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WITH the present number the ERA again makes its annual bow. Thirteen years of experience have shaped its course and modified its form until it has become a feature of Cornell University, as well grounded and almost as conspicuous as the McGraw tower. The general character of the paper will remain unchanged, with the possible exception that more attention will be paid to the literary department than has been customary. The present board, in assuming control, feel that there is a possibility that their editorials may sometimes fall below those of the *Nation*, and that Tennyson and Longfellow need have no fears of any immediate loss of popularity consequent upon such little "pomes" as may from time to time appear in their columns, but whatever faithful work, stimulated by a love for our University, can accomplish, will be done by them as erring human nature will allow.

THE American public may think that only the oarsmen defeated at Henley find fault with the Henley course, but the following extract from *The Field*, a London sporting paper, shows that the unfairness of that course is undeniable: "The unfairness of the Henley course is a matter so thoroughly well known to boating men, and the drawing for positions is so often the draw for the race itself, that we forbear to dilate on the subject. We took the opportunity of thoroughly inspecting the water on the Bucks side of the island and the banks enclosing it, but we see no prospect of ever getting

more than two eights past it abreast, even with the most judicious paring of the edges. It is possible that hereafter some other piece of water may be selected for the battle-ground of the cracks. If, on the other hand, they continue to set their affections on Henley, they must be content with the unfair course now used, and with a knowledge of the fact that the best crew does not always win, and that there is a strong element of chance in the whole business."

IN the heat and disappointment of our first defeat charges were freely made that the foul at Henley with London was intentional on the part of London. In a letter to the *Sportsman* the crew avowed their perfect faith in London's honor and fairness.

SIR:—We, the Cornell Crew, desire to thank the English rowing clubs and the English press for their courteous treatment of us. We are especially indebted to the London and Thames Rowing Clubs for entertaining us so handsomely on Tuesday evening of last week, and for their many courtesies since our arrival in England. We regret the assertions made by American papers that Cornell was purposely fouled at Henley, and beg to assure you that we neither entertained nor authorized such a statement.—Yours, &c.,
CORNELL CREW.

In this letter we wish to concur. The London Rowing Club we believe to be composed of honorable and gentlemanly oarsmen who would scorn to take any mean advantage of their competitors. It is much more likely that the fault was Cornell's than London's, for we noticed later in the race a second foul almost occurred, which was caused by Cornell trying to take London's water. The crew have also to make public their obligations to Captain Cook, of Yale. The articles appearing in certain papers attributing Cornell's loss of the race with Hertford College to Cook's neglect were unjust and exhibited great ignorance of the circumstances.

WELL, the crew have gone and have returned and we have no triumphs to record. But the University has no reason to feel chagrined over the results. 'Tis true the crew did not win a race, nevertheless they are the finest set of oarsmen Cor-

nell has sent out. The papers deride them as a set of oarsmen having no real claim to the name, simply for the reason they haven't won a race. But a crew can row and lose and yet be a first class crew. Columbia and the Shoewaecaemettes lost the same race in which Cornell rowed at Henley, yet on them the papers heaped no abuse. They rowed under the same disadvantage, as regards station, as Cornell did, and they lost. Cornell did no more, and yet Cornell is ridiculed. The fact is, the crew did some very fine rowing on English waters, and rowing very creditable to America and the University. The steering was not always perfect, but when an old crew like the Thames run into the bank and lose their race, then an American crew can easily be excused for doing the same thing. A finer race is seldom seen than the one Cornell rowed at Putney, in the Metropolitan Regatta, on July 14th. For a mile and three quarters they were neck and neck with Thames and London, and were beaten by a bare length; and this after having rowed on the course for a week and being almost wholly unacquainted with it. They fully demonstrated their ability to row, and we feel more confident of their ability to beat the English fours on a straight course, than we were before they went to England.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE remarked in his Baccalaureate address last June, "I would have you think your University the best University in the world, and your teachers, the best teachers." Great care should be exercised lest these words be taken too literally. We have heard enough of empty boasting from college men of their respective colleges, and we must admit that Cornell men have not always been free from this fault. This bragging savors too much of the high school and academy. What is needed is that every Cornell man should have an exact and proper appreciation of his University's position in the world. It is idle to claim that our University is the leading one in America, or even New York State. In what respect does it lead? This should be studied. Let the students exercise a calm and impartial judgment on the merits of his own college as compared with other colleges. It is certain that we are behind smaller colleges in some branches of instruction. What are they? It is also as undeniable that we lead old-

er and more famous colleges in some departments. And every student should know in what his University excels; he should be able to proclaim its advantages. A general claim to excellence will not satisfy sensible men. Particulars are demanded, and it is the student's duty to furnish these particulars to the world. Much of the jealousy between colleges would be allayed were each to properly appreciate the position and standing of the other. While we should hasten to supply our deficiencies, we should not hesitate to acknowledge the excellencies of others. Let there be a cessation, for a time at least, of this vain self-assurance, this idle self-puffing, and let us learn our true position among colleges.

EIGHTY-FIVE will doubtless welcome the following bits of advice: It is the prime duty of every Freshman to inscribe his autograph somewhere in the McGraw tower. There are only a few square feet of unoccupied wood-work left, and candidates for this temple of fame should send in their names early. The bells, too, with a few additional names might easily be made objects of high art. Never on any account designate a professor by that title, there is a large and growing stock of nick-names which it is your duty to employ on all occasions. Their use will help to give you an air of smartness and good-breeding. Carefully learn from some decrepit Senior or P. G. his stock of college tales of the long ago. Retail them to every upper-classman you meet, especially if he be smaller than you. The story of the bursting of the cannon at midnight on the campus, carefully followed up by the harrowing tale of the Sage washing suspended from the chapel spire, has been found by long experience to produce the most blood-curdling effect. If you have been the end man in your preparatory school, take it for granted that you can easily surpass all previous records here. The more strongly you impress this idea upon your associates the more agreeable will be your intercourse with them. If you have contracted a dislike for any professor, snub him by omitting to raise your hat whenever you meet him. He will immediately retire and weep. Always encourage the President, however, by tipping your head-gear with a blandly patronizing air. As early as possible secure a copy of "Rules for the

Guidance of Students'" for careful perusal toward the close of your Senior year. You can then easily see whether you have obeyed them. Finally, and seriously, eighty-five, don't disgrace yourselves by all taking the Woodford prize, or by selling the college races abroad.

TO condemn a man before he is proven guilty would be a gross injustice, but, on the other hand, to shut one's eyes to the probabilities of a case which is dragging the good name of our University into disreputable company would be simply cowardice. Investigations are now pending, which, let us hope, will establish Mr. Shinkel's innocence. Meanwhile there are several phases of the case which are, to say the least, unfortunate as far as he is concerned. While the antecedents of the other members of the crew are beyond reproach, Mr. Shinkel long ago lost the respect of most Ithaca people with whom he came in contact. Details need not be given. They have already been made too public during the progress of the wretched affair. Then, there was the simultaneous discovery in opposite parts of the world of the alleged treachery by parties who had had no communication with each other on that subject. Upon being charged with selling the Vienna race, most innocent men would have courted an investigation and cabled to America asking for a suspension of public opinion until an opportunity of repelling this charge could be obtained. In his intercourse with the press representatives at New York, instead of repelling the charges against him with anything like proofs of his innocence, Shinkel confined his statements to insinuations against the other members of the crew and every one influential in sending the crew abroad. This, too, was unfortunate. Shinkel in coming to Ithaca did what any man in his senses would have done. Most gentlemen, however, would have been more concerned about their own reputation, and the opinions of the public, than about the legal aspects of the case, and instead of consulting a lawyer in order, if possible, to prosecute some one or any one, would have gone to the authorities who have directed the movements of the crew during the past summer, and demanded a fair examination of the case. Mr. Shinkel has consulted none of them. He has, indeed, given it as his opinion that they

should consult him. Let us hope that this disagreeable affair will be speedily settled. Common justice demands that Mr. Shinkel should have the benefit of the strictest investigation. The ERA gladly opens its columns to anything he may have to say in his defense. As this is a University affair, affecting us all, trustees, faculty and students, should not the University authorities push this matter to its legitimate conclusion, not shirking any duty, however disagreeable, until the exact truth is known?

FACULTY CHANGES.

The beginning of another scholastic year has been accompanied by many and important changes. From the corps of instructors several have gone, and in their stead several new ones have come. First and most important to the vital interests of the University, is the return of our honored President, Andrew D. White, who has been absent in Europe over two years, fulfilling the duties of his commission as Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States to the German court. As president, as professor and as friend to the University and to the students, we have deeply felt his absence and looked eagerly forward to his return. Although President White has not been with us in person, we think that we can truthfully say that his watchful care over all the interests has not been at any time absent. Through his generosity and influence we have received the benefit of instruction from many eminent non-resident lecturers, and by him a number of valuable additions in the way of apparatus and collections of books and specimens have been made to different departments of the University.

The announcement that President White has engaged Mr. Edward A. Freeman to deliver a course of lectures here is full of interest. Mr. Freeman is one of the most distinguished of English historians, and is widely known as the author of "The Norman Conquest."

Professor Moses Coit Tyler, late of the University of Michigan, has been appointed to the chair of American History. Mr. Tyler is one of the most prominent scholars in the department of American History and Literature, and is author of a recent work, "A History of American Literature."

Mr. Herbert Tuttle, who has been for some years correspondent of the London *Standard* in Vienna, and is a thorough scholar in the department of Political Science, will come to Cornell at Mr. White's request, and deliver a number of lectures upon English History and the political present and future of Europe. Mr. C. S. Adams and Mr. Charles Kendall Adams, will be added to the faculty; the former as lecturer on history, and the latter as professor of Political Economy. We think with such men as

these, that our department of history at Cornell which we have always considered a strong one, will not be equaled in this country.

In the Mathematical department, Professor J. Burkett Webb, formerly professor in the University of Michigan, and who has been studying in Germany for several years, has been appointed professor of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Mechanics.

Professor Willard Fiske, who has been absent in Europe for two years, resumes this term, his position as Dean of the College of Germanic Languages and Literature. Professor J. H. Comstock has returned from Washington, where he has been engaged in the government Entomological department, and Professor Barnard has accepted a position in the same department. A just recognition of merit and of earnest work, is the promotion of William E. Lucas, for several years instructor, to be assistant professor of Rhetoric and Elocution.

Along with the changes in the faculty we must note with regret the loss of some of its members. Ex-Vice-President Russel has gone to Brown University as professor in History and Political Science. Professor Hjalmer H. Boyeson has been appointed professor in German at Columbia college, New York city. Assistant Professor W. R. Lazenby has secured a professorship at the Ohio Agricultural college. While we sincerely regret the loss of such men from the faculty of Cornell, we can only wish them God-speed in their new fields of labor, and cordially welcome the returning one as well as the new-comer.

CORNELL ON FOREIGN WATERS.

I.

THE RACE FOR THE STEWARDS' CUP AT HENLEY, ENGLAND.

It is difficult to find a prettier spot than Henley-on-Thames. It nestles on the banks of the Thames which is here, not as it is down at London, muddy-colored and disagreeable, but clear, sparkling and beautiful. A fine road lies along the Buckshire side of the river, and this takes you to the noble, solid bridge of stone which spans the stream just above the finish line of the great races. Beyond the river lie the meadows covered with rich dark green, their limits indicated by clear-cut hedges; beyond the meadows are the hills rising steep and grand and covered with a dense growth of fine old trees. Here and there the white villas of the gentry gleam through the wood, and from many a house-top floats the colors of old England. The whole makes such a picture of beauty that it is no wonder poets have sung the praises of Henley, or that England for forty years has made this place her annual picnic ground.

And really, these Henley Regattas are more like

picnics than anything else. The boating seems to serve merely as an excuse for gathering together. Thousands drive out to Henley in their coaches-and-fours with well-filled hampers, and loads of pretty girls, who do not disdain to gaily empty the well-filled hampers. All are out for enjoyment, and these two days in the year they give to solid enjoyment. The bridge is covered with carriages and all the time more are arriving, the meadows are filled with boating men and their followers. It is hard to tell which is which, for all are resplendent in white flannels and straw hats with bright colors. Blue and red seem to be the favorites. Then there are swings and "merry-go-rounds" to beguile the young and rustic; while venders of matches, cherries and berries are innumerable. This part of the scene reminds one of the fairs in America, while the drags and hampers strongly suggest Epsom and Ascot.

The river is not merely dotted but covered with various sorts of boats from the crank single scull to the Venetian gondola propelled by girls in the appropriate costume. Along the bank are huge floating cabins for spectators, and strains of music proceed from them. The police, whose duty it is to keep the coast clear, are being rowed about in boats and are doing their best to perform their duty, but it is well nigh impossible. As soon as they have earnestly begged one intruder to retire from the course, several more have glided on to the forbidden ground—or rather water. The appearance of the shells as they come dashing up the course, is not effectual in driving the boats away. But this indifference to the wishes of the police and neglect to keep a clear course, is only proof that the people have come to enjoy themselves more than to see the races.

To-day, the 30th of June, 1881, A. D., is a greater day than usual in the calendar of the frequenter of the Henley Regattas. For to-day the celebrated American crew, about which so much has been said, is to measure oars with the crack crews of England. To tell the honest truth, the Englishmen are more than a trifle nervous. America has just carried away the laurel from the turf; is she to be victorious also on the water? It looked so, and bets were only 2 to 1 against the Americans and few offered.

How did the "boys" feel about it? We found the crew quartered in a neat stone cottage on the road fronting the river, and not a stone's throw from the end of the bridge. A large flag of carnelian and white with "Cornell" across it, while below are two small American flags crossed. These signified where the boys were to be found. They did not feel very jubilant over their prospects of victory. First, they had the worst station to start from; second, the wind was blowing most unfavorably for them; third, their new boat had arrived only that morning and could not be used in the race. Yet

it was thought that if the wind changed the two disadvantages of position and boat could be overcome. Most fervently then did we pray for the wind to change, and anxiously we watched the flags and streamers. As the first heat of the "Stewards' Cup" was not to be rowed till half-past five in the afternoon, we passed the greater part of the day in viewing the other races. And there were some beautiful races, well contested and finely rowed. The heats too were started on time, and we had to acknowledge that the English thoroughly understood one thing at least, how to manage Regattas. True, they haven't our conveniences for seeing the races, they haven't our moving grand stands, but they have level and well beaten paths along the river banks, and here the eager spectators, on foot and mounted, endeavor to keep pace with the struggling oarsmen.

Until five o'clock we watched the races and lounged away the time, hoping for a change in the wind, but in vain. It kept its stubborn course. It was with little expectation of victory that the "faithful" few accompanied the crew to their boat-house and saw them start. With as much enthusiasm as we could muster, we gave the grand old yell, and for the first time in history England's hills echoed the word Cornell! The crew shot under the bridge and in front of the grand stand. Our yell drew the attention of the crowd to the crew and there went up a great cheer. All down the long line of thousands of spectators the cheer ran, and the "fellows" received a most cordial welcome from England's people. The crew paddled slowly down to their station, in obedience to the regulation, "all boats must be at the Starting Post at the time appointed for each race; the start to take place without reference to absentees." It was clear that this race was to be the event of the day, for the course was more rigorously cleared, and the crowds hurried to the banks. The positions had been previously chosen by lot. The competing crews were:

POSITION No. 1. (On the Berks Shore).

THAMES ROWING CLUB.

W. H. Eyre, bow,	- - - - -	147 lbs.
J. Hastie, 2,	- - - - -	160 "
W. A. Jenkin, 3,	- - - - -	163 "
F. Canton, stroke,	- - - - -	161 "

POSITION No. 2.

LONDON ROWING CLUB.

P Adcock, bow,	- - - - -	147 lbs.
F. L. Playford, 2,	- - - - -	169 "
W. W. Hewitt, 3,	- - - - -	169 "
H. H. Playford, stroke,	- - - - -	171 "

POSITION No. 3. (Bucks Shore).

CORNELL UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB.

A. H. Cowles, bow,	- - - - -	159 lbs.
J. Lewis, 2,	- - - - -	158 "
J. G. Allen, 3,	- - - - -	173 "
J. N. D. Shinkel, stroke,	- - - - -	174 "

All Americans were trembling with anxiety as the three crews drew into line. Although expectation was dead within us, yet hope was lively. Owing to our crew having the outside position on the curve of the river, their only hope was to shoot across and secure the inside station ahead of Thames, if they could. But could they do it? Were it the college crews they had to row against we could have had some confidence, but it was the veteran fours of England they were meeting. They were meeting men who had rowed together for years. Eyre and Hastie had twice won the pair-oared race for the Silver Goblets, and were decidedly superior oarsmen. Beginning with 1857 London had a long string of victories in the Stewards' Challenge Cup race. Thirteen times had London come in first. And last year Thames began her list of triumphs. It was with no inexperienced college crews Cornell had to row. Therefore, we were extremely doubtful of the crew's ability to take either London or Thames' water. The crowds are now eagerly leaning over the water waiting for the gun and the first flash of the oars. Even before the report of the gun reaches us we can see through our glasses that the race has begun. "The Americans lead!" exclaim the English. "Fine start!" On they come, Cornell with a decided lead, and to one unacquainted with the course having every prospect of victory. Then comes a collision, the crews cease rowing. Cornell and London have fouled! It is difficult to say which was to blame. Perhaps the Cornell crew in their haste to secure the inside station had not sufficient lead to cross London's bow. At any rate, the crews were all recalled and a weary time was passed in waiting for the second start. Cornell's number three had damaged his seat, and this had to be repaired as well as string could repair the damage. Finally the crews again got away, with Cornell again leading. This lead they maintained and increased, and, as far as the course was straight, they kept a lead of half a length, not sufficient, however, to warrant their crossing over to first position. But now the bend is reached and the advantage of the inside positions at once appears. Thames and London without any perceptible quickening of their stroke leave Cornell, which now begins to feel the full effect of the adverse current and wind. As the wind now strikes the boat almost broadside, the shell appears as if anchored, while Thames and London sheltered by the banks and bushes of the Berks shore sweep on with undiminished speed. From now on the race was a mere procession. Cornell fell in behind London, and in this position appeared before the Grand Stand, where but a few moments before they had been loudly cheered. It was humiliating but it was not unexpected by us. But it was a poor return for all our hopes and work! And so ended the great race to which Cornell had looked forward for months. Although fine races were to occur after this one, yet the

crowd now seemed satisfied and little interest was taken in the races to follow. The English felt relieved. Henley laurels were to remain in English hands for another year.

SHINKEL'S ALLEGED TREACHERY.

During the past few weeks the press of this country as well as of Europe has been filled with reports to the effect that the Cornell University crew had been betrayed at Vienna by its stroke oar Shinkel. The vivid imaginations of reporters have imparted to this story various hues and colorings, until to-day public opinion is biased one way or another according to the source whence information has been derived. The question that confronts us as students to decide is whether we have sufficient circumstantial evidence to morally convict Shinkel or whether his mates, perplexed and wearied by defeats, have too harshly judged him and allowed certain, to them, suspicious actions to take the place of real evidence.

As was only too well known there was a want of harmony among the members of the crew before the departure for Europe. This had been to outward appearances eliminated, but to those intimately acquainted with the inner circle of events, apprehension was felt lest discontent should again break out. These fears were only too well grounded. Even on the passage over there was an apparent division of the crew. Reed the substitute sympathized with Shinkel to a great extent, Chase the manager in whom was also vested the authority of captain, vainly striving to hold in check and suppress the then growing dissatisfaction. In England various little things happened which served to completely alienate even Reed from Shinkel. Exactly what these were we are not told excepting the fact that Shinkel acted in a very arbitrary way at all times, assuming the office of captain and objecting to everything proposed by the rest of the crew. In this frame of mind the crew left England for the Danube. The crew pulled the course there in practice with no inconvenience on account of the longer distance and the strong currents. Their time was then three minutes better than that made by the Viennese Rowing Club for the three miles. They were apparently in good health and according to Chase in better rowing trim than at any race in England. In the race when about a mile had been traversed Shinkel suddenly stopped rowing and fell forward on his oar saying he could not row longer on account of cramps in his side, and then fainted or, as alleged, feigned to faint. The crew were then leading by about four lengths. Upon arrival at headquarters a doctor was summoned and unhesitatingly pronounced Shinkel all right and said he was a well man. Shinkel claims to have complained of sickness for three days prior to the race, but the rest of the crew say he ate his meals with as evident a relish as any of them and in quantity quite equal to them,

decidedly more than a sick man would think of eating. The suspicion then gained ground among them that they had been betrayed, that the faint was feigned according to some pre-arranged plan. Before leaving Vienna the crew were told in a conversation with the editor of the *Sports-Zeitung* of Vienna that he could give them evidence that Shinkel had sold the race. That from the accounts of the Treasurer of the Rowing Club there was a discrepancy of some 1500 florins which nothing straight as then suggested could account for. That Shinkel had a rendezvous with certain questionable sporting characters and that he had business with an Austrian bank. This information was given the crew just upon their departure for England, when there was no time for investigation. It was remembered that Shinkel was noticed to be looking out of the window as though expecting some one and at one time left the room very suddenly and in a nervous manner. The question even then arose "what is the matter with Shinkel?" but as no suspicion of subsequent developments was held no satisfactory solution was obtained. During the trip from Vienna various attempts were made to discover if Shinkel really had as much money in his possession as was alleged, but without avail. He was observed to carefully put his purse under his pillow at night, as though fearing an examination of that piece of property. He was not known to have done this before. Upon the arrival in England, he, in the presence of the crew, was accused of having sold the race and was asked to allow his baggage and person to be searched. This he refused to have done, and demanded that substantiation of the charges be produced. As none were to be had upon the moment's notice, the matter was suffered to drop for the time. He demanded his return ticket to this country by the National Line, but this was refused him.

At about the same time certain revelations were made in Ithaca, which, if true, pointed to the same end, although not to the same circumstances. A gentleman in town well known for truthfulness and veracity claimed to be acquainted with crooked proceedings of Shinkel and some well known town sporting characters. By him it was said that an arrangement had been entered into by Shinkel and these men whereby every race excepting the first one was to be lost. It was taken for granted that Cornell would win the Visitors' Challenge Cup, and that in the pool box her stock would stand high. By losing subsequent races these, knowing the turn affairs would take, could make great gains in betting. Cornell was not allowed to enter for the Visitors' Cup and this little plan was seriously deranged. It is claimed that Shinkel cabled to these men from England prior to the departure for Vienna, that Cornell would row a losing race. The gentleman giving this information was cognizant of these facts and de-

siring to protect himself from charges of unfairness, made a confidant of another gentleman in town, while the alleged negotiations were going on between Shinkel and the sporting men referred to. The second gentleman corroborates entirely the statements given above.

In the above the effort has been made to bring the reports, somewhat scattered as they have been, into their natural sequence. The account gives just what it claims to give, a bare report of the alleged treachery. There are details which could be filled in but for the present will be held in abeyance.

CORNELIANA.

—'85, shake.

—The Sophomores have blood in their eyes.

—Where are the mortar boards? Bring them out.

—Considerable weight in '85. Put away those canes, '84.

—The fall term at Wells college opened on Wednesday last.

—A complete file of the ERA for '77-'78, is wanted at this office.

—Wonder if there are any candidates for the ministry among the Freshmen?

—Are we to have a Field Day this fall? Communications respectfully invited.

—The position of Janitor has not yet been filled. Russel, '84, is acting temporarily.

—Look out for flattering inducements to come and be clean, sent out by our barbers.

—Four students had a narrow escape from drowning last Tuesday while sailing on the lake.

—Professor Crane will take the class in Junior French which has been taught by Professor Russel.

—The exchanges of the ERA will be placed on the table in the Library every week for students' perusal.

—The University Ball nine watches '85 with interest to discover if possible some Embryonic Hunter.

—Now the Freshman busily conneth the pages of that interesting volume "Rules of Guidance for Students."

—An examination in any or all branches of Physics is announced for Saturday at 9 a. m., in the Physical Lecture Room.

—Pray for our Exchange Editor that he may be strong and valiant, and fear not the *Niagara Index* and the *Acta Columbiana*.

—Of the two shells taken abroad by the crew, one was sold to raise funds and the other was left in England to be sent on later.

—President White arrived in town yesterday afternoon from Syracuse, where he has been staying since his return from Europe.

—A New York paper of a recent date suggested that our slogan be changed to the following: "Cornell, I yell, yell, yell, Shinkel."

—A Freshman says he is "not going into athletics" because he may be accused of selling out. That's right, be virtuous and you'll be happy.

—The large number of students registering in the course of Civil Engineering, attests the growth and character of this department of the University.

—A practical youth from the West writes, "please send a circular of Cornell College, and give full particulars as to the trades which can be got there."

—A correspondent of Laurensville, (S. C.) *Gazette*, contributes a very flattering article concerning the University. Its only fault is too much gush.

—A number of students were compelled to sojourn in Lyons over Thursday night, the train on the New York Central railroad from the west being late.

—Eighty-two at last your opportunity to do some good has come. Brace up, and present the baby with a rattle if nothing more. Oh, if '83 only had the chance.

—The best time made in practice by the crew for the mile and five-sixteenths, was 7.49. The best time ever made in English waters for the same distance, is 7.48.

—"What is a monsoon?" thundered the professor. Quick as thought came the reply, "A tribe of Indians in Central Africa." Signs of heavy weather on the back seats.

—Rooms free at Sage College this year. "Poor rule," etc. Why can't the gentlemen have the same terms granted to them in the several buildings? Oh, would we were a Sage maiden!

—Mr. F. B. Walker, of the firm of Bliss & Co., of New Haven, will be at the Ithaca Hotel September 17, 18 and 19, with a full line of samples of foreign woolsens for gentlemen's wear.

—Mr. George Jacob Holyoake, the great English advocate of Co-operation, who lectured before the Cornell students two years ago, is the author of a work entitled "Among the Americans."

—A Freshman in the examination in geography being asked "What are the political divisions of North America?" startled the professor by the reply, "Republican, Democrat and Greenback."

—Room T. was crowded long before eleven o'clock the hour of the President's lecture, but after waiting vainly for some time, the Juniors and Seniors were compelled to depart without giving the welcome they anticipated.

—The University of the State of New York held its convocation at Albany the second week in July. Dr. W. D. Wilson read a paper on "Instruction in Philosophy, Modern Agnosticism considered in reference to its Philosophical Basis."

—Walch, '84, has brought to Ithaca a fine sailboat which he bought in Syracuse about two weeks ago. He always did have lots of friends, but probably never realized it more than he will now. There, now Charlie, bring it around to the ERA sanctum and take us out.

—A complimentary dinner was tendered to President White by the New York Cornell Association on his arrival in New York. The President declined the honor for the present, because of his engagements and the illness of President Garfield. October 4th was afterwards named as the date when the dinner will take place.

—The assembly room in the South Building is now ready for occupancy. Everything necessary for comfort is there, and we hope the students will be quick to show their appreciation of the kindness of the trustees in fitting it up, by using it and using it well, too. Can't some one bring in a few pictures, some "oil chromeos," as it were.

—The *Ithaca Journal's* reprint of the New York *Evening Post's* interview with President White, contains the startling information that "The faculty would for the present remain the same with the exception that several important engagements had been made by the speaker while in Europe to strengthen the *crops* of professors and lecturers."

—The goods for furnishing the Fiske Mansion are gradually arriving from Europe. Already more than \$6,000 worth of duties have, we understand, been paid. The cases containing the more valuable goods will not be opened till they reach Ithaca. A Custom House officer detailed specially for the work will be here then and appraise the duty on them.

—The two rooms on the second floor of the North Building, directly above the rooms of Professors Potter and Wait, have been made into one, and will be known hereafter as the "Entomological Laboratory." With these new quarters, together with the return of Professor Comstock, we look for an increased interest in this department of Natural History.

—Any one knowing the address of any of the following-named persons, formerly students at Cornell, will confer a great favor by sending their address immediately to box 1038, Ithaca, N. Y. Appleton J. Ide, '73; Oliver Allen, Jr., '72; Herbert R. Smith, '74; Charles L. Petree, '75; Charles H. Mallett, '77; Charles O. Tiffany, '78; Willard E. Yager, '78.

—Verily, now is the time when the society man coddleth in his bosom the lone-lorn Freshman, and

causeth him to take courage in himself. He neither leaveth him nor forsaketh him, and the ways of the Freshman are ways of pleasantness and all his paths are paths of peace. Yea, they shall so continue even unto the cold and wintry blasts, when he shall suddenly be blotted out of the society man's remembrance; and the end of the Freshman shall be sore, yea, yea.

—Rush, Freshmen, rush with care,
Rush right into the Sophomaire.
Your oldest suit's the thing for a tare,
The chances are your back 'll be bare.

If you don't get hurt it will be quare,
But never mind, expect to be sare.
Rush Freshmen, rush with care,
And give the Sops a terrible scare.

—Freshmen, if you have no old clothes with you borrow some, and wear them down town with you to-night, "and so on," as the Mathematical professor will soon be saying to you. Nothing commands the respect of a Soph. quicker than old clothes. They are even better than a cane. Don't stand around the edges of the whirlpool and look on, for nothing so disgusts a Soph, as to find out after a long struggle that he has been "rassling" with himself and the stick. If your foot should get stepped on, hobble out and immediately inform, in a wincing way, the assembled throng. They'll sympathize with you. If you haven't eaten your peck of dirt keep your mouth open, otherwise shut. Work with a will and you'll be a hero—all your predecessors were.

PERSONALIA.

MILFORD, '75, sojourns in Australia.

CRAMPHIN, '80, was in town last week.

SERAT, '83, remains in Elmira this year.

CATCHPOLE, '81, spent the summer in Europe.

MOTT, formerly '82, has entered West Point, '85.

WHITNEY NEWTON, '79, is in town for a short visit.

MISS SPROUT, formerly '83, has returned to the University.

GEO. SHIRAS, '81, enters Columbia Law School next month.

BATTIN, '81, is engineering in the wilds of Dakota Territory.

ALYEN, '81, is studying law at the Laval University of Quebec.

PEASE, '83's giant is reported to have entered Syracuse, '82.

OSCAR TAYLOR, '81, is studying law at his home, Freeport, Ill.

DR. F. W. STEVENS, '73, of New York city, is visiting in this city.

H. W. SACKETT, '75, of New York, is visiting his parents in this city.

FREEMAN, formerly '83, has been spending the summer in Europe.

PROF. ANTHONY will not return to the University until late next week.

HOSEA WEBSTER, '80, has entered Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J.

I. P. SMITH, '82's Junior President, is a pa. It was a boy at last reports.

CHARLEY KELLEY, '83, takes a sea voyage this year ostensibly for his health.

H. M. BIGGS, '83, enters Bellevue Medical College, New York, next month.

AINSLIE, '81's Woodford orator, enters the Yale Theological Seminary this fall.

BLOWERS, '79, ex-Commodore of the Cornell Navy was visiting in town last week.

HAHN, '81's Minority President, is chemist for the Youngstown, Ohio, Iron Works.

PATCHIN, '84, is studying phonography with W. W. Osgoodby, at Rochester, N. Y.

E. GWYNNE, formerly '83, met the crew in Europe and reported himself as feeling well.

W. J. REILLY, '77, is with the Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Company at Williamsport, Pa.

FOWLER, '72, was in town last Friday. He is engaged in business at Richmond, Va.

CATCHPOLE, '81, made a short call in town last week, on his return home from Europe.

LEW PAYNE, Charlie Anderson and Levi, all '83, have been studying in town all summer.

MORTON, formerly '82, is reported to be contemplating entering Oxford this present year.

JACK HUMPHRIES, '83, has been traveling with the Syracuse Cricket Club during the summer.

INGERSOLL, formerly '83, is now connected with the Brush Electric Light Co, of Cleveland.

H. L. WHITNEY, '83, expects to attend the Philadelphia Medical College this coming winter.

WESTON, formerly '83, is in the lumber business in Tonawanda, the Gomorah of New York.

W. T. MORRIS, '75, is a member of the law firm of Wood, Butler & Morris, Penn Yan, N. Y.

"Tom" EWING, '83, was engaged during the summer on the D., L. & W. extension as leveller.

C. C. PARK, formerly '83, has been viewing the sights in England and the Continent the past summer.

PROF. HALE was elected corresponding secretary of Phi Beta Kappa at its annual meeting at Harvard in June.

CHITTENDEN, formerly '83, stands sixth in his class at West Point. He also sports corporal's stripes on his arms.

BLOOD, '85, took a twelve hundred mile ride on his bicycle this summer, through western New York and Pennsylvania.

ED. HOUSE, '81, committed matrimony this past summer, the party of the second part being a wealthy Southern lady.

BO-OB McCLELLAND has been consulting physician extraordinary in a small pox hospital in Pittsburgh. Salary nominal.

FRANK MCGRAW, '83, has been working in the lumber regions of Michigan during the summer. This may account for the recent devastations by fire there.

WILLIAM R. LAZENBY, Professor in Floriculture here for the past two years, has accepted a professorship at the Ohio Agricultural College with a salary of \$2,000 a year. We congratulate Ohio Agr. College on having secured the services of an earnest worker and thorough instructor, as well as a gentleman of many genial qualities.

BAYARD ROOT, '83, met with a terrible accident while working in a field west of Port Byron, one day last month. He was driving a mowing machine, when the horses became frightened at something and starting up suddenly, threw him from his seat and in front of the knives, which lacerated his hips in a painful manner, cutting the flesh badly and laying open the muscles.

EIGHTY-FIVE.

SCIENCE AND LETTERS.

Baker, E. E.	Cedar Hill
Bardwell, A. F.	Springfield, Mass
Bennett B. E.	North Brookfield
Bidler H. A.	Chicago, Ill
Bishop, Miss M. J.	Newfield
Bostwick, E. H.	Ithaca
Brooks, E.	Salt Lake City, Utah
Bull, E. L.	Slaterville
Bull, John	"
Burr, L. F.	St Johnsville
Carpenter, Miss C.	Waverly, Pa
Davenport M. B.	Varna
Doolittle, C. E.	Washington, D C
Good, A. C.	Buffalo
Graves, Miss E.	Richmond, Ind
Hartzell, A. A.	Buffalo
Hixon, E. B.	Ithaca
Merry, Miss M.	Phoenix
Mooney, Miss M. E.	Ithaca
Sage, A. H.	S. New Berlin
Smith, F. B.	Tioga, Pa
Smith, Miss J.	Bath
Smith, A. H.	Franklin, Pa
Steere, A.	S. New Berlin
Williams, Miss M.	Ithaca

ENGINEERING.

Barclay, F.	Port Jervis
Briesen, John von	New York City
Curtiss, C. E.	Ithaca
Durand, S. C.	Westfield

Hall, C. L.	Canesto
Hamp, W. F.	Manchester, Eng
Hanford, F. E.	Mason City, Ia
Kelley, C. L.	E. Newark
Mead, B. W.	Rockford, Ill
McNish, E.	Horseheads
Mossrop, A. M.	Brooklyn
Olin, W.	Buskirk's Bridge
Powell, G. W.	Reed's Corners
Raht, C. A.	Frisco, Utah
Reed, E. C.	San José, Cal
Smith, W. C.	Bath
Snow, B. W.	Lasalle, Ill
Thorpe, C. M.	Napoli
Towl, F. M.	Elmira
Wheeler, F. R.	Buffalo
Yager, J. F.	Union Springs

ARTS.

Beardsley, L.	Ithaca
Bickford, C. H.	Belleville
Blood, A. R.	Erie, Pa
Brundage, C. H.	Penn Yan
Decker, D. H.	Fulton
Doubleday, Miss J. L.	Binghamton
Elliott, O. L.	Centreville
Hough, E. C.	Lowville
Lorber, J.	New Orleans, La
Marshall, C. H.	Chatham Village
McCall, J.	Bath
Mott, Miss M. L.	Alburgh, Vt
Olmsted, H. C.	Binghamton
Smith, W. H.	Little Valley
Stevens, S. M.	Rome
Swartz, K.	Cortland
Waterman, W. H.	Cumberland Hill, R. I

OPTIONAL.

Avery, Miss A. M.	Phoenix
Ballester, C. W.	Rochester
Bolton, Miss S. S.	Oil City
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Fitzgerald, Miss H.	Monroe
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SCIENCE.

Grant, A. H.	New York
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ARCHITECTURE.

Eidlitz, R. J.	New York
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SUMMARY.

Arts 17; Literature, 4; Philosophy, 7; Science and Letters, 25; Science, 4; Architecture 1; Mechanic Arts, 14; Engineering, 21; Agriculture, 4; Medical Preparatory, 4; History and Political Science, 2; Mathematics, 1; Optional, 18; total, 119.

The following from other colleges have applied for admission.

C. R. Browning, '83, from Swarthmore College.
H. Falkenau, — from the College of the City of New York.
Miss C. C. Giddings, '84, from the Antioch College.
R. Matthews, '83, from the Northwestern University.
H. J. Patten, '84, from Monmouth College.

EXCHANGES.

If our fellow laborers with the paste pot and shears will take from its place on the centre table Volume XIII of the CORNELL ERA, will turn to the exchange department of the last number and consider the sentiments there expressed, wonder and admiration will possess their souls at the tranquil state of our mind as the mantle is torn disdainfully from the shoulders of our somewhat acrimonious predecessor and its tattered remnants are adjusted to our own. The evidences there given of a spirit at war with all mankind are conclusive.

As we have known and admired the lamblike disposition of our predecessor before his experience of last year, we can attribute this unfortunate change to but one cause—his many conflicts with "Knights of the Pencil and Scissors." Knowing fully that in accepting from him the appurtenances of his office, we

may be at the same time assuming his quarrels, we feel that we deserve compliments on our courage, and need the prayers of our friends—we may soon be without them—that our angelic temper may not be entirely ruined. However, we feel that the saccharine in our disposition predominates to such an extent as to more than neutralize all the gall and bitterness that can be absorbed into our system from a year's contact with the *Niagara Index*, or will be there generated by the necessity to reprove some equally rampant contemporary.

Without defining the policy of this department so strictly as to hamper our course in the future, or to render us liable to the charge of inconsistency when we feel called upon to lay a chastening hand rather heavily upon some erring brother, we may say that the chief object, toward the attainment of which our efforts shall be directed, is to give to the readers of the *ERA* as fair, just and accurate an idea of the publications of other colleges as our fallible judgment is capable of giving.

By means of clipping such items of news as seem to us of general interest, we shall endeavor to diffuse a more intimate and livelier knowledge of other colleges among the students of Cornell. Lastly, we shall labor to preserve and to transmit, unimpaired, the dignity and self-respect of the *CORNELL ERA*—a precious legacy descended to us through many generations of distinguished ancestors.

As none of our exchanges have yet appeared, we must defer introducing them to our subscribers until the next issue. To former readers who have heard the merits of the various publications that reach this desk extolled and their imperfections pointed out, many names will be familiar. Some of those readers have already formed opinions as to the relative excellence of these products of the college press, both from criticism in their own papers and magazines, and from extracts there given. To these we would suggest that this is a world of changes, and that what may have been a very interesting, newsy and in every way creditable publication one year, may, from the change in its editors, take quite a different rank. The reverse may also be true. Therefore, do not be surprised to find some old friend relegated to the absorbing oblivion of the waste basket, and its place on our table filled by some formerly despised contemporary.

We are not sufficiently pessimistic to believe that the only ray of intelligence illuminating the college press, emanates from this sanctum. We hope and expect to meet friends and "foemen worthy of our shears." We shall treat them with respect, if they deserve it, and shall exact a similar return, on the same condition. The editorial sky is as yet unclouded by the smoke of any approaching contests, and we extend to all our brethren the right hand of fellowship while it is still in a presentable condition, undefiled by the ubiquitous glutten.

BOOK NOTICES.

SONGS OF CORNELL.

We have just received from the press of Messrs. Andrus & Church, a neatly gotten up pamphlet that supplies a long felt want. Its design is expressed in the preface—to make the students and alumni of Cornell University familiar with their own as well as other popular songs. The fact that our students are seldom together when not performing University duties has rendered a general knowledge of our songs almost impossible, and when we are so assembled and it is desirable to be musical, as happened at Aurora and Elmira last year, it is found that few songs are generally known. This little book, a labor of love by Louis E. Levi and Harry F. Howard, if intended to obviate such difficulty in the future, and will go far towards attaining this desirable end. We commend it to the student body, and hope to see an edition containing the music to such airs as are not well known, soon follow.

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SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Have you seen Olivette? No; but my sister Frances skates. Good evening.—*Ex.*

—In England they say the Prince Royal

Has on his proboscis a boyal;

When asked, "Do you s'pose

'Twill embellish your nose?"

He is said to have sighed "I should smoyal."

Clergyman: "No, my dear, it is impossible to preach any kind of a sermon to such a congregation of asses." Smart young lady: "And is that why you called them 'Dearly beloved brethren'?"—*Speculator.*

—Here lie the remains of Bridget McGuire,

Who died one day of lighting a fire,

The wood it was green

She used kerosene—

She has gone where the fuel is drier.

—"There," said a senior, as he made a fatal pull at his glove before going to the ball, "I've sacrificed a kid to Venus."—*Dartmouth.*

—"Abraham was held up as the original baseball player, because he pitched in the wilderness." We are now compelled to correct this error; for on further investigation we have come to the conclusion that the honor belongs to Mr. Noah. Is it not expressly written that this gentleman was directed to pitch the *arc* both within and without? Is not an *arc* a curve? Was he not thus commanded to pitch the side curves?" To this may be added the argument of a Haverford Senior that the game of base-ball is of antique origin, for he says: "Even Noah practiced in the morning when he got the dove out on the fly."—*Ex.*

—Minnie was two years old. She asked for some water one night. When it was brought she said: "Papa, can't you get me some fresh water? this tastes a little withered."—*Ex.*

—A man called out to his creditor: "Get out, you Ornithorhynchus!" The man departed meekly. "Who's that?" inquired a friend of the speaker. "An Ornithorhynchus." "How's that?" "Well, Webster defines him as 'a beast with a bill.'"—*Ex.*

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WE hope that the campus ball ground will soon be put in condition for use. There should be some good games this fall. If the Freshmen have material for a nine a series of class matches could easily be arranged. Eighty-two is not yet satisfied with the results of her games with eighty-three, while eighty-four is anxious to find a poorer ball nine than her own, if possible. As it would be useless for '82 to play either '84 or '85—her victory being so assured, a series of three games between the two upper classes might be arranged, and the same between the lower classmen. Some of the most interesting games played here during the past few years have been class games. Could six class games be arranged for this term, one every week during pleasant weather, we are sure it would be the means of inducing a number of pleasant student gatherings.

BY comparing the amount and range of the "optionals" in the German department with what it was only a few years ago, it can be seen that great progress has been made there, in fact, greater than in any department, we believe, with the exception, perhaps, of History. Beginning with the first year classes which read a number of the shorter poems including masterpieces like "Das Lied von der Glocke," continuing through the second year, taking up Schiller's "Tell," Goethe's "Prose," and "Hermann and Dorothea," the students in the German department have a most comprehensive list

from which to select. The number and variety far exceed that of the French department, which it has left far behind. This term there are five optional classes, comprising the German plays of Kotzebue, Schiller's *Lyrics*, Freytag's *Prose*, German Literature, and that grand work "Nathan der Weise." When it is remembered that each one of these classes is conducted by a professor whose intimate acquaintance with his subject is well known, it must be acknowledged that we enjoy unusual facilities for the study of German.

A few years ago the entering classes of the University were met by the Librarian who, on appointed days, conducted them in sections through the library, explaining the arrangement of the books, and giving students, at the beginning of their college course, a fair idea of the character and extent of the college library. Until a complete catalogue can be prepared, this is, of course, the only available plan for acquainting students with one of the greatest helps in their college life. When eighty-one entered the University the Librarian was in Europe, and the class was left in comparative ignorance of the library until their junior year, when they were kindly escorted through the library by the assistant librarian. Not even this courtesy has been extended to the present Senior class, and the average Senior knows less about the University library, and has received less benefit from it, than from the circulating library of the town, which is very inferior to it in size and value. As there seems to be no prospect of Seniors ever being admitted to the alcoves—the ERA, in despair, long ago ceased to agitate this greatly needed reform—it is probable that the Seniors will graduate in the same blissful ignorance on this subject in which they have remained during three-fourths of their college course. These things are not as they should be. The trouble of devoting two or three days in explaining the library, would certainly be trifling, when compared with the benefits that would accrue to a whole class during four years of study.

AS if the University had not been coupled with enough that is disagreeable during the past summer we are now asked to lend our name and the influence which it bears to the keeper of a downtown Lager-beer Saloon. His license having expired the proprietor formed an association during the summer which he styled "The Ithaca and Cornell Club," probably under the mistaken impression that an institution which lends its prestige to everything in Ithaca would cover him, too, with glory. It is of course unnecessary to point out to anyone acquainted with the facts that an association formed in Ithaca during the summer vacation would have about as much connection with Cornell University as with Yale or Harvard, but for the benefit of those good people who are always ready to believe Cornell a sort of preparatory pandemonium we desire to state that however widely such an assertion may have gained credence it is not true that students of our University are, or have been, connected with any association formed for the purpose of guzzling unlicensed liquors.

WE understand Mr. Shinkel makes a statement which we are positive is incorrect. It would not be noticed publicly were it not for the fact that it has appeared in several New York dailies. He says, in an interview with a reporter of the *New York Sun*, in regard to Major Burbank, "If he had sent our entry in time, we could have won the Visitors' Cup." If it were a fact that Cornell was excluded from the Visitors' Cup race because of the delay in the entry, Mr. Shinkel's statement might be true. But Cornell was not excluded for that reason. How absurd to have excluded them from the Visitors' Cup because the entry was delayed, and yet have allowed them to row in the Stewards' Cup race! The entry for both had been received at the same time. Had the Henley Stewards excluded them for any such reason, they would by their action have proclaimed that they feared to allow Cornell to compete for the Visitors' Cup. The fact is, they excluded Cornell from the college race simply for the reason that the crew were supposed to have been sent by a University, and not by a college. Although documents were presented, showing that Cornell was not a University in the English sense of that word, yet the Englishmen were unable to see any fairness in allowing a Uni-

versity crew to row against college crews. Had the Columbia College crew in 1878 been known as a University crew, they would have been excluded from the race. The time of the entry had nothing to do with it. English boating men generally seemed to think it rather impudent in the Americans to send over a Varsity crew to row their college crews. Looking at the matter in the light in which the English regarded it, they could not do otherwise than exclude Cornell. It is unfortunate for us that they so regarded it.

THE advantage of a thorough knowledge of the history of our own country is so generally admitted that there will undoubtedly be no need of urging attendance on the general lectures in American History. But although the general lectures will be full of interest and profit, yet more lasting benefit, we feel sure, will come from the original research and labor required in the Special Work. A student will then have an opportunity to exercise his own judgment in regard to the causes and effects of events; in the general work he will be compelled to accept the opinions of the lecturer and will be thrown less upon himself. Without denying that there are some advantages in hearing the criticisms of others, especially of those who are acknowledged to be pre-eminent, yet it must be confessed that this method of studying history has a tendency to remove that independence of thought which it is desirable to obtain. This independence can be acquired only by a study of the opinions of leading authorities. Each one then can form an intelligent opinion. This is what the lecturer has done before he addresses his classes. This is what every one should do who wishes to really know what he fancies he has learned. Then if, after forming his own opinion from the various opinions of historians, he draws the same conclusions as the lecturer he can feel that he has gained a correctness in judgment which in vain he would have tried to obtain from merely listening to the lecturer. This, as we understand, is the prime object of the Special Work, not merely to acquire a clear and reliable knowledge of America's history, but to cultivate the faculty of properly appreciating the importance of events, their relations to each other, and the results which logically follow certain events which are generally known as causes.

The Seniors have a rare advantage in being able to pursue these researches under the advice and direction of a man whose ability and scholarship is so universally acknowledged.

ALTHOUGH college students are supposed to have little interest in anything but what concerns them in their regular college life, yet it was evident that the event of last Monday night stirred the University as never it has been moved before. It is seldom that anything occurs impressive enough to curb for any considerable time the exuberant spirits of college youth, yet ever since Tuesday morning the campus has presented an appearance far different from that usual on the early days of the term. Garfield spoke here so recently that a number of the students remember him very distinctly and easily recall how favorably they were impressed by his manly and statesmanlike bearing. He was then recognized as a man who, although sprung from the lower conditions of life, yet had gained the respect of educated men by his wonderful and comprehensive attainments in science and language. He presented to Cornell students more exactly what is Cornell's ideal of the scholar in politics, of the truly educated citizen, than any man holding office under the government.

GARFIELD'S STUDENT LIFE.

For the first time in the history of this country the Presidential chair was occupied by a scholar, by one whose mind, richly endowed with natural talents, had received the culture of a student's life. The college life of our late President is fraught with more than ordinary interest to all students. In the spring of 1854, Garfield wrote to the presidents of Yale, Brown and Williams, telling what books he had studied, and asking what class he could enter if he passed a satisfactory examination in them. All three wrote that he could enter the Junior year, but President Hopkins of Williams added: "If you come here we shall do what we can for you." This seemed like a kindly hand held out, and he decided to go to Williams. When he reached Williams in June, 1854, he had about \$300 with which he hoped to get through a year. His examinations he passed without trouble, for, although self-taught, his knowledge of the books prescribed was thorough. A long summer vacation followed his examination, and this time he employed in the college library. He had never read previously a line of Shakespeare,

save a few extracts in the school reading-books. When turned loose in the college library, with weeks of leisure to roam at will over its shelves, he began with Shakespeare which he read through from cover to cover. Then he went to English history and poetry. One year at college completed his classical studies, and meantime, he had taken up German. This he carried on until he could read Goethe and Schiller readily, and acquired considerable fluency in the conversational use of the language. He entered with zeal into the literary work of the college, joined the Philologian Society, was a vigorous debater, and in his last year was one of the editors of *The Williams Quarterly*, a college periodical of a high order of merit. At the end of the college year, in June, he went back to Ohio and visited his mother, who was then living with a daughter in Solon. His money was exhausted and he must hit upon some plan to raise money for the following year's expenses. He decided to insure his life and assign the policy as security for a loan. A neighbor, Dr. Robinson, furnished the loan, to whom Garfield gave his notes. During his last term he made his first political speech, an address before a meeting gathered in one of the class rooms to support the nomination of John C. Fremont. Occasionally during this last year in college he would preach for a friend having a charge near Troy, N. Y. He had previously been appointed a lay preacher in the Church of the Disciples, his religious denomination. He was graduated in August 1856 with a class honor established by President Hopkins and highly esteemed in the college—that of metaphysics—reading an essay on "The Seen and the Unseen." His entire college career was one worthy of emulation, for he won the respect and admiration of his professors and the deepest affection of his class mates. Upon his graduation he was elected professor of ancient languages in the Hiram (Ohio) Eclectic Institute. A year later he was called to the head of the school with the title of Chairman of the Board of Instruction. Garfield was always fond of the ancient classic authors. He was familiar with the works of Horace, and was considered a remarkable Latin scholar. He had never severed his connection wholly from educational matters and even in the latter years of his life kept up a regular course of study.

CORNELL ON FOREIGN WATERS.

II.

THE RACE WITH HERTFORD AT HENLEY.

As soon as it became certain that Cornell would be excluded from the college race, known as the Visitors' Challenge Cup Race, arrangements were concluded with the crew known as the Hertford College Boat Club for a race. The announcement of this fact was hailed with satisfaction on this side of the water, for it was thought that with a genuine col-

lege crew Cornell would have a reasonably sure chance of winning. It was not known that this "college crew" was not really a college crew, but only an amateur crew, composed of two men in college and two who had graduated years before. It was supposed that at last a representative college crew from America had met a representative college crew in England. But the fact was otherwise. The college crew against which Cornell rowed is one of the fastest crews in England; in fact, it won the Stewards' Challenge Cup this year over London and Thames. But the real Hertford College crew which entered for the Visitors' Cup is but an ordinary college crew, and by no means equal to many other college crews of England. It would be the same thing, if we should send out a crew composed of two representative oarsmen in college and two graduates like, for instance, Ostrom and Waterman, and let it be known as the "Cornell Crew." These facts are mentioned merely to disabuse our readers of the idea that Cornell had a race with a genuine English college crew.

A race over the Henley course was agreed upon for the morning of Saturday, July 2d. In drawing for positions, Cornell was fortunate and drew position No. 1, on the Berks side of the river. This infused the crew with confidence, and our expectations that Cornell would win were very high. But on Friday, Hertford won the Stewards' Cup in the final heat with Thames, and then we realized that it was with no mean crew that Cornell had to row. Saturday opened clear but rather warm. At 11 o'clock the race was to be rowed, but the affair had been so little noticed, that few knew the time for the start, and there were not many visitors from London. The crews drew up in line in the positions previously chosen.

POSITION No. 1. (Berks Shore).
CORNELL UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB.

A. H. Cowles, bow,	- - - - -	159 lbs.
J. Lewis, 2,	- - - - -	158 "
J. G. Allen, 3,	- - - - -	173 "
J. N. D. Shinkel, stroke,	- - - - -	174 "

POSITION No. 2.
HERTFORD COLLEGE BOAT CLUB, OXFORD

G. O. Roberts, bow,	- - - - -	146 lbs.
E. Buck, 2,	- - - - -	161 "
D. E. Brown, 3,	- - - - -	168 "
J. Lowndes, stroke,	- - - - -	161 "

Buck and Lowndes are graduates, and their names do not appear in the Hertford crew entered for the Visitors' Cup. Lowndes is the champion amateur sculler of England, and has won the Diamond Sculls at Henley since 1876, and this year won the London Challenge Cup for scullers at Putney.

The crews got away together well, and owing to the straightness of the course for some distance, Cornell's inside position did not give her immediate advantage. Nevertheless, a slight lead was maintained. To get the greatest advantage from the po-

sition, the shore was closely hugged. In many places the banks jut out abruptly and the water near shore grows suddenly shallow. Of course, Lewis, the steersman, was perfectly aware of this, and knew the danger of getting in too close, for only the day before Thames had run into the bank and lost her race. But he also knew the nearer the bank he got the stiller the water would be. At any rate, he was deceived, and although there were many on the bank warning him off, the boat ran on the bank and was stopped, and this at exactly the spot where Thames had run on the bank. The boat is backed off and a fresh start is made. This misfortune has given Hertford a slight lead. The crew "brace up" and once more the boats are even. A lively race follows, but soon again the shore is hugged too closely, and the boat is again run on the bank. The boat gets in so near that the port-oars upset a child on the bank, and a complete stop is made. The crew lose so much by this second catastrophe that it is useless to continue the race, and Hertford is allowed to paddle easily to the finish. In this race Cornell had a fine chance of retrieving her misfortune of the previous Thursday, but this chance was thrown away.

A MID-SUMMER REVERIE.

On one of those perfect days last mid-summer, I was lying in a hammock on the piazza at home; in a nook which woodbine and clematis have woven about with a delightful shelter from the blazing beams of *Sol*, and from the gaze of the too inquisitive passer. Novel reading was too weighty an occupation, and dreaming the only amusement in which I cared to engage. An occasional aerial traveller, making a short, but sensible "stop over" on my face, served to recall me from dreamland to a world of realities; and to provoke energetic motions from the hand, as well as a few verbal imperatives. The only sounds which disturbed the silence of the summer day, were the rustling of the leaves, moved by an occasional breeze, and the chirping of a few robins, who lingered over the sweets of a neighboring cherry tree.

As I mused over jovial times past, and smiled at college jokes; University life, which seemed a few weeks ago like a tread-mill of many "grinds," at a distance bore the appearance of a pleasure garden, abundant with fruits and "berries." The echoes of college life rang in my ears as sounds from an enchanted land. Things and events passed along before my vision like a panorama; festal gatherings, class suppers, hops, escapades, kidnappers in hacks, the crew, their faces radiant with pride and hope, professors, all bearing pleasant countenances; the stately Senior, followed by the jovial Junior, the bloody Sophomore, warring with the peaceful Freshman; all seemed to be waltzing along the smooth

surface of a great lake, while the chimes merrily rang out, "Rock me in the cradle." After a little time some of the procession sailed away on ocean steamers, some took railway cars, some spun along on bicycles, and all rode rapidly along in various directions. When the sun poured down his hottest rays, a number loitered with the gay throngs at the seaside and the watering-place; while many found pleasure and rest in a secluded mountain nook or rural cottage. After quite a long time—though it seemed but a moment to me—this procession began turning around; not in regular order, but now one, now another, till the greater number were seen moving toward the point from which they had at first started. A few of the older ones did not turn around, but kept moving on till they were lost to my sight.

The returning crowd moved reluctantly. Their faces which at the outset beamed with pleasure, now showed lines of care. The old men directing the line, assumed stern looks and moved over the water with a determined air. Behind the old men were a large number of boys wearing flat caps upon their heads; the first wore purple tassels on their caps and the next following wore blue tassels, then there were some large boys with blood red tassels; they looked merciless and the heavy clubs which they carried in their hands added very much to their warlike appearance. Behind this crowd were smaller boys, who wore caps with green tassels. These were all rosy cheeked lads, and they seemed to be laden with the verdure of rural scenery. They bore no clubs in their hands; but were each provided with a copy of a small pamphlet inscribed "Rules for the Guidance of Students." The eyes of all this youthful throng were turned upward and the face of each one seemed expressive of innocence and simplicity. At the rear of the procession, were four men, in a long, light canoe; they moved along rapidly at first, but soon ran into the bank of the lake several times and finally hailed a large steamer, which bore them onward with their comrades.

Soon there appeared to this long procession what seemed in the distance like a great mountain, and on the summit were massive piles of brick and stone. As the procession approached nearer, the hill seemed steeper, but they all disembarked and ascended, the foremost in the procession climbing with much greater agility than those following. As soon as they reached the buildings upon the summit, each person entered a large hall. At one end of the room a venerable looking man sat upon a throne and read from a large book the past record of each person as he passed before him. Upon one, the occupant of the throne would beam with pleasure and recognition and give his record in a gentle tone; but to another, he would be harsh and often say, "depart from me! I never knew you." As I followed in the procession and passed before his

desk, in stentorian tones he said "Conditioned!" I felt a sinking sensation and awaking with a start found some one had loosened one end of my hammock rope, and I had descended to the floor of the piazza.

A COMMUNICATION ON BASE BALL.

To the Editors Cornell Era:

It would perhaps not be considered expedient to take advantage of the seeming downfall of one college sport as a basis on which to build up another, yet it cannot but be patent to all that boating interests in the University have during the past few months received a blow from which it will take no little time to recover; and now above all others seems, to be the time when the concentrated energies of the students could make another sport as, for instance, base ball a much greater success than has heretofore been achieved in this branch of athletics at Cornell.

We have now in the University a fine team, being weak only in the position of pitcher, and trusting to the entering class or to those men, who last year occupied this position, to fill the box, there is no reason why we cannot look for good results when Cornell once more takes her position on the diamond.

It is of course evident to all that the hearty co-operation of the students can alone give our nine the impetus required to insure success in such an undertaking. The nine must be "backed," at the same time no great amount of money is needed. At present the association is about sixty dollars in arrears. Some of these debts have been standing some time and should be paid at once. The amount divided among the students in the University could easily be raised without heavy drain on any individual class, or the men particularly interested in this enterprise, and it is hoped that a ready response from all will be received by those who have kindly consented to assist in collecting the amount of money necessary to pay all debts against the association.

Respectfully,

R. C. HERR, Manager.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM, CORNELL UNIVERSITY,
ITHACA, N. Y., Sept., 23, '81.

On Monday of the coming week, September 26th, all exercises of instruction in the University will be suspended. At 3 p. m. there will be held at the University Chapel exercises commemorative of the late President of the United States, with a brief address upon his public services, his character and the lessons of his life and death. Students and friends of the University are invited to attend.

ANDREW D. WHITE, President.

The students will meet by classes at Cascadilla Place at 2 p. m., and march to the Chapel in a body, being joined by the Faculty just before entering.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments in the Military Department are announced by Major Burbank. They are at present provisional, and the appointments will be definitely announced at some future time :

C. C. Chase Adjutant
Geo. Bullock.....2d Lieutenant and Acting Sergeant-Major

COMPANY D.

Captain..... G. H. Wright
1st Lieutenant..... J. L. Pratt
2d Lieutenant..... H. N. Hoffman

COMPANY A.

Captain..... J. A. Woodard
1st Lieutenant..... H. M. Dibble
2d Lieutenant..... G. H. Thayer

COMPANY B.

Captain..... R. C. Horr
1st Lieutenant..... F. Suydam
2d Lieutenant..... A. F. Matthews

COMPANY C.

Captain..... F. Rackemann
1st Lieutenant..... H. C. Elmer
2d Lieutenant..... J. H. Humphries

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

The Cornell Chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity respectfully tenders its warmest sympathy to Mrs. James A. Garfield in her recent loss, which has taken from the fraternity a dear member, from the family a beloved father, and from the nation a trusted guide.

NORTON T. HERR,
FELIX RACKEMAN, } Committee.
ARMIN E. BRUNN. }

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1881.

SHINKEL DEVELOPMENTS.

In addition to the facts given in our last issue concerning the Shinkel controversy nothing of any importance has occurred. On Sunday last the New York *Sun* gave a long account consisting mainly of interviews with everybody at all connected with the case in Ithaca. This version has since been widely copied, and hence it is needless to repeat any of it here. Necessarily the *Sun's* account related to the so-called Ithaca conspiracy. The fact that a gentleman of undoubted veracity, backed by another of equal character, a confidant of the first, stands ready whenever called upon to make affidavit that he conducted the correspondence between Shinkel and Casey, and that this correspondence related almost entirely to the selling of the races, is partly verified by the admission on the part of Shinkel and Casey that a correspondence did take place between them. They, however, deny that the letters contained anything more than directions how to bet. In support of this statement, two letters have been given by them to be published, which, so far as they

go, bear them out in their statement. But just here it is of great interest to note that the gentleman referred to above, says these two letters were not a part of the correspondence at all. Hence, one must infer that these letters have been introduced into the controversy for the purpose of diverting attention from the real correspondence in regard to selling the races, which it is alleged passed between Shinkel and Casey.

Another development in the matter is the fact that correspondence has passed between Shinkel's lawyer and Mr. Chase, in reference to a suit for Shinkel's passage money. Without assuming to speak on the legal aspects of the case, it seems to us that Shinkel's character is of far more worth to him than the paltry sum of a hundred dollars—more or less. If he should win such a suit, by no means would his damaged reputation be repaired. What Shinkel needs now is a good character and not money.

It is of vital interest to the University and Shinkel that this matter be speedily settled, and toward this end Shinkel is the only person who can act, since the University itself, although a sufferer, has no connection at all with the case, and consequently can not act; therefore, Shinkel must. He is the party most affected. If he wishes a vindication let him ask an investigation, or take the consequences. He will find parties ready to assist him—the ERA as hearty as any of them—and a committee, whose judgment will be final, and whose trial in every respect fair, will sit in judgment on the case. In coming back to Ithaca, Shinkel did what any sane man guilty, or not, would have done; but in standing around the streets telling his story, which consists chiefly of mud-throwing at his former associates, to Tom, Dick and Harry, and, at the same time, neglecting to demand a formal investigation, Shinkel's actions savor very strongly of guilt.

CORNELLIANA.

—Who is to be Senior President?

—President White has crossed the ocean ten times.

—A Junior calls his tobacco Maud S. because it goes so fast.

—Are the '83 men holding off for their Senior Marshallship?

—Charley Courtney to the Cornell crew, "Shake."
—*Oil City Derrick*.

—Is '85 some more of the stuff? or has '83 a copyright on that article?

—Somebody asked an ex-ERA editor the other day where the "T" room was.

—"How many will '82 graduate?" is the question that agitates the Senior breast.

—Attention! Students, Advanced Arabic Tuesday and Thursday at 9 instead of at 11.

—Read the communication in another column from Manager Horr concerning base ball.

—A case is reported of a Freshman who desired to hire a pew in the chapel. What verdancy!

—But one student has had the courage to face Dr. Wilson with his hat on. He won't do it again.

—The Garfield boys were to have been initiated into the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity at Williams this week.

—Of course it is a Freshman who has been led to inquire "if Shinkel's faint was not indeed as he says—a feint."

—Some one, we don't know who, says the University bulletin board "contains at present nothing but board bills."

—The hour of Sophomore Latin has been changed from 10 to 9, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

—On account of the obsequies of the late President Garfield, there will be no exercises in the University on Monday.

—Prof. Shackford has accommodated the Juniors desiring to register in American History, by having one section in Essays on Fridays at twelve.

—There is every indication of a corner in the military coat market. Already we have heard of the second hand article bringing as much as a new one would.

—Why don't you Freshmen have a meeting? Can it be possible that there is no one in '85 who wants to be its Freshman President? O tempora, O mores!

—There will be no lectures in Physics for the present, on account of Professor Anthony's absence in Europe. The first lecture will probably be given September 26th.

—Mr. Freeman sails for this country on Tuesday next, the 27th. His first lecture in the United States will be delivered at Boston, October 17th. He comes to us later.

—An extra recitation in both Sophomore and Freshman French has been formed in order to accommodate the German Department whose Sections are at present overcrowded.

—One of the Mathematical Profs., in his opening remarks to the Freshmen last Monday, compared Geometry to a stone wall. We agree with him exactly,—hard to see through.

—Last Saturday's rush was peculiarly unfortunate. In addition to the injury received by Mr. Hoefler, two members of the University lost their society badges. No reward has been offered.

—The Rev. Phillips Brooks, being detained in Boston by commemorative services, the University sermons, both morning and afternoon, will be preached by Professor Moses Coit Tyler, L. L. D.

—A Freshman states that the only way he could tell a Soph. in the rush last Saturday night was by feeling whether he had "burnsides" blocked out or not. Sophs. should not throw out feelers in that way.

—The Freshman or P. G. who kindly sent us, during the week, a harrowing tale known as "The Bloody Toe or the Corn Doctor's Revenge," is hereby informed that the ERA does not publish dime novels.

—"A Student and Subscriber's" attention is called to the fact that the ERA cannot allow in its columns articles and communications sent anonymously. The name must always be given as a pledge of good faith.

—The following men will circulate the base ball subscriptions in the several classes: R. C. Horr, '82; Chas. Anderson, '83; H. P. Rose, '84. The concentrated energies of these three will be visited upon the entering class.

—Goldwin Smith denies the report that he has accepted a professorship at Oxford. He pronounces himself as too well contented with his Toronto home, and the associations he has found in this country, to again make England his home.

—The course "Arts optional" disappeared from the last register. Dr. Wilson says he presumes that in the next issue of this annual novel of Cornell University, we shall again see those words, as "its disuse was entirely unwarranted."

—The students of an Indiana college have hit upon a new method of passing disputed questions over the faculty's veto. Being forbidden to organize a chapter of a certain society, they have appealed to the courts. The suit is now pending.

—During the first part of the week we received a short poem on the death of Garfield, which we would publish were it not that the poem, it seems to us, should have been published on the day of the President's death, and hence now has lost its interest.

—Is the Glee Club to be reorganized this year? With the departure of '81 many good singers were lost to the club, but should an effort be made, there is little doubt that a sufficient number of good voices could be formed in '85 to make good the deficiency.

—Ithaca Detective in the Hoefler case: "The gint what throwed that cheer out the winder will please stand up." (No one rises). Detective, relieved: "Be jabers, I'm glad no one trun it." Report accepted and the committee discharged from further action.

—It is the intention of the French Department to change the Grammar School manner of imparting instruction in Freshman French to one more in keeping with the advances made in other departments and similar to the methods in vogue at Harvard, Ann Arbor and other first class institutions.

—Professor Corson will read a paper at the next meeting of the Browning Society, entitled, "Mr. Browning's Method of Revealing the Soul to itself by means of a Startling Experience." The society, which is a growing one, numbers others of the Cornell faculty among its members.

—The Assistant Librarian, Mr. Harris, requests us to say that the rule prohibiting conversation in the library will be strictly enforced in the future. Since the Assembly Room has been opened there need be no excuse for loquacity in the library. ERA editors will be no exception to the above.

—It is to be hoped that no would-be-wit will so demean himself and drag into undesired and undeserving notice modest people, by publishing and scattering about at the various class elections, bogus tickets. Such things have been only too frequent heretofore and have been disgraceful in the extreme.

—Major Burbank says that members of the Cadet corps must procure uniforms before the last of next week, or they will be thenceforth dropped. Drills will begin next Wednesday. The whole battalion met the Major this p. m. in room K, and were given a short lecture upon the duties of the coming term.

—Mrs. White's social success during her residence at the German court seems to have been as complete as that of our President in his political relations there. Even the Berlin shop-keepers chanted her praise, and advertised the patronage of the American Minister's wife exactly as they did that of the royal family.

—The rush of last Saturday evening was one of the most bitter ever known in the history of the University. The battle raged for more than an hour and has since furnished a very great topic for conversation. Munchausen's Tales and Æsop's Fables sink into oblivion in comparison with some of the stories that are told.

—With unfeigned pleasure we note the absence this term, and for all terms let us hope, of Saturday Recitations. They never were a success, and no one will mourn now that they are done away with. Probably the experiment to have insured success should have been tried in the winter term when less temptation to cut occurs.

—Professor Tyler delivered his first lecture on American History yesterday at 12 o'clock. The subject of the lecture was the name America. The Professor gave a very interesting and beautiful account of the origin, history and application of the name and charmed every one present with his fine description and polished address.

—H. L. Whitney, Treasurer of the Sprague Boat Club and assistant Treasurer and Secretary of the Gymnasium Association, reports a balance of \$31.03 in the treasury of the former, and a balance of \$3.51

in the treasury of the latter, and is ready to deliver books and money over to successors as soon as elected. Mr. Whitney's address is 3625, Walnut street, Philadelphia.

—Are we to wear the mortar boards? Is the custom instituted but last year to have a speedy death? Are not the four colors again to enliven the campus? Are we no longer to chase the festive boards across the road, into the gutter and down the other side of the street every time a zephyr chances to waft hitherward? Are we—but why beat about the bush? Is the mortar board a thing of the past?

—We stated in last week's issue that our exchanges would be placed in the Library, after passing before the critical gaze of the exchange editor. Further consideration has led us to believe that it would be more acceptable to the majority of students to have them in the Assembly Room. Accordingly, those papers that visited our sanctum after it was closed last June, may be found there, where they will remain until the leveling hand of Uncle Josu sweeps them all into the devouring flame. Others will follow each week.

—There was a young Freshman from Goshen,
Whose caput was filled with the noshen,
To succeed in a race,
And win the first place,
Our crew need but cross the old oshen.

But alas for this Freshman's devoshen.
The crew were not up to the moshen,
And sick they all grew,
And the rest of us tew,
To think of their miserableness—defeats.*

*The tap on our rhyme barrel gave out here.

—Questions that agitate the Cornell man. Did Mr. Shinkel shinkel, or did Mr. Shinkel not shinkel? If Mr. Shinkel shinkeled, why did he shinkel? If Mr. Shinkel did not shinkel, who did shinkel? It is evident that some one did shinkel, and that no one but Mr Shinkel could have shinkeled in so shinkless a manner; it is equally evident that if any one else did shinkel he could not have shinkeled like Shinkel. Q. E. D. Moral: Never shinkel. If any Shinkel, son of a Shinkel, should shinkel like Shinkel shinkeled, he ought to have his head shinkeled.

—All but one of the Churches of Ithaca in last year's ERA Church directory advertise with us again this year. We would dislike to advise the students not to patronize the church, as that might hurt the boys more than the church, but still if the pastor should change his mind and come back to us, we could truthfully, religiously, and righteously say we rejoice "more over that sheep than over the ninety and nine which went not astray." We hope our subscribers will note our intimate knowledge of the Scriptures. Also the pastor of the church.

—In an article last week upon the recent changes in the faculty, we stated that Mr. William E. Lucas had been promoted to be assistant professor of Rhetoric and Elocution. In the latter part of this statement we have erred, inasmuch as the University does not sustain a chair in Elocution. The instruction which Professor Lucas has given in this subject has been entirely gratuitous, and to supply a felt want, in the hope that a professorship in Elocution would be established. While making Composition and Rhetoric his special work, and laying no claims to the title of Elocutionist, we think Professor Lucas' generous work deserving of a word of praise.

—“The monument to be erected over the grave of Bayard Taylor, at Kennet Square, Pa., by his widow, will be a circular Greek altar of granite, three feet six inches in height, and two feet eight inches in diameter of the die, bearing on the top a lamp with a flame, and on the round a bronze bas-relief by Launt Thompson. The latter will be of two-thirds life size, and be partly surrounded by a wreath cut in relief on the stone. One half of the wreath will be of ivy leaves, in honor of Mr. Taylor's career as a poet. While the other will consist of oak leaves, in memory of his civic honors as a member of the diplomatic service. Underneath will be a quotation from Prince Deucalion.”—*Ithaca Journal*.

PERSONALIA.

PITCHER, '82, is in business in Philadelphia.

EVERSON, '78, of Syracuse, was in town over Sunday.

MCDUGALD, '80, is in business at Hornellsville, N. Y.

HULL, '81, is studying law in a Sandusky, Ohio, office.

ARTHUR C. ELY, '83, has returned to the University.

CROOKER, '83, will return to the University about October 1st.

PHELPS, formerly '83, is studying dentistry in an Oswego office.

MISS ROSE, '80, has been traveling in Europe the past summer.

“MORT” SERAT, formerly '82, is manager of the East Hill coal yard.

THEOBALD SMITH, '81, will enter the Albany Medical school next week.

E. F. BRONK, from Syracuse University, has entered the class of '83.

WEBB, '84, has been engaged all summer in the New York State survey.

SWEET, '83, is drafting in a large machine manufactory in Wilmington, Del.

WOODARD, '82, lost a very fine scarf pin in the rush on Saturday evening last.

BOB PARMELEE, '81, is book-keeper for a lumber company in Cleveland, Ohio.

H. S. CONKLIN, '81, ex-ERA editor, is on the staff of the Poughkeepsie *Daily News*.

W. CORSE MCARTHUR, '81, will enter the Columbia College Law School this fall.

GUSDORF, '81, is engaged in the lucrative business of pork-packing in Fremont, Ohio.

DANN, formerly '84, is in the office of a large carriage manufactory in New Haven, Conn.

MR. CHARLES D. WARNER has been spending a few days in Ithaca as the guest of Professor Fiske.

COE and CASEY have returned to the University, and have resumed their positions as members of '82.

STORY, '81, has been surveying during the summer on the proposed Genesee Valley Canal railroad.

BACON, formerly '79, White, formerly '80, have re-entered the University as members of the Senior class.

CAROLAN, formerly '81, has returned to the University after a year's absence, and will graduate with '82.

JACK HUMPHRIES, '83, spent some time during the past summer at Niagara Falls, seeking whom he might devour.

TURNER, formerly '78, is working in the Entomological Laboratory, on Government work for Professor Comstock.

R. B. WICK, '80, is transit man on the N. Y. L. E. and W. R. R. Co., and has headquarters at Wilcox, Pa.

MISS GREGORY, '81, is now in Germany making a special study of Botany, with the intention of making it her life work.

MARTIN, formerly '81, has been travelling in Europe for several months as correspondent of the *Pittsburgh Telegraph*.

EWING, '83, returned to the University Tuesday evening, so as to be in time to attend church service in town next Sunday.

PROFESSOR MOSES COIT TYLER will write a biography of Patrick Henry as one of the series of volumes on American Statesmen, edited by J. T. Morse, Jr.

“PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH is likely to stay in England till the middle of next year, and some people say that he is likely to succeed Dean Brodey at University College.”—*Daily Graphic*.

FRANK H. SEVERANCE, '79, an ex-ERA editor, has severed his connection with the *Erie Gazette*, which he has edited for the past two years, and has joined the staff of the *Buffalo Express*.

TOM BENEDICT, formerly '81, is in Mexico, employed with the Tehuantepec Inter-Ocean Railway Company. He expects to remain there for a year or two before returning to complete his studies.

MISS BAUM, '83, will not return to the University this year. She has been stopping at Sage for the last few days visiting her old college friends, and went yesterday to Syracuse where she will spend the winter.

MESSRS. F. W. COOPER and S. E. Todd, both of '74, are associated together in business as architects in Pueblo, Col. A recent western paper speaks of them as the best and strongest firm in the business in the west.

C. C. CHASE, Commodore of Cornell Navy, First Lieutenant and Adjutant Cornell Cadets, Secretary Class of '83, 1st Baseman Cornell University nine, etc., etc., etc., (pshaw,) left for a short visit home Tuesday morning.

DR. POTTER, a second cousin of the late President, about two weeks ago received a letter from Mrs. Garfield expressing great hope in the President's ultimate recovery. Prof. Potter was inclined to the same belief and the terrible news came to him like a thunder-clap.

COL. THEO. HYATT, President of the Pennsylvania Military Academy at Chester, was told by the Adjutant General of the U. S. Army, that Major Burbank of Cornell, was doing the most satisfactory work of any of the U. S. details to educational institutions, except one. The detail doing the best work is at Chester, where the Military department is the chief feature, and the students are under military discipline for four years.

COLLEGE NEWS.

The would-be '85 men of Syracuse University are passing through the ordeal of entrance examinations.

Columbia College opens October 3d. This late start is for the purpose of allowing the students who have spent the summer at fashionable watering places sufficient time to change their aprons and other insignia of office for the latest style of winter suits.

Johns Hopkins University opened the 20th of this month.

At Yale the first rush of the year resulted in a victory for '84. In the wrestling match that followed the Freshmen carried off the honors. The *News* hopes that this custom will soon be abolished. So say we all.

The same paper makes a very timely plea that the inter-collegiate games may be stamped with a true gentlemanliness, urging upon all who take part in them that the college looks to them to represent her in good manners, as well as in well-developed muscle.

The *Dartmouth* is tired of "singing other people's songs," and appeals to those of her subscribers who are musically inclined to court the muse. Rugby has come in early and threatens to take the place of base ball.

The University of Pennsylvania has a new department—the Wharton school of Finance and Economy.

Notre Dame opened Sept. 8th with the customary religious observances. The *Scholastic* says that the College is having a regular "boom."

The Yale Freshmen take a great interest in athletics, but, according to the *Yale News*, if there is good material for a crew in the class, the best men have not presented themselves.

They have a rifle club at "Our Lady of Angels."

At the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels, no student is allowed to go beyond the Seminary boundary without special permission. All letters are inspected by the President. Pocket money is deposited with the Prefect of Discipline, and the use of tobacco is strictly forbidden.—*Illini*.

The very unique proposal by the President of Amherst, of allowing the students to choose from their number a committee which shall assist the Faculty in defining and applying the rules of the new disciplinary system, does not meet with very general favor. The *Amherst Student* opposes the proposed plan and adduces very strong reasons in support of its position.

The *Oberlin Review* remarks that "notwithstanding the drouth and consequent high price of provisions in Ohio, all the colleges that have opened this fall, report a larger number of students than ever. There have joined this institution this term 624 in the Collegiate and Preparatory departments, and 170 in the Conservatory."

EXCHANGES.

The *Yale News* appears first this week, being true to the spirit of the institution it represents so ably, in the front rank, and with the usual facial development of the Yale man, begins the year with a complaint against the college authorities for allowing news-boys to disturb their slumbers by coming on the campus. However, the *News* is what a college daily should be, newsy, bright, having a watchful care over the interests of the student body that supports it, and will be always welcome. An editorial on the trials that beset the path of the collegiate quill-driver, expresses our sentiments so accurately that we clip a portion, regretting that we have not room for it all:

"The readers of the *News* can form but an incomplete idea of the difficulties of editing a paper. One single issue would require but little exertion, but when one has to have his copy ready for the printers day after day, the undertaking begins to assume somewhat the character of Tanner's fast. The very repetition soon becomes wearisome. Then the dissatisfaction often felt after the paper is printed. Numerous

mistakes are discovered or some improvements are suggested, which, in the hurry of getting ready were overlooked.

But it is all labor which is not lost, and none of us will ever regret that we went through it. The training and discipline which it gives us, though we may not fully appreciate it now, will be sure to make itself apparent to our own advantage in after life."

When last heard from the *Amherst Student* and *Princetonian* were engaged in trying to decide which college should bear the blame for a disgraceful scene that occurred at the base-ball game played at Blake Field, the grounds where the Amherst students follow the bewildering flights of the base-ball over the diamond, on the 8th of June last. From the accounts given in both papers, we would, from our position up a tree as it were, advise them to bury the editorial hatchet, clasp hands across the bloody chasm, and try to forgive and forget. It looks from our disinterested standpoint as though the blame was about equally divided.

We have received the *Exonian*, published at Phillips' Exeter Academy, and claiming to be the "only weekly school paper in the country." The number before us is creditable to the enterprise of the editors. However, it would seem to us that the boys could devote their time to arithmetic and geography to better advantage.

The editors of the *Cornell Review* seem qualified to maintain the exalted position gained by that periodical last year, and this is the climax of praise.

Several of our exchanges are discussing the Shinkel case, their opinions varying with the sources from which their information is derived. Hold, a bit, gentlemen. Wait for an official statement of the case by the investigators, which will be published in the *ERA* as soon as the facts are made apparent, before pouring forth your vials of wrath upon us, or Mr. Shinkel. While the evidence points strongly towards his guilt, it is as yet purely circumstantial, and the *ERA* believes it to be one of the first principles of fairness to give the accused the benefit of all doubts. For our position in reference to the matter, we refer you to last week's issue, and an article in another column of this paper.

BOOK NOTICES.

SUBJECTS AND QUESTIONS pertaining to Political Economy, Constitutional Law, Current Politics, The Theory and Administration of Government, etc.

We acknowledge the receipt of a tract bearing the above comprehensive title, from the Society of Political Education. It is of especial interest to Cornell students, as Prof. William C. Russel is an honored member of the society. It contains a list of topics for essay writing and debate, with an appendix of questions discussed by the Political Economy Club of London and the Societie d'Economie Politique of Paris.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Schoolmistress: "What is the dative of Donum?" What? Well? Next? Next?

Dunce: "Do'no."

S. M.: Correct; go to the head.—*Lampoon.*

—"Tiny little letters

On a little card,

Help the jolly student

Answer questions hard.

"So the little ponies,

Glanced at on the sly,

Make the naughty Freshmen

Soph'mores by and by."—*Ex.*

—How one thing brings up another, said his lady in pleasing recollection.

"Yes," said Dibbs, "an emetic for instance."

She left the table in a huff.—*Amherst Student.*

—Ache! ache! ache!

In my throbbing jaw, O tooth!

And I would that my tongue could utter

A groan that expressed half the truth.

—A Harvard College paper dedicates the following nursery rhyme to the vanquished Yale Freshmen nine:

"Fumble, fumble little nine,

Muff the balls along the line,

'Way up in the air so far,

How you wonder what they are—

Fumble grounders, muff the fly,

On the diamond, in the sky."

"*Reminiscence,*" from an *Unidentified Exchange.*

—How dear to my heart is the school I attended!

And how I remember, so distant and dim,

The red-headed Bill and the pin that I bended

And carefully put on the bench under him!

And how I recall the surprise of the master

When Bill gave a yell and sprang up from the pin

So high that his bullet-head busted the plaster

Above, and the scholars all set up a grin,

That active boy Billy! that high-leaping Billy!

That loud-shouting Billy that sat on the pin!

—At Yale, this year, the valedictorian was a Hebrew, the salutatorian a German, and the prize declaimer a Chinaman—but the pitcher of the base ball club was an American.

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ALTHOUGH the address of President White has been printed elsewhere, and, no doubt, read by most of our subscribers, still as a matter of record, if nothing more, we publish the closing part of the eulogy. Since so great publicity has been given the address, to have reproduced the whole of it in our columns, would have been too much like a reprint, and yet, we feel to have omitted it entirely, would have been an injustice to our readers.

AS the time for the Senior election draws near, the hearts of many grow faint as they think of the prospect of another such factional struggle as occurred last year. And although a warning may be deemed by many unnecessary, yet there are those who see signs of approaching danger in the actions of certain indiscreet hot-heads, who seem to care less for class harmony than for their petty prejudices. It is true that these persons are few, but they exercise considerable influence, and there are a number who may be led astray by their plausible and seemingly fair propositions. Appeals to the members of the class as "independents," or as "fraternity men," should not be listened to. Those who try to make any such division in the class should be effectually suppressed. A meeting of the Senior class should soon be called, when the question of a Constitution and the day of Election should be decided. It is desirable that from the time this meeting is held until the Election shall have been decided, no aspirants for office shall succeed in arousing any fac-

tional spirit, or in doing anything which shall endanger class concord. Let all use their best judgment, sacrificing at times, if need be, not their principles, but their preferences, for the universal harmony.

THE ERA has long opposed and condemned the system of compulsory attendance on lectures, and we do not, by any means, intend to lay down our pen for some time in regard to the matter. We will not say that those professors who have compelled attendance on their lectures have done so because they knew that without compulsion, few students would attend, but that it is certainly the way it appears to most of the students. If our lecturers are masters of their subjects, as they should be, they should be able to render their lectures so interesting that compulsory attendance would not be needed. The fact is, and always has been, that when lectures have been delivered as they should have been, there are few vacant seats. When Goldwin Smith lectures here, although no note is taken of the students' attendance, Room T is regularly and promptly filled, and the complaint has generally been of the lack of room. Although Professor Russel called no roll in his lectures on Roman History, yet there were few absences, and none that could have been avoided. To listen to such lectures was a pleasure, and the students were wise enough to avail themselves of the opportunity. It is treating the students,—we refer more particularly to the Juniors and Seniors who receive the greater amount of their instruction in lectures,—in a childish manner, and altogether in a manner beneath their proper dignity to require attendance and to keep a record of their absences. It is to be presumed that a student when he reaches the Junior year, is old enough to appreciate the consequences of absenting himself from his lectures. As the granting of the diplomas is based only on the standing in Examinations, we should say that the professors' concern is only about the Examinations. If the student passes these satisfactorily, he should obtain his diploma. Of course, most students see that it is for their interest in passing Examinations,

if nothing more, to attend the lectures. We hope to see the University more Germanized. While we believe in the professors having a friendly interest in the students, we do not like this continual oversight in such petty matters as attendance. That is a matter about which really first-class lecturers need not concern themselves. We hope that our new professors will have too much respect for the good sense of the students to impose on them compulsory attendance. It will be entirely unnecessary.

THE recent sale of half a million dollars worth of western lands is another step toward placing Cornell University where her friends have always fondly hoped to see her, and where her catholic foundation has always destined her to stand. It was perhaps unfortunate that so many thousands of acres of public lands were sacrificed to give an impetus to the University at its beginning, but the great heart of its founder could brook no hindrance or delay in pushing to the front his noble project of founding an "institution where any person might find instruction in any study." More conservative minds would have recommended a less ambitious beginning and a more gradual development, arguing that large universities, like great cities, are not built in a day. The light of later developments, however, has shown that Mr. Cornell's plan was perhaps the best plan. In the words of Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, "If the University were blotted out of existence to-day it would have richly repaid all it has cost; it has broken down the conservatism of Harvard and founded the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale." With however many grains of allowance this may be taken by persons not enthusiasts upon this subject, the fact remains that Cornell has given to the world some new ideas upon the co-education of the sexes and the importance of teaching citizens of a republic that which will make them, in the highest and best sense, useful citizens, even at the sacrifice of a part of the old and cherished curriculum of college study. It was largely through the efforts of President White that an impulse was given to the study of Modern History and Political Science in our colleges, which resulted in the founding of schools in those branches at Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins and Ann Arbor, and Cornell is first of American colleges to found a chair of American His-

tory, in which the professor gives his whole attention to that subject. These are a few of the results of a liberal expenditure at the beginning. With her large and increasing endowment and her liberal principles, our University has nothing to fear from the ultimate future.

