrat. | Christian. | C. K. C. | Against. |
| 50 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Lawyer. | Republican. | Congregationalist. | | Indifferent. |
| 51 | Sept. '76. | 12 | B. S. | Law. | Republican. | Liberal. | Irving | Against. |
| 52 | Sept. '78. | 9 | Lit. B. | Lady of Leisure. | Mixed. | Radical. | Kappa Alpha Theta. | Conditionally For. |
| 53 | Sept. '76. | 12 | B. C. E. | Civil Eng. | Republican. | Universalist. | Beta Theta Pi | For |
| 54 | Sept. '77. | 11 | B. S. | Law. | Republican. | Christian. | Delta Kappa Epsilon | Don't care. |
| 55 | | | | | | | | |
| 56 | Sept. '77. | 11 | B. S. | Teach. & Law. | Ind. Repub. | Baptist. | C. D. C., So. Sc. | For |
| 57 | Sept. '77. | 12 | A. B. | Lawyer. | Republican. | Baptist. | Psi Upsilon, Irving | For |
| 58 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. C. E. | Engineering. | Republican. | Give it up! | Chi Phi, Theta Nu Epsilon | Against. |
| 59 | Sept. '78. | 9 | Lit. B. | | Republican. | | | For |
| 60 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Teaching. | Republican. | | | For |
| 61 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. M. E. | Machinist. | Republican. | Presbyterian. | Math. Cl., Mech. Ass. | For |
| 62 | Sept. '77. | 9 | B. S. | Journalism. | Independent. | Humanity. | So. Sc., C. D. C. | For |
| 63 | Jan. '78. | 11 | B. S. | Medicine. | Democrat. | Liberal. | | Against. |
| 64 | Sept. '77. | 11 | B. S. | Law. | Republican. | Unitarian. | A. D. Phi, Theta Nu Eps'n | Both. |
| 65 | Sept. '77. | 11 | | Engineering. | Republican. | | Zeta Psi. | For, if Co-edu. are Pretty. |
| 66 | Sept. '78. | 9 | A. B. | Law. | Ind. Repub. | Methodist. | Delta Upsilon. | For |
| 67 | Sept. '77. | 9 | B. S. | Manufacturing. | Republican. | Lutheran. | Kappa Alpha | Against. |
| 68 | Apr. '79. | 7 | B. S. | Lawyer. | Republican. | Humanity. | | For |
| 69 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Ph. B. | Medicine. | Republican. | Liberal. | Delta Upsilon | For |
| 70 | Sept. '77. | 12 | A. B. | Undecided. | Republican. | Episcopalian. | Kappa Alpha | Against. |
| 71 | Sept. '77. | 12 | A. B. | Law. | Ind. Repub. | Liberal Methodist. | C. D. C., So. S. | For |
| 72 | Sept. '77. | 11 | B. C. E. | Engineering. | Ind. Repub. | Liberal. | | For |
| 73 | Sept. '77. | 11 | P. S. | Teaching. | Republican. | Independent. | | For |
| 74 | Sept. '77. | 11 | P. S. | Law. | Republican. | Christian. | Alpha Delta Phi | Against. |
| 75 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | | | Unitarian. | Irving | For |
| 76 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. M. E. | Mech. Journal. | Independent. | Presbyterian. | D. Ups'n, Mech. Ass., J. C. | For |
| 77 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Agri. B. | Horticulture. | Republican. | Liberal. | Greeley C., Nat. Hist. | For |
| 78 | Sept. '78. | 9 | B. S. | Medicine. | | Agnostic. | | For |
| 79 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. S. | Law. | Republican. | Episcopal. | | Against. |
| 80 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Agri. B. | Farming. | Democrat. | Presbyterian. | Greeley Agr. | For |
| 81 | Sept. '77. | 12 | | Architect. | Democrat. | | Kappa Alpha | Against. |
| 82 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. C. E. | Engineering. | Republican. | Liberal. | Delta Beta Phi | For |
| 83 | Sept. '77. | 12 | B. C. E. | Engineering. | Ind. Repub. | Liberal. | | For |
| 84 | Sept. '78. | 9 | B. S. | Teacher. | Ind. Repub. | Presbyterian. | Delta Upsilon. | For |
| 85 | Sept. '79. | 6 | A. B. | Law. | Republican. | Fatalist. | Chi Phi | Against. |
| 86 | Sept. '77. | 12 | Agri. B. | Farming. | Republican. | Christian. | Greeley Agr. | Against. |
| 87 | Sept. '77. | 11 | A. B. | Student. | Republican. | Unitarian. | | Conditionally For. |