IT is a noteworthy fact that the literary and scientific societies conducted by the students of Cornell University, are not as successful as those of most other American colleges of equal rank. Perhaps the trouble is due, in part, to the fact that our students are scattered throughout the town, instead of living in dormitories built upon the campus, as in most of the older American colleges, or instead of collecting in some particular quarter of the town, as is the custom in several seats of learning in the old world. Perhaps the trouble is partly owing, also, to the prominence given to college fraternities, and to the fact that they, to some extent, supply the place of all other student societies. It is a standing boast of Yale that the Cabinet of the President of the United States has rarely been without an old member of one of her literary societies. At Williams, a student organization, the Lyceum of Natural History, has grown almost into a department of Natural History, owning a spacious building with cabinets and laboratories, and organizing scientific expeditions from Florida to Greenland and from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains.

If we turn now to our own societies of this kind, the contrast is somewhat chilling, there is no disguising the fact that they are at an extremely low ebb, with the prospect of still more ebb in the future. The Irving alone, keeps on the even tenor of its way. The old Philalathean, in order to exist, changed its name and became the Cornell Debating Club. The Curtis, which the members have fondly believed to be *facile princeps* among its brethren, and the Social Science Club, which has done some very excellent work, have adopted the motto of Kentucky, and dream of union.

At the Greeley, a society for students in Agriculture, there is a very small attendance, and, although much profitable work has been accomplished, it has been done by the elect few. The Natural History society, which has been devoted largely to original work, and has been the training school of several

lecturers, whose fame has extended across a continent, has reached the lowest point in its existence. Judging from our other organizations, there is life enough and talent enough to support all these societies. Our Glee club has won golden opinions in neighboring cities. Our Base-ball club has inspired terror in the hearts—not of the five great nations—but the five colleges of Central New York. Our crew has—but to return to the subject. Are all of Cornell's jewels, but those just enumerated, past? Can we not support literary and scientific societies as well as sporting clubs? The issue rests with undergraduates, if these societies are to be kept alive, it must be done by them. We know that Buffalo hill is long, and that no immediate glory waits at the top, but to the embryonic statesman and scientist nothing can supply the place of the debate and the original research of the college literary and scientific societies.

THE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED.

On Monday afternoon last, at a joint meeting of the University and the village, to commemorate the late President, President White, of the University, delivered the address. After a graphic summary of the hero's life, he closed his remarks in the following words:

And now as to the *lessons of his life*. It has more than once been repeated that the great lesson of his life is as to the possibilities given in this free land of ours to her poorest sons. I must confess that this seems to me a very inadequate statement of the lesson of a life like Garfield's. It is a mere popular superstition that other countries, even monarchical countries, do not offer opportunities to young men of exceptional abilities and of strong character to rise to high positions. The annals of the old world show many such cases—popes, cardinals, bishops, marshals, ministers of state, legislators, who have risen from the very lowest stratum of society. No; the lesson taught by Garfield's life is something greater than this. Poor young men in many countries have risen by chicanery, by treason to the weak, by flattery to the strong, by pandering to popular prejudices, by fattening upon popular errors, by coining base thought and gilding it to make it pass as precious. But here was a man who rose by none of these arts—nay, who rose by the very contrary of all these—through a series of triumphs, to the highest position in the gift of our people. Here is the lesson of Garfield's life—a lesson to be forever held in remembrance.

And now there remains the *lesson of his death*. Were I standing before an audience of men and

women, whose ideas are all formed, whose careers are made, who are to be mainly in the future what they have been in the past, I should say nothing of this lesson. But, standing as I do now, before so many young men and young women whose careers are just beginning, from many of whom I have hopes for the future that they will make the world better that they have lived in it, I cannot forbear touching upon it. Garfield died by the hand of an assassin. I have no wish to heap hatred and contempt upon him. I leave him to the laws of his country and to the execrations of mankind through all future time. But I cannot forbear saying here, that there is a cause to be thought of other than the hand and the heart which accomplished this unnatural murder. The foul slime, the deadly ooze, in which the moral monster was engendered, from which he crept forth to be recognized as a curse to his country and mankind, is the system by which the public service of the United States is recruited—a system which is known as the spoils and plunder system. This gave the environment in which the base qualities of the assassin—his love for place, his passion for notoriety—were nourished and developed. James A. Garfield came to the presidency in the fullness of his strength and courage and ability. He surrounded himself with men whom the nation knew to be worthy advisers. Great problems confronted them at the outset; but how was their time occupied? The contagion of office-seeking led to a sort of barbarian invasion of the capital. To this cause one president certainly, and two probably, had previously owed their death. It has been stated upon very high authority that there were placed on file a million of applications for petty offices, and mainly backed by the influence of myriads of other men who felt obliged to press these applications from friendship or policy. It is needless here to go into the manifold evils caused by this system—the destruction of the proper independence of the legislative and executive branches of the government, the thwarting of just public sentiment in nominations by men supporting unworthy candidates in the hope of receiving the reward of office, the unsettling of myriads of active-minded men, drawing them from steady and useful pursuits into this worst of all lotteries. It is a fact which every one conversant with foreign countries knows well, that no system is more constantly harped upon in foreign countries by the enemies of free constitutional government than this; that nothing so disheartens in those lands the friends of constitutional liberty. I but speak the words of truth and soberness, when I say to you here, in the presence of this open grave, that, while foreign nations wonder at our prosperity, admire our skill, and respect our numerical strength, they have simply contempt for the system of appointment to office in which fitness passes for so little, and effrontery passes for so much. It was not giv-

en to our beloved statesman whom we this day lament, to grapple fully with this question. He came upon the stage when the question was whether this republic should be the home of free labor or of slave labor. He had next to grapple with the simple, naked question, whether this nation should continue to exist. When this was settled, close upon it came the question whether this nation should be forever dishonored and degraded among the nations of the earth by repudiating the principles of common honesty. But these questions, thanks, under Providence, largely to him, have been now most happily settled. The question as to a fitting civil service for the country yet remains. It is a question which can only be settled by the people. Utterly useless is it to blame politicians, legislators, executive officers. They are simply what public opinion makes them. There must come a new birth and a new growth of feeling on this subject among the people, which shall command its public servants to devise a great reform and to carry it out. It will be no easy task. It cannot be done suddenly. It will not be so long a struggle or so bitter as that which rooted out human bondage; but it will be a serious struggle, worthy of the highest powers of the young men now coming upon the field of action. All such can take part in it, in one way or another. May the example of Garfield's steady, thorough and structural preparation for public life lead young men to prepare themselves for the coming question in like manner; and may the record of his faith, his courage, strengthen them to grapple with the evil. And if this shall be, if this great example of his life, this terrible lesson of his death, shall give inspiration to this reform, we shall see that our beloved chief magistrate and friend has not died in vain.

And now let us look no longer into his grave. That is closed. The clods and stones have rattled upon his coffin. His tired, wasted body lies on the shore of Lake Erie, among the people he loved and served so well; his spirit has returned to God who gave it. I bid you look upward, I have pictured Garfield's character as a Corinthian column in the temple of constitutional history. But, as his whole character opens before me, it takes a form in my vision grander and nobler. It expands as some vast Gothic cathedral, spreading wide, striking deep, springing high, based in the granite rock of truth, over-arched with justice, buttressed on every side with study and thought, pinnacled with manly aspirations, every stone well-chosen and well-wrought. Rising high at its front are massive towers of fixed principles, standing four-square to all storms of unreason that blow; and, piercing the heavens above, twin spires—love of God, and love of man—and above them, crowning all, the symbol of suffering and of martyrdom, but of redemption, shining amid the clouds, Heaven's own light flashing from it throughout the nation and throughout the earth.

To this edifice, thus built, thus braced, let the eyes of the people look up amid their tears. Let it not merely suggest high resolves, but let it strengthen us to keep them. And thus shall the nation be worthy of this great man's great life. Thus shall it stand in our history as a priceless jewel in a setting of pure gold.

CORNELL ON FOREIGN WATERS.

III.

THE RACE FOR THE THAMES CHALLENGE CUP FOR SENIOR FOURS, AT PUTNEY.

It must not be supposed that the crew and their followers were greatly elated over the results of the two races which had been rowed. To tell the truth we all felt rather sick, in fact discouraged. But we were convinced that the crew had not yet been able to give a fair exhibition of their powers. The first race had been lost by the station, the second by bad steering. Could a third race be rowed in which all conditions would be favorable, and the English crew be given a close rub? Some of Cornell's friends rather discouraged the idea of the crew rowing in the Metropolitan Regatta at Putney, for which they had entered, because they were losing faith in the crew's ability to defeat such veteran crews as Thames and London. In fact, the crew themselves were divided in their opinion of their strength as compared with these crews. But all were unwilling that matters should be left in such an uncertain condition. The entry for the Metropolitan had been made before the Henley race, and if the crew should back down now and withdraw, it would look very much as if they accepted the result at Henley as conclusive, but if they again met the two crews which had beaten them, it would show their pluck and their confidence in themselves. It was also felt that it would not be treating those right who had sent them to England, to give up without another try for victory. So it was decided to row at Putney, on the afternoon of July 14th.

Wednesday morning, on the 6th of July, the crew went into quarters at Putney, having as the title of their cottage, the euphonious name "Tyne Villa." They were not as well situated as at Henley, for they were, perhaps, as much as a half-mile from the river. The cottage was like most of those in Putney, of more modern style, square over-hanging windows, and having a brief apology for a yard in front. Putney is a quaint old town made famous—to many—because of its being the starting place of the annual races between Cambridge and Oxford. The streets are narrow and crooked, for the most part not being guilty of side-walks, the people naturally walking in the middle of the roads, which are smoothly paved with stone. At the end of the bridge which you cross in coming from London by bus stands an old stone church with its square Saxon

tower, dating back at least four hundred years, lending its venerable air to everything in the neighborhood. Putney is such a quiet, restful place, that on Sundays crowds pour down there from London, and I think next to Henley I never was in a more picturesque place. The crowds and noise of the Metropolitan Regatta seem to ill-accord with the sleepy quiet of the place, and it almost seems a pity that those placid waters should be disturbed by the emulous contests of fiercely-striving crews.

The Metropolitan Regatta has lost much of its importance to the people in general, for the contesting crews are generally those that have just rowed at Henley, and everyone seems to expect the same result. But as the results are often different, it would seem as if the unfairness of the Henley course were proved. There are not the crowds that there are at Henley, few witnessing the races besides the intimate friends of the oarsmen. Yet this year a rather larger crowd was attracted by the appearance, for the first time, of an American four. Public opinion seemed to settle it that the Americans should be beaten, yet there was some curiosity to see whether they would be able to secure second place.

The course from Putney to Hammersmith Bridge is as pretty a course as can be found in England, and although not equally fair for all crews, yet is probably so fair that little difference is made in the results. There are, in the course, two bends, the first one being on the Surrey side, the other on the Middlesex side. Of course, at the start, the crew on the Surrey side would be at a disadvantage, but at the finish that crew would have the advantage. The course then was pretty fair.

There were to be fourteen different heats that afternoon, and as Cornell was not to row till 4 o'clock, we could pass the time till then in sauntering around among the boating men, or in watching the races. On the Surrey side a fine wide path, bordered by magnificent old trees, extends along the river down to the end of the course at Hammersmith Bridge. Along this path, at the annual Inter-University races, the hurrying crowds mounted and on foot, surge along wild with excitement over the contest just before their eyes. A finer place for a long run could not be imagined, and we hardly wondered that the steamboats following the crews, were not more numerous or more heavily loaded. Wishing to obtain a correct idea of the course, while a race was in progress, I followed the boats down to Hammersmith, and from there returned to Putney by one of the steamers. We passed several of the old spots of which we have all so often read, the "Soap Works," and the "Crab Tree," and at last arrived at the aged hulk known as the "Maria Wood," which had received a fresh coat of paint in honor of the day, and where a "cold collation," consisting probably of cold meat and bread, was provided for the moderate sum of three shillings.

Along the shore there are a number of fine looking boat-houses, belonging to London, Thames, Leander and other crack crews. Their balconies were filled with ladies and gentlemen, all personally interested in the races, and they rendered the scene quite gay and brilliant.

As the time for the start drew near, some of us hurried down the course where we could obtain a view of the start, and also have a good view of the race for some distance. The crews took their positions, Cornell having Station No. 1, on the Surrey side, London No. 2, Center Station, Thames No. 3, Middlesex Station. To quote from the *London Sportsman*: "The fours got away well together, Cornell striking very rapidly and in time, slightly leading for a few strokes. London quickly equalized matters, however, and by Simmonds' Boat House had secured half a length from Cornell who were, if anything, slightly leading Thames. Half way up the Concrete Wall the Londoners were all but clear, whilst the contest raged closely between Cornell and Thames, the former still having slightly the best of matters. Approaching Walden's, the superior power of the T. R. C. crew also began to manifest itself over the American visitors, as quickening slightly they were on terms at the top of the New Embankment, and had pulled into second place on passing the wharf, London then being a couple of lengths to the good. London now made the shoot for Surrey, while the positions of Cornell and Thames were little altered to the Crab Tree, where the home crew were yet half a length in front. The pair thence made over Surreywards, and Thames putting in a few extra 'thick' ones off the Soap Works, shot right ahead of Cornell, and took the inside berth, treating the visitors to their wash. The visitors were not done yet, however, as they pressed the Thames men hard to the finish, maintaining their style to the end, and only being beaten for second place by a bare length. Time, 8 min. 19 sec."

Of course, the general reader will have little knowledge of the places mentioned in this brief account, but he can obtain a clear idea of the progress of the race, how our crew pressed the others the entire length of the course. At least four lengths were lost at the start. For some reason Cornell was steered far over toward the shore, and away out of their course. "What on earth can be the matter?" we were asking ourselves, as it looked as if the very next moment the crew would be on the bank. The people on the steamer chuckled, "The Americans are out of the race already!" But they were slightly in error, for suddenly the crew spurted and regained their position in the course. This digression from the course is what gave London the lead. I overheard a London club man say that six lengths were lost to Cornell by this error in steering at the start. But now Cornell is alongside Thames and a most exciting race follows. London is somewhat ahead

so that no notice can be taken of her, and the interest is narrowed down to Cornell and Thames. The two crews go pounding away, putting in all their energy. The only means of distinguishing Cornell was the large "wind-sail," which was still attached to the shell. Side by side, nose and nose, the two boats came dashing along, the crowd wild with excitement, the Americans by no means calm spectators. Now one bow would shove a little to the fore, then the two would be even, then for a time they would be neck-and-neck, then another spurt would follow, immediately answered by another spurt. Of all the races that day, and there were fourteen, not a prettier race, not one more stoutly contested. As the race nears its termination the excitement increases. Shouts of encouragement fill the air. Utterly regardless of the fact that they cannot hear us, we yell heartily to the crew and "Judge" Allen "hits her up" to "now! now!! now!!!" Here the tide, which was rapidly rising, obstructed our further progress, and we were compelled to wait until the crews came back to learn the result. A bend in the river hid them from sight. It was not long we had to wait. "Cornell third!" By how much? "Half a length." A crowd was soon gathered about the London boat-house, where Cornell kept her shell. It was a crowd of eager, excited, and almost satisfied Americans. For, although the crew had not won, or obtained even second place yet, as an Englishman remarked, "you can have the satisfaction of knowing that you were barely beaten by the best crews that row on this course." There was some satisfaction in that. Everyone felt that American oarsmanship had been redeemed from the disgrace of Henley. Cornell at once demonstrated that she could row the fastest fours in England, and it was universally admitted that the fault in steering kept her from second-place, if not from the first. The Thames men were so exhausted by their pull that they were compelled to withdraw from a race later in the day, for which they had entered. Although the crews rowed with the tide, which was running quite fast, yet the time, 8 min. 19 sec., is not slow time for one mile and three-quarters. Columbia made a mile and half in 8.26, but it was with a stiff wind aiding them. Our time for the mile and three-quarters was 8.25—the very time showing that our crew were not such a worthless lot of "would-be-oarsmen" as the American papers, in their ignorance, have claimed. *The Sportsman* said editorially of the race, "Although the Americans row beautifully neat and keep excellent time, their efforts lack the power of the Thames side men, and they had to again suffer defeat. London won easily, but Cornell held Thames to the finish, and shooting the Suspension Bridge, ran the nose of their craft over the rudder of Thames. The steering of both these crews was awfully wild towards the close of the race."

In regard to the finish, as much has been said about Cornell's ability to obtain a better place had the stroke oar done his duty, the same paper says, "The Cornell crew put in a good spurt at the finish, and got up to the Thames boat which came in only three-quarters of a length ahead."

Of this race it can be said that had the very humorous paragraphers who make merry at Cornell's expense, seen it, nine-tenths of what they have, in their ignorance written, would never have been put on paper, for the boys pulled a gallant race, and deserve no blame.

THE WOODFORD SUBJECTS (?)

The following subjects for Woodford's have been handed us for publication. Some really wonderful work may be expected, judging from their general tone.

"The differentiation of hypothetical emaciation as related to the psychological effervescence of methodical investigation when compared with neurological phenomena."

"The moral sublimity of reflex action, when viewed from the point of a pin conscientiously sat on."

"A disquisition upon the microscopic examination of Frisian roots in their bearings upon the atmospheric perturbations of the present day."

"The æsthetic joy of two average females at the sight of a new bonnet, when based upon the metaphorical relations of a tin kettle to a poodles tail."

"The Venus *de Milo* and the modern 'bust.'"

"The influence of skim milk upon the medulla oblongata."

"The use of boarding-house hash in decorative art, considered in reference to the dado."

"An exegesis upon the ramifications of striated stampedes æsthetically considered in its correlation to the differentiation of hypothetical animalculæ."

"The historical development of the utterly utter, in its connection with the all-but."

"The ancient swell, as distinguished from the modern Dundreary."

"The relation of Sanscrit to the *felis-domestica*, with a view to cross-breeding."

"The life and public services of the Ruta-Baga turnip."

OBITUARY.

GEORGE J. WITHINGTON.

George J. Withington of the class of '75, Cornell, died of consumption at Lake Pleasant, Adirondack Mountains, on September 4th. Scarcely any one who was in the University during the time he was there, will be better remembered. He was an enthusiast in everything he undertook, and this, together with his remarkably fine abilities, made him excel among

his fellow-students, as well in athletic sports as in the studies he pursued. He was one of the very best mathematical students Cornell ever had; but he pulled an oar or won at whist with the same ease and skill that he mastered a difficult theorem. He had an ardent love and admiration for Cornell as an institution; and he was as solicitous for its welfare after he knew he must die as ever. One of Withington's chief characteristics was that, to a peculiar degree, he found his chief enjoyment in seeking the enjoyment and caring for the interests of others. Few men so entirely, and at the same time as unconscientiously unselfish, can be found. His temper was genial and mirth-loving, without being frivolous. He was engaged in business in New York. He was stricken down by the disease which he had always dreaded, at a time when the prospects before him were very bright, and when he seemed to have the fairest opportunities of showing what educated abilities of the highest order could do when sensibly applied to commercial pursuits. He was a brother of Miss Alfreda B. Withington of the class of '81.

H. W. S., '75.

DANIEL BAYARD ROOT.

On Sunday, September 24th, Daniel Bayard Root, of the class of '83, died at the residence of his parents at Port Byron, N. Y., from injuries which he accidentally received last month while driving a mowing machine. Of the cause of his immediate death nothing definite is known; but it is surmised from the limited data received by his former associates that he bled to death.

Mr. Root entered Cornell in the Arts Course, with '82, but spent only one year with that class. The next year he spent in teaching in Elkart County, Indiana, with great success. Last year he returned to the University and spent his Sophomore year with '83. He fully intended coming back this Fall, and even was looking forward to the time, when in spite of his injuries he might again be with his classmates.

Mr. Root will be remembered by most of his fellow students as a quiet, retired young man, but in the narrow circle of his intimate friends, he was of a jovial, kind and bright nature. In his studies he was excellent and found not the slightest difficulty in keeping in the first rank. He was not connected with any society while here, and seemed to seek retirement rather than notoriety in any form.

CORNELLIANA.

- Who said Elmira to the Glee Club?
- At last the Freshmen have had a meeting!
- What new thing will '83 do this year? Study?
- Do the Freshmen know the weather signals yet?
- Prof. Hale gave an extra examination in Latin last Saturday.

—The Sophomores very kindly postponed '85's meeting yesterday.

—Prof. White's classes in *Herman and Dorethea* will not meet on Monday.

—Lord help us! The Freshmen have commenced to pun on the signal pole.

—President White will not deliver his lectures on Monday and Wednesday next.

—There is only one thing greener than a Freshman, and that is two Freshmen.

—All quiet along the shinkelomac line now-a-days. Will the investigation investigate?

—A Junior's version of it this week was, "None but the brave deserve (to go to) the Fair."

—"Won't I make the butterfly," as the Freshman candidate for secret society honors remarked.

—Both lower classes have now got their dander up and we look for an interesting rush this evening.

—The *Ithaca Journal*, with wonderful enterprise, has discovered that Professor Corson arrived in town this week.

—It is a fact worth noting that the time draws on apace when the board-bills of Freshmen will cease to be paid by the fraternities.

—"Freddy vous français?" "No, not to-day," "Well, I should say." "Stebbins nons français." "Good-day," "Good-day."

—Who says we haven't an active President? Last Tuesday, at 6:30 a. m., he was seen looking about for a site for the proposed new building.

—A Freshman asks, "Is it tow-head, dough-head, or co-head?" He is hereby informed that it is "co-ed," an abbreviation for co-education.

—At the Sophomore meeting to-day in room K, a constitution was read and adopted, and it was decided to hold the election of officers from 12 to 1.30 on Monday next.

—Professor Hale is occupying Professor Fiske's room in the South Building, until a room in the North Building large enough to accommodate his classes can be fitted up.

—A sail boat, containing a few prominent graduates of Cornell, was upset in the lake last Saturday. Owing to the large number of row boats about, the whole party was rescued.

—The usual alphabetical list of students for the term, with the places of their residence in town, will be out Friday afternoon. Each student can get a copy by calling at the Business Office.

—One of the ERA board went to England this past summer with the idea of growing up with the country. He apparently abandoned the scheme inasmuch as his growth was hardly perceptible.

—Professor in Greek, "When a letter is dropped out for the sake of euphony by what name is this

called? "Ever-ready (C. E.) Soph.: "An Ellipse." Higher temperature in the back-seat region.

—For the information of the Freshmen we would state that the so-called signal pole is a liberty pole, erected in honor of the canonization of Ben Butler. The balls signify—that is to say, they are made of tin.

—Anyone who may wish to buy clothing of the best make and material, will do well to call on Merwin & Co.'s representative when he is here. Neatly engraved advertisements have been sent to many students during the week by that firm.

—Society goats are now being rubbed down to meet the heavy tax upon their energies during the next two weeks. We presume that more than one Freshman will be able to successfully solve that hard riddle, "which is the butt end of a goat."

—The Sophomore class held its first meeting Wednesday at 1 o'clock, President Bering in the chair. A Committee consisting of Messrs. Huffcutt, Williams and Randolph, were appointed to draft resolutions for the organization of the class.

—The very severe hail storm of last Saturday broke about twenty panes of glass in Cascadilla. We picked up one stone measuring one and three-quarter inches in length, by one and one-half in width, and having the thickness of an inch.

—There will be a practice game of ball on the campus to-morrow afternoon at 2:30, the University nine played a picked nine. The University nine will consist of Humphries, Avery, C. I., Cole, Chase, Woodard, Haldeman, Anderson, Kenney and Hiscock.

—There seems to be a great revival this term in the study of the languages of Eastern Europe and Asia. Classes will be formed in Russian, Modern Greek, Turkish and Arabic. This revival of learning might be traced to the recent *Crew*-sade to the East.

—We are so glad that drill has begun. We have been made tired, repeatedly, by the answer, "present," given by so many good little boys and girls who have recently come among us. "Here!" will now be heard, and let "present" be relegated to the primary school where it belongs.

—The slight showers which we have had during the past few days, have been already productive of good. We notice gladly that the grass is beginning to sprout from the ploughed ground on the campus, and, while the plot cannot be used as a ball-ground this term, still it promises to have a fine turf by next spring.

—The following from two Freshmen was overheard last Monday afternoon, "Say, do you see the Major's cap?" "Yes, that caps the climax." "Well, now, that was capital." "See here, you're getting too captious." Certainly this is the worst yet, and

we publish it to show how badly they can do. There, now we've fainted. Bring some water and a fan.

—Merwin & Co., of New Haven, the noted clothiers, have the reputation of making the most elegant gentlemen's wear of any firm in the United States. They do the major part of the Yale college custom. Their representative will be in Ithaca on or about October 18th, with a full line of samples and sample garments, representing exclusive novelties and styles for fall and winter wear.

—Rev. Thos. R. Slicer, Unitarian, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will occupy the chapel pulpit Sunday morning and afternoon. This gentleman has occupied the pulpit of Sage several times, and has invariably drawn large congregations, not only of students, but of town people. He is possessed of a fertile imagination, a clear and succinct style, and great power of oratory.

—A meeting of the Gymnasium association was held this afternoon, to which a special invitation to the class of '85 was extended. The success of all such enterprises as this association, in the future depends upon the enrollment of the members of incoming classes. Such being the fact, it is to be hoped that '85 will not be backward in enlisting themselves on the side of a healthful body, strong limbs and a good digestion.

—Commodore Chase received from Vienna, early in the week, an instantaneous photograph taken of the Cornell-Vienna race just before Shinkel fainted (?) By mistake the photographer was on the bank farthest from the boats, and consequently the appearance of the race is quite indistinct. The position of the boats is clear, however, and one can easily see that Cornell had too great a lead to be overcome.

—A case is reported of a Freshman who, in the class room, accosts his professor familiarly as "Prof." He is altogether too polite. The majority of the faculty are blessed, or otherwise, with a series of descriptive titles, which should at all times be used. The more uncomplimentary the title, the more reason for using it. We would suggest to this Freshman that "Prof., old boy," would probably be next in order.

—Steps have been taken toward forming a Glee Club in Sage. Already one or two meetings have been held with satisfactory results. Any one—young lady, of course—with any singing ability may join. College songs will be tackled first. The object of the association is, we understand, a broader dissemination of the knowledge of our own songs, together with the enjoyment consequent upon that knowledge. May we not, with the customary modesty of a newspaper man, express the hope that, if ever a serenade is given, we may be the party honored?

—No importance has heretofore been attached to the Sophomore class offices. It is in this year

that the class attains its distinction as a class, the time when the characteristics of the class as a class, manifest themselves. It is then very important that the representative characters of the class, for such the officers surely are, should be persons of strong and positive influence; should be those commanding the respect, both of their fellows and of their instructors. Much is required of these officers, and enough to demand that great care be exercised in their choice. Let '84 see to it that its Sophomore officers fill the bill.

—How dear to my heart is the goat of my chapter,
That raised me so high the night I was swung,
How he kicked and he reared when then they first
slapt he(r),*
And badly he "lammed" me in the north lung.
And how I remember the howl of the fellows
Who shrieked with delight at the shock I received,
How then I collapsed like a pair of old bellows,
And bitterly pondered that me they'd deceived,
That high-kicking Billy! rambunctious old Billy!
That infernal old Billy, in whom I'd believed!

*The goat was pre-eminently Billy, but some allowance must be made for poetic license.

—In the hurried examination given by us of the Cornell Song book, just published as we went to press, we did not perceive a glaring fault which we should have noticed at that time. Our criticism is that the book is incomplete, inasmuch as several important songs are omitted. Nowhere do we find "Kaiser's Little Dog," "Peeler, Peeler," "Student of Cadiz," "Little Ball of Yarn," "Corduroy," "Room, Boys, Room," and a host of others, too numerous to mention. While we realize that the editors were very much hurried in the preparation of the work, we must condemn their carelessness in the omission of so many popular Cornell Songs. Truly, the field is yet open to some aspiring musician.

—The notices of a Freshman meeting posted on the bulletin board, during the past few days, have been subject to various vicissitudes. The Sophomores were so benevolent as to indefinitely postpone it, and occasionally to remove the announcements altogether. Notwithstanding these things, about fifty members of '85 gathered before the library at the announced hour, 1 o'clock, and after some discussion, decided to hold their meeting in the Anatomical Lecture room, instead of K, where the Sophs. were reported to be assembled in full force. Much talk followed without especial result, so far as can be learned, when their deliberations were interrupted by the attempted entrance of perhaps fifteen '84 men, from the museum. These were held in check for a few moments by the use of chains and other weapons familiar to their contests, until Dr. Wilder's coming scattered the opposing factions. The Freshmen then moved swiftly toward Room K. At the

door of the building, the Sophs. endeavored to bar their passage, with momentary success, but '85 soon overpowered them. A general melee ensued within. Nothing less than an Electoral Commission may decide which party was victorious.

PERSONALIA.

- PAGE BROWN, formerly '85, is in town.
GRITMAN, '82, is in the Albany Law School.
CARRIER, '80, is farming in Lysander county.
FULLER, '77, is on the Bradford, Penn., *Star*.
E. R. MORSE, '79, is in town visiting friends.
MANIERRE, '80, is studying medicine in Chicago.
W. C. McARTHUR, '81, was in town on Monday.
MISS BISSELL, '80, is engaged in teaching in Chicago.
HOLCOMBE, '81, is practicing law in Ravenna, Ohio.
McCREA, '81, is engineering on a railroad in Ohio.
P. B. MATTHEWS, '83, is in a railroad office in Richmond, Va.
WASHBURN, '83, returned to the University last Friday evening.
SHELDON, '80, is teaching at Alexandria, N. Y., at a salary of \$750.
W. C. BROWN, '82, won a bicycle race at Syracuse a day or two ago.
KENDIG, formerly '80, spent a few days in Ithaca a short time since.
HAMIL, formerly '82, is in the Lake Shore Railroad office in Buffalo.
SIBLEY, '80, is at Newport, Kentucky, as disbursing agent for a railroad.
F. C. CURTICE, '81, has entered the Medical Department of Michigan University.
RANSOM PRATT, formerly '82, is connected with the *Eimira Advertiser* as night editor.
PROF. HEWETT arrived in town last Saturday, and took part in the procession of Monday.
A. H. COWLES, '82, attended the funeral of President Garfield, at Cleveland, on Monday.
MEADE, '77, has been in Florida recently superintending work in his orange groves there.
C. E. NIXON, formerly '80, occupies the position of Dramatic Editor on the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*.
MISS VAN PELT, '82, who last year had charge in part of the organ in the chapel, will act as organist this term.
FRANK P. SMITH, '75, Associate Editor of the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, is making a three months tour abroad.
PROF. ANTHONY returned last Tuesday from Europe.

He delivered his first lecture on Wednesday and was given a warm greeting by the boys.

GEO. SHIRAS, '81 was in town over Sunday, leaving here Monday evening for New Haven, Conn., where he expects to enter the Yale Law School.

J. G. McLALLEN, '84, has been visiting his friends here the past week, he will not return to the University this year, but will spend his leisure hours in the company of Blackstone, etc.

MISS MARGARET HICKS, a young lady now living at Syracuse, is an accomplished architect. She took the architectural course at Cornell University, and afterwards studied her art three years in Europe.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

MARRIED.

KILBORNE—GREENE.—At Kellogsville, N. Y., F. L. Kilborne, '81, to Miss Mattie E. Greene.

KENDALL—BOAG.—On June 23d, 1881, at the residence of the bride's parents, Westmoreland, N. Y., F. M. Kendall, '78, to Miss Christine Boag.

HENRY—TAYLOR.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Oakfield, N. Y., Miss Clara R. Taylor to Professor W. A. Henry, Cornell '80, of Madison, Wis.

EXCHANGES.

The first number of Vol. XV. of the *Notre Dame Scholastic* fully sustains the reputation gained by that paper for strong, sensible articles. It is rather sectarian, given to controversy on ecclesiastical questions; but the general make-up of the paper bears evidence of more maturity on the part of its editors than is usually found in the sanctum of a college publication. There is little space devoted to editorials, perhaps there are no abuses at Notre Dame that need correction, and its editors seem to us to leave the province of college journalism in their "Art, Music and Literature," "Scientific Notes" etc., which are well gotten up but belong rather to the professional journalist. However, where there is so much to commend it is unkind to criticise, and the usefulness of a publication, like that of an individual, is measured by the completeness with which it serves its purpose. We would suggest to the writer of the following, clipped from the exchange column, that he takes a very strong position for one so evidently ignorant of the subject under discussion as his utterances show him to be, and that such sentiments come with poor grace from the exponent of an institution of which secret societies form the very foundation stone, and which owes its existence in its present form to their influence.

"We would not attend a small college in which secret societies are tolerated. In larger colleges, like the University Michigan, the evil would not be so great, because an hon-

orable, high-principled young gentleman who did not wish to join a secret society or half a dozen secret societies, could find meet companionship amongst those who, like himself, disliked the principle of exclusive clanship bound by an oath. We fail to see any benefit accruing from secret fraternities that cannot as well be had in open societies. These may be as exclusively exclusive as the most fastidious may wish, and thus secure all the advantages of secret fraternities, without the servile tie that binds the freeman and makes of him a slave. The bond of nature's nobleman is his word, and he who would exact of him an oath in ordinary social intercourse is unworthy of his friendship."

We beg the pardon of the exchange man of the *Niagara Index*. He is not what we were led to believe him to be. His horns have not sprouted, he doesn't breathe fire and brimstone, doesn't write with a brass pen dipped in gall, doesn't make a meal each day from off his compeers, and is altogether quite a companionable individual. His views as to the sanity of "the urchin" who preceded him will find many supporters among those who have made his editorial acquaintance. The *Index* gives its readers in the first column, on the first page, of its first issue this year, a "Homesick" "poem" by a "poet" evidently in the same unfortunate condition. As this is its only infliction of that kind we pass it by without further remark. The first part of a story that follows gives little promise of being intensely fascinating, and we fear our readers will not await the arrival of the *Index* very anxiously on that account. There is much good reading in the *Index*, though its views are all biased by an influence, the extent and power of which we who are not under it can scarcely realize.

And now comes our meek and mild-mannered friend from Oberlin. The "Era of Humanity," the class poem recited at the graduating exercises of '81, is in breadth and depth of thought, in true poetic feeling, unusually meritorious, and far above the usual undergraduate production on such occasions. There is the germ of a future Tennyson in its author. Evidently the news of Shinkel's treachery has not penetrated to this secluded nook. We amputate:

"The Cornell crew lost every race in which they rowed while in Europe; and this, too, after the most sanguine predictions of their success by the American papers. A lack of staying qualities seemed to be the difficulty with them, as at Vienna where they led in the start by three lengths."

We were beaten in England by the best crews in the world aided by circumstances very unfavorable to us. We were beaten at Vienna through the treachery of a member of our crew. Humiliating as is this admission, we believe it to be true, and in justice to the other members of the crew the facts should be known. This week's *Review* contains some readable articles, chiefly editorials, but devotes a large portion of its space to "personals," which, though "mighty fillin'," are not of interest to any but the persons referred to and their immediate friends.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—A pleasant summer study—Lager-ithms.—*Ex.*

—(Slightly altered from Tennyson.)

Smash, smash, smash,

Through station and car, O trunk!
And I would that my strength were able
To smash the thing into punk!

—*Ex.*

—An old yellow dog in Cologne,
Ran away with an old woman's bogne;
But the wrathful old crogne
Hit him twice with a stogne,
And 'twas dreadful to hear the dog grogne.

—*Ex.*

—An Irishman having heard that a certain astronomer had discovered an asteroid, remarked, "Bedad, he may have his aster, but I prefer a horse to roid."—*Ex.*

—When I was a Freshman, young and meek,
I served a term in the building bleak;
I always used a pony and told big fibs,
And examination found me with a nice set of cribs.

I worked my cribs so carefuller
That now I am a tutor in the shantee.

As a Sophomore I was found complete
In all the arts which belong to the cheat;
I boot-legged profs. and scraped to all,
And I never, never whistled as I passed the hall.
I passed through the halls so silentlee,
That now I am a tutor in the old shantee.

—*Ex.*

—Horse-cars appeared on the programme of Harvard's Greek play as hamacsal hipposiderodromikai. But you ask a horse-car conductor if he runs a hamacsal hipposiderodromikia, and the chances are, nineteen to one, he'll say: "Young feller, don't gimme any o' yer slack jaw, or I'll bounce yer off the car."—*Boston Post.*

O, the pleasant Boston dip,
Dreamy dip!

As through melodious measures merry men and maidens skip;

With their graceful genuflexions,
How they come and go in sections!

How calm in platoons they salaam to the tunes,
More quiet than the Irish vigadoons!

Now they sway and slide and slip—
Joneses, Mulligans, De Veres,

And the glory of escutcheon and of station disappears,

As they skip, skip, skip, skip, skip,
'Neath the terror and the tremor of the shaking chandeliers,

As they trip, trip, trip, trip, trip, trip, trip,
To the music of the Boston-oston dip!

—*Am. Queen.*

—She—"Isn't Astronomy a very interesting study, Mr. —?" Collegian, (condescendingly)—"Yes, very; that bright star up there is Juniper."—*Colby Echo.*

—There is a young girl in Passaic
Who eats too much pudding and caic:
When some musical wight
Serenades her at night
She shouts "Go ahead; I'm awaic!"

—*American Queen.*

SPECIAL NOTICES

—Call at Melotte's Dental Office and save your teeth. Prices reasonable.

—Students will find the best assortment of Blank Books and Fine Stationery, at Miss Ackley's News Emporium.

—Students can buy Note Books, Scratch Tablets, Stationery, Pencils, Pens, Ink Stands, Drawing and Detail Paper, Waste Paper Baskets, Book Shelves, Picture Frames, &c., &c., very cheap at Bool's Fine Art and Variety Store, at Culver's old stand, East State Street, Ithaca, N. Y.

—Dr. Howe has the finest Dental Rooms in the city. They are supplied with all the aids to excellent and satisfactory dental work that science and skill have yet devised and perfected. Without taking space to describe the office and its outfit in detail we will close this brief article by simply suggesting that any of our readers who desire to see a well-appointed dental establishment should visit Dr. Howe's. Of the Dr.'s skill it is unnecessary to speak. His experience extending over more than a quarter of a century, is the best compliment that can be paid him. Engagements made by telephone.

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.

Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Henry C. Budger, Pastor. 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. At home Tuesday evenings, 148 Cascadilla.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Buffalo and Cayuga Streets. Rector, Amos E. Beach, D. D. Services at 11:00 a. m., and 7:00 p. m., Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Students cordially received.

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WE understand that with unimportant alterations the plans for the new Chemistry-Physics Building as drafted last spring are soon to be carried into effect. At one time it was feared that they would be abandoned and that a number of smaller buildings would be substituted, but fortunately for the appearance of the campus, we think, the one building, which will be handsomer than any building we now have with the exception of Sage, will soon be erected. The contracts have been given and another Commencement will see an edifice on our campus in which we can all take a just pride.

THE latent political possibilities of the senior class seem to have led a sort of century plant existence during all these years of political quiet. Instead of stagnating, it now appears that class politics have only been gathering strength for the grand finale. If they have lain dormant, it has been the sleep of the traditional weasel with the best eye open to the situation. While a strong class feeling is doubtless necessary to the best interests of the class, adherence to any clique is fatal to that interest. It is unfortunate that the best elements of the two senior factions cannot, for the credit of the University, unite upon a single ticket. The puerile class-day exercises of last year ought to be sufficient warning against a repetition of anything approaching to the bitter partisanship displayed by last year's seniors.

IT was peculiarly fitting that Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fiske should be the patron of an institution which gives the advantages of the highest education to her sex. Although from the birth of the University she had been its friend, yet without any doubt, that friendship was increased when Cornell opened her halls to women. She must have been interested in an experiment which affected one of the greatest questions of the age. Although she had been a generous donor to the University, yet had longer life been granted her she would have taken the greatest pleasure in aiding to solve such an intricate problem as Co-Education, not only with her sympathy but with substantial assistance. She is gone, but as often as the music of the chimes comes down from the Tower, the remembrance of Mrs. Fiske will be reawakened and renewed.

WE have given a detailed account of our crew's experience abroad this summer, and we shall be much disappointed if we have not succeeded in changing, to some extent, the opinions formed by the students from the criticisms of the American papers. The history of the whole affair may be briefly stated. The crew were unable to enter the race for which they had prepared; they were out-classed at the start, but manfully tried to disappoint the fears of their friends; against such disadvantages as every foreign crew must meet in England, they rowed. They were beaten just as any American college crew would have been beaten. As to the noise made about their departure for England, that was none of their making. It was caused principally by those papers who knew little or nothing of the crew's position. Supposing that it was sent as a representative amateur four, or at least as a champion college four, neither of which the Cornell crew claimed, their hopes of the crew were from the first extravagant. When the crew were compelled to meet crews over whom they themselves had small hopes of winning, the American press set up a howl over the false pretensions of the American four. Beyond a friendly interest in our races, the American press had no concern whatever in the contests in which we engaged.

The crew did not pretend to represent American Amateur oarsmanship, and by their defeats did not endanger at all the fair fame of American oarsmen. This all understand who have a knowledge of the case.

WE understand an important change has been made in regard to the rules under which Seniors are admitted into competition for the Woodford Prize Medal. That rule has been that no one having a "condition" could be appointed one of the "Six." And the rule was such that great injustice could be done. For instance, a student could take the regular studies in his course and, fancying that he had time for something extra, he would take a few hours not required. Something might happen by which he would fail in passing the extra hours. According to the old rule, this failure would keep him from being one of the Woodford Six. By the new rule, no one is debarred who has failed in a study which was not required in his course, or was not substituted for a required study. The new rule is much fairer, but we must confess our inability to see the necessity for any rule of the kind. The Prize has been established for the purpose of fostering oratory. Why should one be debarred from competing for such a prize simply because he has been conditioned in, say mathematics or a Science? The purpose of the rule probably is to secure only students of general excellence as the six. But what right has anyone to say that only such students should be eligible? We hold that the Senior who surpasses all other contestants in the competition for the Woodford, both in matter and manner, should have the Prize. This seems to most students as the only fair thing, but strangely enough other considerations appear to have weight.

BEYOND the exertion of walking up the hill the great majority of the students obtain little exercise. True, the underclassmen have their drill thrice a week, but that is generally of so mild a nature that it hardly comes under the head of what is known to the students as exercise. The only opportunity for the students to obtain exercise when any considerable number are together is after the regular drills. In times past then was the time for

some of the most interesting and exciting games of football, when "odd or even" was the rule of playing and upwards of a hundred were engaged. Then many a long and closely contested game continued until ended only by darkness. In fact, the interest at times was so great that efforts were made to continue by the aid of the electric light, with poor success however. During the past year this custom of remaining after drill has fallen almost into disuse. At times, only by the most strenuous appeals could a fair sized crowd be induced to stay. It may have been that it was not generally understood that football was the regular thing after drill and consequently many departed from the campus who would otherwise have remained. As the days become cooler, as Indian summer comes, and a little exertion can be indulged in without discomfort, the football will be brought out and we hope to see the old custom revived; we hope to again see the old grounds filled with eager, struggling crowds of players, to again hear the quick and excited shouts of a hundred or more players on the grounds in front of North Building.

OF all our organizations, the Students' Guild, has been, perhaps, the most meritorious. Following the custom of several European Universities our faculty and students have, more than once, cooperated to form a society for the relief, and if necessary, the support of sick and indigent students. As heretofore conducted, the tax was merely nominal, and arrangements were made by which it could be paid to the treasurer at the same time with the term's tuition. Almost everyone cheerfully gave for a term or two, and then, with surprising unanimity, almost every one ceased to render unto the Guild those monies which were the Guild's, and which, moreover, they had promised to pay to the Guild. Only here and there remains a "moral miracle" who regularly lays up his twenty-five cents in the keeping of the University. It makes no difference how few are benefitted by the Guild, students have been greatly helped by it who, with their scanty means, found it impossible to help themselves. Nurses have been hired and physicians paid, at times when medical aid seemed beyond the reach of some of our poorer brothers. The delicate nature of the gift makes it impossible to specify cases here. The

limited amount of the fund precludes any very general aid, and general aid of this kind is neither desired nor desirable. The Guild meets the want of a few isolated cases, and should receive the hearty support of all students.

The ERA suggests that at the next general student meeting action should be taken in regard to this matter, which shall place it once more on a sound footing. It would, of course, be desirable to make the fund a permanent one, and we are sure that many of our students would prefer giving generously once for all, to being annoyed term after term by dribbling out their gift in insignificant amounts.

THERE is a strong feeling that the present method of selecting the Woodford Six should be changed. It cannot be denied that the contest now for a prize in Oratory has become in reality a contest in Essay writing. It has frequently happened in the contests for the past few years that men with no pretensions at all to oratory, have secured positions among the final competitors. And it has also happened that some of the finest orators have not obtained positions because in matter their orations were not equal to those of others. It seems to us that the fairest method for a competition in oratory was the one adopted in the spring of 1879. Then the competitors spoke from the platform in the Botanical Lecture room at Sage, and from these competitors, about eighteen in number, the final six were selected. As a result, the Woodford six of '79 have not been equalled since, for every one of the speakers was an orator, and not a mere reciter of an Essay. The training which the six received from this double appearance in public was of no mean value, while the benefit received by the unsuccessful competitors was much greater than if they merely read their productions to a committee. Then again, greater honor is attached to a position on the six when it is won after an open contest to which all the University is attracted. The first public appearance of the competitors gave them an ease in speaking that made the final competition much more interesting and a much more creditable performance than it otherwise would have been. As there are a number of fine orators in the present senior class and also a number of fine essay writers we think that the only fair method of selecting the

Woodford orators for this year is the method which worked so well in '79. Only in that way can the real oratorical talent of the class be represented. It may be deemed premature in us to agitate this question now, but it is one which should be discussed and as revolutions move slowly, it is now none too early to begin to discuss such an important revolution as a change in the method of selecting competitors for the only prize of any importance which has not been taken from the students.

THE DINNER TO PRESIDENT WHITE.

NEW YORK, October 5, 1881.

To the Editors of the Cornell Era :—

Wherever three or four Cornellians are gathered together there will be jollity, mirth and good fellowship. But when such a gathering as assembled last evening to speak the word of welcome home to our beloved President, comes together at one banquet board, what shall we say in fitting description of the scene? Describe it we cannot, so we shall merely attempt to suggest to the imagination the renewal of old associations, the revival of old feelings and the rekindling of old friendships, which followed the meeting of old chums and friendly rivals of the past.

For some time previous to the arrival of President White from Berlin, it was whispered among the alumni of New York and vicinity that a dinner should be tendered him on his return. At his request it was delayed until last evening. In pursuance of the circular sent out by the New York Alumni Association, graduates began to gather in from Delaware and Pennsylvania, from New England and New Jersey, from New York and Long Island, from all points in the region round about. At 7:30 the parlors of the Westminster began to assume a lively appearance, and a half hour later they were in a blaze of enthusiasm, as men who had left each other beardless but a few years since, began to talk of wives, and boys and families, with all the gravity of "oldest inhabitants." This busy scene was soon interrupted by the summons to the banquet hall. With George A. Iselin, President of the Association, President White, Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, Hon. Erastus Brooks, Prof. H. H. Boyesen and A. S. Barnes at the head, the column, numbering about a hundred, marched out to the spacious new dining hall, and entered upon minute gastronomical observation of the following

MENU.

Huitres en coquilles.

POTAGE.

Tortue verte

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Variés.

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RELEVES.	
Saumon de Kenebeck à l'Hollandaise.	
Filet de bœuf à la Westminster.	
ENTREE.	
Poulet de printemps santé à la Cornell.	
ENTREMETS.	
Haricots verts.	Tomate farcie.
Petits pois.	
Pomme duchesse.	
SORBET AU RUM.	
ROTI.	
Selle d'agneau à la menthe.	Laitue.
Mayonnaise de volaille.	
GIBIER.	
Perdrix au cresson.	
ENTREMETS SUCRES.	
Ponding Cardinal.	Glace aux fruits.
Tortou.	
PIECES MOUTEES.	
Basquet Jardinière.	Petits fous.
MENDIANTS.	
Café noir.	

When the season for post prandial elocution arrived, letters of regret were read from ex-President Hayes, Governor Cornell, George William Curtis, ex-Vice-President Russel, and Henry W. Sage. The guest of the evening having been toasted, President White responded, confining his remarks to matters relating to the past and future policy of the University. The time of financial distress for the University is over. It is out of debt, and has a productive endowment of $3\frac{1}{2}$ (?) million dollars, which by the ordinary sale of lands will in five years longer be increased to $4\frac{1}{2}$ (?) millions, a greater productive endowment than that of any other institution in the country. The means of meeting new wants having been secured, they will be met and thus the old departments will be strengthened and new ones introduced. The fact that older institutions have heretofore drawn away some of our best known professors is no cause for discouragement. It happens in the German universities as well as here, and is occasioned by the lack of means heretofore keenly felt, both by President and Trustees. Never has the University stood on more solid foundations, never has it done better work and never has its future been brighter than to-day. With such cheering information from an unquestioned authority, the friends of the University will be aroused to increased activity in behalf of Alma Mater's noble work.

"The University" was responded to by F. W. Halsey, '73, of the New York *Times* in a very pithy address. "The Trustees" called forth a speech from Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, in which he took occasion to repeat the assertion made by him at the last Commencement exercises that the indirect influence of Cornell's policy was almost incalculable, that she had forced Harvard to a higher and broader policy, and had founded the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale. Among the other speakers were Hon. Erastus Brooks, Flint, '74, Fairchild, '74, Chambers, '70, Vandewater, '74, Sprague, '73, and Warner, '72.

Never before has there been so large and so enthusiastic an assemblage of the alumni as came together at the "Westminster" last evening. The hopes for Cornell's prosperity, which were to be increased and fulfilled "When the President comes home" received an impetus which will push them on to a speedy fruition. The energies of alumni, trustees and other officers will be turned toward the development of Cornell's policy and resources until she stands, as she deserves to stand, at the head of the educational institutions of America.

Though, as suggested by one of the speakers, we shall never again have occasion to welcome home our President, still it is earnestly hoped that this may be only the beginning of the gatherings of the alumni both in this and other cities. Only in the strengthening of the sympathies of the workers, the discussions of interests and in the broadening of purposes and feelings can the friends of Alma Mater hope to see her arise to a full realization of the best that is in her.

THE FACULTY IN EUROPE.

During the past summer no less than ten of our Professors have been abroad. Some went in search of health, others for pleasure and recreation, but all served to make their trips eminently profitable to the University and themselves. These trips were mainly through Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy. In Paris a number of them met together and this little meeting only served to make their visits all the more pleasurable.

President White has during the summer been actively engaged in closing up his diplomatic duties, prior to his return to this country. He has also been at work upon a new course of lectures on Modern History, it being the course of lectures he is now delivering in the University. An active correspondence has been carried on relative to the new course in History and Political Science. Large additions have also been made to his collection of medallions and many valuable photographs have been purchased for the collection now in the McGraw building. The President brought home with him many curiosities which will be placed in the cases in the Library.

Professor Fiske, during his two years leave of absence has visited nearly every country in Europe. He went, at the beginning of his tour, to Iceland and was there received with marked honors. A trip up the Nile together with an extended stay in Egypt, where many rare curiosities were purchased, finished his tour. As his trip was at first nearly entirely for his own health, and later for the sake of his wife's health, not so much for his department was done as by the other professors who visited Europe especially for the sake of their own departments. Professor Fiske purchased, however, some

very rare German works which he has presented to the University. As the books have not yet arrived, a definite list cannot be given.

Professor Crane spent the summer in Paris, where he selected for the University Library a number of books on French Philology and literary history. He also collected materials for a course in recent French Dramatic Literature, which will be announced next term; and visited Versailles, and purchased works illustrating the memoirs of the reign of Louis XIV which are read in the Second Year French. Professor Crane had an opportunity of meeting some of the most prominent French scholars and of witnessing at the Théâtre Français an extensive repertory of classical and modern dramatic works.

Professor Corson's summer trip extended through England, France, Switzerland, down the Rhine from Mayenne to Cologne, and thence by way of Aix-la-Chapelle and Brussels to Antwerp. While in London he received an invitation from the poet Browning to visit him at his home, and had a talk with him about English and American poets and poetry. He represents the poet as apparently not more than fifty-five years of age, in full vigor of mind and body, though he has entered on his seventieth year. Professor Corson, while in London, was appointed by the Browning Society to preface an Introduction to the study of Browning, and to read a paper, next summer, on the transcendental character of his poetry. The Browning Society has been founded for the study and discussion of the poet's works, the publication of papers on them, the compilation of a Browning Concordance or Lexicon, and, generally, to extend the study and influence of the poet. A very full Bibliography of Browning's poetry and of the criticisms thereon, is already in course of publication. The Society's committee on publications, etc., are, Sidney Ball, Oxford; Professor Corson, Cornell; F. J. Furnivall, Cambridge; Rev. Prof. E. Johnson, London; Rev. J. Kirkman, Cambridge; Miss Mary A. Lewis, Miss Elison, M. Lewis, J. T. Nettleship, Esq., Hume Puisent, Cambridge, and James Thompson, Esq. The Society numbers already about fifty members, most of whom have made an extended study of the poet's works.

Professor Hewett's tour had a direct object, namely, to look up data for a series of articles which will shortly appear in *Harper's Magazine*. He was exceedingly fortunate throughout his entire trip in meeting with no obstacles in his pursuit for information. At Jena he met Dr. Froumann, one of the last surviving friends of Goethe, and also the Baroness Van Grün. Several weeks were spent at Weimar, the home of Goethe, Schiller, Wieland and Herder. By the grandson of Goethe, was the celebrated Goethe house opened to him, and he was allowed to examine the whole house minutely. It

would be well to state here that Professor Hewett is probably the only living American to whom this privilege has been granted. Indeed, to very few Germans has this very great favor been shown, and the professor was much lionized on account of the honor done him. The professor also succeeded in obtaining an interview with Liszt, the celebrated composer and pianist, a thing very difficult to accomplish. Kamenz, the birth-place of Lessing, was visited, and a tour of the principal cities of Belgium was taken. The professor obtained, during his trip, some very valuable books, all being standard works upon German Literature. These included works of living authors, as well as rare editions of the older writers; several original editions of the earlier works of Goethe, Schiller and Lessing, were among the number. Professor Herman Grimm, son of the celebrated Jacob Grimm, presented to the University, through Professor Hewett, the earliest edition of *Faust* ever published, a very rare and valuable book. While in Berlin, the University was in session, and the professor had the opportunity to hear the famous lecturers of that institution. He was treated throughout with marked courtesy and kindness, and has nothing but words of praise for the hospitality of Germany's literati.

Professor H. S. White's trip was one of business, but connected with the duties of his department. In London he met Dr. Buchheim, who has done so much for German Literature in England, and whose editions of German classics are held in so high esteem in America. In Paris lectures on *Faust* were attended, and all the principal schools of learning there were visited. In Germany he attended lectures at all the great universities; and also met and conversed at length with the authorities upon German Literature. Great surprise and delight was manifested by them at the growing interest in German Literature in this country, and aid was promised without limit to further foster this interest. The most of the summer was spent with friends at Brunswick in Northern Germany, whence excursions were made to Sesenheim, Wetzlar, and, in fact, to all the places made interesting by their connection with the great writers of the country. All the great libraries of both Germany and Paris were visited. Prior to the Professor's departure for Europe, an appropriation was granted by the Executive Council for the purchasing of such books as should be considered desirable. As the result of this, the publications of Stuttgart's Verein and a series of periodicals from the year 1750 to 1800 are now among the acquisitions made to the Library.

Professor Anthony's visit abroad was devoted almost entirely to the interests of the department of which he has charge. Besides visiting the principal physical laboratories of Germany and France, with the view of examining their modes of work, the plans of their buildings and the apparatus used, he has

purchased for the University a large and valuable collection of apparatus. Over \$1700 worth of this has arrived during the past month, and about \$7000 worth is expected before April 1st. When established in the new buildings with all these additions, our University will have as fine a physical laboratory as any in the country.

The visit of Professor Fuertes was one mainly in search of health, but at the same time the Professor succeeded in making it a trip of profit to the engineering department. All the prominent polytechnic institutions of Europe were visited and their inside workings noted. The Professor obtained a collection of photographs of the finest specimens of engineering skill in various stages of erection. Many valuable instruments were purchased, some of them being the only ones of the kind now in this country. By the increased facilities now afforded, we may with justice expect to see Cornell take still greater strides toward perfection in Professor Fuertes' department.

In addition to those mentioned, Professors Webb and Tuttle have spent much time recently in Europe, not with business directly connected with the University, but for their own instruction and amusement.

The results of this very general European invasion by our Faculty cannot but be apparent in the University work. The contact with the ripest scholars of the old world, the new ideas obtained, the insight into other and more experienced modes of work, the general development of new thought, will undoubtedly give to our professors the means and desire to further improve their several departments, and, by so doing, aid the University to take position more decidedly than ever on its own broad basis of free thought.

CORNELL AT VIENNA.

Notwithstanding the reverses encountered by the crew at Henley and at Putney, there was no feeling of hesitation in regard to meeting the Viennese. Reports of the condition in Austria of aquatic sports all pointed to an easy victory for Cornell. Having demonstrated at Putney that they were rowing well up with the best English crews, no one doubted the result of the contest on the Danube. Added to the confidence imparted by these predictions was a determination in a measure to retrieve the misfortunes of the past, that Americans might have some respect for the abilities of a crew which had done such good work at home.

After many delays the Cornell party left London on July 24, proceeding to Harwich, Rotterdam, Cologne and Frankfort-on-the-Main, at which latter place they remained twelve hours, guests of the "Germania" boat-club. Twenty-four hours more brought them to their journey's end and to the scene of the most unpleasant experience of the trip.

Vienna was at once ablaze with excitement over the established fact that an American crew was to row on Austrian waters. Vienna papers were profuse with comments on the appearance and style of the visitors. "Wien contra America" was the invariable heading of these items, as though our unfortunate boys represented the whole of our vast country instead of a student body of three hundred men. "Wien contra Cornell" would have been more appropriate.

When August 11th came, but few who had watched the practice of the competing crews doubted that the Cornell men could win as they pleased. The swift current of the Danube had proved no drawback to the visitors who were heavier, stronger and healthier than their opponents. The course was three miles, one and one-half miles up stream, a turn, and back to the starting point. Thousands of spectators occupied the available ground along the course, and three large steamers packed with people stood ready to fall into the wake of the contestants at the command to start.

At 6.25 p. m. the crews paddled to the line, and were immediately started by the umpire, Mr. Silberer. No cries of encouragement greeted the Americans. The cries of the few of their countrymen present were drowned in the shout of "Wien, Wien," which burst from thousands of lips. But these demonstrations were changed in the second minute, when rowing at a stroke of 38 to their opponents 40, Cornell pushed half a length ahead. Shortly after clear water could be seen between the boats, and Cornell took the better water in front of the other craft. The stroke of the leaders was then reduced to 35; and, though the Viennese made frantic efforts to drive them out of their water, Cornell gradually increased her lead to four clear lengths. It seemed mere play to the Americans, who rowed at one time as few as 33 strokes per minute. At this point, had the sweeping 40, which has so often carried Cornell to victory, been given and kept up as it could have been done, ten lengths might have been added to their lead of four, and the buoy would so soon have been turned that any member of the four inclined to cease rowing, might have done so in the sweet consciousness that Cornell would be floated across the line first by the strong current.

Meanwhile, every stroke carried the crews nearer the buoy, which was practically the finish. The crew first turning was sure of victory, because of the great start given by the current. Cornell was sure to turn first. All acknowledge this. But—the rest all are familiar with. It was a cruel blow to hopes of certain victory. To all earnest Cornell men it seems as though one of her sons would have died in his seat before relinquishing a struggle which, followed a little further, would have partly removed from Alma Mater, and from America, the stigma of defeat.

MRS. FISKE'S PRINCELY BEQUEST.

The will of Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fiske was admitted to probate yesterday, and contained a munificent provision for the University, donating to it \$290,000 absolutely, and making it the residuary legatee of the estate. Of the absolute gift, \$200,000 is given in trust as a McGraw Library fund. The interest of this, in time, will go far toward making our already excellent library as good as any college library in the country. Mrs. Fiske also gives \$40,000 as a hospital fund for the University. Of this amount \$12,000 are to be used in putting up a building on the campus, and the residue is to be held as a fund for the support of the institution, which will be for the use of students who may need assistance when sick. The Students' Guild will, therefore, soon be a thing of the past. \$50,000 are given in trust for the use of the McGraw Building.

As Mrs. Fiske's estate is probably at a low estimate, worth over three millions, and as she has given away about \$1,500,000, the University, not taking into consideration the money given absolutely, is thus left at least over a million dollars, and there are some who claim that it will be twice that amount. No provision was made concerning the elegant mansion so nearly finished, and hence it will come into the possession of the University, as will also all her personal property, some of which is very valuable, such as pictures and large collections of goods gathered in Europe. As the University already has had over a million given to it, and now has an endowment of more than \$1,700,000, which by the sale of its Western lands will, in a year or two, be increased to nearly four millions, by this magnificent bequest its endowment will, without doubt, exceed that of any American college, Columbia not excepted.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from us by death, Daniel B Root, and,

WHEREAS, The class of '83 has lost a member respected for his studious and gentlemanly habits, and beloved for his sterling qualities, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the class of '83, regret our own sad loss, and that we 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.

GEO. C. RAYNOR,
Chairman of Com.

CORNELLIANA.

- No regatta this fall.
- Where is that Glee Club?
- No Field-officers this term.

—Are we to have any amateur theatricals this term?

—Will '83 carry off the championship in baseball this year?

—Leo's dancing school has again opened. Go and be graceful.

—Will those in the two years' courses be registered as Sophs. this year?

—The new Scientific building is to have a tower on the south-east corner.

—The festive foot-ball appeareth but rarely on the campus. Why is this thus?

—The mortar "board" at Cornell still lives and thrives in Sophomoric verdure.

—Has something struck '84? They were the first to call for a class meeting.

—Professor Tyler has been appointed Curator of the White Collection of Medallions.

—Now it is about time for some strong young man to faint in the physiology lectures.

—The wary Freshman ceaseth to be wary, and the bold, bad Sophomore proceedeth to take him in.

—The literary societies are discussing manifold questions of complicated statesmanship now-a-days.

—Sophomore in Tacitus class, translates "*juvene ad modum Domitiano*." "Domitian was quite a youth.

—Commodore Chase went to New York on Tuesday last to get the shell which arrived last week from Europe.

—Now let '84 come out in plug hats. Not that we care anything for the hats, but simply because we want some fun.

—Professor White has conducted Professor Fiske's classes in German during the week. This will continue till Professor Fiske returns.

—The latest and most popular novel at present, judging from the interest it has excited, is the recent publication of the list of students.

—It has been very clearly proved that '83's mantle will fall on some more of the stuff. (i. e., '85,) when the time for shedding it shall arrive.

—Those who attend lectures in Rooms K or T complain of persons disturbing them by coming up into those rooms before the lectures are finished.

—Growlings loud and deep have been heard this past week at the inanymacy, as it were, of the heating apparatus in connection with Rooms I and K.

—Several tons of valuable goods collected by Prof. Fiske in Europe, for the furnishing of the new house, are stored in an upper room in the McGraw building.

—In the Italian course, a recently published Grammar: "The Italian Principia," Part I, has

been introduced in the place of the Sauver Grammar formerly used.

—Sophomores are complaining this year that the work in Essays is too hard, since they are compelled to send in a corrected copy of each essay after it has been returned.

—Attention is called to the press opinions in another column of "The Banker's Daughter" as played by the Collier Combination. In Ithaca, Friday, Oct. 7th.

—The plans for the new building of Chemistry and Physics are the same as originally adopted by the Trustees, and which were fully described last term by the ERA.

—The ERA would like to have the views of any of its readers upon the subject of Field-Day, so that some conclusion may be speedily reached concerning the practicability of such a measure.

—It is said that if vineyards could only speak, several harrowing tales of narrow midnight escapes might enliven the public's ear. We can only say, steal while you are a Freshman. "That's your biz."

—One of the officers of the Cornell Cadets, at the Garfield memorial services, was publicly, by a lady, accused of having picked her pocket. When she found out her mistake, she was, to say the least, greatly confused.

—The assembly room under S. U. B. is beginning to be well patronized. It is a pleasant place to spend a leisure hour, and we think the students will thoroughly appreciate the kindness of the trustees in providing it.

—Next week the ERA will publish the name of the handsomest man in the University. Sealed proposals for his heart will be received up to next Friday noon at 12 M. The ERA reserves the right, however, to reject any or all "Bids."

—Politics have been so brisk since the term opened that not even have we heard of a single serenading party. This is not as it should be, and if not remedied soon, we will have to call on the Sage Glee Club to make the first move in the matter.

—At present no "striated stampede" has taken place to the Artillery Department of the Cornell Cadets. Why the yearly pilgrimage to this shrine in search of a "snap" has not occurred we cannot state. May be the boys are getting tired of substituting mule practice for infantry drill.

—Shinkel left town last week for —. He came here to get satisfaction in some shape or other, and perhaps, got all he wanted. At any rate he seems to be acting upon the principle that,

"He who fights and runs away,
May live to fight another day."

—At the Freshman meeting to-day little was accomplished further than the adoption of a constitu-

tion. There was no interruption from the Sophomores. At a previous gathering of the class M. D. H. Decker was chosen temporary chairman. Permanent officers will be elected during the ensuing week.

—A few days ago a large Sunday school picnic party visited the University, from McGrawville. They examined everything, from Uncle Josh's kitchen (oh my!) to the University barn. As it was in no sense a camp-meeting, we are unable to state whether any souls were lost by the unwholesome influence of "Infidel Cornell."

—Leaves of absence are for the present granted by Dr. Wilson. What will be the definite arrangement concerning these matters, is not yet known. At any rate, whatever may be done, let us hope that the new man may give us a chance to have our dead grand-mothers, long since useless as an excuse for absence, die over again.

—The following is the result of the Senior Election: President, A. K. Hiscock; Vice President, Krüsi; Secretary, R. W. McClelland; Treasurer, J. F. Tuthill; Ivy Orator, R. C. Horr; Toast Master, C. G. Cole; Orator, I. P. Smith; Essayist, Miss Soper; Poet, Miss Brown; Prophet, no choice; Historian, no choice; Custodian of pipe, E. Yeaw; Marshalls, W. Trumbull, T. R. Fairchild.

—Prof. Oliver has in his room a very simple and ingenious device for keeping the chalk separate from the dust lying in the rack. It is simply a wire sieve placed along the chalk rack, and about a half inch higher than the bottom of the trough, on which the chalk lays, the dust falling to the bottom. If all our recitation rooms where chalk is used were fitted up in this manner, it would be a very great comfort.

—In our report last week of the difficulty between the Fresh. and Sophs. on the hill, although we gave the latest news from the seat of war, yet we were unable to give the conclusion of the affair. The last bulletin we received before going to press represented '85, as holding the field, and '84 in ignominious retreat, but since then the Sophs. returned, routed the Freshmen, and after a decisive struggle obtained possession of Room K, which they succeeded in holding.

—The Soph. who told a Freshman that President White was living temporarily in the Signal Station, until a home could be built for him north of the North Building, ought, it seems to us, soon be arranging the annual single scull race of Dr. Wilson, with some other member of the Faculty. Now, since Professor Russel has gone, by a great effort he might get some Freshman to induce Professor Oliver to take Professor Russel's place in this yearly imaginary race.

—The following is from the Providence *Manufacturers' and Farmers' Journal*, and may be interesting

to Cornellians. In an article on Brown University it says: "The beginning of the year is marked by several changes in the Faculty of the college. An addition to this body has been made in the person of Prof. Russel, late of Cornell University, who takes charge of the Senior class in history, but whose stay is understood to be limited to one year's time. Prof. Russel brings an excellent reputation as an instructor and historian, and his labors are evidently meeting with great satisfaction alike from his students and associate professors."

—The following are the subjects of the Memoirs of the Junior Engineers:

The Utilization of Natural Forces,	J. W. Reed
A Description of the United Pipe Lines, Street Construction,	E. Duryea
Electricity as a Motive Power,	J. H. Fuertes
Reservoirs as a Means of Preventing Inundation,	E. L. Turner
	W. H. Page
Application of the Compound System to Locomotive Engines,	D. C. Sheldon
The Steel Boilers of the "Livadia,"	E. Plare
The Preparation of Platinum and its Uses,	J. C. Beye
The Manufacture of Illuminating Gas from Crude Petroleum at Huntington, Indiana,	W. B. Fwing

—Rev. Phillips Brooks, who is to fill the chapel pulpit next Sunday, needs no words of commendation from us to secure a large attendance at both morning and afternoon services. He is widely known as the most eloquent preacher of his denomination in America, and is one of the few American clergymen whose ability has been recognized abroad. Dr. Brooks has twice preached for Dean Stanley in Westminster Abbey, and with great success. Since 1870, he has been the rector of Trinity Church, Boston, and has lately refused the position of college pastor to Harvard University. Cornellians will feel a peculiar interest in Dr. Brooks, from the fact that it was he who preached the dedication sermon at Sage Chapel in 1875.

—When Bronson Howard wrote the "Banker's Daughter," he produced the best society play that graces the boards of the theatre to-day, a comedy that has been played throughout the length and breadth of the country and met with one universal verdict, viz.: Splendid. Mr. J. W. Collier has made fame and fortune in its production, as he has always put it upon the stage in first-class style and presented it with the best cast of characters possible. Last night's performance at the Opera House, to an exceedingly large audience, met with round after round of applause, and several times during the play special favorites among the actors were stopped in their lines by the hearty clapping of hands and stamping of feet of the delighted auditors. The costuming was rich, and the setting of several of the scenes unusually attractive. "The Banker's Daughter" can come again and be sure of a hearty welcome.—*Harrisburg Patriot*.

PERSONALIA.

RUSSEL '84, has been appointed Janitor.

"GUS" PARKE '79 came to town last Tuesday.

ALLING '81 has gone to New York to study law.

MANN '80, is in the Dry Goods business in Chicago.

MISS BOWEN '82 will very soon return to the University.

S. S. SERAT '83, is in the banking business at Elmira.

MOFFAT '79, has a Government position in Washington.

TRACY '80, is studying in a New York Medical College.

STARR '80 still remains in the Columbia Law School.

OSCAR L. TAYLOR '81 is reading law at his home, Freeport, Ill.

JOHN S. COLLMAN '81 is preparing for the bar at Freeport, Ill.

W. C. BROWN '81, is in Syracuse with the Porter Machine Works.

MISS HARLOW '81 has been visiting friends at Sage for a few days.

CHARLES SAUNDERS formerly '81, spent Sunday with friends in town.

WENDELL '81, is in an architect's office in William street, New York.

C. C. PARK '83 is working with his father in the Iron Trade in Pittsburgh.

E. A. LANDON, '80, has been in town for a few days, visiting his old friends.

M. JAY SPAULDING '79 is in the law department of the University of Michigan.

CHAS. E. OGDEN '80 is now connected with the Rochester *Morning Herald*.

J. C. BUCKLIN '82, who was at Cornell in 1880, graduated at Oberlin College last June.

C. D. MARX '78 has just returned from Germany where he has been studying Engineering.

A. G. SHERRY '77, with his bride, was in town this week on a wedding tour through the State.

CARPENTER '80, has been studying during the past year at the Rush Medical College in Chicago.

OSTRANDER '81, ex-ERA Editor, is studying law with Joslin & Warner, 52 William street New York.

GEO. B. PENNY '84, has decided to remain out of college this term in order to pursue his musical studies in New York.

F. W. SMITH, '80's Senior President is visiting his home at Free Hollow. He is still employed on the Rochester *Herald*.

MISS LIZZIE SHELDON, formerly '82, is at Oxford, Eng., studying Philology; she spent the summer in travelling in Switzerland.

HOSEA WEBSTER '80 and E. LeB. GARDNER '73, arrived in town on Thursday to attend the Waterman-Treman wedding last night.

MISS JOSEPHINE CHEVALIER, formerly '82, a special student in Chemistry, has entered the Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary in New York city.

PROF. WILLARD FISKE of Cornell University has made the most nearly complete collection of the works of Petrarch, and works relating to him, in existence—*Evening Post*.

"BERT" HAHN, '81's minority President, stopped over Sunday in town on his way to New York. He sails next week for Germany where he will take a course of instruction in Chemistry, at one of the Universities there.

MARRIED.

WATERMAN—TREMAM.—At St. John's church, in this place, Oct. 5th, John S. Waterman, '77, to Miss Jeannie M. Treman, daughter of LaFayette L. Treman.

THOMAS—PERKINS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1881, Charles H. Thomas, formerly '82, to Miss Fannie Perkins, of Sodus, N. Y.

DIED.

FISKE.—In Ithaca, on Friday, Sept. 30, 1881, Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fiske.

EXCHANGES.

The students of Williams College have two publications through which they give their opinions to the world,—or, to be more accurate, to that part of it sufficiently interested to read. We propose this week to introduce them to the readers of the ERA, and trust that the acquaintance will be pleasant and profitable.

The *Argo* is a bi-weekly published by eight editors, chosen by the students. At the top of its first column it wears an appropriate badge of mourning for the loss of Williams' greatest son.

Its editorials bear a strong family resemblance to the average college editorial. They are possibly of interest to a few persons especially interested in the subjects discussed, and as it is absolutely necessary that every college paper should have a certain space filled with these off-springs of the undergraduate brain, we pass them by, merely remarking that the "Argonauts" are fully up to the average. The portion of "Around the Camp-fire," in the number before us, is very readable. The imitation of "Uncle Remus" is in point and intelligibility superior to

many of the old man's effusions. The article on the "Poetry of Tobacco" is a summary of the arguments in favor of the use of the "queenly herbe," a side of the question seldom championed. This timely work will be fully appreciated by all student lovers of the "nicotean weed." The Freshman can quote its arguments to his remonstrating parents, they will heal the stings that the fragments of a conscience possessed by the average Sopomore occasionally give, and the Junior or Senior delve into literary antiquities who hunts up the references given, will find a new and delightful field for investigation. The poet of the *Argo* indulges in a little facetiousness at our expense, which we insert:

"There was a bold oar-man named Shinkel,
Who pulled like an old periwinkle.
He rowed for Cornell,
And they always caught Gehenna,
Till the college caught on to his wrinkle."

The *Williams Athenæum*, like its colleague, makes fortnightly visits to our sanctuary, and is equally welcome. Its editorial board is unusually large, consisting of seven Seniors and five Juniors, which, if there is a proper division of labor, must make the work necessary to run a bi-weekly extremely light. One of its editorials is a revelation to us. That there is a college in this enlightened land where students are required, upon entering, to promise to "give any information that may be asked for," almost passes belief. Yet such a state of affairs exists at Williams. The position of the *Athenæum* is a just one. May its efforts be crowned with success. Its remarks on a subject in which Cornell students are much interested, are so complimentary, that we give them as fully as our space will permit:

"A feature in college life, full of interest to the educated portion of our country, is the coming here of E. A. Freeman, the historian. President White has engaged him to be a lecturer at Cornell University.

Mr. Freeman has an enviable reputation as a scholar, and as regards his knowledge of those early periods of history which concern the growth of English nationality, he is said to be without a peer among the historians of the age. Cornell is to be congratulated upon having so celebrated a man in her faculty, and we gladly join with her in according to him a hearty welcome to these shores. While Cornell will be especially benefitted by his presence, American colleges in general cannot help but be strengthened by the influence of so distinguished a scholar."

The sketch "Garfield and the College" presents some new facts in the late President's college life that are especially interesting, as showing the natural power of the man. His theological opinions, as given by the writer of the article referred to, were not what most people believe they were. There is a statement made under the head of "Intercollegiate" to which we must take exceptions:

"The Cornell crew lost every race in which they rowed, and owing to the breaking up of the crew after the Vienna race, they failed to row at Frankfort. The Cornell men attribute the defeat of their crew to a neglect of training conse-

quent upon their desire to see the sights of Europe. They think the charges against Shinkel sprung mainly from the petty jealousies which divided the crew."

Our defeats in England are attributed to various causes. There is no difference of opinion as to the cause of the Vienna defeat. It was caused by treachery. We repeat these statements, made last week, for the benefit of our Williams brother and all others who have not heard them before. We want this thing understood.

The publications of Williams College are creditable to their editors and the institution.

We suggest to any of our readers who may have an idle hour on the hill, that a profitable way to spend it would be to look over the exchanges in the Assembly Room and see how far your opinions coincide with ours.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Amherst has voted "no license." *i. e.*, "free rum."—*Student.*

—'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.*

"Maid of Boston, ere we separate us,
Give me back my cardiac apparatus."—*Ex.*

THAT DOG.

The nox was lit by lux of luna,
And 'twas a nox most opportuna
To catch a possum or a coona.
For nix lay scattered o'er this mundus,
A shallow nix et nor, profundus.
On sic a nox with canis unis
Two boys went out to hunt for coonis.
The corpnis of this bonus canis.
Was full as long as octo span is,
But brevior legs had canis never
Quam had hic dog, bonus, clever.
Some used to say in stultum jocum,
Quod a field was too small locum
For sic a dog to make a turnus
Circum sell from stem to sturnus,
Etcetera, etcetera. —*Yale Record.*

—A Chinaman, whose teeth were chattering over his first plate of ice-cream, buttoned up his coat and took another swallow, but this was enough. Rushing where the sun could shine full on him he howled, "Whoopee! No cookee nuffee. Fleeze belly like ice-wagon."—*Exonian.*

—Some men from Cornell went abroad
To row in the races four-oared.
With remarkable grace
They gave up first place,
Though *perhaps* not of their own accord.
—*Harvard Advocate.*

—A judge, the other day, gave a deep-dyed villain the alternate of graduating at Princeton or serving ten years in the penitentiary.—*Ex.*

—The remark of a newly-made Mrs.,
"Girls, never be free with your krs.,
For these men always know,
And my husband says krow,"
Which remarks the girls greeted with hrs.
—*Argo.*

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—Dr. Howe has the finest Dental Rooms in the city. They are supplied with all the aids to excellent and satisfactory dental work that science and skill have yet devised and perfected. Without taking space to describe the office and its outfit in detail we will close this brief article by simply suggesting that any of our readers who desire to see a well-appointed dental establishment should visit Dr. Howe's. Of the Dr.'s skill it is unnecessary to speak. His experience extending over more than a quarter of a century, is the best compliment that can be paid him. Engagements made by telephone.

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IN looking through the Cornell University Register the other day we were struck by the unpardonable neglect of our trustees in omitting to found a chair of the American Indian Languages. While the above mentioned collection of fables babbles complacently of Hebrew, Chaldee and Ancient Syriac; of Sanscrit and modern Persian, while it deliberately intimates that unbounded opportunities are here enjoyed for studying the melifluous Icelandic, it cruelly ignores the language of our aborigines—gives them the cut direct as it were. Now we appeal to those in authority to remedy all this. Let the war-cry of the Iroquois again resound over our campus. Let the melodious dialect of the Digger Indians fall trippingly from the lips of the cultured co-ed. Let us substitute Apache for Physics and Cherokee for Modern History. Let us dispense for a century or two longer with a gymnasium and an observatory, but let us learn all the impossible languages on the planet and for our own glory and that of our alma mater let us institute a nineteenth century Babel on the hills of Ithaca.

A UNIVERSITY Course of Entertainments is greatly to be desired. It is surprising that no such course similar to that at Michigan University has been established here. Although we have the finest advantages for hearing the best pulpit talent, yet there are no provisions made for similar oppor-

tunities to see the leading lights of the stage and platform. The students are left solely to the entertainments engaged at Wilgus Hall and although we have enjoyed some excellent entertainments there, yet as a general thing they are not of a kind especially suited to the taste of University students. Under the circumstances this can hardly be different. The only way in which the talented lecturers and the best musical organizations can be brought here, is by establishing a course which shall be recognized as one of the University institutions. The value of such a course all must acknowledge. Its practicability is the only question. It would seem as though enough season tickets could be sold to insure the success of any such course, provided the names engaged were of a high order of talent.

THE "Seminary" in American History, as it is termed, promises to be one of the most interesting features of the University. It is less formal than a class and produces a result much to be desired, closer communion between students and instructor than is possible in an ordinary class. The topics which the seminary will discuss are among the most important in the early history of our country. Beginning with the romantic story of Captain John Smith's rescue by Pocahontas, the truth or falsity of which the Seminary will endeavor to establish, the list of topics includes such important subjects as "Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia," an account of "Church and State in Virginia and Massachusetts during the Colonial Period, with particular reference to Religious Toleration." And in working up these subjects the original authorities will be consulted. On the assembling of the Seminary, one who has been appointed two weeks before reads a Thesis on the question to be considered. It is followed by discussions by three who have prepared themselves for that duty. Then every one is expected to give the result of his study on the subject, and the discussion is closed by the instructor, the whole proceeding occupying about two hours. The Seminary starts off with a very fair number, and as its advantages

become more generally recognized, we predict it will be the most popular institution in the University before long.

NOW that vast wealth has been suddenly acquired by the sale of western lands and the munificent bequest of Mrs. Fiske, it is natural that we should discuss its expenditure. Without wishing to appear to dictate to the Executive Board of Trustees, and with the usual modesty of the newspaper man, we wish to make a suggestion. The paucity of appliances for instruction in Astronomy has long been a source of humiliation to all friends of Cornell and regret to its students. Why not use a portion of the money in fitting up this department with apparatus that will enable it to keep pace with other improvements here and to take a creditable position when compared with other institutions? Among the first questions asked by parents about an institution to which they are thinking of sending a son, after inquiring about its general character and necessary expenses, are: "What about the library?" "How do they teach Astronomy?" "Have they a large telescope?" &c. &c. Instances of the expenditure of money for the University in ways that have not resulted in as much practical benefit as the one pointed out, might easily be mentioned. However, we do not intend to criticise. The purchase of these things would add to the reputation of the University in many ways. There could be no better advertisement than the statement that, "Cornell has recently purchased a telescope of Alvan Clark, Cambridge, costing —. This is the finest in use in any college in this country." This would soon become noised about and would doubtless attract many students. Besides, it is something that the authorities owe the Mathematical Faculty, and the students. May the time soon come when the Cornell graduate will not be compelled to admit that he knows no more of practical Astronomy, than he knew when he entered college.

IT lies within our province to find fault whenever occasion justifies it, and a notice posted early in the week on the bulletin board by the Mathematical Faculty, concerning certain rules of their department, opens the way toward ridding ourselves of certain unpleasant views in regard to the manage-

ment of that department. It seems to us that there is entirely too much red tape, too much machinery, too many rules, more or less rigorous, to be wholly beneficial to the welfare of the students within its domain. Rules are good only when they are a means to an end, but when they exist solely for the sake of showing off arbitrary authority they are simply nonsense and nothing more. To be sure, in a department so large and important as that of Mathematics in our University there is need of some sort of system in its management, but it ought above all to be of the simplest possible character. A farmer puts only so much harness on his horse as is necessary to draw his wagon. At no time does he aim to so load down his horse as to almost break its back. Now this is just what the Mathematical Faculty seems to us to be doing. When we were a Freshman, there was a rule existing that every time a student was absent he must hand in a written excuse. The excuse was taken before the Mathematical Faculty and debated upon by them in their consummate wisdom. If not satisfactory the student was barred from the final examination, and all his term's work went for nothing. We fail to see what difference it could make, in after years, to this University, if a degree was granted to a student, who was able to pass any examination that might be given, and yet not be able to explain satisfactorily an absence from a recitation. Nor can we understand why a professor in this department cannot of himself excuse an absence as professors in other departments do, and thus do away with this red tape. College students are not to be treated as primary school children, that they must bring a written excuse from their mammas for every absence, lest they stay away too often from recitations. It would seem but a single step further for this department to insist that any student not having his lesson be "kept in" till he might get it.

A Freshman informed us the other day that he had received notice that he must get rid of a condition in mathematics before next January. Now, we confess, this does look as if some member of this Sub-faculty would like a little private teaching to do; and to show how nonsensical are some of the things done by this department we have only to instance the case of a student sternly summoned before them

'to show cause why he should not be barred from the final examination.' (Heavens, how legal!) There were present only the President and Secretary of the department. The student, with much fear and trembling outwardly, but with a great deal of inward contempt, made his excuse. By rare good fortune, it was accepted. Now comes the formality. The Secretary moved, and as there was no one else to do it, the President *seconded* the motion, put the question, decided it carried, and the poor trembling sinner was discharged. How utterly nonsensical! The new rule provides that students coming from other colleges shall take an examination in their mathematics within a year, or not at all. Now, it often happens that a Junior, for example, in coming here has no time whatever to devote to studying up his mathematics, owing to his being crowded with other necessary work. Of course, before the University grants its degree, all its examinations must be passed, but, provided they are passed, it seems a matter of secondary importance when the newcomer shall pass his back work. In other departments we have known of students leaving conditions till near the end of their Senior year before passing them up. And why not in this branch? Our Mathematical Faculty seem to think there is no other study here of any consequence but Mathematics. Certainly they, as those of no other department, build about the student certain bounds which make one feel as if he were so hedged in by cast iron rules, as to be in a prison. We are confident that there are some professors in this Faculty who must be impressed with the extreme nonsense of so much red tape, and yet we are sure that there are others so infatuated with a love of system that they make themselves and their department an object of ridicule. In writing this, we have no personal grievance to parade. We have, fortunately, passed by this University Scylla and Charybdis, and we desire only to champion those who are subject to this harsh and seemingly unnecessary policy.

LIVES OF THE GREAT.

In scanning the pages of history, in looking over the records of the centuries, we are often struck with awe at the grandeur and sublimity of the characters of the great men whose lives and influence have been the mainstays of past successes. Isolated, they stand out in bold relief against a back-ground of infamy and ignorance, lifted by their own character-

istics far from the soiling touch of attendant circumstances. In reading history's tribute to their efforts, we unconsciously worship at their shrine, making them our ideals, measuring our own puny attempts by their gigantic accomplishments. Not daring to suggest that any parallel between history's favorites and the successful candidates for Senior class offices exists, still this article was written with the idea that a life in brief of the elect would be interesting to the present age and, let us hope, beneficial to posterity.

The President of the class is a man of the people. To be sure, he never worked his way on a canal as mule-driver, nor sawed wood for the district school. He is not, as heretofore stated, a native of longitude $58^{\circ} 29'$ west, latitude 0° . He is pre-eminently an '82 man, has taken his life in his hands for her sake, and now, to crown his self-sacrificing spirit, he has consented to degrade himself to the abject position of President of his class. In politics he is no stalwart, which does not necessarily mean that he is a half-breed. The family records have been somewhat difficult to gain access to, but persistent efforts have elicited the following information: In height he is three cubits and fourteen parasangs; his age is exactly between ten and forty-nine: his girth, none to speak of. He wears a No. 5 shoe, and has a perfect horror of peppermint candy. Is a great adorer of female beauty æsthetically considered, and was never known to swear. He has never received letters threatening his life, and if he did would undoubtedly return to the sender if not called for in ten days. In other words, you can't frighten him. He is made of sterner stuff, not exactly oak timber or gray limestone, "quarried on the University grounds," but stern enough for all practical purposes. He is an '82 man emphatically, a devotee to her interests, and one who will do her proud when the time shall come.

As a ship would be helpless without a rudder, as a gun would be useless without a trigger, as a woman would be harmless without a tongue, so a President would be valueless without a Vice-President. All true Cornellians know the true inwardness of the letters V. P. Why shouldn't eighty-two have a man to grant their leaves of absence? To whom else can they go when their grandmothers die off? Great care must be taken in the selection of a V. P. In case of assassination he must be handy, and be prepared to grasp the helm. The present V. P. possesses all the necessary qualifications for the place. He was born in this country, can take the iron-clad oath, and has cut his wisdom teeth. No change will be made in the cabinet, and in case of a stringent money market, the Secretary of the Treasury will alleviate the difficulty. Eighty-two will not need to tremble therefore in case any dire accident should happen to its leader.

The office of Secretary has been filled by a gentle-

man celebrated throughout the University for unquestionable and undoubted veracity, sagacity, bombasticity, elasticity, and last but not least, loquacity. The rhomboidal and mathematical effervescence of his enigmatical spirits invariably cast a general differentiation of bacchanalian anticipation whenever he sagaciates. To be cognizant of his existence, or to be admitted to the *holy holorum* of his pericardium, is but to make protestation of unwavering, unswerving and everlasting affection. In other words, to know him is to love him. The anima poetic fervor of his gastronomic organization has never had a detrimental effect upon the intimate connection between his medulla oblongata and the right ventricle of his fall overcoat. Dicotyledonously attendant upon the extreme perorations of his chirographical perturbations, he stands to-day the symbolical statue of enathemas correlated to ephemeral and modern agnosticism. The articulation of orbicular orthoplozitics in his case have had little or no effect upon prosenchymatous rheumatism, or phthisis pulmonaries. He stands to day pre-eminently *sui generis*, *non compos mentis, e pluribus unum, multum in parvo, in virtus ardu, hoc signo vinces*. In a word, he is a jolly fellow, which nobody can deny.

Eighty-two's center of gravity was almost overturned when it became necessary to select a treasurer. Few there be who can tread the path of integrity under the load of wealth which Senior classes always lavish upon the keepers of their shekels. But with Diogenes-like instincts, this remarkable class has at last found a man who has never robbed a bank, who was never known to pilfer pennies from the collection plate in Sunday school, who, not even in childhood, was ever known to be seduced by raspberry jam or caraway-seed cookies. In short, '82's treasurer impersonates the old maxim—policy is the best honesty.

The gentleman chosen for Ivy Orator embodies all that is good, true and beautiful. Born at an early age, he long since began to develop qualities which have placed him on this high pinnacle, this (next to the) topmost round of the college political ladder, where Webster would fain have stood, and upon which Burke would have been—well, simply nowhere. It will require no stretch of imagination on the part of any one acquainted with the Ivy Orator-elect, to believe that, in his case, the office sought the man and not the man the office. It is no easy thing to be an orator, but to be an Ivy Orator requires the combined genius of a Pitt or a Patrick Henry; one has to be educated up to it, and in this respect the present Ivy Orator is far in advance of anything yet seen in this line of goods. From his early youth he has loved ivy, and everything connected with it. Some say that this love began, when, in obedience to maternal counsel, he trudged off to Sunday School, and there imbibed a weekly inspiration of his favorite plant, as it trailed

gracefully over the windows, about the spire, etc. There are many others who confidently assert that the foregoing is not true, but that his love for ivy first began when with a few bad boys he took his first lesson in birds-nesting. Anyone who knows the gentleman well, will readily perceive the former theory to be the correct one. To support our statement that he did not seek this office, we can only state that he has been here for three years in comparative political retirement, having kept clear of the seething cauldron of class politics, that he is an earnest hater of the "machine" and an ardent lover of true civil service reform, that, aside from his natural qualifications mentioned above, the only reason we see for his election is the fact that he is an Ohio man, bred and born. For these reasons we congratulate the class on its choice for this office, and expect that '82's ivy, well nurtured by the eloquence of its orator, will outstrip that of any other class in growth, strength and permanence.

'Twas midnight, the wind howled and moaned through the trees, whistled about the corners of houses, and whined with an uncanny sound, down chimnies. The lightnings flashed with their wierd, piercing light, rending assunder apparently the dark cumbersome masses of heavy clouds, which were piled up along the horizon. The long repeated reverberations of thunder sounded through the vault of heaven. The rain descended, beating pitilessly, against all who ventured out. To be explicit it was mighty unpleasant night of it when this "Chic" was hatched. We have been told that men always give some indication in childhood of the distinguishing characteristics of their after life. No historian has yet recorded the fact that '82's toast master ever betrayed an unseemly fondness for toast or that he ever was "toasted" so to speak. He is a man to admire and love. Of a peculiarly benevolent nature it is said that he made a strong run for sergeant-at-arms of a debating club in his town and was only defeated by the opposing candidate getting more votes than he did, or his getting fewer votes than a majority. But be that as it may be, he is now Toast Master of '82. His genial smile will smole upon the table next June, whilst jokes will be joked, puns puned, and other characteristics of the last class banquet have their place and time.

Never was the sublime good-sense and consummate penetration of the senior class more strikingly exemplified than in the selection of class orator. Practice makes quite too all-but, in the language of the apostle and the proper cultivation of the arytenoid cartilages is attained only by the utilization of immense quantities of midnight howl. Eighty-two's orator has long been practicing the scales, as it were, of vocal culture, in wearing out the long night-watches with "what a pretty ootsy tootsy itty bitty sing it was. Come to him poppy. Zare now, now, now. Umpty, humpty, dumpty," *und so weiter*.

The selection of the class for Pipe Custodian is one peculiarly fitting. It is well known that the occupant of this office has a great deal of smoking to do, and Eighty-two believing full well that any Custodian who could fill that office last year, when he had to do the smoking of the entire class, and not get sick, ought to be elected again. And so, sensibly, they did elect him, realizing that experience is absolutely necessary to a successful Custodianship of the pipe. History fails to reveal when the gentleman chosen to dispense the annual weed among his brethren first became acquainted with the vile concoction. There is a rumor afloat that he never smoked till last year when he acquitted himself so well. This great success on his part inclines us to believe the rumor, also circulated widely, that with true boyish instinct, he, when only two years of age, hid himself away to the rear of his father's barn and there solaced himself with a realistic version of "it was my first cigar." (We won't give details of the scene.) In our opinion only by beginning thus early and by conscientiously following it up could the present pipe man have stood it so well last year, that he had no unpleasant taste left in his mouth. At any rate, from his hands we expect to see Eighty-Two have a jolly good smoke together, and thus drive off "the blows and cares of sorrow,"—that of parting, let us add.

A short biography should be given of the Prophet, Historian, Poet, Essayist, and Marshals. As the first two have not been chosen, no accurate history of them can be given. At present they are simply myths, and as this account is just what it purports to be, an accurate description of each officer, nothing can be said in their case. A mistake might be made. Information is very meagre also concerning the Poet and Essayist elect; until present information can be verified, no account will be given of them. The Marshals are a living exemplification of "tramp, tramp," etc. When they were very young, they were never known to allow a circus to parade through the town, without marching at the head of the procession. It is only by the theory of the "survival of the fittest" that we can account for their elevation to this high office.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,"
And by wire manipulation,
Get elected every time.

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR '81-'82.

Mr. Wilgus, proprietor of the Opera House, has been more than usually enterprising in securing entertainments for the coming season, to amuse and instruct the denizens of the quiet town of Ithaca, and those whose lot is cast for a few years with them. This is as it should be, and we believe that students will liberally patronize all but the "Uncle Tom" combination. The following is the list:

Oct. 19.—Caufman "Lazare" Combination.

Oct. 20.—William Horace Lingard Combination in "Stolen Kisses."

" 22.—Katharine Rogers Combination.

" 26.—Eileen Oge Combination.

" 27.—Florence's Combination.

Nov. 11.—Geo. L. Stevens's "Uncle Tom."

" 26.—B. McAuley, "Messenger from Jarvis Section."

Dec. 22.—Maggie Mitchell.

1882 Jan. 11.—Anna Dickinson, "Hamlet."

Feb. 18.—Thos. Keene, "Hamlet."

" 24.—Pat. Rooney Combination.

The dates of the following have not been decided upon: "The World" Combination; Mary Anderson; McCullough; "Olivette" Company; Boston Ideal Company.

THE NO-END-FRESH YOUNG MAN.

[After "Patience."]

I take the walk up the hill
As easy as Soph'more a pill.
I advance with a stride nor with Lamkin I ride,
It goes like our '85 drill.

An awfully fresh young man,
An utterly utter young man,
A rustic *juvenis*, the real hay-seed *genus*;
A "want to go home" young man.

A verd antique young man,
A verd unique young man,
An anyway verdant, egregiously verdant—
Most wofully green young man.

A no-end crude young man,
A downy-lipped young man,
An eight-hairs to each side; base-ball minified,
Microscopic-moustached young man.

A "where's my cane?" young man,
A "where's my ma?" young man,
A muchly-much querying, frequently beer-y-ing,
"Tuck me real tight," young man.

A shocking, law-breaking, young man,
An awfully code (co-ed) mashing young man,
A leering most jauntily, fleering most naughtily,
Break-them-all-up, young man.

A take it all in, young man,
A take even the hook, young man,
Capaciously credulous, sebaceously sedulous,
Great stuffed swallow young man.

A signal-pole punning young man,
A talk you blind young man,
A loquacious, audacious, flirtatious, oh gracious,
Most beastly fresh young man.

C. W. B.

WOODFORD SUBJECTS.

We append below the subjects for the Woodford Prize Orations. They seem to us the best given in several years. There is no lack of variety and though more prominence has perhaps, been given to historical subjects than usual, yet in our judgment the excellence of historical instruction here and the prominent place it occupies in most courses entirely justifies the selection.

1. Ancient and Modern Agrarianism.
2. The Importance to a Nation of the Individual Fame of its Scholars and Literary Men.
3. Yorktown and Gettysburg.
4. Every Laborer a Stockholder.
5. Agincourt and Sedan.
6. Excommunication in the Middle Ages.
7. Athenian Ostracism and its Analogue at the Present Time.
8. The Ode of Pindar.
9. Samuel Adams and the Political Life of his Time.
10. Tolerance as the Perfect Flower of an Advanced Civilization.

*COMMUNICATIONS.**THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OUR STUDENTS.*

Editors Cornell Era :

While everyone interested in the prosperity of Cornell is observing with regret the steady and continual decrease in the number of her students, and while comments and speculations as to the causes of this decline, are going the rounds, it may be serviceable to look at a phase of this matter, which I believe has not yet been touched on. Cornell stands as a school of the people, an institution, in the words of her founder, where any person can find instruction in any study. She was intended by her founder as the great intellectual center of the working people of this country, to which class he himself belonged. In a proclamation issued by the University in the beginning of her existence, the young men of the country, of every trade and occupation, were invited to come here and perfect themselves in those studies bearing on their vocations. The call was responded to with enthusiasm by young men of the working-class, and in the first years of the University the number of students was nearly seven hundred, but few of whom belonged to the wealthier class. At that time, too, special encouragement was given to working students, the laboring interest was regularly organized, so that it was made possible for a student to support himself by work while here. But of late years, a change seems to have come over the University in this respect, in consequence of which the laboring students have gradually decreased, until at present there are hardly any in the University who entirely support themselves. Nor is it possible now

to maintain one's self while at Cornell, except by efforts which only a few are capable of.

I do not claim that this is the only reason for our decreasing numbers, but it is undeniably a great and important factor—a great factor because this has certainly been chief among the causes of our decimation, and an important factor because the working people are the real strength of this country, and nothing will so uplift the nation as a superior education of the choicest among their sons and daughters. Would it not be well in these days, as Cornell is so rapidly rising toward the zenith of her power and influence, to look this matter square in the face. Other colleges which have never elevated the boast of being schools for the people, have abundant provisions for those who come to their shrines devoid of means. Harvard, the very seat of aristocratic refinement and culture, modestly announces that "no man need fear to come to Harvard for lack of funds." Johns Hopkins has recently added ten scholarships yielding \$250 a year each to her original twenty fellowships of \$500 yearly each. Cornell has nothing to show at present in the way of benevolence, except a mismanaged system of State scholarships.

At the same time new buildings are going up on the campus, others are provided for, new chairs are established, and it is even whispered that the salaries of her long-tried and well-deserving professors are to be raised, the Library and museums are being augmented, and new apparatus is coming from Europe for the laboratories. Money flows into her treasury from many quarters, and is divided in large appropriations to every department. Yet no one seems to think of the poor young men who come here practicing the bitterest self-denial for the sake of an education, enduring four long years of misery and hardship, or who, as is much oftener the case, after a terrible struggle of a year or two, succumb to the impossible, and leave in despair. It has been clearly demonstrated at Cornell, though there are a few notable exceptions, that entire self-support is an impossibility. It is also clear that the working class, underpaid and overworked as they necessarily are in our present social system, cannot support at college the young men among their number who are gifted with aspirations and aptitude for higher education. The only solution of the problem lies in benevolence. And it is the duty of Cornell, whose boast it is that she is a school for the people, to do at least her share of this work. Other institutions of learning are already, as I have shown above, extending their influence in this direction, and if Cornell will not see this matter in the same light, she will lose just as much glory and power as those institutions are gaining by their policy.

I hope, however, that I may not be misunderstood. This communication is not intended as a begging letter. Such aid as I suggest should never take the form of alms. It would then defeat its ob-

ject. It would not reach the class for whom it was intended, but would meet the most unworthy element in the student community. It should always be given as a reward of scholarship and industry, but under such restrictions that only those really in need of it could reach it. At present, the country is educating, to a large extent, only those of its youth who can pay for an education, irrespective of their superior aptitude. But I feel convinced, that if some system could be devised for the education of all those of superior talents or greater mental capacity, irrespective of their ability to pay for it personally, the scholarship of our colleges would be immensely enhanced, and the influence on prosperity, civilization and happiness would be incalculable.

I write this, not as a censure of the management of the University. It is very probable that the funds of the University are placed in such a way that they cannot be used for the purposes I indicate. I hope, however, that these lines may serve as a suggestion to those who are interested in Cornell and who have the financial ability or who exert the necessary influence to cover this which I regard the most important of the University.

ALBERT JONAS.

To the Editors of the Era:

GENTLEMEN:—I wish to call your attention to a department of University instruction that is too much neglected on part of the students. I allude to the Sanskrit department. From the nature of the subject it can scarcely be expected that the Professor in charge should have very large classes; but, that so comparatively little attention is paid to the department must be astonishing to any friend of philological study. To the future teacher of languages a knowledge of Sanskrit is almost indispensable. Sanskrit is often referred to in the Latin, Greek and German departments, and even a slight knowledge of Sanskrit will greatly contribute to an intelligent study of these languages.

In all studies, Sanskrit excepted, Cornell University approaches so nearly to the standard of German Universities that this one exception must appear in a very striking manner.

I hope that the time will come when Sanskrit will no longer hold its place among the optionals, but will be elevated to an equal rank with Latin and Greek. The Professor has already formed a new beginners' class; he also intends hereafter to form classes in Russian, Turkish and modern Greek at the option of students.

Let us hope that these few lines may benefit some language-loving students, and that the beautiful legend in the register entitled *Oriental languages*, may no longer be a myth.

UNUS PRO MULTIS '82.

OBITUARY.

CHARLES ADDISON CARY, of the Class of '85, died in Ithaca, on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1881. Twelve days before his death he was taken sick with typhoid fever, and after a severe struggle, finally succumbed to its attack. His father arrived here four days before his death, and in addition to the excellent nursing prepared for his son, gave him the constant benefit of his attention but to no avail.

Mr. Cary was from Scotland, Conn., and during his short stay with us had made many friends. He was associated with Mr. Waldo, '82, whose chum he was, in the management of the second-hand book-store, and everyone who met him there, must have been impressed with his courteous and manly bearing. He was an only son, and this was the first time he had ever been away from home. As a student he was equal to the average, and was much liked in the class-room. The first chapter of the history of his class, by his death is very sad, and certainly a much more painful scene could not well be pictured, than that of an only son departing from home in high spirits, and in five weeks being brought back a corpse, to a grievously afflicted family.

In the death of Hon. E. B. Morgan of Aurora, N. Y., education in general and Well's College in particular has lost a firm patron. With this leading institution for the instruction of women, Mr. Morgan's name has been associated for years, while of our own University he has long been a sincere friend and a faithful guardian of its interests.

CORNELLIANA.

—A Junior swears that he "will get thro' Physics or bust."

—Work on the new register will commence in a few weeks.

—Our heart is broken because the barbers neglected to send us circulars this fall.

—We hope soon to announce a series of billiard games for the championship of the University.

—A Freshman showed his registration ticket a week ago last Sunday when he entered the Chapel.

—We have noticed with growing sadness to what an alarming extent the Juniors have moulted their mustaches.

—A Freshman wants to know if the Adjutant don't act as Chaplain of the Cadet Corps whenever occas on *demand's* it.

—Resolved that the abnormal development of cheek which some of the Freshmen are exhibiting should be violently and severally restrained. *Selah!*

—Some one asks if the literary societies make their new members ride a goat, and a wicked Soph. wants to know where the Christian Association keeps its goat.

—The closest examination as yet reveals no Freshman names in the McGraw tower. This shows that they read the ERA, even if some of them do borrow it from their neighbors.

—A case is reported of a Sophomore who has thus early read Deschanel's "Heat." What means this? Is there no vacancy in the corps of instructors in the Department of Physics?

—An observing Freshman remarked that he thought the position of Ivy Orator should be considered as the fourth honor place on the Senior ticket. IV orator. *See it?*

—A member of '84 has done noble work for his class by wearing the mortar-board on the streets of his rural village during the past summer. Such patriotism and devotion should be rewarded.

—We have been asked often if any one ever was conditioned in drill. We answer yes. Several cases of this misfortune have come to our observation, and we advise all to be very careful in reference to cutting drill.

—We would again state that ERA for its own protection, can not, should not, and will not notice articles sent in anonymously. The name will never be published unless by request, but it must accompany the articles as a pledge of good faith.

—A Freshman remarked in the presence of some Seniors the other day, that "it was too bad that the weather was incompatible with boating, when the moon showed such a great affinity for it." The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

—There was a fair maid from Oswego,
And whenever her nose went would she go.

She vowed that Sage hash
Was such beastly, vile trash,

That it wasn't fit food for a negro.

—As there is no telescope here, when the Cornell man studies astronomy, he either climbs the McGraw tower, or has himself elevated to the top of the Signal Service pole. He reasons, "if the mountain won't come to Mahomet, Mahomet must try to go to the mountain."

—Dr. Wilson desires us to state that any students whose parents have changed their residence, or who wishes his name or address to appear in the new register in any way different from the old, should take an early opportunity of calling on him, and making the fact known.

—Visits to Free Hollow are now in order, and there is some talk of reviving the Annual Cider Raid to this fashionable summer resort. By all means let it be so. Since the village authorities prohibit the luxury of blowing tin horns a chance is now presented of taking them out for an airing.

—Rev. Samuel Gilman Brown, of Utica, Congregational, will occupy the pulpit of Sage Sunday morning and afternoon. He is a man of rare intellectual

attainments and great breadth of thought. He has gained an enviable reputation as a pulpit orator and will be heard by the students to their great profit.

—Very few gentlemen board at Sage. There would soon be plenty of them there if we could only see placarded about, "Board free at Sage," instead of "Rooms free at Sage." At any rate we can't understand, why the trustees, if any thing was to be given away, could not give free board to the gentlemen as well as free lodging to the ladies.

—The large stones standing near the entrance to the library, which a hot-headed ERA editor used for a bulletin board to advertise his wares, are very valuable geological specimens, and are placed there on exhibition. This item is published not only that "those who confess their faults" may be spared, but also as a warning to all persons against a like debasement of these relics.

—The Junior election was held to-day with the following results:—President, H. C. Elmer; Vice-President, C. H. Anderson; Treasurer, H. Marshall; Secretary, W. H. Cobb; Toast Master, D. E. Smith; Orator, C. H. Anderson; Historian, J. L. Southwick; Essayist, C. L. Curtiss; Prophet, R. McLennan; Poet, A. Mapes; Pipe Custodian, W. B. Ruggles; Marshals, J. C. Beye, W. H. Page.

—We would warn '85 to be very careful not to choose any class colors. We know it will be distasteful to hold up to them the Sophs. as an example, but still we must. Last year '84 with the best of intentions, chose the colors of another class, and were only saved great mortification by the students adopting a system of class colors. This system is now in vogue, and bottle green is therefore, the class color of '85.

—Our weekly poet has sent in the following contribution on "Beautiful Snow:—"

—! —! —! —! dough.
—! —! —! —! tough.
—! —! —! —! snough.
—! —! —! —! sough.
—! —! —! —! rough.
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—! —! —! —! wough.
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—The other day we noticed on the bulletin board an advertisement of an umbrella found on the University farm. Without going into any great course of reasoning as to who lost it, why he or she lost it, when he or she did lose the aforesaid "bumber-shoot," what were his or her actions, business and intentions at the time, it still occurs to us that anybody who would advertise an umbrella found under such circumstances, ought to have a chromo, at

least, for his honesty. Persons who find (?) umbrellas on rainy days, are generally not anxious to advertise them. May be it didn't rain when this was found.

PERSONALIA.

B. R. CAHN, formerly '83, is in business with his father in Chicago.

M. GUSDORF, '81, is at his home in Fremont, O., detained by the illness of relatives.

W. H. KENT is now Professor of Chemistry in Drake University, Des Moines, Ia.

J. S. COLLMANN, '81, is studying law in St. Louis, not in Freeport, as published last week.

F. E. SMITH, '79, was lately married to a wealthy banker's daughter, near Greeley, Colorado.

FELIX RACKERMAN and N. T. HERR, both '82, will represent the Cornell Chapter of Delta Upsilon at its Annual Convention to be held next week with the Brown University Chapter.

MAJOR BURBANK left town early in the week to visit the Yorktown Celebration. He will also visit Washington with a view of procuring new equipments for the Cadet Corps. He will be absent about two weeks.

CHAS. H. LEMANN '82 has been dangerously ill with some lung difficulty for several months at his home near Bath, Eng. He had intended returning to this country and settling in California, but will not now come until next year.

W. N. D. BIRD '80 is at Madison, Greenwood Co., Kansas, engaged in the cattle herding business. He has a half interest in 200 head of cattle and reports himself in good health and very fond of his business. If business prospers as he expects he may pay a short visit to Ithaca during the winter.

"PROFESSOR H. J. MESSENGER, of Ithaca, N. Y., is a graduate of Cortland Normal school, and later of Cornell University, one of the best schools of the country. He is a teacher of experience, and a ripe scholar. We are fortunate in being able to secure so able a teacher."—The *Classic*, published at the Napa City Collegiate Institute, Cal.

MR. E. A. FREEMAN will deliver his first lecture in Boston on October 17th. Meanwhile he is engaged in passing through the press a companion volume to his "Historical and Architectural Sketches, Chiefly Italian." This is the result of his recent visit to the head of the Adriatic, and will be entitled "Sketches from the Subject and Neighboring Lands of Venice."

J. A. HOLMES, '81, last year's Janitor, has just been appointed Professor of Geology and Natural History, at a salary of \$1,500, in the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, near Raleigh. This University is one of the oldest in the South, and

since the land grants given by Congress, has been established upon a plan similar to that of Cornell. There are about 250 students there, and the institution is in a prosperous condition. Mr. Holmes worked his way through college—a most difficult thing to do when one studies conscientiously. He carried away from here a host of testimonials, and his good fortune is due to his honest and thorough work while here.

MARRIED.

INGALLS—DORRANCE.—On July 7th, 1881, at the residence of the bride's parents, at Peterboro, Minnie Dorance to W. A. Ingalls, '79.

COLLEGE NEWS.

An exchange says that "the daughter of the wealthiest banker in Grand Rapids, Mich., who was graduated from Vassar three years ago, has been the cashier of her father's bank ever since. Miss Canfield, of Manistee, Mich., coming from Vassar two years since, found mere society life irksome, begged some regular occupation, and was taken by her sensible father as book-keeper into his office—a position of no slight responsibility in the office of Mr. Canfield, the owner of the largest tug line on the lakes. Still another Vassar graduate is doing a successful business in an insurance office in Milwaukee." We are waiting anxiously to hear from the "Co-Eds."

Michigan University opened the 28th ult. We hope soon to greet the *Chronicle* and *University*.

They have a "Psychology Club" at the University of California. Why would not such a society flourish here?

John Hopkins University had, during its last session, 176 enrolled students, the larger number of whom studied chemistry. Twenty-five students took biology.

Tuition fees of some of the leading colleges: Syracuse \$60, Cornell \$75, Bowdoin and Rochester the same, Brown \$85, Dartmouth \$80, Williams \$90, Amherst \$100, Yale \$150, Harvard \$150, Ann Arbor \$20.—*Ex.*

The richest university in the world is that of Leyden, Holland, its real estate alone being worth over four millions.—*Round Table.*

Columbia has established a department of architecture, and has called Professor W. R. Ware, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to occupy a professorial chair at a salary of \$5,000. His method of instruction is largely his own.

Last commencement Harvard graduated 182; Yale, 127; Dartmouth, 61; Amherst, 71.

England has 4 Universities, France, 15, and Germany 22. Ohio, with that simplicity which is characteristic of the West, contents itself with 37.—*Williams Athenaeum.*

The *Princetonian* is much exercised over the spirit of hazing which is again showing itself in that insti-

tution. It very rightly thinks that a repetition of the exploits of a few years ago would have a damaging influence on the reputation of the college.

Attendance at prayers at Harvard is optional this year.

Pres. Barnard, of Columbia, in his annual report, referring to co-education, says: "I can only repeat the conviction expressed in my former report, that the question here considered is in this institution only a question of time; and that, whatever may happen this year or next, Columbia College will yet open her doors widely enough to receive all earnest and honest seekers after knowledge, without any distinction of class or sex."

While out for a practice row last week the Yale Senior crew succeeded in overturning their shell. No lives were lost.

EXCHANGES.

The exchange man of the *Colly Echo* says: "It is too often the case that students regard the exchange department of a paper in somewhat the same light as they do the advertisements, perhaps with the exception that they think the advertisements a little more entertaining and instructive." We believe, with the *Athenæum*, that it is the duty of the exchange editor to make his column as interesting to home readers as to the editors of other papers. We go still further and believe that it is his province to make his readers acquainted with the publications of other colleges and that he thus interests other editors as it is always interesting to a man to know what his friends think of him. Having this end in view we shall devote our limited space, for the present at least, to the consideration of one or two papers instead of giving brief notices of several.

To add to universal praise is usually to "waste sweetness on the desert air." It is seldom appreciated. However, we desire this week to contribute our mite to the encomiums lavished so freely upon that boon to the ex. man, the *Harvard Lampoon*. *Lampy's* spirited cartoons are as sparkling as ever. His cuts and thrusts at the popular follies and frailties of the world which he amuses are as keen and pointed, as those of *Puck* in his larger sphere. He is not expected to be serious, to pour forth invective against oppression, or to give utterance to wise opinions about men and things, his sole duty is to entertain and right well does he perform it.

A. Bronson Alcott, who treated Cornell students to some of his incomprehensible abstractions last year, is shown up in his true light, or in other words "given away" in a sketch headed "A Surprising Discovery." Through a conversation between A. Bronson and the "Sage of Controversy," Ralph Waldo, overheard by *Lampy*, the secret of their success as metaphysicians leaked out. They are instructing a young man who has applied for a position as lecturer before the Concord School of Philos-

ophy. Discussing a specimen lecture which the young man had given him for approval, Bronson says:

"Why, there is not a word in it which a child could not understand.—the idea of using such words as *good*, *bad*, and the like! Young man, you have much to learn before you can teach."

"But," said the youth, "is not what I have said true?"
"There again," said the Philosopher, "if you use such words as *truth*, if in fact you speak in language which your audience can fairly understand, you will be overwhelmed with questions and explanations, and these are to be avoided as fatal. Men do not ask questions for information; they ask that they may oppose. Now, if you tell them things that they cannot understand, yet things in which they think they see some sort of sense, they will feel themselves ignorant and ask nothing."

"Bronson," said the Sage in a mild voice, "does he know the formula for reducing the Unimaginable to the Historical in three simple steps?"

"He's not ready for that yet," said the other, "but I shall teach him before letting him go for himself."

The rhyming in this, the first number, is quite readable, especially "Pariter Insurgite Remis," which recounts an experience which has doubtless happened to many of the fraternity during the summer vacation.

We give *Lampy's* advice to Freshmen, the last line of which may be followed to advantage by '85 men everywhere.

"From father take large checks,
From tailors choose small checks.
Be athletes, not aesthetes.
Do work, don't shirk.
Don't be tough, don't give guff.
If you're conspicuous, you'll be ridiculous."

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Make us another visit soon, *Lampy*, you will always find our latch string out.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Aphorism by a perfectly reckless belle: "Be flirtuous and you will be happy."—*Williams Athenæum*.

"'Tis the tale of a young paragrapher,
Who was a good deal of a chapter,
But one day he grew dumb
Through the suction of rumb

Which it showed that he was a poor quapher.—*Ex.*
—A Freshman while looking for rooms saw the bills of the play, "Rooms to Rent" up on the New

Haven Opera House advertising boards, and went in to look at a suite, but could not be accommodated.—*Yale News*.

—Under this sod, beneath these trees,
Lieth the pod of Solomon Pease,
Old Pease isn't here, only his pod,
He shelled out his soul and it straight went to
God.—*Ex*.

—“Actuality,” says Bronson Alcott, “is the Thingness of the Here,” and we agree with Bronson; but we must insist that Coney Island clamchowder is the “thinness of the there.”—*Ex*.

—There was also a cuss they called Mac,
Who got kicked at the end of his back,
For sparking a girl
With a dizzy long curl.
N. B.—The old man watched through a crack.
—*Am Queen*.

—While an Idaho girl was sitting under a tree watching for her lover, a grizzly bear came along and approaching from behind began to hug her. But she thought it was Tom, and so just leaned back and enjoyed it heartily, and murmured “tighter,” and it broke the bear all up, and he went away and hid in the forest for three days to get over his shame.—*Ex*.

—There was a big four from Cornell
Who thought they could row very well.
They went over to London,
And were utterly undone,
In spite of their brass and their yell.
—*Harvard Lampoon*.

—“My deceased grandfather, sir, was the most polite man in the world. He was making a voyage and the ship sunk. My grandfather was just on the point of drowning. He got his head above water for once, took off his hat and said: ‘Ladies and gentlemen, will you please excuse me?’ and down he went.”—*Yale News*.

SPECIAL NOTICES

—We are glad to inform our readers that Ithaca is to be favored next week with two first-class entertainments. On Wednesday evening, October 19th, Alexander Kaufman & Co., will “hold the boards” at Wilgus Opera House—presenting the new and beautiful comedy drama “Lazare.” The play and the company are well spoken of by all our exchanges, and on Thursday evening, October 20th, William Horace Lingard and a selected company, appear at the same place in the amusing play entitled, “Stolen Kisses.” The tour of this company through the larger cities has been a perfect ovation—turning people away for want of room in the largest Opera Houses. We bespeak for these combinations a large patronage. Tickets on sale at Finch & Apgar’s.

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—Dr. Howe has the finest Dental Rooms in the city. They are supplied with all the aids to excellent and satisfactory dental work that science and skill have yet devised and perfected. Without taking space to describe the office and its outfit in detail we will close this brief article by simply suggesting that any of our readers who desire to see a well-appointed dental establishment should visit Dr. Howe’s. Of the Dr.’s skill it is unnecessary to speak. His experience extending over more than a quarter of a century, is the best compliment that can be paid him. Engagements made by telephone.

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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.

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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.

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WITH its accustomed modesty the ERA has hitherto refrained from mentioning such vulgar trifles as dollars and dimes, but owing to a forcible reminder that good wishes will not place a college paper upon a sound financial basis, arrangements have been made by which subscribers may exchange their surplus vulgarity for ERA receipts at Miss Ackley's or at this office.

PROF. CORSON'S readings at Sage, soon to be resumed, are the only means enjoyed by Cornell students for securing oratorical culture other than that standard variety which appears to its greatest advantage in country academies. Prof. Corson is not the conventional elocutionist, his rendering of most authors is essentially his own. Neither does he employ the stock in trade of the elocutionary acrobat but reads authors for their worth and not for his own glory. Upper classmen will remember the growing appreciation with which they listened to Prof. Corson's readings two and three years ago. They are intended to supplement the Junior lectures and all who attend the lectures should attend the readings for a fuller appreciation of English Literature. Other students, whose University work will allow it, should attend them for the pleasure and the general culture they will receive.

THE Gymnasium is an institution which all the students, and Freshmen especially, should support. Although the building is small and cannot compare with some belonging to other colleges, yet it will be found complete in all its apparatus necessary to a well-equipped place of exercise. The bars are of good quality, the assortment of clubs is large, the rings and ropes are well arranged. Lockers are provided for the use of all members, and the facilities for a bath after exercise, are creditable to the management. It is not for us to harp on the well-thumbed string of the benefits resulting from regular and systematic exercise. They are undoubted. All we desire to show is that the best place for systematic body-training, while one is attending the University, is the University Gymnasium. There are many times when a half-hour can be snatched away from the duties of the day to be given to work in the "Gym." Between the end of the drill hour and six o'clock, or at noon between 12 and 1, or at any time when Laboratory work calls one on the hill in the afternoon, time can be found for a short pull on the machines, or a few vaults over the bar, or a brief bout with the gloves.

A renewed interest is being taken in foot-ball and base-ball, and before cold weather comes we hope to chronicle some first-class contests in both sports. The Freshmen have now been here a month, and it is time they should begin to develop their athletic material. As they are for the most part fresh from preparatory schools and academies, no doubt there are many who are "in good practice." Let them take an active part at once in the college athletics. Formerly it was the correct thing for the Freshman nine, after organizing, to begin their list of victories by defeating the town nine, but as Ithaca is said to have a first-class nine, eighty-five will probably have to play her first game with a class nine. If, after repeated trials, the Freshmen are convinced that they cannot bring a nine into the field, let them concentrate their energies on foot-ball. If foot-ball is not their forte, let them try athletic

sports, and revive Field Day. Only do something, or let all the college sports go to the dogs. Eighty-four, too, should endeavor to establish some sort of a reputation on the field. The revival of interest is almost entirely confined to the upper classes. Eighty-four has not done her duty. She made a creditable effort to establish the Rugby game here last year, but her energies were exhausted on that. Now let there be a rivalry between the Sophomores and Freshmen in athletics. Let there be a general "brace!"

SEVERAL weeks ago the ERA asked in Mr. Shinkel's behalf a thorough investigation of the alleged treachery at Vienna. It now appears that public opinion also demands an investigation for the benefit of those members of the crew who preferred certain charges against Mr. Shinkel. Whatever the opinion of students familiar with the parties concerned and with all the details of the trouble at Vienna, people at large have refused to believe charges unsupported by published proofs. Naturally enough, statements like the following from "*The Nation*" have crept into American and foreign papers. "The Vienna Rowing Committee have written a letter to the *London Sportsman* repudiating the insinuation that one of the Committee was concerned in bribing Shinkel of the Cornell crew. They declare the statements published in the *New York Tribune* of the 6th of September, and alleged to have been made by Mr. Allen, a member of the Cornell crew, to be falsehoods." The letter of Commodore Chase to the Vienna Rowing Committee published in the "*Spirit of the Times*," will partially exonerate him and his fellows from any such charge as that just referred to yet it seems to us that theirs was the aggressive side, that instead of awaiting any such charges, they should have anticipated the revulsion of public feeling in their favor by presenting their proofs. Apparently the "powers that be" have determined on the Fabian policy of waiting for the world to forget that Cornell has rowed and lost, under very suspicious circumstances a Vienna race. This may be a wise policy, but to most people it will seem a cowardly one. The members of the crew have long enough been obliged to play the part of men who have made charges they cannot substantiate. If only in justice to them the whole affair should be made

the subject of a radical inquiry. The country is tired of conjectures about the matter. If there are proofs let those implicated be allowed to make them public.

We sincerely hope that we shall not again be obliged to mention either Shinkel or Vienna except to throw fresh light upon this most disagreeable affair. The columns of the ERA are still open to conclusive evidence from any source and still closed to the indiscriminate abuse of any one whether Mr. Shinkel or any of his fellow (?) oarsmen.

IT is interesting to note the growth or decline—in numbers—of the various departments in the University since its beginning. The result of such an investigation in some instances excites surprise, for where we had been led to expect a great growth there has been a standstill, or even a decline. According to the first register published, that for the years '68-9, the number in Arts was 40; in Chemistry 10; in Engineering 39; in Science 143; in Agriculture 30; in Mechanic Arts 27. According to the last register the number in these departments is just about the same as it was thirteen years ago. But during these thirteen years there have been great fluctuations. For instance, in Agriculture the number fell in '73-74 to 7, while in '78-79 it rose to 41. In Arts the fluctuation has not been so great. Starting with 40 in '78-79 it rose to 62, falling last year to 52. In Chemistry the number has varied from 10 to 6, which was the number last year in that department. In engineering there has been the greatest fluctuation. From 39 in the first year it became 97 in '72-73. The next year it fell to 84 whence it has steadily fallen until last year there were only 38. In Science there were a large number registered until '78-79 when the number fell to 8, but by providing a course in Science and Letters 151 were obtained for that department. This number fell the next year to 110, the number in Science remaining 8. In Mechanic Arts the number registered in '76-77 was 54, which is the highest in the history of that department. From these figures it is evident that in point of numbers the University is just about where it was when it was opened. It is also evident that it suddenly took a brief flight in popularity, that, changing the figure, the wave receded and left Cornell again on the shore. Now is the time for

another start, and we hope and firmly believe that a healthy and permanent life is about to begin. What the reasons are for the large and sudden increase in numbers in certain departments, we will not endeavor to discuss. There has been a mistaken idea that in the early days of the University, the large number of students was due to the numbers rushing into Agriculture, but this is far from being truth. The fact is although the University was established with especial reference to its being a school of Agriculture, yet the number in that course has always been smaller than in any of the six leading courses with the exception of Chemistry. Arts and Science have generally been the strongest courses, quite refuting the imputation that "Cornell is a mere manufacturing school."

A VISIT TO THE GOODALE SISTERS.

In punctuating the history of American letters the singularly fresh verses of the Goodale sisters will doubtless hereafter make a comma. Their work is perhaps the salient of the last five years of native imaginative literature and it beyond question constitutes the purest, most sincere and original effort of the younger American poets during that space. The poetry of immaturity has seldom been so accurate and natural an expression of the true self and life of the poet. One does not need assurance of the honesty of their feeling. The simplicity of their sentiments, as well as the directness of their setting forth disarms question upon this head. They are wonderfully and delightfully free from artifice; they are quite unmarred by the morbid self-analysis, the melancholy introspection, the view of life through grey glass that is commonly characteristic of the poetic neophyte. It was because the poetry of these precocious girls is evidently the genuine and precise outcome of their home, environment, education—in a word of themselves, that a visit to them seemed likely to have a different and perhaps more delicate interest than such as stirs one in familiarly bearding in their dens other literary lions. Their surroundings, their dwelling itself had in this light a value quite apart from that curious one which attaches to the homes of other authors as peeps behind the scenes.

One drives from Sheffield, Massachusetts, the nearest town of importance, nine miles to the home of the poets, and one needs nothing of the facile diction of these young songsters to celebrate to his own thought the beauty of the Berkshire hills among which the road passes. Their bold spurs and soaring peaks, their verdurous flanks and modest roundings rather insist upon admiration; they appeal to the imagination and even ask little of the pretty phrases of

the children beyond; though these are a grateful memory and one has a new sense of their beauty and justice in the presence of their subject.

"Sky Farm," as a dainty conceit—of the young poets one trusts—has entitled the meager acres of the Goodales, is distantly approached by a sinuous avenue of trees that climbs the high table-land on which stands the house. The extreme ordinariness of the country way that continues this was broken when I saw it a few weeks since by a brilliant-hued bank of nasturtiums that festooned their vines over a long space of the stone wall fencing the Goodale property. Their vivid masses ran on to the house whose brief sides are themselves, in turn, covered with a luxuriant woodbine.

"Back from the road the traveller sees it lean,
The quaint brown farm house of the country ways
Hidden and mantled in a living green
And stirred with memories of summer days,"

is the melodious description of the dwelling by one of its inmates. It is in truth not distant from the road, though its elevation on a slight mound, gives it, with the vine and surrounding trees, a factitious remoteness from the highway, which the family would doubtless confess that they prize. Indeed, the singular group within speak freely of their pleasure in every circumstance that intensifies their seclusion and erects a barrier to the world without. Their home stands to the eye quite alone, though there is another house within a quarter of a mile. The region in which it is, is sparsely settled, however, and their solitude is not broken by even so much as that of the usual farmer. Their tone—and this is as true of the father and mother as of the young girls—is not at all the resignation to their position after a struggle against its narrowness, which one might expect in persons of just their refined tastes and rarefied aspirations, their metropolitanism; it is distinctly one of relish of the situation—almost of exultation in it.

One sees in Mrs. Goodale the source of the striking perfection of the girlish features which readers have known through the frontispieces of the poet's volumes. The pen hesitates to write her "middle-aged." She is simply mature; surely the epithet of highest praise to one who has once been beautiful. Her face is sweet and delicate, and her gray hair seems to have no quarrel with her youthfulness. Her talk, which a note of introduction from a mutual friend made cordial, was not merely of a finer quality than might be looked for as a product of her life; it was of that delightful sort which is the efflorescence only of the highest culture. The mother of these girls is indeed a woman of broad culture and education, and the juvenile poets have drawn from her the inspiration to their wide reading. Such education as they have, has in fact been gained from her. Mr. Goodale, who presently entered, has more of the traditional poetic appearance than any

other member of the family. His brown hair falls in long locks over his neck, and is parted above in the middle. But for the half-farmerly shirt, of coarse gray, he might pose effectively for Swinburne, or even the aesthetic Oscar Wilde. His face is as refined as his wife's, and his bearing has the ease of wont to society.

The house which is perhaps a century old, gains a bizarre effect under the trappings of to-day, and the *portieres* and other felicitous touches of light and color in the new manner of decoration, which is so little, and looks so much, prettily brighten and civilize the barbaric grossness of the fireplaces, closets and beams that should be small, and the windows and the like that might so much better have been large. Before Mrs. Goodale entered and while she talked, I looked interestedly about at the books scattered everywhere and shelved at points in ponderous cases. Naturally, poetry was predominant, and particularly the works of recent versifiers, native and foreign. Tennyson seemed to be a favorite, and there were various editions of Longfellow and our younger American poets. There were, too, the books that had beguiled, what it seems almost absurd to call the younger days of the girl poets. Such were Miss Alcott's and Sophie May's. They must always have read poetry, however, and it is a neighborhood legend that before they could read at all their mother talked to them in metre.

"They had been accustomed to be rather ungracious," Mrs. Goodale said as she left the room to request the presence of her daughters "about permitting the children to be seen. It had seemed unwise," she added, "since they had some reputation to expose them to the injudicious praise of stranger admirers." Miss Elaine is now eighteen, and her mother feels that living in seclusion as they do, it is best that she, at least, shall see those who come. The timid, sidling bows of the girls as they were introduced, and their constrained manner in the conversation that followed, though doubtless partly the offspring of their position, as being, in a way, on exhibition, were the evidences of their unfamiliarity with other society than their own. They are even prettier than their portraits. They gain by the absence of the unavoidable photographicness,—if one may be permitted to so phrase it,—of appearance and attitude. Miss Dora, the younger, is short, rosy and compactly framed. Her fine brown hair waves prettily about her head, and is suffered to fall behind in girlish fashion. Her sister affects, in this matter, with a failure which one cannot help liking, the mode of the young lady. For one in her position she is at an unfortunate age, and she has a rather charming touch of consciousness, which is as pardonable as inevitable.

When both had, after a time, succeeded in forgetting themselves, they talked very pleasantly and sensibly of their home, the prospect without, which the

superb hills certainly make most beautiful and admirable, of the conditions of their life, and of their joy in them. Their constant singing of the beauty of the flowers would lead one to expect much familiarity with them, but few of their readers will have guessed their wide and accurate knowledge of the structure and habits of plants. Miss Elaine is particularly learned in botany, and has studied it as a science. She admitted, upon my question, that her first feeling in the coming upon a new plant form was rather a scientific than a poetic thrill; and in so far as this was true, she grieved her botanical knowledge. When the conversation fell upon the wild flowers of the then season, and I spoke of a mountain walk taken the day before, their readiness in interpreting my ignorance, and conjuring from my clumsy descriptions of the various flowers, what it might have been, and the alacrity with which, upon further questioning, they agreed upon a certain name for it, was interesting and surprising. Miss Elaine informed me that it was her ambition to make a list of the wild flowers indigenous to Berkshire county, a work of laborious search and care.

The pretty demureness of the girls, and the shyness, which I like to think pure modesty, did not at all leave them in the increased familiarity of a call of unconscionable length, and I was glad to leave them, possessed to my memory with just that haunting, impalpable coyness.

C. W. BALESTIER.

THE USE OF COLLEGE LIBRARIES.

College Libraries form the subject of a little discourse in the *Boston Post*.

"The time of year is close at hand when a great many hundred young men and women will enter upon college life; almost as many more will leave it, and a still greater number will advance a stage upon the real or apparent path of knowledge. A word of advice may not be out of place, at least to those who are yet this side of their journey's end so far as a college diploma constitutes the goal.

There is a too prevalent idea in the minds of young people that education is an affair of routine, that the sum of their duties lies in a general mastery of the text books provided, promptness in recitations and at lectures, if there happen to be any, and good lessons when called upon to recite. It should be the office of professors and teachers to dispel this erroneous or rather imperfect conception of the means and methods by which an education is to be obtained; but on the contrary they too often encourage it, because it makes their recitations appear to advantage and saves trouble. It is a lamentable fact, however, that the men in college who are called the best scholars have frequently remarkably poorly furnished minds when they get through. Studying for standing is dangerous business. It economizes

the mental forces to an undue extent, and withdraws them from that expansive bed they are inclined to seek in order to concentrate them in a narrow channel wherein flows the current of their routine duties and shallow ambition. The routine work of a college is worth little, except to suggest and direct to broader fields of study. For that the library affords the opportunity. The student should reinforce his prescribed work with judicious and extensive reading. He should read around all the subjects that come before him in the regular course of his study, so far as possible, and he will experience gratifying surprise, if his thirst for knowledge is genuine, in finding how much more communion with many minds regarding a single manifestation will do for him, than an unqualified reliance upon the unsupported opinion of one. A man who follows this method will find his collegiate course a much more profitable one than he who sacrifices all for the coveted 'marks.' He may even make frequent failures in the class-room where the other makes none, and yet he is superior at the end of four years in all that equips a man for the stern realities that await him in life's battle. Whatever else college students may neglect, they should be on good terms with their libraries if they would prosper."

A JOKE (?)

Just before leaving Ithaca last June, we, in fun asked an ambitious Freshman if he would not contribute some literary matter to the present volume of the ERA. He assented, and late in August we received the following "What is it." He thought to get a good joke on us, and we now publish it in order to turn the tables on him. The document is as follows:

B—, Aug. 15th, 1881.

MY DEAR ———:

In accordance with your wish that I would write something for your much esteemed paper, I thought you and your readers would be pleased to read an account of my first trip to New York city, to visit a classmate. About the middle of July I left Albany, where I had been staying for a few days, by the night boat for "the city," and about seven a. m. got a glimpse of my Chum. I had just shaken off dreary Morpheus, having had a long wrestle with him, and finally, by putting the "grape-vine lock" on him, I floored him. After a brush with the porter I ran out and was tackled by Chum.

The sky was somewhat cloudy. Jupiter Pluvius was having a severe attack of the "pouts." I guess he kept them for a few hours and then saw his "best mash" and had a little flirt with her. Of course he did, for as he smiled a little at times at his Juno, the bright rays of "old Sol" shone out on two incipient Sophomores. But as with poor deluded mortals so with gods who will flirt. Poor old Pluve

couldn't enjoy in peace his fun. I know his old woman saw him at his game and by her untimely appearance and threats of divorce made Jupiter P. frown again. Alas, how gloomy is the frown of a god! Happily at noon there came a change. J. P. grinned from ear to ear and "old Sol" came out "you bet" as he said. Now I am on to the whole racket and so will tell you just how it all was. Noon was the gods' dinner hour and the O. W. (old woman) had gone in to string the beans. Hence J. Pluve and Juno had a big time. But alas for the frailty of gods! Dinner over, the dishes must be washed and the two hearts were torn apart for the time. J. P. now frowned in good earnest and the heavens grew blacker and blacker. Juno's mad was up. She said, "Well, I don't care," and gave her dishcloth such a wrench that great drops fell to the earth. It was raining. But as a dishcloth can be wrung dry so it can not rain for ever. Soon it ceased, but as the black still obscured the blue, I feared more rain. It came. It was fine and drizzling and so I thought I'd investigate. I tested a drop and found they were maiden's tears, for they were fresh. Evidently Juno was crying and that was enough to make Pluve pout all day long. Considering everything, it was not to be wondered at, that we had a cool, cloudy day, with occasional showers.

The next day we had some more weather. In the morning the heavens seemed covered with a thick, black shroud. The rain sifted down and gave us the blues. When we arrived down town it almost stopped, but yet fizzled round like a girl getting ready for a party. Just before noon there was a good long pour, and then a let up. At noon the clouds broke but the sun did not come out till evening when a grand sunset was the master of the end.

The next day's weather was—well t'was weather and nothing more. A cloudless sky and a hazy atmosphere continued till the approach of noon put an end to the haze. Of course since the weather had begun it was but natural to suppose it would continue all day. Strange to say, it did. We had it all day and it was not the worst kind of weather either. It was accomodating enough to last. The noon was hot and cloudless. It stayed that way till one o'clock. There was no change at two. At three it was about the same thing. At four the sun was a little further down than at noon; but that is a peculiarity of New York weather. At five it was nearer supper time. At six I was at the supper table, and at seven the weather was evening things all around and thus and then my trip ended. I hope you'll enjoy the account I give of it.

Yours weatherwisely,

P. S. What kind of weather are you having? I hope you are enjoying this weather.

SOME MORE SHINKEL.

Below we print, by permission, an extract of a private letter written by H. S. Conkling, '81, editor-in-chief of last year's ERA, to a member of the present board, which throws a light upon the Shinkel question. After speaking of the manner in which his acquaintance with Shinkel began, he says: "I never had any confidence in him, but on the contrary he often confided matters of his own business to me, for what reasons, I do not know. The day before the crew left Ithaca, he informed me, at the conclusion of a conversation as to the crew's prospects, that he had several hundred dollars in his possession, which he was going to 'bet on the races,' and, as he expressed it, 'I am going to bring back \$3,000.' I asked him how, and he said never mind how, but it was a certainty, and if I wanted to invest \$50 on the chances, he would, on his return, bring me \$150. I declined, of course, under the impression that he was so phenomenally smart and conceited, that his hopes had easily gotten the better of his judgment; and then, also, because I never was a betting man from choice. At the time I did not place much significance upon the conversation. When ----- mentioned that Shinkel had gone through the same business with him a few days previous, I thought it queer; and when the news came of the crew being defeated on the Thames by means of 'fouls,' 'bad positions,' and such trivial excuses, I had a suspicion that everything was not all right with that crew, and that there was some jiggerly going on some where. When the Vienna business appeared in the newspapers, I was ready to believe anything; for Shinkel's 'fainting' was perfectly inexplicable to me. Other circumstances that came to my knowledge in May, confirm me in my impression that Shinkel, before he left Ithaca, had intentions of doing some dishonorable work."

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editors Cornell Era :

From items which have appeared in the last few numbers of the ERA, I am led to infer that an effort is being made to revive an interest in the Gymnasium, especially among those who have lately entered the University. This is a matter of such vital importance to students, that I cannot refrain from offering a few words on the subject; a privilege that may be fairly accorded one who speaks from an experience of four years. It is unnecessary to urge at this time the oft-repeated and well established statement, that a vigorous body is essential to perfect success in all mental effort; students are generally well aware of this fact, and while they acknowledge to themselves its soundness, are unable to arouse sufficient energy to take up the work. A not uncommon fallacy among new students, is that they

cannot afford to take the time necessary; to those who are laboring under this impression, I would only say, reject it at once, for the stimulus imparted to the mind by judicious exercise in the Gym. will more than compensate for the comparatively brief time thus employed, and the individual will feel himself amply repaid in the enjoyment of a vigorous, elastic step and general tonic condition of the muscles. The matter is at least worthy of thoughtful consideration, and as such I submit it. Yours, etc., '81.

To the Editors of the Era :

GENTLEMEN: As the ERA, in its last issue, has devoted two columns to "ridding" itself "of certain unpleasant views" about the Mathematical Department, perhaps I may be allowed a few words in aid of so laudable an object.

Two grievances are named. First, that the department, some time ago, had students give in writing, instead of orally, their reasons for absence from recitation; and that absences were not excused until they had been considered in the department meeting, nor until the student was further heard, if his work appeared to have been badly neglected. As the University law then stood, this seemed the fairest course; but the real or supposed occasion for it has passed.

The second grievance remained. The Mathematical Department does not endeavor to carry out the spirit of certain University laws which are found in sections 5, 12 and 13, of "Rules for Students . . . Sept. 1881:" viz., that before a student shall pass from one class to another, the work of the preceding year shall have been satisfactorily done; that to receive credit for work done at another college, or while absent on leave, he shall be examined upon it at the first opportunity; that his entrance conditions shall be made up at such time during the year as the department may find to be necessary; and that if, being conditioned at a term examination, he fail to remove the condition within a year, he shall take the study again in class before being again examined in it. If these be bad rules, the attempt to enforce them will best secure their repeal; but if they tend to keep our standard of scholarship high; if they rather prevent than produce hardship, guarding us against an invidious danger of postponing Freshman work until it becomes useless as a preparation for later studies, and a mere hindrance to graduation; if the Faculty was therefore wise when it embodied in these rules the result of thirteen years' experience, then let us loyally live up to them.

If the time fixed for making up entrance conditions in algebra seems too near, it must be remembered that in January advanced algebra begins; and that, with these conditions well made up, the class can complete their algebra, including the theory of

equations, in the winter term, thus saving all of the short spring term for trigonometry. The suggestion of a base motive as influential here, is unworthy of the ERA, and of its student clientele. Certainly no one who knows the gentleman or gentlemen referred to, can entertain such a thought for a moment.

Respectfully, J. E. OLIVER.

Oct. 18th, 1881.

[Professor Oliver seems to have misunderstood the tenor of our editorial last week. We did not mean to find fault with the Mathematical Faculty for enforcing rules which the University requires them to enforce. We only wished to condemn the *manner* of the enforcement of those rules. We complained not so much of the rules, as of the red-tape connected with their enforcement. Professor Oliver in the second paragraph of his letter admits that the useless machinery regarding excuses, did once exist. That is just what we claimed. We did not blame the department for granting the excuse; it was only the manner in which it was done. Nor did we claim that this disagreeable rule now existed. It was only mentioned to show the *tendency* of the department, and, on the principle that "a leopard cannot change his spots," we expressed that if that rule did not now exist, others just about as grievous did exist.

No sane person doubts the existence of the rules mentioned in the third paragraph of the letter and that because they are University rules they ought to be enforced. Still we believe the Mathematical department could do more good by enforcing, as other departments do, the spirit rather than the letter of the law. Our statements last week were based on facts, and Professor Oliver's letter in no way disputes or affects them. If it is true that the Mathematical Faculty enforce only Faculty rules, will Professor Oliver explain why it is that the student body almost unanimously feel the requirements of that Department to be more rigorous than those of any other Department?

In conclusion we would state the "suggestion of a base motive," referred to in the last paragraph of Professor Oliver's letter, was rather in the spirit of sarcasm than of seriousness. We agree with him that such a statement, soberly given, would be "unworthy of the ERA" and if the statement was taken seriously, we heartily apologize for it. Any help that the Mathematical Professors might give to a conditioned student could not be justly measured by dollars and cents, and it is to be considered a great favor that any of them devote their time to so unthankful an object. Still we assert that our remarks complaining of their "red-tape" "useless machinery" and "rules" are not in the least affected by Professor Oliver's communication. It is an old saying which says that, "it is the truth and not lies which hurt."—Eds.]

CORNELLIANA.

—Review out yesterday.

—Nutting parties are in order.

—Will the Smiths "billiardize" this year?

—Let's see the Dramatic Association reorganize.

—This number of the ERA is dedicated especially to the "Gym."

—Juniors do not seem to "enthus" to any extent on the subject of mortar boards.

—Professor Roberts did not meet his classes during the first part of the week owing to indisposition.

—Have we not "specialties" enough in the University, to warrant the foundation of a student minstrel troupe?

—It is stated that the P. O. authorities are thinking of either enlarging their quarters or moving out of the building.

—Robbers, Beware! The ERA carries all its valuables in its vest pocket. Keep off, we've a bulldog at our heels.

—The Lazare Combination appeared at Wilgus Opera House Wednesday evening to a fair and enthusiastic audience.

—We are requested to state that seats will be reserved for Students at Mr. Freeman's lectures in Library Hall next month.

—The reception tendered to President White, by the young ladies at Sage has been postponed until to-morrow (Saturday) evening.

—The convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Utica this week served to attract almost all the chapter here from town.

—We have nothing connected with the student body that deserves the attention and patronage of the student more than the gymnasium.

—The season of "make up drills" has already come. Boys don't cut drill to go nutting. Cut drills "always come home to Roost."

—Mr. Evans, the photographer desires us to state that his rates have not been advanced, as has been reported, and are the same as they were last year.

—For the benefit of the *Ithaca Journal* and others interested we state that there are about one hundred and forty-five State students in the University.

—Eighty-three comes to the front as usual. The new President has had blanks printed on which class announcements are to be posted on the bulletin board.

—The various classes have held their elections and the ERA is glad to notice that at not one of them have there appeared bogus tickets. The Fall of '81 has established a precedent which, let us hope will be followed closely in the coming years.

—The Rutgers Targum suggestively heads a department "The Tomb." Would not "The Black Maria," or "The Whited Sepulchre" be more appropriate?

—Next Monday evening at the Botanical Lecture Room Professor Corson will read The Arizonian of Joaquin Miller and a selection from Cable's Old Creole Days.

—Eighty Five's class committees are announced as follows: Boating, Yawger, Bardwell, Hanford; Base ball, Towl, E. C. Reed, Raht; Foot ball, Blood, Decker, Musser.

—Another lesson to students in regard to the care bestowed upon their valuables has been furnished by the recent burglary. Keep your doors locked and your revolvers sharpened.

—The interest in boating seems to be in a decidedly unhealthy state. Why not turn all attention to the Gymnasium which is in reality the foundation of all athletic sports.

—Modest Senior criticising Bacon's Essays: "Nobody knows what that means." Prof.: "Do you think that no one understands?" Senior: "Since I could not understand, no one can."

—Eighty Three's class committees are announced as follows: Boating, C. I. Avery, Patterson, F. E. Wilcox; Base ball, Humphries, Anderson, Halde- man; Foot ball, Marshall, Dix, Eaton.

—The Social Science Club have sent out cards inviting the students to attend a course of lectures to be delivered before that club. Prof Shackford gave the first lecture at the Botanical Lecture Room last evening, on "The Old Civilization and the New."

—The Civil Engineering Association has commenced work with a will. It was deemed advisable by the professors in charge, to release the students in the course from essay work but with the demand that enrollment as a member of the Association be made.

—The New York *Evening Post* under the heading "A Scholar out of Politics" says: President A. D. White, of Cornell University who has relinquished the Berlin Mission has entered into bonds with the trustees of that University not to accept any political office for four years.

—During the past two weeks three patrons of education and benefactors of prominent educational institutions have passed away; Mrs. Willard Fiske, Mr. Henry Durant, founder of Wellesley College and Mr. E. B. Morgan, principal benefactor of Wells College and ex-trustee of Cornell.

—Sporting circles are much agitated over the coming walking match between D. E. Smith, '83 and G. W. ("The father of his country") Lewis '84. The distance is to be forty miles, and the stakes, a

box of cigarettes and gate money. Pools will not be sold at the Business Office. This is official.

—In the letter from Conkling, '81, referred to in another column, he says, "Pray remember that I leave the matter of the Assembly Room as a sort of a trust in the hands of the ERA. I think the fellows will appreciate it decidedly in the winter, and that it ought not to be neglected, and allowed to be withdrawn by reason of non-use or abuse of the Trustees' kindness.

—Rev. Alexander McKenzie, who is to supply the pulpit at Sage Chapel next Sunday has already made himself deservedly popular here by his eloquent sermons. We trust that all students who are able to do so will heed the advice of President White and not allow such opportunities of mental and moral profit to escape them through laziness or indifference.

—Professor Corson has not yet arranged any programme for his readings on Monday night. He intended to give fortnightly readings during the term but as Professor Freeman's lectures will interfere with this arrangement, not more than one or two more will be given. A regular programme for the winter term will be arranged and printed for the students' benefit. This programme will be strictly followed out so that one may study in advance the subject of the reading.

—A lah-de-dah Y. M.
A too awfully too Y. M.
Too utterly utter
Well, I should mutter,
A very ta-ta Y. M.

A very blasé Y. M.
A hard to please Y. M.
Nothing good enough,
Nothing new enough,
For a much ennuied Y. M.

A 'not prepared' Y. M.
'Don't quite understand' Y. M.
When he is called
Is always 'balled',
This very bright Y. M.

PERSONALIA.

JONES '80 is in business in Cincinnati.

CHARLES WINGATE '77 recently died at his home in Louisville, Kentucky.

ELSTUN, formerly '81, has a lucrative clerkship in the Custom House at Chicago.

U. L. BUCKWALTER '69 has been elected Judge of the Superior Court of Cleveland.

TYSON, formerly '81, is Assistant Superintendent of the Chicago White Lead Works.

PERCY E. CLARKE, '81's Majority Pipe Custodian, is in the Patent office at Washington.

"JOE" SMITH, formerly '82, is now wielding the scalpel in the Albany Medical School.

L. EIDLITZ '77 is now no longer at Dunbarton, Scotland, but has removed to this country.

FRANK CARR, formerly '83, is now employed in an engineering corps on the Pittsburg & Youghiogheny Railroad.

CHAS. H. ANDERSON, '83, was elected a member of the executive council of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, at the recent convention at Providence.

"RUD" HAYES '80 is at the Mass. School of Technology at Boston, preparing to go railroading. "Webb" Hayes is in business in Cleveland, O.

WHALEY, '85 sprained his ankle one day last week by slipping into the hole in the sidewalk on Buffalo street above Dr. Wilders'. The hole is now filled up, on the principle, we suppose, of locking the stable door, etc.

"TOM" BENEDICT '81 received a position last June as Civil Engineer on the Tehuantepec Inter-Ocean Railroad in Mexico. He is now quartered at Jalitaw. He gets \$1200 a year and all expenses paid.

SEWARD A. SIMONS '79, ex-ERA editor, stopped with his friends in Ithaca for a few days this week on his way home from Rochester where he was admitted to the bar as Attorney and Counsellor at law. He was President of the class.

MARRIED.

VANVLEET—LACEY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Wednesday, Oct. 19th, Miss Ada Belle Lacy, of Dryden, to D. F. Van Vleet, '77, of Ithaca.

NOYES—HARTMAN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dansville, N. Y., Emma C. Hartman to Frederick N. Noyes, '76.

IN MEMORIAM.

HON. E. B. MORGAN.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to remove our honored friend and associate of many years, the Hon. Edwin B. Morgan, of Aurora, this Board desires to place on its minutes, and to present to the surviving relatives and friends of the deceased, the following memorial statement:

Mr. Morgan was made a member of this Board, by the term of the charter of the University, at the express wish of our honored founder, Ezra Cornell. His selection for this position was unquestionably due to the high opinion entertained by Mr. Cornell of his ability and fidelity; and this opinion was amply justified by events. Mr. Morgan, until infirmity and pressure of duties nearer home prevented

him, was constant in attendance upon the meetings of the Board, and showed himself at all times a good friend and wise counselor of this institution. To his beneficence it was mainly owing that Prof. Charles Fred Hartt, who then occupied a chair of geology in this University, was enabled to revisit Brazil and to enrich the University cabinet with additions to its geological, zoological and ethnological collections. The associates of Mr. Morgan on this Board cherish his memory, and do hereby express their resolution to be represented at his funeral by as large a number of their body as possible.

They also direct that a copy of this preamble and memorandum be forwarded to his afflicted family and to our associates in the Board of Trustees, and that it be deposited among the archives of the University. From the minutes.

E. L. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

COLLEGE NEWS.

The Harvard Legislature, whose object was to afford its members the opportunity of gaining a knowledge of parliamentary practice, has adjourned *sine die*.

The first year class of the Harvard Law School numbers fifty seven men. Fifteen members of the class are '81 Harvard men, and seven are Yale graduates.

The *Amherst Student* remarks: "Of all our college organizations there is none more worthy and deserving of hearty support than the Musical organization, which is the natural backer of the Glee club. * * * * There is no one who does not review the record of our Glee Club with deep satisfaction." Comparisons are odious.

The Yale Sophomores and Juniors are engaged in an unseemly quarrel.

Geo. Wm. Curtis has consented to deliver the address before the Alumni of Brown University, on the Tuesday evening preceding the next commencement.

At Columbia the annual rush between the Freshmen and Sophomores resulted in a draw, and it was decided to settle the question by a tug of war. In this the Sophomores were victorious.

The Wharton School of Finance and Economy at the University of Pennsylvania opens with eight students.

At the first meeting of the Columbia Glee Club a committee was appointed to petition the trustees for financial aid in securing the services of a professional instructor.

President James B. Angell, of the University of Michigan, will return from his Chinese Mission about the first of February next.

The students of the University of Michigan have for the past few years been making earnest efforts to build a gymnasium. A considerable fund has been

accumulated, and it is to be hoped that their labors will be ultimately successful. There is room for sincere workers in a similar cause here.

Prof. Tyler was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood, at St. Andrew's church, Ann Arbor, on the 16th.

The "Œdipus Tyrannus" is to be produced in New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Geo. Ridell is to appear in the role of Œdipus, in which he made such a profound impression at Harvard.

It has been decided by the literary faculty that, if a person enters the University as a candidate for any particular degree, he must be a candidate for that degree until he gets it. If he wishes to change his course he must be dismissed from the University, make new application for admission, and pass a new set of examinations, before he can be a candidate for a new degree.—*Chronicle*.

According to the statistician of Yale class of '81, the average expenses of its members for the four successive years were \$933, \$959, \$952, \$981; total, \$3,825.

EXCHANGES.

Ephraim, the able exchange editor of the *Williams Argo*, devotes his space in the last issue to giving his idea of a model college paper. For this task his long experience in journalism has eminently fitted him, and to none of his opinions can we take exceptions. The rarity of papers that even approximate this ideal is much to be regretted.

The first number of the *Chronicle*, representing the greatest University in the West, although open to criticism in some respects when judged by Ephraim's high standard, has some ably conducted departments, and is doubtless popular among its supporters.

We were rather surprised after reading through several pages of unusually interesting editorials, to find an insignificant little column marked "editorials." This must be due to the carelessness of the printer, the caption was probably misplaced, for there is certainly no difference in character between the matter of the first three pages, and the column referred to. There are no charges for this bit of information.

The editors call attention to the fact that the *Lecture Association*, out of eleven entertainments, offers but three lectures. They consider this an inconsistency. There doubtless is some ground for such a criticism, but judging from the list of entertainments, we should prefer changing the name of the association to changing the character of the entertainments.

One of the editors, whom we should judge had been jilted by a "co-ed," after admitting the success of the experiment of co-education, inveighs wildly against it. He cites some antediluvian arguments, draws some wild conclusions, and altogether succeeds in tearing this thread-bare subject into still

finer tatters. He probably hasn't heard that the general sentiment of the college press is to let co-education rest for this year, and await further developments.

We give a few sentences as samples of his style. Speaking of the increased number in attendance this year, he says:

"The present state of increase warrants us in looking with prophetic eye to the time when this glorious institution shall degenerate into a female seminary, and the few pantalooned bipeds left will be looked upon with disdain as they tread their way down the hall gingerly among the trails. To such a pitch of popularity this mode of education has come since its recent introduction. * * * * * Woman's rights, co-education, woman's license to enter upon professional and business careers, all have their basis in the pernicious, mischievous, baneful, noxious notion of the equality of the sexes. If not co-education itself, it is at least this idea on which it is founded that gives rise to these night-mare thoughts."

Such sentiments as those quoted might have found some favor among us a few years since, but we have resigned ourselves to leave our fate to the principle of the "survival of the fittest."

The literary article "Catherine of Aragon," is doubtless a good one. It has a good subject, and the numerous quotations at least are worth reading.

The new school of Political Science, for which provision was made by the Regents of the University at their last meeting in June, was formally opened on Monday last with an address by the Dean of the Faculty. The address by Prof. Adams is given at considerable length and is well worth perusal. He lectures here in January on The English Government.

The *Chronicle* devotes a large portion of its space to "Personals," which are interesting only to the persons mentioned and their immediate friends and to no one else. We are treated to two pages of this kind of reading and then are apologetically informed that "the remainder will be given next issue." Forbear, friend *Chronicle*, take to yourself the advice the *Princetonian* favors us with, and cut down your personals. Fifteen hundred and fifty notices of Alumni appeared last year and we are promised more in the present volume. We remind you, in the language of our Princeton brother, that your Alumni are "too numerous to mention." You had better relinquish the undertaking and devote your time and space to other matter.

The column headed "Things Chronicled" is well conducted. We are happy to be able to say that the funny man of the *Chronicle* is conspicuous by his absence.

With its second number the *Yale Record* published a "Table of Averages" that is of interest to sporting men everywhere.

The *Yale News* of the 12th contained a very able editorial on "The Stage," which exactly meets our views.

SPECIAL NOTICES

—Emma Abbott and her excellent company will appear at Wilgus Opera House Tuesday evening, October 25th, in "Fra Diavolo." She needs no word of commendation from us to secure a full house. We clip from the *Boston Folio*:

"Within the past year Miss Abbott has improved to a degree that surprises even her warmest admirers, and has won a really cordial endorsement from hitherto unrelenting critics. Like Gen. Grant in the rebellion, she never knew when she was whipped, and has kept pegging away at her work during the seasons, and studying hard during the summers, with an industry that acknowledges no weariness. How much this means may be indicated by the fact that she has never missed an engagement, and scorns the weakness of purpose which permits so many singers to take refuge in 'illness' whenever an ungratified whim prompts them to take revenge in a non-appearance.

Miss Abbott's voice is richer than ever in its singular purity of tone, magnetic sweetness and dramatic power, charming every one by the steadily even qualities of her vocalization in the prosier portions of her work, and fairly electrifying her audiences in the arias and bravura passages. Each year of experience has added to her dramatic strength, and while her acting has lost none of the earnestness and vivacity which have always so charmed the beholder, she has acquired a certain repose which enriches and refines her impersonations, and wins the plaudits of even the most coldly critical.

On Tuesday evening she appeared in "Fra Diavolo," which has been accounted one of her best impersonations, and gained a right royal recognition by the brilliancy of vocalization, and the realistic dramatic work. Madness runs in no groove, and is controlled by no culture; hence its counterfeits can be judged by no fixed rules; but in her study of its various phases as exhibited by girls gone mad with love, she has combined and averaged its manifestations to a degree that renders her interpretation strikingly like nature, and far above the rapid ravings of the usual mad actor. Her *Lady Henrietta* in 'Martha,' Wednesday evening, was in all respects one of the best we have ever seen, and unsuspected beauties in her voice were revealed in 'The Last Rose of Summer,' which fairly entranced the house, and compelled a repetition."

—Katherine Rogers has won such high praises in other places that she will doubtless be well received here. The following notices from the press speak for themselves:

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WE have considered it unnecessary to urge upon the senior class the selection of photographer until the committee on photographs should be appointed by the president. But now that such a committee has been appointed, action cannot be taken too soon in this matter. The advantages of an early choice are too many and too obvious and have been too often discussed to require any enumeration of them here. The general opinion of the senior class seems to be that the advantages afforded by artists from a distance are more than counterbalanced by the unavoidable disadvantages which attend their work. Plenty of time yet remains if it be only utilized—whatever action be taken, whether an Ithaca or a foreign artist be selected—'t were well it were done quickly."

AS the students evidently never read that intimation formerly printed at the head of the ERA's columns, to the effect that original contributions from them were solicited, it was deemed wise to remove it and give place to more interesting and readable matter. Yet, by such removal, we would not have our readers imagine that we have not the same anxiety as of yore to publish their ardent effusions. On the contrary, we can now give them more space, and anything really worthy to go in the columns of the ERA, we heartily welcome. We have read, with

admiration, of the noble and truly praiseworthy efforts of the *Springfield Republican*, to bring obscure writers and poets of merit into note, and we have resolved to fully act our part of benefactor to mankind, and do likewise. So if we do not introduce to the public—college public—some worthy aspirants to honor, within the next two months, the fault will not be ours. Compare the ERA with other college papers, and it will be found that the matter contributed to the ERA is far less than that contributed to any paper of any importance. For instance, the *Princetonian* fairly teems with contributed matter. In fact, it is by the contributions that the editors are chosen. The effect is to make a paper without monotony, full of the best writings of the best writers in the college. While, without doubt, it is the business of the editors to fill their paper, yet a paper written every time by exactly the same persons, is likely to become monotonous. A double benefit accrues from contributions,—benefit to the paper and to the writer. So, if you have anything on hand worthy to see light, bring it in, and the ERA will do its best to help you to that fame which you merit.

IN view of the approaching Hallow E'en we would urge upon the attention of our fellow students the duties which they owe to the strangers within whose gates we dwell. On no other night in the year can the muscular young man cover himself with so many layers of glory. It is a duty which he owes his self-respect to lavish all his talents for decorative art upon the University buildings and especially upon the houses of the Professors. The chapel should be surmounted with sign-boards and the stock in trade of some dealer in clothing of the old school. The Anatomical Laboratory should furnish forth the telephone wires with skeletons and manikins *en dishabille*. Several dozen gates should be carefully dropped over Cascadilla bridge—on no account omit the gate act; Ithaca people would immediately suspect a moral interregnum. Several rounds of cannon should be fired under Uncle Josh's window, and a few wagons filled with trump-

ery should be gently started down Buffalo Street Hill. By far the most brilliant thing in this line that has happened in years was the burning of a hay-stack belonging to a poor man in the lower part of the town. This joke should receive an encore and owing to the remoteness of localities where hay-stacks exist it could easily be repeated with little fear of detection. Almost any one with a little practice in making mysterious noises will be able to decoy irate professors with pistols and misty-white garments into the open air under the impression that some one is making inroads upon their property. Their remarks upon such occasions are often intensely amusing. Freshmen should be early initiated into the guild. With proper attention to their duties they will have gained an enviable reputation among their fellows by the time they reach their senior year. Full directions for carrying into effect several excruciatingly funny jokes will be furnished upon application at this office. Publicity would destroy their tender bloom and familiarity with them would only inspire the Ithaca police with contempt.

THIS, what might be called isolated, life of the Cornell man, has a tendency which perhaps is not recognized, but which, nevertheless, exists. We live, not all together in dormitories, as at many colleges, but apart from one another, scattered over the hill-side and village. And this isolation conduces self-reliance and a spirit of independence. We were speaking not long since with a friend who observed the same thing. He was one well acquainted with representatives of many other colleges, but he seemed to think that the self-reliance and maturity of the Cornell man surpassed that of any other college man. While we would not be so arrogant as to claim this, yet the fact cannot be denied that, as a rule, the Cornell man is self-reliant and earnest. He is mature and alive to life's duties. Without doubt a great deal of this is due to the methods of instruction, and the instruction itself here, yet isolation of residence has much to do with it. Outsiders and entering men are frequently surprised to find that there are few "college larks" here; that student escapades are a rarity, and they complain of the dull life here. We were talking, lately, with a Columbia man, who imagined we had very gay and lively times here, and could hardly believe the truth. We

must confess that it is rather dull here. This is the result of our living apart from each other. Did we live in dormitories the case would be far different. As then there is less frivolity, and less of what is termed "college life" here than at other places, the student generally soon settles down, becomes grave and studious. He recognizes the responsibilities of life, and strives to prepare himself for them. We doubt if elsewhere the students so voluntarily load themselves with work as they do here. Although fifteen hours work a week is the maximum required, it is quite the exception to find a student taking no more than that. Twenty hours or more is nearer the rule. The students take more work because rows and sprees take less time, and rows and sprees do not occur, because it is so difficult to get the students together. It is the result of the system.

INTERCOLLEGIATE contests are necessary for the success of any college sport. Although class spirit is powerful in keeping alive interest, yet there is no doubt that class spirit is not all sufficient. Even in the universities where the classes are very large, it has been found that intercollegiate contests have been necessary to maintain athletic sports, and Mott Haven has been the result. Undeniably, athletics are here on the decline. Hardly within the memory of the oldest inhabitant of the University has there been a Field Day here. The last one was held a year ago last spring. Such a fact reflects greatly on the enterprise of the students. Such being the case, it is evident that the only way to resurrect the corpse of the Athletic Association is by entering into an Intercollegiate Athletic Association. This would give such an impetus to athletics here as would place them on a sound foundation. Class spirit here is not powerful enough to maintain the boating interest. Regattas seem to be a thing of the past. Gone and well-nigh forgotten. But our contests on the water with other colleges have preserved our interest in boating. Compete with other colleges in athletics and the same result would follow. It would then be held a high honor to represent the University, and the interest would soon revive. Then instead of having the miserably low standard which we have in athletics, we would have something to be proud of. We will not deny that some creditable records have been made in our Field

Days, but such are rare, and by no means the rule. An Association composed of the leading colleges of New York state would, under these circumstances be an advisable thing. It would be of benefit not only to us but to all the colleges engaged. The University from its rank and numbers is the one best fitted to begin a movement tending to the organization of such an association. We would suggest that for its formation, Syracuse, Madison, Hamilton, Union and Rochester be invited. As they are near neighbors such an organization would be practicable to all. We entered into a Base-ball League with these colleges a year ago last spring, but for reasons which it is not necessary to state the League was a failure. But the reasons which existed for the failure of the League do not exist with reference to athletics. This anyone acquainted with the inner workings of the League will easily see. Apparently there is no obstacle to the success of the Athletic Association.

As to the place of meeting, that could be either at some point central to all, or every year the place could be changed, making the circuit of all the colleges.

Such an association would have the result of cementing more closely the feelings of fellowship between us and the other colleges of central New York. We would become better acquainted with our neighbors, and they would come to know us better. We hope to receive favorable responses to this, our unofficial invitation. We would like to know the feeling of the colleges referred to on the subject. It is rather early, to be sure, to agitate the subject of a spring Field Day, but great movements like this require time, so we are not conscious of being premature.

A STORY FROM MY VACATION.

Now let it be understood at the outset, this is no love story. To be sure there is indeed a natural affinity between love and vacation. Still it is possible for a Sophomore on rare occasions to take a vacation without exercising the power, latent in him, of promiscuous "mashing." A Soph. is not always romantic, and on this occasion romance was as far from me as diamond rings are from a coal heaver. Possibly, too, there are some who have heard this story before. Well, if it is somewhat stale, let him recollect that a Soph. above all things, despises giving down anything fresh. But to the story.

About ten o'clock one night last July, our party of six gay Cornellians set sail in New York Harbor to go outside on a fishing excursion. We had the large sloop yacht "Commodore," manned by a crew of seven men including the captain and cook ("and a red hot cook was he"). It would have rejoiced a Professor of Freshman German to have seen the moon "*darüber stehen*;" and the eyes of the average collegian would have danced with delight to have seen the large quantities of lemonade liberally flavored with delicious "stick" disappear as quickly as a crowd at the foot of the stairs at room K. when the roll in Psychology is not called. The wind was strong "off shore" and the yacht flew over the waves like mad. With songs, dances, stories, we spent two jolly hours and then quietly dropped anchor in the "horse shoe" at Sandy Hook, within a stone's throw of the famous yacht "Columbia" on which the still more famous Lester Wallack was "sleeping the sleep of the innocent." Lester didn't seem to mind it at all, but on the contrary I guess rather liked it, for every half hour he had a man ring a gong, as a sort of salute, I suppose, to us. If it had been daylight no doubt he would have run up the Cornell colors, but—he didn't. We soon went to bed, but "alas! for the frailty of man," we couldn't sleep. Cause—Jersey mosquitoes. Of all things in creation a new Jersey "muskeeter" is the worst. It is even worse than a garrulous pun-making Freshman. It is estimated that there are ten millions of mosquitoes in New Jersey and that each one daily steals a drop of blood, and hence enough blood to make a good sized country river is daily taken from the veins of New Jerseymen. Is it any reason then that this State always goes Democratic at elections? Well, we lost several ounces of blood by these parasites, and then "guessed" we didn't want to sleep. So we, one by one, gathered about the mainmast on deck and gave ourselves up to ghost stories, practical jokes, still fishing, and, alas! for me, to smoking—which latter we had to do to drive off the mosquitoes. Now, I never smoked before this (I do now). At the time I enjoyed it immensely, and didn't get sick at all. Well, about half-past three a. m. the captain and crew appeared and we set out to get a big catch of blue fish. An early breakfast was soon taken care of, and an hour later the lines were all ready, and every man at his post, while our boat gracefully mounted wave after wave. This was fun, but soon the waves grew less boisterous and the dreaded swell came on, much to my discomfiture. I soon wished I hadn't smoked, for, very soon, I quietly stole off and had several realistic visions of certain cellar door experiences of my extreme youth. My, how the fishes did swim after us! and how gratified the boys did feel toward me for supplying large quantities of bait! At any rate "the fun was just beginning" for the Captain sung out "To your lines, boys.

There's a school of fish ahead and we're going through them." Every man, even including myself, grasped his line firmly, and every one was going to catch the first fish. But, alas, what little wind we had died out. We just drifted along and of course our lines sank down and we "didn't catch a — fish, dolo, dolo, roso etc." At least a half dozen times that morning we went through the same farce, and I got tired (?) so I laid down in the shadow of the sail and enjoyed myself in looking through a field-glass, now at Long Branch, and now at Rockaway, when the boat turned about. I had reclined there, first on my back and then on an empty stomach, for a couple of hours, and was almost happy, when suddenly the Captain called out, "There's a fish on that line." Well, as I had never been blue fishing before and so had never seen a blue-fish caught, I quickly started up to be "in at the death." When I reached the stern B— was pulling in a line for all that he was worth. Now surely the fun was beginning. When he had pulled it about half way in, I saw that it was my line which he was handling, and with that, I broke out with, "Look here, Freshman, that's my line. I guess I'll pull in my own fish," "all righty," said he meekly, "I only thought I'd do you a favor by pulling it in." Of course I thanked him and then assumed command myself. Gracious, how he pulled and jerked! And then it was mighty exciting to see him in the distance lashing the water into foam as I pulled him through every wave. Gradually he drew nearer, and gradually my excitement increased. Now I had him at the side of the yacht, and fearing lest I should lose him by allowing him to touch the side of the boat, I frantically begged the Captain to land him for me. He declined, saying, that if I lost him, it would teach me a good lesson for the future. Well, the boys gathered in a circle about me, and the cook was on hand to take him down below if I should get him. I made the effort and at once, there lay on deck—a beautiful, quivering, magnificent six pounder? No, only an empty champagne bottle, which the boys had tied to my line and then let out. It was tied with its mouth to the front, so that every wave would strike it in such a manner as to make one feel confident he had a fish sure. It is needless to say that now I felt sicker than ever. Still I afterward did catch the first fish, and after a three days cruise, we all came in with a fine catch, feeling all the more happy because of several such harmless practical jokes.

N. B. This is no fish story.

[We wish our readers to understand we do not at all vouch for the veracity of the above article.—Ed's.]

—A Freshman has at last come to the conclusion that the Signal station is "a lie and an abomination."

ANOTHER GENEROUS GIFT FROM HON. HIRAM SIBLEY.

Through the generosity of Mr. Hiram Sibley the department of Mechanic Arts is about to have a long felt want satisfied. When here last June, at the annual meeting of the Trustees, Mr. Sibley intimated that he might be called upon to give any financial aid necessary to supplying the requirements of that department. It has long been felt that a foundry for brass and iron casting was absolutely necessary and on Wednesday last during a flying visit here, Mr. Sibley authorized the erection of an addition to the Sibley Building to be used as a foundry for such purposes. The only condition made in regard to the gift was that all the bills should be sent to the donor. Designs in the rough have already been made and as soon as practicable work will be begun. The addition will be of stone—at first it was intended to be built of brick—and its dimensions will be 36x27 feet. As the gift includes the equipment of the foundry, every needed appliance will be bought. It is expected that the foundry will be ready for use by next spring, and henceforth instruction in founding iron and brass will be regularly given. Mr. Sibley has already proved himself, by his great generosity in times past a staunch friend of the University, and his quick response at the present time to the needs of the University, should cause every one connected with this institution to feel very grateful to him for his liberality.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.

Among the many valuable additions which are being made to other departments of the University, in the way of buildings and appliances, it is not, perhaps generally known among the students that extensive improvements are now going on in the Botanical Department. A pretty and quaint brick structure has been added to the wing constituting the southeast side of the quadrangle of Sage College, which has in the past served the uses of the Botanical Department. The room on the first floor, which has been used for a laboratory, will be connected by a long arch with a spacious and well lighted room in the annex, and these two will constitute the laboratory for special work. Upon the first floor there will also be an entrance and cloak-room for the ladies, an office for the instructor, and a hall and general entrance in a stair-tower on the southeast corner. The first floor will have ample space and appliances for twenty-five students. The entire space of the second floor will be used as a laboratory for students taking the general course. The room will be well lighted by windows on three sides, and on the west side will be connected by an arch with the Botanical Museum. The general laboratory will

accommodate sixty students. In the basement of the annex boilers will be placed for heating the building by hot water, and the remaining space will be utilized as a potting room. From the special laboratory you enter directly into the new conservatory, which will constitute an important feature of the improvements. The superstructure, which is now being built at Irvington-on-the-Hudson, will be entirely of glass and iron, and will come in sections, ready fitted. It will be divided into five houses. Beginning at the southern extremity, there will be first, the green house, north of this the conservatory proper, which will be much higher than any other part of the building, for the reception of tall plants and tropical trees. Beyond the conservatory will be the store-house—a room for plants requiring a special amount of heat. In the extreme north end of the building will be two large houses for propagating plants and flowers in quantities. The new buildings are progressing rapidly, and will be ready for occupancy by next spring. The plan of the annex was designed by Professor Babcock, and those of the conservatory by Lord & Burnham of Irvington. The interior arrangement of both buildings was planned by Professor Prentiss. The means, \$15,000, for the prosecution of the work is the gift of Hon. Henry W. Sage. The professor informs the writer that the buildings and equipments of the Botanical Department, when completed, will be the finest in the country.

A VISIT TO THE BADBEER BROTHERS.

Editors Cornell Era:

Being an old reader of your paper, I enjoyed unexaggeratedly "A visit to the Goodale Sisters," published in your last week's issue. Without daring to arrogate to myself an approachment or even an approximation to the literary genius of the writer, and with no ardency to compare this embryonic effusion with the fruition of the fertile imagination of the author, nevertheless I pensated that a colloquy between myself and the famous "Badbeer Brothers" would prove sufficiently harmful to your perusers to warrant my sending it to you.

"In punctuating the history" of the American Prize Ring, the exploits of these *frères* will doubtless hereafter make a dash. The latescent genius of these individuals will soon reach from pole to pole and in time will completely eclipse the Aurora Borealis, or any other seaport town, in brilliancy. "They are wonderfully and delightfully free from artifice" and always have had the reputation of hitting right from the shoulder. They are quite "unmarred by the morbid self-analysis," "melancholy introspection" and didactic characteristicity common to men of their class. "Quaint convolutions," "autorial somersaults," and "even mazes of 'ratiocination,'" are their big hold — below the belt.

"Moike" the elder now juvenates at the age of eighteen and his "mother feels that living in seclusion as they do" it is necessary to keep a fierce and "adolescent" poodle to guard their ranch from "barbaric grossness." "Moike" has "an unavoidable photographicness" but his brother seldom goes out into company. With a tender grace all his own, and acquired by a diligent study of Pilgrim's Progress he has become the wide known slugger that he is. I "investigated him rather cursorily" and "when the conversation fell upon" the neck of the Land League and wept, I felt myself in the presence of a mighty ossifier.

Dumnorix the younger is twenty-seven years of age in his stocking feet, and weighs fourteen stone plus twice the square of the other two sides. "But for the half farmerly shirt of coarse gray, he might pose effectively" for Uncle Josh or even the æsthetic Billy the Kid. "His brown hair falls in long locks over his neck" and knows no hint of hair-oil. "Rarified aspirations" and "metropolitanism" go far toward rendering his "verduous flanks," "bold spurs" and "soaring peaks" "omniverously" indifferent to "the extreme ordinariness" of the plausibility of human vacuosity.