SUMMARY.—NUMBER in Class, 87; women, 13; men, 74. Original number, 157. DEGREES—B. S. 34; A. B. 17; B. C. E. 9; Agr. B. 8; B. M. E. 4; Lit. B. 4; Ph. B. 4; Licentiate in Mathematics, 1. OCCUPATION.—Law, 20; Engineering, 7; Medicine, 8; Teaching, 8; Farming, 3; Horticulture, 2; Agriculture, 2; Machinist, 2; Architecture, 2; Journalism, 2; Ministry, Teacher and Lawyer, Mechanical Journalism, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgy, Assayer, Lady of Leisure, Manufacturing, Student, Surgeon, Business, Plunder, each 1; Undecided, 3; No report, 14. POLITICS—Republican, 48; Democrat, 10; Independent Republican, 7; Independent, 8; Best Man, 1; On the Fence, 1; Mixed, 3; No report, 9. RELIGION—Liberal, 16; Presbyterian, 8; Unitarian, 7; Christian, 7; Baptist, 4; Non-Sectarian, 3; Episcopal, 3; Universalist, 2; Humanity, 2; Lutheran, 2; Methodist, 2; Independent, Natural, Liberal Methodist, Roman Catholic, Friend, Protestant, Positivist, Radical, Give it up, Fatalist, Spiritual, Agnostic, Jewish, (3), None, each 1; No report, 11. CO-EDUCATION—For, 45; Against, 22; Indifferent, 4; Conditionally for, 3; N. G., 1; No, 1; Emphatically opposed, 1; Neither, 1; Both, 1; Co-educated 1; Don't care, 1; For, if co-eds are pretty, 1; No report, 3. STATES REPRESENTED—New York, 54; Pennsylvania, 4; Illinois, 4; Iowa, 2; California, 2; New Jersey, 2; Ohio, 2; Dist. Columbia, 2; United States, Michigan, Louisiana, Indiana, Connecticut, Maine, Wisconsin, Georgia, South Carolina, each 1. AVERAGES—Average Age, 22 years, 12 days; Height, 5 ft. 8½ in.; Weight, 147 pounds. Cost of College Course, \$1733.57; Cost per term, \$150.66. Tallest man, Shiras, 6 ft. 2½ in. Shortest man, Burr, 5 ft. 1¾ in. Oldest man, Studley, 29 years, 6 months, 10 days. Youngest man, Palmer, 19 years, 1 month, 18 days. Heaviest men, Wingeat, Bullis, 185 pounds. Lightest men, Teague, Van Pelt, 106 pounds.

A CORNELLIAN PUBLICLY CANED.

The news reaches us that, on May 27th, in Albany, Hon. P. W. Cullinan, formerly '73, member of Assembly from Oswego, was caned by several of his associates in the Assembly. The facts of the affair are these; Mr. Cullinan is Chairman of the Committee on General Laws in the Assembly. This is one of the most important of the Assembly Committees. For various reasons, the other members of the Committee met together and conspired to effect their purpose of caning this Chairman, who had, hitherto, been very popular among his associates and had made hosts of friends. They inveigled their unsuspecting victim into an informal meeting and then proceeded to effect their purpose. General F. B. Spinola was the arch-conspirator, and he forthwith proceeded, in a neat speech, to present to the astonished Chairman an ebony cane, mounted with a massive gold head, upon which is the inscription, "Presented to Hon. Patrick W. Cullinan, Chairman of the Committee on General Laws, of the Assembly, by his associates on the Committee as an evidence of their esteem and respect. Committee on General Laws; F. B. Spinola, T. G. Alvord, J. Shanley, J. Raines, J. E. Brodsky, A. W. Gates, W. W. Niles, I. I. Hayes, W. H. Waring, E. H. Pinney,—May 27, 1881."

CORNELLIANA.

—The *Cornelian* is out. Buy one and paste it in your scrap book.

—A good price will be paid for No. 23, Vol. X., at the ERA office.

—No. 11, vol. xi, is wanted at this office. Twenty-five cents will be paid for it.

—The entrance to the chapel is receiving a coat of paint, which much adds to its appearance.

—A Freshman translates, *cette jeune au bras des jeune homme*, "This young lady in the arms of the young man."