Sty Farm (pig sty), the home of the brothers, is situated naively in the midst of the most *charmante* vistas, "and is approached by a sinuous avenue" of ash barrels and billy goats, besides women and children. The house, a delightful home on the corner of Mott and Baxter streets N. Y., is marked by an entire absention of Corinthian colonades or lem-onades.

When Mrs. Badbeer *entréed* into the room "a bizaare effect" was noticed immediately. "A potent medium of expression" illuminated the faces of Moike, and Dumnorix.

After exchanging the customary salutations of the day we engaged in a vehement discussion of the question "What does the people drink," and the whole conversation may be summed up as follows, viz.: Does they or doesn't they? Moike insisted that they does, basing his peroration upon the fact that we does drink something. Dumnorix, on the other hand, thought that any one who believes thoroughly in the principles of I does, thou does, he, she, or it does, we does, you does, they does, must be a does sort of a boy. Doesn't any one think so? Moike insisted on doeing, Dumnorix did not want to does. Finally I was forced to leave them pugilistically discussing, to does or not to does.

"The pretty demureness of the boys and the shyness which I like to think pure 'deviltry,' did not all leave them in a call of unconscionable (Oh Lord!) length and I was glad to leave them possessed to my memory, with just that haunting, impalpable coyness" including fifty cents for drinks.

"Tho' lost to sight to memory dear."

VARNA.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

The appearance of the *Emma Abbott Company* on Tuesday evening, in *Fra Diavolo*, was an event of peculiar interest to all lovers of the lyric stage. Long before the curtain was rung up a large audience had assembled.

The opera chosen was one of the lighter order like *Barber of Seville* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Miss Abbott herself states that she is never so pleased as when she assumes the role of Zerlina. The part is one peculiarly fitted to Miss Abbott's *petite* style, and the music required of her is adapted to her voice which in its higher notes is pure and sweet with perhaps a slight tendency to tremolo, while her middle notes have improved since last we heard her. Her Zerlina is one of her prettiest performances. She invests the character with all the poetry of which it is capable, and altogether makes a very pleasant impression. Miss Abbott's *tours de force* in florid passages are very remarkable and are accomplished with perfect ease and freedom. We admire Miss Abbott not only for the persistent manner with which she has devoted herself to the cultivation of her voice, not only for the marked dramatic and musical talents which she has, but for the pure, refined character and modesty which she possesses as a woman in private and stage circles and with which she characterizes all her performances. It is to be regretted and deplored that both upon the boards of lyric and pure drama there are those whose private life will not bear examination. Women, however, like Emma Abbott, Clara Louisa Kellogg and others stand out in bold relief to the many scarlet lettered women upon the stage. It is such as they who elevate the stage to its proper position in art.

Miss Abbott was known to many of us simply as a concert singer but she has for the past three or four years proved her capacities in *ensembles*. She has obtained through hard work and study the position which she deserves upon the Operatic stage, and which the public has accorded to her. While she has retained all of her old friends and admirers, she has added to her train many new ones. We are pleased at her success, and with the pleasure which she accorded to us.

Mr. Castle, in the title role, was in rather poor voice. He has lost a great deal of what was once his, yet withal he is rather a pleasing artist. His acting, as acting goes upon the lyric stage, we have no fault to find with. It is by far better than the general run of operatic talent. His voice, however, was husky and notably deficient in the upper register. In Paulina Maurel we recognize the lady who sang the part of the Gypsy Queen in the *Bohemian Girl* at the Fifth Avenue last winter. She is fairly good as Lady Allcash in all the musical requirements, but her stage presence is not good and her

acting rather indifferent. Mr. Stoddard as Lord Allcash was very good. He is not a bad actor and a very fair singer. We have not the space to give special mention to the rest of the cast, save one who stands out from among all the other gentlemen in the opera, as far their superior in both dramatic and musical talent: we refer to Mr. Conly as Giacomo. His certainly was the best performance upon the stage Tuesday evening. He adds to superior acting a rich, full, flexible basso. In opera, Whitney cannot approach him. For while he has an organ equal to Whitney's, he is a much better actor. There were several *encores* during the evening, but not one so heartily asked for and so evidently deserved. The solo in the third act was the *chef-d'œuvre* of the whole performance. The Abbott Company is stronger this year than ever before. The company has held together longer than any other in the country, and can be thoroughly relied upon by the public. Judging from the *personnel* and *repertoire* of the company, there is but little doubt as to its success.

Katherine Rogers who appeared in Ithaca last week, deserved far more support from the play-going public than she received. Her position as a star was thoroughly sustained in the rather difficult role of Clarice. As an emotional actress she was well sustained. In the third act she rose to the loftier and grander emotion of tragedy and depicted anguish and passion, reason struggling for a firmer foothold, and unrequited love with the bold, master strokes of an artist. Miss Rogers possesses real genius together with years of careful, well-directed study. Were she to appear here again in the legitimate drama we think that she would receive the attention which she well deserves. It was unfortunate that two such excellent performances as Katherine Rogers and Emma Abbott should follow so closely upon one another, for both were equally deserving of the people's patronage.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

A PLAIN TALE

[FOR BABES OF THE COURSE IN PRIM-ER.]

In eas-y words.

Once on a time there was* a king both brave and wise who held sway† in a big land.

He had won the skin of a ewe lamb from a large school while his pa still was. The school was on a high hill. It was a good school. There was a good Prex. too.

*TO PARENTS. *Lived* is the word commonly used in this connection we know, but it has two syllables.

†Sway means rule here. Some-times it is us-ed of a pen-du-lum such as all you children have seen in the old clock at home.

Which his name was Black. Ver-y Black.

Now this P. G.*rul-ed in a land of small men— all but babes in size. Yet they were wise. But they knew no words of more than one part†, and this was their boast. “We know no big words,” they would say, and then they would strut!

To be sure there were men who wist‡ not thus.

Bold and bad,§ they vile-ly taught that they should not mete|| words like K. Jean¶ by the yard.** But when these said that men should use the word that best shows what they mean with no thought of length, they spat†† and drave them with stripes‡‡ from the land.

The dwarfs§§ had one more odd way. They would say “The Cir-cus are to act” and “Boys is fresh” and “What do the Public know.”||| But the poor things had heard this at their ma’s knee¶¶ from way back, and knew no better.

You who read this prim-er should joy that you live in a time when such stains on your ma*** tongue are not.

And they said that no man should write what might not find out the mind of babes and did make a law a-gainst two part words. And it was so that they put on their black list, for that he had done not thus: Shakes-peare, for did he not write:

“my hand will rather

The multitudinous seas incarnadine?”

MACB. Act II. SC. II.

And Mil-ton too, did they ban for it is he who said:

“Bright effluence of bright essence increate,”

P. LOST B. III.

*Past Grinds.

†To GUARDIANS. Of course syllable is meant but your sweet dots would not understand.

‡This is not slang. It is used in holy writ. See numbers MDCCC LXXXV., v. 85.

§This is a college phrase. It is used of Fresh-men.

||Does not mean roast beef. Meas-ure is the i-de-a.

¶Not a girl. Full form; Ken-tuck-y Jean—makes tough clothes for you boys.

**The dunce will be wrong in think-ing this back yard.

††Not a co-ed pil-low fight.

‡‡These are of course the stripes which the “Star Spangled Banner” speaks of with the stars. You some-times sing this nice lay after pray-ers.

§§Small men—small as you may be.

|||The dwarfs would have spelled this *no*. It is short-er.

¶¶Do you of-ten go to *your* ma’s knee?

***It is no ma-ter, but this is short for mo-ther.

And Brown-ing; but of him did they quote all, yea, and Ten-ny-son:

“Barbarous opulence, jewel-thick.”

MAUD.

Lowell too:—“The spume-sliding decuman.”

CATHEDRAL.

And so did they all who wrote till there was no book that might be read by these dwarfs. For lo, did not all au-thors use words of two or twelve parts as might hap-pen, and did they cook pap for babes? So the minds of the dwarfs did starve. Yet could they still make their jests at what these poor dead (and liv-ing) dolts—yea and some men—had thought good writing and true. And be-hold this is not hard—to fools.

Then the King called them to him, and at their XLVIIth bow' he cried, “Go to!” And he taught them and said me-thinks you spat on the men wrong-ly. Write me now, six of you, a big book on all the plants¹ that are.

Then try they for XII terms* and when they couldnot they did shout as with one voice and bawl up. They cry “big words, words, words, words, words, big words,”† and their cry‡ is for the big words when they are the best§, and they have for-gat their past fol-ly.

But the P. G. King laugh-ed them to scorn and said “It was a great act.”

C. W. B.

¹Spok-en like a dog's bark; not as your big sister spells it.
²Does the people go to? The people does go to. (To teacher—prac-tica on this in concert is recommended.)

*For years.

†Their school y:ll.

‡Not your kind of cry when your ma ———.

§The best is th: cheapest.

WOODFORD SUBJECTS.

Besides the Woodford subjects before given, Prof. Shackford has announced the following addition to the list:

Schiller's, “Gods of Greece.”

The Conservation of Human Effort.

Antigone and Cordelia as Tragic Heroines.

Real and Titular Knighthip of Shakespeare.

The Changes in Ideals of Greatness and Heroism.

CORNELLIANA.

- Hallow E'en!!
- Indian summer.
- Is lawn tennis dead?
- No mortar boards yet.
- Will '83 have an "Ex?"
- The Glee Club boometh not up.
- Foot-ball to-morrow, '83 vs. '82.
- When is the grand cane rush to come off?
- Motto for Hallow E'en, "Who's afraid?"
- '82's class motto: "Multiply and replenish the earth."
- Prof. Roberts was able to meet his classes yesterday.
- Dr. MacKenzie had very large audiences last Sunday.
- It is about time to have the annual "long talk" by the President.
- The first dress parade of the batallion was held this afternoon.
- If there were printed tunes in chapel we might have better singing.
- Seats in rooms K and T have been newly numbered all around.
- Sunday is the popular inspection day of the several improvements going on about the campus.
- It is beginning to be suspected that the new lawn is not to be used as a Base-ball ground after all.
- During the week numerous repairs have been made in the culvert adjoining Professor Crane's house.
- Can't the doors of the chapel be opened earlier in the morning? Every Sunday somebody has to wait.
- A Sophomore says he wishes some person would endow his boarding house, and so make his life less miserable.
- '82 has not yet selected its class photographer. Too much delay at the present time will necessitate undue haste hereafter.
- The Jennie MacGraw Fiske Hospital will be situated on a knoll at the back of Sage, in what is now the University garden.
- Is it generally known that Cornell has a Fire Department of its own? Such is the fact, even if it doesn't have its annual parade, etc.
- A Rugby Foot-ball Association has been formed with the following officers: President, Marshall, '83; Secretary, Wright, '84; Treasurer, Moss crop, '85.
- A meeting of the Senior class was held to-day to elect a prophet and historian. The Juniors have

no V. P. and ought therefore to "go and do likewise."

—The *Brunonian* publishes in its issue of October 1st, a poem entitled, "The Clamor of the Clam." "The Roystering of the Oyster," will be next in order.

—As the lectures of Dr. Freeman will doubtless draw a large number of towns-people, seats will be reserved for the students. Tickets may be obtained at the Business Office.

—A rumor startled '85 considerably, that attendance at chapel would be compulsory upon Freshmen. One indignantly said he was "going right off to Harvard."

—Next Tuesday Dr. E. A. Freeman will begin his course of lectures at Library Hall. The general subject of the lectures will be the "Practical Bearing of General European History."

—A Freshman of last year in the final examination in Rhetoric, being asked to give the diminutive terminations, paralyzed the professor in charge by saying, "e-r, e-l, and — God knows what"

—Eleven cases of apparatus for the new physical laboratory have arrived. They comprise, however, only a small part of the instruments purchased in Europe by Prof. Anthony during the past summer.

—The reception given to President White by the ladies of Sage last Saturday was highly successful. A large company was present and the whole affair was characterized by an informality that was delightful.

—Little drops of water,

Oysters just a few,

Make the sloppy compound,

to the unhappy American public commonly known as oyster stew.

—A Freshman, named Hartzell, was so unfortunate as to lose his purse containing forty dollars. While out on the lake one day last week he left his coat in the boat house, a fact which some light-fingered person appreciated.

—The foot ball match last Saturday was witnessed by a large throng, and much enthusiasm was shown. The Field got the first two goals but Eighty-two, after a gallant struggle, succeeded in getting the three remaining ones and so won the game.

—Here are some bad Juniors in pyc,

Who often to "cut" do lyc

When they hear the roll call

They are soon in the hall,

But when the prof. skips it they pyc.

—Professor Geo. L. Raymond of Princeton, New Jersey, who is to occupy Sage Chapel pulpit next Sunday, although a stranger to most of us, brings with him a reputation for eloquence and scholarship which will guarantee him a hearty welcome from Cornell students.

—We hope that on Monday night no one will try to steal the army of cement barrels lying about the foundation of the new building, and make bonfires of them. Notice might as well be given right here that the campus will be patrolled by watchmen the whole night long.

—Again the ERA is called upon to chronicle another addition to the family of '82. At this truly alarming rate of increase, a baby show will not be without the range of possibilities of the near future, with a "Woodford" medal for the general excellence in squalling and bawling.

—The same fiend who last week made us speak of a "revulsion of public feeling in their favor," alluding to the crew, is responsible for Prof. Oliver's somewhat startling assertion that the Mathematical Department does *not* endeavor to carry out the spirit of certain University rules" etc.

—At Harvard they have an institution known as "The Harvard Legislature." We understand that steps are being taken toward the establishment of such an institution here, whose chief end shall be a discrimination of parliamentary law. Measures under discussion in Washington are to be debated. If a hall could be procured and bi-weekly sessions held, such meetings, properly organized with officers, clerks etc., would be a great help to every student at all interested in History and Political Science.

—The ERA in common with the students has noticed with regret the slipshod and careless manner in which the ushering is carried on in the chapel. Are the persons who stand at the door and gaze at those entering the chapel ornaments or for use? For ornament, we decide when we see ladies take decidedly inferior seats because these "ushers" do not know their business and act their part as becomes men. Let these statutesque ornaments be abolished and let us at least have the satisfaction of knowing that if good seats are not obtained it is our fault and not to be laid to the neglect of ushers (?)

—"The inveterate anti-Semite," is the new title which the *Jewish Messenger* gives to Professor Goldwin Smith, who, it says, is the one Englishman whose opinion of the Jews has ever been of a low order, and he does not seem to be able to form any better conception. To him Disraeli had no merit as a patriot or statesman—despite his baptism he was ever the Jew. The wisdom of Joseph in directing Pharaoh's government and in providing as he did for the impending famine, he ridicules as the device of a shallow speculator, bent on cornering the grain of Egypt.—*N. Y. Herald*.

—"What new thing will '83 do this year?" is the question that is frequently heard among the students. Will it be a ball or an "Ex" or what? The subject is now being talked of in the class, and

we can with safety predict that something will come of it, for '83 at Cornell is noted for not wasting energy in talk. The ERA, if allowed to speak its mind would advocate most strongly the holding of a class ball. The Navy is not in a very interesting position and its annual ball will probably be omitted this year. What better thing can '83 do than to step in right here and establish the custom of having Junior balls.

—President Hiscock of the Senior class announces the following committees: Class Day—J. A. Woodard, F. D. White, F. M. Catlin, F. Leary, Miss Thompson. Class Ball—S. P. Sears, F. Rackemann, C. G. Cole, R. C. Horr, E. Yeaw. Class Supper—H. P. Cushing, G. H. Wright, F. L. Brown, H. Krüsi, H. Collins. Class Prizes—I. P. Smith, R. W. McClelland, J. A. Reed, W. A. Kent, J. D. Adams. Class Statistics—H. M. Streeter, H. M. Dibble, A. T. Cowell, Miss Carlson, D. H. Pierce. Class Memorial—N. T. Horr, Miss Soper. Miss Curtis, A. E. Brunn, F. D. Chester.—Class Music—W. G. Rappleye, F. Suydam, F. R. Luckey, Miss Van Pelt, A. H. Cowles. Printing—J. F. Tuthill, F. B. Gill, M. S. Purdy, A. Blackstein, J. C. Wait. Class Photographer—R. W. McClelland, H. D. Schenck, M. S. Purdy, H. P. Cushing, J. D. Adams.

PERSONALIA.

PATCHIN, '84, was in town over Sunday.

HARRY GILLIG, formerly '80, is now a student at Harvard.

HILLS, '80, ex-ERA editor, paid a visit to Ithaca this week.

PROFESSOR GAGE went to New York last Thursday for a few days visit.

HUNTER, '81, is in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan.

G. H. PHELPS, '71, is engaged in a lucrative business in Boston, Mass.

WILLIAM T. MORRIS, '73, has been in town several days visiting Treman, '78.

VAN RENSSLAER, formerly '82, won two prizes at the Hobart Field Day last week.

FRANK M. TAYLOR, '72 is now pastor of an Episcopal church at Roundout, N. Y.

FRED. C. REED, '77, draws a large salary as manager of mining property near Salt Lake City.

HAMILTON, '84, was very severely shaken up by taking a "header" from a bicycle early in the week.

ANDREW B. CAULAWELL, '73, is surveying at Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the employment of the government.

ROBT. W. SCHUFELDT, '74, has recently been appointed Captain in the Medical Department, U. S. Army.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL, '79, sailed to China this past summer on business connected with the Methodist Mission at Peking.

T. L. MEADE, '77, has been visiting friends in the University this past week. He has recently purchased land in Florida expecting to plant the same with orange trees.

EXCHANGES.

During the past week we have received several of the monthly publications of other colleges.

The province of the college monthly is so distinct from that of the papers of more frequent issue, that to judge them by the same standard would be unjust. The editors have time for deliberate preparation of their matter, their more extended space permits the discussion of topics that would be inadmissible in the ideal weekly or bi-weekly, and we naturally expect a different class of mental pabulum than is to be found elsewhere. The average monthly treats its readers to a few rather extended articles on philosophical subjects, the class poem or prize oration is frequently met, there is a general summing up in a dignified manner of the news of the month, it condescends to clip from some of its most favored exchanges, and indulges in a few stately jests. Local news is seldom given at length, though the personal column receives its share of attention. While the youthful philosopher or critic, who assigns people and the products of their labor a proper niche in the temple of fame, may think his ideas of great weight in moulding public opinion, the ex-man, may be pardoned if, in consideration of the Herculean proportions of his task were he to read them all, he passes them by without comment for the lighter parts of the periodical.

One of the most interesting of these publications received during the week is the *Vassar Miscellany*. The two biographical sketches, "John Brown, the Hot-Headed Demagogue," and "John Brown, the Far-Sighted Patriot," which seems to be something after the manner of a debate, are written in a bright attractive style. "De Tempore et Moribus" is a pleasing novelty. The young ladies view life in "male colleges" with a mixture of curiosity, ignorance and assumed knowledge that is quite amusing, as is shown by the "Editors Table." They evince the same mercenary spirit that characterizes their masculine cotemporaries, in appreciating a full page "ad" more than a literary gem. The editorials are of unusual interest to outsiders,—a rare merit. Speaking of a meeting of the Philaethan Society the editors remark:

"The crown of the evening's pleasures was the surprise given by our Lady Principal, who knows the way to the Vassar girl's heart,—a fact proved by the emphatic exclamations of approbation of her which were sandwiched in between mouthfuls of delicious ice cream and cake. When the Glee Club struck up,

'Here's to Miss Goodsell,
Drink her down,
Here's to Miss Good-well,
She has treated us so well.'

we feel sure that the lemonade was drunk down with the heartiest of good wishes for our new Lady Principal."

We are confident that the *Vassar Miscellany* will be a favorite with the frequenters of our exchange table in the Assembly Room.

We had hoped that the necessity for referring to the fiasco of last summer in these columns was past, but the many unjust sensational comments of the college and secular press that have recently been made, prompt us to again ask for fair treatment. The *New York World* says that we have no sense of shame, and that the advice, so freely offered us to hush up the scandalous record made by our rowing representatives abroad, has been disregarded. As though it lay within the power of Cornell's three publications to check the influence of the sensation seeking papers throughout the country in circulating all sorts of absurd statements. We thank the *World* for its implied compliment, but the task imposed is too great. The *ERA* has repeatedly urged the necessity for a thorough investigation of the charges against Mr. Shinkel, that the blame may be laid upon those by whom it is deserved. Until such investigations are held and the truth made evident to all, we shall be open to unfavorable criticism from all sides, and, judging the future by the past, it will not be lacking. We publish the following from the editorial columns of the *Syracusan* as being the fairest and most sensible view of the action of the press, that has come under our observation:

"The great college topic in the newspapers during this summer was Cornell's boat crew. The Cornell boys sent them to Europe with the honorable and patriotic intention of 'laying out' the effete monarchs of the old world and adding lustre to their name. To do this they probably sacrificed a large slice of their spending money and pawned their winter ulsters. The American press patted the boys on the back, called them "plucky dogs," and wished them good luck. But for some reason or other the good luck did not come. Perhaps better crews were matched against them; or a run of ill-fortune occasioned defeat—either would be very probable; or perhaps it was something else. At any rate, they bring back no cups, and then what a shower of satire and abuse is heaped upon them from Yankee Dan to Texan Beersheba! O, Humanity, how our enlightened press does love to whack a man when he is down. But Cornell has characteristically managed to secure a vast amount of gratuitous advertising."

The last number of the *Harvard Advocate* contains a very interesting little sketch, "Not English," a very Socratic "Conversation," and "Skeleton Leaves" that will fill the heart of the college editor with gratitude to the inventor of that labor-saving process of manufacturing editorials. The method is similar to that practiced by V. Hugo Dusenbury, P. P., which being interpreted signifies professional poet. The *Advocate* is one of our most readable exchanges.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—There was an old Turkistan Bey
Who said, "Come drink, *s'il vous plait*,
And if you don't do it
You surely will rue it."
And was answered, "Thanks, not to-day."
—*Dartmouth.*

—"How, and how only," said the Sunday-school teacher, "can you explain this remarkable passage over the sea by Peter?"
Little Tough (who is up on swimming terms):
"He was probably 'treading water,' ma'm.—*Argo.*
Fresh—"May I have the pleasure?"
Miss Society—"Qui."
Fresh—"What does 'we' mean?"
Miss S.—"O, U and I!"—*Trinity Tablet.*

—Two Freshmen rooming together observe the strictest formality in all their intercourse. When one turns over in bed he says, "Sam, excuse my back." Sam replies, "Don't mention it, the pleasure is mine."—*Dartmouth.*

—Let the star of America twinkle,
Though her fame as a rower is dull;
'Tis all on account of one Shinkel,
Who bartered for money his scull.
Where now are his boasts as a yeller?
The voice of his college is dumb.
He's no longer a yell of a feller,
Though they say he's now on his way hum.
He thought he was up to a wrinkle,
This youth who all honor defied,
When he fainted away like poor Winkle,
While cutting along with the tide.
Let the star of America twinkle,
Her honor shall yet be regained;
We shall send forth a crew without Shinkel,
And then shall our fame be maintained.

—*Am. Queen.*

—The "utterly ut." kind of talk has infected the street gamins. One of them, after picking up a cigar stump of more than usual fragrance, exclaimed to his friend, "Jack, this is quite too positively bully!"

—"Snippe," said one of our editors to another the other day, "Why is a Freshman's upper lip like Banquo's ghost?" "Give it up," said the other E. "Why, because it will not down." Funeral at 11 to-morrow.—*Acta.*

QUERIES.

Why was Michael Strogoff?
How did they Mark Anthony?
What was it Daniel Drew?
Who trod on George Francis' train?
What is Moses King of?
What was it Vanderbilt?
—*Lampoon.*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

—Call at Melotte's Dental Office and save your teeth. Prices reasonable.

—Students will find the best assortment of Blank Books and Fine Stationery, at Miss Ackley's News Emporium.

—Students can buy Note Books, Scratch Tablets, Stationery, Pencils, Pens, Ink Stands, Drawing and Detail Paper, Waste Paper Baskets, Book Shelves, Picture Frames, &c., &c., very cheap at Bool's Fine Art and Variety Store, at Culver's old stand, East State Street, Ithaca, N. Y.

—Dr Howe has the finest Dental Rooms in the city. They are supplied with all the aids to excellent and satisfactory dental work that science and skill have yet devised and perfected. Without taking space to describe the office and its outfit in detail we will close this brief article by simply suggesting that any of our readers who desire to see a well-appointed dental establishment should visit I. r. Howe's. Of the Dr.'s skill it is unnecessary to speak. His experience extending over more than a quarter of a century, is the best compliment that can be paid him. Engagements made by telephone.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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IN a mouse-to-the-lion kind of way, we would suggest that our President soon deliver to the students his "annual address." We but echo the sentiments of every loyal Cornell heart when we say that more high resolutions are formed and better ideas of our student duties gained from the single address annually delivered by our President than from six months of sermons at Sage Chapel.

The Senior class is the only one now in the University which has enjoyed the privilege of listening to an address of President White's directed to students. Those who listen to his lectures cannot fail to profit by the lessons there taught, but these lectures do not reach all students. The underclassmen whose college habits are unformed, who have no very definite idea of a college education, who need just such advice as our President knows so well how to give, are practically, beyond the pale of his direct influence. It is more especially for the benefits that will accrue to the under classes, but also for the pleasure that all will feel in listening to such an address as those given in former years that we ask for the customary "President's talk."

THE ERA, in common with all friends of the University, has seen, with surprise and regret, the abandonment of the Glee Club by its members. College songs are among the pleasantest remem-

brances of college life. They linger in the memory long after college days are over and calculus and Greek roots forgotten. We sincerely regret the fact that anything tending to popularize college songs to so great an extent as the Glee Club should be discontinued, not through lack of interest on the part of its members, but through lack of substantial support. Perhaps, the financial success of the Club might be better assured by lessening the number of singers and so, the expenses. Perhaps, its financial success is already assured, should it be organized anew. Ithaca people have kindly patronized the concerts given in the past, and would undoubtedly lend their support in the future. There is little question in regard to student patronage, which, though never very generous, has been satisfactory, being divided, as it always has been, among a number of objects. In neighboring cities the Club has won many words of praise, which is often equivalent to securing audiences for a second performance. Sporting interests for the year are preparing to hibernate; and, during the winter, the time of all times best suited for the purposes of the Glee Club, there will be no Navy subscriptions, no base ball subscriptions, and the student patronage will naturally turn in the direction of the vocal talent of the University.

IT is very gratifying to us to note the increased interest in foot-ball this term. Already a finely contested game has been played, that between '82 and the University which was decided only after five goals had been kicked. To-morrow is the date appointed for another grand game, that between "odd" and "even" classes, according to Rugby rules. The students have generally taken the advice of the ERA, and on drill days after drill the number engaged in the game is very large and some fine sport has been enjoyed. With this advance in the foot-ball interests, it is but natural that steps should be taken in the right direction, namely, the establishment of the Rugby game. Unquestionably this will meet with great opposition, and, perhaps, from some of our best players, but nevertheless the movement should

be vigorously pushed. It is unnecessary to speak of the advantages of the Rugby game over the Cornell game. Any one at all conversant with the two methods of playing will readily acknowledge that the Rugby game is decidedly superior. We are ashamed that the game is comparatively unknown here. It is a reproach to the University. We can never hope to meet other colleges so long as we cling to the old Cornell game. It is true that the Rugby rules require time and patience to be learned, and that they must be thoroughly learned, so that one will follow them unconsciously while playing, but when once learned, the beauties of the game will be readily perceived. There is no more excuse for our continuing to play the old game than for persisting in rowing in old and discarded forms, in old-fashioned and heavy boats, with stationary seats and oars no longer in use. Just because we are accustomed to the old game and it comes easier to us to play, it is a puerile excuse for neglecting Rugby. As to the comparative roughness of the two games, although our foot-ball men take that very little into consideration, it may be said that the old game is just as dangerous as the Rugby game.

We have waited until now before expressing our opinion on the advisability of introducing Rugby that we might give the matter due and careful consideration. We have learned the opinions of many of the players and have reached the conclusion that it would not only be wise but quite practicable. We understand that over fifty have signified their willingness to do their best to establish Rugby on a firm basis, and, with such a start, surely the movement should succeed. To introduce it, however, it is not necessary to abandon the old game. Let the old game hold its own, if it can. If its merits can keep it alive, let it exist. But let the matches be played according to Rugby rules. This, of course, would necessitate practice with that method. There is no need to kill the old game, only give the new one a chance.

CORNELL students are not good singers. This well known and humiliating fact may be accounted for by various theories. There are probably as many good singers among our number as are usually found in a body of four hundred young men. Yet these are so infrequently together where

it is desirable to lift their voices in sweet harmony, there are so few songs that are distinctively our own, that when such an occasion does occur, the result, as might be expected, is a lamentable failure. Even the bands of singers that made night musical a few years ago, have no successors. Perhaps the quiet-loving citizens of Ithaca and the vigilant and discriminating guardians of their peace, are responsible in a measure for this. However, if there were a proper love for college songs among the students themselves, means could easily be found to circumvent the "peelers." The distance of the campus from the dwellings of most students prevents congregating there in the evening, as is the practice at many Universities. "Zinckies" and "Charlies," have served this purpose with some, but their day of usefulness is past, perhaps happily. Where, then, shall be the rendezvous at which the musical or patriotic may gather, to sing the praises of Alma Mater or perpetuate in song the deeds of some unusually brilliant class, '83 for instance? The boat house is hardly available. Military Hall is rather gloomy and its furniture is at present not particularly inviting, though perhaps it might be utilized. As these are the only rooms belonging to the students except those upon the campus, we confess that the question would be a poser but for one thing. This last resort is Sage Chapel, and this brings us to our text. Yes, fellow students, there you will be heartily welcomed. Two receptions are given each week. Your presence is especially desired if nature has gifted you with musical ability, even the most meagre, if she has not at the same time afflicted you with so much modesty or indifference as to render your talents of little use to yourself or your fellow men. Another point, it will not detract at all from your dignity to occasionally favor these Chapel services by your presence and assistance. It would certainly be inspiring to the clergymen who address the students from the pulpit of Sage Chapel, and they would carry away a pleasanter recollection of Cornell and her students, if before and after their sermons the Chapel rang with glorious old hymns sung as only students can sing them, and as these clergymen represent the best and most advanced religious thought of the day, their good opinion is worth having. We could sing if we would but make the effort. The effort would be

easier and success more certain if the music as well as the words were furnished. The attention of the committee having such matters in charge has been called to this omission before in the columns of the ERA, but hitherto no effect has been produced. Now that the enlivening influence of the President is felt in all departments and in even the smallest details, we hope soon to see this defect remedied, and better chapel music in the future than has been known in the past. The leader's voice, though unusually sweet and clear, is not sufficient to enable any but the most experienced to follow. Music with the words in the hands of each one would obviate this difficulty to a great extent.

THIS time it is the town's people. Why, we would like to ask are they allowed to monopolize the best seats at Dr. Freeman's lectures to the exclusion of students? With a lamblike simplicity that is positively touching we had imagined that tickets to the lectures meant reserved seats. We were of course, mistaken. A series of lectures is delivered for students to which town's people are admitted as a special favor, but with a foresight as remarkable as the selfishness that prompts it they rush to the hall long before the opening of the lecture to secure the most desirable seats. Students have something better to do than to occupy chairs in Library Hall for an hour before lectures, yet it seems that they must do so in order to obtain even moderately good sittings. We don't expect this injustice to be remedied. We merely wish to show our feeling in the matter—to enter one protest at least, before the University authorities relinquish all our rights to the people of the town.

While our gloves are off we would also like to inquire why students are not supplied with President White's syllabus before the omnipresent town's people. Even if these syllabi are the gift of our President, there is no less reason why we should not be supplied first. If they were sold at a good round price, Ithaca people might wallow in syllabi without a word of comment from us, but, in that event, we imagine the monopoly would be on our side, that fewer Ithacan hands would be graced with a copy of "Outlines of Lectures on Modern History."

—Professor Goldwin Smith seems to be making quite a noise in the Old Country.

LICENSE OR NO LICENSE.

At a comparatively recent period the citizens of Ithaca and, in an indirect way, the students connected with the University, were much agitated over the "License Question." Many meetings were held, public attention was thoroughly aroused, and the result was a pronounced victory for the No License Party. The ERA at that time refrained from commenting on the subject respecting the evident distaste with which such comments would be received either by one side or the other. Now that the smoke of battle has blown away, that the heated ardor of factions has become cooled, and the mind, undistracted by the shouts and harangues of partisans, is better able to calmly judge the matter, the ERA takes its stand firmly and decisively, in such a way that no misunderstanding can consider us as holding that extremely conservative but distracting position to the mental equilibrium, of a roost on the fence.

In coming to this decision, the matter has been considered from every conceivable standpoint, first from one side and then from that directly opposite, and the judgments obtained have been invariably on the same side of the question. True, it may be said that there may have been a general leaning toward this side, that early training may have gradually warped the judgment and biased the opinion, but in defence it can be asked would it be likely that with the definite desire for perfect fairness, for the same result to be obtained in every instance? Such being the case, a charge of unfairness could hardly be substantiated, although a doubt as to the matter might cling almost unreasonably in the reader's mind. All that can be asked, all that is asked is a suspension of judgment until the ERA's position is clearly defined and fairly understood and appreciated. To appreciate this position the reader must for the time assume the attitude of perfect neutrality.

Having prepared the readers to a certain extent for the coming declaration and definition of position, the ERA with no hesitancy pronounces itself as now and ever for "License." Doubtless the exponents and supporters of "No License" are immediately in arms in defence of their pet project which now judging from effects, is the popular one. While on the other hand, those with whom the ERA has joined hands in this issue feel a certain exultation that their view of the question has been reached by careful, painstaking and exhaustive consideration of the facts of the case. How this decision has been reached it would probably here be the place to explain, but to define clearly and state successively all the various stages of reasoning gone through with in the arrival to this opinion would be tedious and wearisome. Hence the reader is spared this ordeal for such we take it, it would be. A statement of the very basis of the train of reasoning will therefore

be the only explanation indulged in and it is to be hoped that the reader, taking the same foundation for his thought, will arrive at the same conclusion.

This fundamental thought has been the development of character when the individual meets the responsibilities of life by himself, when he copes with temptations with his own manliness as a protection, when in his own strength he sees himself as he is. What a grand thought it is, the gradual growth toward perfection of a soul in itself! With this basis the ERA's train of reasoning has established the fact in its own mind, that by "No License" manhood is cut off from a grand opportunity to assert its nobleness, to show that the allurements of the Evil One have no effect upon a heroic nature; and on the other hand with free "License" all of a man's latent power is developed, his character is firmly and fixedly established and his breadth of thought becomes widened. With "License" his is no longer a frightened cringing character, not daring to beard the lion; a servile, weak, effeminate spirit that needs but to suspect the presence of danger to flee like a coward, but a grand, noble and fearless soul. With this explanation of its position, the ERA leaves the matter, trusting that its readers will judge the matter on the same broad basis of reasoning, and arrive at the same opinion.

N. B.—Lest any misapprehension should arise, it will probably be well to state that we refer to "Poetical License."

HALLOW E'EN.

A POEM IN NINE CANTOS.

CALLIOPE.

The Gate.

Who stole the gate?
 "I," said the Soph.,
 I lugged it off,
 And so stole the gate."

TERPSICHORE.

The Chase.

Who chased the boys?
 "I," said "Sib." Bill,
 Whin they kim up the hill,
 I chased the bys."

THALIA.

The Fire.

Who built the fire?
 "I," said the match,
 "When me they did scratch,
 I built the fire."

EUTERPE.

The Bridge.

Who blocked the bridge?
 "We," sounded the ranks,
 "With a lot of new planks,
 We blocked the bridge."

POLYHYMNIA.

Uncle Josh.

Who tied Uncle Josh?
 "We," cried a large crowd,
 "And laughed very loud,
 We tied Uncle Josh."

CLIO.

The Donkey.

Who stole the donkey?
 "We," said the whole herd,
 "And 'mum is the word,'
 We stole the donkey."

ERATO.

Destruction.

Who razed the awning?
 "We," answered 'the boys,'
 "Though it made a big noise,
 We razed the awning."

MELPOMENE.

Misfortune.

Who cut his foot?
 "I," said a Soph'more,
 "And made them all roar,
 I cut my foot."

URANIA.

Espionage.

Who took down the names?
 "I," said the P. G.,
 "For I came to see,
 I took down the names."

THEORETICAL VS. PRACTICAL.

THEORETICAL.

The following rules were made by the University trustees with regard to Professor Freeman's lectures:

1. The tickets will not be sold, but distributed to persons connected with the University, and to others who may apply for them, in the order of their application.

2. Seats will be reserved for persons connected with the University up to five minutes before eight

o'clock; at that time all vacant seats will be open to all persons in the hall.

3. As soon as the lecturer begins to speak, the doors will be closed; and no person will be admitted afterward.

4. The lectures begin at eight o'clock precisely.

PRACTICAL.

1. Students are advised to be on hand at five o'clock that seatings may be secured.

2. Seats will be reserved for anybody who may apply for them, town people of course getting the preference.

3. Students are by no means to think that Dr. Freeman was engaged for their edification. Not at all; the special object in view is to show that Ithaca people are capable of appreciating the efforts of a man of the lecturer's repute and not that students who pay tuition may receive benefit in their intellectual development.

4. "Seats will be reserved for persons connected with the University up to five minutes before eight o'clock;" that is if no town people happen to come in and thereby give the ushers an opportunity to show how the thing is done.

5. The tickets will not be sold but if you only know how to do it, you can get as high a number as thirteen. (But don't give it away.)

6. Students and indeed all, susceptible to female charms, are advised to bring their girls around, yes bring around all your girl's family. There may be a few students who have not the time to be refined, as it were, and by poring too late over their next day's recitation work can not gain admittance in time to obtain a good seat.

7. Children's night will be announced from the signal station. Look out for signal for squalls.

SIBLEY BILL AND THE CIDER RAID.

Last Saturday night about twelve o'clock a mighty horde of Hillians and a few invited guests started for Free Hollow on a Cider Raid. All the necessary implements for such an expedition were taken along, and, consequently, quite a din was heard in the land. After spending a few hours among the shades of that delightful summer resort, and, after having filled their horns and themselves with cider, the jolly throng turned toward home. It is needless to say that they were happy in the extreme, and felt like serenading most anybody. In the course of time they approached the palatial residence of Sibley Bill, and serenaded that æsthetic gentleman in a most enthusiastic manner. His Majesty soon appeared, and "made 'em a spache." Of course, like the *N. Y. Herald*, the ERA has a reporter everywhere, and, hence, we are enabled to present the "spache" to our readers:

"Well, byes, I'm obliged to yez. I kinder

loike the general way the mibbers of the present Freshman class"—"Hold on, Bill," said one, "we're not all Freshmen." "Well, byes," said Bill, resuming, "I mane to say I loike the dacent paccable way you go around serenading us offishals of the University. (cheers). Phwat shall I spake to yez about?" "The Hyperbation of Mental Scintillations," cried a voice. "Get out wid yez, ye blackguard." Another suggests the subject of Bill's views in reference to the present financial condition of the University, and also to the department of Mechanic Arts. "Well, byes," said Bill, "since Prsident Whoite got back, him and me has been looking round quite a bit, (cheers) and we've kim to the conclusion that Mechanic Arts is a boss course, (cheers) and the Prsident and me are sorry, whin we wint to college, (loud hurrahs) no sich course was provided for students. In my capashity as general noight suprintendhent (tremendous howls) of the course, I may say the whole course is doing well." (loud applause). "Will she be likely to get over it, Bill?" said one. "Are any more of the family down with the same complaint?" cried another. "Do you suppose that you'll pull the old man through?" from another. "How about the Land League, Bill?" "Well, I'm inclined to think the Land League 'must go.' I'm sorry, but whin Mr. Gladstone writ me about it, I advised him to let her sloide, altho' it might disturb the nixt potatoe crop, and I'm glad to see he did as I wished." "Let's see the letter," cried the crowd. "Now, see here, byes, doan't yez know that it would disturb the peaceful relations of my family, if I should show yez that. My old woman kapes it as an heirloom, and so I can't give it to yez." "Bill, did you leave Irel—, I beg pardon, I mean, Scotland because there were no Sunday Schools there which taught and believed in the parable of G. Washington and his hatchet?" "Give down your literary views of English Literature," cried a "literary cuss" from the rear. "Well, by me sowl, I don't know who's my favorite pote. I used to loike Josh Billings (cheers) till, when I was offered the Chair of Devotional Poetry at a neighboring college, I studied up Lord Buyrn, and then I loiked him best. Me prisint favorites now are the very famous Goodale Sisters. (Cheers loud and prolonged.) Byes, I loike poetry. It's good, but yez can't live on it. Banes is better, whin you're hungry, and (here he smiled,) cider is better whin you're thirsty."

"Bill, how about the report of Prsident Arthur offering you the position of Secretary of the Treasury?" cried a deep, round voice in the foreground. "Whisht," said Bill, "is there any reporters wid yez?" "No," every one cried. "Then," said he, "don't give it away, but Prsident Arthur wrote me axing me did I know any one, for example, who wud take the job. I wrote back, saying I might do it myself, if there weren't too many

chores, such as clanein' lamps, bringin' in water and the loike, to be done. He wrote back sayin': 'I miscomprehended the duties of the place a little, but still felt sure I could fill the *bill*.'" "What with?" said a voice. "Cider, anyhow, if nothing more," said Bill with a wink. "But to continue," said Bill, "I must acknowledge I did'nt fale aqel to the position, and so I got a frind to write him a noice soothin' sort of a letter, saying that me woife's health would'nt permit me takin' the place. I was sorry to dishappoint him, but to till yez confidentially, the rale rason was that we both thought the salary was n't large enough to kape up the sthyle we'd bin livin' in. Now, byes, don't let any newspaper git hold o' this. I make yez all a sort of confidenshul clark." (Cheers.) "How about the weather, Bill?" "Now, byes, while there's very few things worth knowing that I don't know, I must say I niver yit made a spache in public on the weather, and furthermore, I doan't nevir intind to aythur. Well, I must bid yez all good noight, and I thank yez for your kindness, and must say I loike your 'pretty demureness' very much. Good-night."

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editors Cornell Era :

It is the unanimous verdict of the class in English Prose, with one exception, that the communication which appeared in print on Monday, was wholly unjust, and misrepresents the sentiments of the class in regard to this exercise.

We agree with the correspondent in regard to the importance of the exercise, and we think that the methods employed recognize this importance. The statement of the anonymous correspondent was a gross injustice, both to the Professor in charge and to the class in general. We pass over the part which speaks of the attempts on the part of the Senior members of the class to "impress the underclassmen with their immense knowledge and smartness," and "their privilege to embarrass and poke fun at their less wise brethren," as puerile and unworthy of notice. But we call attention to the statement in regard to correcting the views of the Professor in matters of history and literature, the disorder of the class, and the time taken up by members of the class in their speaking.

The first of these so-called "opinions" of the correspondent is totally uncalled for. As stated by the Professor himself, each member of the class has a personal right to his opinion upon the subject he has studied. The Professor, as he has said, has no intention to assume the position of autocrat, but simply expresses his views, and leaves to every member of the class the right to choose for himself, assuming that each is old enough and strong enough to think independently. As to the disorder of the class, we are of the opinion that the correspondent's

imagination has been abnormally enlarged to have seen anything that could be called disorder. The true responsibility of giving attention lies with the class itself, and not with the Professor.

The third and last "reform" the correspondent would advise, in his own "opinion," is that of curtailing the time of the members of the class in speaking. This, however, is a matter that will regulate itself. If one of the class has anything to say he is welcome to the attention and time of the class while he is speaking. If, on the contrary, a member is poorly prepared, he will gain an indifferent hearing.

To sum up. The exercise is attended to by the student. The Professor could himself in much less time and more thoroughly, impart the same amount of information. But this exercise is one in which the members of the class do the work. It is a rhetorical exercise, not a lesson in philology; and the student is himself to hunt up his authorities, form his own opinion, and express that opinion in the best English he can command. In our opinion, the Professor has allowed no more freedom than ought to be allowed to gentlemen and scholars.

SECTION IN ENGLISH PROSE.

OBITUARY.

HENRY A. WINGATE, '77.

On the 22d of last July, Henry A. Wingate, formerly of the class of '77, died of typhoid fever at Memphis, Tenn., where for the past year or two he had been holding a position in a bank.

Mr. Wingate left college at the close of his Junior year. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi society, and was a great favorite among the students generally. Every one who knew him describes him as genial, frank, manly, and possessed of great earnestness and thoroughness in every thing he undertook. Since he left college, by ambition, and trustworthiness he had acquired the entire confidence of his superiors in the bank, and still further promotion in the fall awaited him. He died at the early age of twenty-five, mourned by a large circle of friends.

MRS. B. P. MACKOON.

Last Saturday afternoon the wife of Professor MacKoon died of quick consumption, in Auburn, at the residence of her father, Ex-Mayor McCrea, of that city. For a long time she had been delicate, and especially so since the death of a little daughter last July. After this sad affliction, she went to the sea shore in search of health, and later to her father's house. Her death, although not unlooked for, came very unexpectedly. Professor MacKoon, in this second affliction, of the year, has the profoundest sympathy of many friends.

CORNELLIANA.

—“Where's the donkey?”

—“Were you there?” “Were you?”

—Gladstone to Parnell, “Cork, Ireland.”

—The Seniors are cutting Woodford timber.

—'83 plays five six-footers in her foot-ball team. ♣

—Who ever heard of its storming on a Hallow e'en night?

—Professor MacKoon will meet his classes again on Monday.

—Steps are being taken toward resurrecting the old Chess Club.

—There is some talk of another, and a larger cider raid very soon.

—Where is the Rifle Association, also, the Hare and Hounds Club?

—Uncle Tom's Cabin, next Friday night the 11th, by the Stevens' troupe.

—A Soph. translated: “*tout cassé que je suis*,” “how I am all broken up.”

—About as gloomy a place as can be found is the Library on a dark morning.

—The Geological excursions down the lake have been very profitable to the students.

—The ground chosen for the Rugby game seems to be like the game—a little too rough.

—“One, two, three! over she goes. Try it again. One, two, three, oh, Lord, my foot.”

—Next Thursday night the celebrated New Orleans Minstrels appear at Wilgus Opera House.

—A Freshman wants to know if Rover, Dr. Wilder's dog, is in the department of Natural History.

—Prof. Corson will resume his readings on the first Monday evening after Dr. Freeman closes his lectures.

—Last Monday night a couple of canes changed hands after quite a severe struggle in front of the post-office.

—The Sage Glee Club has not serenaded us yet. The beer will be ready whenever they choose to come around.

—We won't mention names, but a prominent restaurant downtown, was decorated Hallow E'en with the sign, “Vienna stakes a la Shinkel.”

—All interest in boating seems confined to the Freshman class. A fine six has been formed, and interest, together with improvement is reported.

—It is currently reported that Law, '84, climbed the Rugby poles and placed the wire on them. We think the poles are strong enough to bear the strain.

—A letter came to us the other day addressed to the “Man, CORNELL ERA.” It is needless to say that every editor immediately claimed it as his own.

—The reception rooms at Sage have been refitted we understand. That's right, let the good work continue. We'll call around when the sofas are put in.

—A large glass plate of an electric generator received last week was broken on the passage here. Probably it can be replaced by a new one from New York.

—Ely '83 has presented to the Geological Department, a large quantity of rare minerals, appropriately classified, from several mines in Michigan, with which he is connected.

—At a boarding house the other day a young lady was heard to say: “How homesick I am!” The other boarders knew the reason when they saw her dive into the beans.

—The papers placed in the Assembly Room are to be read there and not to be taken to lecture rooms to keep students from yielding to the soporific influences therein felt.

—Two Professors, following in the trail of the marauders last Monday night, narrowly escaped the vengeance of the irate proprietor of the meat market at the head of Buffalo street.

—Several students have been cordially invited to replace the wooden awning at the butcher shop on Eddy street. Probably the invitations will be accepted, merely as friends of the family.

—The *Ithaca Journal* is authority for the statement that the salaries of the Professors have each been raised \$250. We are authorized to state that this is true, if the *Journal* did say so.

—Indian summer! Good weather for foot-ball, base-ball, cider mills, chapel going, serenading, Hallowe'ning and sparking. This is meant, however, as a warning to the inmates of Sage.

—A “drink up your beer” Y. M.

A “feel kind of queer” Y. M.

A “how do you do?”

And “how are you?”

“Don't come quite so near” Y. M.

—Some careless person persists in leaving the base-ball bats out of doors, after using them. It is but a step to the Assembly Room, and there should be no reason for not taking them there where they belong.

—In sports, '83, as a class, has only taken a back-seat in foot-ball, and there is a strong feeling that by an effort, such as '83 alone can make, the Juniors may come to the front in this, their last world to conquer.

—There was a queer girl an Albino.
She would never drink aught but Rhine o!
Her hair became blue
And awfully few.

“What was the reason?” “damfino!”

—It has been suggested, and justly we think, that should the young library assistant show less interest in foot-ball and pay more attention to business, there would be less discontent with the management of affairs there.

—It is currently reported that several Freshmen have got to the point of "knowing all about drill," and are decidedly indifferent to the commands of their superiors. This won't do. Pride will have a fall if they keep on.

—There was a young man from Owego
His full name was J. Abednego
He got on a bum,
The "cops" took him hum,
But he continually howled "O lemme go!!"

—During the summer, Professor Gage was working very hard to get out the "Guide to Practical Work in Anatomy," by Professors Wilder and Gage. The new book is widely used, and is a very great help to the students.

—The Glee Club seems to be "*Rip-Van-Winkle*" as it were. We cannot cite Milton as authority for this word but in the language of a Freshman, "Webster ought to have it if he hasn't." By no means let the Glee Club "*Rip*."

—The tower on the McGraw Building is reported as unsafe, and it is rumored that the interest of the money left by Mrs. Fiske for the McGraw building, will be used in taking down the tower and putting up two other smaller ones in its stead.

—Said a specimen of the genus Freshman, "There are only three positions I would accept. One on the *London Times*, or one on the *N.Y. Tribune*, or one on a paper of equal standing." He may have to put up with keeping the books for a swill cart concern.

—While it is a great favor, of course, to have the Assembly Room, if some of the students would bring a picture or two, the room would be a great deal pleasanter. Can't some one be so public spirited as to bring up some sort of bric-a-brac to lighten up the place?

—Prof. Goldwin Smith has collected a volume of "Lectures and Essays" consisting of a selection of papers on literature, science and politics, which appeared originally in the *Contemporary Review Macmillan's Magazine, The Canadian Monthly and the New York Nation*.

—We suppose everybody knows it was the rain which prevented the foot-ball match last Saturday, but although such is the fact, truth demands that it should be publicly so stated. We accept the responsibility, and promise to say no more about it if it "won't do so again."

—The Senior committee on photographs, are busy in getting samples and rates from various artists. Howell and Pach of New York, Frear and

Evans of Ithaca have been invited to put in bids. As soon as possible the whole matter will be laid before the class for its decision.

—Second Baseman of the Harvard Nine to the Shortstop, who has made a misthrow: Say, dere, Jimmy, is dat all de best you kin play ball? Pwhy didn't yez trow it down to tud, and shut off der bloke who was skimin' home? I t'ot yez cud play ball better'n dat, ye're a snide, dat's what yez are.

—Rev Chauncey Giles who occupies the Sage Chapel pulpit on Sunday next is a minister of the comparatively new sect, Swedenborgian. In his denomination, he stands at the head and is the leader most justly. He is the author of many works which have great literary merit and as a preacher has taken a high rank among pulpit orators in this country.

—A glance at our columns will serve to show that we have discontinued the "Children's Corner" inaugurated in our last issue. The reasons for this omission are many and probably obvious to our readers, one perhaps is deserving of special notice. The ERA cannot open its columns to contributors who apparently do not appreciate the wants and desires of its readers.

—A fine clock, with a good, square, honest-looking sort of a face, has been put in the Business Office. It used to smile benignantly, we understand, on Cascadillians in the prosperous hash-house days of that institution. It is now placed in the Business Office to remind the public generally, and Freshmen especially, that time is precious, and, hence that our financial officials are too busy to be bothered with all sorts of questions, such as those, for example, about the weather or the Signal Station.

—Won't some one agitate, by writing a communication, calling a meeting, or doing some other sensible thing,—the question of the students giving, in the near future, a "great emotional drama," that is, getting up a first-class minstrel entertainment? I here is any quantity of talent among us, and an exceedingly pleasant evening could be spent in this manner with the following results: Big house, big time, lots of fun, lots of money. It might not be quite as æsthetic as a Greek play, but there would be a great deal more fun.

—We understand that there was some talk about giving a Greek play here. This we think impracticable for several reasons, first, the expense of giving the play would amount to several thousand dollars, and Ithaca—although it can furnish all the dead-heads necessary to fill a large sized building—has not enough people to appreciate such an undertaking, especially if they have to pay money to get in. Secondly, there is not the material in the University to draw from, needful for such an undertaking, for too few students take Greek. We are not situated as Harvard, where every one of the eight hundred

students take Greek, but here only a few register in those classes. Lastly, even if the other two conditions did not exist, students could not be found who could spare time for such a work, or who would even be willing to spare the time, even if able. Thus it is clear to us that no more impracticable thing could be here suggested than a Greek play.

—Halt! The Sophs. and Fresh. stood fast.
Fire! Out blazed the rifle's blast,—but didn't
hit anybody for,—
Gosh, how those fellows scooted,
When Sibley Bill his rifle shooted,
Not long ago.

PERSONALIA.

WESTERN STARR, '80 is in town.

LAPHAM, '84, went home yesterday to cast his first vote.

MISS HOWLAND, '81, has been visiting friends in the University during the week.

ANNIE LAURIE FIFIELD, formerly '81, teaches Latin and Mathematics in the Worcester High School.

"JACK" VAN RENSSLAER, formerly '82, has been elected president of the Senior class at Hobart College.

GEO. L. BURR, '81 was appointed Instructor and Examiner in Modern History at the last Faculty meeting.

OLGA NEYMANN, '81, spent most of her summer travelling in the West, and is at present in Milwaukee, Wis.

WILLARD GENTLEMAN, ex-ERA editor, now practicing law at Ottawa, Ill., has been visiting in town several days.

"JACK" REED, '81, substitute on the University crew has secured an excellent situation as engineer at Fort Worth, Texas.

STEARNS, '81 has been hovering round the classic shades of his *Alma Mater* for the past few days, intending to take a p. g. course.

W. T. PAYNE, '74, after residing for several years in Japan, has recently returned to this country and has settled down at Stamford, Ct.

REEVES, '78, "the *Cocagne* man," who was at Yorktown in company with Major Burbank, has been visiting the Major this week.

FRANK H. PARSONS, formerly '80, Doctor of Veterinary Surgery, has located in Poughkeepsie to enter upon the practice of his profession.

WATSON, '81, who has been visiting in town this past week, reports himself as well, and certainly his appearance substantiates the statement.

PROF. H. C. ADAMS, who lectured at Cornell in 1880, now has charge of the department of Political Economy at the University of Michigan.

MISS HEYL, '81, ex-*Review* editor is in the Bellevue Hospital, New York, and is said to wield the knife with the skill of an accomplished surgeon.

G. A. STUART, formerly '83's irrepresible, is now running for School Commissioner on the Democratic ticket in the charming district of Skaneateles.

ALFRED BONNEY, '76, has been nominated for the Assembly by the Republicans of the First District of Dutchess County. He will be elected in all probability.

J. A. DIX, '83 and W. G. Rappleve, '82, have been absent in New York during the greater part of the week, attending the annual convention of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.

WOODARD, '82, ex-ERA editor, went home yesterday. He intends putting his first vote in the ballot box on Tuesday next. He returns next Wednesday. Ithaca band will please take notice.

PROF. MOSES COIT TYLER, of Cornell, the author of the "History of American Literature," will contribute to Bishop Perry's "Centennial History of the American Episcopal Church," which is to appear next year.—*Critic*.

DIED.

SMITH.—At Cortland, N. Y., Monday, Oct. 31st, Mrs. B. Hermon Smith.

MACKOOX.—At Auburn, N. Y., Saturday, Oct. 29th, of consumption, Mrs. MacKoon, wife of Prof. B. P. MacKoon.

COLLEGE NEWS.

Canada has forty colleges.

The *Harvard Advocate* thinks that lacrosse has not been generally recognized as deserving or receiving the general support of the University, and should withdraw until it can find a place to play without seriously interfering with tennis and cricket.

Dr. Campbell, President of Rutgers, has resigned his position. Rutgers will not entirely lose his services as he retires to the chair of mental and moral philosophy.

The Yale University crew was out for the first time this year on Saturday morning, Oct. 15. The water was so rough as to render fine rowing impossible. The crew is considered a good one.

1370 students have been registered at the University of Michigan.

The proceeds of the Greek Play are to be devoted to the purchase of books for the Greek and Music Departments.—*Advocate*.

Amherst students who attend nine-tenths of the recitations are not required to endure the examinations.

E. A. Freeman, the English historian, is expected to deliver a course of lectures at New Haven during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Moses King, former editor and publisher of the *Harvard Register*, has started a publishing house in Cambridge.

Prof. H. H. Boyesen is to fill the position of In-

structor in the Department of Modern Languages in Columbia College.

In the present Congress 34 senators and 128 representatives are college graduates. •

At Harvard the passing mark has been raised from thirty-three and a third to forty.

EXCHANGES.

We would ask of the college press, if the efforts of the *Acta* last year to bring about the formation of an Intercollegiate Press Association are to bear no fruit. What may have been impossible among the wranglers who managed the college papers last year, might be easily accomplished during the present era of good feeling. There has never before, within our memory, been a time when there was so little discord in the college editorial world as at present. Advantage might be taken of this to found an Association, not only pleasant and profitable to the present generation so to speak, but a valuable bequest to our successors. The benefits possible from such an Association are apparent, and have been so thoroughly canvassed, that it is unnecessary for us to rehearse them. We wish simply to urge the advisability of beginning a discussion of the plan thus early in the college year, that there may be time to bring about an organization before we are called upon by our successors to yield up our editorial positions. As the *Acta* has the honor of originating the idea, let us hear its opinion of its own offspring.

The last number of the *Dartmouth*, hidden away between its heavy editorials and heavier literary matter, has a plea, reminding one of a dying man's last gasp, that "Dartmouth Conservatism" be relegated to the past where it belongs, and that an effort be made to infuse into its worn out carcass a little of the spirit of progress. It is true that a list of optionals has at last been offered the Juniors and Seniors, but the writer says this lesson has been learned only after several years of decreasing members, and that from the present outlook the College will have to be at death's door before the trustees will see that there is no good in the marking system. The writer truly says: "If anything can quickly and thoroughly deaden a man's conscience, that thing is the marking system." We heartily agree with him, and if he can impress this, what all lovers of progress in education acknowledge to be a fact, upon the minds of those who shape the policy of Dartmouth, he will not have lived in vain.

To reproduce a joke of one in whose footsteps we follow, we hold two pair this week, from which the fact might be inferred that some of our friends are flush. The *Chronicle* and *Crimson* have each favored us with two copies of their papers. While 'tis sweet to be remembered, we feel for our friends whose loss has been our gain.

We observe that it is becoming a matter of doubt to thoughtful collegians, whether it is profitable to

devote so much time to athletics as is given them by the men who sustain the reputation of their college.

The opinion is gradually gaining ground that athletic sports have been carried too far, interfere too seriously with college duties, and in many ways far overstep proper bounds.

The *Princetonian* says, "Undergraduates alone fail to realize this; and yet if they will reflect upon the true object of a college course, they can't but see that giving an undue prominence to athletics tends to defeat it. The strongest argument of all against neglecting all else for athletics is the regret of old athletes that they devoted so much time to sports at the expense of development in other respects."

In the *Crimson*, a man who claims to have been through the mill, foot-ball, base-ball and rowing, asks the settler: "What good 's it done me?" and answered it decisively, "None, sir, none."

In our first number of this volume of the *ERA* we disclaimed the pessimistic sentiments of our predecessor concerning the college press. This was very generally accepted, and the torrent of abuse with which we expected to be assailed has been very agreeably absent. The *Critic*, a monthly, published by the pupils of the Hopkins Grammar School at New Haven, Conn., is the only exception that has come to our notice. Possibly its editors did not receive our first number. These publications at least fulfill one useful purpose. They keep their editors from the mischief to which we are told idle hands are prone.

We feel poetically inclined this week, and possessing no talent ourselves and knowing none of our friends who are struck with the divine afflatus, we borrow from the Harvard bards. Apropos of the abolition of evening chapel, that bird of sweet song, the Ibis, sings:

ANCIENT AND MODERN.

O cheerily chants the monkish choir!

(*Hymns at morning and hymns at eve.*)

While Brother Bartholomew thrums the lyre,

Gregorian tones float higher and higher,

And warp and wool of the harmony weave.

O, sweetly sings our Chapel choir!

(*Hymns in the morning, though not at eve.*)

Matutinal worship I scarce admire,

So I'll lie in my bed and gaze at the fire,

For I've taken another cut, I perceive.

We regard the following from the *Harvard Advocate*, as the best under-graduate poetry that we have seen this year:

FREE LANCES.

A riding, a riding, 't' the growing morning light!

The bugles blow, and all a-row our lances glitter bright.

Along the winding river, beside the bleached sea,

By lonely tower, or high walled town, or heathy wastes of lea;

Where'er we go, whate'er good cause our strong right arms

may claim,

God guide us, merry gentlemen, and keep our swords from

shame.

We squire to no lady's whims, we serve no church, nor lords,
But worship upon God's green hills and love our own bright swords,
Let friars pray, and striplings love, and courtiers bend the knee,
While blood is hot and muscle firm, our heart and hands are free,
A riding, a riding,—the east is all aflame!
God guide us, merry gentlemen, and keep our swords from shame

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Prof in Physics—"What is Boyle's law?"
Diligent (?) Junior—"Never trump your partner's ace."—*Ex.*

LEFT.

—Meet me, she said, by the orchard wall,
To-morrow night, as the sun goes down;
And this is to-morrow, and here am I,
And there's the wall, and the sun's gone down.
—*Lampoon.*

—Miss Brownstone says if she has a dog she wants one of those great Sarah Bernhardt dogs that dig those dear old monks out of the snow in Switzerland.—*Ex.*

—Freshman—"Waiter, what time is it please?"
Waiter—"Je ne sais pas, M'sieur." Freshman—"Oh! is it as late as that? I promised to be home before ten."—*Spectator.*

—A lady with a fatal squint came once to a fashionable artist for her portrait. He looked at her and she looked at him, and both were embarrassed. He spoke first: "Would your ladyship permit me," he said. "to take the profile? there is a certain shyness about your ladyship's eyes which is as difficult in art as it is fascinating in nature."—*Ex.*

—"They sat and looked at the comet,
And the wonderful tail that grew from it,
His hand struck a pin
Where it shouldn't have been,
As she slid from his knees he said domit.

—*Dartmouth.*

—Recipe for becoming æsthetic: One dictionary of art terms, three oil paintings, and a job lot of old crockery ware. Mix. No brains required.—*Transcript.*

—"Tre tollar mit a half!" exclaimed Count Ramshackle to the Niagara hackman; dot was a schwindle!" "It's the regular fare," said the hackman; "but, seeing it's you, I'll take you for three dollars and fifty cents." "Goot!" exclaimed the Count; "it was widout possibilities to sheet me!"—*Ex.*

—"Four Years of the Blues, or Life at Yale," (only a limited number printed,) by a Secret Society Snab Smasher.—*Lampoon.*

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THE Freshmen, and indeed the whole University, have been extremely fortunate thus far in the college year. They have not been interviewed, as yet, by that personage, known to the unthinking and irreverent as the "Subscription Fiend." In former times, a Freshman had hardly got fairly settled, indeed in many cases, he had not got settled at all, before his name was solicited on various lists, which were supposed to be catalogues of devotees to the various athletic pastimes in vogue here. When there was any fair show of our Nine's success his devotion to the national game was gently appealed to; when Foot-ball was in the ascendent he was invited to "shekel out" for the interests of the bounding sphere. But those times seem now past. We view with some interest but little sympathy the efforts of Yale to buy her new athletic field. We begin to look upon ourselves as established, and our sports as self-supporting. Beyond a gentle notification that those who wished might contribute to a new Rugby ball, we have yet to behold the first appearance of "the man with a paper." The Freshmen have been permitted to invest their lucre, as their sweet fancies dictated. The students in general have been left unmolested. We believe that they do not fully appreciate this calm in the subscription storm. Perhaps it is so unusual that they do not realize it to its full extent. We are apprehensive, however, that

this state of things is not destined long to endure. Enjoy it while it lasts, but do not be surprised if you are soon called upon to contribute your generous gifts to the support of "some praiseworthy object, intimately connected with the University's honor."

WE print in another column an outline of the new course in History and Political Science, as originally prepared for private circulation. The object of the new course is well known. There has been a long-felt want among American educationists for instruction which shall better prepare young men for their duties as citizens of a republic than the ordinary college curriculum. To supply this want is the object of the new course. It will include some lines of instruction heretofore unknown at Cornell, and will embrace the excellent instruction already given here in Political Science and History. Arrangements will be made next term by which members of the present Senior class may graduate in the new course on successfully completing the work there laid down. The instruction, however, cannot be satisfactorily arranged until the beginning of another college year. The lectures by non resident professors, so modestly announced as designed to be given in connection with the course, are intended to embrace a course of lectures on Journalism, though no immediate steps will be taken relative to founding a permanent department in that subject.

LIKE other enterprising classes, Eighty-two will doubtless leave behind a Class Memorial. What shall it be? Drinking fountains are good, but unless supplied with something better than Ithaca water, one fountain will go a great way and that one already exists. Avenues of trees have kept alive the memory of one or two classes, but the time for planting avenues of trees on our campus is past. A class album deposited in the Library is a good thing, but unless the average Senior develops into something greater than present appearances indicate, his face will never become interesting from a historical point of

view. Any number of suggestions have been made, from a memorial window to a foundling hospital, and among them all, two seem especially worthy of note. One suggestion is that a memorial tablet to Mrs. Fiske be placed in Sage Chapel. It would seem peculiarly fitting that the memory of so generous a friend of the University should be honored in some tangible way by the students of the University, and the attention of all well-disposed Seniors is called to the advisability of carrying the plan into effect.

Another plan, and one which almost suggests itself, is that a fund be raised sufficiently large for a beginning in the proposed Museum of Archæology. If it were distinctly understood that Eighty-two placed that department on a firm footing, that class would, of course, receive the honor paid to all beginners in a worthy cause, no matter to how great an extent their work may be supplemented by those who come after. This plan seems to us a very excellent one. Of course, only a beginning could be made. No very large endowment could be raised. But the Museum needs only a beginning to attract to itself many private collections and become before many years an object of pride to all Cornellians and especially to its originators.

THERE are nuisances and nuisances. There are persons who deliberately and evidently with intent, make themselves as obnoxious to their fellow creatures as their ability will allow. There are others who, perhaps thoughtlessly, but all the same persistently, make themselves annoyances if nothing more. It is with this latter class, or rather with a few of this class, that we purpose to deal. One of the unmitigated evils to which lecture goers are subjected is the applause which certain persons persist in according the speaker every time he makes a witty sally, a little by play of words, or humorous reference. These fiends are of the same genus as the encore fiend, whose case has been very ably and conclusively discussed, but he has some distinctive traits which mark him as something a little worse. How many times have we seen him calmly sitting through a lecture awaiting his opportunity! The lecturer may roll out the grandest periods, he may give vent to the play of a powerful imagination, he may describe with glowing tongue the glories of

time, he may paint with a thousand tints the mysteries of nature, but should he be so unfortunate as to give play to the humorous side of his nature, merely in order to release for a moment the pent up attention of his hearers, then this fiend breaks in. How he stamps and claps. He can appreciate these little delicate word phrasings "as well as the next man and don't you forget it," and so he succeeds in driving his neighbors frantic with impatience to think that the delightful train of thought awakened by the lecturer's glowing words should be so rudely broken into. Is there no way to abolish this infernal practice? Will not society close its doors to the perpetrators of such an outrage as well as to the criminals, for do not both shock our sensibilities? Why is it that people will insist on following up this practice? We are willing to take their acuteness of understanding and delicacy of appreciation for granted if they will but spare us this torture. We are even willing to acknowledge that they are as smart and as bright as we are, but by all that is reasonable, let them desist from a practice that makes them out as only a little higher than the "gallery gods." The encore fiend may be bad enough but surely he does not interrupt an entire entertainment that he may give an exhibition of his racket making skill. Let us see a little oftener merely the smile, yes if need be the hearty laugh of appreciation, and more seldom the pounding and stamping of the low variety show.

FOR the past two weeks we have had the opportunity of listening to a gentleman whose fame is world-wide, and whose advent to this country was chronicled with great noise. We have listened to a course of lectures, said to be on Modern History, by one who is acknowledged one of the leading authorities of England. It would be a mere truism to say that expectation was high, when this gentleman was announced as having been secured to deliver a course of lectures here. We all anticipated a rich, intellectual feast. We certainly had reason to expect to receive great pleasure and profit from these lectures. We hoped to learn some new lessons from the history of Modern Times. But what is now the feeling? Certainly, one of disappointment; aye, great disappointment. We have not heard what we had good reason to expect,—we have not learned what we had hoped to learn. We

have heard a very pleasant old gentleman read a number of theses on subjects apparently the most remote from the subject announced. We have listened to his remarkable juggling with the words "likeness" and "unlikeness," and "real" and "obvious," which seemed to comprise the whole of one lecture. Certainly we must confess that we were unable to gather anything more from his first thesis, and we manfully resisted its soporific influence, too. We have learned the renowned gentleman's views on the Athenian Commonwealth, and have been greatly instructed in regard to the Licinian Rogations, but very unfortunately for us, we failed to catch the lessons which he drew from Modern History. So we were forced to come to the conclusion that the title of his course of lectures here was intended as a huge joke—a big joke, yea a British joke, the kind you read about in *Punch*, and that equally witty paper, *Fun*. It certainly was quite a joke, and a practical one too! For we count with regret the many hours passed on the cushionless benches of Library Hall, and the amount of reading we might have enjoyed, had we remained in our own room.

Of course the hall has been well filled. It always is when anything occurs there that costs the audience nothing. Besides, the lecturer's fame is enough to draw a crowd anywhere where the English language is spoken. The large attendance is no index to the interest and enjoyment of his hearers.

We are rather glad, however, to have heard this noted historian, for we now feel better satisfied than ever with our own resident lecturers. We now feel that we need not go further than our own walls to hear lectures on history, with a knowledge as vast, with a manner as graceful, with a reasoning as keen, as that of Britain's most boasted sons. We now feel that we receive as much benefit from our lectures on history as we could receive anywhere. We have weighed in the balance the foreign historian and our own, and we are not dissatisfied.

PROFESSOR CORSON'S READINGS.

Professor Corson will read at the Sage, next Monday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, "Madame Délicieuse," and "Posson Jone," by George William Cable. The audience who listened three weeks ago to the reading of "Jean-ah Poquelin," were so much pleased with that remarkable production that Professor Corson has been requested to read some

others from "Old Creole Days," and he has accordingly selected "Madame Délicieuse" and "Posson Jone." Though the former is not remarkable as a story, it admirably articulates the old Creole spirit, and estimate and standard of honor, as exhibited in General Villavicencio.

"Posson Jone" is a story of a West Floridian parson who visits New Orleans with an ancient negro-body-servant, Colossus of Rhodes, in the interest of Smyrny Church—the one having "eddcation" and the other "scretion." Poor Posson Jone' is snapt up by an elegant little heathen Creole, Jules St. Ange, to whom "there yet remained at manhood a remembrance of having been to school, and of having been taught by a stony-headed Capuchin that the world is round—for example, like a cheese. This round world is a chæse to be eaten through, and Jules had nibbled quite into his cheese-world already at twenty-two."

Posson Jone' passes through some sad experiences in the City of the Plain, before he starts for home on the schooner Isabella, and "the sweet knowledge was withheld from him that by the light of the Christian virtue that shone from him even in his great fall, Jules St. Ange arose, and went to his father, an honest man."

"Old Creole Days" is a volume of the most remarkable compositions that have been written in this country since the publication of Bret Harte's early California sketches, "The Luck of Roaring Camp," "The Outcasts of Poker Flat," "Miggles," "Tennessee's Partner," etc. They all give evidence of being the result of original impression, of the insight which comes only from genuine sympathy. They are not the product of mere literary skill, though their literary merit is of a high order. Mr. Cable's style is remarkably flexible and graceful. It has often the easy elegance which is a peculiar characteristic of French society-sketches.

EIGHTY-THREE'S DEFEAT.

For over two years the grand, great, mighty, omnipotent, etc., deeds of Eighty-Three have been sounded and drubbed into the ears of all Cornellians. There has been nothing in the heavens above, or the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth which she has not, could not, or would not do. "Great is Diana of the Ephesians," has been paraphrased into "Great is Eighty-Three of Cornell." Last Tuesday however the Democracy triumphed. The Stalwarts skulked in their tents, and the Half-breeds were not courageous. The foe was invincible and Eighty-Three bit the dust. "The Stuff" did not hold out, or perhaps there was too much of it, and "tangled their feet," so to speak. At any rate the returns, even from the back-woods counties indicate a thorough overturning of the pride, vanity and conceit of "Gallant Eighty-

Three." The victory was so great that all charges of corruption, fraudulent returns, bulldozing, etc., are thoroughly useless. The machine was "busted." The entire absence of money, the bad state of the weather, the glaring deficiency in the ability of the men put forth, may have had a little something to do with the defeat. The real cause of the Waterloo however, was, that the foe was—not too many, but —too much for her. Excuses are of no avail. Eighty Two's rooster has a right to crow, and strut. (By "rooster" no particular individual is meant, however.) A big celebration is now in order. Let bon-fires be kindled, cannons be fired, and standards be flaunted from Sage Chapel. Let garlands of laurel mingled with the delicate dandelion adorn the brows of the victors—proud mortals. Let "Zinckie's" be visited and an ovation be given them. They have kept the ball in motion. Henceforth their name shall be given down in history. Hats off, let the victors pass by.

Eighty-Three might as well stop,—and think. Let her not despair. Time heals all wounds. In a short time, not more than a year, no Senior class of Cornell University will be able—no, nor anywhere near it—to defeat her. Too close a devotion to study, and a general neglect of deviltry has brought her where she is. She has been sitting up too late nights, studying of course. In a contest, such as that of last Tuesday, everybody knows, that to be successful, bar rooms must be visited and well "heeled." Now, every one knows Eighty-Three is wanting in this respect. The Temperance and Prohibition movements have made serious inroads upon her ranks. Still, she is beaten. She is humiliated. Let her put on sackcloth and ashes. Let modesty and shyness guide her ways. Gentlemen, please don't crowd the mourners.

The contest of last Tuesday was remarkable in that it was free, to a great extent, from personal abuse, and hand to hand encounters. Very few "pasters" were used, and there was very little "scratching" done. Not so much "kicking," by far was done as usual. The cat seemed to play with the mouse for a time and then devour it. Eighty-Three is "walloped." By a slight change in the familiar words it can be said: The beauty of Cornell is slain upon her high places; how are the mighty fallen! Tell it not in Ithaca, publish it not in the streets of Free Hollow, lest the daughters of the Townies rejoice, and the Sage maidens triumph. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

—A prominent member of the Faculty is our authority for stating that negotiations are pending for filling the chair of Ancient and Mediæval History, rendered more than ever important by the establishment of the new course in History and Political Science.

THE COURSE IN HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.

Requirements for admission the same as for the course in Science and Letters with the addition of Latin Grammar and Latin Reading, equivalent to Jacobs' or Allen's Reader.

Students who pass the Latin or Greek required for admission to the course in Arts, may substitute one year of Latin or Greek for the Mathematics of the First Year.

FRESHMAN YEAR.

First Term.—Latin, Greek or geometry and conic sections (5); French and German (8); rhetoric and composition (2).

Second Term.—Latin, Greek or algebra (5); French and German (8); rhetoric and composition (2).

Third Term.—Latin, Greek or plane trigonometry (3); French and German (8); rhetoric and composition (2); ancient history (2).

SOPHOMORE YEAR.

First Term.—German or French (3); essays (1); Greek history (2); Greek, Latin, natural sciences, modern languages or mathematics (9).

Second Term.—German or French (3); essays (1); Roman history (3); Greek, Latin, natural science, modern languages or mathematics (9).

Third Term.—German or French (3); essays (1); mediæval history (3); Greek, Latin, natural science, modern languages or mathematics (9).

The first two years of this Course are regarded as mainly introductory to the studies which peculiarly belong to the General Subjects of the Course.

Students who have completed the first two years in any of the Courses, Arts, Literature, Philosophy, or Science and Letters, may be admitted to full standing as Junior in the course in History and Political Science on passing a satisfactory examination in the History required in the first two years in this Course, and the Latin prescribed for admission to the Course.

JUNIOR YEAR.

First Term.—Modern history (3); English constitutional history (2); American history, — pre-historic America and the period of history (3); psychology (2); sanitary science, labor laws, and penal discipline (2); essays (1); English literature (3).

Second Term.—Modern history (3); American history, — the planting of the American colonies (3); political economy (2); moral philosophy and political ethics (2); essays and orations (2); English literature (3).

Third Term.—Modern history (3); American history, — the institutions of the colonial times (3); logic (3); physical geography (2); essays and orations (2); English literature (3).

SENIOR YEAR.

First Term.—American history—the period of the Revolution, 1776-1789 (2); history of philosophy and the natural sciences (3); theoretical politics (3); finance and advanced political economy (5); general literature and oratory (3).

Second Term.—American history,—first national period, 1789-1820 (2); philosophy of history (3); systematic politics (5); comparative constitutional history (2); literature and oratory (3).

Third Term.—American history,—second national period, 1820-1865 (2); comparative constitutional history (2); American law and jurisprudence (5); international law and diplomacy (5); orators and oratory (1).

Besides the above work, Lectures will be delivered during the year on important topics connected with the general subjects of the Course, by Non-Resident Professors and Lecturers, which all the students in this Course will be required to attend, whenever they may be given.

FOOT-BALL.

EIGHTY-TWO VS. EIGHTY-THREE.

A small number of spectators witnessed the match game of Foot-ball between the Seniors and the Juniors on Tuesday afternoon, yet in some respects the game was well played and should have attracted a larger attendance. The players were slow in arriving so that it was 4 o'clock when the game was called, and even then both teams were weakened by the loss of several of their best players. Mr. Upton, '81, was selected Referee. The toss was made; '82 got the kick-off, and '83 secured the south-goal, giving them the wind.

Collins, '82, began the game by a powerful kick which sent the ball down towards '83's goal. He was well supported, and the ball was pressed on. Then Marshall, '83, succeeded in making a fair catch, and the ball was sent back. Tuthill, Kenney, Wright and Trumbull, succeeded in making catches. Cobb, '83, prevented the further progress of the ball toward his goal, and carried it on to '82. Humphries by a fine jump caught it and passed it on. Waldo made a catch. The ball was driven back to '83. Brunn made a fair catch and urged it on. By a double-play Cushing got the ball, and from a position at a sharp angle to the goal, was successful in kicking it over and winning the first goal. Time, 4:10. A rest of five minutes took place. Then goals were changed, '83 having the kick-off. Anderson kicked off for '83. The ball was promptly returned to the center of the ground. A number of catches were now made in quick succession: Anderson, '83, Wait, '82, Suydam, '82, Wilcox, '83, Pierce, '82, (by a fine jump). The ball was now near '83's goal. Cushing made a fair

catch, and obtained a try at goal which failed. Wilcox, '83, made two fine catches. Humphries made a catch but failed to drive it. Marshall, '83, Patterson, '83, Pierce, '82, Tuthill, '82, obtained the ball in quick succession, and the last made a try for goal which was unsuccessful. Collins, '82, also tried at goal, but failed. Patterson, '83, obtained a catch, but failed in kicking, which was retrieved by a fine catch. Cushing obtained the ball again and kicked it to Suydam, who was near the goal. The ball was muffed, but Cushing soon made another catch and tried again. Again the ball failed to go over the string. Trumbull made a catch and kicked to Wait who succeeded in sending the ball high over the string, winning for '82 the second goal, time 4.30. Goals were again exchanged and '83 kicked off having the wind. The ball was at once driven up to '82's goal, and the Seniors played very skilfully to save their goal. Tucker '83 made a catch, followed by Wilcox. A good kick by Wait relieves '82 and a catch and kick by Suydam sends the ball on towards '83. Catch by Trumbull. Pierce's well directed kick urged the ball further on. Page '83 catches; Brunn catches; Suydam catches and makes a "try" which fails. Pierce makes a try from one side of the ground. It misses the goal but Suydam catches it. He tries again for goal but fails. Tuthill '82 obtains a catch in front of the goal and succeeds in sending the ball over. It is caught by Eaton '83 and passed to Page, who is in better position to return it. Page fails to return it over the string and '82 wins the third goal, time 4.40. Thus the three goals had been won in forty minutes, which shows that '82 played a remarkably good game. No errors were made, and they assisted well. They play together much better than '83. Wilcox distinguished himself among the Juniors, Cushing among the Seniors.

A NEW INSTRUCTOR IN CHEMISTRY.

Mr. Spencer Newbury has recently been appointed an Instructor in Chemistry. He is a young man of great promise and one who will undoubtedly reflect credit on the University. He is the son of the celebrated Professor Newbury, Professor of Geology at Columbia, and is a graduate of the School of Mines. On leaving Columbia, Mr. Newbury went to Berlin where he has remained for two years, preparing himself in the study of Chemistry. He formerly lived in Cleveland, O., where he studied under the direction of our Professor of Geology, S. G. Williams, but is now a resident of New York City. The department is to be congratulated on securing him. It is well that a full and competent faculty should be ready to occupy the new building when finished.

—Where is the Glee Club?

COMMUNICATIONS.

TROUBLE AT HOBART.

To the Editors Cornell Era :

GENEVA, November 2d, 1881.

There has been considerable trouble in Hobart College within the past two weeks between the Faculty and the three under classes, which has threatened to result very disastrously to that institution ; but we are extremely gratified to announce that, at this writing, the affair has been satisfactorily settled, and that all is again serene.

The trouble arose from events which unfortunately culminated on the night of October 20th. It so happened that on this night the Juniors had made arrangements to hold their class supper at the International Hotel ; the Sophomores, to take a Freshman, who had made himself exceedingly obnoxious, across the Lake ; and the Freshmen, to ring the college bell, a custom which has been observed for many years by every entering class.

The plans of each class were successfully carried out, nothing happening which might be called a disturbance, with the exception of a broken door, which was supposed to have been kicked in by the Juniors on returning from their supper.

The broken door led to an investigation by the Faculty, who ascertained that the Juniors denied destroying the door, as did also the Sophomores and Freshmen. This result exasperated the Faculty, who, knowing that these three classes were all out at the same time, without further investigation, issued a bulletin on the following Tuesday, stating that a fine of two dollars was imposed upon each member of the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman classes, for general disturbance on the night of October 20th, to be paid within one week from the date of this notice on penalty of suspension.

As the cause of the fine—general disturbance—was rather indefinite, representatives of the different classes went to the President, and asked what it meant. The Juniors found they had been fined for singing and disorder outside of the college buildings ; the Sophomores, for hazing the Freshmen and keeping them from their studies, and the Freshmen for ringing the college bell.

On the following day the classes met conjointly, drew up a statement protesting against such injustice and resolving to take suspension rather than pay a fine imposed for being engaged in something always before tolerated by the college authorities. This protest was sent in to the Faculty at its regular meeting, on Monday, for its consideration. The result was that the protest was returned to the students as disrespectful and defiant. The Faculty, however, by further investigation, having found that an outsider had destroyed the college property, so far modified its former resolution as to remove the fine of two dollars, and to impose on each class ten demerit

marks for general disorder and ten additional marks on the Sophomore class for hazing. The President and Faculty expressed themselves as opposed to the practice of hazing, and informed the students that all cases hereafter would be met with severe penalties. The students are perfectly satisfied, with the exception of a few who had made arrangements for a vacation, and the Faculty has evidently come to the conclusion that it was rather hasty, and, another time, will use more judgment.

HOBART '84.

CORNELLIANA.

—“ Our Boys ” is said to be very funny.
—Oh, for those printed tunes in Chapel !
—Who said damages for a dilapidated hat ?
—The Juniors delivered their first orations this week.

—Go and see the Lingards next Friday night in “ Our Boys.”

—Omega Lambda Chi had a big “ swing ” last Friday night.

—Work was begun on the addition to the Sibley building on Tuesday.

—We hope to report progress in regard to the Glee Club at an early date.

—Comparatively few students went home to vote this year. The “ off-year ” affected them.

—A Freshman wants to know why the ERA isn't a little more original in its “ shear Nonsense.”

—We shall have something interesting to present to our readers next week, on the subject of boating.

—Browning, '83, has recently sold his bicycle, intending to purchase a larger one of the same make.

—The examination in Veterinary Science takes place at 8 a. m. next Monday in the Veterinary Lecture Room.

—The stone for the foundation of the new Physical Laboratory came from the quarry just below the University.

—A new beginner's class in Sanskrit has been recently formed. There is salvation even up to the eleventh hour.

—Why is it that on Monday morning every one seems later than usual, and the professors crosser than is customary ?

—The *Spectator* mentions Prof. Tyler as one of the probable candidates for the vacant chair of English Literature at Columbia.

—We have received from G. P. Putnam & Sons several books of great interest to Cornellians. They will be reviewed next week.

—Dr. Wilson states that the new syllabus in Psychology is now in type, and will probably be on sale by the end of the week.

—'82 has an opportunity to further the scheme of erecting memorial tablets, by leaving a tablet to the memory of Mrs. Fiske, in Sage Chapel.

—During the summer the old pump-house at Triphammer Falls, supplying water to the reservoir, was taken down, and a substantial brick structure was placed in its stead.

—Professor Oliver has very kindly put up some curtains in his recitation room, in answer to a very slight hint given by his students that it would be gratifying to have them.

—About this time of the year the Freshmen are recommended to look out for the zephyrs which careen about our campus. Little too much Zeph. is the unanimous verdict.

—The stone flagging from University Avenue to the President's house when completed will add another one to the many very desirable improvements made on the campus during the past year.

—A large audience ought to greet Professor Corson on next Monday night. "Posson Jone'" is a most remarkable production, and Professor Corson desires that as many as possible of the students become acquainted with it.

—Professor Tyler's idea of allowing students who take his weekly quiz, the privilege of no examination at the end of the term, seems to meet with the approval of all interested. Cannot a few more professors adopt the plan?

—A nobby young man from Port Jervis,
Determined to go into servis,
But to dish out the hash,
Or to make brandy smash,
He discovered that he was too nervis.

—A nest of wasps in the Chapel last Sunday morning, were so overjoyed at the sight of a certain Senior that they "fell to," so to speak, and sampled him. It will be unnecessary to add that they were more satisfied than he was.

—The Carreno Donaldi Grand Opera Concert Company is announced for a concert at Library Hall on Thanksgiving night. Mme. Carreno is described as the "greatest living pianiste." No doubt a great treat is in store for the Ithaca public.

—An aspiring Fresh. at Bowdoin,
Devoted his time to much rowin,
He got on the crew
But pulled p. d. quew.*
Which set this young man hard to blowin.

*French for very fast.

—The idea has struck us that were Sage Chapel furnished with easier seats, there might be a marked increase in the attendance there. Religion, nowadays, must be accompanied with easy pew sittings, and other evidences of "downy beds of ease."

—President White has presented the Mechanic Arts Department with a large number of photographs, neatly framed, of various kinds of German machinery. They are really very fine, and will not only be ornamental but very useful to students in that Department.

—A too too too too young man,
An awfully too young man.
The tooest too too
Of all too too toos.

The tooest too tooful young man

[For his other name apply at the Business Office.]

—It has been very amusing to watch the students who have drunk water from the new filters placed in the waiting rooms. Nearly every one after tasting of it, would remark that he believed that water was impure, it had such a peculiar taste. Verily, where ignorance is bliss, etc.

—The greatest interest has been excited in regard to the new course in History and Political Science. In fact, there is every evidence that it will prove the most popular course in the University, even out-ranking that old stand-by, Science and Letters, in the students' estimation.

—Nothing is more exasperating to an officer of the cadets than to have orders disregarded so continually that it seems almost intentional. Were more demerit marks given, we venture to predict that the order would be much better, and commands would be obeyed with greater alacrity.

—Rev. George D. Boardman, who is to address us from Sage Chapel pulpit next Sunday, is an old favorite at Cornell, having already preached here three or four times. He is one of the leaders in his denomination, and will maintain the uniform excellence noticeable in the Chapel sermons this year.

—The wonderful improvement in the ushering at the chapel has probably not been noticed by anybody. We feel competent to say that there has been no improvement in that line. Visitors are still allowed to "go as they please," while the ushers(?) pace the cross aisles and perform some mysterious gyrations with the double doors.

—There is an excellent prospect of a Bicycle Club being organized in the spring, with as many as a dozen members. Other colleges have large clubs, and, although the country in this region is rather hilly, still roads good enough for all practical purposes can be readily found close by. By all means, let the club be formed.

—We are very glad to notice the very healthy condition of the Rugby foot ball boom here. For the first time the prospect that Rugby rules will be adopted, is something more than a mere prospect, and is in fact, a reality. To the devotees of this idea, too much credit cannot be given, now that their persistency is likely to be rewarded.

—The ERA had occasion, in a recent issue, to speak of a certain Freshman whose—well, we will call it cheek, impelled him to address his instructors familiarly and patronizingly as “Prof.” Nothing more would have been said upon the matter, had our gentle hint been taken, but it has not, and this Freshman is pointed out to-day as the boy who “can give you a few points if you would really like to know.”

—The students in Professor Crane's 9 o'clock section in French on Wednesday, were, for a moment, impressed with the idea that they were to be the victims of another Guy Fawkes' plot. Their fears were soon allayed, however, when it was discovered that the falling plaster had only injured fatally the \$2.19 Derby that usually protects a well known Senior's head from the biting blasts of winter, etc.

—Wm. Horace Lingard with his excellent company has decided to make a return visit to Ithaca, and will present, on Friday, November 18th, the Wallack Theater's great success, “Our Boys.” Mr. Lingard is one of the finest actors in the country, and our people were highly delighted with him in the character of *Placid Dawkins*, in his own play of “Stolen Kisses.” We expect to see a large audience to hear him at Wilgus Opera House on the 18th of November next.

—A recitation room well fitted up is a great pleasure to all students, and acts as an incentive to better work. We believe, if statistics could be gathered, it would be found that there is less cutting recitations where the professor has a neat inviting room, than where a bleak room and, perhaps, a bleaker professor, awaits the student. Won't some of the profs. take the hint? Of course, in the Mathematical rooms such a thing as decorative art is practically impossible, but then there are other ways of making a room pleasant.

—Professor Law, about two weeks since, sent a communication to the *N. Y. Tribune*, denying certain assertions made by various newspaper correspondents during the past two months, that the Government Cattle Commission, of which Professor Law is chairman, has been a failure. The Professor denies it emphatically, shows where the work of the Commission was confined, and asks for a suspension of opinion until Congress meets, when a complete report will be given, which will, he claims, be satisfactory in every sense.

—The ERA went to Chapel last Sunday, and what is more, is not ashamed to confess it. But what we noticed there was that Sage College was better represented than the other portions of the students, the ERA board excepted, of course. Now why is this thus? Do the ladies come for any other purpose than to listen to the sermon? Certainly, the elevated position of their seats, and the commanding

view to be obtained therefrom, might suggest the idea that—that is to say, that they come to assist in the singing. Well, we only hope so.

—A plan for heating the buildings has been recently discussed, which, we are informed, will probably be adopted in the near future. A little way down the hill, in front of the McGraw building, a large boiler-house will be erected, and from this, as a center, steam will be furnished all the buildings on the campus. This method will not only be more economical of fuel, but will also insure that every building will be uniformly heated throughout. We apprehend that there will be little cause for complaint on the heating question when this plan is adopted.

—It may be perfectly true, but certainly it is not dignified for a Professor to say, as an assistant Professor did say the other day, in a very testy manner, “I want it distinctly understood that unless there is an improvement in these recitations, next term the class will be decidedly smaller.” Now we may have been mistaken, but we did have the idea that a professor was here to help us pass examinations, and not to keep from that object. They are here as assistants to us, and certainly it is not dignified to use threats such as the above. If a class does n't do well, perhaps the blame should n't be laid on the class alone.

—Do the students ever stop to imagine how our campus will look twenty years hence? Then there will be the new Library building, the Physical Laboratory will be one of the old buildings, probably there will be a fine astronomical observatory, the Chemical “Lab.” will be in a handsome stone building and the wooden building now serving that purpose will have been razed to the ground. The elms will be tall, stately trees, and all the professors will be occupying their own cosy houses on the campus. In truth, our now beautiful campus will be still more beautiful.

—Some time ago we were loudly informed that there was a big demand for a couple of Cornell Engineers, from some place in New Jersey. As yet, we have heard of no one leaving for that delightful “Garden of Eden.” That's right, boys, beware of Jersey. We've been there, and know all about it. Besides being the place where President Garfield died, and also out of the U. S., together with the fact that it always goes Democratic whenever it does get back into the Union, you ought to consider that it's chuck full of mosquitoes and red headed, cross-eyed girls, and what would the poor engineers do then, poor things?

—A letter was received here the other day from the Manager of the Michigan University Foot-Ball Association, addressed to the “Manager of the Cornell Foot-Ball Club, Cornell College, Cornell, N. Y.” Now, this is positively touching. We are hu-

miliated. We had expected better things from Michigan University, which has in times past sent us so many good professors. If this is, however, a sample of the intelligence of the majority of her students, for heaven's sake, we don't want to see any of them till a chair in geography has been established among them, and has had a couple of years work with them.

—Professor Tyler, in his account of what had already been done in the establishment of a Museum of American Archæology, which is at present his especial charge, reported a highly satisfactory state of proceedings. He had discovered that already in the University there existed a very respectable nucleus for such a Museum, and this he has incorporated in the new enterprise. Aid had been promised him not only from various town's people, but also from students and professors, in making this collection, and he believes that a very early day will find the enterprise under way with a pretty fair degree of momentum.

PERSONALIA.

MAPES, '83, voted at home.

BARBER, formerly '82, is in business in Cleveland, Ohio.

EIDLITZ, '81, is in business with his father in New York city.

"KIT" CARSON, formerly '83, is in business in St. Paul, Minn.

W. G. SMITH, '85, went home to vote, spending Sunday there.

PRESIDENT WHITE has gone to Albany, but will return early next week.

F. J. SCOTT, '80, is in the foundry and machine business at Newark, N. J.

FREDERICK W. GOODALE, of Scranton, Pa., has entered the Freshman class.

WEED, '84, is happy in the thought of his father being elected to the Assembly.

KING, one of the famous 'Varsity six of '76, is drafting in Architect Miller's office.

STAMBAUGH, '84, went to New York last Friday night, returning Tuesday morning.

MISS SARAH J. RUSSEL, '79, has entered the School of Design at Providence, R. I.

POUCHER, '84, went home early in the week and helped elect his uncle to the Assembly.

FARRINGTON, formerly '84, has gone down to the southern part of Mexico in the mining business.

HURD AND CULLINAN, both '72, failed to be sent to the State Legislature this year. Cause—too much Conkling.

HARRY L. SPRAGUE, '73, was elected to the Assembly on the Republican ticket in one of the districts of New York county.

LAPHAM, '84, cast his maiden vote on Tuesday last for his brother, the Democratic nominee for Comptroller. We are authorized to state that he put in but one vote, even if it was for his brother.

WOODARD, '82, on current authority, actually had the unmitigated cheek to boldly walk up to the ballot box last Tuesday and deposit a vote. What is more, he now, with unblushing affrontery, declares that he will do it just as often as he likes, so there now.

COLLEGE NEWS.

Something like the Harvard annex has been organized at Yale College. A class of ladies has been formed to receive lectures and instruction from Profs. Sumner, Williams, Brewer and others.—*N. Y. Home Journal*.

Drs. Agnew, Hamilton, Barnes and Woodward, four of the six physicians in attendance upon President Garfield, are all graduates of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

The faculty of the Yale Theological School have unanimously adopted the revised version of the New Testament, and it will be hereafter read at devotional exercises of the Yale Theological School instead of the version of 1611.

A movement has been set on foot to obtain contributions to endow a "Garfield Memorial Professorship" at Williams College.

Texas is to establish a state University.

Smith's College enters over 100 new students.

The Johns Hopkins University begins its fifth academic year with 142 students.

In the will of James T. Fields his manuscripts were bequeathed to Harvard University.

The University of Berlin has 215 Professors, and during the past academic year 5,027 persons attended their lectures.

So few Seniors at Harvard take German, that in order to keep up his classes the Professor has sent notes to those who took German last year, asking their reasons for not continuing the study.

Lacrosse vs. tennis is the topic on which the Harvard man is spending his argumentative powers at present. The difficulty seems to be that there is not room for both. Which shall succumb is the question at issue.

The Harvard foot-ball team has been playing a series of games with the University of Michigan, the Ottawas and others. Their base-ball nine won a game from the Browns of Providence on the 20th, ult. Athletics at Harvard are flourishing.

A new system of elective and optional studies is to be introduced into Dartmouth College, to take effect at the beginning of the next college year. It

will make marked changes in some departments, and is said to represent a large amount of careful work on the part of those who have had the subject in charge. Thus does the spirit of progress, of which Cornell is one of the most pronounced exponents, penetrate even to such conservative halls as those of Dartmouth. What the students there hail with delight as a "generous course of electives," would seem to us with our wide field from which to choose, "cabin'd, cribb'd, confin'd."

The Yale nine has received a champion flag, swallow-tailed in form, two feet by three in size, its texture being of the finest dark-blue silk. On either side, heavily and chastely embroidered in bullion, appear the words: "Championship 1881, Yale College B. B. C.," while the whole flag is surrounded by a handsome gold fringe. The units in the date 1881 appear in the form of bats, while each figure eight is composed of two balls.—*Dartmouth.*

The *Crimson* regrets that Mr. Riddle is to play *Œdipus* with an English support before mixed audiences, and thinks that he has made a grave mistake; as after the accurate presentation last year, this plan is little more than a travesty, not at all desired by those who were proud of that first success.

The Yale foot-ball team defeated the Michigan University team in a hotly contested game, Nov. 2.

EXCHANGES.

One of our esteemed contemporaries in expressing the great pleasure he derives from his fortnightly communion with his exchanges, said that material could be found in them to suit any mood, grave or gay, savagely satirical, or benignly charitable. He could sit down to his table in any frame of mind and never fail to find satisfaction for his mental desires. He neglected to state that, however much license as to personal feelings might be allowed when reading his exchanges, the utmost circumspection should be used when he gives his opinions to the readers of his paper. We have sometimes thought that the man who runs the exchange department of the *Niagara Index* must be troubled with indigestion, or be the victim of unrequited affection. Whatever the cause of his railery against everything but the *Niagara Index*, it is time that, to use his own expressive language, he "corked up." The college world has had enough of his style of criticism which was so much affected last year, and of which he seems to be the only exponent at present. It is unfortunate that a paper whose other departments are so well conducted, should be represented in this department, which is a sort of connecting link with other colleges and their publications, by a man who is so utterly at variance with all mankind. By preparing his share of the semi-monthly sacrifice to that insatiate monster, the printer, only when in the kindly state of mind produced by a square meal,

he might succeed in disguising his character sufficiently to seem like a companionable individual. We hope that if this suggestion is impracticable, some other will be made that is not beyond the resources of "Our Lady of Angels." On the principle of giving the devil his due, we will say that his observations, though not couched in very dignified language, are frequently to the point. The quotations from the *Philosophian Review*, "*Matrimonial Agitator*," which are made, and satirically commented upon, are samples of the stuff offered by too many so-called college papers as "locals." There is a growing tendency to discuss the tender passion in a jocular manner which only real wit makes tolerable. Such ghastly attempts as the following from the *Philosophian Review*, which are specimens of a large species, and which provoked the wrath of the *Index* man, are nauseating in the extreme:

"S — says he has received very large mails this term, and that they are nearly all from *ladies*." "P — wishes he had some one to love him. And so do we, for the poor fellow can hardly study for thinking of the square house on the hill." "B — wishes he had a nice horse and carriage, and a pretty lass to accompany him, and he would then have a jolly time. Who would not?"

Such nonsense is, of course, confined chiefly to papers from small colleges, though we do not wish to be understood that all such fill their local columns in this manner. To those who do, we would say, desist, if you can do no better issue your paper less frequently, or discontinue it altogether. The general make-up of the *Niagara Index* is very creditable to its editors. The literary department is well sustained, and the locals are unusually spicy.

We have devoted our space thus far to fault-finding, and while we are in this vein will clip an editorial from the last issue of the *Yale Record*, which is well worth the consideration of all college editors:

"There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of the college press to joke in a little broader vein than is altogether consistent with propriety. This has been so noticeable during the last month as to be the cause of a good deal of comment throughout the college. Even if the papers were read solely by students, the ultimate effect of publishing squibs of a doubtful nature could not help being to lower their dignity and decrease their influence. But when it is remembered that these papers are sent to many of our homes, surely we cannot be too careful to keep out any questionable allusions. Now the *Record* assumes the task of censor in this instance with due modesty. It does not claim to be its 'brothers' keeper,' nor does it believe that it can justly throw stones in the character of the 'one without spot among you.' It wishes simply to express a disapproval of such jokes and a determination to keep its columns free, in the future, from anything of the sort. It trusts that, for the good repute of the Yale press, the other papers will take care to follow its example."

We have received a publication from across the water, which will doubtless be of interest to our readers. It is called the "*Oxford and Cambridge Undergraduate's Journal*." This lengthy title is not out of proportion to the size of the paper, which differs in almost every respect from the American

college paper. It will always be welcome, and we promise to be a regular caller at its sanctum. At some future time we shall give it a more extended notice.

The *Yale Courant* publishes a supplement with its last issue giving the "Rules of the Rugby Game of Foot-ball," as amended by the American Inter-Collegiate Association, Nov. 23d, 1876; Oct. 9th, 1877; Oct. 4th, 1879; Oct. 13th, 1880; Oct. 8th, 1881.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—A Freshman says that as soon as he gets out of college he is going to write a book entitled: "Four years in a saddle."—*Yale News*.

—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.—*Ex.*

—"Mr. Boatman," said a timid woman to the ferryman who was rowing her across the river, "are people ever lost in this river?" "Oh, no, ma'am!" he replied, "we always find 'em again within a day or two"—*Ex.*

WHY?

Why does it haunt me, haunt me like this?—

Two or three freckles, the sauciest nose,
Lips like cherries and made to kiss,
Kissed by others since, I suppose.

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What does it matter? I had my share,
Breezes and breezes fondle the rose.

Tell me, for that is the rose less fair?"

—*Dartmouth.*

—First student at one of our principal boarding clubs:—"Say, are those biscuits fresh?" Second student:—"No! those are Sophomore biscuits. They were fresh last year."—*Athenæum.*

—A recipe for lemon pie vaguely adds: "Then sit on a stove and stir constantly." Just as if any one could sit on a stove without stirring constantly.—*Oil City Derrick.*

—A teacher in a public school gave a sentence to be written and properly punctuated. A boy gave the following as a result of his effort: "The quality of mercy says, "Shakespeare is not strained."—*Ex.*

—Teacher in Natural Philosophy:—"Miss M., what is an inclined plane?" Miss M. (thought-

fully):—"Well, I can't exactly explain it, but I know it is something with a handle."—*Lasell Leaves.*

—Anxious Mamma (to impressionable Junior who has asked her daughter to go out riding):—"Thank you very much, Mr. X., and you know I have to be so particular, and I make it a rule that my daughter shall never go out with students." Impressionable Student:—"But you know that I'm not much of a student." Tableau. (Fact.)—*Ex.*

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THE decision of the National Amateur Rowing Association to send the celebrated Hillsdale Four to England next summer to enter the Henley and Putney Regattas, is fraught with deep interest to us. Although as Americans we would take great interest in the attempt of any American crew to bring laurels from across the water, yet from our own experience we must feel more concerned than ordinarily we would be. There is no doubt the crew is an able one, and a fine representative of the best amateur oarsmanship of this country. We feel confident that the Thames and London clubs will have to row a very fast race to win, even if the Americans are unfortunate enough to obtain the outside position. It is true the defeat of the Hillsdales would make our defeats at the hands of the English appear less disgraceful, yet we sincerely hope that we shall not have to record their defeat, but their glorious and well deserved victory. None shall be heartier to congratulate them than Cornell.

IT seems that the ERA's growl of two weeks since about the seating of the students at the lectures in Library Hall, has been misunderstood by no less a journal than the *Democrat*. The *Democrat* says that the ERA finds fault because townspeople are admitted to the lectures of the non-resident lecturers, but is ready enough to importune the same people

to occupy the best seats at a Glee Club Concert. We have not found fault with the authorities for admitting the Ithaca people to the Library Hall lectures. We have growled simply because they were admitted to the exclusion of the students. As the lectures are known as University lectures, and are primarily designed for the students, we think it quite proper that accomodation should first be made for the students. Were the same lectures given in any of the University buildings there would be no question about this. Simply because, for convenience, they are given in the evening and in a public hall, there is no reason why the students' rights should be neglected. Of course, the students can not fill the hall, and when they have been provided with seats, we are only too happy to give the Ithaca people seats. It was thought that the rules which had been adopted with reference to the seatings would enable all students to obtain good seats. And so they would had they been observed. Take one rule, that the seats in the body of the hall would be reserved for students until five minutes of eight. One evening in particular, we took especial care to see if this rule was observed. By the large clock in the gallery, which is certainly huge enough to allow any janitor who is not actually blind, to see it, we noticed that exactly at *twenty minutes to eight* the bars were taken down from the seats and the public allowed to pour in and fill the unoccupied seats. When the students came in five or ten minutes later, confidently expecting to find seats, they were forced to go up into the gallery or stand up in the rear of the room. We credit the authorities with laudable intentions in making these rules, but we certainly cannot commend them for the manner in which these rules were carried out.

PERIODICALLY the "secular press" becomes greatly exercised over the too great preponderance of athletics in the college world, over their great requirements of the students as regards time and attention, and bewails the general degeneracy of the college youth. Now in this case as in many

others the "secular press" is dealing with a subject of which it knows comparatively nothing. We can speak not only from our own experience but from the experience of others, at Harvard, Yale, Princeton and elsewhere, and we can say that the time required by base ball or any athletics is greatly over-rated. Even in those eastern colleges where the time given to base ball is greater than it is here because they have their League and championship games, the time really devoted to the sport is but a small part of the spring term. Or in boating, although the Harvard-Yale Race is a great affair and causes great noise, yet the time required of the students for training is little every day. It is systematic and regular but not very great. The daily practice of our crews here was confined to an afternoon pull on the lake. The members were not taken from their studies and we fail to see how their scholarship was affected. Of the five members of our last crew three graduated at the proper time, and one received an appointment at Commencement, the other two not being in the graduating class. As regards athletics in general the press would have little to say of their preponderance here if it was even but slightly acquainted with the labor necessary to arouse even a fairly respectable interest in anything. Our Field Days have gracefully glided into legendary myths; it requires the most frantic appeals to get a decent sized crew together for a row; the most heart-rending supplications are necessary to induce a beggarly score or so of foot ball players to assemble for practice any afternoon. The most zealous efforts to organize ball nines in our two lower classes have ingloriously failed, while we have yet to witness the first match of our Lawn Tennis Club. It will be found that in every college a very small number are the ones who sustain the college sports. Instead of every man here being able to pull a clean "thirty-five stroke" for a good three mile, there are many utterly unable to keep their balance in a shell, perfectly ignorant of how to enter one, and hopelessly incapable of feathering an oar. While in foot ball beyond a certain few, there are none who can make a respectable punt, or who have the faintest knowledge of how a drop-kick should be made. Many there are who could not make a fair catch to save their lives, and what is more, have not the slightest desire to be able to make one. In running, there

is only one in the University who can make a respectable exhibition, while as regards jumping, we are simply nowhere. Now, right in the face of this state of affairs, comes the assertion that "athletics are gaining a too great preponderance." To us it seems like hollow mockery, or bitter sarcasm. Some wag has even started the rumor that the "Faculty of Cornell intend to abolish athletics as requiring too much time!" Which sounds very funny indeed.

WHILE improvements and additions are being made in the instruction in some departments of the University whose character bears more directly upon the needs of practical life; while we have professors whose work it is to instruct in the science of history and of politics, who discuss questions of finance and reform, the training for politicians in the way of oratory and public speaking is very meagre. The training is scarcely sufficient for the wants of ordinary life. Many colleges of lesser fame and of more limited resources, have instructors who make this branch of culture a special study, and who devote their entire time to it. The results of this work are evident in the advantage these men possess over graduates of colleges where declamation and oratory are not made a specialty. At Hamilton College oratory is made a distinguishing feature of the course. From the beginning of the Freshman year every student is required to declaim before all the students, and is subject to their remark and criticism. The exercise may seem a little severe at first, but still it is this practice and criticism which make the orator. So it becomes a matter of rivalry and pride among the students to declaim well, and consequently every graduate is a moderately good orator, while many possess remarkable adaptness in the art.

The department of Rhetoric and Composition at Cornell is probably as good as that of any other college in the country. The method of teaching, by reference readings, recitations and frequent exercise in writing, is a most excellent one, and, as a result, Cornell produces writers of very good English, and gives very good preparation for one who expects to make journalism a profession. It is an undeniable fact that newspapers are to a great extent taking the place of public speaking, so far as regards instruct-

ing the people. The newspapers offer greater advantages and a much wider field. But as President White remarked in a recent lecture, there is a power in the spoken word which cannot be reached by the printed book. It is for this reason we listen to lectures upon subjects which perhaps might be obtained as easily from books, but the reading of the same thing would not exert an equal power of attention or of thought.

It is to be lamented that among business men so few are found who can, with any degree of effect, address an assembly even of their own class. A New York paper, in commenting on the American Bankers' Convention, held last summer, said: That of the three or four hundred bankers who were present, all of them keen business men with ideas of money and finance, there were not over a half-dozen who could express themselves agreeably on the subject. There are many college graduates every year of whom, perhaps, almost as much could be said. It is only by practice and proper training that good orators are made,—there are few born to the art. Of course more time could not be given to the subject of oratory in any of the courses, without loss to some other branch of study; but the question is, whether the time could not be more profitably spent by most of the students on this subject than on some other. We think that most of the students will agree with us that it could.

The professor in charge of the Rhetoric classes has, for the past two years, given several hours a week of his own time to the teaching of Elocution, but, as he does not desire to make this subject his special work, the founding of a chair in Elocution seems almost a necessity. We hope this want will soon be satisfied, and that before many years Cornell will be able to send out trained speakers as well as finished scholars.

TOO great importance cannot be placed upon our Alumni associations. They are the strongest connecting link between college and the after life of graduates. If Cornell is to become the great university of which its founders dreamed, Cornellians must keep up their interest in their *Alma Mater*. A university which gives to its graduate students the power of electing trustees depends, to a large extent, upon the interest or lack of interest manifested by those graduates. Alumni associations foster an

attachment for our university little appreciated by undergraduates. Such associations have already been formed in New York, Chicago, Syracuse and other cities which are accomplishing a most excellent work. It is a remarkable fact that Buffalo, which numbers among its Cornell graduates lawyers, journalists and successful business men, should have no association of this kind. The number and rank of our Alumni demand it. The duty which they owe to the University demands it. Let us see, before many months, a movement in the right direction, and an Alumni association formed in Buffalo, which shall be, not only a credit to the participants, but of great advantage to our University.

THE BRITISH CIVIL SERVICE.

For some days efforts have been making to secure Mr. James Bryce, the eminent English Professor, to deliver a lecture in Ithaca on the Civil Service of England. A petition was yesterday placed in the Library to be signed by those students who are desirous of hearing the illustrious foreigner. Mr. Bryce's Essay for the "Arnold Prize" on the "Holy Roman Empire," has become very famous. It attracted universal notice, and is now considered the standard authority on the subject. He obtained the chair in Civil Law at Oxford, and has since been chosen to a professorship in the University of London. His interest in public affairs is shown by his successful competition for a seat in the House of Commons. He is a member of the Liberal party, and for this reason should appeal to the sympathies of Americans. Mr. Bryce is in this country on a brief business trip, intending to return some time next month, and it is therefore necessary to secure him as soon as possible, as he is to be secured at all. President White has telegraphed Mr. Bryce, but up to the period of writing, no answer has been received. He has demonstrated his interest in the matter by subscribing the amount necessary to bring Mr. Bryce here, and all that is required of the students is that they shall subscribe the amount required for the hall. Mr. Bryce has been in this country before, and that time paid Cornell a visit. He is the kind of a man we desire to meet a man of prominence and great worth in public life, and one who is destined for high position, the cabinet, undoubtedly, and perhaps the Premiership. If we should be successful in securing him, nothing should prevent a large attendance on his lecture. It is seldom such an opportunity is enjoyed, and it should not be thrown away.

—Another table is needed in the Assembly Room. The ERA exchanges are too many to be held by the one table.

AN ADVENTURE.

The average reader, now-a-days, has come to regard thrilling tales of mountain adventures as nothing more than silly fancies of some rattle-brained writer. The country has progressed so much in art, science and civilization, that the people neither need these romances for their mental development, nor tolerate them, unless based on fact. The days are past for bowie-knives, Indians, buffaloes, poisoned arrows, and such dime-novel paraphernalia. Still the sympathetic, curious element is so strong in man that he is ever anxious to listen, yes, even to pry into any occurrence of a nature at all sensational. With a desire simply to satisfy this craving in man this strange tale is put forth.

About the middle of last July, seven of us started for the mountains in ———, to spend three weeks in camping. We had all the apparatus needful for such an expedition, from a brandy flask to a guide. When we started the former was full, and the latter empty, but before we came back it was vice versa, that is to say, the contents of the one,—namely, the flask, had been emptied into the other, much to our discomfiture. For, it is just upon this circumstance, perhaps in itself a trifling one, that this story hangs. We had been following a trail for over two days in the wildest country one could imagine. In so short an article, no time can be spared to describe this wilderness. It is enough to say it was as wild as wild could be. Late in the afternoon of the third day, we stopped for a short rest by a pretty babbling brook, and unconsciously showed the brandy. Our guide, Billy, soon said he would look about a bit, to see if he could not find another trail. Unsuspectingly we consented, and off he went. Finally it began to grow dark, and Billy did not return. Soon we missed the flask. Then we knew all. We could easily trace for a short distance his path in the under-brush, and so Harry and I started to see if we could not find him lying somewhere near, in a dead stupor. We were provided with guns in case of danger. While crossing a stream our powder fell in, and hence became useless. We had probably gone a half-mile when suddenly we came to a place more like a jungle than anything else. It was too thick to be penetrated. It was not large, for by climbing a tree one could see that it was nearly round in shape, and only a few hundred yards in diameter. The trail seemed to divide here, and so Harry agreed to go one way and I the other, and to meet on the other side. So we separated. I soon lost my way. It grew dark, yes, very dark. I was helpless. After a while the moon came up, and by its light I kept wandering on. What was that in the distance? A man lying there. It was Billy. I advanced cautiously and placed my gun and damaged powder at the foot of an adjoining

tree. In my great joy I pounced right down upon him. Ugh! It was a bear! "Help! help!" How I prayed, or rather tried to pray! Where was my gun? I was too excited to remember where I had laid it. In my dismay I fled to a small tree,—too small for Bruin to climb. Terror is but a mild expression for the state of my feelings. My hair stood on end. My heart throbbed like an engine. I was, I firmly believe, a little scared. The bear was enraged beyond measure. He seized the tree with a firm grasp. Then he shook it terribly. Tremors ran over me. I grew hot, I grew cold. How I did cling! Suppose he should finally get me! Thoughts of home, friends, the future filled my frightened soul. Yes, I even became a little excited. When would it all end? The bear shook and shook, but to no purpose. He could not budge me. The greater my fright, the closer I clung. Finally he stopped, not because he was tired, but because he saw his efforts were useless. He went off and sat down about twenty feet away, always keeping a close watch on me. I was continually engaged in trying to contrive a means of escape. Everything I could think of was useless. Oh if it were only day! Finally, in my desperation, I made a feint to jump. No use. Then I became quiet. Equally useless. At last I howled for help. None came. I didn't expect any, I only wished to make him think my friends were near. I whistled for my dog, gave imaginary orders to people. It wouldn't do. He could not be fooled. Then I tried persuasion, the power of love, and flattery. I begged him to let me go, told him of my large family and how helpless they would be, that I had no life insurance on my life, that of myself I was willing to die, since my mother-in-law lived with me at home, that only for my family did I wish to live. He seemed to know I was lying. Then I told him how I loved animals, and especially bears, that in my boyhood days I had a picture-book full of pictures of bears, that no animal could equal a bear in grace and beauty, that, in short, he was the finest creature in existence. This also failed. Now I tried threats. I ordered him off. Told him if he didn't go I'd fix him. I swore if I ever got him near Ithaca I'd set an Ithaca policeman on him. I threatened a black eye, a give-away in the papers, yes, even dynamite, but he wouldn't yield. Now my mad was up. I broke a rotten limb into pieces and threw them at him. His response was to throw my gun at me, which he did with a vengeance. Fortunately it didn't hit me, but lodged in the branches. I was in despair. But thank heaven! I remembered I had in my pocket a *Niagara Index*. This I hastily pulled out, and flaunted before his eyes. He took one long look at it—a look which I shall never forget—and, with a loud roar, whether of anger or of fear, I could not tell, ran away. In about an hour, and just as the morning was break-

ing, I slid slowly to the ground. How happy I was. I was free. God bless the *Niagara Index!*

VERITAS.

A LETTER FROM THE VIENNA ROWING COMMITTEE.

The following letter was received yesterday, and its contents will explain it.

VIENNA REGATTA COMMITTEE, }
Vienna, Oct. 25. 1881. }

To the Senate of the Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y. :

GENTLEMEN—In the *Cornell Sun* we find the accusation that a member of our Committee bribed Mr. Shinkle with funds of the Regatta Committee; further the assertion that Mr. Silberer communicated this to Mr. Chase; and finally, the remark that the authorities of the University will closely investigate the matter.

Now, as Mr. Chase's communications of the 7th instant, which have since reached us, do not throw sufficient light on the subject, we take the liberty of politely requesting you to let us know the result of your investigations, and beg to hand you herewith two documents, according to which the members of our Committee, and particularly Mr. Silberer, declare that they did not make any kind of statement to Mr. Chase, upon which the accusation raised by him could be based. By doing us the favor of complying with our request, you will greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

VIENNA REGATTA COMMITTEE.

R. FOREGGER, J. SCHWARTZ,
E. BACHMAYER.

LESSONS IN NATURAL HISTORY.

CHAPTER I.

The Professor.

This is a professor. It is from Princeton. See the mossy verdure on its spinal vertebrae. It is very old, in fact a geologic specimen of the Azoic period. It is a very rare specimen and only to be found at Princeton. Princeton has a monopoly on the Azoic period. It teaches the catechism and the decalogue to the poor little boys sent to this Seminary. It does not believe in concerts. It wants to be asked by these poor little boys for permission to go to play. Is there any danger of Princeton's losing this wealth of antiquity? No, she is welcome to it. Other institutions of learning have not time to stop long enough to let Princeton catch up. Princeton is very ancient; it (the professor) is more ancient; the ideas inculcated there are most ancient. Poor Princeton, poor Princeton! Can she not cre-

mate some of these antiquities? No, she is too old, too awfully old, too utterly old.

CHAPTER II.

The Freshman.

What is this we have here? He is very young; he wears frocks yet. What a round, rosy face he has! Isn't he pretty? Is he a good little boy? He is a very good little boy. Does he know any hymns? He knows several hymns which every Sunday afternoon he recites at the matron's knee. Is he his mother's darling? He is his mother's darling, and she was deeply affected in the region of her pericardium to have him leave home. Has he then left home so early in life? Yes, he has left home, and can you guess where he now is? Yes, we can guess. We think he must be an Oberlin Freshman. "Right you are, says Moses"—which is, being interpreted, "he is an Oberlin Freshman." Do they raise this variety of Freshman in Oberlin? They do. The soil there is especially adapted for the raising of this innocent variety. He can not be transplanted with any degree of safety. He is too fresh. He is entirely harmless. Does he always wear frocks? No, but he would like to. He wears them as long as he can and then gives them to his fifth son. Does he always stay fresh? He does. Is there no remedy? One and only one, but he gets rather old at times for this remedy. Would you like to know the remedy? It requires various manipulations with a shingle or slipper. Let us apply the remedy.

CHAPTER III.

The Sophomore.

Can any one guess what this is? No, it is not a Freshman, it is a Sophomore. Your mistake was quite natural. From his talk one might suppose him to be a Freshman, but he is not. He is a Columbia Sophomore. Do all Columbia Sophomores talk as he does? Yes, they all talk as he does, but they do little else. Some people say they prattle, others that they gas, but these are only other forms of expression for the same thing. What is he talking about? No one has ever been able to discover definitely what he finds to talk about. If you watch him closely you may hear something about "beer," "Eldredge," "plucked," "dear Mr. Goodwin," and "Chandler." Is he bad? No, he does not know enough to be very bad, but he would like to have you think him so. Is Columbia a big place? Columbia and New York are the two largest places in the United States: so this Sophomore says, and he would not lie even for the sake of having Eldredge row. What makes so many Columbia Sophomores put "S. of M." after their names? It means "School of Monkeys," because they imitate, and try to look wise, and chatter. Would you like to be a Columbia Sophomore? No, not until the breed is improved.

CHAPTER IV.

The Junior.

Here is a convict just released from prison. No, you are mistaken. This is a Yale Junior, and he has on one of Merwin's latest style of suits. Many others before you have made the same mistake. Is he as "toney" as he looks? No, he is not. He lives in a tenement house in New York, but signs himself "Fifth Avenue." Why does he do this? Merely for convenience and reference. Why does he go to Yale? In order to subscribe to the college navy fund. Are all Yale students of his calibre? Yes all; but, speaking of calibre, he has no mental calibre to speak of. Does he ever swear? He does indeed, in fact he does little else. He swears at Princeton, because Princeton is big at Foot-Ball; but he swears most at himself to think he did not make more money on the last Yale-Harvard boat race. Why! does he bet? Yes that is how he lives. His father is a successful "better" but makes most of his money as a ward politician. Does he ever study? Oh, no! he did not come to Yale to study. Will he graduate? He will if he can get money enough next summer to buy up the printer who prints the examination papers. Then he is smart? In a certain way, yes, but he needs to be watched.

CHAPTER V.

The Senior.

What is this we have here? Is it alive? It is. Be Jawge, it is a Hawvawd Senyah, you know. Is he known by any other title? Yes-ah, he-ah is sometimes called a cultuahed gentleman-ah. Does he study Greek? I should-ah say that he did-ah. He pwayed in Oedipus-ah lawst yeah. What did he play? He pwayed the curtains up awnd down-ah. Joke ah! Ha-ha-ah? What makes him part his hair in the middle? Only a step-ah in the cawse of his development-ah. Development into what? In-to womanhood-ah. Another joke ah, be Jove-ah. By-the-way, what does he think of Emerson's idea of the non-combustibility of modern agnosticism? My deah fellah, he has not the slightest ideah. Fact-ah. Joke-ah, number three. Jerusalem, you are pwekking mattahs too fah. At Hawvawd we feel ah that we ah must patronize Emerson a little-ah, but the awdawcious fellah, actually-ah---. Yes, this is a Harvard Senior. Is he always thus? He is not when he takes a surf bath at Coney Island. "Cultuah" can then be—relegated to Boston where it belongs.

CORNELLIANA.

- Make-up-drills are now in order.
- Evans, last week, took some fine views of Sage.
- It is rumored that Sarah-Mony is an inmate of Sage.

—Pictures of Dr. Freeman are for sale by Miss Ackley.

—Many students are arranging for duck hunting parties next week.

—If bicyclists must run around the buildings why not have a special track made for them.

—Dr. Wilson's Syllabus in Psychology appeared this week. Juniors are deeply interested in its contents.

—Dr. Freeman will deliver his next course of historical lectures before Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.

—In Boston they say that their "abdominal viscera betrays a consciousness of a vacuity." We say "grub-struck."

—The *Review*, by special arrangement, is published the 20th of every month, the same day as *Scribner's Monthly*.

—There is a great quantity of "antiquarian rubbish" lying around, which we would like to see removed. We won't specify, however.

—Who has seen those pictures of the battalion last Friday? "The scheme as we understand it, gentlemen, is"—to leave them alone.

—Won't some of our subscribers deal out a little lucre? Our printer, you see, has intimated that he'd like to buy a turkey for '1 hanksgiving.

—During the latter part of last week the McGraw clock took a breathing spell, so to speak. It positively refused to strike for a couple of days.

—Query: Whom was it supposed that the bill advertising the Woman's Suffrage meeting in Library Hall, which was placed on the bulletin board, would attract?

—Query: Were the walks placed on the campus for use of bicycling, or for walking? Bicycles are good, and we hope for more, but let them keep their place.

—Work on the Scientific building is going on rapidly. The window frames of the basement are already in place. The corner stone was laid on Wednesday.

—Last spring a movement was begun to form a University Orchestra. This term we have as yet heard nothing of it. Surely, this organization should not be neglected.

—The Michigan Foot-Ball team is now playing with several of the Eastern college teams. If Rugby had been in a healthy condition, we might have played them here.

—Lawn tennis is also beginning to feel the results of the boom in out-door sports. At Harvard the game is most popular, and we see no reason why it should not be so here.

—Let us have a variety of notices on the bulletin

board. Nothing but notices of Foot Ball matches, with the names of the players, have been seen there for the last two weeks.

—We have often thought of many threats made upon the alleged perpetrators of various depredations and wondered what hushed them up so. Was there any work behind the boards?

—Prof. Tyler's quiz in American History seems to have met with the approval of a great majority of his students. We think even thus early that the scheme may be called a success.

—Complaint is made by those who drill, that the military notices are not put up early enough in the day. Many of the boys go down at eleven o'clock, and hence miss the notices entirely.

—"Our Boys" which the Lingard Company is to present at the Opera House on Saturday evening, ran for more than fifteen hundred nights, after its appearance at the Gaiety Theatre in London.

—A Soph. the other day advertised an umbrella lost at "12 A. M. one day last week." While he got a little mixed about time, we are glad he didn't get off the old joke about "taking my umbrella by mistake."

—President White in his lecture on Wednesday, warmly commended the plan of the Archaeological Museum, and asked the assistance of all the students in making collections and securing loans for the same.

—There was a young man who played poker,
He skillfully handled the joker.

'Jack Pot' was his name,
And 'Bluff' was his game,

He wore a straw hat and a choker.

—There are some lower classmen who seem to think the Library is a play-room, and a place for visiting during their unoccupied hours—they should be gently undeceived, and the disturbance they make stopped.

—Sage Chapel pulpit will be occupied next Sunday by the Rev. Washington Gladden, of Springfield Mass. Mr. Gladden is a Williams graduate of the class of '59, and is widely known as a writer and pulpit orator.

—We must urge upon our patrons the advisability of patronizing those who advertise in the college papers. It is but fair that those who by their contributions aid in sustaining college institutions, should be patronized.

—Professor Hale is engaged upon a work on Latin Moods and Tenses, to be published next term. There is a great need of such a book, and Cornell may congratulate herself upon having a Professor, the first to move in this direction.

—"Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the cramming season." This is the joke a Freshman

sent in to us yesterday. We publish it to give our readers a slight idea of the troubles of an editor's life. We get tired, and wish a little sympathy.

—It is well known that a newspaper often makes mistakes. Such we did last week when we spoke of curtains in Professor Oliver's room. He kindly asked the boys to choose the color they wished, and some funny (?) fellow suggested red, white and blue, thereby evidently disgusting the Professor.

—There is great need of more German Lexicons in the Library. At present there is a great strife mornings for them. German is beginning to be very popular owing to the sensible manner in which that departments is managed in the University, and hence the authorities should encourage the study of this language in every way.

—Many complaints are made of the lack of ventilation in certain lecture and recitation rooms. At the same time we would suggest that in some rooms the ventilation idea is carried to excess, where it is difficult to find a seat in any part of the room where one is not exposed to drafts of air. In winter weather too much air is about as bad as too little.

—The Junior Engineers are seriously talking of cremating Kinematics at the close of the term. By all means, let us have some excitement. Years ago the boys used to have an annual funeral, when they burned their old styles of hats, with many ceremonies of great solemnity. Let us therefore have a resurrection of the burial. Joke! wave a red flag.

—A well-known Cornelian while in Europe this past summer, entered a Vienna store and after vainly trying to make himself understood said, "Ich will back kommen," but this did not sound right. So he changed it about and said, "Ich will kommen back," and departed with the belief that if you only take a little care, German is not such a hard language to speak after all.

—The probability that we will have a Freshman crew ready for use next summer, are daily growing stronger. '85, with commendable zeal, has fifteen of the strongest and best developed men in the class already in boats, and we understand that it is expected to put them in hard training in the Gymnasium during the coming winter. The next thing in order will be a challenge to Columbia or one of the Eastern colleges.

—Last Saturday evening the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, which was established at Sage last year, had an initiation. Eight new members were placed on the roll, and a banquet was held. The society, the largest woman's fraternity in the country, is now put on a successful basis. Most of the chapters are in the West. While we have none but friendly words for the society, still we cannot help wishing another might be started—just to even up things, you know.

—Next Thursday evening the Carenno Donaldi Company will give a Concert at Library Hall. This is perhaps the best musical organization to visit Ithaca since the Litta Troupe. Let us hope it will be better patronized. Ithaca is not noted as a concert town and it is not often that such excellent companies visit us. The artists in this troupe are spoken of in terms of the highest praise by the press where ever they have appeared, and no one should fail to hear them as a promoter of the digestion of his Thanksgiving dinner.

—Horace Lingard's excellent company will, this evening, at Wilgus Opera House, present the successful society play of "Stolen Kisses." Those who were not fortunate enough to see Placid Dawkins when the company appeared here a few weeks ago, should not miss the opportunity of listening to that jovial hypocrite and "Friend of the Family." The enjoyable singing in the second act will comprise the additional attraction of four or five songs which, owing to the poor quality of the orchestra, were omitted in the former rendering of the play.

—This being the last issue before Thanksgiving, the ERA thinks a little advice to the Freshmen who spend this holiday at home, would be not only proper, but the best thing under the circumstances. Do not, we beg you, wear your uniforms at home. Doubtless you are surprised that such advice is given, but the thing has happened, and might happen again. Last year a Freshman immortalized himself by appearing in the streets of his native town in full regalia. His case was really a sad one, and for a time very doubtful, but we are happy to state that he recovered. The Faculty took no action in regard to his case, but they might have done so. It is easy to see what a really narrow escape he had. Too much care can not be exercised in this matter.

—We, in common with all former Boards of Editors of the ERA, have been much amused at the suggestions as to how the paper should be used, what should be inserted and what should not. In fact, we have discovered that we are, of all the students in the University, the very ones who know the least about running a paper. Of course, we are delighted to discover this, and regret the foolishness of the two classes in selecting us to fill the position. But now, that we are here, now that the year is fairly begun, why not let us manage affairs that are under our control? We are willing to take advice, but when several persons advise different courses in regard to the same matter, we are forced to follow our own judgment. So do not be surprised if you find us and not you editing this paper.

—I here has been quite a general complaint going the rounds of the professional press, that athletics occupy too much attention in colleges. While this may apply to many of the educational institutions of this country, we feel sure that such a charge can

not be laid, with any degree of justice, at our doors. Students entering here are imbued with the idea that because Cornell has usually possessed a victorious crew, in consequence athletics must take a prominent place among the students. It takes not very long to entirely undeceive them in regard to the matter, and show them that because we win in boat races, it certainly is not due to the fact that our student body composes a gigantic athletic association. Certainly none of us need feel that we, as an institution, have laid ourselves open to the charge; in fact, we need encouragement in quite the other direction.

PERSONALIA.

ELLIS MORRIS, '79, now runs the *Utica Herald*.

LEHMAN, '79 is in the cotton business in New Orleans, La.

TODD, '72 is heavily engaged in building at Pueblo, Colorado.

CASEY, '82, was recently called home by the death of a brother in New York.

SCHENCK, '82, was called home on Tuesday because of a death in the family.

"JACKY" HORNER, '81, is now in the grocery business in New Orleans, his native place.

MILLER, formerly '81, and Hine, formerly '82, are both attending the Washington Law School.

EUGENE BAKER, '78, has been elected President of the Senior Class in Michigan University Medical College.

HOUGH, '81, is in town for a few days. He intends coming back next term to take a post graduate course.

RENO, '85, was in the Lehigh Valley R. R. accident last Wednesday night and escaped with some very slight bruises.

IRVINE, '80, is studying law in the Washington, D. C., Law School, and is at the same time in the U. S. District Attorney's office.

GUINNIP, formerly '79, was beaten for School Commissioner for the Thirteenth Assembly District. He had already held the office twice.

BRIGHAM, '69, one of the founders of the ERA and the originator of its name, and also its first business manager, has gone to Fargo, Dakotah, to take charge of the *Herald* of that city. Last year, it will be remembered, he furnished this paper a very interesting article on the founding of the ERA.

COLLEGE NEWS.

On the 13th, Yale was the victor in a sharply contested game of foot-ball with Harvard, by the smallest possible score—that of four safety touch-downs by the other side.

The Princeton lacrosse players hold the college championship.

Fourteen Sophomores were recently suspended from the University of California for two months, for hazing Freshmen. They were escorted to the train by sympathizing students of all classes.

One of the performers on the horizontal bar at the Summer Circus in Paris, is a Harvard graduate of '76.—*Ex.*

Hallow e'en was celebrated at the University of Rochester by the destruction of \$500 worth of property belonging to the institution.

Seniors of Williams have two hours of elective work. The favorite course is English literature.

There is a rumor that Mr. Wm. H. Vanderbilt is about to establish a University for girls, at Nashville, Tenn., similar to the institution for young men founded by his father. This is just such a school as the South needs, and it is to be hoped the plan will be carried out.—*Ex.*

The Faculty of Williams have decided not to allow the nine to join the League.

There are 7,000 Americans now studying in the German schools and universities.

At Princeton the tutors are being replaced by professors. This, and various other recent improvements, gives it all the advantages possessed by Oxford or Cambridge. So says Dr. McCosh, the president.

The Chess Club at the University of Pennsylvania has received a challenge from the Williams College Chess Club. The game will be played by postal card.

—Much interest is taken in boxing this term. Twenty-six men are profiting by the instruction of two professors of the manly art. Frazier of Harvard has eighteen pupils, and Doyle of Yale has eight.—*Athenæum.*

EXCHANGES.

In our issue of the 4th we urged the advisability of forming an Inter-Collegiate Press Association, and called upon the *Acta Columbiana* to revive its affection for what was its chief object in life last year. The *Williams Athenæum*, issued the 5th, in an editorial, signified its willingness to send a delegate to a convention held to form such an association at any time and place that may seem suitable to those having the matter in charge. The scheme has since received the hearty endorsement of several papers. We sincerely hope that this encouragement will be sufficient to induce the *Acta* to renew its efforts, and that they will meet with greater success than was attained last year.

The literary department of the number of the *Athenæum* above referred to, is rather below its usual standard. "Viola's Vassar Venture," is readable in places, but as a whole imposes too great a tax on one's credulity. The poor girl had experiences

enough in one night to make an eventful term for most school girls. The criticism of the *Vassar Miss*, is the brightest part of the effusion, though its advisability is questionable. It will be well for the *Athenæum* editor who visits Vassar in the future to keep his editorial experience a secret. Under the heading of "Success and Failure," the reader is given such startlingly original ideas as "life may be compared to a ship leaving port under sealed orders." "As one stands upon some lofty eminence and looks down upon the stormy sea of life, there may be seen strewn along the shore the wreck of many a craft," etc. The interpretation of success is true but trite. It is with pleasure that we reach the exchange column—the liveliest part of the paper. The exchange editor of the *Athenæum* seems to have called down upon himself, in some manner unknown to us, the wrath of the venerable Ephraim. The Sage of the *Argo* accuses the ex-man of the *Athenæum* of making a personal attack upon him, and refuses to engage in "a wordy duel which would prove alike disgusting to our readers, and fatal to the self-respect of at least one of the participants." The *Athenæum* man makes light of the matter as the outburst of a testy old gentleman, resents the classification with the *Index* and *Illini*, and trusts its reputation to the judgment of its readers and other college editors. It is always a dangerous and thankless task to interfere in family squabbles, but in the interests of the harmony in the college editorial world, which up to this time has been universal, the *ERA* ventures to offer a suggestion. Let Ephraim and the Ex-Ed. of the *Athenæum* fight a French duel. There is nothing more soothing to the ruffled feelings of both parties, or more certain to bind together in lasting friendship, the bitterest enemies. We like the independent spirit of the exchange editor of the *Athenæum* when he declares himself not in duty bound to praise or deride a publication because of its acquired reputation. There certainly is too much "magnetic worship" among college exchanges. The "diminutive stannic deities on wheels" of the college world have their devotees, as do those of the outer world. If the *Athenæum* can do anything to correct this tendency, it will not have lived and labored in vain.

The copy of the *Columbia Spectator* before us is evidence that its present editors have the ability and will to maintain its high status among college papers. The wood-cuts are inferior only to *Lampy's*, while they are not made the principal feature of the paper. The small space devoted to editorials is satisfactorily filled in the regulation style, with well written comments on college incidents, needs, and weaknesses. The report of "The Regatta" by "Stella," is novel and entertaining. We fancy that the strength of the *Spectator* does not lie in its poetry, if "Only one Dollar to Boston," is a fair sample of its abilities. "My Evening," is a neat little sketch of a kind of

human nature that is frequently met. A page is ornamented with a poem, the "Muff," printed in antiquated style, that has a very modern point. The "Doge Elect" promises to be of thrilling interest. We shall wait for the further history of Alphonse with anxiety, which will doubtless be shared by the readers of our exchanges. This style of literature is common in papers from the larger colleges of the East. It seems to us of questionable merit, and yet is preferable to the other extreme of dry theses on subjects both inappropriate and far beyond the capacity of their expounders. The "Demon Rider" must not be forgotten. It is truly poetical in sentiment and form, and redeems the effect produced by the "Dollar to Boston."

We have received "the *Campus*," a weekly published by the students of the University of Wisconsin. The plain white paper on which it is printed is thought by its editors to give it a business-like appearance which contrasts favorably with that of its critics. We agree with the editors of the *Campus*. Many of our exchanges remind us of the "whited sepulchre." Too much attention is paid to typographical appearance, and too little to the matter presented, which should be the main consideration. We think the *Campus* makes a mistake in entering into religious questions, or in allowing such articles as the "Controversy in Religion" to appear in its columns. Religion and politics are the Scylla and Charybdis, which the young editor does well to give a wide berth. The locals are lively and interesting, though some of the personals are after the manner of country newspapers. On the whole we like the *Campus*, and hope to receive weekly visits from it.

BOOK NOTICES.

A HISTORY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE, by Moses Coit Tyler, Professor of American History and Literature in Cornell University; New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons.

All Cornellians, from their personal knowledge of Professor Tyler's character and scholarship, naturally feel a deep interest in this, his latest work. A book is seldom produced which wins such universal praise from the scholars of a continent. It has been called "the literary event of the decade," "one of the most valuable productions of the century." It has drawn from severe critics fervent praise. It has been compared with the works of Taine and VanLaun, in similar fields, to the disfavor of those authors. Readers of Professor Tyler's work cannot fail to recognize a keen philosophical insight and a talent for the arrangement and grouping of materials, rarely seen in historians since Gibbon wrote his *Decline and Fall*, while his analysis of character and graphic descriptions are incomparably beyond the every-day historian. Professor Tyler's style has been commended for its vigor, its originality, its comprehensiveness

and its curious instinct in the selection of words. To us who know him his style is something more. It is the style of a genial enthusiast who stamps his individuality upon everything he does, whether it be a sermon, a lecture, or a History of American Literature. So great and so general has been the applause which has greeted the first two volumes of Professor Tyler's work that scholars everywhere await interestedly the third volume devoted to the literature of the Revolution, which will probably make its appearance within a year. Students, after listening to his lectures, cannot but feel a desire to become better acquainted with Professor Tyler through his books. The publication of the Agawam edition, printed to meet the popular demand, renders the gratification of this desire possible.

MARTIN LUTHER AND HIS WORK by John H. Treadwell. G. P. Putnam's Sons.

This book seems to be the natural outgrowth of a love for Luther, and a love, too, not blinded by his faults. The writer has endeavored to picture the life of the man "leaving polemics and the niceties of chronology to those who have tastes in that direction." Historical students have long felt the need of a concise yet comprehensive history of Luther and Luther's influence, and this book seems to very nearly meet their requirement. It is short, impartial, well-told. It is such a book as the last generation could not have produced on this subject. It is probably not such a book as some future generation, which shall not in so many ways as ours resemble the age of Luther, will produce.

BACON, by Thomas Fowler, M. A., F. S. A. Pp. 202. New York. G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.25.

This neat and attractive volume is one of a series, comprising the English philosophers, published by this firm. The object of the book, as set forth in the preface, is to present the character of the revolution which Bacon endeavored to effect in scientific method, as well as the nature of his philosophical opinions generally. The author, in a masterly manner, first gives a brief survey of Bacon's life, and in the following chapter describes his most important writings. After discussing, at some length, Bacon's survey of the sciences, his reforms in scientific method, the author considers carefully Bacon's opinions, philosophical and religious, and closes the volume with a chapter in which he describes the influence of Bacon's reform on the progress of science and the nature of that influence. To all students of science this work will be of especial interest, as giving a careful analysis of this greatest of English philosophers, which will assist them in their study of his writings, while it cannot be perused by the general reader without stimulating a desire to be better acquainted with the works of this great reformer in science.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Oh pulchra puella,
Do look on a fellah,
Qui canit under your winder.
Clara luna lucit,
Dulce amor ducit,
For what the deuce is to hinder.—*Ex.*

—Miss Blanche De Bar is to bring out a new drama, written by herself, and entitled "Eva, the Saleslady." Now let somebody rewrite the part of "Mose, the Firegentleman."—*Boston Pilot.*

—A student objects to another's wearing a plug hat, because, he says "It looks so much like a church with a grog shop in the basement."—*Ex.*

—How this slang does break folks up. The boy in the history class was telling how Stuart's cavalry rapidly crossed the Peedee river and moved northward. Said he: "They crossed the river Peedee quick." And then the teacher lammed him for profanity.—*Ex.*

—The bride was led up the broad aisle,
Got up in the most killing staisle;
When asked if she'd be
A true wife to be,
She promptly replied: "I should smaisle."
—*Varsity.*

—"Four years at Harvard, or Reminiscences of an Idler," will probably be soon published.—*Yale News.*

—"That is what I like," said the tramp, good country board," as he lay down on the floor of the barn.—*Puck.* "I don't like the butter, though," he observed, a few minutes later, when interviewed by a ram that belonged on the premises.—*Dartmouth.*

—"Is anybody waiting on you?" said a polite dry goods clerk to a young lady from the country. "Yes, sir," replied the blushing damsel, "that's my fellow outside; he wouldn't come in the store."—*Cabinet.*

—Teacher, to infant class in Sunday School: "What is promised to the righteous?" Chorus, "Eternal bliss, marm." Teacher, "And to the wicked?" Thin voice, from the bottom of the class: "Eternal blister" (There was one penny less put on the plate that day.)—*Mercury.*

SPECIAL NOTICES

—**STOLEN KISSES.**—A fair house greeted "Stolen Kisses" with William Horace Lingard in the leading part last evening at the Grand Opera House. The play is a comedy drama, bright and fresh, and is very amusing throughout. Mr. Lingard is a good comedian, and appeared last evening in double character, that of Placid Dawkins, the tutor, and Grandfather Becks. The characters are widely different, but Mr. Lingard's versatility was so great that

he showed to great advantage in each. The support throughout was good, and much better than in the majority of companies. Charles Overton as Mr. Newsbury Becks made a decided hit. His son, Dolly Becks, as personated by Edward Warren, was also good. Betsy Single, the servant who is in love with Dolly Becks and finally succeeds in securing him as her husband, was a character very well taken by Miss Lottie Wade.—*Rochester Herald.*

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WE clip the following from the *Boston Post* on a subject which is of general interest to college-men, and fraternity men in particular. We agree with the writer that loyalty to one's fraternity should not be an element in politics. It is too likely to raise dissensions and to draw lines where no dissensions should exist and where no lines should be drawn.

"We do not object to the influence of secret societies in college as some do, but we believe that that influence, so far as it becomes a factor in outside politics, is not a wholesome one. It is a pleasant thing to see graduates taking sufficient interest in their college associations to contribute to the building of society halls and their equipment at the chapters of their respective colleges, and all that is legitimate, but when alumni take the tactics and the purposes of the college caucus into circles where they are not understood it is carrying their zeal a little too far. It might have done in the earlier days of the Phi Beta Kappa, which was formed for a patriotic purpose, but it is an influence foreign to the politics of average communities, and is sure to awaken a not undeserved hostility. The fact that a man has once worn a Greek badge for a period of three or four years is a poor reason for electing him judge, senator or governor."

THE question of an Inter-Collegiate Press Association seems to be becoming the question. Lest the ERA be charged with inconsistency in supporting such a project, we will briefly state the various positions the ERA has taken since such an institution was first suggested. Two years ago the ERA favored the project; last year it refused its support; this year it favors it. To one unacquainted with the nature of the management of this paper, we will say that every year a different list of students edit it. So that the opinions of one Board are not necessarily the opinions of the Board for the following year. Each Board dictates its own policy and rests on its own merits. Ignorance of this, doubtless, led the *Acta* last year to charge this paper with inconsistency. But last year's Board never favored such an association, and hence were not inconsistent in refusing late in the college year to support it. We have not adopted the policy of last year's Board in regard to the association, and hence cannot be charged with inconsistency in supporting the association, which we do heartily. But if the thing is allowed to drag until the next college year, we cannot be answerable for the policy of next year's Board.

CORNELL'S campus is lighted by an electric light. For two or three years we have noted with satisfaction that this item has been conscientiously handed down from one board of college editors to another as a choice secret to be used carefully on the keepitdark principle. It is not the purpose of this article to criticise the item. We are quite willing that it should make an annual tour around the college world. The *Acta Columbiana* has the honor of starting it again this year, and it will probably work its passage across the continent, perhaps even condescending to rest for an instant in the lap of the *Beloit Round Table*, until it subsides beneath the waves of the Pacific under the supervising care of the *Berkeleyan*.

Now, what we wish to call attention to is the fact that these electric lights do not illumine the University grounds between Cascadilla Place and the

top of the hill beyond the bridge. In the good old days when there were fewer Professors in Mathematics, and men loved light rather than darkness, tradition saith that twin lamps were stationed on Cascadilla bridge, but some bold Sophomore, whose ways were evil, tore them from thence and hurled them into the fathomless abyss below. Now this story may be true, or like most tales of past greatness, it may be principally—hyperbole. Meanwhile, we are left to our own devices in shuffling through the mud of the aforesaid vale of shadows, under constant danger of colliding with some unfortunate, unless—horrible thought—we learn to smoke or wear head-lights of some larger kind. We are not quite certain that we had an idea when we started out; we are positive we did not have two ideas, yet the thought struck us, you know, that perhaps lamps on Cascadilla bridge would be a good way of using up the proceeds of a few thousand acres of western lands.

A serious misunderstanding of paramount importance to all Freshmen, and one which has created a great deal of comment, has arisen between certain members of one of the Mathematical sections, and the Professor in charge. So important is this difficulty that the Professor alluded to, last Monday devoted considerable time in each recitation to explaining his views and conclusions upon the matter. The whole trouble is about the marking system, carried on, it is true, only on a limited scale by the Mathematical Department. The question at issue is whether, in view of the customs and tendencies of our University, which are unmistakably against any marking system whatever, a Professor has the right to compel a student to make up a "quiz" or a "prelim," which may occur on a day when the student is absent, for which absence a leave has been granted, or a good excuse can be given. As the matter stands now, the Professor insists upon such a compulsion, and if the student does not comply with this rule, he is marked zero, which factor, insignificant of itself, though very important to the student, enters into his final mark at the end of the term. In order to get correct views of this matter, that we may be able to do justice to all parties concerned in our treatment of the case, we have carefully examined the "Rules for Guid-

ance of Students," have consulted the Registrar, and made various other inquiries upon the points at issue, and hence feel reasonably sure that our views in this matter are correct, and almost beyond controversy.

That the Mathematical Faculty have a right to hold these "quizzes" and "prelims," and, also that they have a right to mark upon them, which mark shall enter into the student's final mark, is an undisputed fact. The Faculty gives to any Professor the right of taking the term's work of the student into consideration before giving him his final standing; and to get his estimate of a student's work, a Professor may use his memory, or any notes, or, if necessary, he may have "frequent examinations" to determine this result. A daily marking system, however, would not be tolerated in the light of the University's tendencies. But, however, he may get at the result of the term's work, under no condition can a Professor compel one to make up a "quiz" or "prelim" happening on a day for which the student has or can get a leave of absence. Such a leave covers not only the absence itself, but also all the work done during that absence, and it is an optional matter with the student whether he shall make up the work or not. A term's work includes only those days when a student is present in his recitation room, and not those days when he is absent. All reasons given for the compulsion on the ground of its utility, benefit to the student, etc., such as we understand the Professor gave, are entirely irrelevant, and are a means of dodging the question. The question is not upon the utility, but upon the right to enforce such a compulsion. Clearly no one has such a right, and no professor can either justly mark a student down, or bar him from an examination,—a hobby which the Mathematical Faculty used to ride industriously—for refusing to make up the back work. We are given, moreover, to understand that a student who feels sure that his mark has been lowered by being accredited with a zero, unless he makes up his "quiz," has a right to appeal to the Faculty against this treatment, with a reasonable show of success, too. And this is just what we advise any, who may be conditioned at the coming examination, to do. Let us have a test and so settle this matter. We feel sure, that, if it were a body of upper classmen,

no such treatment would be given them, and we dislike, therefore, to see Freshmen compelled to do what they surely would refuse to do later on in their course. Advantage seems to be taken of their position. What we advise is not mutiny, but persistency for one's rights, which surely Freshmen have as well as any one else. Therefore in our opinion, carefully based upon inquiry, no professor has a right to mark one when absent, cannot compel him to make it up, nor bar him from the examination if not made up, and, also, if such marks do enter into his final mark, the student has a right to appeal to the Faculty for redress,—a duty which he owes not only to himself, but also to his fellow students. This thing ought to be speedily settled, and in bringing it up before all, students and professors alike, we feel that we are only doing our duty.

BY reference to our local columns, our readers will observe that Thanksgiving has come and gone. Any quantity of proofs could be given of the above, but we forbear. At this time, custom decrees a statement of things to be thankful for. When we were young, instead of the usual scriptural verse at the beginning of the meal, we always used to tell the things for which we were thankful. They consisted of things, any number of things, we actually had possessed. But now, since we have 'become a man,' we would rather mention various things which we have not possessed, for which we are 'truly thankful.'

Editorially we have been remarkably free from bores. Our fighting editor is growing stronger every day, and is beginning to fear no man, living or dead. We have not been summoned before the Faculty for our scurrilous articles on the Mathematical Department, or for our contempt of various puns by Professors. We cannot complain of any lack of respect on the part of Professors or Freshmen. Both alike have tipped their hats from high regard for our exalted position. Gratitude fills our breast that attendance upon Dr. Freeman's lectures was not compulsory, and we hail it as a straw pointing to that great day—that student millennium—when we shall be free to attend lectures or not, just as the spirit moves us. Uncle Josh has paid his subscription, and has not had cabbage and onions for dinner once during the term, We have had several narrow escapes from death, which hap-

py result we attribute to the Providential care surrounding all newspaper men. Ceilings in the various recitation rooms have fallen, and yet not on us. Gates have been stolen, and still ours remains untouched. Burglars have visited our fold, and we have not had our treasures—probably because they were not upon earth—stolen. Therefore, our cup is full, not for what we have, but for what we lack. As ERA editors are but types of man in general—no angel about us—we advise each to look about, and see if he cannot, like us, be thankful for the things which are not.

THE FOG.

Wrapped in fog the valley lies,
 All the heights in light are gleaming,
 Muffled murmurs upward rise
 Through the veil of vapor, teeming
 Full of deep and doleful cries,
 As of souls in anguish, seeming
 Sadly striving toward the skies.
 Plunge into the thinly steaming
 Man of mist, and quickly dies
 All the light so freely streaming
 Round the summits: weakly tries,
 Baffled still, to send its beaming
 Shafts within, and backward flies.
 Vaguely looming in the gloaming,
 Filling one with strange surprise,
 To and fro flit shadows, roaming
 Aimlessly before the eyes.
 Like a dreamer, dimly dreaming,
 Hearing indistinct replies,
 Every form a phantom deeming,
 Every voice, a voice of sighs,
 Doubtful every step esteeming,
 Wander we in wierd surprise.

THE COMÉDIE-FRANÇAISE IN SUMMER.

IN the summer of 1879 the company of the Théâtre Français (which was closed for repairs) migrated to London, where their performances became at once the most fashionable diversion of the season. The immense success of the venture spread the fame of the troupe to this side of the Atlantic, where the readers of the daily papers were made familiar with all the details of the first dramatic association of Europe. The subsequent visit to this country of one of its most conspicuous members increased the interest in the organization of which she had recently been a member. It is not the purpose of this paper to enter into any particulars historical or economical, of the Comédie-Française, especially as this has already been admirably done in two articles in the Nineteenth Century (Nos. 29, 30,

July, Aug., 1879) and in Mr. Brander Matthews's Theatres of Paris (New York, 1880). I intend to give merely a brief account of the varied and interesting performances I witnessed last summer, and which will convey some idea of the richness of the *répertoire* of this incomparable troupe.

The Comédie-Française, as it is officially entitled, receives a large annual subvention from the government, about fifty thousand dollars besides the rent of the buildings, and, like two of the other national theatres, the Opéra and the Opéra-Comique, is open during the entire year. No play is ever allowed a continuous run; if very successful it may be given three, or possibly four, nights in the week, but the other evenings always witness a change of programme. The play which was having a run in this sense last summer at the Comédie Française was Pailleron's brilliant *Le Monde où l'on s'ennuie*, produced for the first time on the 23d of April, and which was acted for the sixty-ninth time on the 27th of August. Its popularity is still unabated and it has not yet been withdrawn from the stage. As this play is to be read next term with the Advanced French class I will merely say that it is an interesting *pendant* to the *Femmes Savantes* and is filled with bright hits at the foibles of modern French society. The original cast included two of the most famous actors of the company, Got and the elder Coquelin, whose places were afterwards filled by Prudhon and Truffier. Both of the first named actors appeared however in other plays during the summer, Got constantly, Coquelin unfortunately but rarely. I may remark here that with the exception of Mlle. Croisette, who was taking her vacation, all the best members of the company appeared frequently.

The following classical plays were given during July and August, each but once: Molière's *L'Avare*, *Femmes Savantes*, *Fourberies de Scapin*, *Tartuffe* and *Les Précieuses Ridicules*; Corneille's *Cinna* and the *Cid*; and Racine's *Britannicus*. The *Cid* and *Les Précieuses Ridicules* were performed on the national fête, July 14th.

The most interesting of the above representations was that of the *Femmes Savantes*, on August 5th. On the morning of that day at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Conservatoire, M. Got, who is both professor of elocution in that institution and dean of the Comédie-Française, was decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor. This was the first time this decoration had ever been bestowed upon an actor still on the stage. The ovation which the veteran actor received was indescribable and was a tribute as honorable to the man as flattering to the actor.

It is perhaps appropriate to mention next in order a genuine classical play and one which was peculiarly interesting from the recent performance in its original form at an American University. I allude to the *Oedipus Tyrannus* of Sophocles. The version

presented at the Théâtre Français was a literal translation in French verse by Jules Lacroix, and was first produced in 1858 with but moderate success. It was revived last summer, and I was present at the first performance, August 9th. The appearance of the stage is given in a cut in *L'Illustration*, (August 20th). No attempt was made to imitate the antique mode of representation, and the choruses were recited, or rather intoned by two young girls and the *coryphæus*. The music consisted of a symphony rendered at various intervals by a concealed orchestra of stringed instruments.

The part of Oedipus was played by Mounet-Sully, who, by this performance, stepped into the foremost rank of modern tragedians. When he appeared blinded in the last act, a profound thrill of horror pervaded the entire audience, and certainly a more ghastly sight has rarely been presented on the stage. The play met with great success, and was presented two or three times a week, alternating with Pailleron's comedy.

In order of time *La vraie Farce de Maître Pathelin* should be mentioned next. This well-known mediæval farce is perhaps the only play in the repertory of the Comédie-Française which has ever been given in Ithaca, where it has been successfully performed by the Dramatic Association under the title of *The Village Lawyer*.

The connecting link between the old and the new was represented by Beaumarchais's *Mariage de Figaro*, the performance of which is elaborately criticised in the *Revue des deux Mondes*, June 1st, 1881. Since the withdrawal of Mlle. Bernhard from the Comédie Française a vacancy has existed which will probably long remain unfilled. Mlle. Croisette has passed the meridian of her renown, and her physique, the counterpart of Mlle. Bernhardt's, will not permit her to remain much longer on the stage. The fickle public has partially transferred its suffrages to Mlle. Bartet whom I saw in Dumas's *Mademoiselle de Belle-Isle*, and Vacquerie's Jean Baudry. She struck me as refined and attractive rather than forcible. The same may be said of Milles. Broisat and Dudley, the former of whom appeared in *Le Monde où l'on s'ennuie* and in Sandeau's *Mademoiselle de la Seiglière*; the latter as Emilie in *Cinna*.

One of the most delightful plays of the summer was *L'Ami Fritz* by Erckmann Chatrian, which contained excellent parts for Got, Febvre, and Mlle. Reichenberg who fills very charmingly the rôle of *ingénue*.

Every graduate of the Conservatoire (in the class of elocution) who receives a first prize is entitled to one appearance at the Comédie-Française. Whether he becomes a member of the company depends upon his success and the needs of the troupe. One such appearance took place in August, the débutant filling the rôle of Oliver in Vacquerie's noble play

Jean Baudry. The theatre was filled with the friends of the young actor, who, however, deserved the applause showered upon him.

Besides the modern plays mentioned above, Mme. George Sand's *Le Mariage de Victorine* was given, the most tiresome play of the season, it seemed to me.

It remains to mention the shorter pieces which were acted with the plays already named. They were: *Chez l'Avocat* by P. Ferrier, *Le Feu au Couvent* by T. Barrière, *Le Village* by O. Feuillet, Marivaux's *L'Epreuve*, and Th. de Banville's *Gringoire*. Pailleron's comedy was always preceded by a short play by the same author, *Le Dernier Quartier*.

Thus in two months twenty-three different plays were given, a number which does not seem large when we remember that the company is supposed to have always ready for representation one hundred plays.

The house was always full, even on the hottest nights when it required some fortitude to sit out ten acts of verse in, so far as I could see, an absolutely unventilated room. The audience was cosmopolitan and ranged all the way from a Japanese graduate of Cornell to an American judge of the Egyptian Court of Appeals, with a preponderance, however, of English and German tourists. The rare treat afforded by such a season need not be dwelt upon; inimitable acting, the purest pronunciation, and a wide literary range are its chief features, and the student can at his leisure ponder upon the powerful influence which such an ideal theatre must exert upon letters and society.

—T. F. CRANE.

FAREWELL.

Away, away, no more delay!
 Arouse the engines, spread the sail!
 Too willingly the tears are starting,
 Too great the pain and strain of parting,
 Regrets and sighs, of what avail!

Farewell, farewell, the billows swell,
 And curl, and break, and foam below.
 Onward the ship is swiftly speeding;
 The shores behind are fast receding,
 Tinged with the sunset's dying glow.

And though we yearn, and fain would turn
 The homeward track again to seek,
 True friends will still abide as ever,
 Such ties the ocean cannot sever,
 For this it's power is all too weak.

And so we trust, since part we must,
 The months of absence, circling round,
 Will bring ere long a gladsome greeting,
 Will but enhance the joy of meeting,
 When friend with friend once more is found.

A MISTAKE.

I had been in college over two years, and had begun to pride myself on having some cleverness in matters of personal finance, as well as in Latin and Psychology (?), in fact, I thought my skill in the science of accounts almost equal to that of a Newark bank cashier. But alas! mistakes are made, they must be made. I had made a mistake—a great mistake. From the time I set out from the paternal house I had kept a strict account of all my business transactions—of moneys received and paid out, and was accustomed to transmit to the sire monthly statements of my affairs. I might also state that I kept another statement for my own private reference. The two balances were in effect essentially the same; but were, in reality, somewhat different. In the former, the entries were made more general in their character. In the account *bona fide* everything was noted most specifically; but from a habit of quick note taking, I became very careless, and used many abbreviations in my writing, which, to most people, would be almost unintelligible.

For October, I made out the following statement for transmission to my father:

Board,	- - - -	\$24.00
Room rent,	- - - -	20.00
Washing,	- - - -	8.00
Lights,	- - - -	1.22
Laboratory deposit,	- - - -	10.00
Books,	- - - -	30.00
Stationary, etc.,	- - - -	8.00
Sundries,	- - - -	5.00
Total,	- - - -	\$106.22

After writing a short letter, in which I requested a moderate amount of money to pay for some histories I wished to purchase, I hastily enclosed the statement and letter in the envelope. It was about a fortnight before I hanksgiving, and I had quietly hinted the acceptability of a box of eatables for that occasion.

For a week I watched the mails with much interest, and soon my expectations were realized—a business envelope with the usual familiar scrawl of my father. I held the envelope towards the light. A perceptible thickness could be noticed near the middle of the envelope—a check probably. I tore open the envelope. No—no check; confound it,—a long letter, and what else?—the statement—not his statement, mine,—enclosed by mistake:

PRIVATE STATEMENT.

Z.—Br.,	- - - -	\$13.15
Much. Br.,	- - - -	8.15
H. Bar,	- - - -	10.00
S. Bar,	- - - -	30.00
W.—Billds,	- - - -	16.00
Pool, etc.,	- - - -	8.00

C.—Cggttes,	- - - -	6.25
For Hack,	- - - -	6.00
Ex Board,	- - - -	8.18
E.—Washing,	- - - -	49
Total,	- - - -	\$106.22

In the next few moments volumes were added to history—not sacred. I immediately ran over the letter, which read as follows:

Dear Son:

Your letter came to my notice yesterday, with the statement enclosed. I was rejoiced to hear of your progress in learning, and was looking forward to a time not far distant, when you would be prepared to take the burden of business from my shoulders. But alas, I fear your ruthless extravagance will prove your ruin,—and what means this statement you send me? Who is Z Br., and Much. Br., and H. Bar, etc. I wish you to inform me at once what is the meaning of all this. I should think you would hint of Thanksgiving boxes and “small amounts.” Let me hear from you at once.

Yours, Father.

Such was the problem I had to solve. How to do it I did not know. After lying awake many sleepless nights a bright idea at last came to me and I immediately sat down and penned the following:

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, NOV. 23.

Respected Father:

Your letter came duly to hand. I was very much surprised at its tone, but I can well account for it in the statement which I sent you. I am accustomed to make out two statements of my expenditures—one of which I send to you, the other I keep myself. By mistake I sent you my own memorandum which I hastily wrote off and abbreviated to such an extent that no one except myself could well understand it. Herewith I enclose you the statement written out at length.—

Your affectionate Son.

Oct. Statement of Expenditures.

Zoology Book,	- - - -	\$13.15
Much “	- - - -	8.15
“Historic Barriers,”	- - - -	10.00
Smith—Board,	- - - -	30.00
Wash Bill,	- - - -	16.00
Postage, etc.,	- - - -	8.00
Church Collections,	- - - -	6.25
Fur Hat,	- - - -	6.00
Expense of Board,	- - - -	8.18
Washing,	- - - -	.49
		\$106.22

With more care than usual I addressed this letter and affixing a stamp dropped it into the office

The days following were filled with some anxiety to hear the result of my scheme.

A letter came a few days after Thanksgiving, which I read with feelings of much gratification. The letter read as follows:

----- Nov. 27th,

My Dear Son:

It was with much pleasure that I read your letter containing the statement, interpreted. The explanation is entirely satisfactory. I enclose check for \$150, which you may use as your best judgment dictates, and believe me as ever,

Your affectionate father,

—You may call at the Express Office on your birthday.

CORNELLIANA.

- One more ERA this term.
- No service in the Chapel on Sunday.
- The harvest of turkey jokes this year has been very short.
- President White is spending his Thanksgiving vacation in Syracuse.
- The next lecture in Modern History will be given on Friday, Dec. 2nd.
- Next Thursday night, “Furnished Rooms,” may be had at Wilgus Hall.
- Major Burbank entertained a few of the officers of the battalion at dinner yesterday.
- The Rugby game between the Freshmen and Sophomores is called for to day.
- Admission to the Fiske mansion may be had by applying to Mr. Miller, architect of the building.
- The college slang word “cut” is of English origin. Will some one give us the origin of “leg pull?”
- ERA Supplements containing Dr. Freeman’s closing address, can be obtained at this office. Price five cents

—There is now no prospect that the billiard games for the championship will come off before next term.

—Without any possible chance for error we can state that those curtains are up at last in Prof. Oliver’s room.

—The Sophomores taking Latin under Professor Perkins, had an examination in Sight Translation on Wednesday.

—The new learning has already commenced among the freshmen—it will begin among the upper classmen in about two weeks.

—The proposed lecture by Prof. Bryce, must be given up for the present. There is still an excellent prospect of having it later.

—The *Democrat*, in interpreting our article of last week, says, "In other words, Ithaca people can take a back seat." Exactly.

—Some new autographs have recently been presented by Professor Tuttle—they have been placed with the collection in the library.

—Columbia is urging her Freshman eight to tackle Harvard. Here's a chance for our Freshmen to wedge themselves in between.

—The plan of weekly quizzes instead of an examination is meeting the general approval of the students taking American History.

—The Indianapolis *Sentinel* says of "Furnished Rooms," "the situations are extremely ludicrous and the dialogue bright and catching."

—It is quite flattering to observe how widely the "Cornell Rules of Foot-ball" have been copied. For a simple game they are admirable.

—The new walk to the President's House is progressing very slowly, owing to the great difficulty of laying stones when the frost is in the ground.

—Gulick's Combination in "Furnished Rooms," will be here on Thursday, December first. The press speak exceedingly well of the company.

—The first meeting of the Boat Clubs, for this year, was held last Monday evening. The interests and future prospects of the Navy were discussed.

—An unusually large number passed their Thanksgiving away. Few students were on the streets, and the billiard rooms wore quite a deserted look.

—The removal of the ERA's exchanges from the table in the Assembly room must be stopped. The papers are placed there for the accommodation of all the students.

—Sophomore going home for Thanksgiving, to another Soph.—"I wonder if they will kill the fatted calf when I get home?" Other Soph.—"You want to look out."

—Professors Roberts and Caldwell, and probably Professor Law, will attend the convention called by the U. S. Commissioner of Agriculture, at Washington, early in January next.

—The Harvard *Echo* with surprising sincerity confesses in its first page that it is entered as *second class matter* at the Boston post-office. Oh my countrymen, what a fall was there!

—The ERA is in receipt of reliable information about all matters pertaining to the library and will report any extensive addition or any changes in the management as soon as made.

—"Midnight lucubrations" are now in order. About this time in the year the usual sore eyes begin to disappear. Vigorous draughts of strong coffee seem to be the specific for the malady.

—Did Martin Luther or not? What made Voltaire? Did Alexander Dumas or less? How did Raphael? How much was Wordsworth? Was Oliver Cromwell? How fast could Byron?

—A maiden from Boston has some queer views
Of science, of art, and of the miews.

She can play, she can sing,

And do every thing,

Paint, dance, and talk like the diews.

—The photograph committee of the senior class, has decided upon Evans as class photographer. A meeting of the class will be held on Wednesday to decide whether the committee's choice will be ratified.

—In case we have neglected to mention any body who went out of town on Thursday, we hereby give notice that if such afflicted persons will send in their names we will do our best to remedy the matter next week.

—We are told of a Freshman who even thus early in his course says he would hardly know how to get along if it was not for the pleasant associations he had formed at Sage. Is the pleasure divided, or does he alone get the benefit of it?

—At the request of trustees, faculty, and the executors of the McGraw-Fiske property, Prof Fiske will occupy the mansion on the hill until the final settlement of the estate, which it is estimated cannot be made within five years at least.

—I here was a young lady from Paris.

In looks she was much like a faris.

She was very aesthetic,

And sometimes pathetic,

But she said that she never wou'd maris.

—Out of consideration for the great amount of work required of the Senior class in other departments, Prof. Shackford has kindly consented to mark the class in General Literature and Oratory upon attendance and term's work alone, dispensing with the usual examination.

—It is interesting to discover, by old volumes of the ERA, that in years gone by there was a very general interest in foot-ball, so great, in fact, that it was determined to send a team out to play Michigan. This scheme was defeated through the President's refusal to allow the men to go.

—In this glad season of Thanksgiving our happiness is clouded by only one thing, and that is, that no official investigation has been held concerning Shinkel and his doings in Europe. Every day some one is poking us up to demand such an examination. There is a loud demand for it.

—The rumor so extensively circulated by irresponsible persons that fifteen thousand new books will soon be placed in the library is a hoax. No such number has been ordered nor can any large purchase be made until something shall have been realized from the gift of the late Mrs. Fiske.

—We understand that quite an effort will be made in the spring to introduce Lawn Tennis. Already an increased interest is taken in the game, and the boom which it will receive from its adoption by the fraternities, as a fraternity sport, will be considerable. We learn that one at least of the leading fraternities, intends laying out a Tennis Court.

—The *Princetonian* comes to us this week with its typographical appearance much improved, which we are pleased to see, but, on looking it through, we come across a sentence which does not please us so heartily: "The Cornell papers speak in terms of highest praise of Mr. Freeman's lectures." We strongly suspect this is not sarcasm. Please mention the papers referred to.

—We had intended writing a squib on the contrast between this fall and that of last year, noting that this was much the milder, that last year we had skating at Thanksgiving and that this year we—well, the cold snap came along just as we got thus far and spoiled it all. Then we got mad and made up our mind to say it, but here recollected that it is n't proper to talk about the weather and, hence, we guess we won't say anything about it any way.

—A couple of large brick piers are being built underneath the business office to sustain the weight of two new Marvin safes which are to be put in soon. The safes are already in town. These receptacles are not for the University's money, but for the safe custody of many papers valuable only to the University, such as deeds, mortgages, etc. Therefore, if any cracksman should read this he might as well take notice that it would be useless to break open the safes.

—According to the *Spirit of the Times* our late crew has been assailed in a rough way in the Vienna papers. The following is but a fair sample: "The already much-abused 'Pilgrime von Ithaka' are now freshly assaulted with such missiles as 'Unglaublichsten,' 'Bevorstehenden,' 'Zurückzukehren,' 'Voröffentlichent,' 'Möglicherweise,' 'Anschuldigungen,' 'Unwahrscheinlichen,' 'Wiedergegebenen,' 'Herübergekommen,' 'Hinausgeschleudert,' and 'Bestechungs-Histörchen.'"

—Yesterday, Kent, '82, had a narrow escape from drowning. While skating on one of the ponds near the University grounds, he broke through the ice into the cold water. The depth here was about twelve feet, and the water intensely cold. Mr. Kent's struggles attracted Mr. Crooker, '83, to the spot, who did his best to keep his struggling brother's head above water, but as the ice was thin and brittle, he could do but little, owing to his own precarious situation. Things were getting serious, when Mr. Brooks, '85, hastened to the place, and by his vigorous efforts all were soon safe on the bank, cold wet and muddy, but safe.

—A lively tussle took place at the U., I. & E. depot on Wednesday night between two Sophs and one Freshman over a cane which one of the Sophs was smuggling out of town. As it was the last opportunity for cane-rushing of the year—Thanksgiving by common consent, terminating those contests—the Freshman boldly tackled the Soph for cane and for glory, seemingly utterly careless of the presence of President White in the depot. After a short tussle the Freshman got the cane, and was fast running off when the second Soph put in an appearance and tripped the lively Freshman. The two Sophs and Freshman then rolled around promiscuously on the track, until finally the cane was recovered, and given into the custody of a Senior.

—At the meeting held last Wednesday for the purpose of organizing a Chess and Whist Club, the following officers were elected: President, D. E. Smith, '83; Secretary and Treasurer, H. Ehrman, '83; Executive Committee, C. L. Curtis, '83, W. B. Ruggles, '83, H. C. Elmer, '83. The purpose of the men who have been active in effecting this organization has been, in addition to a cultivation of chess and whist, to promote a more intimate acquaintance among the students. We are not very sociable at Cornell, and anything tending to break down the barriers to social intercourse between students built by society and class feeling is worthy of hearty encouragement. Too many men go through their four years of college life, intimate with a few, on speaking terms with a larger circle and entirely unknown to the great majority of their fellow students. The Committee will secure rooms as soon as possible, that members who remain in Ithaca during the vacation may avail themselves of the advantages of the Club. There is a membership of about thirty at present. Students desiring to become members should give their names to one of the Committee at once.

PERSONALIA.

TINSLEY, '83, married at Lyons.

G. L. BURR, went home for his turkey.

WYCKOFF, '84, ate his turkey in Palmyra.

H. E. CASE, '84, went home to enjoy his bird.

D. E. SMITH, '83, passed Thanksgiving in Scranton.

W. T. HOWARD, '83, is spending the week in New York.

C. C. CHASE, '83, feasted with an old friend in Spencer.

EWING, '83, spent his vacation with Hoffman, '83, in Elmira.

H. COLLINS, '82, sojourned in Rochester, on the festive day.

H. M. STREETER, '82, struggled with his drumstick in Elmira.

G. H. WRIGHT, '82, and Frank McMillan, '84, turkeyed in Buffalo.

RUGGLES, '83, and McCaul, '85, lingered over the parental mahogany in Bath.

RUNYON, '83, held high carnival at Union Springs yesterday with "an auntie."

HUMPHRIES, '83, went home; so did Walch; likewise Prentiss; ditto Hiscock.

BALESTIER, '85, was compelled to leave for home last Wednesday, suffering from sore throat.

PROFESSOR POWELL, formerly in charge of the department of Mechanic Arts, spent Thanksgiving in town. He now has a position with the Pratt & Whitney Manufacturing Company, of Hartford, Conn.

Miss YOST, formerly '83, is associated with a Miss Kern in running a newspaper, known as the *Corry Enterprise*, at her home. In their salutatory the editors say they are non-committal on the Female-Suffrage question. In politics the paper is "Republican, with a Democrat back-bone and Green-back principles; and when we vote will probably go the straight Independent ticket,"—all of which is just as we should suppose.

COLLEGE NEWS.

The Cornell Foot-ball Rules are being printed by Western College papers for the benefit of students who are unable to learn Rugby.

Lawn tennis is the favorite game at Smith College. Every foot of the lawn suitable for a court has been seized upon by the enthusiastic players, who are not far behind their brothers in skill.—*Athenaeum*.

Thirty-six old girls back.—*Lasell Leaves*.

Mr. C. N. Dorsett, a mulatto, has for the past year been pursuing his studies at our college, and in the office of one of our prominent physicians. At the beginning of the present college year he desired to enter the University of New York, wrote to the Registrar and was accepted. When he presented himself the faculty refused to grant him admission solely on account of his color, offering as an excuse that they had many *Southern gentlemen who would object*. We understand that a prominent lawyer has taken up Mr. Dorsett's case and expects to recover damages.—*Syracusan*.