—Prof.—"We learn from Natural History that some fishes chew a cud." Student, on the back seat, "That must be the cud-fish!"

—This is the last ERA of Vol. XIII. As has been customary, it has been held over until to-day, in order to obtain all the Commencement news.

—Prof. Russel delivered his last lecture before Cornell students last Wednesday morning. At the conclusion of the lecture he was heartily cheered.

—The Commencement Ball this year will be held on the evening of Tuesday, the 14th inst. There will be fine music and tickets will probably be \$4.

—Since the *Sun* has set and probably forever, we refrain from giving the inside history of its existence. The less said, the better for the management of the *Sun*.

—"We Kissed Beneath the Moonlight," is the title of a new song. Reckless creatures, don't you know "The Heavens are Telling?"—*Cincinnati Saturday Night*.

—The Editors for vol. xiv of the ERA will begin an active canvass of '81. Those who wish to keep posted on Cornell news for next year can do no better than to take the paper.

—The Hill banquet occurs on Friday of this week. The toasts have been assigned; we published the list of officers some time ago. The names insure an enjoyable evening.

—Labath stroke, of the Dublin University crew, has cabled for Davis' oar-locks, slides and oars, which will be used at the Henley Regatta. Our boys will not be the only ones with the short oars.

—The Unitarian Conference of Central New York will meet with Mr. Badger during Commencement week. There will be a public meeting, with several speakers, at the Unitarian church, on Wednesday evening, June 15th.

—It was a disappointment to many that the rain should have interfered with the Dress Parade of Wednesday. The Binghamton Band, however, gave a fine concert in Library Hall in the afternoon, which was heard and appreciated by a great many.

—The Secretary of War has prohibited the use of tobacco by the cadets at West Point. The order has created great dissatisfaction, as four-fifths of the cadets are tobacco users. We would suggest the highly eminent remedy of our Faculty to Sec'y Lincoln.

—Prof. Moses Coit Tyler, in accepting the chair of history in Cornell University, made it a condition that he shall have power to buy any book necessary for the completion of his work on the History of American Literature. The works will be deposited in the University library.—*Buffalo Express*.

—The attention of students is called to the fact that by taking the steamboat from Ithaca in the morning, they can make close connections at Cayuga with trains both east and west on the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Baggage checks and tickets sold on board the boat to all points. Tickets can also be had at the office of C. A. Ives, in Clinton Block, Ithaca.

—Members of the "Tom Hughes" Boat Club will be pleased to learn that the mother of the Hon. Thomas Hughes has arrived in Philadelphia, on board the "Illinois," from England. She is an ideal English lady, and is eighty years old. Her object in coming here is to aid her son Thomas in making the agricultural colony at Rugby, Tenn., a success.

—Again the Engineers were favored with a Reception, this time at North Hector, during their last week's work "Down the Lake." Young ladies were present from Geneva, North Hector, Ovid, Lodi, and Haight's Corners. The Geneva orchestra supplied the music. After a supper at the hotel, the party enjoyed a moonlight ride on the Engineer's steam yacht.

—The Cornell University Register for 1880-'81, just issued, shows that the University has 385 undergraduates of both sexes. The graduating class this year will be the largest of any year except 1873. Acting President Russel announces that the financial and general condition of the University was never better than now, and that the Faculty was never more harmoniously efficient.—*Buffalo Express*.

—A late resolution of the Trustees declares that no student shall be declared by the Faculty a candidate for a degree until he shall have settled his dues to the University to the satisfaction of the Treasurer, including the fee for diploma, on or before 1 o'clock Tuesday of Commencement week. The Faculty have their last meeting Tuesday afternoon; and it is necessary that the matter of dues should be straightened before that meeting.

PERSONALIA.

LOUIS N. COOPER, '78, is practicing law at Cochet, Texas, with his father, who was formerly Judge of the 3rd Judicial District.

OCTAVIANO A. P. DE MENDEZ, formerly '79, is at his home in Iter, San Paulo, Brazil, and is at present not engaged in business.

PROFESSOR WILSON has lately contributed able articles to *The Church Eclectic* on "Modern Agriculture," which attract wide attention.

JOSÉ PIRATININZA TIBIRICA, '78, is engaged in laying a railroad in the interest of Brazil. His wife, formerly a Union Springs lady, accompanies him.