The New York *Tribune* of the 23d said:

"As the championship record stands now, Columbia has been defeated by Harvard, Princeton and Yale. Harvard has beaten Columbia, been defeated by Yale and played a splendid drawn game with Princeton. Princeton has beaten Columbia and tied with Harvard, and Yale has overcome Columbia and Harvard. To-morrow Yale and Prince-

ton will meet in the great struggle of the season. If Yale wins, the blue colors carry off the foot-ball championship of the year, and that a desperate attempt will be made to attain this coveted honor none who know the emulation of the New Haven representatives in field sports will doubt. But of the four previous Princeton-Yale matches, three have been drawn and Princeton won the fourth. Princeton holds the championship at present and will fight gallantly to keep it. Should Princeton win, a drawn game yet remains to be played out with Harvard, and if Harvard should win this the championship honors of the season must be divided. It may be safely predicted then that the game to-morrow will be the most exciting and hard-fought of the season. Complaint was made at the Yale-Columbia match that the Yale men used their weight and muscle too roughly. It is to be hoped that to-morrow's match may give rise to no similar complaint against either side."

EXCHANGES.

Our exchanges from colleges which have recently met in friendly contest on the foot-ball field are filled with accounts of the battles, lessons drawn from defeat, exultation over hard earned victories, and exhortations to earnest work in preparation for future tests of courage, skill and muscle. A Princeton poet sings:

"Now our athletes don their jerseys,
Kick aloft the leathern sphere;
Run and tackle, pass and punt it,
While the sympathizers cheer."

Lampy draws a fanciful picture of the Harvard Annex in 1900, with the following dialogue illustrative of the changed relations of the sexes:

Miss Martingale, "Say, Julia, old girl, you ought to go down to New Haven and back up the foot-ball team,—you ought now, really."

Miss Basbleu, "Why I think it is perfectly brutal! Last fall those horrid Yale girls threw Tootie Peters right down flat on the ground, and pinched Daisy Tompkins's arm so that it's been black and blue ever since."

Underneath this jesting there is a spirit of earnestness. Insinuations of foul play that are unusually bitter for the genial *Lampy*, are made, of whose justice we are unable to judge. We await the reply from Yale with interest. We give some imaginary conversations, reported for the *Lampoon*, supposed to have been held at New Haven the day after the foot-ball match between Yale and Harvard:

AT THE SUNDAY BREAKFAST.

Well, my son, your mother and I have decided that Yale is not the place for you, if what we saw yesterday P. M. was a sample of the breeding inculcated there. Why, one of the spectators, a Yale man I know by half a dozen flashy pins on his apparel, came up and offered to bet some \$2 to \$10 on his own team and then swore at me when I refused to accept. No, you had best give up college and go into business," etc., etc.

A SICK ROOM.

"O, Jim, rub that ankle a little more! Ouch! look out. By George, when shall I get out again! Put another bandage on that bite and some more vaseline on those scratches. How is Fred? Did that Yale man hurt him when he jumped on his back? Darned low trick wasn't it?"

The *Advocate* reviews the game in a more serious manner. It ascribes the defeat to the superiority of the Yale team in weight and strength, and the unfavorable weather, and gracefully accepting the result, adds: "Now, that we have made every effort to win, and have put our strongest team in the field, it is in poor taste for us to say that under different circumstances we should have won." It deprecates the violence with which Yale plays as of questionable taste and necessity, but at the same time admits that she plays no more roughly against them than against other college teams, or against her own men, when they appear on the field to give her practice. The importance of the victory to Yale is great, as it entitles her to play Princeton Thanksgiving Day, and lost Harvard all chances of winning the championship.

A correspondent of the *Michigan Chronicle* concludes from the results of the games recently played in the East, that they have material for a foot-ball team that can, not only equal any team in the country, but in all probability carry off the championship of the inter-collegiate league. He asserts that, as the facilities for boating are lacking, and the students do not "take to" base-ball, Rugby alone is left by which they may win fame and reputation. He also anticipates and answers some of the objections to their joining the Foot-ball League. Now, that college athletic sports are under discussion in the columns of the secular press, and even in the meetings of college Faculties as of doubtful value, an argument for their maintainance might be drawn from the recent visit of the Ann Arbor students to the East, and their proposition to join the League. Such contests diffuse a better knowledge of each other among the competing colleges, and do much to make students and graduates more tolerant of other colleges, and loyal to their own. They do much to beat down the conservatism that is hanging like a millstone on some of our American colleges, and hasten the day when a general and uniform system of higher education shall obtain throughout the country. We hope soon to be able to chronicle foot-ball games between Cornell and other colleges, and believe that the same interest that has been manifested in other sports, directed in this channel would place the "canalian and white" by the side of the "crimson" and "blue."

The Vassar "*Miscellaneous Maggyzine*" is receiving an amount of attention from the college press, which the natural gallantry of the editors does not account for. The *Acta Columbiana* has a correspondent who, under the *nom de plume* of "Shakes-

peare Jones," follows somewhat in the footsteps of "Cipango" of the *Williams Athenæum*, in poking fun at the *Vassar Miss*. After searching vainly for "T. Carlyle Smith" to punish him for an article on Vassar that provoked the indignation of the fair students, he finds him in the person of the Janitor of the *Acta* office, who, in the absence of the editors, gets the paper out. He finds "T. Carlyle S." too big for him, but is comforted by the thought that he will not long survive, as when last seen he was reading "John Brown, the Hot-Headed Demi-John."

The combat thickens at Williams. The *Athenæum* seems to be the upper dog in the fight, as Ephraim placed himself in a very unfavorable position at the outset,—that of a man who has perpetrated a joke and gets mad when paid back in his own coin. Though we appreciate the necessity for concentrated effort when such a formidable antagonist as Ephraim is to be met in deadly combat, still we hope that the man who clips for the *Athenæum* will give us credit for what he takes from our columns. Poetry is not our strong point, but when a paper of such taste as the *Athenæum* is willing to reproduce our effusions, we are not ashamed to own them.

The following is from the *Lampoon*:

THE MILDEWY HOT-HOUSE.

AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED TO MR. WILDE.
I lay in the shattered flower-pot,
(*Oh, the glut of death and decay!*)
And hungered and yearned for the clammy rot,
And clasped at the ooze of each worm-eaten spot,
Maugre the gloam of the waning day.

I lay in the pot, and "Alack!" I sighed,
(*Oh, the glut of death and decay!*)
"Yestreen the rose of the measles di'd,
The tulip committed suicide,
And the lily has pined and faded away.

"The peach lies in jelly upon the mould,
(*Oh, the glut of death and decay!*)
The purple plum is shrivelled and cold,
The fuchsia has tubercled lungs, I'm told,
And the grapes are mashed in the slimy clay.

"My cheek is stained with geranium gore,
(*Oh, the glut of death and decay!*)
As I press it wildly against the floor,
And writhe and shriek and moan for more,
More of the poisoned curds and whey.

"The sun sinks down with a feverish head;
(*Oh, the glut of death and decay!*)
The bloodless moon totters up in his stead;—
So among the leaves I'll make me a bed,
And await the coming of ghastly day."

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—"O, my trousers are too tight; I'm afraid to shiver in them."—*Lampoon*.

—The following statement should have appeared in an Irish rather than a Scotch paper: "The celebrated vocalist has narrowly escaped with his life,

his carriage having been upset near Edinburgh; but he was able to appear the same evening in three pieces."—*Mich. Chron.*

LOVE'S COMPENSATION.

He came to the bower of her I love,
Twanging his sweet guitar;
He called her in song his snow-white dove,
His lily, his fair, bright star.

He sang that his love was beyond compare—
His voice was as sweet as his song;
He said she was pure, and gentle, and fair,
And I thought that he wasn't far wrong.

Why, he sang and played till the moon was high,
And sweet was the love-born strain;
Till the night caught up each tremulous sigh,
And echoed each sweet refrain.

He told her he loved her, o'er and o'er,
With passion in every word,
In songs that I had heard before,
And sweeter ones never were heard.

And I—was I jealous? Well, scarcely. No;
I was glad to hear his lay;
I even echoed him soft and low,
When he sang what I wanted to say.

For while he stood 'neath the window sill,
Singing my darling's charms,
I sat in the parlor, dark and still,
With the girl that he sung in my arms—

And what in thunder did I have to be mad about?
—*Indianapolis Journal.*

SPECIAL NOTICES

A MESSENGER FROM THE JARVIS SECTION.—Mr. B. McAuley began a week's engagement at the Academy of Music last evening, appearing in his now famous part of *Uncle Dan'l*. The comedy is very much improved since it was last played here, and while its fun has been materially enhanced, its melo-dramatic strength and interest have been largely increased. Mr. McAuley brings to his impersonation of *Uncle Dan'l* a ripe education as an actor, and unctuous humor, a fine physique and very decided power. He has also the faculty of imparting an eloquence to his character. His *Uncle Dan'l* is a large-bodied and large-hearted rustic, who, although strong and shrewd, is no bravado in his expression of courage. He is the very personification of good nature and kindness, and his simple manly heartiness is exceedingly refreshing.—*Buffalo Courier.*

The well-known actor, Mr. B. McAuley, last evening opened an engagement at the Academy of Music in his now noted character of *Uncle Dan'l* in

E. A. Locke's American comedy "A Messenger from Jarvis Section." Mr. McAuley's *Uncle Dan'l* is not a caricature, but an honest Down-Easter, simple and rugged. He knows but one way, that of duty, but his heart is as tender as a child's. Such is Mr. McAuley's Deputy Sheriff of Jarvis Section. The full sympathy of the audience is continually with him, and it seems entirely natural that *Uncle Dan'l* should be considerate, daring, and even heroic. A hundred different expressions and actions each brought down the house, and he was enthusiastically called before the curtain at the close of every act.—*Buffalo Express.*

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THIS being the last ERA for the term, perhaps a word or two of advice to Freshmen in regard to the coming examinations and the best means of passing them would not be inappropriate. Now there is no necessity for having the night-mare over examinations, even in Freshman German. They are perfectly harmless, if one only gets on the right side of them. Don't imagine that they have no weak points. A little judicious flattery, a little cajoling, will smooth down the back of an examination wonderfully. Get on the right side of your professor. If he puns, display your molars. If he explains one of his hobbies, look wise. Of course, personal feeling never has anything to do with his report, but it is always considered a matter of good taste to hoodwink the faculty. Industriously buttonhole professors about a week before examination, even if you have never conversed with them before. They are, of course the dullest of mortals, and will be obligingly blind to the fact that you have any object in view in suddenly patronizing them. Give up all exercise, and eat as little as possible. Do up your head in a wet rag, and study the whole night preceding an examination; not that, with occasional exceptions, anything more can be learned by so doing, but because a great amount of midnight kerosene is necessary in order to work yourself into the desired state of worry. Finally, Eighty-five, don't "pony;" but if you must pony, use rollers.

THE only reliable test of the quality of a University's instruction is the success or failure of its graduates. The department of Civil Engineering at Cornell has always stood foremost among our departments in respect to the ready success that has awaited the graduates in that course. Cornell Engineers have rarely failed to obtain, or to fill acceptably, desirable positions immediately after graduation. The dean of the department has recently received a letter asking the address of Cornell graduates for employment in the Pacific Railway Improvement Company. If any of our alumni wish such a position they should correspond with Professor Fuertes at once. It seems desirable that no other address be given, and that the application be simply referred to the Professor, since it has happened two or three times that persons not from Cornell have obtained situations from "addressed advertisements" to the exclusion of our graduates. In one instance an application was worded so adroitly that the writer was employed under the impression that he was a Cornell man. In view of these facts, then, our graduates would do well to apply to Professor Fuertes who has several letters on file similar to the one referred to, and who is always ready to do anything in his power to further the interests of everyone connected with our University.

WE suppose very little work has been done as yet by the Seniors on their Woodfords. The winter holidays are generally set apart for Woodford cramming. We say "generally," not "universally," unhappily not. For there are many foolish enough to put off their reading and heavy work until the winter term. Then when they are crowded with study and liable to constant interruptions, they try to compose what is to be their greatest effort in college. The result is, they are hurried. They strive to fill just so many pages. Quantity becomes their aim, and in consequence many orations are prepared, not exactly a disgrace to the writers, but certainly not a fair indication of their literary abilities. How was it with Eighty-one? We are sure that if certain ones had given a reasonable length of

time to the preparation of their productions, they would have been in the six. But the vacation, which should have been passed in work, was filled with idleness or profitless pleasure. When they returned to the University, the Woodford became a bore; they knew little about any of the subjects, and they had less interest. The oration became then merely an onerous duty to be postponed as late as possible. Now all this feeling can be avoided if the vacation be devoted to reading up on the subject and preparing the materials to be used. A general idea of the argument can be decided upon, and the less tiresome work of writing can be left until the term opens.

As to references and aids, we are positive the professors in the departments of Literature and History will be only too willing to lend their assistance and knowledge to any one. What books can be most profitably employed, they will be glad to indicate. With all the University they take pride and pleasure in having the Woodford competition a creditable performance.

THE dissatisfaction of college students is proverbial. When they are not finding fault with their professors, their studies, or themselves, they are quite apt to fall into discontent over their condition. Often they fall into a meditative mood, a sense of their ignorance forces itself upon them. Looking over the range of subjects which they have had the fortune to have occupied themselves with, they realize how very little they have remembered, what little use they will be able to make of it. Science and mathematics—they, perhaps, diligently applied themselves when they pursued those subjects. What do they remember? In their self-abasement they declare, nothing. Are, then, all those weary hours wasted—those hours of toil and application? The student asks himself—he is now a Senior, no other would acknowledge that there was anything he didn't know—"What do I know about bugs? What do I know about a flower? Could n't analyze one to save my life. As for the azoic age or the Niagara period, I remember the names but that is about all. Mathematics! Pshaw! The Freshmen can discount me on anything in Chauvenet. I don't really believe a college education amounts to much—nothing but a smattering remains." Now, this kind of talk is common enough. There are plenty of

good, honest students who bewail their poor memories, and the fact that they have gained only a "smattering." They consider their time wasted, they lament that they were not more thorough. But, we think, there is no great cause for discouragement. A recent writer tersely says, "A large part of our knowledge is to be considered as nutriment, or as intellectual exercise; and we should no more lament over its loss than because we do not remember what we had for breakfast a year ago today, or the exact length of the invigorating walk we took on that breezy morning week before last. God has evidently arranged the powers of the human mind in such a way that we *must* forget a great deal, however carefully we strive to remember all we can. If we have forgotten some things that were good and pleasant, we have luckily blotted from our minds not a little that was noxious and unattractive."

A person must consider the purpose for which he came to college before he condemns the smattering he retains. If his business in life is such that it requires more than a smattering of a certain subject, then he should indeed deplore his lack of thoroughness. The days of Admirable Crichtons are past. One must be content to be ignorant of many things. Bishop Whately says very truly of this much decried smattering: "What then is the smattering, the imperfect and superficial knowledge that does deserve contempt? A slight and superficial knowledge is justly condemned when it is put in the place of more full and exact knowledge. Such an acquaintance with chemistry and anatomy, for instance, as would be creditable and not useless to a lawyer would be contemptible for a physician; and such an acquaintance with law as would be desirable for him, would be a most discreditable smattering for a lawyer."

Let then, a man keep in mind his purpose in life when he criticises himself. If he does not intend to engage in further scientific studies, but intends to lead what is commonly called a "practical life," we think he has no mean advantage over others, if he has a smattering only, which they have not, if he has enough acquaintance with a science to be able to appreciate the value of new discoveries or methods and the work of scientific men. In fact, if a smattering were more wide-spread Science would feel its benefit.

IT is about time that Prof. Corson receive the credit from the outside world of being Professor of English Literature at Cornell University. It is simply ridiculous that Prof. Tyler, who so ably fills the chair of American History, should be continually heralded by such publications as the *Literary World* and by such firms as the Putnams, the publishers of his works, as Professor of English Literature at Cornell. Although Professor Tyler's tastes and studies were principally concerned with American History and Literature he, for a time, filled very acceptably the chair of English Literature at the University of Michigan. When, however, following his own inclinations and the unanimous desire of our trustees and faculty, he accepted a professorship here, it was that of American History. If Prof. Corson were not above such things, it would certainly be humiliating to be totally ignored in this connection. When a man has written a text book in Saxon which has been widely adopted, and universally commended for its thorough scholarship; when an American has been chosen by the Early English Text Society to edit Chaucer; when he has given innumerable proofs of a knowledge of Shakespeare hardly equalled in this country, and of an intimacy with the English poets which is a never failing source of astonishment and delight to all who know him, it is about time that he receive the credit of filling the chair he occupies in an institution which numbers so few men of equal excellence in its faculty.

THERE is a tendency at Cornell to rush after every thing that is new and neglect every thing that is old, which affects every one from trustees to freshmen. This tendency crops out everywhere. A new course is announced and even seniors express a determination to graduate in it, not because they can by so doing alter the quality or amount of their instruction, but simply for a "change." Every new professor is petted and praised and "Webster" emptied of its laudatory epithets for their benefit, while equally talented men who have given to the University the best work of their lifetime, who have with unflinching enthusiasm been doing the largest possible amount of work and been receiving the smallest possible amount of money that could be dignified with the name of salary, have been neg-

lected. It is true this is a characteristic of youth, and possibly of college youth in general, but we think here at Cornell, we can be with justice charged with excess of this desire for "change."

It must be evident that yielding to this tendency cannot but enfeeble one's character, that it tends to irresolution, and destroys stability. Of course, when without a doubt a change is beneficial, it would be foolish not to change. When increased advantage would follow from abandoning one course and entering another, it is the student's duty to recognize the fact and act accordingly. But we think this is rarely the case. In a majority of cases the change is merely the result of a transient whim—a desire to escape some study of rather more than ordinary difficulty. And it is yielding to such whims that we would most earnestly discourage. Let a student persevere in the course in which he has entered, if there is no good reason for leaving it. By continuing in the same course and completing it, one has a feeling of satisfaction, a consciousness of having overcome something, an absence of that sense of failure which must possess one who has abandoned the aim with which he started in his college career.

MOST students have noticed, no doubt, that periodically our college papers burst out in hot indignation about the danger of taking cold when one goes from a recitation room, warmly heated, to one, in all probability, very cold. Unkind persons have often intimated that editors invariably used this subject when all others failed, and something was needed to fill up. Now, of course, we cannot hope to convince such evil-disposed persons of their error, nor do we desire to. We wish only to disappoint such people who, having got thus far in the article, are beginning to grumble already, and say we do not propose writing upon this stale subject, but simply to draw an analogy from it.

Those students who are taking several languages at once will doubtless have noticed the variety of translations they are expected to make in the different recitation rooms. One professor wishes a free and, at the same time, an elegant translation. Another desires a translation to be at once critical and strictly literal. One insists on translating all participles as verbs; the other is equally persistent in demanding that every participle be given its participial force.

Now, this is certainly confusing. The variety of work required by our professors is as great as the variety of temperature in the several rooms, and is just as detrimental, according to some, to the students' mental health as is the change in temperature to their bodily prosperity. To the latter view, we do not, however, assent. A good analogy should present, in some of its points, phases which do not hold perfectly. No person doubts that the change from one recitation room to another is bad, but in regard to the recitations themselves, we think that this change is highly beneficial. Translations are intended to help the student in his English as well as in the language under consideration. A variety of translation, therefore,—and the greater variety the better,—cannot but give him a much better command of his English, and so greatly benefit him. The only objection is that they are greatly confusing, which, after all, is only a means of disciplining the mind, and one which, in after years, the student will never regret.

PRESIDENT WHITE'S ADDRESS.

President White had an undoubted success in his address upon "American Influence upon the French Revolution," delivered before the New York Historical Society, Tuesday evening. The annual address before this society is an inspiring occasion, both in the quality of the audience and the subjects selected for treatment. The honor of delivering the address is an exalted one, and is only accorded to scholars or orators of eminence. Upon the present occasion the reputation of the speaker and the theme chosen by him conspired in drawing together an audience as intelligent as it was large, and so great was the interest taken that it was found necessary to provide a larger auditorium than that of the hall of the Society. The address was, therefore, delivered in the Brick church, corner of Thirty-seventh street, Fifth avenue. With the subject chosen, President White is perfectly familiar—perhaps more so than any other student of history in the country. Thoroughly conversant as he is with French history generally, he has made an especial study of the Revolutionary epoch. His library is exceedingly rich in memorials of the troublous time. He possesses a complete collection of the paper money issues of the Revolution, which he made of peculiar public value in his address upon "French Paper Money," some three or four years ago. He has also a wealth of pamphlets bearing upon the political issues of the time, with, of course, all the standard works relating to it.

It was, therefore, to be expected that he would show himself to be master of the discussion in

which he indulged, and, as he has the ability to clothe his vigorous thought in fascinating garb, the address was most interesting throughout and commanded the close attention of the cultivated auditors. President White emphasized the general influence of American ideas upon France, and dwelt particularly upon the power exerted by Franklin and by Jefferson. Franklin acted upon Turgot, Condorcet, Champfort, Mirabeau and Holbach. Jefferson's influence was even greater than that of Franklin, because he was himself in time influenced by French ideas. His power was exercised through Lafayette, who owed to him the suggestion on which he acted in deserting the noblesse and joining the third estate; and especially through the Girondists, who met at Jefferson's house, whose plan of the constitution was wholly in accordance with his views, and who imbibed from him those federal ideas which did much to hasten their downfall. It has been charged that Jefferson sympathized and corresponded with Robespierre. This allegation President White denied earnestly, and said not only is the proof thereof lacking, but that Robespierre was singularly free from American influence.

Pursuing his analysis, President White finds that American ideas were taken to France by the French officers and soldiers who had taken part in the war here, among whom aside from Lafayette, were Segur and Rochambeau. Mention was also made of the French travelers in America between 1775 and 1789, among whom were the Marquis of Chastelux, Brisson, Mazzei and Creocœur. To sum up the various elements of revolution which were thus given to France, President White said: First, there was familiarity with the idea of revolution; second, the strength given to French ideas of liberty; third, it was America that gave a practical shape to the idea of equality; a fourth element was the idea of the practical combination of liberty with democratic institutions; and lastly, America gave to France an ideal of republican manhood. In conclusion, he pointed out how American influence on European liberty was lost, and how alone it may be gained, noting, in the last connection, the need of a proper civil service reform, and a greater sense of municipal dignity.

There can be no more profitable historical review than that which President White has so admirably covered. The intimate association of France and America during the latter half of the eighteenth century turned the political current of two continents into purer and more vigorous channels than they would otherwise have known. It matters not that the soldiers and the government of France, in aiding America were largely inspired by hatred of their hereditary foe. Indeed, it was not chiefly that which fired the souls and nerved the arms of such young gallants as Lafayette and Segur. Back of them, and greater than the French government itself, were

the thoughts of Rousseau and Voltaire, which had already filled France with a vague unrest and had planted in many a generous soul the principles of freedom. But whatever was the inspiration, the French who fought for America took back far more than they brought here. They took back the idea of liberty regulated by law, and the force of that idea was strong enough to topple the Ancient Regime to the ground. Nor is the influence of America upon France lessened by the fact that the government of the Girondists was succeeded by the excesses of the Reign of Terror. For this neither America, nor the Frenchmen who profited by her example, are responsible. The enormities of the monarchy had been so great that the sweep of reaction could not be stayed. Through the bloody sway of Marat and Robespierre, and in spite of it, through the first Empire and the monarchies, through the second empire and the commune, American ideas survived and never had more potent impress than they have to-day. The republic of Washington lives in that of Grey and Gambetta. America has never seemed so colossal to Europe as she does now. Never was she more feared. Let it be ours to make her as greatly respected, as she is feared.

GARFIELD.

And should we truly say we mourn our Dead?
 Ah, rather name the feeling reverence,
 For when the first appalling bitter sense
 Of rending grief for that high spirit fled
 Is softened by the healing hand of time,
 A quiet sorrow in its place is left,
 While in the hushed recesses of the mind,
 The secret chambers of the heart, is shrined
 That noble life of which we were bereft.
 And when, aspiring toward the realm sublime
 Wherein his spirit dwells, our longing soul
 Ponders on its fair image, all of earth
 Which soiled the full completeness of its worth
 Now disappears before the perfect whole.

THE PAST.

It is not the purpose of the writer to attempt an exhaustive history of the events of the past term. Nor yet to deal with them after the manner of the philosophical historian; it is rather the design of the writer to imitate those early chroniclers of history, and state in unvarnished language the most important doings of this period of remarkable scholastic activity just closing, and to leave the reader to fill out with his own imagination many of the statements so meagre, and to draw his own conclusions and lessons from them.

SEPTEMBER.

12th, Freshmen arrive in Ithaca; 13th, Freshmen wrestle with the Entrance Examinations; 15th, Registration day; 16th, No. 1 of Vol. XIV COR-

NELL ERA APPEARS; 17th, Large Cane Rush; 20th, First lecture on Hygiene; 21st, Rise in the price of milk; 26th, No University exercises; 28th, Freshman makes application for a pew in Sage Chapel, First meeting of Sophomore class; 30th, Great, Great Rush between '84 and '85 at South University building.

OCTOBER.

1st, Notice of an umbrella found, on bulletin board; 4th, dinner given to President White by the Cornell Alumni of New York City; 7th, Senior Class election; 8th, Seniors, etc., assemble at Zinkie's; 9th, Rev. Phillips Brooks preaches at Sage Chapel; 14th, re-appearance of 'mortar-board,' Junior election; 15th, steaks getting quite tough; 18th, falling off in the absorption of beer; 22nd, reception given to President White by the young ladies of Sage College; 20th, middle of term, hash execrable; 28th, "Children's Corner" in the ERA; 31st, Hallowe'en, donkey lost, awning declension.

NOVEMBER.

1st, First lecture by Dr. Freeman, at Library Hall; 2nd, Freshmen hold a 'pow-wow' and consider mortar boards; 4th, Omega Lambda Chi hold their initiation at the "temple of music"; Postmaster-General James and staff visit the University; 8th, British Blondes at Wilgus Opera House; 10th, good day to study; 16th, corner-stone of the new Scientific building laid; 23rd, departure of numerous students to eat the paternal turkey; 24th, everybody gives thanks; 25th, turkey still lingers, cold, awaiting entire dissolution, students begin to study for the examinations; 29th, annual meeting of the Cornell University Christian Association; 30th, registration begins in the classes in Asiatic languages.

DECEMBER.

1st, malaria begins to prevail, rise in kerosene; 2nd, marked improvement in board.

THE FUTURE.

Science is making great strides in this our age, and the ERA, with the desire not to be outdone, has determined to stride also. Consequently, we detailed our prognosticator to prognosticate a few prognostications. It has been the custom for Vennor to deal with weather by the wholesale, but what seems to be needed here is the retail article. As this is not weather for the world in general, but intended for students' use alone, our "prog." has slept three entire nights in the Signal Station, and is, therefore, enabled to put forth the following accurate, reliable and infallible predictions of what may be expected during the next term:

JANUARY.

5th, Registration Day, clear; from the 6th to the 10th, colder, signs of mathematical "prelim"; 12th,

probable change in temperature, Rover Wilder goes on a bum; 13th, Uncle Josh has onions for dinner, snow and other poetical things; 17th, taffy pull at Sage, hot; 19th, very cold, mathematical prelim; 20th, spiritualistic seance at Sage, stormy; 23rd, cider raid, "Rho Kap" swing, wet; 25th, burglars visit Sibley Bill and steal a swill barrel, slightly warmer; 26th, very cold, mathematical prelim; 27th, still cold, skating on the reservoir, co-ed breaks through the ice and is rescued by a Freshman, signs of marriage; 28th, pleasant, Rover Wilder returns, kill the fatted calf; 29th, Faculty play "blind man's buff" and "puss in the corner," growing cold; 31st, very cold, mathematical prelim.

FEBRUARY.

2nd, great excitement, cold in Room T; 3rd, greater excitement, arrival of new stock of puns for Freshman French from Europe, pleasanter; 4th, greatest excitement, mathematical prelim postponed, lovely weather; 5th, squally, immense excitement, baby show in '82, prize divided; 6th, very cold, mathematical prelim; 7th, unpleasant, mumps and croup break out at Sage; 9th, hail storm, flag walk built to Bill Dwyer's; 10th, very cold, mathematical prelim; 11th, *grave* and *imperfect* joke cremated by order of the Faculty, windy; 13th, Græco-Roman wrestling match between appropriate professors; 14th, Sage maidens recover, and engage in a pillow fight, Aurora Borealis; 15th, very cold, mathematical prelim.; 16th, Freshmen have bread and milk supper, moist; 17th, Professors go on a strike, horrible mixture of weather; 21st, '82 gets a quorum at class-meeting, mild; 22nd, the country's daddy is celebrated, big "Rho Kap" blow out, cold; 23rd, very cold, mathematical prelim.; 26th, Law, '84, takes his single scull out for exercise, monsoons; 27th, very cold, mathematical prelim.; 28th, Woodford orators announced, sore-heads hold a consolation meeting, stormy.

MARCH.

1st, very boisterous, mathematical prelim.; 2nd, great upheaval in society, *Zinkie signs the pledge*, intense heat; 3rd, Freshman prayer-meeting at Zinkie's, rather cool; 4th, Zinkie appointed Professor of German and Conchology; 6th, boisterous, mathematical prelim.; 10th, warm, linen pants wave from Manitoba; 11th, Sage Glee Club serenade Uncle Josh, pleasant; 12th, boisterous, mathematical prelim.; 14th, very windy, Signal Station takes fire, balls and pole saved; 17th, boisterous, mathematical prelim.; 18th, cooler, baloon ascension from Sage; 20th, examinations begin, Zinkie found drunk and discharged, equestrian exhibition in rooms K and T; 25th, Uncle Josh gets conditioned in physics, term ends. Whoop la!

— "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse."

OBITUARY.

It becomes our painful duty this week to record the death of George Carpenter, which occurred at Utica on Friday, November 25th. Mr. Carpenter was formerly a member of the class of '80, and there must be many in the University at the present time who retain a very distinct remembrance of him. While in college, he mainly devoted himself to the study of chemistry and anatomy, and in these branches he attained a very considerable proficiency. The study of medicine was his ultimate aim, and, after remaining here for three years, he decided to leave and enter a medical college, where he could pursue studies more in the direct line of his profession. Accordingly, he became a student at the College of Medicine, situated in New York City, and continued his course there without interruption until his health, which had been steadily declining, compelled him to discontinue. He then returned to Utica, entered a physician's office in that city, and continued to prosecute his studies up to within a short time before his death. George Carpenter was a universal favorite. He possessed the power of making and retaining friends in a rare degree, and his death at the early age of twenty-two is a most untimely loss. We offer to the relatives and friends, sorrowing in their bereavement, our most sincere sympathy.

CORNELLIANA.

- Mr. Evans is '82's photographer.
- Arms and equipments were handed in to-day, by the Cadet Corps.
- Four handsome engravings have been placed in the Assembly Room.
- The Senior now layeth aside his Woodford and goeth heavy on the examination work.
- Professor Corson will meet the Tennyson Class for the first time to-morrow evening at 7.30.
- The ladies of Miss How's dancing class gave a German, at Library Hall, last Wednesday evening.
- The Cornell University Christian Association held their annual business meeting last Tuesday evening.
- The library will be closed at half-past four till the days become longer, which will be some time in January.
- Professor H. S. White reads the President's lectures in Modern History during the latter's absence in New York.
- We sincerely trust it won't freeze up again till examinations are over. Skating is too great a temptation to be resisted.
- An effort is being made to start a Civil Service Club among the students and professors, an undertaking that is laudable in the highest degree.

—The frame-work for the new green-house has arrived. The boilers are not yet here, but when they do come, the building will be continued.

—It is expected that Prof. Henry C. Adams, who lectured at Cornell in 1880, will deliver another course of lectures next term upon Political Economy.

—Admission is charged to Dr. Freeman's lectures in New Haven. How densely packed would have been Library Hall had that scheme been followed here!

—It is a little premature perhaps, but as this is the last and only opportunity, the ERA wishes its friends and readers the merriest of Merry Christmases and the happiest of New Years.

—A case is reported of a Freshman who is so completely at the mercy of his landlady, that when he desires to smoke the festive "Caporal" takes position on the front porch, and not in his own room.

—There was a young man from Clyde—green-eyde,
In his morals he took much pryde—he dyde,

He never did wrong,

Be good, was his song,

But his friends found out that he lyde—the snyde.

—Strange as it may appear, the editors of this paper will need a little time to brush up their knowledge gained during the past term, prior to examinations. Consequently the ERA will not be issued next week.

—Two prominent members of the Faculty have signified their intention of getting married during the Christmas Holidays. One of the ladies interested is a resident of Rochester, the other is a lady graduate of the University.

—The same Freshman who applied at the Business office for a seat in the Chapel, and later showed his registration ticket at Chapel, astonished our financial officials by walking in last Saturday, and asking for a permit to skate on the reservoir.

—Prof. Coddington, of Syracuse University, who is next Sunday to preach the last sermons in Sage Chapel for the term, has been listened to with pleasure whenever he has visited us. One of our prominent professors pronounced his sermons preached here a year ago, the finest discourse delivered during the term—which was saying a great deal.

—We take especial pleasure in recommending the bicycles made by The Cunningham Co., whose advertisement appears in this ERA. We feel that, in view of the position the ERA has always maintained toward athletics of every description, we ought to endeavor to introduce only the best machines made for bicycling. None better than the Harvard could be recommended to our students. Send for a catalogue.

—Cornell to the front! Prof. Marsh, of Yale College, recently returned to its owner, a tablet cov-

ered with Egyptian hieroglyphics, with the remark that Prof. Rœhrig, of Cornell, was probably the only man in America, who could translate them. This Prof. Rœhrig has done with an ease that would be astonishing in anyone else, but which was only a matter of recreation to a man who speaks more languages than the Learned Blacksmith, who writes sonnets in Japanese, and takes Frisian roots as a tonic.

—The New York Historical Society celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary last night, in the Brick Presbyterian Church, in which a large audience assembled. The feature of the celebration was a lecture by President White, of Cornell University, on "American Influence on the French Revolution." The lecture consisted largely of quotations from the letters and State papers, and other writings of Franklin, Jefferson, Lafayette, Rochambeau, Mirabeau and others, to show that Americans had greatly influenced French minds and French thought, in favor of liberty and equality.—*N. Y. Herald, Nov. 30.*

—We call our readers attention to the advertisement on the last page of The Cunningham Co., manufacturers of the "Harvard," "Yale" and other well known machines. "The policy of this firm in offering only the best productions of the English makers at a small margin rather than flood the market with a cheap grade of machines, which in the early stages of bicycling in this country would certainly have found a ready sale and yielded an enormous profit, is certainly commendable. Had the latter policy been carried out, its disastrous effect on the future of bicycling at that early period would be now only too apparent. Among all their productions probably none has found so many admirers as the "Harvard." As a roadster it is a marvel of strength and beauty, on the racing path it has carried many a rider to victory. Its well-known form needs no description. Closely following the "Harvard" comes the "Yale," which although probably not so well known, is rapidly coming into favor with our best riders."—*The Wheel.* Catalogues will be sent on application. All those students who intend to "bicycle," should examine into the "Harvard" before making any choice of a machine.

PERSONALIA.

CHARLES S. FRANCIS, '77, of Troy, passed Thanksgiving with friends in town.

D. E. SMITH, '83, spent several days in Scranton last week. He reports progress.

PROF. COMSTOCK and wife have been very ill during the past week with diphtheria.

PROF. CORSON is confined to his bed and may be unable to meet his classes for several days.

SHIRAS, '82, Bullock and Ely, '83, attended the marriage of Ely, formerly '82, last Tuesday, in Syracuse.

BEEBE, '82, and Carmody, '82, are going to try the examination in January, for admittance to the bar.

FRANK D. Y. CARPENTER, '73, contributes "A Map Review" to the *Popular Science Monthly* for December.

"SID" F. ANDREWS, '79, now a member of the St. Louis bar, has been visiting friends in Ithaca during the week.

MARRIED.

ELY—HANMER.—In Syracuse, Wednesday, December 30th, Prescott Ely, formerly '82, and Miss Hanmer, daughter of H. H. Hanmer, of Nashville, Tenn.

COLLEGE NEWS.

At a meeting of the Dartmouth Alumni, held in Boston last evening, it was resolved to co-operate with the college officials in commemorating the centennial of Daniel Webster's birthday, which will occur January 18th, 1882. The city officials will also be asked to notice the occasion with fitting services.—*Harvard Echo*.

Ex President Tappan of the University of Michigan, died at his home, in Vevay, on the eastern shore of Lake Lemman, the 15th ult.

The Yale annual, the *Pot-Pourri*, was published the 19th ult.

Of the 200 students at the Minnesota University, over one third are ladies.

The Harvard papers are much exercised over the lack of ventilation in certain lecture rooms. May their efforts to bring about a reform meet with better success than did ours.

The *Amherst Student* wants the trustees of that institution to establish a musical professorship.

The University of Georgia has made tuition free.

Seven professors of the State University of Minnesota have been expelled for incompetency.—*Ex.*

Each of the lower classes at Williams, has been divided into two divisions according to general scholarship. Two new prizes are made available. They are the income of \$5,000, which was presented to the college to found two prizes for excellency in the classical languages. The first prize will be one hundred and twenty dollars, and the second eighty. They are the most valuable prizes offered by the college and will be awarded at commencement to two members of the graduating class.

The annual meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Base Ball Association will be held in Springfield on Wednesday, December 7.

A suit for damages has recently been brought against seven students of Bowdoin College by Mr.

S. C. Strout, of Portland, Maine, for injury done his son in a hazing affair. One of the students threw a piece of coal at the boy and seriously injured his sight. Mr. Strout asks \$10,000 damages from each of the seven.—*Illini*.

And there are college papers benighted enough to uphold the practice of hazing.

Cornell's library ranks fourth in college libraries. Harvard leads with 200,000; Yale, 100,000; Dartmouth, 50,000; Cornell, 40,000.—*Ex.*

Acting-Librarian Harris is our authority for the statement that Cornell's library contains about 43,000 bound volumes and from 12,000 to 13,000 pamphlets.

There are no papers prepared by the students of English Universities.—*Ex.*

This is an error. We have on our exchange list a paper published by the students of Cambridge and Oxford, and called *The Oxford and Cambridge Undergraduate's Journal*.

The *University Magazine* of the University of Pennsylvania urges a change in the location of the Law School, affirming with reason that it is "simply ridiculous for over a hundred law students to have to leave their work at the busiest time every afternoon for the topmost story of a building over two miles distant."

At the University at Toronto, Canada, four Freshmen have been hazed, and fifteen Seniors bound over by the Council to keep the peace.

The *Princetonian* charges the *Chronicle* with a breach of courtesy in publishing its report of the foot-ball game with Princeton as coming from a member of that college, and denies offering Michigan a membership in the College Foot-Ball League.

At a meeting of the captains of the foot-ball teams of the four colleges which have contended for the championship this fall, the Yale team were unanimously named the champions.—*Harvard Echo*.

EXCHANGES.

We welcome an addition to the number of college papers, in the shape of a publication, bearing the not very euphonious title of *The Tech*, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The principles laid down in the "greeting" are laudable, and if fully carried out would make *The Tech* of great value to the institution which it represents. Its business affairs are under the control of a board of seven directors, while ten editors furnish the material on which the directors are to exercise their business ability. The cover, which is much after the style of the *Century*, is the best part of the paper, and as we are told that it is the result of competition stimulated by the offer of a prize, some of the interior deficiencies might be remedied by a similar

policy. Believing that so large a board of editors should be able to produce a paper more creditable to the institution from which it asks support, we offer a few suggestions. There should be a different arrangement of the matter presented, under appropriate headings. An exchange column is lacking. Should the "poet" kill the "artist" and be hung for it, there would be hope for the future of *The Tech*. Its typographical appearance is good.

The *University Magazine*, from the University of Pennsylvania, with its new cover, presents an appearance that will compare favorably with that of any of our exchanges. Nor does its exterior promise more than is fulfilled by the able board of editors. Though transformed from a monthly to a bi-weekly at the beginning of the present year, the *University Magazine* has assumed a position among college journals very creditable to its editors. In the number before us the editorials evince a watchful care over the interests of the students. It seems strange to us, with our large liberties, that a college journal should feel called upon to petition the authorities to permit singing in the daily chapel exercises at which all are obliged to be present. Yet this is advocated in an editorial, and in an able communication in which the writer says, "the sanction of the Faculty once granted there is nothing to hinder us from having a service in which it will be a pleasure to join." The literary department shows most signs of weakness. There is but one article in the paper in which any literary effort is made. This, "The Junior's Dream," gives evidence of more thought than is usually exercised in the manufacture of the "light sketches" with which it is the fashion to fill the college papers, and reveals a commendable acquaintance with the classics. The space devoted to locals is small but well filled, and the exchange column is conducted with much taste. The *University Magazine* runs largely to athletics, which the Ex-Ed. frankly avows that he enjoys, in spite of the "strongly expressed opinions of some of our exchanges against such frivolities."

The editors of the *Berkeleyan*, a paper from the University of California, have our thanks for publishing a poem on the first page of the current number which has only a distant allusion to the tender passion. "Blue eyes," "golden hair," etc., are well enough in their way, but there are other subjects calculated to inspire poetic enthusiasm, and these ought to receive occasional attention, if only for the sake of variety. The *Berkeleyan*, as might be expected from a representative of the great West, is a live paper. Its literary department, though it reminds us occasionally of our youthful days, when we regarded the productions of Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., and Marline Manley as the height of excellence, always has the merit of originality. The present issue is especially meritorious in this department. The editorials deal with questions of interest to the Uni-

versity and are to the point. An extended account of field-day is given, in which students and professors participated, which shows that athletic sports, like the "course of empire," "westward take their way." Were we to criticise, we should suggest more space devoted to exchanges and also to locals. That the editors occasionally suffer, in common with their eastern brethren, from a lack of the material to meet the demands of the printer, is shown by the following:

"These two lines, that look so solemn,
Are put in here to fill this column."

We like the *Berkeleyan* on the whole, and chiefly because it is a departure from the conventional college paper.

A story in the *Dartmouth* should not pass unnoticed. "Sickly Life, or the Female College Course of K. White Young," is a thrilling narrative, told in a masterly style. The mental growth of Miss Young, from her reluctant entrance upon college life to its tragic close, is traced in a manner that rivets the attention. This somewhat abstruse psychological study is enlivened with incidents of her daily life, that are, to say the least, picturesque.

With this issue of the *ERA*, we lay down the pencil and scissors for a brief respite from editorial cares. Our acquaintance with the members of the fraternity has been pleasant to us, and we hope the pleasure has been mutual.

A CAMP FIRE REVERIE.

'Tis midnight, the owl
From the shadowy woodlands,
In sorrowful wailings,
Is calling his mate.
Through the aisles of the forest
The silvery moon beams
Are seen in their tremulous
Dance on the lake.

No sound save the moan
Of the winds through the tree tops,
The murmuring song
Of the wild mountain stream,
While the mists from the river
In phantasies ever
Take shape and then fade,
Like the forms in a dream.

As I lie here alone,
By the firelight's glow,
And watch the bright sparks
In their Aerial flight,
My spirit, unfettered,
The distance has flown,
And in fancy, my darling,
I'm with you to night.

—Acta Columbiana.

BOOK NOTICES.

The University of Michigan has issued a small pamphlet containing the address delivered by Prof. Chas. K. Adams, Dean of the School, at the opening of the School of Political Science of the Univer-

sity of Michigan. The title of the address is "The Relations of Political Science to National Prosperity."

USURY LAWS, THEIR NATURE, EXPEDIENCY AND INFLUENCE.

We acknowledge the receipt of a tract bearing the above title, from the Society for Political Education. It is the fourth of a series of tracts issued by the Society and contains the opinions of Jeremy Bentham and John Calvin on this subject, with a review of the existing situation and recent experience of the United States by Richard A. Dana, Jr., David A. Wells and others.

The society has done excellent work and deserves success in its very laudable undertaking. Persons desiring to become members of it, should address R. L. Dugdale, 79 Fourth Avenue, New York.

CAMBRIDGE TRIFLES,* from an Undergraduate Pen, is a series of half-humorous essays on college life at Cambridge. The writer philosophizes in his unique way upon My Room, Lectures, Freshers, Early Rising, University Library, etc.—titles of characteristic chapters. In an attractive, graceful way, the author has shown the American student that his English brother is very much the same kind of being as himself. There is little in the book which might not have been written in cis-atlantic Cambridge, and the work ought to find wide acceptance among American students.

BEFORE AND AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH,* is the title of a pamphlet containing two sermons preached by Henry W. Bellows on the Sundays preceding and following the Nation's bereavement. Dr. Bellows' name is a sufficient guaranty of the excellence of these sermons. He is so well and so favorably known at Cornell that anything coming from his pen cannot fail to be read with interest here.

THE HUMAN FIGURE,* an artistic treatise, by Henry Warren, and edited by Susan N. Carter, principal of the Women's Art School, Cooper Union, is the sixth of The Putnams' series of Art Hand-Books. This work is intended only as a primer, yet if judged from its results, is not so small as it seems. It contains brief, but radical treatises on Proportion, Color, and Composition, and is on the whole, a very satisfactory book.

*New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. For sale in Ithaca by Finch & Apgar, agents for the Putnams' publications, including A History of American Literature, Francis Bacon and Martin Luther, reviewed in the ERA of Nov. 18.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—You are the most idiotic dolt in existence!" exclaimed an enraged Soph. to a Fresh. "Excuse me, you forget yourself," was the calm reply.—*Chronicle.*

NOT WORLDLY MINDED.

"Fair maid, than all others more artless,
Thou lov'st not the world's empty show,
Thou lov'st the beauties of nature,
The flowers and the soft fleecy snow."

"Oh, yes, truly spoke," quoth the maiden,
"I love not the world; but of old
I so loved flowers, that I chose one
For my motto in life—marigold."—*Crimson.*

—Student under examination in Physics: "What planets were known to the ancients?" "Well, sir, there were Venus, Jupiter, and"—after a pause—"I think the Earth, but I'm not quite certain."—*Ex.*

—Hypercriticism—Grace (whispering): "What lovely boots your partner's got, Mary!" Mary (ditto): "Yes, unfortunately he shines at the wrong end."—*Punch.*

—It takes the French to appreciate Shakespeare. The passage "Frailty, thy name is woman," is translated "Mademoiselle Frailty is the name of the lady."—*Ex.*

—Professor to Senior in electricity: "Are sparks of long duration?" Senior, with knowing look: "It depends on whether the old folks have gone to bed or not."—*Ex.*

—The following recipe for eloquence is given by a down east orator: "Get yourself chock full of the subject, knock out the bung, and let nature caper."—*Ex.*

—Boy (to lady visitor): "Teacher, there's a gal over there a-winking at me." Teacher: "Well then, don't look at her." Boy: "But if I don't look at her she will wink at somebody else."—*Graphic.*

SPECIAL NOTICES

The New Orleans Minstrel Troupe which appeared in Ithaca a few weeks ago will again appear at Wilgus Opera House, Dec. 7. We clip from the *Journal's* comment on the first performance:

The entertainment given last evening, at the Wilgus Opera House, by the Original New Orleans Minstrels was the best of the kind that has been seen in Ithaca for years. The performance from first to last was chaste and artistic and contained enough fun to keep the large audience laughing almost steadily for two hours and a half. Part first introduced some very harmonious quartette singing and also one or two good solos which were well received. The quartette clog dancing by Stiles, Maxwell, Welby and Pearl was as perfect as anything of the sort could be. The whole programme was much above the average, and it was remarked on all sides that the troupe was composed of the cleanest and most gentlemanly performers ever seen in a minstrel company.

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—Dr Howe has the finest Dental Rooms in the city. They are supplied with all the aids to excellent and satisfactory dental work that science and skill have yet devised and perfected. Without taking space to describe the office and its outfit in detail we will close this brief article by simply suggesting that any of our readers who desire to see a well-appointed dental establishment should visit Dr. Howe's. Of the Dr.'s skill it is unnecessary to speak. His experience extending over more than a quarter of a century, is the best compliment that can be paid him. Engagements made by telephone.

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.

Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Henry C. Badger, Pastor. 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. 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, D-Witt 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 must extend a word of commendation to the Committee on Senior Photographs for their promptness in selecting the photographer and in arranging sittings. Very rarely has the class photographer been chosen so early and work begun so soon. Even so remarkable a class as '79 were discussing even at this late day, the question not of sittings, but of a photographer. Happily, that is all settled, and it remains only to make satisfactory arrangements with the committee.

THERE is a plan pursued by several of our professors which might with great satisfaction to the student be imitated by a much larger number of the Faculty. We allude to the practice of reviewing, in the presence of the class, the examination papers of the preceding term. It gives an air of perfect fairness to the marking system, which is often lacking under the present management; and often removes an uncomfortable suspicion of injustice from the mind of the student, who through a misunderstanding of what was required, failed to give satisfactory answers to the questions asked, however well he may have answered some imaginary question never intended by the professor. When it is possible to return to the student his examination paper, the favor is always appreciated; in other cases an hour can hardly be better spent than in

pointing out in the presence of the class, some of the more egregious blunders made in the previous term's examination papers.

ALTHOUGH we shall be deprived of a never-ending subject for editorials by it, yet we rejoice, unselfishly rejoice, that the intimation which we made last term as to the heating of the buildings is to prove true. The grandness of the idea fills us with awe. We have heard of the Holly System for heating cities, but for a University's grounds! It opens up our eyes to the fact that quite a village is growing up around us, and that its size is expected to increase. Although the ERA is a little inclined to grown, yet it is also disposed to give commendation when deserved, and certainly now the "powers" deserve it should they establish this heating system.

THIS is the term for the annual conflict between the "Ball" and "Ex." factions of the Junior class. The Fall term is disturbed merely by a few preliminary skirmishes, a few shots by the outposts on the two questions. But this term is reserved for the great struggle. Now, we wonder whether it will be the case with '83 as it has been with so many classes: for weeks the contest will rage, whole columns of the college periodicals will bristle with arguments, giving the reasons why "oratory should be fostered," or why sociability should be encouraged by means of a first-class ball, with a band from Auburn, Rochester or Syracuse. Then the question will come up in an excited class meeting, one side, by hard work, will pull through victorious, and then, flushed with success, will calmly subside, and neither Ex. nor Ball will occur! We say, we wonder if it will be so with '83; and yet our wonder is not very great, for we are rather inclined to suspect that such will be exactly the case. Perhaps, even, the enthusiasm on the subject will not be great enough to cause even an animated discussion. Now, no one can doubt the credit that will come to the class if it has the energy to successfully undertake one of these

projects. Since '80, no Junior class has had the courage to attempt either. Will '83 also shirk the Junioric obligations? Of the two, the Ball seems the more feasible, especially if the usual Navy Ball is omitted. But, even with the "Navy," we think another ball could be made successful; for the number of students who would take part in a ball is greater now than it has been for a long time, notwithstanding the decrease in the number in the University. But whichever the class decides upon, if it does decide upon either, we shall do our part to make it a success, giving to the Juniors full credit for their enterprise.

THE majority of the students are, perhaps, unaware that, during the last term, many meetings were held by members of the Engineering Faculty, for the purpose of arranging a course in Mining Engineering. We think we are not wrong in saying that this has long been the aim of the Dean; but circumstances have heretofore rendered its accomplishment impracticable. Now, however, that a new and large building is rising which will relieve the overcrowded state of some of the buildings, it seems that the proposed course will be made quite practicable and more than probable. Not that we would insinuate, however, that want of room has been the sole reason for the non-appearance of this course before. Other reasons have existed which now appear disputed. We now have no hesitation in saying that before the year is closed we shall have a course in Mining Engineering of which we shall have no reason to be ashamed. For already a great many of the subjects properly pursued in such a course are taught here. The courses in Civil Engineering, Natural History and Chemistry embrace subjects which come within the province of a School of Mines. In the new Scientific Building the facilities for assaying will be unsurpassed. Our mineralogical collections are quite complete, our Geological department is one in which we can take pride, and as for the department in Engineering, the well known constant demand for our engineers is ample commendation. With the foundation of the new course already so well laid, there is little need for carpers to find fault. It is not adding another department to the University so much as it is utilizing more the resources already on hand. It would be

foolish to hesitate, because of the cry, "too great multiplicity of courses." It cannot depreciate the excellence of the instruction given in the technical courses to allow more to enter into its benefits.

IT is none too early to agitate a subject to which we but merely alluded last term—the class memorial. We are firmly convinced the Senior class have too much pride to leave these halls without having deposited some solid and tangible evidence that such a class as '82 has rarely been here. Now all her memorable exploits,—and who can deny that they have been numerous?—will go for naught; she will sink into that oblivion of mediocrity which all now justly despise. What will it avail then, that in her young and fresh days she established a reputation for boldness and intrepidity which has buoyed her for the past three years, and which has thrice served as a wonderful legend to be poured into listening Freshman ears? But remarkable as was this occurrence, it will not preserve the memory of the class. And '82 will not retain a place in history unless some mark is left, some pointing index finger, as it were. Now, opinion may differ as to the form of memorial, but as to the necessity of the memorial itself, there should be no question. With pardonable egotism, we may say that we think we suggested two excellent objects last term—a tablet to Mrs. Fiske, or a substantial donation to the new museum of archæology. Of course, there is no doubt Mrs. Fiske's memory will be properly respected in the chapel by the authorities, but it seems an eminently fitting thing that the class which was the Senior class at the time of her death, and the representative of the student body, should signify the feeling of the undergraduates by a proper monument.

As to a donation to the museum little need be said. All recognize its importance. To be sure, it is now pretty firmly established, yet a gift such as a large number like the Senior class could give, would be of great value, and would be appreciated by all future students in American history.

FOR more than one reason, we feel bound to advocate a Freshman Class Supper. Ever since '83 was successful in re-establishing this most exciting institution, it has been observed with a constancy almost religious in its character, so that the col-

lege press, as well as Freshmen, looks forward to the fulfillment of this annual custom. Probably the first reason for '85 having a supper is that it is now a custom so well established that no trusty, no loyal Freshman class can afford to neglect it. Threats of kidnapping, hints of infernal machines, intimations of drugged food will in the future deter no well-bred class from engaging in a struggle for food and glory. Again, it is advisable for the sake of the class itself. Formerly a class would be here more than a year and the members would be scarcely acquainted with each other. The members of any class cannot too early become acquainted with each other. Very often the whole spirit which would have characterized the class in its course, might have been changed by such an early acquaintance. True, a supper may have the effect of hastening the departure of some of the members of the class from these classic halls. Still, if they must go, why should they not go early, and not hamper others by their damaging presence? Of course, there are some persons who will intimate that the real reason the ERA advocates a Freshman Supper is that it may have a complimentary ticket. Now, we acknowledge the corn. It is well known that the ERA has an average-sized stomach, and that only twice a year does it get it comfortably well filled, namely, at the Freshman and Sophomore Class Suppers. Hence, we wish a Freshman Supper. In fact, we are hungry for it. As a matter of news, too, it is important. Now that we shall soon be deprived the pleasure of writing upon the terrible condition of our heating apparatus, we must have something with which to "fill up." By all means, let it be a Freshman Supper.

WE have thus far been silent on the subject of boating, believing it best to let events take their natural course. We have thought it best not to attempt to excite any enthusiasm which would prove only transient. There is no doubt that the events of last summer chilled for a time the interest in aquatics. We would have been more than human had it been otherwise. The depression, in fact, was so great that schemes were considered for the entire metamorphosis of the navy. But now a healthy reaction has taken place. During the Fall Term a large number of enthusiastic Freshmen de-

voted their energies to the sculls in anticipation of the Regatta. The Regatta did not occur—but the men are still here and none the worse for their brief training. They are a hardy set of men and will do the University credit if they are put in her boats. A healthy enthusiasm is being worked up among the Freshmen, and the hearty support of several upper-classmen, whose judgment in boating matters has considerable weight, is already assured. They have expressed themselves as favorable to the fitting out of a crew. And all the University are beginning to realize the disgrace which would follow the abandonment of the boating interests at such a time as this.

What we have thus far said would apply to a University crew. But there are many and powerful reasons why we should equip a Freshman crew this year, and not a University crew. The imprudence of sending out a Four this year is apparent. We have not the material to compose a crew which shall sustain our previous high standard in fours. When '81 left, the University was drained of her best and most experienced boating stock. Now we must begin again and rear a lot of oarsmen who shall send our bow again shooting to the front. This was the case with '81. The Freshman crew which she sent to Owasco Lake furnished material for the Lake George race of '79, of '80, and the English races of '81. And at any time since her Freshman days she was able so form a creditable six or eight. It will be the same with '85 if we profit by the experience of '81. For the next three years the University will have oarsmen, trained and experienced, who will always be a basis for future University crews.

Neglect to fit out a Freshman crew and our boating prospects must become dark. We will be forced to keep away from the water, our annual races must end, and we sink to the position occupied by those colleges whose enterprise and energy are zero. We ourselves must come to have a contempt for a college, even though it be ours, which cannot meet in manly contests with her sister colleges.

Of course, the details of a race are as yet vague. And what has been decided upon it has been thought best to say nothing about until something more definite can be settled. The great thing is to

test the pulse of the University as to a Freshman race. If that prove favorable, there will be little trouble in arranging details.

THE TERM'S WORK.

The beginning of the term is marked by several changes in the work of the students and professors, not materially different, it is true, from that of other terms, but still worthy of mention. We do not lose, as in the beginning of the year, any of our professors, but are much pleased that the list is increased by the addition of two names of especial interest to all students in the general courses.

The first is that of Professor Charles Kendall Adams, of Michigan University, who comes among us to deliver in Library Hall, evenings, a course of lectures on English Constitutional History. Professor Adams has the reputation of being a very ripe scholar and a broad thinker. He is a graduate of Michigan University, and was at one time a pupil of President White, when the latter was a professor at that institution. From the years 1862 to 1865, he was Instructor in History and Latin. From 1865 to 1867, he acted as Assistant Professor of Latin, and in 1867, having made the study of history a specialty while performing his other duties, he was appointed Professor of History, which position he continues to hold.

His lectures thus far have been very entertaining, showing that in his choice of subjects, and in his manner of treating them, he has been guided by stern common sense. He has evidently gauged his audience properly, and does not shoot clear above their heads, a fact which, in view of recent events, can at this time be thoroughly appreciated.

The second name is that of Professor Henry C. Adams, also of Michigan University, who is to deliver a course of lectures on Advanced Political Economy. To upper classmen, Professor Adams is no stranger, having delivered here, two years ago, a very successful course of lectures on Finance. The present course begins on Monday, January 30th, and will no doubt be well attended.

The work of the other professors is simply an advance of that of last term. The Freshmen having finished Geometry and Conics, are engaging in a struggle with Higher Algebra, generally considered to be the hardest study in the whole college course. A new text book by Professors Oliver, Wait and Jones, is to be used. It is doubtless a decided improvement on former works used by our students, inasmuch as it embodies the results of the experience of the three professors, is said to be exceedingly correct and clear,—that is if such a thing is possible in any mathematical work—in its definitions, and is fully up to the great advances recently made in that science. As we have not received a copy of the work we are compelled to forego the pleasure of

reading it through in order to give it a thorough review.

Contrary to custom, those students who are studying Freshman French begin to read a play this term instead of having a repetition of dry grammar. This advance in the method of teaching French must be greatly appreciated. The best way of teaching the grammar of any language is by reading from standard works, and not by lessons from a text book which, in all probability, is dryer than a large-sized town after a successful no-license campaign. A few more such efforts on the part of those in charge of the French department will soon serve to place that department on a plane with the German department, which is by far the best managed department of the University.

The President's lectures are to last only four weeks, when they will be succeeded by the lectures of Doctor Wilson on Philosophy of History. President White will, in this course, deal entirely with the History of Germany down to the present time.

In the scientific departments practically nothing new beyond the regular advance is to occur. Instruments are arriving constantly, which go steadily toward improving the various courses. When the new scientific building and also the new green-houses are finished, doubtless some change will be made in the various courses affected by them.

Lower classmen will rejoice that drill does not occur, feeling no hesitation about substituting skating, coasting, and various other pleasures such as candy-pulls, dances, etc., with the fair sex for the pleasure and duty of wearing about the campus a "monkey jacket" for an hour or so, two or three times a week.

In the Classical Department, Professor Flagg is in the future to teach all the Greek sections. This language is hereafter to come only three times a week, instead of four times as formerly. Professor Perkins in addition to teaching Latin will have two sections in Roman History, which branch of History has been entirely neglected here since Professor Russel's withdrawal. Professor Tuttle has no lectures this term, and it is understood will spend the term in preparing a course of lectures for the spring term. Instructor and Examiner George L Burr, has no duties assigned him this term. A reference to the schedule reveals the fact that Professor Chas. H. Wing (non-resident,) will have "no lectures this term." Now this is an enigma. For at least two years this same announcement has greeted the students, and we are beginning to regard it as a huge practical joke on the boys by the Faculty. Wonder if he ever lectured anywhere?

There are the usual Optional Classes, among which "Advanced Sanskrit" is announced. This will be received with acclamations of joy by many. The fact that no section ever before got so far as an "advanced class" has deterred many from making

investigations into this important branch of philology. During the term we expect to see throngs taking this fascinating study, as well as many other extras, since this is pre-eminently the term for extra work.

LE MENU.

The intellectual banquet for the winter term comprises a menu bounteous and tempting. For upper and lower classmen we have to head the courses -- those ever popular dishes :

I.

Veterinary Science, Laboratory Work.

MEATS.

For Underclassmen.

Algebra, German, 1st year, French, 1st year, Latin and Greek, Calculus.

For Upperclassmen.

Moral Philosophy, Political Economy, Philosophy of History, Military Science, Mechanics

ENTREES.

Quaternions-a-la Oliver, Modern History.

COLD DISHES.

For Sophomores, Juniors, etc.

Physics-Acoustics and Optics, Stone Cutting, Applied Mathematics.

VEGETABLES.

Ex-Vegetable Physiology, Vegetable Histology.

RELISHES.

For Underclassmen.

Anglo Saxon, Rhetoric and Composition,

Roman History, (hot).

II.

Zoology, Chemistry Lectures, Shop Work.

For Upperclassmen.

English Literature,

Special Literature,

English History,

Agriculture--farm work,

General Literature and Oratory.

PASTRY AND JELLIES.

For Juniors and Seniors.

Arabic, Burke, Shakespeare, Extempore Speaking, Sanscrit, American History.

DESSERT.

For Freshmen and Sophomores.

Elocution, Free-Hand Drawing.

For Juniors and Seniors.

Orations and Essays, Ad. Political Economy, Architecture, English History.

III.

Hydraulics.

With such a bill of fare the undergraduates should be well satisfied. The Freshmen and Sophomores, of course, have not such a number of fancy dishes as the upperclassmen, for the very obvious reason that they need a more substantial diet during their early years.

TO THE COMING ACTRESS.

Carelessly fingering a file of old newspapers,
I found between the leaves a pretty trinket.
It was a star of burnished gold ;
Five-cornered, a gem set at each apex.

At this a ruddy ruby, full of blood, a robust
brilliant ;
Here symmetrically grown and wholly pure, an
unassuming pearl ;
At this end an emerald, nature's color, restful to
the eye ;
Here carnelian glowing but not blinding ;
And here a turquoise, light from an Italian sky.

The star brought into a sun-ray,
Each jewel tries to gather all the light unto itself—
There is the woman in them surely—
The halo of each gem surrounds a face !
Siddons, Cushman, Rachel, Janauschek, Ristori.

A central setting for this trinket yet is wanting.
Tiny claws are waiting to receive it.
A diamond must it be to dim the rest
And yet to lend them lustre.

—ARISTONA.

CHAPEL APPOINTMENTS.

The following ministers have been secured to deliver sermons in Sage Chapel during the Spring term upon the dates signified :

- 2 Apr.—The Rt. Rev. Bp. Matthew Simpson, D. D. (Methodist), of Pennsylvania.
- 9 Apr.—President Julius H. Seelye, D. D., LL. D. (Congregational), of Amherst College.
- 16 Apr.—The Rt. Rev. Bp. J. F. Hurst, D. D. (Methodist), of Iowa.
- 23 Apr.—Professor George P. Fisher, D. D., LL. D. (Congregational), of Yale College.
- 30 Apr.—The Rt. Rev. Samuel Smith Harris, D. D., LL. D. (Episcopal), Bishop of Michigan.
- 7 May.—President Edw. G. Robinson, D. D., LL. D. (Baptist), of Brown University.
- 14 May.—The Rt. Rev. Wm. Croswell Doane, D. D. (Episcopal), Bishop of Albany.
- 21 May.—The Rev. Brooke Hereford, D. D. (Unitarian), of Chicago, Ill.
- 28 May.—Principal Geo. M. Grant, (Presbyterian), of Queen's University, Canada.
- 4 June.—The Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D. (Unitarian), of New York City.
- 11 June (Baccalaureate).—The Rev. R. Heber Newton (Episcopal), of Garden City, L. I.

WILGUS OPERA HOUSE ENGAGEMENTS.

Through the kindness of Mr. Wilgus, we are enabled to present the list of shows and entertainments which may be expected to appear in Ithaca during the present term. By publishing this we enable our readers to judiciously handle their ducats.

- Jan. 16.—Emily Melville Opera Co., in *Patience*.
 Jan. 23.—Hyde & Behman's Muldoon Picnic.
 Feb. 4.—Preston & Powers Hazel Kirke.
 Feb. 13.—Hill's "All the Rage"
 Feb. 18.—Thos. W. Keene in *Hamlet*.
 Feb. 24.—Pat. Rooney Combination.
 Mar. 9.—Neil Burgess' Widow Bedotte.

Besides these negotiations are pending with Hermann, the Magician. Fanny Davenport, who will probably be here in April. Mary Anderson for a date in May and McKee Rankin in '49, for a date in May.

CORNELLIANA.

- Hello! Did you have a good time?
 —Are we to have a minstrel show this term?
 —The lay of the baker—"I need thee every hour."
 —Did you go to Olivette? No, but I'm "busted" in Physics.
 —The ERA sent no representative to Europe during the vacation.
 —There is an unusually large class in Moral Philosophy this term.
 —"Oh, I wish I had gone to Elmira instead of coming directly back."
 —Are the Mozarts to bring out Pinafore? It ought to be brought out.
 —Motto for late comers: "Please don't crowd the mourners, gentlemen."
 —In the editorial on the heating of the buildings please read "growl" for "grown."
 —Hereafter Room I will be used by Professor Potter's sections in Political Economy.
 —A Junior complains that what bothers him is Goethe's Prose and not Guiteau's prose.
 —According to the *University Magazine*, "prayers are voluntary." Swears are involuntary here.
 —The Sigma Phi Chapter of the University of Michigan is negotiating with Professor Tyler for the purchase of his residence.
 —What bothers us is how it can possibly take 48 hours to come from Pittsburgh to Ithaca, and the railroads not blocked by snow.
 —The fortunate husband of William H. Vanderbilt's youngest daughter, Dr. William Seward Webb, is an old Cornell man. Next.

—Prof. Anthony is to speak on the principles of ventilation at the meeting of the Tompkins County Medical Society next Wednesday.

—The supply of dead grandmothers was rather short this year, and, strange to say, there was an alarming amount of vaccination done among the students.

—Woodford orations will be handed in February 6th, the appointments will probably be made a week later, and the competition will take place on Friday, March 3rd.

—It is reported that President McCosh intends to prohibit Princeton students from being on the streets at night.—*Echo*. Why not spank them and put them to bed?

—The Sophomores in Latin this term read the *Phormio* of Terrence three times a week under Professor Hale, and satires of Horace once a week under Professor Perkins.

—Even if the ERA's better half did get somewhat the worse for wear in Rugby foot-ball, investigation will disclose the fact that the Rugby flag still flies from out our third story front, middle window.

—We think that the growls at marks given last term have been more prolonged and of greater volume than ever before. A sort of epidemic seems to have raged in the Faculty for marking down.

—The ERA regrets that there will be no Chapel during the present term, no opportunity being given to show off a new neck-tie, bought expressly for Chapel use. "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

—The Smiths played a fine game of billiards last Wednesday for the championship of the University. The laurels settled finally upon '83's representative, after one of the closest struggles in the billiard line known here.

—The resignation of Professor Russel of Cornell, is demanded on account of his loose religious views. —*University Magazine of Jan. 5th*. Yes, and it is also currently reported that Noah built an ark. This last awaits confirmation, however.

—I know a young lady named Isabelle,
 She possesses a mouth quite kissabelle.

Long light hair
 And a face so fair,

But her teeth are perfectly miserabelle.

—The Cornell Mathematical Club meets next Saturday at 7½ p. m., at the house of Professor Oliver on Heustis Street. Communications are expected from Professors Webb and Oliver and Mr. Place. All interested are cordially invited.

—At last it is settled that Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will pa and ma the Sage maidens. We are not informed, however, just when this wholesale adoption will take place, but our readers may rest content that due notice will be given of the coronation ceremonies.

—Wanted, an engineer, graduate of Cornell, who is a good draughtsman, to go to Washington, D. C. His duties will be the computation of hydraulic formulae and bridge strains, in addition to some draughting. Good salary and steady promotion is offered to the right man. Address Professor Fuertes.

—At the Unitarian Church, Mr. Badger will continue, during the Winter, a course of lectures especially addressed to students and to college bred men and women. Next Sunday evening, he will conclude his lecture on O. B. Frothingham, his work in New York City, and his theological position past and present.

—The members of the Chi Chapter of Psi Upsilon gave a reception in their house to President White, Professor C. K. Adams, Judge Finch and Hon. Eugene Scuhlyer, on Wednesday evening last. Wallace furnished the banquet, which was served in the dining-room. A very enjoyable evening was spent in singing and conversation, and the whole affair was voted a pleasant one.

—Mr. Rackemann, '82, has just made a valuable contribution to the Lithological collection of rocks from Berkshire County, Mass. Should other students follow his example, and donate to this department anything that can be interesting and probably valuable, the efficiency of the department would be greatly increased, and the University's collection of geological specimens greatly enriched.

—Mr. Leo announces this his farewell term in Ithaca. He holds out special inducements to all his old pupils, and will be pleased to meet those and all others who may desire his aid in attaining perfection in the fashionable art. His reputation as a teacher is well known. He will form a special student class at Journal Hall on Saturday evening, January 14th, at 7 p. m.

—The halls in the North Building have been greatly improved by the outside application of judicious doses of paint, oil and varnish. The plaster ceiling of the Curtis Literary Society Hall has also been replaced by a hard-wood ceiling. This serves not only as a ceiling for the Curtis Hall, but also as a foundation for the jokes of the Freshman French department, which heretofore have been so overpowering that the plaster was unable to stand the shock.

—During the vacation the Geological department has been made richer by a very valuable microscope and other apparatus received from London. Under the care of Professor Williams, this department and its branches is coming to be one of the best in the University. This term nine students have already registered in the Lithological Laboratory, and others are expected to do so, showing that this department is gaining steadily in popularity, and, consequently, in usefulness.

—The Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the Zeta Psi Fraternity was held at Syracuse, N. Y., January 4th and 5th, with the Psi Chapter of Cornell and the Gamma of Syracuse. Cornell was represented by Cowles '82, Cole, Prentiss, '83, Bronk, Cassidy, Cowles, McLallen, Scofield, '84, Goodale, '85, H. W. Brown, '78, of Newark, N. J., J. Will. Brown, '73, St. Louis, C. B. Everson, '79, Syracuse, L. F. Heublin, '78, Hartford, A. Buchman, '79, New York City.

—The Green Houses back of Sage have the frames up, and in a few weeks will doubtless be completed. The foundry, to be operated in connection with the department of Mechanic Arts, is rapidly nearing completion, and work will be begun there during the present term. The inclement weather has necessitated a suspension in the work on the new Physical Laboratory, but it will be resumed in a few days, it is hoped, and the building hastened to completion.

—The enterprise of '83 has become proverbial throughout the University. It has been noted for doing not only what other classes have done, but what others never would or could have done. This time it has followed in the foot-steps of '82, and actually is called upon to father an infant. The responsibilities of fatherhood bear but lightly upon its shoulders; in fact, the joy and pride that has been visible on the countenances of '83 men are sufficient to assure us that this event will be celebrated with all the *pomp* and ceremony fitting such an occasion.

—Professor Williard Fiske, of Cornell University, is now making a tour of the principal Eastern cities for the purpose of visiting their libraries in order to note wherein Cornell's may be wisely and suitably augmented. After the close of the present college year Professor Fiske will deliver no further lectures and have no class duties, but will devote his whole time to the interests of the University's growing library. The fund left by his wife for the improvement of the library will be at his disposal, subject to the sanction of the University's executive committee.—*Ex.*

—During the vacation some interesting palæontological facts were brought to light by two students—Messrs. Waldo, '82, and Holton, '83. These gentlemen took a walking excursion to Hector Falls and Watkins Ravine, and having received some instructions in regard to the fossils to be looked for, and how to find them, brought home a few fossils, of particular value in marking the horizon of the rocks at the southern end of Seneca Lake. The Professor of Palæontology desires us to express his thanks and appreciation of their work and to say that he will take pleasure, at any time, in pointing out to any student who may be planning walking excursions in the neighboring country, the interesting features of the rocks and fossils which they may find on their way.

PERSONALIA.

H. W. BROWN, '78, spent a day or two in Ithaca last week.

BIGGS, formerly '83, will return to the University in February.

BARDWELL, '85, has left the University intending to enter Harvard.

ROBERTS, formerly '82, has re-entered the University, intending to graduate with '83.

CROOKER, '83, has been confined to his room during the present week by a severe attack of diphtheria.

SAZE, '82, read a paper on Wednesday before the American Dairyman's Association which convened in Syracuse.

A. G. HATCH, formerly '82, and now '84, Harvard, has been one of twenty-nine of his class who have received "deturs."

RAYNOR, '83, after spending one day here this term was suddenly called home on account of pressing business engagements.

P. B. MATTHEWS, formerly '83, has recently been appointed Assistant General Manager of the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad.

PROF. G. C. CALDWELL read a paper Wednesday last before the National Convention of Agriculture on "Experimental Stations as Educators of Farmers."

EDGAR GERSON BROOKS, the æsthete of '85, visited New York during the holidays, saw the sights and a few other things. His assets on returning were a postal card, and a new spring poem.

PROF. ROBERTS recently read a paper before the State Dairymen's Association at Whitney's Point. During the present week he is in Washington, D. C., attending a meeting called by the U. S. Commissioner of Agriculture.

LEWIS TONAWANDA PAYNE, '83, took the New Mexico fever while at home during the holidays. He avows his intention of spending the coming summer in that region, buying up a county or two, and raising cattle for eastern markets.

THERE seems to be a conflict of authorities in regard to the whereabouts of Hoffman, '83, during the holidays, as the following will show: Harry Hoffman left yesterday for Ithaca, after spending the holidays at his home in this city.—*Elmira Sunday Telegram of January 8th.* Mr. H. N. Hoffman accompanied Mr. W. B. Ewing, his chum and classmate, home, and will pass the vacation here. He is a clever and intelligent young man and is well pleased with our city and people.—*Huntington, Indiana, Democrat.*

MARRIED.

BABCOCK—WILLIAMS.—At Bridgeport, Ct., Dec. 20, 1881, Mrs. S. L. Babcock, daughter of the late Hon. C. B. Hubbell, of Bridgeport, and Prof. Samuel G. Williams.

PHELPS—GAGE.—At Morrisville, N. Y., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1881, Miss S. S. Phelps, '80, and Professor Simon H Gage.

ALLEN—HUMPHREY.—At Springville, N. Y., Dec. 28th, 1881, Mary E. Allen, of Brocton, Mass., and A. B. Humphrey, formerly '75.

VAN AIKEN—BARNES.—At Ithaca, Dec. 28th, 1881, by Rev. A. W. Green, Ida B. Van Aiken, and J. L. Barnes, '81, of New York City.

QUIGG—NEWTON.—In Ithaca, Thursday, Dec. 29, 1881, by the Rev. C. M. Tyler, Miss Mary R. Quigg, of Ithaca, and Whitney T. Newton, President of '79.

BURR—UPTON.—At Newark Valley, N. Y., Jan. 4th, 1882, Miss Ella Burr, formerly '81, and Chas. O. Upton, '81.

SAGE—KRAMER.—On Wednesday, Jan. 11th, 1882, at the Church of Immaculate Conception, by the Rev. Father Evans, Miss Theresa Sage, of Ithaca, to F. J. Kramer, '74.

COLLEGE NEWS.

COLUMBIA.

Professor C. S. Smith is now urgently advocating the establishment of a course of lectures on Comparative Philology, similar to that in vogue at the University of Paris. We wish him all success.—*Spectator.*

Some professors do not give a man a mark if they suspect him of cribbing, or think he is reading from a text book during recitation. The only way to avoid suspicion is to shut your eyes and stare blankly at the ceiling for an hour.

The Chess Club is at present playing a game with Yale. At this stage of the match there is no advantage for either side.

The Columbia papers are discovering depths of iniquity hitherto unsuspected in the *New York Sun.*

HARVARD.

The base-ball nine began work in the gymnasium last week. Later there will be two squads practising at 5 and at 3 o'clock respectively.

Owing to the disinclination of men to train in classes at the gymnasium, Dr. Sargent will not yet begin to work personally among the athletes. After the mid-year examinations, he will devote himself more particularly to training men for the gymnastic exhibitions at the winter meetings of the Athletic Associations in March.—*Herald.*

Several of the freshmen have appeared in high

silk hats this term, and it is said that a large number intend to procure them.

Mr. Arthur Gilman, secretary of the Harvard Annex for women, has made his second annual report. During the year 47 ladies have been enrolled in the classes, 16 of whom were students last year, and the majority of whom followed the classical courses, including the ancient languages. So much of the work was special that 29 classes were formed, under the direction of 8 professors, 3 assistant professors and 12 instructors from the University. The students were from the following named States: Massachusetts, 39; Connecticut and New York, 2 each; Vermont, Illinois, Minnesota and South Carolina, 1 each.

The *Oedipus Tyrannus* will be given in Boston for four nights and a Matinee, beginning Jan. 23. The sale will begin on the 5th.—*Yale News*.

ELSEWHERE.

Princeton has 537 students. The number has increased one-half since 1868.

The Faculty have put a limit on the hours that can be devoted to lawn tennis playing by the students at Princeton. Billiard playing is prohibited after 4 o'clock.

The Faculty of Yale have passed a law prohibiting the collection of subscriptions from the underclass men except by one of their own classmates.

"One of the rooms on the first floor, formerly used as a recitation room, has been fitted up as a kitchen, for the use of those who wish to exercise their skill in candy-making, etc."—*Vassar Mis*.

The Williams Chess Club is now contesting that intellectual game with the University of Pennsylvania. Six moves have been made thus far by each side, and it is expected that the game which is being played for Williams by Mr. Samuel Johnson will be finished by Commencement.

The *Yale Courant* says that the Glee Club contemplates giving concerts at the following places, if halls can be procured, during its western trip: Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Albany and, probably, New York.

Some time since the Seniors at Trinity sent in a petition to the Faculty, asking that the number of speakers at Commencement be limited to five, who should be the valedictorian, the salutatorian and the three successful candidates in a competitive declamation. To this petition an answer has been returned, which, although not granting exactly the request, yet removes cause for complaint by restricting the number of appointments.

Williams papers complain of the superabundance of theological and mathematical works in the college library.

The two schools of medicine at the University of Michigan are on worse terms than ever, which is saying a great deal.

EXCHANGES.

The Harvard *Herald's* typographical appearance does much more credit to the University where it is issued than does its other daily, the little *Echo*. In fact we think that the *Herald* surpasses in every way the *News*. It is evident that there will come now a struggle for life between the *Herald* and the *Echo*, that is if the success of each is to be determined by its college support. Harvard, with all its students, cannot support two dailies, and unless the *Echo* improves considerably, we shall not be sorry to see the *Herald* remain the victor.

The *Comet* from the College of the City of New York shoots across our sanctum sky, and although it is superior to the other periodicals coming from that college so prolific in papers, yet it does not strike us as being particularly meritorious. To be sure, it is better than many of the papers published by the smaller colleges, but it does not compare with the Columbia papers. Perhaps Columbia has drained all the energy and talent,—certainly one would not form a very favorable opinion of the college from this paper.

Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa, has issued the first number of a paper, the *Portfolio*, which in typographical appearance is neat and to be commended, but in general "make up" is far from what a college paper should be. It has its Literary Department, with selections from Tennyson, a long article from Horace Smith, numerous short selections from Stanley, Mackenzie, Johnson, Mrs. Smith, Sir Humphrey Davy, Dr. Elder, Bulwer, Tilton, Voltaire and others. The editorial greeting although full of common-place phrases and hackneyed expressions, yet rings with a genuine enthusiasm for the college, and certainly does not promise to take a too ambitious part. As it says:

"It can strive to keep alive the kindly interest the sons and daughters of that Alma Mater feel in one another's welfare thro' sundered years and miles of parting."

We clip one of Little Paul's compositions from the *Athenaeum*. We must confess Paul strikes very near the truth:

FUT-BALL.

"I never saw a reel prize-fight, but I saw the fut-ball gaim. First a man kiks the ball. Then the boys each each uther round the nex and roal in the mud. Then one man yells hell(d,) and they git up in a line and the men on the end they danse. Then the boys on the fens they laf. Wen a man runs with the ball they cach him and sit on his neck. Then he goze hoam and another man takes his place. Then one man kiks the ball and the other side yells fowl. Then they sware; my brother Bill, before the gaim, said he was lain' for one of those damfreshmen. When he came down on the feeld in his sute the boys on the fens they yelled, it came up from New York on the breeze. When he came home with his leg broke I asked him if he fixed the Freshman. And my sister's young man laf'd and said not this eve, and Bill, he swore."

The *Trinity Tablet* desires the institution of a system of lectures similar to those delivered here by our non-resident lecturers. In recent issue he says:

"The *Columbia Spectator*, in speaking of Dr. Freeman's historical lecture at Cornell, advocates the system of lectures by well known men outside of the college authorities and instructors. This is a course which we should like to see adopted at Trinity. It cannot fail to be an advantageous one, and we think such lectures would be well attended, and a source of great interest to the students."

The *Argo* is rather discontented with its lot, if we can judge from the following plaintive wail :

"It is the constant moan of those interested in athletics that Williams is not a little larger. To be sure, it has been steadily growing of late years, but now we have reached the climax. All the dormitories in town are full, and, if the classes keep on increasing, where are the men to be lodged? New dormitories are the great need here, not only because those now in use are not remarkably elegant, but also, as said before, because there is not enough of them. But then comes in again the question of endowments. New dormitories would bring more students, and more students would entail an increased faculty, and there comes in again the question of money. Why will these wealthy men persist in leaving money to Harvard and Yale and Columbia, who don't need it, and continually ignore poor but deserving us? An endowment of a million could very nicely be utilized, and we should then see the college increase probably to four or five hundred, enough men to furnish us continually with good nines, elevens, glee clubs, and all the other things so dear to the student heart. It is altogether too blissful a dream. However, we must not in such castle-building, lose sight of the present good. Dr. Carter, we understand, has raised nearly a hundred thousand dollars, and the Garfield memorial is not far from thirty thousand. We are fully thankful for what we receive, but—"

The *Vassar Lit.* ends a well written article on the "Rise and Fall of William Black" in the following words :

"His repetition, when it extends to words and phrases, makes us exclaim, 'Is there nothing unhackneyed in Black's books?' But the merits of the man are worthy of mention. The little plot which his books contain is varied for every yearly production—we are not bored by knowing, before we have fairly begun it, just how the book will 'turn out.' And some respect is due to his versatile knowledge—or perhaps rather the versatility of his knowledge. One might imagine, while reading his works, that the author was a professional linguist, traveler, scientist, artist, or even sailor. Though he may be superficially informed, he makes the best use of every scrap of information which has ever come in his way. His is talent, not genius. In fact, I should rank Mr. Black as below the average novelist of our day. In the whole bent of his mind, he is a pretender to better things. Perhaps the secret of his literary success lies in the fact that he is a conscience-quicker to readers who want 'trash' and are ashamed to own it."

THE SENIOR.

"If you contemplate appearing amidst universal cheering as a Senior dignified,

You must show pre-occupation at the slightest provocation, and at times a silent pride.

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And find dancing rather silly,

In a mildly tolerant way.

You must side with the Professors,

When the Freshmen are aggressors,

Just to have your quiet say

And everyone will think

As he sees your pensive blink,

"If he sees as he says that his college days are the best he'll ever see.

Why what a very wise and good young man, this good young man must be."

—*Lehigh Burr.*

We are pleased to clip this approval of the *Review* from the *Burr* :

"It is with some surprise that we read in the December number of the *Cornell Review*, an editorial on Dr. Freeman's lectures. The *Review* deserves credit for coming out so boldly, and proclaiming the lectures a failure. It is the fault of almost every paper to extol everything connected with its college, and especially is it so in regard to its corps of instruction. The aim at effect is to keep, unstained, the reputation of the college; but it is a question whether it does or not. Give us a free and outspoken press for reformation. We are much pleased to see in the *Review* an effort in the right direction."

SPECIAL NOTICES

—The Melville Opera Company, with forty selected artists—full chorus, appropriate costumes and scenery, will render Gilbert & Sullivan's new and famous aesthetic opera—"Patience, or Bunthorne's Bride"—at Wilgus Opera House next Monday evening, January 16th. Seats may be secured at Finch & Appar's. The prima donna, Miss Melville, is said to have made a great hit in the title role—Patience. We clip the following from the *Cleveland Leader*: "The privilege of hearing so fine a company as that headed by Miss Emelie Melville is a pleasure seldom to be enjoyed, from the fact that few companies in the country contain so many talented artists outside the prima donna, while none of them can boast a star combining at once the qualities of singer and actress, who is endowed so richly with purity of taste and refinement of method. In many of the comic operas of the day, few will fail to recognize the wholesome effect of the latter qualifications, and all who have seen Miss Melville have felt their agreeable presence. Miss Melville sang the part of Patience, conscientiously, and with sole regard to bringing out its dramatic and musical characteristics, without striving for undue effects or to wrest it from its proper place in the picture. Several of Miss Melville's numbers were heartily applauded and others repeated in response to encores. Miss Lillie Post succeeded quite well in the part of Fiametta. Her sharp and clear soprano voice contrasted well with that of Miss Melville's, which in its range embraces the lower tones of the contralto, giving their duets a rich and pleasing color. Mr. Max Freeman was a decided success in the part of Pietro. He is a comic actor of rare ability, and in this respect gave the Prince unusual prominence. Mr. Tom Casselli took the rôle of Lotterighi, the cooper, and, though his voice is a tenor, managed the vocalization with excellent effect. The balance of the cast was in excellent hands, the choruses were well sung, and the opera, as a whole, very finely rendered.

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WE are glad to see the interest so early manifested by Eighty-five in a class supper. It is the universal experience of college classes that the first banquet is the most enjoyable one. Many of the most jovial fellows, those who add most to the evening's enjoyment end their university course sometime during the first year, and their places are never filled afterwards. The action taken by Eighty-five in keeping the arrangement of the whole affair secret except to the officers who are themselves unknown even to their own classmen is certainly unique, and may, perhaps, do something towards making a repetition of last year's kidnapping episode impossible. We would not, however, encourage in the breast of any member of Eighty-five, the hope that Sophomoric villainy will be quieted by any attempt at secrecy on the part of the Freshman class. Perhaps, as Hamlet says, it is even desirable that Sophomores "be not too tame neither." We doubt if the members of Eighty-four enjoyed their Freshman banquet less because of the trouble it cost them. It is by no means to be hoped that Eighty-five's banquet be spoiled by the interference of Sophomores, but we mistake the character of the class, if it shrinks from any little fraternal encounters with its elder brother which as everyone knows are common in the best regulated colleges.

THE need has long been apparent of a course in Modern French at Cornell to supplement the excellent course in the French Classics already pursued here. Such instruction has been postponed and re-postponed, on account of a dearth of professors, until we had almost despaired of seeing it accomplished in our college generation. Although the three professors in the department are already supplied with work enough for four, they have very kindly made arrangements for a course in Modern French, to begin this term with the society play, "*Le Monde ou L'on s'ennuie*," which has for several months been attracting crowded houses in Paris. The play is a worthy successor to the light comedies of Molière, and besides being excellent as literature and interesting because of the criticisms it has called forth in other countries than France, it affords the additional advantage of offering very good drill in French conversation. The work will be read rapidly and, as it presents no very great difficulties, it offers very good drill in translation at sight. The reading of the play is principally important as a beginning of a new order of things in which the French department of our University shall not fall below the German department, either in the range or quality of its instruction.

IT is with feelings of great gratification that we announce that a Junior Ball is strongly probable, in fact, almost assured. The Juniors deserve commendation for the prompt business-like manner in which they settled the thing. Instead of discussing the question for weeks and wasting quires of valuable paper, as the ERA was afraid they would; they went at once to business, called a meeting and decided upon the Ball so quickly as to cause the hair of the "Ex." faction to elevate itself considerably with astonishment. The committee which was appointed is one which we think will do its work faithfully, and animated by their devotion to the shrine of Terpsichore, will do their best to make the affair a success, so far as the Ball itself is concerned. It remains with the students to decide whether it be a success financially. Remember the success of this

Ball will probably decide whether Junior Balls are to be a feature hereafter. The question does not concern merely '83, but '84 and '85. For with this a financial failure, it will be well-nigh impossible to induce either of the present lower classes to repeat it in their Junior year. But if the case is the reverse, it will not take much persuasion to induce these classes to follow the custom now so creditably re-established by '83.

But there are other reasons why there should be a ready sale of tickets, reasons that will probably appeal more strongly to the majority of students. It is said that a "good time" necessarily follows good music, good dancers, and good company. And all these three we expect to have.

IF there is one class of people toward whom the ERA feels that it has discharged its duty in respect to fault finding more conscientiously than toward any other, it is the Faculty, and yet it seems that this much bepreached class has not yet reached an uncomfortably advanced state of perfection. The conduct of several members of the Faculty in regard to the use of the Library certainly might be improved. It is a remarkable fact that the average professor immediately removes from the Library those books which he has advised his students to read. The Library regulations provide that "Books can be withdrawn from the Library only by Trustees and members of the Faculty for their personal use." Perhaps this rule, like many other Cornell rules, was made, in order that it might be "honored in the breach." It certainly would give a stranger the impression that our Library was not intended for the use of the families and friends of professors. It is with no small feeling of disgust, therefore, that the Senior mind views the removal from the Library of the most valuable books of reference on the subject of his Woodford oration by persons of whom the regulation quoted above makes no mention. There is also one other matter which is worth considering. Some of our linguistic professors are in the habit of taking from the Library the translations of the subjects studied under them. Are we to conclude that they have removed them for their "personal use"? Whatever the opinions of a professor on the subject of translations, he certainly cannot prevent their use by withdrawing the copies in the Library. If professors would only view the use of translations as an

affair concerning the student alone, and presume that he understands his own interests, there would be an end to the numerous discussions of the subject and of a great deal of school-for-boys intervention, which is certainly out of place in a university.

LAST Monday evening "Theodore's" was the scene of a very enjoyable assembling of a number of students and their friends, which will be remembered long by all who took part. These social gatherings have of late been less frequent than formerly. When '81 left the University, a class departed noted for its social proclivities. Last spring these gatherings were almost nightly, but during the past term one might wander into the customary resort time and time again and find it deserted. There was a class who rejoiced at this decadence of a good old custom, but the majority of students of a social, genial nature, those who cared to meet others outside their own particular clique or fraternity, lamented the fact. For this was really the only place where such a meeting could take place. Had we a Union modeled on the Oxford Union, it might be otherwise, but as it is we must accommodate ourselves to circumstances.

The meeting of Monday evening was one of a nature similar to several others held during the past term. After the conclusion of a first-class entertainment it has become quite the custom for the students to repair to "Theodore's" and there meet members of the company, quite informally and socially, and an enjoyable hour or two would be passed in chat and merry song. It need not be supposed that the music is entirely of the low order usual with college songs, for we have heard there sung some of the finest selections we have had the pleasure of listening to. The members of the Melville Company gave us that fine waltz by Ralfe, and the finely trained Ithaca Glee Club rendered some of its best selections, which provoked the applause of everyone.

These meetings remind us strongly of the German custom, of which we have read so much, of students meeting one another and their professors in a *sans souci* way, talking over the passing events of their college life, and with such kindly fellowship strengthening bonds of friendship which will endure long after they have left college halls, and Alma Mater is but a memory.

LECTURES IN POLITICAL ECONOMY.

By request of Dr. Henry C. Adams, we publish the following outlines of his lectures on Political Economy, which will be begun at the close of the course of lectures now being delivered by Professor C. K. Adams. The general subject of his lectures will be "Practical Questions in Political Economy."

I. THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE COMPETITION. 1. Its theory. 2. Its origin and historical development. 3. Limits to its beneficent workings.

II. FREE TRADE AND PROTECTION. 1. Analysis of International trade. 2. Theory of free trade. 3. Theory of protection. 4. Theory of reciprocity. 5. Protection in its relations to public revenue. 6. History of protection in the United States.

III. CRISES, COMMERCIAL DEPRESSIONS AND POVERTY. 1. Crises and the credit system. 2. Crises and disproportionate production. 3. Crises as affected by a too rapid transformation of capital into fixed forms. 4. Commercial depression caused by an unequal distribution of products.

IV. THE MIGRATION QUESTION. 1. Origin of the right of migration. 2. Cause of migrations. 3. The migration question from an economic point of view. 4. The migration question from an ethnologic point of view. 5. The United States and immigration.

V. THE TRANSPORTATION QUESTION. 1. Analysis of the transport industries. 2. Question of tariffs. 3. Railroad questions in the United States.

VI. SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REFORMS. 1. Reforms upon the existing legal basis of society. (a) Private charities and philanthropic legislation. (b) Labor associations and trades unions. 2. Reforms requiring a change in law, in the practice of governments, or in industrial methods. (a) Socialism; its purposes, claims and history. (b) Co-operation; its purposes and history.

LETTER FROM SAGE.

Dear Era:

It has really seemed to me that the gentlemen students in the University have many erroneous impressions in regard to the Sage girls, their customs, ideas and actions. Hence I thought an occasional letter from a Sageite relative to these things might be awfully interesting. I know we are objects of great curiosity to all the students, and I am sorry to say that there are, I believe, some who think we ought not to be here at all. Well, we just had! So there! I am also told—no, I won't tell who told me—that there are all sorts of yarns afloat about spiritual rappings and night parades, horrible practical jokes, and just lots of such things which are not so at all. Now I propose telling, from time to time, right out what we really think and do. I do this entirely on my own responsibility and unknown to anybody at all—that is except my chum

and—one or two others. I am not a Freshman either, nor am I one of those girls who got their room free last term, and then went out and lived on \$2.19 board. That was just horrid, awfully horrid. How did they know but that some Soph. might take them for a Freshman and haze them, or kidnap them on a dark night? or that a snake or a mouse might chase them? I think it was just awfully horrid. I do so! I'm glad I didn't go and am sorry Mr. Sage is going to make those girls come back. We don't like to associate with them. A real nice Sage girl is nice, even if she isn't pretty. By the way, do you know we are going to have a new manager and matron at Sage? Of course we are very sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Kinney, and have only kind words for them, since I feel it is true that in their case "the evil that men do lives after them." We hope we'll like their successors, and are going to try to. We hope that they won't be hard on us, but try to rule as by love. That is just the splendoriest way to get along with Sage girls. If you don't believe me I know just lots of fellows who will substantiate my statement. Do you know, there is a Sophomore here who wishes to play practical jokes on those prodigals who have returned. She has got the scheme all worked up. Now don't tell it, will you? Hope you won't. Well, all right, this is it. She is going to borrow some boots of somebody and put them under their beds just so that the ends of them will show, and hence make the girls think that there is a man under their beds. Oh, it will be lots of fun! But I only started to write to ask if you wouldn't like a letter about once in two weeks from a real Sage maiden about such things as I mentioned in the first part of this letter. Would you really like it? MYSTIC.

P. S. I.—If you publish this I will take it as a favorable answer.

P. S. II.—I think the ERA is a nice paper and not a bit horrid.

P. S. III.—Do you suppose the boys will like this? I know the girls will.

P. S. IV.—This is absolutely the last postscript.

P. S. V.—I'm through this time.

A NEW COURSE.

Everybody is waiting for the Register to appear. The desire is very great to see what changes have been made in the various courses. Not long since the ERA learned, at the cost of great pains and probable expulsion, that a new course was contemplated, whose object should be the development of the social side of the student. Of course the method by which this information was obtained can not be revealed. The course has already been made out, substantially as below, but as yet the Faculty, it is believed, are undecided upon the advisability of establishing such a course at the present term, considering the financial condition of the University. It

is supposed that the delay in bringing out the new Register is due to the discussion of the question of the adoption of the course. A final vote will not be taken for at least a month, and the ERA fearlessly publishes the following without regard for consequences. The course is called, TWO YEARS IN SOCIOLOGY:

FIRST YEAR.

FALL TERM.

Rudiments of Whist (3); Theoretical Billiards (2); Practical Cigarette Smoking (5); Laboratory Practice at Zinck's (3); Boating (5).

WINTER TERM.

Laboratory Practice at Zinck's (5); Lectures on Cutting (2); Lectures on Philological bearing of Swearing (2); Æsthetic Terpsichorean Movements (3); Historical Researches in Cigarettes (5); Instruction in "Mashing" (3).

SPRING TERM.

Boating (2); Zinck's Laboratory Work (3); Cigarette Rolling and Smoking (5); Pros and Cons of Betting (2); Equestrian Exercises (3); Chapel Practice (1).

SECOND YEAR.

FALL TERM.

Comparative Anatomy of the "Horse" (5); Various Forms of Smoking (5); Zinck's "Lab" Work (3); Practical Lessons in Mixing Drinks (2); Practical Jokes (on Freshmen) (5).

WINTER TERM.

Zinck's "Lab" (5); Lectures on Killing Time (3); Sparking (3); Æsthetics (2); Advanced Smoking (5).

SPRING TERM.

Zinck's (3); Lectures on Best Methods of Dodging Creditors (5); Æsthetic Fine Arts (smoking, etc.) (5); Lectures on Borrowing Money (5).

 CORNELL 1892.

"It is rumored that the standard of admission to Cornell University is to be raised to five feet, ten inches, next term. The Examining Board, consisting of Professors Trickett and Riley, will admit no one to the Freshman class who weighs less than one hundred and fifty pounds or more than two hundred and who cannot row over the measured mile in the time specified in the college laws. Last year, owing to the laxity of the examiners, two young men were admitted to the Freshman class, one of whom had studied algebra, the other of whom had actually read one book of Cæsar. It is needless to say that neither of these men can row, and the scandal which their admission has caused, has led to a demand on the part of the Trustees for greater thoroughness in examining candidates in future."—*Editor's Drawer, Harper's Monthly.*

THE PEA-GREEN SUN-FLOWER.

By Oscar Wilde, Cadet.

I.

The tall white argosies, phantom-like,
Shrouded in silver the pale green sea,
And the daffodils, drooping their azure bells,
Tolled forth a dirge in harmonië ;
While the peasant lad, with his nut-brown limbs,
Tending his flocks on the bosky lea—
Plaintively clang to the phosphor light
Of the asphodels, gloaming from ken and sight—
No ruth hast thou for me!

II.

And the ouzel's nest 'neath the stranded vines,
Warping their tendrils in sprays of fire—
And the ichthyosaurus' head inclines
To the kindred dust of the kindred mire,
While the fulsome swath of the amarinth gate—
(The Phidian princess her maid did sire)—
Tells a tale to my heart of an unslept sleep,
Wierdly synonymous—an unwept weep,
Till o'er my soul perspire.

III.

But why in thunder I wrote all this,
Or what in the deuce I am trying to say,
Is more, yea more, than I fain would tell—
Save that it *pays* in a passable way—
And what is sense, or the Queen's grammairé,
To one who would utter an utter lay?
So I maudlinly prate of "unslept sleep,"
And of golden ducats a harvest I reap—
Friend, do not give it away!

Γαμββίως.

EXPENSES OF THE EUROPEAN TRIP.

We print below, through the kindness of Commodore Chase, the expense list of the crew last summer. It has been thought best to withhold until now, because anything which served to bring into notice, last Fall, the crew or its doings, was evidently obnoxious to the students. But as the students and others gave money, it is right and necessary that an account be rendered to them of moneys spent, and now, that the chagrin of the students is somewhat softened, probably this is the best time to present the statement. As two kinks of money were used—English and American—the amount is divided into two parts, the expenses in America, and those in Europe:

IN AMERICA.		
CASH.		DR.
May 24—C. F. Van Cleef,	\$100 00	
" 28—Major Burbank,	20 00	
		\$120 00
CASH.		CR.
May 24.—Boats,	\$ 3 00	
" 25—Telegram Utica,	25	
" " Dinners,	5 25	
" " Boats from Canastota,	1 00	

May 25	Assistants Albany.....	50
"	Ferry to Troy.....	2 60
" 26	Watch etc., Troy.....	2 10
"	Telegraph Barbank.....	25
"	Street Car Fares to Troy.....	1 50
"	Board 1 1/4 Days.....	22 50
"	Steamer Fares New York.....	15 00
"	Hack from Waters.....	5 00
"	Baggage Troy.....	3 50
"	Baggage New York.....	2 40
"	Telegraph Barbank.....	25
" 27	Oranges.....	20
"	Carriages New York.....	4 50
"	Telegram.....	25
" 27	Freight on Boat.....	4 00
"	St. Nicholas Hotel.....	41 60
"	Dinner for Read.....	1 50
" 28	Books.....	1 00
"	Fee (Wharfinan).....	1 00
"	Balance.....	85

\$120 00

IN EUROPE.

CASH.

May 25	Draft Van Cleef.....	£	s.	d.
" 28	Bal. from expenses in America.....	91	7	
"	Cash Van Cleef.....	7	3	6
June 28	Cash E. Gwynne.....	3	7	
July 6	H. F. Gillig.....	50		
" 12	Van Cleef.....	50	13	
" 15	E. Gwynne.....	3	1	5
" 25	H. F. Gillig.....	120		
Aug. 11	H. F. Gillig.....	35		
" 13	Sale of Boat.....	50		
" 22	Sale Tickets.....	11	11	

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CASH.

May 28	Fee Carpenter.....	£	s.	d.
June 9	Fees Waiters.....	2	1	
"	(Liverpool) Baggage.....		4	
"	R. R. Fare Henley.....	6	15	
"	Boat.....	3	9	6
"	Lunch (Birmingham).....		3	6
"	Purser's Bill Steamer.....		7	6
"	Dinner Oxford.....		13	3
"	Fee (Baggage Henley).....		2	6
" 10	Chamois, Oil, etc.....		5	10
"	Moving Oars and Trunk.....		2	
"	Telegram London R. C.....		1	
"	Sponges, Str. edge, etc.....		6	6
"	Baggage to Baltic.....		2	
" 11	Board, etc., Royal Hotel.....	8	12	6
"	Fare London.....		9	6
"	Atkins (Assistant).....		10	
" 13	Stamps.....		2	
"	Telegrams G. & U.....		2	
" 15	Sweaters.....	2	2	9
" 16	Fare London.....		9	6
" 17	Rough Gloss, Varnish.....		3	
"	Telegram to Gillig.....		1	
"	Read's Expenses with Boat.....		8	
"	Material for Flag.....		10	5
"	Rope.....		2	
" 18	Atkins.....		10	
" 20	Washing.....		14	9
"	Oranges.....		10	
"	Stamps.....		1	
"	Carpenter.....		4	
" 22	Cable Van Cleef.....		13	
"	Telegram Vienna.....		4	4
"	Boat Hire Coach.....		1	
"	Express on Opera Glass.....		1	
" 24	Fare to London.....		10	
"	Telegrams.....		2	
"	Extra Meal (Henley).....		3	
"	Entry Stewards Race.....	4	4	
" 25	Atkins.....		1	
"	Ribbons and Washers.....		2	6
"	Telegram.....		1	
" 27	Telegram (Liverpool).....		1	
"	Fruit.....		9	6
"	Telegram (Gillig).....		1	
"	Washing.....		5	6
" 28	Polishing boat.....	1	10	
"	Telegrams G. and Liverpool.....		2	
"	Boat Hire.....		1	
"	Telegram (Byrne L.).....		1	
" 29	For Cashing Draft.....		1	9
"	Ribbon.....		2	
"	Carpenter.....		2	
"	Fruit.....		6	

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Jun. 30	Boat L. to Henley.....	£	s.	d.
"	Telegram (Gillig).....	6	19	
"	Mrs. Weymann.....	37	16	5
"	Straps.....		6	
"	Atkins.....		10	
"	Telegram (Hueston).....		1	
July 1	Horse Hire for Capt. Cook.....	3		
"	Shell Hire, Read.....	2	10	
"	Atkins.....		1	
"	Meat Bill.....	17	11	7
"	Washing.....		13	6
"	Fish Bill.....		1	2
"	Tickets London.....		19	
"	Baggage.....		4	6
" 2	Telegram (Vienna).....		6	
"	Telegram (Putney).....		1	
" 5	Entrance Metropolitan.....	4	4	
"	Stamps.....		2	
"	Fare to Putney.....		1	
"	Telegram Henley.....		2	
" 6	Tickets and Baggage.....		4	11
"	Baggage.....		6	
"	Board Bill London.....	4	16	
"	Telegram Gulston.....		1	
"	Boats to Putney.....	2	2	6
" 7	Paid Macalister Nat. Line.....		13	
"	Cable Van Cleef.....		17	4
"	Fare to Henley.....		10	
"	Cable Van Cleef.....		1	6
" 10	On Board, Putney.....	10		
"	London.....		3	7
" 12	Paid H. F. Gillig.....	50	13	
"	Stamps.....		2	
"	Extra Dinner and Fare.....		5	1
"	Telegram, Gillig.....		1	1
" 13	Boat Hire.....		2	9
" 14	Telegram, Frankfort.....		2	
"	Stamps.....		2	10
"	Fare.....		2	
"	Telegram, Gillig.....		2	
" 15	Fares.....		2	
" 21	Telegram, Read.....		2	
" 22	Cable Van Cleef.....		10	6
" 23	Stamps.....		7	8
"	Uniforms.....		7	8
"	Board and Expense, London.....		7	10
" 25	Board, Washing, etc., Putney.....	26	7	8
"	Steward L. R. C.....		1	
"	Watermen L. R. C.....		2	
"	Baggage, Putney.....		12	
"	Tickets, Vienna.....	61	9	
"	Oars, London to Rotterdam.....		6	
"	Fees, etc.....		2	
"	Breakfast.....		5	8
" 26	Oars and Baggage, Reg.....	2		
"	Expenses to Emmrich.....		10	
"	Telegram F. & V.....		4	
"	Cologne.....	2	19	
" 28	Breakfasts.....		3	
" 29	Carriages.....		10	
" 30	Carriages.....		10	
" 31	Carriages and Fee.....		1	8
Aug. 1	Baggage and Oars.....		4	
" 2	Oil, etc.....		1	6
"	Towels.....		12	
"	Fees, Waterman and Waiter.....		4	
" 3	Paper.....		1	8
"	Stamps.....		2	
"	Carriage.....		10	
" 5	Carriages and Fee.....		5	
" 6	Stamps and Carriage.....		8	
" 7	Expenses.....		10	
" 8	Carriage.....		10	6
"	Telegram, London.....		8	
" 9	Carriage.....		10	
"	Charges on Rigging.....	2	15	
"	Fees, etc.....		6	
" 10	Fares.....		8	
"	Carriage.....		4	
"	do.....		6	
"	Medicine and Fee.....		2	
" 11	Carriage.....		10	
"	Telegram, Gillig.....		5	
"	Wind Sail.....		2	
"	Extra on Carriage.....		2	
"	Banquet Expense.....		12	
" 12	Expense.....		4	
"	Telegram, Frankfort.....		2	6
" 13	Waterman.....		1	
"	Baggage to Hotel.....		7	
"	Hotel Bill and Expense, Vienna.....	49		
"	Fee (Detective).....		4	
"	Fees, Carriage, etc.....		1	

	£	s.	D.
Aug. 14 Lunch		5	
" 15 Coblenz	2	6	
" " Lunch		6	
" " Zavenaar, Lunch		7	6
" 16 Lodging, etc., Rotterdam	3		
" " Fees and Baggage, R.		6	
" 17 Breakfast and Baggage, London	10		
" " Coffee, etc., on boat		3	
" " Baggage to Exchange		2	
" 18 Storage, Washing, etc., Putney	1	8	
" 20 H. F. Gillig	15		
" 22 H. F. Gillig	10		
" 23 Mail Deposit		1	
" " Tickets, Liverpool	3	7	
" " Advertisement, Sportsman		8	
Sept. 5 Fees, Stewards		10	
Incidentals		6	
Balance	10	14	6
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PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS.

Henry F. Gillig for payment of freight on boat, London to Vienna, over draft, etc.	\$266 00
Professor	200 00
Other Claims (about)	13 00
	\$479 00
Less £10, 14s. 6d.	53 00
	\$426 00

From this statement it would appear that the Henley Committee failed to keep its expenses within the estimated necessary amount. But, upon a closer examination it will appear that the Henley Committee has done more than was expected or required. Under the most discouraging circumstances they brought the crew through its European trip, paid several old Navy debts, and the statement shows them less than \$500 in debt. A mortgage held by Wasson against the Navy of about \$400, they paid, also, the Morgan note of about \$100. The Henley Committee were expected to pay only the expenses of the English trip, it being well known that a gentleman in New York city had promised to pay their expenses to Vienna. But this worthy man failed to provide the funds requisite for the Vienna enterprise—about \$500—and this the Henley Committee paid. Under the circumstances we think the Committee is deserving of hearty commendation. We had expected quite a large deficit, but in reality there is none. The indebtedness is really that of the Navy. With the financial condition of the Navy healthy, we see no reason why we cannot fit out a Freshman crew.

CORNELLIANA.

—Fine skating on —?

—Have you smoked yet?

—Are you going to the Junior Ball?

—Bets on Woodford appointments are now in order.

—We must not forget to urge the re-organization of the Glee Club.

—'83 is an orphan or something. Its baby is reported to be a myth.

—Miss How gives a reception at Library Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 1st.

—The syllabus in Political Economy will not appear until about the middle of next month.

—'83 is looking about for a world or two more to conquer. A young son would fill the bill.

—“A Cornell crew young man” withdrew from the Freshman class meeting last Tuesday.

—We were solemnly informed the other day that positively the Register “will be out this term.”

—Since the early part of the week, bangs have become very popular with many of the students.

—Will the Freshmen have a supper this term? And will the Sophomores—? But we anticipate.

—The Freshmen copy noble Fifty-three, And sometime(?) soon will have a little spree.

—A case is cited of a Junior, who is so fearful of hydrophobia that he refuses to eat sausage or mince pie.

—There is a great deal of talk about the two lower classes going to Trumansburg for their annual feed.

—Prof. Corson reads “The Merchant of Venice” next week before the Junior class in English Literature.

—Lost—One mammoth mustache by a member of the ERA board. A liberal reward is offered for its return.

—Professor Herbert Tuttle has an interesting article in the February *Atlantic* on “Some Traits of Bismarck.”

—Well, '83 is the stuff, and no mistake. Freshman class supper, Sophomore excursion, Junior ball. Next.

—Doctor Wilson is busily engaged in getting out a new syllabus in Moral Philosophy. It will appear in about two weeks.

—The Alpha Deltis residing in Cleveland held a banquet week before last, which a number of the Cornell Chapter attended.

—From a newspaper point of view, we shouldn't be extremely sorry if a little “unpleasantness” should occur between '84 and '85.

—Can anybody be found who did not have a conflict in his hours this term? A premium ought to be given such a character.

—The hour for the Episcopal service in the chapel has been changed, as will be seen by reference to our Church Directory.

—We call special attention to the letter from Sage published elsewhere. We are always glad to publish communications, and wish our friend would send more.

—An Irishman recently gave the most positive evidence of the wonderful power of a telephone, by saying that he recognized it was his "frind a 'spakin, by his breath."

—The following committee on Sophomors banquet has been appointed: W. V. Hamilton, W. M. Bering, G. W. Lewis, G. M. Carpenter, and O. J. Collman.

—This week for the first the students have had an opportunity to break their necks in the most approved and artistic fashion, all of which means the coasting is good.

—From appearances we ought to dedicate this number of the ERA to the Navy. But we wont, as that is too small an object, at present, on which to waste any affection.

—There is some talk of the Melville Troupe returning. If so, we can guarantee a better house, even, and another serenade equally as good as they had last Monday night.

—Our Fighting Editor had his first encounter this week. He has since resigned his position, and the whole Board have gone into the Gym. as a consequence. Friends, pray for us.

—If Muldoon's Picnic is anything like '83's excursion of last spring, it will be something very unique in the æsthetic line. It is uncertain whether Rho Kappa Tau holds forth then or not.

—Sheperd & Doyle have just received a new stock of scarfs, to which they invite special attention. This firm with commendable enterprise is constantly changing its stock, and invites a call.

—Mr. Badger's lecture on Sunday evening will open the question on the duties of students and college graduates to our religious institutions. Shall we support them, assail them, or ignore them?

—President Elmer has appointed the following committees: On Junior Ball, Bullock, Pratt, Ruggles, Smith, D. E., and Thayer; on "College Song Book," Runyon, Matthews, and Bullock.

—Notice—no barrels of potatoes, hams, cords of wood, or produce in any shape or form, will be received in payment of ERA subscription. We wish it distinctly understood that the ERA has resumed specie payments.

—In addition to the list of shows published last week as billed for this term, we are authoritatively informed that in all probability the Boston Ideal Opera Company will appear here soon, and also the Wilbur Opera Company, in La Mascotte.

—Here we have some sausage. Does it not look nice? Let us try some, children. Do you not feel sorry for the poor cats and dogs? They are in a fine condition—but I don't believe they feel as fine as they look. Well, come away, don't let us eat any more.

—Guess the President of '85 had better buy a big dog to protect him. Why didn't the class keep dark who their President was, too? It certainly is hard luck to be the only one of the banquet officers known. We think he'd better go into winter quarters at once.

—The ERA dislikes very much to threaten anybody, but we must say that, unless our financial horizon brightens soon, we shall feel compelled to publish a description of our Dunning and Fighting Editor for the benefit persons needing treatment from those persons.

—The Senior waxeth up his mustache and smil-eth his pleasantest smole, thinketh his pleasantest thunks, and looketh at the camera. Evans, the photographer imprints said Senior's physiognomy on the plate, and getteth mad when the over-fastidious one insists upon the eleventh sitting.

—The Freshmen will send a crew away the coming summer, if present indications can be relied upon. A number of men are already in hard training in the Gymnasium, an effort has been made, and successfully, to enlist the interest of upper classmen, and everything promises well for the undertaking.

—The young ladies of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity held an initiation last Friday night, two more of the Sage maidens being the victims. The usual banquet was held, after the ceremonies, and the young ladies, after their somewhat unusual exercise, were in fit condition to do justice to Wallace's best efforts.

—Spence Spencer, with his usual regard for the student's welfare, has put an extra table or two in the rear part of his store. Mr. Spencer's kindness in giving up so much room to the boys, and providing a sort of down-town reading-room for them ought to be thoroughly appreciated, and in a substantial way too.

—We have received from the Civil Service Reform Association of New York, several tracts and a number of blank petitions to Congress, asking that appointments to the Civil Service be based on examination. We have placed them in the Assembly Room for the signatures of the students. The petitions are to be returned before February 15th.

—Dr. Potter has requested his classes in Political Economy to refrain from expressing, by stamping, their approbation of what may occur in the classroom. He has done this, not from any selfish motive, but solely for the benefit of his neighbor professors and their classes. Of course, the Doctor's students will comply with his wishes, but it will be a terrible strain to do it.

—The College Chronicle column of the *N. Y. World* improves issue by issue. It created a want and then proceeded to satisfy it. It is deserving of

still more patronage and encouragement than it now receives, for it collects and condenses matters of interest to colleges and students, which can be gained from no other source. In fact it has come to be the authority on all matters which come within its scope.

—Considerable complaint has been heard in regard to this term's schedule. We think more conflicts of studies have been reported than ever before, so many, in fact, that some professors have kindly consented to postpone hours of recitation until the afternoon. There certainly is evidence of great haste in the preparation of the schedule, and not enough consultation on the prescribed work for the various courses of study.

—The concert troupe who are to be here to-morrow night are a remarkable set, to say the least. They are either poverty-stricken, or, at least, don't care a "continental" for students, and their patronage, since they don't advertise at all in our papers. May be Clara's doctor's bills have been so large lately that she has to economize some where, or probably she doesn't want the boys to go any where near her, 'the horrid things.' Well, guess we wont bother her, any how.

—The audiences at Professor Adams' lectures, since they have been delivered at Sage, are large, but almost entirely different in character from those in attendance at Library Hall, when the lectures were delivered there. The down-town student body do not hear them at all now—the distance and the hour both being very inconvenient to any living at a distance—and the audiences now are mainly composed of those who live on or near the campus, or of those engaged on the hill at that time. On the whole, the change has not, we think, met with the approval of a majority of the students, but yet there must have been dissatisfaction, no matter how the question, as to time of holding the lectures, was decided.

—The Freshmen are doing a characteristic act. They are striving to keep secret the names of their banquet officers, thinking that by so doing the efforts of the vigilant Sophomore will be frustrated. Have they considered that it is pretty generally understood who their President is, and that this officer is usually a shining mark for Sophomoric energy? Do they desire that the entire Sophomore class shall do its best or worst, as the case may be, upon this defenseless creature alone? Why not let other Freshmen share the honor of being spirited away, or otherwise, at dead of night, when owls hoot, and Freshmanic couches yawn, and give up their sleepy contents. Or shall we say that this is an example of the very quintessence of freshness? Are you afraid to let your men be known? Why suppress what little struggling manhood you possess?

PERSONALIA.

TAYLOR, formerly '82, is in the St. Louis Law School.

MISS BAUM, '83, paid a short visit to her friends at Sage last week.

CRIDER, '82's Sophomore Class President, has been visiting the University this week.

H. W. BATTIN, '81, is now working for the Northwestern Railway, at Florence, Wis.

LILLIS, '83, returned to the University this week, having been detained at home by sickness.

PRESIDENT WHITE has an article in the *North American Review* for February, on Civil Service Reform.

DR. LAW delivered a lecture on Pleuro-pneumonia, last Monday, before the House Committee on Agriculture at Washington.

RILEY, formerly '77, is in the employ of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago R. R. He is stationed at Chicago at present.

AINSLIE, '81, has been in town for a few days. It is reported that he has left the Theological School at Yale and accepted a call to preach in a Congregational Church, at Ogdensburg.

F. W. PROCTOR, '73, who has been practicing law at Andover, N. H., and also at Manchester, N. H., has moved to Boston, where he has excellent prospects of obtaining a fine clientage.

W. J. SHERMAN, '77, who for some time past has been chief engineer on the Toledo, Delphos & Burlington Railroad, having his headquarters at Toledo, has gone to Evansville, Ind., and connected himself with the L. N. A. & St. L. R. R.

BEHRINGER, '69, who was Assistant Professor in German here in 1870, and later Active Professor of Rhetoric in Howard University, and who afterwards entered the Episcopal ministry, has, until recently, been preaching in Des Moines, Iowa. He is now engaged in his work in Brooklyn.

BULLOCK, '83, returned last week to the University just in time to push his favorite project of a Junior Ball through to a decision in the class meeting. It is understood that Mr. Bullock has been selected for Chairman of the Ball Committee, which choice, considering the manner and zeal he has shown in pushing the project, is certainly most proper and commendable.

COLLEGE NEWS.

HARVARD.

It is rumored that Oscar Wilde will be offered a reception in Cambridge.

It is said that our Navy has gone to Peru. We are afraid that it may get lost so far away from home. —*Crimson*.

Among the lecturers in prospect for the Philological Society's course is Professor Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, who will lecture on some subject connected with Scandinavian mythology.

The Harvard University Boat Club accepts the challenge of the Columbia College Boat Club to row an eight oared race, time, distance and place to be hereafter mutually agreed upon.

The Varsity crew meet in the north entry of Matthews every morning at eight o'clock for a short walk before breakfast.

The Freshmen have received a challenge from Columbia, '85, to row an eight-oared race on the Harlem river, the time to be mutually agreed upon.

The overseers of Harvard have, by a vote of 11 to 6, decided to accept a fund, the income of which shall be devoted to the medical education of women.

ELSEWHERE.

The class of '80, of Brown, which was the last one to recite under the late Professor Diman, propose to establish, as a tribute to his memory, a fund of \$10,000, the income of which is to be devoted to the purchase of works on mediæval and modern history.

Columbia College has just acquired, by purchase from Berlin, a very fine terrestrial globe, the largest ever brought to this country, and one of the eleven largest ever made. It is four feet in diameter, and cost, unmounted, \$350. It is to be used in the history department to illustrate lectures in physical geography, its surface being very carefully arranged in relief to show the different elevations on the earth.

—*Badger.*

EXCHANGES.

Well, well, this from Yale does sound queer. We hope that it will have some effect in moderating the brutality of her players:

"The 'Rugby' game of foot ball has sunk to its proper level. As affording opportunities for a display of brute strength and trickery it may be called a success; in all other respects it is an unmitigated failure. It has been superseded in England and it promises to die soon in this country. The block game ought to be prevented at all events, and the most feasible plan for effecting this seems to be the substitution of kicking the ball through instead of snapping it back, in a scrimmage. Another feature in the present game which ought to be removed, is the display of brute strength which the game involves. Rough playing and hard tackling occasion angry tempers and ungentlemanly actions."—*Yale Record.*

The *Acta* was so disgusted with its failure to establish the Intercollegiate Press Association a year ago, that it will not listen to the numerous appeals from the college papers to exert itself again. To tell the truth, we don't blame you, *Acta*:

"A year ago the *Acta* was hard at work trying to start the Intercollegiate Press Association. The result is well known. When the *Acta* discovered how futile were all at-

tempts in that direction, the matter was dropped. Now, from various parts of the country come calls upon the *Acta* to renew its work, and try to establish such an association. To all those who ask our aid for this we beg leave to say that last year you let us whistle for what we wanted, and this year we shall transfer the toot to your hands, and shall sit still listening to the mournful strains which it now becomes your turn to give forth. Ta-ta, Intercollegiate-Press-Associationists, the *Acta* is not anxious to experience any more frigidity of atmosphere. Ta-ta.

This is our first opportunity to cull this little gem from the *Acta's* poetical casket:

" LINES.

On the occasion of losing a tuberosé which had been presented to the author by a fair friend.

Lost little tuberosé,
Where dost thou lie?
Where do thy leaves repose,
Now sear and dry!
Soft taper fingers twine
Still round this heart of mine
Cords wove for thee, tender rose.

Dear little tuberosé,
Ah! I would know,
Who can to me disclose
Where thou didst go?
For one hath breathed on thee,
Breathed there her love for me,
Fled now with thee, tender rose.

Glad little tuberosé,
Tell to the wind
What woodlands thee enclose,
Whom I would find,
Thy perfume still is near,
Mingled with memories dear,
Filling my dreams, tender rose."

"See that man in Brass buttons. He is Not a General. He is a Policeman. What has He got in His hand? It is a Club? Is it Heavy? Say Good Evening to Him and he will let You know its Weight. The Policeman is a Man of wrath. Children, "Flee from The Wrath to Come." Cave Caem et the Policeman.

Is not This a Pleasant looking Man? What a Sweet Smile he Has! How softly he speaks. He is a Subscription Man, little Children. Run away or He will Take your Money with a smile and cut you Dead the Next time He sees You. But He doesn't Mean Anything. It is only his Way. But it's a Pretty poor Way, little children.

This is an examination. See how Sad these Boys look! Look at That Boy in the Corner. He will Pass. He has studied hard. He has all his Knowledge at His Finger ends. See. He puts his Knowledge in His Pocket Because the Tutor is looking. Come Away Children!

Do you see the boy and the rock? Oh yes! I see the boy and the rock. The boy has some rye also. Will the boy plant the rye? Oh no! He will imbibe the rock and the rye, but he will make a wry face when he has to "plank down the rocks" to pay for the rock and rye."—*Record.*

And we think that is just about enough of that style, so we give this:

" SERENADE.

Mantling shade hill and glade
Veils in silence hushed and deep;
And each nest, safe at rest,
Lulls its tender charge to sleep.
Now the rising moon is rendering

Through the shimmering leaflets, wending,
Down the dewy earth their way;
Silver spray; blithe they play.
I would fain that my strain
Might not, like them, fall in vain.

Lady fair, with golden hair
Wreathing temples pure as snow,
Slumber light through the night,
While we guard thee here below.
May thy sweet rest be unbroken
Save by faithful lover's token
'Neath thy chamber window spoken,
Mingling with their airy dream.
Visions teem, dimly seen.
Love, good night; slumbers light
Hover round thine eyes so bright."

B. K.
—*Record.*

We clip the following from the *Harvard Herald*, and we must confess our ignorance as to where they got it, for it is not credited to any one:

"The University of Cambridge comprises seventeen colleges, each, of course, with its own government, buildings and grounds. The college grounds are much smaller than those of the average American colleges. The number of students is about the same as in our institutions. Much more attention is paid to the comfort of the students than here, though we at Harvard can congratulate ourselves when we compare our condition with that of the students of smaller American colleges. At Cambridge an undergraduate's apartments consist of three large chambers, with a small pantry. The main room is a fine, airy place in which breakfast and luncheon is served by a private servant. Attached to this room is the little pantry, used for light work and storage. Two other rooms open out of the main apartment; they are about ten by fourteen, one employed as a study and the other as a bed chamber. A recent writer says of life at an English college, that it is intellectually far stronger than that of an American college. The men seem to accomplish more than we do, with less work. The dinner is regarded as the central feature of the daily life, for the whole college usually meets at this time. The hall is a very fine room, much after the style, in building and decoration, of our own Memorial."

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Cornell has given up boat-racing for a while, and are now devoting its spare energies to a daily that the students issue every evening. —*Student Life.*

—Yawcob Strauss says: "Oscar Wilde is quite 2, 2." This is probably the reason why he comes to the fore. See?—*Ex.*

—He appeared to be almost gone. Rolling his eyes to the partner of 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.*

—"Get thee behind me, Satan," says the young lady with a long train.—*Lampoon.*

—"Say Doc., what is good for sore lips?" Oh, I don't know, Vassar-line is pretty fair.—*Ex.*

—Professor in Philology, in a jocular mood—"When were there only two vowels?" Five Sophs murmur "Not prepared," whereupon the Professor makes answer: "In the days of Noah, when you and I were not."—*Athenæum.*

—Why is every Boston boy sure to make a noise in the world? Because he is a little hubbub in himself.—*Occident.*

—Father—"What time did you get home last night?" Son—"At a quarter of twelve, sir." Father—"Don't tell me that, sir; I was lying awake, and heard you come in at three, myself." Son (*innocently*):—"And isn't three a quarter of twelve, sir?"—*Spectator.*

—A try-to-be-funny young man,
A getting off-grinds young man,
A wearying, tiring,
Common jokes firing,
Shoot-off-his-mouth young man.

—*Athenæum.*

Papa, may I play foot-ball?
No, my darling Bum,
You'll break your little collar-bone,
And have to stay to hum.

—*Argo.*

—"Ain't it wicked to rob dis here hen roost, Jim?" "Dat's a great moral question, Gumbo; we ain't got time to consider it now—hand down another pullet."—*Ex.*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

We clip from the *Columbus Daily Times* the following very flattering notice of the company appearing here next Monday evening:

Hyde & Behman's Comedy Company held forth at the Grand last night. Notwithstanding the terrible state of the weather, the house was packed from top to bottom. The performance opened with an excellent sketch, which was one of the funniest pieces of acting that has been seen here for some time. Then followed the Werner's, introducing their original musical sketch, *The Alphabet Lesson*, who were given a rousing reception.

The Comedy Quartet, who are always good, were at their best, and created shouts of laughter.

The Lynn Sisters, in their musical gems, were the best in their line who have visited Columbus for a long time.

George Hammond, Charles Earle, Samuel West and Robert Camp, the great Monumental Quartet, greatly delighted the audience by their performance.

Then came Muldoon's Picnic. Well, suffice it to say, the Picnic is one of the best comedies of the day, and was excellently rendered.

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THERE seems to be a growing tendency, through the pressure of so many lectures, to transfer recitations to the afternoon. In some cases this is to be commended; in other cases, it is to be deplored. There are many whose time in the morning is so filled that they have no opportunity to take up optional work, unless they can take it in the afternoon. So we are glad to see Professor Crane have his class in French reading "*Le Monde ou L'on s'ennuie*," meet in the afternoon. It is infinitely preferable to meeting at 8 o'clock, as was the old custom. And the arrangement of Professor Adams' English Constitutional Lectures in the afternoon, is also an admirable one. But to put the regular prescribed work in the afternoon, and thus compel the students to go up the hill twice a day, is something we must, in the interests of the students, earnestly protest against. It has long been one of the admirable features of the University that the forenoon should be devoted to University exercises, and the afternoon and evening left to the students. We speak, of course, of the students in the general courses. The skilful arrangement of the exercises has been such that between the hours of eight and one a vast amount of work is accomplished. The afternoon is left for study and the evening for reading. This is to be commended. But it will not be long before this is all changed, when once a precedent is established to putting regular work in the afternoon. If anything is to give way let it be the optional classes.

It is possible that there is such conflict between regular classes that it can be remedied only by transferring some to the afternoon, but until we are convinced of it, we shall not cease to throw all our influence against any such change.

WE regret to be obliged to say to a certain class of our readers that they sometimes interest themselves in what is not at all their concern. We speak of the practice which some make of seeking to find out who writes this or that article in the ERA. In some papers the names of the editors of the various departments are published, and what each editor writes and is responsible for every one knows. Then, if anything appears in a certain department to which exception is taken, that one editor receives blame, and the rest of the board is held guiltless. This method may have its advantages, but we have preferred to adhere to the ERA's custom of keeping the different departments impersonal. We have preferred that the Board of Editors *collectively* should be held responsible for all articles, not otherwise credited. Certainly, under such circumstances, it is the height of discourtesy and even impudence to endeavor to discover the author of any article, or to ascribe any article to any one Editor. In many cases, there is an error in judgment, and sentiments are credited to one which he does not, by any means, entertain. As a fact, we know of one individual who gratuitously offered to designate the author of certain articles in this paper. He was kind enough, not only to designate the department, but even the articles written by the various editors. It is hardly necessary to say that in not one instance was he correct. It may show a certain sort of cunning in being able to recognize the author of an article, but from the very fact that the editors of the different departments have not published their names, it follows that they wish to be unknown, and no gentleman will pursue such inquiries. While it is possible that the ERA may express sentiments which some of its editors may not hold, yet they are the sentiments of the Board as a body, and as a body the editors are responsible for them. To hold any

one individual responsible, is to do him the rankst injustice, and to underestimate the power of the other editors. We sincerely trust that this pernicious habit will cease, for we think that it must be more from habit than idle curiosity that many so far forget themselves.

AN interesting experiment has just been completed in the University of Berlin which should attract the attention of all collegians and friends to thorough culture. As the *Yale Courant* has so well stated it we quote at length: "In 1870 the German government ceased to make classical training a condition for entrance to the universities. After a trial with the two classes of students, non-classical and classical, side by side in the pursuit of the higher branches, the action which has been taken by the University of Berlin is most significant. With the unanimous assent of the Faculty at Berlin, after careful deliberation, a memorandum has been addressed to the German government, in which the experiment of the last ten years is declared to have been a failure, and the government has been urged to discontinue it. The lecturers in mathematics, astronomy, chemistry, and modern languages—in fact, throughout the whole range of studies—unite in the assertion that the non-classical inevitably fall behind the classical students, that 'their further development is slower, more superficial, and less independent,' and that in the modern languages especially 'it is hopelessly impossible for a student lacking classical culture to acquire what may be called a thoroughly satisfactory development.' The most striking statement is in their final conclusion of the whole matter, that "unless the prevailing tendency is arrested, the inevitable result will be that the supreme excellence of scholarship which for half a century has made the German universities famous all over the world will be a thing of the past." This is ample substantiation of what most of us have felt, that a classical training avails more as a basis for future culture than is to be gained in any other way. Take it in any department of languages here, and it will be found almost always that the classical student in German, French, or Italian, surpasses those who have neglected the classics, in thoroughness, ability of concentration of the mind and general comprehension of the principles of the language. In view of this fact are not the sneers of the

non-classical students at the "arts" men rather out of place?

AMONG those Spanish castles which Cornellians are always fondly building for their Alma Mater none is loftier or more attractive than that which is to contain her future school of fine arts. Cornell was destined for a great University from the beginning, but the unavoidable limitations of mere youth are perhaps more keenly felt here than at any other college in the country. If broad principles could make a University, here were one to-morrow; if money alone, Cornell has the largest real if not the largest available endowment of any institution of learning in America. Only time can found schools in all departments of learning. Our President, in an address at Library Hall shortly before going abroad on his Berlin Mission said, repeating words used by Mr. Cornell on a similar occasion, "I, in my lifetime, expect to see only a beginning in our University." It has always been evident to the minds of Cornell's greatest and truest friends that many years would be necessary to place her where she is destined some day to stand. It is only the impatient and short-sighted who are depressed or elated by any transient failures or successes. Of the ultimate greatness of our University there can be no question. Somewhere in that future there will be erected a department of Fine Arts. Let us hope it will be in the near future. There are as yet no definite plans—everything is as vague as the misty dream ascribed by Knickerbocker the old Dutch sage, to Oloff Van Kortlandt, concerning the city of New York. Let us hope that our dream will be as well realized. We have already one of the best Architectural libraries in the country. The galleries of McGraw contain by far the largest collection of photographs illustrating European Art and Architecture ever brought to America. A collection of medallions and copies of the best works of ancient and modern sculpture lies in its original packages simply because we have no building in which to properly display it. There is, of course, nothing to be done which is not already being done by hands and hearts interested in the University's welfare, yet it seems unfortunate that we must be deprived of all the pleasure and profit which might be derived from this collection were it arranged temporarily even in a very undesirable way and place.

PROF. C. K. Adams has finished his course of lectures on the English Government, and the time has come for our verdict as to their value. There is no doubt that some have been disappointed with the lectures. They have not found them so popular in their style as the lectures of non-resident professors are usually expected to be, and, after one or two sittings, have ceased to attend them. These persons, we think, were not at all interested in the subject of the lectures, and went to the first ones to be entertained rather than instructed. To those who wished to learn of the practical workings of the English system of government, the course has been most valuable. Seldom has so much information been condensed into so short a course and yet expressed so clearly as to be intelligible to all. Where the subject has permitted it, Prof. Adams has shown that he possessed descriptive powers of a high order. In the lecture entitled "A visit to the House of Commons," for example, the picture of the House was most clearly drawn, and the anecdotes which illustrated the various points showed a wide extent of biographical knowledge. Few more entertaining lectures have been delivered here of late years. The two lectures on the House of Lords were also of a high order of merit. Though the views of the lecturer as to the benefit to a country of an hereditary aristocracy were probably not assented to by all of his auditors, they were stated so fairly and the arguments in their favor were so clearly presented as to afford much food for reflection. Upon the whole, we do not think it too much to say that the course has been a success. Other lecturers have given us more brilliant productions, but few have furnished so much material for future study and examination.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING.

If there is any one subject of which a Cornelian never tires, and of which he always first speaks when conversation turns upon his Alma Mater, it is her department of Civil Engineering. No matter whether it was his good fortune to have been graduated in this course or not, he feels a pride in the results of the work of the department, because it reflects credit upon the institution, and, to a certain extent, upon himself as a Cornelian. In the fourteen years of its existence, Cornell has gained more reputation as an educational institution through this department than any other. This is due, no doubt,

partly to the nature of the department, but far more to its management.

Professor Fuertes, who has been Dean of the department almost from its establishment, deserves probably more credit than any other one person for the enviable reputation our course in Civil Engineering now possesses. Not that no degree of credit is due any one but him, but it has been his experience that has been profited by, his ideas that have been carried out, his wishes that have been paramount in its management. He brought to the institution a national reputation as a practical engineer, and an experience of many years as a teacher. Is it, then, any wonder that to-day Cornell engineers are in demand everywhere, is it any wonder that the reputation we enjoy has become almost world-wide? Professor Fuertes has been especially happy in the selection of his assistants, his ripe experience showing just what was needed, and who was best capable of supplying the deficiency. In Professor Church, one of the finest mathematicians ever graduated from Cornell, was found the person most capable of teaching applied mathematics. Professor Crandall's experience as an engineer and his studious application rendered him the most fit for instruction in the practical work of an engineer. Thus, in all the work that belongs exclusively to this department, Professor Fuertes' assistants have been of the best and the very best.

But Professor Fuertes, like every other man with a purpose, has encountered all sorts of opposition. Nevertheless, he has kept on with his work, he has always been mindful of his purpose to make Cornell possess the finest school of civil engineering in the country, and how far he has succeeded facts can prove, the regular demand for Cornell engineers from all parts of the country will prove, the increasing amount of favor with which the institution is regarded by students will prove. To such a degree has the Professor had the idea of what the civil engineering school should be, that he has become thoroughly imbued with it. Everything he has done has been made to bear towards this end, wherever he has been this idea followed him and his observations were made in order to benefit his department.

During the past summer, while the Professor was traveling in Europe for his health he pleased to combine business with his recreation, and in such a way that his department reaps the benefit. Before sailing for Europe a sum of money was placed at his disposal by the trustees of the University, for the purchasing of such instruments, etc., as he should deem fit and necessary. With this money the professor secured instruments, casts, and models, some of which are the only ones of the kind in this country, and many the finest and most accurate that ever crossed the Atlantic. Some of these have already arrived, and from want of a suitable place to put

them, are in the store-room of the Chemical Laboratory. Many more are expected to arrive before the close of the year. One of the instruments is an Arithomètre, the most ingenious and intricate piece of mechanism probably in the University. It is an instrument which multiplies, adds, divides, extracts the square and cube root, and altogether is one of the most animated and intelligent acting specimens the ERA has ever seen. There was also purchased an Omnimètre for computing long distances with accuracy, and also a Tachimètre for measuring great distances, an transit for surveying in declivities and steep places, where accurate leveling is a matter of difficulty, with many other like instruments and a telescope, making our collection of engineering instruments probably the finest in America, certainly the finest in any American school of engineering. A large collection of casts was also obtained, comprising many typographical models of all sorts, and a large collection of models in stone cutting. A model of the Straits of Dover, showing the expected course of the tunnel between Calais and Dover. Also, a relief map of the Suez Canal with formation of country round about. There are, also, many models characteristic of mountain formations, plaster casts of the Alps from government surveys, showing courses of rivers, roads, railways, comparative size of valleys and height of mountain peaks. A model of the Pyrenees Mountains with formations in that region was purchased, together with many other geographical models. A fine collection of models of railroad bridge work, consisting of trusses, castings, etc., and models of switches and frogs, was obtained. A model of an iron bridge was purchased, the original of which was one hundred feet long, the model one quarter its size. These last will enable the student to see and examine, under the direction of instructors, the construction of bridges, and thus gain knowledge that is practical as well as theoretical. Probably what is the most complete collection of photographs of engineering works in the United States, was obtained, together with a complete file of the publications of the Ecole de Ponts and Chaussées.

By the purchase of these instruments, models, etc., the instruction in the department will be greatly facilitated, and if such a thing were possible, improved. What before was shown by drawings and pictures, can be produced by the models, and the students will thus be enabled to save not only time but also useless work.

During last term, at the suggestion of Professor Fuertes, a new departure was made, and that was the formation of a Civil Engineering Association. As the name suggests, only those in that course of instruction are allowed to become members, so that there is to a great extent a unity of aim, and of ambition. By a special arrangement, as an extra incentive to work in the association, the students get

credit in the matter of hours, for their membership in the association. Thus far the scheme has worked to a charm; the exercises at the meetings have, in a literary way, been a success, and we doubt not fruitful of results, profitable to all concerned and interested in it. In all probability a room will be fitted up in one of the three main buildings as an Association Hall, and the experiment tried for the first time last term, promises to become almost as much of a success, comparatively, and an institution, as the department whose offspring it is. Could the students of every department in the University thus unite in associations whose aims would be the same as their own, better work would be the result, and a greatly increased interest.

CHRISTIAN THOMASIVS.

At the close of the lecture upon Thomasius, which forms part of the course he is now delivering before the University upon the modern history of Germany, President White spoke as follows:

"I have sometimes been asked what interested me most during my recent residence in Germany. It would be difficult to answer this. The interesting things are many: the splendid growth of the idea of German unity, the abolition of the myriads of petty barriers between states which I knew in the earlier days, the noble growth of the new German metropolis, the admirable character of the whole system of education from highest to lowest, the patriotic steadfastness of the reigning house, the skill with which the great Chancellor has managed external affairs, the admirable temper of its parliament—one of the best deliberative bodies, and in some respects the best, I have ever seen.

"But, while it is very difficult to say what most interested me, it is easy to say what most astonished me.

"The most astonishing thing to me in Germany, the greatest surprise, was the fact that there is no statue of Christian Thomasius.

"There is, indeed, the old portrait in the *aula* at Halle, of which, thanks to the kindness of the Senate of that University, I was enabled to have the copy made which now hangs before you. There is, in the *aula* of the University of Leipsic, a bust evidently copied from the portrait. But of this great man, the most noted reformer since Luther, the one to whom Germany is indebted for the final blow to witchcraft superstition, to procedure by torture, to the whole mass of pedantries and follies, learned and foolish, and to whom Prussia is indebted for the beginnings of that training which has given her so admirably prepared a race of practical statesmen—of this great man there is no public statue. Neither Leipsic, Dresden, nor Halle has thus honored itself. This is hardly to be lamented as regards Thomasius: his fame is secure. But it is to be lamented that

the great German nation should not merely forget what it owes to this benefactor, but should neglect such an incentive to noble thought and work as the presence of such a memorial would be."

The painting referred to as hanging before the class is a copy of the Halle portrait, by an American artist in Germany, Mr. C. C. Burleigh, who is now engaged in copying various other historical pictures for President White.

THE LOOK.

Virile old savant, jovial and generous,
Why, at first sight, did we like one another?
The beams which joined your eyes to mine
Transmitted, 'by forces within us, sight, sound, taste
and smell.

You are courted by scholars and soft dilettanti;
'T would seem that you need not the love that I
offer;

That you might think the friendship I give you
As weak as the body that holds it—
The last one and young one, I mean.

But—a moment—is this not the reason?
Perhaps it is only a duty you owe me,
The return of a love which I, as a father or mother
of ages ago,
Gave to you, then a weakling, the son of an im-
mortal union.

Or, may be, the look that we think the first one and
one of strange power,
Is the continuation of one that was stopped by the
sacrifice flames,
As they mounted and withered the flesh from our
bones.

That is it. I remember it all.
How we, two atoms of the mound-building wave of
mankind,
Two hardy young warriors, shielded in bright-ham-
mered copper
And decked out in strings of the far ocean's shells,
Wielded the flint-sword with serrated edges;
Fought the encroaching tribe on the east.

We were conquered and taken as captives, to work
on the slowly raised tumuli.
To the mines at the north were we driven in sum-
mer;
There, scourged every day, we toiled side by side in
the pits.

Then came the season when the God of our people
held aloof from his children—
When the cold, biting breath of the evil one wrought
death through the woodland.
And we two, bowed under jagged lumps of the
metal,

Took our place, side by side, in the far-stretching
line of the abject,
To march through the hazy and gay shrouded for-
ests to our home in the midland.

With the coming of spring, were they wont to cele-
brate the return of their dazzling god's favor;
Sacred fires were kindled atop the alter-topped
mound;
You and I, captives and slaves, were the off'rings;
Up the steep-graded ways of the mound, we toiled
mid a throng of shrill shrieking priests.

The summit reached we looked on the multitude
far, far below.
We discerned far below us a clamoring swarm;
A million of up-turned faces; a saffron-hued mass;
Yellow faces, bright hammered copper, the muddy
flood by melted snows swollen, that flowed o'er
the plain.

To the flames were we given, we youths who had
suffered together.
We looked at each other, we two who were suffering
together.
A look that we, with false fear, thought the last.
I heard the shouts of the turbulent mass far below.
Sheets of flame beat against the warmth of affection
Envious that aught to themselves might be com-
parable;
I could see you no longer, I knew nothing more.

Virile old savant, jovial and generous,
When, as we know ourselves now, we shall take the
last look,
'Twill not be the last, but the bridge overspanning
The slumbering tides of an unending existence.

ARISTONA.

CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG.

Certainly no other prima-donna has so great a
claim upon the favor and patronage of the Ameri-
can people as Miss Kellogg. Her title has a
three-fold warranty. In the first place as an *artiste*
she may well excite the admiration of the most cap-
tious among us, then as an accomplished and most
refined woman, one who has something outside of
her art to commend her to our favor, and last, though
not least, she is an American; a fact of no small
weight in a country where foreign artists seem to
hold full sway. In view of her rumored withdrawal
from the lyric stage it may be well to review hastily
twenty years of unvaried prosperity and success.

Miss Kellogg was born of New England parents
at Sumter, South Carolina, in 1842. At an early
age she gave evidence of rare musical talent, and
after some years of careful training and conscien-
tious study, she made her *début* in "Rigoletto," at
the New York Academy of Music, being then eigh-
teen years of age. But she was too young, her

powers had not been developed to the utmost, and her success was only partial. Nothing daunted by the pseudo-success Miss Kellogg retired for additional study and practice, and reappeared publicly as Marguerite in Gounod's "Faust," in the season of 1864. In that character for the first time she won the distinguishing success which has ever followed her, and gave full evidence of her extraordinary musical and histrionic talent. After this indication of what she was able to accomplish, her name and fame grew apace. Within the following two years she added emphasis to her first triumph by her exquisite singing and acting in "Linda di Chamounix," and those who may have had the pleasure to have seen Miss Kellogg in the above, will recall with special enthusiasm her acting and vocalization in the "Malediction" score, also in "Crispino" "Barber of Seville," "La Sonnambula" and "Lucia di Lammermoor," her success was pronounced and certain. From this time forward there is nothing to record save a series of triumphs at home and abroad. Her appearance in London in 1867 in her favorite role of Marguerite was a pronounced success, and ever since she has been a welcome addition to musical circles in England and upon the Continent. With talents so ripely developed, with success so full blown and blushing, with a nature so womanly and pure, Miss Kellogg may fitly bid farewell to her profession and the public. Yet, we hope, selfishly perhaps, that she may retain the position she has won, renewing her triumph and our pleasure.

The Concert last Saturday evening was certainly one of the best we have ever heard. Our ears being of the normal length will not permit us to criticise it. In fact, what criticism could any one offer in the face of such talent as Kellogg, Poole, Brignoli, Tagliapietra, Adamowski and Liebling? To mention the performance of each artist separately would be but to repeat our expressed satisfaction with the whole. Nothing remains for us withal but to admire and be silent.

SOPHOMORE SUPPER.

A Sophomore Supper without kidnapping would be like butter without salt, potatoes without gravy, or pudding without sauce. So it was with genuine pleasure that the men of '84 learned last evening that about the time all worthy folks were sitting down to their evening repast, one of their Banquet Officers had been spirited away, in fact, had been abducted. He had certainly vamoosed and probably not of his own accord. The Ithaca Hotel soon swarmed with crowds of college men, not a few upper-classmen enjoying the turn affairs had taken. As time wore away, the Sophomores certainly did begin to have a very tired look. But as a loyal Soph. remarked, '84 has quite a faculty for getting back her men, and shortly before 9 o'clock, a loud and triumphant yell announced that the lost had been

found, the prodigal had returned, and word was sent to the kitchen to roast the mutton instanter—in other words to have the fatted calf prepared. Unfortunately, the cuisine afforded only turkey. The time prior to the supper was passed in cards and cramming up on toasts. It was really a sad and suggestive sight to see so many innocent looking Sophs. working little rolls, which the initiated call "ponies." The force of habit was strong enough to force itself into the banquet hall.

Fifty-three men sat down to the tables formed in shape of a T, and almost immediately President Weed, after the terse remark that the Fresh. had "balled," introduced the Orator of the evening, E. W. Huffcutt. Mr. Huffcutt's oration on "Sentimental and Practical Statesmanship," was full of striking passages of strength and beauty. He upheld the sentimental in statesmanship as being an element to be praised. He was frequently interrupted by applause, and established at once a high standard for the literary exercises.

Mr. Ingall's Poem on the "Freshman Æsthetic," was filled with hits at the Fresh. at the æstheticism of the times, and the foibles of not a few of prominence.

Mr. Van Sickie, the Essayist, was unable to be present, but a letter from him, read by Mr. McMillan, expressed his regret at his inability to be present. Its patriotic sentiments provoked the loudest cheers, which reached a climax when Mr. Thorpe, the Prophet was announced. "The career of '84 shall be a worthy one without any of the conceit of the class that has passed before. Her name shall be great among the names of classes." Then the grinds on individual members followed. Many were apt, some witty and all were received with enthusiasm. The class was pleased to learn what a remarkable history it had, and this Mr. Shaler, with the dignified, philosophic, accurate bearing of a true historian, expounded to universal satisfaction. "Not a Freshman," said he, "has dared to twirl even so much as a lead pencil on the streets."

The menu followed, and the candidates for the Spoon were legion. At its conclusion, Toast Master Lapham took charge, and called on the President, the rankest Weed of the class, an Oscar, but not a wild Oscar," to respond. The following toasts were then responded to:

The Dutch Faculty,	G. Carpenter.
Sophomores,	W. N. Freeman.
Busts,	C. H. Wilson.
No License,	J. T. Stambaugh.
The New Buildings,	F. A. Coles.
Prexy,	A. Hamilton.
Zinck's,	F. M. McMillan.
The New Course,	H. P. Rose.
The Freshmen,	F. C. Overton.
The Fair Ones of Sage,	H. E. Case.
Omega Lambdi Chi,	F. G. Scofield.
The Military,	C. J. Welch.
Shinkel,	W. F. Cassedy.
Class of '83,	T. S. Williams.

CORNELLIANA.

—Are Professors insensible to cold?

—The *Review* was published this week. Paste this in your hat.

—'84's supper passed off more peaceably this year than last.

—The Sophomores are so glad that they are almost Juniors.

—Dr. Wilson's syllabus in Moral Philosophy will be out to-day.

—The Sophomores made way with vast quantities of soda and ginger-pop last night.

—Professor Corson will read King John before his class in Junior Literature next week.

—The Senior class holds a meeting during the coming week to decide upon a class memorial.

—To the Sophomores: Do not kidnap the kids. That joke is too old; entirely too quite almost all but.

—It is rumored that a building for the department of Civil Engineering is a thing of the near future.

—Mr. Badger's lecture next Sunday evening will treat of the Surviving Mythology Mingling with our Christianity.

—Professor Oliver entertained at his house last Friday evening, the 20th, the Senior and Junior ladies with gentlemen friends.

—Some of the students have been afflicted with sore throat, but have found the recently proposed remedy of gargling lager a very efficient remedy.

—The Junior ball is to be held February 17th, in Wilgus Opera House. So much is definitely settled, and final arrangements will be made at an early date.

—Scrap from notes on Military Science by a Junior who does not believe in slang: Nap. *got left* in Russia because the Cossacks *busted* his line of supply.

—There will be a meeting of the Freshman class on Monday in Room T. The announcement is made through the ERA, since it has been found impossible to keep the integrity of the notices on the bulletin board.

—More antiquated jokes were brought out last night and forced to render service than at any time since September 1st, the Freshman French department not excepted.

—Now, that a Junior ball has been decided upon, the *Ithaca Journal* man had better begin to sharpen his wits, so as to be extremely wise, funny and sarcastic over the ladies' costumes.

—Mr. Freeman secured the Wooden Spoon last evening; Mr. Cassidy, the prize for the handsomest man; Mr. A. Hamilton, for the most literary man, a handsome volume with colored illustrations.

—The Juniors commenced their orations this week for the present term. Their Demosthenes has not yet appeared, or else the orations give evidence of having been prepared during cramming week.

—Thursday, January 26th, was the day of prayer for colleges. At many educational institutions the day was appropriately observed, and class exercises suspended. At Cornell unfortunately everything proceeded as usual.

—Frank Gardner's "Legion of Honor" Combination will appear at Wilgus Opera House Wednesday evening, February 8th. Our exchanges speak very highly of this Company, and it is drawing large audiences everywhere.

—On Saturday evening, Feb. 4th, the Madison Square Theatre Company will present "Hazel Kirke," a play that is said to have drawn more money than any other ever written. Of course, it will be finely presented.

—Freshmen, attention! We hope that the "too full for utterance" joke will not play a part in your literary programme next week. By actual count forty-nine Sophs. were guilty of the offense last night, and to such an extent that they were finally believed.

—Of course every Junior will attend his class ball. The affair will be in all probability one of the most successful social events of the season, and the greater the numbers who attend it, the greater will be its success, and the more certain will it become as an institution.

—It is broadly hinted that the Freshmen have invited the '85 ladies to attend the banquet next Friday night. Will they go? Can't say. May be they will and may be they won't. In keeping with the methods of the class they probably are keeping their intentions secret.

—Professor Webb entertained the Junior Engineers last Friday evening. A goodly number of goodly young ladies from Sage and its whereabouts were present, and assisted Mrs. Webb in her duties. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all. May not Professor Webb's example be emulated by other professors.

—Here we have a punched silver dime. It travels slowly does it not? Let us try and pass it. "Zwei Lager." Nein, we don't dakes him." Well, children, let us be benevolent. Here is a poor blind man, give it to him, he will be very grateful for it. It is well, children, to form early in life the habit of always being generous.

—Should '85's lady delegation decide to hold a banquet by themselves the following subjects for toasts are suggested as being eminently proper and suggestive: "THE ERA," "Our Mas," "Mustaches," "New Greenhouse, otherwise known as the Sage Woodshed," "Flirtation," "Pa Kinney," "Giggling," "Cheap Board," and "THE ERA."

—Sophomores! Sh! Steady! There is a hen on! Go easy and don't give it away, but the Freshman President has been daily practicing in the Gym. for the last three weeks. Fully alive to his responsibilities, inasmuch as he has to do the entire fighting of the class, he is getting ready for the contest. Be very careful how you go at him. "He's a bad man."

—There was a young man—Mr. Moon—

Quite a coon,

Who was terribly bad on the spoon—

The loon.

He cut a big dash,

But from want of the cash,

He had to alter his toon—

Very soon.

—Notice—The ERA was delayed in order to give an account of the Sophomore class banquet. Earlier notice would have been made of the intended postponement had it not been for the late selection of date of the class in question. Furthermore the ERA will be published on Saturday when the Freshman Supper, Junior Ball, and Woodford contests necessitate the delay.

—We should be pleased to hear of a movement among the engineers to follow the precedent established last year and hold a banquet. The advantages to be gained in a social way have been treated of at length time and again, and they are as great today as they ever were. Let the ball be kept rolling, and let the custom instituted by '81 be kept alive. Surely, the trouble necessary will be amply repaid.

—We are glad to turn to the CORNELL ERA and find congeniality in its instructive and suggestive editorials. The ERA seems anxiously alive to the success of its college. We thoroughly enjoy its criticisms and comments on the daily occurrences at Cornell, and if we do not take in the full meaning and aim of what is said, we at least appreciate the spirit which inspires it.—*Princetonian*. Referred to the grumblers.

—Cunningham & Co., to whose advertisement we called attention last term, have since sent to many of the students complete catalogues of the machines they sell. Although this weather is rather against bicycling, still it is a good time to make up one's mind about what machine he will buy. None better can be found than those of the Cunningham Co. We hope to see many of their machines in use here during the spring.

—After the great ado by various papers and persons last term, on a new, pure, and ample supply of water, which resulted in placing a diminutive water filter in the Assembly Room, we are sorry to chronicle that the grand plan has been a failure. If our readers could only visit the Assembly Room at noon-time and see the boys there trying to masticate

their dinners minus water, their hearts would be filled with pity. Pure water is at a discount evidently, since, for weeks, the filter has not been filled.

—Certainly "a case unprecedented" was that of the attempted abduction of the Sophomore Prophet last evening by some enterprising Freshmen. This does, indeed, deserve to go into history as the cheekiest piece of work any Freshmen have had the honor of perpetrating since the glorious Freshman days of '82. It seems that the Prophet's own friends "went back on him," and they concealed him in Collman's room. The Sophs were lucky enough to stumble on the secret. Collman, on going to his room, found it locked on the inside, and suspected something. They sent in over the door the ubiquitous Law, and the Prophet was found.

—Professor Crane has adopted a new method of improving his students of Sophomore French in their translations. Not only does he, as formerly, wish good idiomatic English to be used in ordinary translating, but he also now appoints from time to time different persons to bring in written translations of the review, which shall be very free, and at the same time as elegant as possible in the use of English. As modern languages should be studied as much for the students' English as for the languages themselves, this plan seems to us to be a most wise one. Already it has worked well.

—'Twas the witching hour of 11.45 p. m., sidereal time, and grave-yards were proceeding to yawn in the most approved fashion, when an outrage was committed in our midst, that rivals in its ferocity the terrors of the Thirty Years' War. Six fiends in human shape, (we have the write word for it), visited the room of a loyal Sophomore, and ruthlessly demanded a literary article, which for all practical purposes we will say, was his own composition. Did he surrender it? No, he was so frightened he could not remember where he had placed his writing desk key, and hence their evil designs were frustrated. What makes this offence so very heinous was the comparatively defenceless position of the victim. Had he been a man he might have defended himself, but he is but a mere boy, one who is not yet able to cope with the struggles of life single-handed. Hence let these destroyers of the public peace receive the condemnation they so richly deserve.

PERSONALIA.

CATCHPOLE, '81, is in town.

SERAT, '83, arrived in town last night.

J. C. M. DRAKE, formerly of '80, and later a graduate of Chicago Medical University, is practicing his profession in Erie, Pa., with flattering success.

H. C. SOMMERS, '81, is now in the law office of Johnson, Cantine & Deming, 239 Broadway, New York.

THE present week witnesses the dissolution of the law firm of Titus, Osgoodby & Moot. Mr. Adelbert Moot retires, and his place in the firm will be filled by the admission of Mr. Seward A. Simons, who has been the managing clerk of the firm for the past two years. Mr. Simons is a graduate of Cornell University, and was made the President of the class admitted to practice at the Rochester General Term. The firm will bear the name and style of Osgoodby, Titus & Simons—*Buffalo Courier*.

COLLEGE NEWS.

—*Lampy's* "Christmas card" has received much well-deserved praise.

—The young ladies of Eastham College have organized a base ball club, and practice daily.

—The fund for the rebuilding of Swathmore College has reached \$70,000.

—At Syracuse University it costs \$3.50 to take an examination after a flunk.—*Ex.*

—The Faculty at Union College decided that the University nine must be composed of strictly college men.

—Mr. William P. West, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, has left \$20,000 to Tufts College, the principal literary institution of the Universalists.

—Mrs. Bayard Taylor is having a monument erected at Longwood, Pa., to the memory of her husband. It is in the shape of a circular Greek altar, and bears on the top a lamp with a flame; on the round is a bronze bas-relief portrait.—*Harvard Echo*.

EXCHANGES.

The *Yale News* of December 6, 1881, in an editorial replying to certain criticisms made by the *Review*, takes occasion to refer to the University in a manner that shows the writer of the editorial to be either entirely ignorant of his subject, or else lacking the proper amount of discretion and good breeding to qualify him for the position he holds. We sympathize with the editors of that sheet in their efforts to fill the space of their large daily not devoted to advertising, with interesting matter, but any one who has read the *News* at all regularly for the past three months, must have remarked the large proportion of space devoted to athletics and theatricals. An impartial reader would surely endorse the criticisms of the *Review* as just. Be that as it may, the retort of the editor was certainly in bad taste and showed that the truth of the *Review's* comments was appreciated. We congratulate the writer of the article referred to on living "in a city where there are two or three fine entertainments every night in the week," and hope that the refining influences with which he is surrounded will eradicate from his disposition the spirit of unfairness and abuse in which his attack on the University was written. We do not wish to be understood as taking up arms in

defence of the *Review*, its editors have shown themselves capable of taking good care of themselves, but as the organ of the students of Cornell University, we resent the slur cast upon that institution. We have no quarrel with the *Yale News*, but purpose to enlighten the person who wrote the editorial in question on some matters of which no college man in these days should be ignorant.

His ignorance of college literature is only equalled by his ignorance of Cornell University, and the injustice and puerility of his statements. He says:

"The *Cornell Review* 'a monthly magazine devoted to literature and science,' of whose very existence, although according to the title page it is in its ninth volume we were hitherto ignorant takes occasion to make a communication which appeared in our columns, lamenting the lack of interest the Divinity department takes in college journalism, the excuse for lecturing us for devoting too much space to athletics and the theater, especially the former. * * * * We are sorry if the students of the 'Cornell, I yell' University who engage in athletics do not stand well in their studies. We judge such to be the case from the *Review's* article, and fear it must be the fault of too much Shinkel, or, perhaps, of the peculiar curriculum of that somewhat overgrown boys and girl's academy."

All college editors of last year know that the *Review* was in the front rank of college monthlies, and ignorance of its existence is scarcely creditable even to a *Yale News* editor. As to our "peculiar curriculum," if we chose to reply to our assailant in language similar to his own, we could say that it included other subjects than beer-guzzling, prize fighting under the misnomer of foot-ball and billingsgate, and advise him to send for a register and by studying it endeavor to learn something of an institution which, though young in years, boasts a Faculty of which its antiquated contemporary might be proud, and which yearly sends forth men who are fitted for the battles of life, though their coats may not be of the latest style, and their pants of the proper tightness.

We turn from the performance of an unpleasant duty which has been delayed by circumstances not under our control to more agreeable themes. What could be more soothing to the ruffled feelings than communion with the *Vassar Miss*? We must confess, however, that we feel somewhat slighted by the cold-hearted manner in which the fair editors have treated our advances. We have printed their old jokes, even stretching our conscience to the extent of praising "John Brown the Hot-Headed Demi-John," and never a notice have they given us. We make one more effort. The following is a joke: First Senior, "What is a Sybarite?" Senior, "A native of Siberia." Here is information that will doubtless interest Cornell men: "Dr. Freeman, the well known historian, is engaged to deliver ten lectures at Cornell during the winter." In sober earnestness, the *Miscellany* for January is quite up to its own high standard.

This is the first opportunity that has been offered

us to welcome to our sanctum the new daily, the *Harvard Herald*. From the numbers already received, we should say that its venerable rival will do well to look to its laurels.

The last issue of the *Acta* contains a history of the experience of Alphonse de Rivers in New Years calling, which we commend to all members of '85. The following illustrates the good taste of the "scissors editor:"

"BEHIND HER FAN."

Behind her fan of downy fluff,
Sewed on soft saffron satin stuff,
With peacock feathers, purple-eyed,
Caught daintily on either side,
The gay coquette displays a puff.

Two blue eyes peep above the buff;
Two pinky pouting lips, . . . enough!
That cough means surely come and hide
Behind her fan.

The bark of Hope is trim and tough,
So out I venture on the rough,
Uncertain sea of girlish pride.
A breeze! I tack against the tide,
Capture a kiss and catch a cuff,
Behind her fan.
—FRANK D. SHERMAN, in the Century.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE BRAIN OF THE CAT. By Burt G. Wilder, Professor of Comparative Anatomy, etc., in Cornell University, and of Physiology in the Medical School of Maine, Member of the Am. Neurological Association, Fellow of the Am. Asso. for Advancement of Science, etc., is a little pamphlet containing in a condensed form the result of Professor Wilder's long study of this subject. Professor Wilder has, in America, no superior in the specialty he has chosen, that of the brain, and his studies have been largely based upon the brain of the cat. This little book, although it has slight interest for the unscientific reader, is a valuable compilation, and is particularly commendable because of the effort made to revise the anatomical nomenclature now somewhat vague and unsettled. The work is illustrated with four plates.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

NOT WORLDLY-MINDED.

"Fair maid, than all others more artless,
Thou lov'st not the world's empty show,
Thou lov'st the beauties of nature,
The flowers and the soft fleecy snow."

"Oh, yes, truly spoke," quoth the maiden,
"I love not the world; but of old
I so loved flowers that I chose one
For my motto in life—marigold."

—Crimson.

—Student under examination in Physics: "What planets were known to the ancients?" "Well, sir, there were Venus, Jupiter, and"—after a pause—"I think the Earth, but I'm not quite certain."—*Ex.*

—Prof., to Senior in electricity: "Are sparks of long duration?" Senior, with knowing look: "It depends on whether the old folks have gone to bed or not."—*Ex.*

—Boy (to lady visitor)—"Teacher, there's a gal over there a winking at me." Teacher—"Well, then, don't look at her." Boy—"But if I don't look at her she will wink at somebody else."—*Graphic.*

—First Freshman to second ditto: "Did you get her photo while you were away?"

Second F.: "Well—ah—the fact is, she gave me her negative."—*Princetonian.*

—The cry of Egypt: I want my mummy.—*Ex.*
A little kiss,
A little bliss,
A little ring—it's ended.
A little jaw,
A little law,
And lo, the bands are rended.—*Ex.*

—Æsthetic young lady: "By the way, Mr. Go softly, have you read Bascom's 'Science of Mind?'" "N-n-a-w. I'm not reading much now-a-days. I pass my time in original thought." Æsthetic young lady (with sympathy): "How very dreary, to be sure."—*Ex.*

—Patti thinks of giving a concert at the New York Stock Exchange. She has heard that the price of seats is \$30,000 each.—*Ex.*

—An aged negro was one day showing the scars of the wounds inflicted by the lash when he was a slave. "What a picture!" exclaimed a sympathizing looker-on. "Yes," responded the colored brother, "dat's de work ob one ob de ole masters."—*Ex.*

—One afternoon a stranger observing a stream of people entering a church, approached a man of gloomy aspect, who was standing near the entrance, and asked: "Is this a funeral?" "Funeral! no" was the sepulchral answer, "it's a wedding." "Excuse me," added the stranger, "but I thought from your serious look that you might be a hired mourner." "No," returned the man, with a weary, far-off look in his eyes, "I'm a son-in-law to the bride's mother."—*Hawkeye.*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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WE call attention to the valuable course of lectures on Political Economy which Prof. Henry C. Adams, of Michigan University, is now delivering before members of the University. Prof. Adams came here without any great flourish of trumpets, but it seems to us that his lectures are as valuable as those of any of our non-resident lecturers. The time at which the lectures are placed is rather inconvenient, especially to lazy upper-classmen, but there seems to be no other time. We therefore sincerely advise those who have not registered in his class, to attend the lectures whenever they find an opportunity.

A LITTLE ripple was caused here last Saturday by an article in the *Elmira Advertiser* commenting seriously on the affair of Friday night. The feeling at first was one of strong indignation that the facts should have been so distorted, but it was soon perceived that the entire article had been based on a short telegram from their very reliable and veracious correspondent, stationed in Ithaca. The editor was given an opportunity to fill up a

column with common place generalities about "college lawlessness," to which no one can take exception. But in his application of his remarks to the University he was most unhappy, in fact ridiculous. The article itself was unworthy of notice; the reputation and influence of the *Advertiser* alone demand that we should refer to it.

SOME time since we placed in the Assembly Room and in the Library the blank petitions sent us by the Civil Service Reform Association of New York. The signatures up to date are, to tell the truth, not very numerous. This is a question which must interest every young man who has at heart the welfare of his country. This is a live question. It is far better to take an active, working interest in such a question than to be discussing theories which have been exploded, or which are visionary and impracticable. We take a pride here in being able to study political science, but unless we are willing to do our duty as intelligent young men, the political science we have learned is of little importance. It is discouraging to see such indifference among those who should before many years be prominent in public affairs, among those who, if they have profited by their stay here, should be most zealous for political reforms wherever possible. We had hoped that a simple announcement in our local columns that the petition had been placed in a convenient place would be sufficient; we did not suppose it necessary to devote even a short editorial to the matter. The petitions should be signed before the 15th.

WE print this week for the first time an advertisement of the School of Political Science at Columbia. We congratulate our Columbia brothers on this recent addition to their admirable schools in other branches. Cornell feels an interest in all matters of this kind, since it is largely through the efforts of President White that an interest in the study of Political Science has been awakened throughout the country, which has already resulted

in the foundation of schools in that science at two universities. Cornell already has a four years course in History and Political Science which includes most of the subjects taught in the school of Political Science at Columbia, and embraces some others not taught there. There is, however, a lamentable lack of instruction in Roman Law and comparative Jurisprudence of Common and Civil Law, which will probably not be remedied until we possess a fully equipped Law School. It is to be hoped that this deficiency will be supplied before many years. Cornell ought to have a School of Law. There are serious objections to establishing a School of Medicine in so small a town as Ithaca, and we believe no immediate action is contemplated in regard to founding a School of Theology. Thus the coast is clear, and all our surplus funds and energy can, with good effect, be applied to a Law School.

SEVERAL months ago the ERA advocated a revival of the Glee Club and suggested that it might become a financial success if it were reduced in point of numbers. The Club was always successful except from a moneyed point of view; but the large number of singers invariably raised the expenses above the receipts whenever the Club sang out of town. It would, of course, be almost impossible to keep alive any enthusiasm if the club remained always in Ithaca, as the prospect of enjoyable excursions to neighboring cities always contributed largely to the interest of its members. If the number of singers were reduced, there is no reason why such excursions might not become even a source of profit to the Club. It has been proposed to form an octette which would include most of the best voices in college or it might be restricted to the senior class which contains the finest vocal talent in the University. All lovers of student music would rejoice to see an organization of this kind and, although that is a minor consideration, if the Club were confined to the senior class, eighty-two would not, like eighty-one have cause to feel ashamed of her class-day singing. There is every reason why we should have a Glee Club. The ERA will do anything in its power in the way of advertising to further the interests of such an organization. Once started we are certain that its success for the remain-

der of the year would be assured. We hope to see an interest awakened in this matter by the proper persons.

NOW that the time for the writing of the "Woodfords" has about expired, a few words in regard to the dishonesty of competitors may be apropos. With such a multiplicity of subjects and such a range of works of reference as the Library affords, it becomes not the hardest thing in the world for a skilful writer to steal large extracts with which he can fill out his production. The temptation has been so great that not in every case have the competitors been able to resist it. The University, or at least, many of the older students may easily recall one lamentable case. Undoubtedly the general idea is that this has been the only case which has ever been detected. But it has come to our knowledge that another student, lost to all sense of honesty and fairness toward his fellows, has successfully attempted to palm off a quantity of matter from such works as Lecky and Buckle. We are curious to know what kind of a conscience such a man must have. If he himself were the only one concerned, it would not be nearly so bad. But in such a contest as this, success is of the greatest importance to many who are thereby so encouraged that their future life is productive of far greater results than it would have been had their attempt met with failure. His sense of honor must have been extremely blunted that for a paltry hundred dollars he could wrong his fellow students. It may be thought strange that such a thought as dishonesty in connection with the present Senior class could arise, but when the name of this individual, to whom we merely allude, becomes known, it will be seen that some very unexpected things sometimes happen.

As then it has been found that there are those who are willing to be dishonest, and those, too, whom few would suspect of such a thing, it becomes imperative that the Examining Committee use the greatest scrutiny. The circumstance should not happen again; but should it happen it is the duty of the powers to make such an example of the thief that never again would the attempt be made. The sentiment of all right-minded students would uphold the severest punishment of the offender.

THE whole question of Soph. versus Fresh. is so involved and has so many points of view from which different lights are shed upon the same facts, that it is perhaps impossible at present to give any very decided opinion upon the matter which would not do injustice to one of the parties. While we cannot approve of all the steps taken by '85 for the recovery and safe-keeping of her men, neither do we sympathize with all the methods employed by '84 for breaking up the Freshman supper. Yet we realize that the only proper view-point from which to survey the actions of '85, is from the stand-point of '85; that '84 is justified in her own eyes for everything she has done. There is a tendency to look rather too severely upon collegiate pranks by every one who has graduated in them, which occasionally shows itself in a marked degree in the faculty of all colleges except Cornell. There are worse ways in which underclassmen may get rid of their surplus energy than in kidnapping each other and, with the best of feeling on both sides, entertaining each other with midnight rides over country roads. Cornell's Faculty has, hitherto, taken a very sensible attitude on this subject, and treated its students as men subject to the laws of the community in which they live for four years, even when those students have least deserved such treatment. The results have proven the wisdom of this plan. Whatever action the Faculty take in this matter, we are sure will not be taken hastily. We trust no wholesale measures will be deemed necessary. If, for the good of our University, examples must be made, they will be made in order to prevent any repetition of such affairs in the future rather than as an indemnity for what has been done in the past.

THE ANNUAL JOKE.

A few years ago the class of '82 immortalized itself by a scheme that, for daring and boldness, surpassed anything ever before recorded in Sophomoric annals. The following year, when '83 adopted the scheme, and profiting by the mistakes of their predecessors, endeavored to push it to a more successful issue, there were not a few in the University who thought it a rather old joke and savoring much of the proverbial verdure of the Freshman. But this year, no one doubts that the joke has indeed become ancient, and that the Sophomores have shown themselves rather "earlier" in undertaking it. To be sure, they were not lacking in courage and daring,

but who would be, with some fifty or more friends working with him?

During the past week the wise-acres have been averring that "something was up." Groups of Sophomores have been seen talking together on street corners and in the post-office. Of course, this meant something. Last Monday night, the Sophs held a secret meeting and another on Wednesday night. At this last meeting, it was determined to kidnap the Freshman President, Balestier, and Vice President Blood, together with any others of the class whom they might consider it advisable to take. Meanwhile, the Freshmen were made aware of the fact of the meeting and the probable results therefrom. Consequently, some preparation was made for the Sophs' reception. The President and Vice President were in the latter's room, together with some half a dozen classmates as guards. The door was barricaded by beams and cleats, and every provision was made for a possible onslaught. At 2:45 Thursday morning the callers arrived, neglected to send up their cards, and positively battered the barricaded door down. The Freshmen were overpowered, and the two officers, together with Prescott, were hustled out to a hack kept in waiting. Balestier and Blood were placed in the hack, with an escort of five Sophs, and were driven to Freeville. From Freeville a strike across the country was made to Cortland, at which place they arrived at 7 o'clock a. m. A stay of three hours was made here, and, after much debate, one of the Sophs started back for Ithaca. Meanwhile, Blood had found an opportunity to send the following telegram to Ithaca, which, for fear of some accident, was sent to two Freshmen, Prescott and A. H. Smith:

Will be in Rochester this p. m. Telegraph officers to meet train.
A. R. BLOOD.

This telegram, for some unknown reason, failed to reach either of the gentlemen to whom it was sent. A bus was then taken by the party for Homer. Here it was found that the funds of the party being short would necessitate either all staying where they were, or the return to Ithaca of two of the party, the rest continuing the journey. The latter scheme was adopted, the Freshmen having given their promise not to "make a fuss" or attract any attention. The train was then boarded for Syracuse, which place was reached at about noon. Meanwhile, the Freshmen in Ithaca had not been standing around with hands in their pockets, wondering what was to pay. Telegrams had been sent all over the country describing the kidnapped men, and the assistance of the law had been invoked to bring them back. At about 4:30 a. m., Hartzell, with Detective Nelligan, started in a carriage in the direction of Freeville, and by inquiry along the way discovered they were on the right track. Upon arriving at Cortland a telegram was sent to Syracuse, giving a description of

the party as far as known, with orders for their arrest. This scheme was followed up, and the party arrested while at dinner in a restaurant. At seven o'clock in the evening, Hartzell and Officer Nelligan arrived in Syracuse, and started with their party for Cortland by the 7:30 train. Upon arriving at Cortland, hacks were taken for Ithaca, and the whole party arrived here at 1:30 o'clock Friday morning, not however, entirely unexpected by the Freshmen in town, who had received the following telegram in the afternoon:

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1882—1.45 p. m.