ORVILLE A. DERBY, '73, and for two years instructor in Geology and Palæontology in Cornell, is on a

geological expedition in the province of San Paulo, Brazil.

JOHN C. BRANNER, formerly '74, who has been spending a vacation in the States, has returned to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he holds a position on the Geological Commission of Brazil.

PROFESSOR HORATIO S. WHITE, of this city, a member of the Cornell University Faculty, sailed for Europe on Saturday on the steamer Werder. He will join President Andrew D. White and Professor Willard Fiske in Germany.—*Syracuse Standard*.

By some unaccountable error a personal of last week read Roberts, '82, instead of Nichols, '82. We have just received *The Miner*, published in Socorro, N. M., and were glad to notice the card of H. B. Nichols, Assayer, conspicuously displayed in a three inch ad.

MARRIED.—On May 19th, in Wilmington, Del., Harriet King Sparks to Edward Tatnall Betts, B. S. '75 Cornell, both of Wilmington. Edwin Jackson, B. S. Cornell '75, and George Tatnall, B. C. E., Cornell '79, were groomsmen. The bridal party spent a few days in Ithaca on their wedding trip.

FREDERIC A. HALE, formerly '78, is at Denver, Col., with a leading architect. He pays great attention to vocal music. The following is a notice that appeared in a Denver paper lately: "If I were a Knight of the Olden Time," was sung by Fred Hale, the finest bass in Colorado. His low notes are full, round, rich and mellow, with great reserve power; his voice is also capable of taking the high baritone notes easily, which gives him a large range in his selections. As usual when he sings a solo, the audience demanded an *encore*, and Mr. Hale sang "The Old Sexton."

THE Herdic Coach Company of Philadelphia, organized in rivalry to the passenger railways, has failed after a month's endeavor to introduce cheap transportation. The leading spirit was Congressman William D. Kelley, who was so infatuated with the coach invented by Peter Herdic, the ex-millionaire of Williamsport, that he organized a company and put \$45,000 in it. To do this he borrowed twenty thousand dollars from friends, placed seventeen thousand dollars belonging to his daughter in the concern, and eight thousand dollars of his own.—*Buffalo Express*. The daughter referred to is Miss F. W. Kelley, '80.

THEODORE STANTON, son of the Hon. Henry B. Stanton and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, of New York, was married May 9th, at the American legation in Paris, to Mlle. Marie Marguerite de Berry, of Paris. The Boston Post says this union was preceded by a romantic courtship. In 1878, when in Paris seeing the Exposition, the happy bridegroom noticed one day, in the *Journal des Debats*, that a certain French young lady had just taken a degree at the Sor-

bonne. Curious to investigate this example of French education, he addressed to the young lady a letter asking for information on the subject. This gave rise to a correspondence, which continued for two years, Mr. Stanton returning to America after the interchange of the first letter without having made the acquaintance of his fair correspondent. In the autumn of 1880 he visited Paris again, saw the young lady, and fell in love—not with her, but Mlle. Berry, her friend from infancy, and her constant companion. Now, it happened that these two girls had long before agreed to be married on the same day, and it also happened that Mr. Stanton's correspondent had long been engaged to the brother of his intended. So a double wedding was the result, and Mr. Stanton's old correspondent became his sister-in-law." The foregoing is of interest from the fact that Stanton was for five years or more a resident of Ithaca and graduated from Cornell with the class of '76.—*Journal*.

EXCHANGES.

We close our exchange columns with this, the last issue of Vol. XIII of the ERA. We have little regret in parting from the most of our exchange list. But few are of sufficient interest to read with any enjoyment whatever. The Harvard, Yale, and Columbia papers, together with the *Notre Dame Scholastic*, are above the average at all times, and generally contain very acceptable matter for those outside of their individual subscribers to read. The rest of the "rif-raff" and "bob-tail," of our list might as well never have seen printer's ink, as far as the credit they may reflect either upon those who edit the useless trash, or upon the institution which gives birth to them is concerned. May we ask, what is the use, the earthly use, of such papers as the *College Journal*, *The Round Table*, the *College Rambler*, the *Ariel*, *The Lantern*, *The Transcript*, etc., etc., (we pick these at random from the pile before us), to anybody, except for domestic purposes. They certainly must tend to lower both the literary tone of the college they represent, and the students who read them. A college paper is, and naturally too, to a certain extent, an index of the character of the institution by which it is virtually supported and propagated. But we would hesitate to form an opinion of many colleges from the literary products which reach us, from fear that we should commit an act of injustice. Certainly we believe that the papers we have mentioned do not represent the tone of the institutions from which they come. There are many other of our exchanges in the same boat as those we have mentioned. There need be no feeling of loneliness in the matter, by them. We would also beg leave to say to any of our exchanges (except the monthlies and literary magazines), whom we have not mentioned by name, that they need not

assure themselves that they are not included among the unmentioned nothings piled up in one corner of our "den." Now, perhaps, some of our exchanges, upon whose corns we have rather indelicately stepped, will retaliate, when we are dumb and cold in the editorial grave. If so, we would simply say, that in anticipation of their attack, we plead perfect candor and unalloyed sincerity in what we have said. We have been prompted by no personal animosity against any particular exchange; we have been actuated by no other principles than those consistent with fairness and impartiality; we have said our little say, and we will abide by it to the end.

The present tone of college poetry is miserable; we except no present company. We call it poetry, because in the degraded standard of that term it comes under that head, although we presume a real poem has not been published in any college journal of the land during the present year. We will not speak our detestation of the system of selecting poems from prominent poets, and in this way filling up the columns. If you cannot write your own poetry, for the sake of those who are obliged to read your puny sheet, don't print other people's poems. The style of the literary articles is generally either too heavy or too insignificant. Few of our exchanges attain that "golden mean" which marks true literary excellence. Subjects are attempted which are out of all proportion to the space devoted to the article. Subjects, too, which a mere student, a man of no experience whatever, ought never to handle. It is useless to appear ridiculous, when by the use of a little judgment and tact we can appear pleasantly agreeable. "Snap" criticisms, judgments and opinions literally strew the path of a college periodical. The persons who write them are infants, and their productions are correspondingly puerile.

We have not time to mention many other wants and abuses in the careers of our exchanges. We have meant every word we have said, and we do not care who does, or who does not, like it. It is all the same to us. We had no intention of giving advice to any of our exchanges, or to those who follow us. But we had made up our minds to say just what pleased us, and now we feel a deal better. So, farewell!

"Othello's occupation 's gone!"

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—As two of our most athletic bicycle riders were returning home the other day from a long excursion, they were heard singing "Bob up serenely," with a great deal of feeling, dwelling with heart-rending pathos on the two familiar lines,

"Then is the time for disappearing.
You take a header, down you go."

—*Williams Argo*.

—Virgil informs us, *Æneid*, lib. IV., 275, that *Æneas* called on *Dido* one summer night, and inquired tenderly:

“Ibis-ne in festivitatem hoc vespertino?”

“Non hoc vespertino.”

“Forsitan in alio vespertino?”

“Bonum vespertinum!”

And he lit out.—*Atque eluxit.*—*Puck.*

—Special dispatch to the *Spectator*: “Nihilism has appeared again! An attempt was made last week to blow up an instructor with three penny torpedoes. The perpetrators belong to an order known ‘freshmen’; they live in mines; it is in their den that these blood curdling plots originate. They still live.”

(Signed) SOPHYGUFF.

—*Spectator.*

—The following, according to a certain Junior, is from Goethe's *Iphigenia*: “When he had satisfied himself on his son's flesh, he felt a pain.”—*Courant.*

—Our Evangelical editor came into the sanctum last Saturday and inquired, a dim, religious light spreading over his face: “What song did St. Stephen sing as he fell under the shower of stones? Give it up? Why, ‘Rock me to sleep, mother.’” “But why,” said Lampy, “is your jest only applicable to the last seven days of Lent? Because it's wholly weak.”—*Lampoon.*

—’Tis not the gold of your hair, sweet maid,
Nor your silver voice that my heart doth win;
’Tis not the flash of your wit of steel,
But ’tis—your dear, sick, old papa's tin.

—*Crimson.*

FAVORITE FLOWERS.

The Masher's—Two lips.
The Fortune Hunter's—Marry Gold.
The Poulterer's—Crow cuss.
The Hoodlum's—Assail yer.
The Bummers—Four o'clock.
The Cook's—Pan-see?
The Shepherd's—Flocks.
New York's—Astor.
The Potato Masher's—Hammer mealies.
The Matador's—Bull rush.
Aaron's—Golden rod.
The Grinder's—Night shade.
The Treasurer's—Mint.
Hero's—O! Leander.

—*Lampoon.*

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