F. M. Prescott, Senior Student:

Hallelujah! Sophs crushed—free—back to-morrow noon, U. I. & E.

BALESTIER AND BLOOD.

Thursday morning, soon after the disappearance of Balestier, Blood and Prescott, two other Freshmen, Follmer and Reed started in pursuit in a buggy. They were stopped and Follmer taken from the vehicle, and transported, whither, no one but the Sophs then knew. It seems, however, that he and Prescott were not taken in a hack, but were walked around blind-folded, enough to entirely confuse them. Then they were taken to a house on Heustis street, and there kept in a darkened room. Guards were changed once or twice; plenty of food and reading matter were furnished, and the prisoners well treated in every way. This morning at about 5 o'clock, they were taken out, walked around and finally released on Seneca street.

Friday noon when Good, the orator was on his way down Aurora street, to his boarding-house, several Sophs, without stopping for the formality of an introduction, seized and hurried him into a hack. Here in the care of four Sophs, he was driven rapidly over East Hill, and taken to a farm house about two miles from Etna. Two Sophs were left in charge, and preparations were made for a stay of some hours, but this was needless, as the party was surprised by officers, the Freshman regained and returned to his classmates early in the evening.

And now the Freshmen have had their adventure. They have something to talk about when the next vacation finds them at home. There was a surprising lack of bad blood displayed on both sides, and the affair all through, notwithstanding the perseverance of the Sophs, and the consequent anxiety of the Freshmen, was merely one of pleasant rivalry between the classes. '84 has displayed more pluck, and perseverance in this affair than either of her predecessors and for this deserves the admiration of her fellow-students. '85 certainly was not as vigilant as the occasion demanded but on the whole showed that she was possessed of many shrewd fellows, to whose efforts the success finally vouchsafed them is due.

THE ÆSTHETES.

I.

That odorous, flea haunted avernus situated in the basement of McGraw and known to the vulgus as "Uncle Josh's Parlor," was, not many cycles ago, the scene of some singular performances which it is the duty of the ERA, as a conservator of public morals and a "faithful" exposé of all uncanny proceedings affecting our Alma Mater, to report. The æsthetic wave has, alas! reached all too far and affected the denizens of the basement of the South Building, as well as the inhabitants of the upper stories. Like the measles, which have a particularly villainous attachment for old people, the æsthetic craze has been extremely dangerous in the case of Uncle and Aunt Josh, who have already planted sunflowers in all their available domestic utensils and adopted costumes of the most intense description.

It was largely through the influence of these worries that an audience of about twenty beings, whom the casual observer might easily have mistaken for "goblins damned," but who were, in reality, only University scullions and friends of the old people, assembled in the aforesaid pandemonium. One diminutive lantern shed its dismal light over the motley group, displaying some wonderful effects in costume and posture. The proceedings of this strange company were begun by the election of our President and Zinckie as honorary members. "They might contribit some statoary," said Uncle Josh, "if nothing more nor a 'bust.'" There were slight spasms of approval at this horrible pun, and the literary exercises began by the reading of an original poem by Aunt Josh entitled

THE 2-2 LEAF CLOVER.

Oh! where can I find my four-leaf clover,
Hid away in the field of green?
The buzzing bees near its bower hover
To drink sweet honey there, I ween.

Oh! lost to me is the four-leaf clover!
The reaper has come with his sickle keen.
Alas! for me its days are over.
Its verdant crown no more is seen.

"Yez has doubtless observed the swate sentiment runnin thru it," said Sibley Bill, at its conclusion. "It reminds me of a pome I onst writ meself and didicated to Mister 'Oss-car Wilde, though why he was christened that unhowly name is foreninst me." There was a chorus of requests for its recital, and, after the proper amount of hesitation, Bill expressed his willingness to comply. "But yez must all jine in the interim," said Bill. "What's that?" "Oh! the 'pelunk,' but ye'll know, directly I begin." And, with a preliminary cough, Bill proceeded to give vent to the following remarkable production:

THE DYSPEPTIC BULL-FROG.

"All day have I sat in the clammy mud,
(Pelunk, pelunk, pe'unk, plunk, pluddy.)
Croaking lowly a dismal lay,
(Pelunk, pelunk, pelunk, plunk, pluddy.)
Pouring oat my cold heart's blood,
(Pelunk, pelunk, pelunk, plunk, pluddy.)
Woe is me! Alack a-day!
(Pelunk, pelunk, pelunk, plunk, pluddy.)"

"The cat-tail weeps at the river's edge,
(Pelunk, etc.)
The bull-rush wails with a plaintive moan,
(Pelunk, etc.)
The tadpole lies among the sedge,
(Pelunk, etc.)
And kisses the slime and dies alone.
(Pelunk, etc.)"

"Oh! a pelican loved a maided trim;
(Pelunk, etc.)
To win her heart the bird essayed,
(Pelunk, etc.)
But she scarcely deigned to look on him,
(Pelunk, etc.)
And quickly jilted him—giddy jade!
(Pelunk, etc.)"

Nothing visible but his chin,
The bull-frog sank in the slimy ooze.
Don't think him heart-br-ken. That's too thin.
He had merely settled to take a snooze.

After a very general howl of approbation at this atrocious performance, *exeunt omnes saltantes*, Uncle Josh leading out Mrs. Sibley Bill, Bill leading out Aunt Josh.

THE FRESHMAN BANQUET.

Henceforth it must be understood that the Annual Freshman Banquet is an established institution at Cornell. Three classes have now held successful banquets, in spite of every endeavor of Sophomores to break them. Certainly, no class ever worked harder than did '84 in its efforts to keep this year's "infant class" from having their first supper, and although two members of the class were "unavoidably detained" from being present, the affair was a success in every respect.

In another column, the kidnapping of five and the recovery of three of the Freshman officers is described. The effect of recovering part of the "strayed or stolen" seemed to electrify the whole class to such an extent that the absence of the two other unfortunates seemed to be entirely forgotten. The plan of keeping the Freshman officers secret, although decidedly fresh in some respects, on the whole worked well. Very few of the Freshmen had any idea at all who their officers might be, until they were actually seated at the table, when the curtain was drawn aside, so to speak, and the notables were unveiled, none of whom, it is proper to state, were on a bust at the time. As usual, the Ithaca

Hotel was crowded from the early evening till midnight, with students, townies and officers, all in various states of excitement and—well, good humor. Infernal machines were as thick as ever, and the air was fairly blue with rumors and, to put it mildly, plain talk. Every time an officer entered the building, hisses and cheers, mingled after the fashion of water and oil, filled the corridors, and for a time it seemed as if there might be an exception to the statement that, "if they once get in the hotel, nothing can 'bust' it." Certainly, if pluck, daring and even desperation could have availed anything, the supper would have broken up at the eleventh hour, since in none of these were the Sophs deficient.

Early in the evening sixty-nine Freshmen gathered in the hotel parlors, and, at half past nine, at the request of the hotel authorities, quietly filed down to the dining-room by a rear flight of stairs, thus avoiding the possibility of any row in the corridors. In the absence of any Chaplain, on assembling at the table, the Yell was given as an invocation to the kitchen gods inside and a provocation to the blood-thirsty Sophomores outside. A glance at the programmes then revealed the following Banquet officers: Toast Master, A. R. Blood; Historian, J. McCall; Prophet, S. M. Stevens; Essayist, F. R. Musser; Poet, O. L. Elliott; Orator, A. M. Moss-crop, whose other name was, in this case, A. R. Good, the latter, in reality, being the orator, that is,—if he got back in time. After a short congratulatory speech by the President, lined inside and outside (both the speech and the President) with horrible puns, Mr. Musser read an essay on "Activity in College Life,"—a subject which he handled with considerable skill. Although haste was exhibited in its preparation, the production was a most excellent one, and drew forth immense applause, when the activity of the Sophomore was touched upon in a slightly sarcastic manner.

Mr. Elliott next read his poem. As the Sophs had evidently not suspected him of being the poet, he had had plenty of time to work up his subject, a factor which showed plainly in the poem. The subject of it was a visit to the earth at Ithaca from Zeus, accompanied by Hermes. The description of the intense disgust of Zeus, and his consequent disdainful treatment of a certain renegade oarsman of Cornell, drew forth such prolonged cheers that at least three minutes elapsed before Mr. Elliott could resume. The applause which the poet received was certainly well deserved.

The President next introduced the Prophet, Mr. Stevens with a remark that he hoped the prophecy would not be unprofitable (terrible groans). This production was but a few hours old, having been written in three different places, and on as many kinds of paper. Notwithstanding the haste, Mr. Stevens showed a clean, decisive style, together with

an excellent taste, and was unusually successful in "polishing off" the boys.

Mr. McCall's history, inasmuch as he has evidently "been above suspicion," showed signs of careful work. By treating his subject in a negative way,—telling what '85 had not done—he made many excellent hits at '84's expense. The statements that "not a Freshman here to-night came here with his ticket in his sock," and also, "no '85 man yet, ever wore his monkey jacket, or a mortar board on the streets at home," were greeted with wild enthusiasm. Mr. McCall also in a very touching manner referred to the death, last fall, of his classmate, Mr. Cary.

Next Mr. Good delivered an oration upon "Lord Beaconsfield." He showed careful reading and analysis in the preparation of his work, and, since the oration had been read and approved by the Sophomores in the afternoon, the Freshmen enjoyed it all the more since it had in their opinion, a first class recommendation.

After this "the examination in gastronomy" took place, and was observed with due pomp and ceremony. Mr. Lay—having eaten 149 dishes—got the highest mark, the wooden spoon, and also many congratulations. In his neat response to a call for a speech he omitted the "too full for utter," joke. Mr. Brooks was voted to be the greatest "Masher" in the class, and received an appropriate prize, as also did Mr. Good, for being the most literary man, and Mr. Balesier for having the biggest feet.

The cloth being removed, the following list of toasts was presented in an able and witty manner by toast-master Blood.

1. **Kidnapping,** - - - A. A. HARTZELL
2. **Our Boarding House,** - E. G. BROOKS
3. **The Class of '85,** - THE PRESIDENT
4. **Song,** " 'Tis a way we have at Cornell, sir."
5. **Cornell,** - - - R. R. RENO
6. **The Nymphs,** - - - F. M. PRESCOTT
7. **The Sophomores,** - A. H. SMITH
8. **The Future Presidents of '85,**
A. M. MOSSCROP
9. **The Cane,** - - - R. J. EIDLITZ
10. **The New Algebra,** - E. S. FOLLMER
11. **Drill,** - - - W. R. LAY
12. **Song,** - - - "Doloroso."
13. **College Life,** - - C. H. MARSHALL
14. **The Freshman Crew,** - J. F. YAWGER
15. **The Returned President,** - D. H. DECKER
16. **Our Modus Operandi,** - A. R. BLOOD
17. **The Wooden Spoon,** - W. R. LAY
18. **Song,** - - - "The Chimes."

Mr. Hartzell gave a very graphic description of the chase and recovery of Balesier and Blood, and

received many compliments for his own shrewdness in assisting the tracking the captured.

Mr. Brooks's speech was by far the most successful effort of the evening, receiving cheers and immoderate laughter continually. His references to the "free, untrammelled Hottentots," "jocular extremities," "palatial hovels," "boiled boot heels," "Juniors budding into womanhood," were received with howls of approbation and delight.

At this time letters were read from Messrs. Prescott and Follmer, which had been kindly brought to the hotel by the Sophs. The twain expressed themselves as "being splendidly cared for," and having all they wanted to eat, drink and smoke. They congratulated the class on the recovery of its officers, and exhorted their brethren to go on with the banquet—which they did—and to regard their absence as being nothing more than the absence of two individuals. The toasts to be responded to by these gentlemen were omitted however.

Mr. Mosscrop proved conclusively that wire-pulling was to be an effective element in all the future elections of the class, and Mr. Eidlitz boasted of the bravery and prowess of Eighty-five in cane rushing. Mr. Lay's toast was well received and liked. Messrs. Marshall and Decker made ringing speeches and Mr. Reno built air castles on an extensive scale for Cornell, while Mr. Yawger in his earnestness, excited great enthusiasm.

In conclusion, the class song was howled, and the usual nondescript toasts were given. There were as many walk-arounds as customary, and the usual number of men got—that is to say, went home, after promiscuous serenading of everybody in general, and after having voted that "there never was such a Freshman class supper, and that they had had a big, bigger, biggest time, even if two of their number had been absent."

NEW SHOWS.

Mr. Wilgus desires us to publish the following list of attractions which includes several not in the lists already printed:

Feb. 4,—Madison Square Theatre Company, in "Hazel Kirke."

Feb. 8,—Gardners "Legion of Honor."

" 13,—Hill's "All the Rage."

" 14,—Julia A. Hunt, Florinel.

" 18,—Thos. W. Keene, Hamlet.

" 21,—George Holland, "Lord Dundreary."

" 24,—Pat Rooney.

Later, in the order mentioned.

Little Corinne in Opera,

Hyers Sisters in Concert,

Neil Burgess, Widow Bedott.

Baker and Farron,

Vokes Family, "Belle of Kitchen."

Harrisons in Photo's.

Anna Dickinson has cancelled her engagement.

CORNELLIANA.

—And now what?

—“Hazel Kirke” to-night.

—Are you going to Hazel Kirke?

—“Hazel Kirke’s” only visit to us this season.

—’83 is weeping for her child because it is not.

—A Freshman in a hack is worth a dozen in the Gym.

—Big boom in the livery business during the week.

—Give us something new next year, eighty-five, please.

—Have you secured your your seats for “Hazel Kirke?”

—What a blood-thirsty Sophomore class we have to be sure.

—’82, strike one. ’83, strike two. ’84, strike three—and out.

—The Juniors are beginning to save up their penies for the coming hop.

—Where were the Goodale Sisters when the Freshman Prexy’s light went out?

—The Alpha Delta Phi’s give a reception in their chapter house next Thursday night.

—Thoughts of a Freshman crew have been laid aside for the present. But more anon.

—Carpenters are now engaged in making improvements in the north hall of S. U. B.

—Several Juniors have given birth to mustaches this term. Let the good work continue.

—The same syllabus in Political Economy that was used last year, will serve that purpose this.

—The man most blessed now-a-days is the one who scatters the prosaic ashes on the slippery walks.

—Professor Corson will read “Much Ado about Nothing,” next week in the Junior class in English Literature.

—“Hazel Kirke” has been performed over one thousand consecutive times, the longest continuous run on record.

—Professor Tyler, during the next two weeks, will deliver a course of ten lectures at the Peabody Institute, Baltimore.

—The kidnaping affair reported to have taken place at Sage College recently has been contradicted and is said to be without foundation.

—A large number of the pamphlets that have been accumulating in the University Library for years, are being sent away to be bound.

—President White’s recent article in the *North American Review* on Civil Service Reform is exciting a good deal of comment from the press.

—There is talk in the Harvard papers to the effect that Professor H. H. Boyesen, late of Cornell, may be called to occupy the chair in German in Harvard College.

—A Junior says he thinks literary men are good to have around. They marry off the homely women. This was said after viewing a picture of Carlyle’s wife.

—It looks at present as though Yale might be left without any pitcher for the coming season.—*New Haven Union*. Further evidence of the decline of the classics at Yale.

—This year’s Cornellian Board as far as appointed will consist of C. C. Chase, C. I. Avery, H. P. Cushing, F. S. Washburn, and C. P. Bacon. Three men are yet to be appointed.

—We are authorized to state that the examination in Modern History will take place as announced in the schedule and not immediately upon the completion of the course of lectures for the term.

—Query. Have we any Commodore of the Navy? If not are there any candidates for the position. But, come to think of it, have we any navy anyhow?

—The Junior Hop will take place Friday, February 17th. No postponement has been made. Wallace will prepare the refreshments, and the music will be furnished by Drescher’s Orchestra, of Syracuse.

—The lectures in Military Science by Major Burbank are among the most interesting delivered in the University. They are interspersed with anecdotes, illustrations, and reminiscences that serve to make them far from tiresome.

—On Wednesday Professor White gave his section in *Gæthe’s Prosa* some very interesting personal reminiscences of a recent visit to Sesenheim, a place of some incident in the youth of the great poet and about which the class are now reading.

—The Freshman President had a scheme. It was a deep, a mighty, an awfully dark scheme. No sir, the Sophs couldn’t take him. Why? He had a scheme. What was it? He was going to keep his door locked. You bet they couldn’t take him. Oh! no!

—Dr. Wilson’s announcement on Thursday, that no Juniors would be allowed to take Philosophy of History this year cast ’83 into the depths of despair. The Doctor thinks the Juniors need the whole subject. We should suggest that the Sophs. have a few lectures on the subject as a foundation for future thought on this subject.

—The programmes last night were especially happy in their make-up. The exercises were called “Freshman Examination in Gastronomy, Examiners, Messrs. Epicurus, and Bacchus.” The “Examination” was announced to close at 4 a. m., and an ample supply of candles was furnished.

—It is reported that President McCosh intends to prohibit Princeton students from being on the streets at night.—*Echo*. Why not spank them and put them to bed?—*CORNELL ERA*. That's the way they do at Cornell, McCosh!—*Acta*. Yes, we gave Columbia a taste of the treatment two summers ago.

—We can't explain why it was, but yet a plump partridge, in the middle of the night, last Monday, flew against a window in the McGraw, broke the glass and was captured. Perhaps, on the principle of the ravens mentioned in Holy Writ, it came to feed the Freshman officers, under the impression that they might be confined in the building.

—The character of one of Bret Harte's sketches, who continually pronounces Achilles, Asheels, will find an equal in one of the Sophomore French sections. Last Wednesday the whole section was electrified at hearing a student—not in the classical courses, however—pronounce Anchises, Ancheese. It might be stated, just here, that the class smiled.

—Four little Freshmen, in a Freshie's room,
Waiting for the onslaught, waiting in the gloom.
Three little Freshmen pepper through the key-
hole pour;
The other little Freshman is behind the closet
door.

Two little Freshmen are pulling on their shoes;
The other two are in the hack going like the
deuce,

One little Freshman, of all that sturdy four,
Was left to tell the story of the battering of the
door.

—One of the most lively events connected with the Freshman supper occurred about eleven o'clock last evening in the vestibule of the hotel. The large crowd of college men as well as the policemen and mob of roughs who had assembled, were scarcely diminished in numbers. The students collected in knots near the center of the room, and were engaged in singing, when some one on the outside pushed the students in towards the "knockers" who were assembled near the door of the dining room. This was considered a sufficient provocation for the townies, who immediately commenced taking off their coats and sailed into the students, striking right and left. The students very soon retired towards the hotel entrance, and the policeman succeeded in restraining the ardor of the "knockers." After a few moments the assembly assumed a partially pacific condition, although indignation was expressed by the students, several of whom received quite heavy blows.

At one o'clock the somewhat diminished crowd of students gathered at the centre of the vestibule and sang a parting song. Two bottles of an unsavory, smelling fluid were dropped on the floor, and the students rapidly dispersed.

PERSONALIA.

MRS. PROFESSOR CORSON is quite seriously ill with diphtheria.

DR. WILDER begins lecturing next week at the Medical School of Maine.

PROFESSORS CALDWELL and Roberts took part in the recent Agricultural Convention held at Washington.

LAW, '84, immortalized himself last Monday by some colossal eaves dropping at the Freshman meeting. He received much lighter treatment, on being caught, than he deserved.

COLLEGE NEWS.

The *Oberlin Review* favors the marking system.

Eighteen of the twenty-three Princeton students, arraigned for malicious mischief, pleaded guilty, and begged for mercy from the court. The judge addressed them at length before giving judgment and reprimanded them severely.—*Echo*.

A writer in the *Yale News* entreats the students of that college not to insult Oscar Wilde when he lectures in New Haven.

Cambridge has dropped Greek from the list of required studies. One more step in human progress.—*Ex*.

Columbia College has an endowment of about \$5,000,000. The total income of the college is \$321,917.56.—*Ex*.

Cornell's endowment is not far from \$5,500,000.

An exchange says that an American student took the first prize in mathematics at the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

The Universities have given up the effort to pronounce Latin and Greek after the "Continental" method. In behalf of Kikero and Kaesar, we extend our thanks to England.—*Ex*.

The Boat Club of Pennsylvania University has received a communication from the Lake George Rowing Association, to enter in their races next summer. The club propose to send an eight and a four, and possibly a pair.—*Harvard Herald*.

It is said that the only Professor of Political Economy of any college in America who is opposed to Free Trade is Prof. Robert E. Thompson, of the University of Pennsylvania.—*Echo*. The party who made this statement probably was not aware that Prof. Z. H. Potter of Cornell is a Protectionist.

It is estimated that nine-tenths of the college students in this country are Republicans.

There are no fewer than 7,000 American students at the various Universities in Germany.

In addition to her eight, Columbia will have a University four this year, as usual. None of the men on the four can row on the eight, and none of

the eight can row on the four, and none of the eight or four can row on the class crew.—*Echo*.

The Dartmouth students are in mourning on account of the accidental shooting of Howe, a member of the Sophomore class, by Flint, his classmate.

Racine is to have a Latin play. The "Heauton Timoroumenos" of Terence has been chosen.

The students of the University of Toronto are talking of producing a Greek play on the stage this winter.

Diplomas at Princeton cost \$14.50.

The *Transcript* in speaking of Harvard's Class Day concludes thus: "It is understood that the President and Faculty are opposed to its continuance on the ground that students take no interest in Commencement, and that the latter has become solely a day for officers and graduates."—*Ex.*

The Sophs. at Amherst had a torch-light procession and bonfire in view of the completion of Analytics. One Junior and a number of Freshmen interfered and attempted to put out the bonfire with a hose but were attacked by the Sophs., and in the scrimmage the Junior was severely injured.—*Ex.*

EXCHANGES.

The "apostle of æstheticism," who is anointed to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, is getting as much free advertising from the college press as from the outer world. Though as varied in their natures as the postures and costumes with which their subject amuses his audiences, the spirit pervading all these effusions is one of good-natured railery, and, to our mind, many of the brightest sketches and paragraphs that have enlivened college papers this year have been written about this same Oscar Wilde. Some of the brethren treat his ideas with scorn, others affect to be converted and to be only waiting till their winter suits wear out to don the uniform, wide collar, knee breeches and all, for which the present style of nether garments is a good preparation. As for ourselves, the sunflower bloometh not in our sanctum, nor doth the lily send forth its soul-satisfying fragrance from our paste-pot, the *Niagara Index* man to the contrary notwithstanding.

We should like to reproduce the many good bits at the manners, costumes and sayings of the "transcendentally true and beautiful young man," but, of course, that is impossible, and the best that can be done is to call the attention of our readers to the papers containing them, and to the fact that said papers may be found in the Assembly Room. Few of these have caused us a heartier laugh than "An Interview with Oscar Wilde" in the *University Magazine*, by the "ex-ed." of that enterprising sheet. Ephraim, of the *Argo*, always has an interesting department in that paper, than which there are none

better, and in the last issue he fairly outdoes himself. Æstheticism is his subject, "æstheticism, pure, tender, yearning æstheticism, with its idealizing, transcendentalizing tendencies." The soul of the yearner after the intense could not but be filled with an utter feeling of fullness after reading his columns. The *Acta* reports a reception to the "long-haired but short-breeched" Oscar, at Mrs. De Gilhoolic's, at which were present S. J. Tilden, John Kelly, General Grant, T. De Witt Talmage, Harry Hill, Jay Gould, the "Sweet Singer of Michigan" and others. It is described as a very *recherché* affair.

The following account of his lecture delivered in Boston is from the *Harvard Echo* of Feb. 1st.

"Boston had an opportunity last night of hearing for the first time the great exponent of æstheticism, Mr. Oscar Wilde. Advertised by Patience, the criticisms of the press, and the fact that a number of Harvard Freshmen were to be present, Mr. Wilde drew an audience which literally packed the Music Hall. After most of the audience had taken their seats, the forty or fifty Freshmen, who had engaged front seats, gradually filed in, arrayed in dress-coats, knee-breeches, and colored ties, and each bearing a sunflower or lily before him. The audience rose and applauded them heartily. Soon the lecturer of the evening appeared, the first good "Bunthorne" we have seen on a Boston stage. He opened with a very well put and humorous allusion to the Freshmen before him calling them his "disciples," but adding that he suspected they were "very charming caricatures, and nothing more." But turning from "these bold, bad men," he began his lecture on the Renaissance in England. In the first part of his lecture he showed himself the "exceedingly pure young man" by being entirely "too deep" for his audience.

Later he gained their attention more fully, and there were several instances when the applause was spontaneous. Most of the applause of the evening, however, was started by those who either did not hear or did not attend to what he was saying. Mr. Wilde's delivery and bearing throughout could not have been better adapted to his purposes."

Among the new aspirants for the duties and responsibilities of a college journal comes the *Swarthmore Phoenix*. It makes a modest plea for recognition and avows sentiments and principles in its Salutory which if carried out will make it successful. As the defects in the arrangement and character of matter, are so apparent that the editors will doubtless see and remedy them when "time has brought its experiences," we forbear to criticise. We wish well to the *Phoenix*.

The *Yale Courant* says:

"The Wilkes-Barre Academy is a growing institution. Founded four or five years ago, it has already a glee club, nine, crew, foot ball team, and Linonia. It needs two or three other things before it can become a university, viz: a junior promenade, a fence, a marking system, and six cuts per term. We hope it will never become a university."

It also has a sprightly paper, the *Res Academicsæ*.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—"Why is Oscar Wilde like Balaam's ass? Because the Lord made him to utter."

—"Sun, moon and stars forgot," quoted a Junior after flunking in astronomy.—*Ex.*

—A sentimental youth was recently heard asking, "Why can't I spell Cupid?" "You can, can't you?" "No, for when I get to 'c, u' I can't go any farther." He says it is the very latest, so does she.—*Chronicle*.

—First Senior reads from Schlegel—"Christianity was introduced into India about the end of the fourth or the beginning of the fifth century." Second Senior—"Was it the fourth century B. C. or A. D.!" Both refer to Schlegel.—*Lasell Leaves*.

—"WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS," ETC.—Lady Fussypompous: "Tell me, Miss Roseleaf, have you large trees in Amarica?—but no, of course not! I beg pardon, but I really quite forgot that America was such a young country."—*Harvard Lampoon*.

—The latest method of making an oyster stew is to drive a couple of small oysters with rubber boots on through a pan of diluted milk. One of the boarding houses in town has taken out a patent. The boys say that the stew is good, and don't taste badly of the rubber.—*Echo*.

—There was a young man from the mission,
Who spent all his Sundays a fishin';
He said Hades for—
When they didn't bite well,
For he read the Revised Edition.

—*Varsity*.

—Matter-of-fact Freshman to go-as-you-please Freshman on the morning of the Physics examinations: "Say, Ned, got this down pretty fine?"

Go-as-you-please Freshman: "Well, about as fine as I could get it, and still have it legible," as he shook out a little piece of cardboard from his coat-sleeve.—*Ex*.

—"Walter," said one of our pork merchants to his sixteen-year-old hope, "I don't mind how short you have your coats cut, so long as they strike you somewhere below the shoulder blades; neither does it trouble me to see you choking yourself to death in a pair of tight pants. Nor am I much concerned in how many scarf pins you sport in one day or how large a bundle you carry to the laundry every twenty-four hours. Though the sight of your moustache in its feeble efforts for life, makes me faint, yet I can bear up even under that, but let me ever catch you wearing your watch chain on the outside of your coat and you'll go to work in the store before you can say 'quite too utter,' do you hear me?"—*Burlington Hawkeye*.

SPECIAL NOTICES

—FAIR-FAMED "HAZEL KIRKE."—The celebrated play of "Hazel Kirke" is advertised for representation at Wilgus Opera House on Saturday, the 4th

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DESPITE the apparent lack of interest shown by the Seniors in the Woodford orations, a greater number than usual have entered as competitors, and when the small size of the class is taken into account it will be seen that the number of aspirants for oratorical honors as compared with previous years, is very large. Eighty-two has always prided herself upon her oratory, and if the indications of the past three years are worth anything, we shall probably hear six unusually good "Woodfords" at Library Hall next March.

WE hope the Cornelian board of the present year will edit a more satisfactory number than that of eighteen-eighty-one. There is, apparently, no reason why the annual of the societies should not be an honor to the University. It is rather humiliating to find it inferior to similar publications issued at colleges of lower rank than our own. That there is talent enough in the University, if rightly applied, to issue yearly a Cornelian which would represent the spirit and enterprise of Cornell, was proved a few years ago when a single, rather small, fraternity published a pamphlet resembling the Cornelian, in respect to the latter's best features, which is still read with interest and sought after by collectors. As everything is yet to be done, there

is an opportunity for doing it well. Let us see an improvement.

IT is gratifying to announce that the Dramatic Association which has several times favored us with some very creditable representations of old English comedies are expecting to bring forward before long another. We doubt if the students in general appreciate the value of these efforts. For these entertainments have been valuable, not merely from the enjoyment they have given, but from the real profit which they have conferred on us all. They have performed a praiseworthy work in presenting to us several leading comedies of a past age—comedies which we have little opportunity to see now, notwithstanding the present Renaissance of old English tastes and styles. We have had an opportunity to see presented by scholars, ladies and gentlemen, who show their appreciation of the authors' genius, "The Rivals," "She Stoops to Conquer," and similar pieces. They have been a means not only of pleasure but of education. And we would like to see a continuance of the good work of the Association. The training, too, to those who intend to make public speaking part of their profession in life, is of no mean advantage. We are anxious to see the leading talent of the University earnestly interested in this organization. We are sure those who have been connected with it thus far have never regretted the time and work, which have been required of them.

THAT student millennium when college professors shall not be guilty of littleness which would disgrace a grammar-school is unhappily in the future. We believe that, as a rule, we are better treated than students of other colleges, that fewer petty restrictions are laid upon us than upon other students, that we enjoy liberties elsewhere unknown; but the rule is proved by some striking exceptions. That heaven appointed special policeman, the sub-professor of mathematics, has again been indulging in a little self-glorifying. Never was a better opportunity presented in which to exercise his peculiar talents than in the late Soph. versus Fresh. esca-

pade. Students asking the proper authorities that their absences might be excused, were assured that no excuse was necessary, as they had not transgressed University regulations by being absent more than three consecutive days.

The instructor in Mathematics, however, has decided that students taking any part in the late kidnapping exploit cannot be excused for their absences from his classes, and when it was suggested by one of the "unavoidably detained" Freshmen that he could not possibly have been present, he was crushingly reminded that he might have escaped kidnapping—that he had, in fact, courted imprisonment; that if he had called the Sophomores *brutes* they would have immediately released him. Brutes! Magic word. Hand it down to future Freshmen classes. Oh! ye men of eighty-six and eighty-seven, and all the other eighties and nineties, when sore harrassed by Sophomores, don't shoot, don't fight back; assume the attitude of a wrathful tom-cat, and through your clenched teeth gasp "*brutes*" at your tormentors. You can't imagine the effect. Sophomoric temerity will vanish before the charm of that word, even as mist before sunshine.

Underclassmen who have not broken University rules can walk their way with serene indifference to any threats of individual professors. A student cannot be excluded from examinations because of his two days' absence last week.

It would be unnecessary to remind any professor, other than the one above referred to, that the Faculty as a body will mete out such punishment to the guilty ones as they deserve, that individual meddling is irritating and not beneficial; but we are afraid that the professor is so steeped in his own opinions that he can never be in harmony with the spirit of Cornell, and we trust that some day his virtues may be rewarded by a seat in the Faculty of a college where kindergarten rules are tolerated, where personal intervention is approved, and where petty meddling is appreciated.

THE Freshmen took a very generous and sensible step on Monday when they resolved to acknowledge themselves participators in the "kidnapping mischief" of last week. It was generous inasmuch as they were sufferers through the affair, and it was sensible because it would settle at once all question

of ill will between the classes. Of course when it is generally known outside that the late "unpleasantness" was accompanied by no angry feelings or rough treatment but was merely an annual joke enjoyed by all, the University will suffer in the estimation of no one whose opinion is worthy of consideration. Of course, certain papers with more wind than brains will howl about "lawlessness." But where is the lawlessness? And if there has been, who is anxious to shirk the penalty? No one of the Freshmen who were attacked would lodge a complaint against any of their Sophomore captors. Who, then, has any reason to complain? The citizens of Ithaca? But they laugh over the affair and recall their own young days. They are not disposed to interfere unless their own rights are threatened, which most assuredly are not. The Faculty? Certainly, the Faculty and the Faculty only. If college laws have been broken, certainly the Faculty have a right to punish the offenders. But under what law would the offence come? Surely not under that against hazing, for the Freshmen, by their action, have shown that it was not hazing. Every one knows that this affair was something expected and perhaps even welcomed by the Freshmen. It was no more than a game in which in the earlier part the Sophs played more skilfully. No one doubts that the Freshmen would have been greatly disappointed had '84 resolved to let them have their supper without opposition. The Freshmen felt certain that they had outwitted the Sophs. They kept the names of their Banquet officers a secret, elected two sets so that their literary exercises could not possibly be spoiled, and they imagined they had fully provided for all emergencies. But the Sophs played a skilful game and well nigh won. To a certain extent they were successful. Now this is a fair and plain statement of the case. What there is to make such a loud noise about we cannot see. If it is feared that the University's reputation is in danger, pray consider in whose opinion the University will suffer. Why only in the opinion of those who never make reference to it but to sneer Pharisically at its irreligious tendencies and its unfortunate boat crew. In our humble opinion it would be far more advisable for the Faculty to publish far and wide the action of the Freshmen class, the only aggrieved ones, than to let the public infer that the prank was so serious as to demand punishment. Far better

would it be to let be known the friendly feeling between the two lower classes than to confirm the sensational papers in the reports that disgraceful and lawless proceedings have taken place here.

OBSERVATIONS.

President Eliot, of Harvard, has been making a speech at Chicago, glorifying Harvard, and this is all very well. Among other things, he gave an account of an applicant for admission from a small village in New York, where the young man had followed his trade as a stone mason, and he made the following statement: "He came to see me before the examination, and stated among other things, that he never had any teacher in Greek, Latin, or German, that he had begun to learn these three languages only sixteen months before, that out of these sixteen months he had worked ten at his trade as a stone-mason, and that his entire quick capital was \$10. To my astonishment, he passed excellent examination, succeeding in every subject but Greek composition, which he had never tried to learn." Now here is something for those who say that a man cannot study and work at the same time to reflect upon. Here was a young man who accomplished in sixteen months what generally takes from three to five years, and worked at his trade besides! Yet, when this student enters college, he must give up all manual labor, because intellectual and manual labor are incompatible. And what must he do to keep himself in physical health? Why, spend three or four hours each day in rowing, gymnastics or some other fashionable method of keeping his muscles in good condition, while working at some useful trade would exhaust his vital energies and lower the general tone of his system. Mr. Cornell had just this class of men in view when he was thinking of establishing a University, but the experiment was given up before it was fairly tested. We believe that if this young man was able to accomplish so much study without any college help and work at the same time, he might accomplish a great deal more with the help furnished by all the appliances of a good University. He might do something better than be a recipient of charity, even to get an education. If the present generation has failed to solve the problem of honest labor and honest study, the problems will not be given up, but will be successfully carried out by another generation.

In the second volume of the series of "American men of Letters," by Horace E. Scudder, there is unfolded the life of a truly heroic man, Noah Webster, whose name is far more widely spread than the facts of his manly devotion to the cause of American letters. He was a genuine hero in the cause to which he devoted his life, and alone, with little encourage-

ment, without the help that a circle of literary friends gives, he pursued for twenty years with unremitting diligence his studies and investigations in order to carry out his patriotic purpose of giving to America what should be a national work. His life is a record of singular self-devotion and untiring industry in a work from which he could expect no remuneration in his life time, and in which he supported himself from the scanty supplies coming from the sale of his spelling book. One half mill on each copy sold enabled the sturdy old man to continue his unrecognized labors, in which he felt himself doing a great work for his country. After he had been engaged about six years on the dictionary, he wrote to Josiah Quincy: "I am engaged in a work which gives me great pleasure, and the tracing of language through more than twenty different dialects has opened a new and before unexplored field. But what can I do? My own resources are almost exhausted, and in a few days I shall sell my house to get bread for my children. All the assurances of aid, which I had received in Boston, New York, etc., have failed, and I am soon to retire to an humble cottage in the country. To add to the perplexity, it is almost impossible to sell property or to obtain money on the best security." But his stout heart did not fail him. He removed to cheaper quarters and persevered in his work. Seeing that he must cross the water in order to consult books to be found only abroad, he went to Paris and Cambridge, England. His appearance in the former city is thus described by S. G. Goodrich: "A slender form, with a black coat, black small clothes, black silk stockings, moving back and forth, with its hands behind it, and evidently in a state of meditation. It was a curious, quaint, Connecticut-looking apparition, strangely in contrast with the prevailing forms and aspects in this gay metropolis. I said to myself, 'if it were possible, I should say that was Noah Webster!' I went up to him, and found it was indeed he." Among the Dons of Cambridge he found very little that was congenial, and the good old-fashioned American was as little pleased with the atmosphere as with the architecture of the venerable University, whose buildings are her pride and even idolatry. But the old lexicographer sees in them "old stone buildings which look very heavy, cold and gloomy, to an American accustomed to the new public building in our country." But perhaps this lack of imagination better fitted him for his dry work of grammar and lexicon. At any rate he was busy at it to the last day of his life. And he was capable, too, of emotion, as we shall see from his own account of its completion: "When I finished my copy, I was sitting at my table in Cambridge, Eng., January, 1825. When I arrived at the last word, I was seized with a tremor that made it difficult to proceed. I, however, summoned up strength to finish the work, and then, walking about the room, I soon recovered."

The life of Noah Webster extended over the glorious period of our country's history, as he was born in 1758, and died in 1843. He was cheered by the thought of doing a great work for the millions of his countrymen—"that vast audience who will one day require his work." One critic speaks of this enthusiasm as "a parochial enthusiasm for his native country." It is an honest enthusiasm, and would there were more of it! But there is something other than mere local and parochial limitation in this assertion of the lexicographer: "A life devoted to reading, and to an investigation of the origin and principals of our vernacular language, and especially a particular examination of the best English writers, with a view to a comparison of their style and phraseology with those of the best American writers, and with our colloquial usage, enable me to affirm with confidence, that the English idiom is as well preserved by the unmixed English of this country, as it is by the best English writers. In this respect, Franklin and Washington, whose language is their hereditary mother tongue, unsophisticated by modern grammar, present as pure models of genuine English as Addison and Swift." Without being provincial or extravagant, he might have put the case in still stronger terms. He was a man whose life may well be recorded among America's grand worthies, and Mr. Stoddard's life of him deserves to be generally read.

LETTER FROM SAGE.

Dear Era :

You ought to have heard what all the girls said about the letter I sent you the last time. It was awfully funny to hear them rave about it. Five of us were playing puss-in-the-corner in my room, when, all of a sudden, one of the girls burst in—just think, she never stopped to knock, she was rude, wasn't she?—and began to stamp her foot and almost cry. At last she said she didn't care a speck about the horrid old paper anyhow. She was awfully glad she hadn't subscribed for it, and if she had, she wouldn't pay for it now. We asked her what was the matter, and she showed us the letter in her neighbor's paper. They all said, and of course I agreed with them, that it was "too mean for anything." All the next day the girls talked about it ever so much. Most said they knew no Sage girl ever wrote it, and they believed it came from that mean old ERA BOARD. How they did wish they had never voted for any of them. Weren't they awfully mistaken! Of course you didn't write it. I did it myself. It's a good joke on them, too. The Senior girls said they knew no Senior ERA Editor would do such a horrid mean thing, even if they were all homely and somewhat diminutive (they said "little," but I thought diminutive would sound better). The Junior girls were sure also that no Junior Editor could have written

it, because only one of them smoked or drank, and he only did that when he was away from Ithaca. Besides no Junior on the Board was an anti-co ed. man. So they quarrelled. Of course, they were all wrong. I wrote it myself. One of the girls said it sounded as if "the one who wrote it was pretty young." Why! how glad I was to hear it. Wasn't it a compliment, too! I've been afraid some one might think me twenty-five, but now I only appear to be seventeen. Aint that jolly! When my class graduates I can put down a nice, cosy age for myself and nobody will find it out. I won't have to paint myself young, either. Won't it be cute? I could fill lots and lots of room with the talk of the girls, but I won't. I'll only say I kept quiet and looked just as innocent as the Signal Station—unmoved by the storm which raged round me and which I caused. (Ain't that a good simile? I'm going to put in in my Woodford some day.) Well, I didn't care what they said. I just made up my mind to write you again, because it was awfully kind in you to publish my first letter, and to let you know all about the reception my first got, and also what is going on at present.

We girls can't understand why you boys want to kidnap each other. It ain't half so much fun as a taffy pull or a pillow fight. Weren't the Freshman girls mad? They said that '85's President, even if he wasn't handsome, was just as good as any other President and they didn't care, now. They thought those Sophs, nasty, horrid and awful. They held a meeting in a room next to mine, and just for their own satisfaction adopted some resolutions. I couldn't catch them all, but they were something like this:

Resolved, That the boys of '84 are horrid, horrid, yes, horrid.

Resolved, That we hope the '85 boys will be back in time for the supper.

Resolved, That girls wouldn't kidnap each other.

Resolved, That we won't sit on the same seats with the '84 boys in recitations, and

Resolved, That we will always think them horrid.

The girls thought it nice that they got back, and were going to wear their class colors round the campus, but they thought it would be rather fresh. That's what '84 did last year, you know. They did have a 'spread'—you know what they are. I suppose you boys have them at—Zinck's ain't it?—and say they had a real lovely, cute, sweet time. But they resolved not to publish any account of the spread. Well, here is part of the poem which I found and think ought to be published. I think it's good, don't you?

Eighty-five the best of classes,
Has in her ranks some modest lasses,
Who, gathered here about this spread,
Propose to eat while others are in bed
and don't you forget it.

No horrid Soph. kidnaps us here,
For if he did we'd box his ear.
We'll shout for aye while we're alive
Hurrah for us and Eighty-five,
and don't you forget it.

We often have private theatricals here, and some of the girls have been trying to get up "Patience." I don't think they'll succeed though, because at the outset the committee can't find "twenty love-sick maidens." They say there are plenty of girls here who could take Bunthorne's part. I'll let you know all about it when it does come off.

Do you know we hope that there'll be five ladies and one gentleman chosen for the Woodford competitors. If that happens, then some of you boys will know in part some of the trials of the Cornell Co-ed.

But I must stop. Don't you ever tell who wrote this. Please don't. Yours,

MYSTIC.

P. S.—I had so many postscripts last time that I thought this time I wouldn't write any.

RESOLUTIONS.

It will be seen by the accompanying resolutions that the three lower classes have all turned over a new leaf, so to speak, during the week.

First we have those of the Juniors, which read as follows:

WHEREAS, The practice of holding Freshman suppers has been successfully established in the University, and

WHEREAS, In attempts to interfere with this custom the reputation of Cornell University has been seriously injured; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the class of '83 fully recognizes, in future, the right of Freshman classes to hold banquets, and

Resolved, that the class will forcibly discourage any interference with this right on the part of any member or members of the student body in Cornell University.

The following are those the Sophomores adopted: WHEREAS, through what was intended as a mere joke, the reputation of the University has been made to suffer by newspaper attacks, and

WHEREAS, the reputation of the University should be held dearer by its students than any pleasure arising from such jokes; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the class of '84 will, in the future, discourage all attempts at perpetrating any jokes which may injure the reputation of the University.

Resolved, that these resolutions be sent to the Faculty and published in the college papers.

The Freshman resolutions are as follows:

Owing to the fact that the recent occurrences are considered as detrimental to the reputation of our University, and that we are desirous of doing all in our power to discountenance any attempt to break up Freshman class suppers; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the present Freshman class, do agree, as a class, to refrain from and discourage any attempt to break up said suppers, hereafter, during our stay at Cornell University, and be it

Resolved, that we submit these resolutions to the Faculty, and beg their leniency in regard to those who were engaged in this last affair.

The Juniors, it is understood, adopted their resolutions to set an example to the two lower classes. Exactly what they meant by "forcibly discourage," however, nobody can find out. They probably meant they would use mental force. At any rate the resolutions show an uncalled for interest in kidnapping and savor somewhat of ridiculousness. The resolutions of the Sophs show considerable haste in preparation. It looks very much as if some body was scared. Something must have been the matter with the Freshmen too. They talk of "recent occurrences" in a most indefinite manner. Nobody can tell whether they refer to the kidnapping or the spread at Sage. At any rate the best that can be said of all of the classes is that they probably meant well.

ADVICE PRÉPARATORY TO THE PROM- ENADE.

The first object of the novice should be to secure as stupid a partner as possible—a deaf mute is to be preferred—and then to secure an advantageous place at one of the sides. He will thus be enabled to receive instruction from the head couples and will not have his attention distracted by any idle chatter from his partner. Having settled these important preliminaries we proceed to Fig. I. Place yourself at your partner's left. This is an essential point, and if you don't do it right you will get left. If you are absent-minded, tie a handkerchief on your right arm and keep this arm next to your partner. When the music begins, bow to the lady at your left and then to your partner. To bow correctly you should stand erect and then bend from the middle as though you were trying to touch your feet without bending your legs. When your hands are on a level with your knees, return to your original position. After making your bows, eye the head couples attentively and when your turn comes, follow suit. Fig. II. After the head couples have finished, forward and back with your lady; be careful how you back, for perhaps you may trip yourself up. Leave your lady in the center; then retire and admire her from a distance; chassez or rather clasp your hands behind your back, turn away from

the dancers and wander aimlessly about meanwhile, examining the ceiling attentively; swing your lady to your place and prepare for Fig. III. When you turn arrives, do all you can to make the "Lady's Chain" a success, which consists in walking around in a circle twice, once around your vis-a-vis and once around your partner. Then comes Fig. IV. You and your partner go and pay your New Year's calls to the other couples of your set, after which you receive theirs, bowing meanwhile continually. Give your partner the grip and await Fig. V. The Grand chain. This is a general hand-shaking by the whole set. Company then forms columns of twos and all mark time for a few measures to get the step, when the command, "Single File, March," is given, when the ladies and gentlemen divide and countermarch, gentlemen taking the outside track. Head couple march up and down the center, while the rest applaud—not loudly enough, however, to make the orchestra suppose they are being encored. Then forward all and swing partners to your places in readiness for the general hand-shaking. Repeat the figure until all have had enough exercise and then promenade to your seats. Ask your partner on the way whether she has had a nice walk or not. This ends the walking match. The last figure or figures are \$10 due to the instructor for the above tuition.—*Courant*.

CORNELLIANA.

—Junior Ball.

—Who is going --- home?

—This is the week of good resolutions.

—The Junior Ball promises to be a great success.

—The Junior Ball promises to be the most noteworthy event of the season.

—The Vesper service will be given at the Unitarian Church next Sunday evening.

—The disposition of the McGraw-Fiske mansion has not yet been determined upon.

—Society note—Professor Mackoon very gracefully led the Freshman German.

—The "Æsthetes" are agitating the subject of having Oscar Wilde visit Cornell. W—rash scheme.

—Professor Fiske hereafter will have no recitation work, but will draw a regular salary as Librarian.

—The ERA next week will be published Saturday in order that a full account of the Junior Ball may be given.

—Will the person who takes care of Room T see that the arms of the seats have a little less dirt on them hereafter?

—For the figures in the German which will be given at the Junior Promenade souvenir favors will be furnished.

—Princeton and Cornell furnish the annual college scandals. The two toos—too much religion and too little.

—Oscar Wilde discourses very extensively upon one's manliness. Why not one's boyhood or youthhood?

—The Syracuse University Sophomores follow the example set by the Cornell Sophs., and proceed to kidnap Freshmen.

—Let us suggest that the students give something—a Sanskrit play or a minstrel entertainment. Only let it be something.

—It has been suggested, and the idea is a good one, that the Senior class leave a portrait of Mr. H. W. Sage in Sage College as a memorial.

—The reading of Hamlet will follow Much Ado about Nothing, which Prof. Corson is at present reading before his class in English Literature.

—Mr. Wilgus is endeavoring to secure an engagement with the renowned Gerster to visit Ithaca soon with the Grand Italian Opera Company.

—It would be a good thing if some one whose business it is, would dust a few of the busts in the Library. Some of them are getting quite musty by neglect.

—The Rochester University students were determined not to be kept in the back-ground in college disturbances, and recently broke up Oscar Wilde's lecture.

—The Woodford appointments we are enabled to print, through the kindness of Prof. Shackford. Those appointed are C. P. Bacon, R. C. Horr, F. R. Luckey, I. P. Smith, H. M. Streeter and Miss G. V. Van Pelt.

—A certain popular professor says that the word æsthetic is a good word, but is becoming sadly degraded since Oscar Wilde has taken it in charge. It means cosmetic now.

—At the Junior Ball next week, figures of the German will be introduced. These figures, however, will not be chance ones, and the fear of having undesirable partners is thus done away with.

—Next Friday night the Junior class gives its first Ball. It is now several years since we have had a Junior Class Ball, and the custom, if once initiated, bids fair to become a thoroughly established one.

—Nearly four thousand pamphlets have been sent to England to be bound. The reason they have been sent to England in preference to any place in this country is that the work there is better and cheaper.

—Resolved, That we ————

——— and ————

——— and ————
Resolved, — &c.

—The Engineers are talking of holding their annual banquet in the spring term. Those in the course in architecture are intending to have a banquet, and an effort is being made to hold the two together, consolidating them.

—For a fair and impartial statement of facts concerning the late unpleasantness between the two lower classes, recommend us to the *Ithaca Journal*. By the way, can't the *Journal* and the *Elmira Advertiser* be consolidated in some way.

—President White devoted a few moments, previous to his lecture this morning, to a characterization of the work of the late Berthold Aurbach, whose influence on German literature has been similar to that of Stein on Statesmanship.

—Nineteen contestants for the Woodford appointments, or, to speak plainly, there was a great struggle to be one of the thirteen who would not have to inflict themselves and productions on the patience of a long-suffering, much-enduring public.

—The lectures of Professor Adams are very largely attended by the students, and are well worthy of the attention they receive. He handles his subjects with wonderful literary skill, and this, added to his thorough knowledge, serves to make his lectures all the more entertaining.

—We are glad to announce that Mr. Wilgus has been able to secure Thos. W. Keene, the tragedian, who will appear in the Opera House February 18th, in Richard III. This actor is now considered one of the rising stars. He represents his characters with wonderful fidelity to truth, and will present us with his crowning impersonation.

—Last night the Alpha Delta Phi society held its regular annual reception in the Chapter House. The occasion was a delightful one in every respect. President White, Hon. H. W. Sage, and many professors and their wives were among the guests. Music was furnished by Wright's Orchestra of six pieces, and the supper by Wallace.

—The Assembly Room might be appropriately called the "Cornell Lunch Room," judging from the number of lunches stowed away there every day. This only shows what a blessing the room is. We noticed the other day a tendency toward defacement, and we hereby warn anybody against any such actions. The *ERA* is in charge of that room, and means to see that proper treatment is given to it.

—President White will resume his course of lectures on German History next term. They will embrace the period from the death of Stein in 1831 down to the present day, including lectures on Joseph II. of Austria, Prince Metternich, the German Revolution of 1848 and the administration of Bismarck. It is to be hoped that at the conclusion of this course, the President will be able to deliver his

lectures on French History which sixty students have waited four years to hear.

—Miss Julia A. Hunt, the beautiful and talented actress—who appeared with an excellent support in "Florinel" at Wilgus Opera House a few weeks ago, has been re-engaged by Tornado Hook and Ladder Company No. 3, and will present on Tuesday evening next, Feb. 14, for the second time in Ithaca, Sidney Rosenfield's charming drama. All who witnessed the presentation of "Florinel" were delighted, and we congratulate the Hooks on their good fortune in having secured this excellent Company for their benefit.

—An effort is being made by Mr. Wilgus to give us an opportunity to hear that wonderful singer Gerster. Negotiations are now pending, and it only remains with the people of Ithaca, whether this opportunity will pass by or not. Gerster is by far the finest soprano on the operatic stage in the world, not even the much-advertised Patti excepted. Her first appearance in this country was made three years ago in New York under the management of Colonel Mapleson, and she was greeted with a perfect ovation of applause. We appeal to the student body to support Mr. Wilgus in this undertaking, believing that they will see the wisdom of such a proceeding and act accordingly.

—At our Opera House, last Saturday evening, J. M. Hill's most excellent comedy company presented "All the Rage" to a decidedly well-pleased audience. Those who went expected a good entertainment, and they were in no way disappointed. It is a most mirth-provoking farcical comedy, and just the right kind of entertainment to entertain. Frank Hardenburgh, the corn doctor, is himself a whole circus with a ten thousand dollar beauty attachment. Wm. Davidge, as the much-abused would-be Congressman, is also a menagerie, with ten elephants and unicorn of holy writ. J. C. Padgett, by good acting as Horatio Braney, brings a second-class character to the front as one of the best.—*Oil City Derrick*.

PERSONALIA.

BIGGS, '83, returned to the University last week to resume his studies.

L. H. COWLES, '84, is confined to his room with an attack of bilious fever.

CAMPBELL, '81, has been visiting friends in the University during the past week.

RICH, '81, is to take Mr. Garver's place as Instructor in Chemistry. We congratulate the gentleman on his appointment.

HEYWOOD CONANT, '78, is now connected with the Wilmington, Del., "Every Evening." We appreciate his compliment in clipping our poem "The Pea Green Sunflower," which lately appeared in these columns.

INSTRUCTOR GARVER has been called to the professorship of Natural Sciences in the Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He telegraphed his acceptance last night, and will leave for his new field of labor in a short time. Mr. Garver has been one of the most conscientious teachers we have had here, and no one more than the ERA regrets that he has severed his connection with the University, still we rejoice in his success, feeling that he well deserves it.

OBITUARY.

Arthur Moulton Birney, '73, died at Fort Keogh, Montana Territory, February 2d, 1882. Mr. Birney entered college at Yale and came from there to Cornell and entered the class of '73. He remained at Cornell two years, and during his stay here was connected with the CORNELL ERA. After leaving Cornell, Mr. Birney became editor and proprietor of the *Bay City (Mich.) Chronicle*, and from 1871 to 1877 was Collector of the United States Internal Revenue. Later, Mr. Birney invested in a cattle ranche in Montana Territory, and while there had the misfortune to freeze one of his feet so badly that amputation was necessary, and from the effects of this injury he died.

COLLEGE NEWS.

—Apropos of the discontinuance of the 'mortar-board' at Cornell the following from the *Providence Press* is interesting: "The unfortunate young men in this city who have recently been struggling with 'mortar-board' hats under the mistaken belief that they will absorb 'culchaw' through them as the plant drinks in the dew, and that they are rapidly Oxfordizing this bustling, busy city, ought to remember that there is a grievous and a laughable incongruity between their hats and the rest of their costumes. Ye have the Oxford hat, but yet, where is the Oxford gownlet gone? Of two such fashions, why forget the graceful and æsthetic one? The fact is, the young men look about as much in harmony with their surroundings in the center of a great business mart like Providence as a mediæval monk illuminating a fourteenth century missal would in a modern printing office."

—Higher education in England is said never to have known a period so prosperous as the present. During the past ten years half a dozen flourishing colleges have been opened in various parts of the country, but instead of drawing away from the attendance of Oxford and Cambridge, those ancient seats have really advanced at very rapid rates. Cambridge this year has the largest Freshman class she has ever known. It numbers 835. Figures for Oxford are not at hand, but it is said that a like increase has been experienced at that institution.—*Echo*.

—The Board of City Trusts of Philadelphia, having decided that there is nothing in the will of the

late Stephen Girard to prevent the establishment of a mechanical school in Girard College, the sum of \$5,000 has been appropriated to test the project practically. If the trial is satisfactory, funds will be provided to continue the department. Rooms are to be fitted up in the basement of the college for machine shops and all sorts of mechanical appliances, comprising all the equipments of a general manufactory. Competent mechanics and machinists are to be employed as instructors. It is intended to turn out thorough mechanics from the department, young men who will be capable of performing skilled labor of any kind.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

—Degrees were first conferred by Yale College in 1702, and since that time they have been given to 11,939 persons, exclusive of 923 honorary degrees.

—Illinois College has four Egyptians and two Portuguese, and last year's Valedictorian was an Egyptian.—*Ex*.

—By way of obtaining light on the question of morning prayers at Harvard, President Eliot mailed a circular to the parents and guardians of all the undergraduates inquiring whether they had daily morning prayers in their own households. He received 741 replies, and five men out of every seven said they did not.

—A rule has been made at the Illinois State University that after the first of January, 1882, no student can pursue studies in the University until he pledges himself not to join a secret society while in college, and that no one shall be honorably dismissed or graduated until he file a statement upon his honor that he has not been connected with a secret society since his pledge was given.—*Herald*.

—The Freshman class at Cambridge, England, numbers 835 students.

—Mr. Tennyson was lately elected to the Lord Rectorship of the Glasgow University.

—Within the past year \$19,000,000 has been given by private individuals in the cause of education.

—A new scholarship has been founded at Brown University. The income from the sum of \$3,000 is to be annually paid to the student passing the best examination in the first, sixth, and twenty-fourth books of Homer's Iliad, or in the Oration of Demosthenes on the Crown.—*Ex*.

—It appears that at Bowdoin College, Maine, the terpsichorean art is in the curriculum. The *Orient* announces that twenty-six couple take the dancing lectures, and that quite a number more have applied for admission, but cannot be accommodated.—*Varsity*.

This from the *Harvard Herald* shows how soon laurels fade, Ingalls and DeForrest were the valiant Sophs. and Balestier and Blood the kidnapped

Freshmen: "F. P. Ingalls, of Salem, Mass., H. P. DeForrest, C. W. Balestser, and A. R. Blood, students of Cornell University, were captured in Syracuse, en route to Rochester. The two latter are Sophomores, and had in charge the two former, who are Freshmen. Ingalls and DeForrest had been kidnapped by Sophomores and sent away to prevent their attendance at a banquet, in retaliation for a similar indignity to Sophomores last week."

The students of the University of Toronto have petitioned the College Council to raise the college fee, the extra amount to be devoted to the gymnasium.

EXCHANGES.

Oscar Wilde would seem to have some cause for believing that boorishness increases as the distance from Boston. The demonstration by the Harvard students, described in the last ERA, he considered a good-natured joke that recalled to his mind many incidents of his Oxford life. At Yale, he was not so courteously received, if their own papers may be relied upon. At Rochester, where he lectured Tuesday evening, according to the *Rochester Democrat*, "two or three young rowdies in the gallery attempted to make a disturbance by 'oh's' and 'ah's,' and turning down the gas, but were quickly suppressed by the officer in charge, and compelled to leave the house. It was said that the young men were students of the University, but it is sincerely to be hoped that none of the students are boorish enough to be guilty of so stupid an insult." The patience with which "The Apostle" submits to the ridicule of the press, and even such insults as above described, shows his own faith in his mission.

The class of '84, Syracuse University, have taken a new departure. Instead of rushing the Freshmen, they invite them to a reception, and set up the ice-cream and cake. Can this be attributed to the influence of co education?—*Dartmouth*.

The *Dartmouth* is evidently the victim of misplaced confidence. When we clipped the above we intended offering it as a model of virtue, which our own sophomores would be only too happy to follow. Since then the Syracusans seem to have caught the kidnapping fever, which is periodical, recurring every year about the time for freshman suppers. Tuesday afternoon two freshmen were spirited away from their places of abode, taken fifteen miles down Oneida Lake, and there left to wander back in the mud and darkness, as best they might. Such treatment is in marked contrast to that given the Cornell freshmen, who were fortunate enough to be the object of the wily sophs' schemes. Every arrangement was made for their comfort and amusement, not forgetting "cheese and crackers."

The *Princetonian* editors favor us this week with two copies of their valuable sheet, for which we give our thanks. These persons, strange as such an

element of human nature may seem to outsiders, in a Princeton student, whose chief amusements are commonly supposed to be midnight raids, car-wrecking, etc., rejoice at the formation of a Sketching Club which they hope to be an incipient Art course. Such manifestations of the instinct of love for the beautiful must make an impression on even so obdurate an individual as the person who runs the *Elmira Daily Advertiser*. Even he may admit that the "devil is not always so black as he is painted." In another column, a subject in which we are all interested is treated in so fair and sensible a manner that we quote at length. College students, and colleges themselves, certainly have much cause for complaint in the treatment which they receive at the hands of the secular press. No sooner does the Sophomore undertake what is his plain duty, to initiate into the mysteries of college life his Freshman friends, who come from the protecting care of home, some of them with the avowed purpose of taking full charge of the college, than it is heralded throughout the country that the college is in a state of siege, the professors imprisoned in their own lecture rooms, while students thirsting for gore go up and down seeking whom they may devour. So seldom is justice done in these matters that we take pleasure in recognizing it when it is done, which we think sufficient reason for giving the following from the editorial columns of the *Princetonian* at length:

"Mention has already been made in these columns of the events transpiring at the close of last session which have since brought the Freshman class into such notoriety. While our condemnation of these performances is just as emphatic and unqualified as at last writing, we enter our protest against the fashion in which we have been handled by the press of the country. We feel no inclination to uphold the acts of any individual or class which trespass upon public or private rights, and bring a venerable institution of learning into ill-repute; but we do object to be stigmatized as 'young rowdies' by every scribbler on a metropolitan daily who is deputed to 'do up' the disturbances at Princeton.

There is certainly another way of looking at the matter, which, while not excusing the participants in lawless deeds, does not degrade the latter to the level of the common rough. We venture some quotations from the *New York Tribune*, issue of January 27th, as representing to our mind the common sense view of the case: "The Princeton Freshmen," says the editorial in question, "are probably no worse than the average undergraduate student. They were only a little more exuberant than usual. Exuberance of youthful spirits in the College student has strange ways of manifesting itself. That is, they seem strange, almost unaccountable, to us old fellows, who long ago passed out of the period of sap and bounce, and have almost forgotten that twenty, thirty or forty years ago we were doing the same ridiculous and mischievous things, and thinking they were funny and smart. Yes, and even now, when we get together and talk over our College days, they seem the same. The mischief we did, and the pranks we played, seem somehow, to our backward glance, to be of a different character from the devilry of the younger generation. As we remember them, the fun seems more innocent and genuine, the boyish pranks more harmless. But let us confess that, after all, the quality of our mischief was pretty much the same as that which to-day tantalizes the professors and taxes the vigilance of the policemen. And let us confess still further, that perhaps these youngsters would not

now be breaking street lamps, carrying off signs and gates, and making night hideous with their howling, if they had not heard their elders revel in memories of just such absurd performances. Let us recognize the spirit of imitation and emulation and not be too uncharitable."

After dwelling at some length upon the nuisance the average Freshman proves to the sober-minded citizen the *Tribune* proceeds: "But he gets over it. There's comfort in that reflection. Even the Sophomore becomes aware, as soon as he sees a new class at his heels, that the Freshman has too much bounce, and proceeds to discipline him in his own rude way."

There does not seem to us old fogies much fun in this window-breaking and lamp smashing business, nor is there any, in fact. But there is just as much as there was thirty or forty years ago; and these are the same kind of boys, the same kind of undergraduates, doing it now that did it then. Let us compromise with the boys. We have been through it all ourselves. Let us admit that we were fools, and ought to have been spanked. Then we can consistently say that these youngsters are fools, and proceed to discharge the duty which was omitted in our own cases."

The Yale papers are full of glowing anticipations for the coming Junior Promenade. A similar boom at Cornell would greatly rejoice the Committee.

Just before going to press the *Hamilton Literary Monthly* came on its monthly visit. We have had time but for a brief glance through its pages, yet believe it to be as interesting and valuable as its reputation leads us to expect.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—The *College Review* credits a Texas paper with the following: "George Eliot is dead, the author of Daniel Deronda and Helen's Babies. He was a good writer, but a bad man."

—"Who is the first dead-head on record? Leonidas, for he held a pass."—*Ex.*

—Adolphus had just folded his arms about her. "Why," asked she, "am I like a well-made book?" He gave it up. "Because I am bound in calf!" The "binding" was hastily torn off.—*University Press.*

—A Wellesley girl, during vacation, asked a friend, "why a stove was like a cat." He gave it up and she replied, "because it has a damper."—*News.*

—Says the *Harvard Herald*: "We have turned the tables on antiquity. *Oedipus* became famous by solving a riddle; and now Riddle retaliates by interpreting *Oedipus*."

A western editor informs his readers that "*Oedipus Tyrannus*" is a very interesting little musical drama in Greek, written for the Harvard boys by two of the professors, "Sophocles and Paine."—*World.*

SKATING.

Mother, may I go out to skate?

Yes, my darling Julia,

But don't you try the figure 8,

For it will surely fool you.

Just as you make the lightning whirl

To show your springy muscle,

The boys will see a foolish girl

Sleigh-riding on her bustle.—*Ex.*

—The word love in the Indian language is said to be "Schemlendamourchwager." How nice it would sound whispered softly in a lady's ear, "I schemlendamourchwager you!"—*Bates Student.*

—There is a Chicago girl who has been dying for the last two years, living, as it were, with one foot in the grave. The physicians have hope, however. They say she can't get the other foot in—no room. St. Louis papers please copy.—*Lampoon.*

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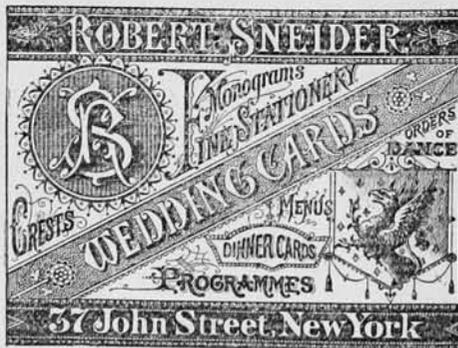
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THE ERA is again delayed in order to give an account of the Junior Promenade. It will hereafter be issued regularly, with a single exception, in favor of the Woodford Prize Contest of March 3d.

THE Freshmen on Tuesday instructed the chairman of their Boating Committee, Mr. Yawger, to negotiate with the boating colleges of the east relative to a Freshman race next summer. What will be the result of his efforts, we cannot, of course, predict. We know that the Freshmen of Yale, Columbia and Harvard have races on their hands already to provide for. Whether they will wish to engage in another race, or whether they will wish Cornell to enter in any of the races now arranged, it is impossible to say. If they have any desire to meet our oarsmen, a way can be readily found. If they have no such wish, sufficient excuses are at hand. We await with considerable interest the result of these negotiations.

FOR two or three years there has been a growing feeling that the Woodford Prize Contest ought to take place during the early part of the spring term instead of the latter part of the winter term, which is so overcrowded with work preparatory to

the approaching examinations. The Easter vacation would offer the contestants an excellent opportunity for reviewing and polishing their productions, and would also enable them to secure better oratorical drill than is now possible. The whole matter has not been deemed of great enough importance to warrant any extended discussion, but all the arguments seem to point to the desirability of a change. Many of the students and some of the professors are in favor of it, and perhaps the underclassmen may yet enjoy its benefits.

IF '82 holds any Class-Day exercises, it is quite important that she take some action regarding the election of a Prophet and a Historian, both of which offices are vacant. If the class could get a quorum, the easiest way to dispose of the matter would undoubtedly be an election by acclamation. The Senioric mind, however, views class meetings with profound indifference, and the members of '82 attend them with the same mental reservations which they assume toward certain lectures which shall be nameless here. The consequences of cutting are, however, less serious in the former case than in the latter, and class meetings have usually consisted of a medium-sized notice on the bulletin-board and the assembling of two or three enterprising class officers in Room K. The ERA suggests a change. Only let the meetings be held at Zinckie's, and a quorum is assured.

OFFICER NELLIGAN we believe to be a man having no particular ill-will towards the students. He is only in an unfortunate position. He tries to please too many, and succeeds in pleasing none. He wishes to retain the good-will of the students and the approbation of the citizens. In the zeal of his duty towards the latter, he sometimes goes much farther than is necessary. For instance, many can recall the night when the Melville Opera Company were serenaded. The boys certainly behaved with becoming propriety, and we have reason

to think all in the vicinity were pleased with their singing. There was not the slightest sign of disorder, yet Officer Nelligan, fearing the slumbers of some worthy citizen might be disturbed, ordered the singing to be stopped. But he showed how irresolute he was and how little he wished it discontinued, when he yielded only after a brief protest from a few students. His over-anxiety had gone so far that it verged on the ridiculous. It seems to us there is little cause for such general feeling against this man. Only understand his true position, and you will give him your pity.

THE benefits which Seniors might derive from admission to the alcoves of the Library during the spring term, in order to collect material for their graduation theses, would be very great. We are aware that free use of the Library has long been deemed impracticable by every one except students, but the present Senior class is small and would not abuse the privilege. Admission to the alcoves is only a question of time. Should any member of the class wish to pursue his studies at the University after this year, admission to the alcoves would be a matter of course. Why should a single term make such a radical difference in the privileges of students? If the Seniors cannot be allowed free use of the alcoves, cannot they, having chosen their theses subjects, be given the privilege of examining for themselves, under the direction of one of the Library assistants, the material in the Library which would be useful to them in writing those theses? The benefits which might be derived from a single half-day spent in this manner are patent enough. We hope the matter will receive the consideration of the authorities. Any favors of this kind would be appreciated by a class which has learned almost as much of their College Library during the four years which they have spent here as of the Brooklyn Library, a catalogue of which lies upon our Library table.

WE doubt if many appreciate the value of devoting themselves during their college course to some one thing, the importance of a specialty. There are few would not gain immense improvement from pursuing a certain line of reading on one subject, say a certain period in history. Let some one select, for instance, the period in American his-

tory from the founding of the colonies to 1765. It is a long period, but one which the student can obtain a very good idea of. Let him read and study on this period during the four years he is here and he will find that he has gained much that is interesting, much that is profitable. Of course we would not have him give his whole attention to this one subject. Let him attend to his general reading as well. But what we urge is that he should have one particular subject which he knows as a thing should be known. Or he might give his time to a study of any particular institution of any country. What an amount of information one would acquire in four years reading! Such a persistent study of one subject would be the most valuable discipline to anyone who proposed studying the problems of the world.

Prof. Matthews' remarks in his essay on the study of "One Book" apply with equal force to the study of one epoch, or any one branch of knowledge. "Who can doubt that such a study would be eminently profitable to the majority of readers to-day? Of two young men of equal capacity, let one read widely and miscellaneously, browsing freely upon every kind of literary provender that falls in his way, and let the other limit himself to the vigorous and exhaustive study of some great paramount author, some masterpiece exacting close attention and continuous thought, such as Butler's Analogy, Edwards on the Will, Chillingworth's Religion of Protestants, Burke's French Revolution, Gibbon's Decline and Fall, etc., or Mill's Logic—conning and brooding over it, day by day, hour by hour,—and can any man doubt which of the two students would be the most dangerous antagonist in the intellectual arena?" And even if one cannot master a subject, by continuous application he can make himself reasonably familiar with it. Let him go into the domain of letters. Let him resolve to devote a year to one of Shakespeare's plays and he will find that his labor is far from misspent. He will find that he has acquired not merely a creditable knowledge of the play, but has gained a most correct taste. His ear has become more nicely adjusted to detect beauties of expression, his intellect has become more keen in its appreciation of worth, while his sympathy and humanity have been broadened as they can only by a study of the great poet.

THE proceedings of last Saturday evening have proved a regular bonanza in the way of "copy" for the *Democrat*. It appears this week with an editorial which for distorted statements and curious inferences considerably excels anything we have had the fortune to see for several weeks. The *Democrat* has refrained for some weeks from attacks on the students, and we really hoped that it had perceived the folly of its policy, or rather lack of policy, but this week it appears as if all its pent-up wrath had at last found an outlet. We regret to see this disposition to prejudice the citizens against us, but we are less troubled when we reflect how little is the *Democrat's* influence with that class of citizens whose respect we desire. Conceding that the paper had a faint desire to give a truthful account of the affair, we are at a loss to know where the editor obtained his information. Had he been present at the examination on Wednesday he could not have gone to his office and conscientiously have rattled off such phrases as "disregard of the commonest rules of decency," "unsavory notoriety," "collegiate outrage." Had he attended the examination he would have learned that but one song was sung, that there was no college yell, that the crowd in obedience to the officer's orders, was breaking up, a number having gone home, and that one witness in a house but a few hundred feet from the spot asserted that he heard no disturbance. For the *Democrat* to say that the "early morning hour was made hideous" is to wander a considerable distance from strict veracity. We have yet to meet the citizen who objects to student singing on the streets. On the contrary we have found many who regretted that the good old custom had gotten into disuse. It is with knowledge of this that students have sung on the streets. Every sensible citizen and no one better than Judge Day knows that there is not the slightest disposition on the part of the students to break village laws. Any attempt of the *Democrat* to misrepresent the students should receive the severest rebuke. Over officious and ignorant officers should learn to discriminate between peaceable singing and "riotous demonstration,"—a discrimination which it seems even the *Democrat* has not learned.

—It is somewhat doubtful whether the Mozarts will give the intended opera or not. There seems to be such a scarcity of sopranos.

BERTHOLD AUERBACH.

President White, being asked to give the remarks with which he prefaced his third lecture upon Stein, in the course on German History, Friday last, has kindly sought to recall them, and with some slight changes and additions has put them in writing as follows:

"It is certainly not unfitting, in a course of lectures upon German History, to refer to the sad event of which tidings have just reached us by telegraph. Berthold Auerbach is dead. He was a man who has done much to bind together the sympathies of two nations—Germany and the United States. He has been read by thousands on thousands, not only in his own tongue, but in translations into ours. He has made many an American love the German fatherland. But he has done much more than that. He has done a great work in binding together the different classes in his own country by their deepest sympathies and by arousing in them a sentiment of a common humanity. He has revealed, to many who were brought up to look with indifference on the hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, of the peasant class, those "simple annals of the poor" which are sure to arouse the feeling of brotherhood between the highest class and the lowest. On the other hand, he has revealed in other of his works the nobleness and the weakness, truly human characteristics, of those whom fortune has placed in the most lofty positions; and has removed something of the bitterness with which those less favored by her have been wont to regard them.

"Auerbach was much more than a mere litterateur. He was really a philosopher. His edition of Spinoza is still prized by scholars. His fidelity to the cause of freedom of thought and of speech in all parts of Europe was based, not upon mere impulse, but it was rooted in a deep philosophical conviction. When he stood last year in Holland and pronounced the oration at the unveiling of the statue of Spinoza, exposing himself to obloquy and even to personal brutality, he but revealed more clearly to Europe that strength of conviction which his friends knew him to possess. But Auerbach is known to the world, and will continue to be known, as a novelist; and I would recommend to any of you who are making studies in German literature that you by no means neglect his writings. You will find in them revelations of the various phases of life in the Germany of to-day given with great fidelity; yet at the same time the picture is lighted up by his genius. The style is clear, and one of those most easy for a foreigner to master. They are not, indeed, great according to certain new canons of fiction. Those who find delight only in Zola and Miss Bradton will, of course, not prize Auerbach. The "sweetness and light" of his philosophy and his poetic zeal in bringing to us the modest wild-flowers

which bloom in the remote nooks and corners of society, have little in common with the philosophic bitterness and the surgical skill in dissecting out for us the more monstrous growths of social disease which characterize a certain school that is at this moment claiming so much attention. But I can promise, to any one of you who has not made the acquaintance of Auerbach through his works and whose literary taste finds satisfaction in the purer and sweeter founts of literature, a new pleasure from his writings.

"It was my privilege to be able to call Berthold Auerbach not only an acquaintance but a friend. Friendship with him came to me as a sort of inheritance from my predecessor at Berlin, the lamented Bayard Taylor. Auerbach's love for Taylor was very deep—the eulogy he pronounced upon him is a most beautiful tribute. There was about Auerbach a personal charm, a simplicity, a heartiness, which revealed to a stranger at once the source of the fascination exercised by his works. There was a geniality, an openness, a frankness, which established sympathy at once between him and any stranger in whom he became interested. But in various walks and talks with him, sitting by his side in his study or in my own, there was revealed to me more than this. At such times, one recognized in him the philosopher, the scholar, and above all the man deeply anxious for the good of all mankind. He was of Jewish descent; but those qualities so often charged against his race as faults were evidently not in him. He was thoroughly tolerant, kind, and a well-wisher to all. The spirit of Moses Mendelssohn seemed to have entered into him.

"While I ask you now to return with me to the history of the great statesman who did so much to give Germany the proud place she now holds, you must not forget that every generation has had poets, scholars, philosophers, choice spirits, who have made Germany a land in which statesmen like Stein are possible. And of these poets, philosophers, and scholars Berthold Auerbach has been, for the last forty years, one of the most justly admired."

THE ÆSTHETES.

II.

The second meeting of the Æsthetes was called for two weeks from the time of the preceding convocation. When the apostles of the new philosophy had again gathered about the smouldering fires, beneath McGraw Building, and the opening exercises had been finished, a general discussion on the subject of decoration was opened by Aunt Josh followed by Sibley Bill. The sentiments expressed by the old lady seemed to be to the effect that the present apartments, although in furniture and decoration about as near the natural condition as possible, were not a suitable abiding place for the authors of such

works as "The 2-2 Leaf Clover" and "The Dyspeptic Bull Frog." And the time was far distant when they could seek that exquisite spot, between Sibley and the Chemical Laboratory, where the apple blossoms perfume the air of May and the occasional music of falling fruit greets the ear in hazy October days. A new—an æsthetic bower—a transcendental recess, somewhere, must be found. The old lady's appeal was interrupted by the autocrat of the McGraw parlor, who could not endure any calumnious remarks respecting his time-honored sanctum. "Pshaw!" said he, "I thot ye wanted what was natoorel. Isn't this cavern scooped oot of the very arth's boolls—the retreat of natoor herself? And now I'm spozin' you and Beel there will be for takin' a room in Sage, and fixin' it oop with flum-doodles; but I'll niver leave the oold place, depind oopon it." After these remarks, it was not deemed the best thing to fit up any new rooms for the reception of the club. The autocrat had spoken; they could not resist his logical appeal.

"And thin, come to think it over," said Sibley Bill, "it wud be hardly the squar' thing to lave the oold spot, with all its swate oold times, and thin, if we wuz to go uver to Sage, the Sophomores, the ugly bastes, wud be uver thare disturbin' oor meditations." The pathetic words of Sibley Bill overwhelmed the Æsthetes, and a resolution was offered by Aunt Josh to the effect that the meetings should be continued in the "parlor," but that steps should at once be taken towards its decoration. The proposition seemed to meet the unanimous approval of the assembly, and was greeted with growls of approbation—"that's gud" and "right."

When quiet again prevailed, the character of the improvements to be made came under consideration. Mrs. Sibley Bill maintained that they should have "turkey-rid calicer cartins up at the dur and those slidin' brass rings on a stick at the top." Sibley Bill then remarked, "I know where there are some nice iron ones which the byes made oop in the shop, divil if I knowed what fur." "Iron will do jist as well, Bill," replied his wife. Aunt Josh then suggested that as no sun-flowers were to be had out of doors, she would sow some sun-flower seeds in a flower pot and put them in her kitchen window, and when they got to growing nicely, she would bring the plants over and place them in the "parlor." She further remarked, "we *must* have some way of decoratin' that biler there." Mrs. Sibley Bill thereupon suggested that "some figurd calicer wud make a nate cuverin." Aunt Josh's ideas did not coincide with those of the preceding speaker, and she remarked that she had an idea. "Let's git some of thim fans loike that student has oop on the wall of his room." This proposition of Aunt Josh excited considerable discussion, but was finally adopted as the best. These improvements were all that were thought necessary at present. Sibley Bill electrified

the audience by the matter-of-fact remark, "And who does yez think is after payin' fur these improvements?" This was a stunner for the *Æsthetes*, and for a few moments all were engaged in meditation. Then Uncle Josh shattered the oppressive taciturnity with the bright suggestion, so often repeated, yet with such a dissimilar effect, "Let's take oop a collection." "That's a good idear, Josh," said the wife of the autocrat. Uncle Josh took off his hat, and was about to pass it around, but, observing that the receptacle was not money-tight, he said, "Beel, let me take your cap."

The proceeds of the collection in round numbers amounted to twenty-six cents, including a punched dime and a mutilated three-cent piece. The collection was counted over several times by each member of the club, and the money placed in the hands of Mrs. Sibley Bill, who was deputed to go down town, at her earliest convenience, and purchase the calico and the fans.

The consideration of decoration in the "parlor" had consumed so much of the time of the meeting that it was thought best to defer till the next meeting the literary exercises of the club. Several papers and poems were announced for that occasion.

THE JUNIOR PROMENADE.

Last night the Junior class held its first Promenade in Wilgus Opera House. The walls of the room were very tastefully decorated with flags, lace curtains were hung at the windows, and the appearance of the room so materially changed from its usual aspect that a frequent visitor might well be in doubt as to his whereabouts. The floor was crashed, and ample accommodation for spectators was made. Drescher's Orchestra of ten pieces, from Syracuse, occupied the stage in front of the curtain, while behind—the stage room proper—had been fitted up as a supper room, and here from 11 to 1 o'clock Wallace, the caterer, held forth.

The floor managers were Prof. W. C. Kerr, Messrs. W. A. Kent, '82, F. J. Carolan, '82, R. C. Horr, '82, C. P. Bacon, '82, W. K. Shiras, '82, D. E. Smith, '83, A. C. Ely, '83, W. B. Ruggles, '83, and George Bullock, '83, and at 9:30 o'clock their task began. The music was the finest we have heard in Ithaca for a long time, the supper as elegant as Wallace can get up, and, in fact, everything was entirely satisfactory and reflected much credit upon the Committee to whom the whole matter had been entrusted. The number of dancers in attendance was particularly large, and many spectators dropped in during the evening.

The costumes of the ladies were without exception elegant, some of them very costly, but all tasteful. Miss L. Alden, of Utica, wore a dress of pink satin, and her sister, Miss M. Alden, was dressed in moire silk with lace trimmings; Miss

Baum, of Syracuse, formerly '83, wore a very striking costume of black and gold-striped satin de Lyon, trimmed with black lace and artificial flowers; Mrs. Belknap wore white nun's veiling, lace and natural flowers; Miss Bennett, of Auburn, a toilette consisting of cream satin skirt, and garnet velvet waist; Miss Boulton, white Swiss, pink satin sash and Breton lace; Miss Clement, of Corry, Pa., a black silk with brocade overdress; Miss Converse, of Woodville, looked very pretty in a sleeveless dress of sky blue silk trimmed with white vermicelli; Miss Coffin, of Auburn, had a pink satin dress, with white lace and brocaded satin sash. The toilette of Miss Edson, also of Auburn, was exceedingly beautiful, and consisted of a dress of blue gros-grained silk, hand-painted and embroidered, Spanish lace trimmings, pearls and sapphires; Miss Ellsworth wore white cashmere and lace; Miss Esty, white nun's veiling; Miss Evans, white nun's veiling, satin sash and lace trimmings; Miss Foster, white nun's veiling and pink satin with flowers; Miss Gage wore a cream satin dress with train, lace, and pearls; Miss Gauntlett, a dress of cream satin and cherry silk, with lace, and Miss Glenny, peach-blow silk; Miss Graves, of Trumansburg, was dressed in cream nun's veiling with garnet edging; Miss Gregg, of the same place, pink satin and natural flowers; Miss Hayden, of Auburn, wore white satin with Spanish lace, pearls and diamonds; Miss Howland, '81, of Sherwood, pink corsage waist and white Swiss skirt; Miss Lyon, white dotted muslin, satin sash and flowers; Miss Mack, a pink satin waist, with flowered skirt and lace; Miss Millspaugh, of New York, was dressed in cream nun's veiling, Spanish lace and natural flowers; Miss Morris, of Geneva, white nun's veiling with lavender trimmings; Miss Noble, of Trumansburg, white nun's veiling and purple flowers; Miss Phillips, pink satin and grenadine, with Breton lace; Miss Prager, dotted Swiss, with pink satin trimmings; Miss Roberts, fawn colored silk and natural flowers; Miss Suydam, of Baldwinsville, Swiss and natural flowers; Miss Steere, of New Orleans, lavender silk; Miss Savage, wore a very neat toilette of pink satin, natural flowers, embroidered India mull; Miss Tyler was very attractive in a mediæval costume, a blue satin skirt, with garnet velvet panels and waist; Miss Thompson had a pretty costume of garnet satin, white Spanish lace and pearls; Miss Whitney, white crêpe, Marseilles trimming and pearls; Miss Addie Williams, white satin and cashmere, with train; Miss Hattie Williams, pink nun's veiling; Miss Wright, of Rochester, wore blue surah silk, with Roman sash, making a very handsome costume; Miss Nellie Wright wore white tulle, with blue satin basque; Miss Whiton, white satin and lace; Miss Wood, of Syracuse, wore a very handsome pale pink satin dress, with princesse train, point lace trimmings and natural flowers; Miss Yawger, of Union

Springs, wore white silk, Spanish lace and natural flowers.

The gentlemen in attendance were Messrs. Bacon, Carolan, Suydam, Sears, Wright, Rackemann, Yeaw, Shiras, Cowles, Catlin, Cushing, Woodard, R. C. Horr, White, C. G. Cole, Kent, Cowell, Ruggles, R. Cole, Roberts, D. E. Smith, Chase, Browning, Bullock, Prentiss, Dix, Thayer, Ely, C. I. Avery, Yawger, Reno, Seymour, Thorp, McMillan, Brownell, McGinley, Kittinger, Goodale, Whiton, of Ithaca, Beecher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., A. A. Howlett, of Syracuse, S. S. Serat, of Elmira, Dr. C. E. VanCleaf, Thurwachter, Prof. Kerr, Green, of Auburn, Boccayuva, Belknap, of Ithaca, E. Prager, of Ithaca, and Hough, '81.

The following is the programme :

RECEPTION MARCH.		BY FAUST.
1. WALTZ,	Roses from the South,	<i>Strauss</i>
2. LANCERS,	Elite,	<i>Weingarten</i>
3. WALTZ,	Olivette,	<i>Schacht</i>
4. QUADRILLE,	Fatinitza,	<i>Strauss</i>
5. GALOP,	La Tour,	<i>Parlow</i>
6. WALTZ,	Boccaccio,	<i>Strauss</i>
7. LANCERS—Saratoga,	Pirates of Penzance,	<i>Ferrazi</i>
8. POLKA,	Adelina,	<i>Faust</i>
9. WALTZ,	Vision of Dreams,	<i>Strauss</i>
10. LANCERS,	Centennial—Patience,	<i>Weingarten</i>
11. THE NEWPORT,		<i>Ahi</i>
12. GALOP,	Give Room,	<i>Farlow</i>
13. WALTZ,	Dreams on the Ocean,	<i>Gungel</i>
14. LANCERS,	Par Excellence,	<i>Weingarten</i>
15. POLKA,	Gerster,	<i>Biall</i>
16. WALTZ,	From the North Sea,	<i>Strauss</i>
GERMAN	Magnet hung in the Hardware Shop,	<i>Patience</i>
	Free Songs,	<i>Strauss</i>
19. LANCERS,	Centennial—Billie Taylor,	<i>Wiegand</i>
20. WALTZ,	Pirates of Penzance,	<i>Sullivan</i>

The experiment has proved a success in every way except in a strictly financial one but that matter can, we think, be easily bridged over in the future. The occasion was one of the most enjoyable of the kind ever given here and for this the committee were especially to be praised. The Junior Ball has fitted very nicely and easily into the niche made vacant by the discontinuation of the annual Navy Ball and, in fact, we think it has more than supplied the deficiency. Certain it is that last night witnessed a greater crowd than has attended the Navy Balls for many years. The affair was very smooth in every particular, nothing at all unpleasant or disagreeable occurring. While, perhaps, there were no brilliant features to be recalled still the very dearth of what was dull served to make it all the more pleasant and enjoyable. The class of '83 has added another to its many laurels in having again instituted this custom. Now it only remains for the succeeding classes to keep it alive and make the Junior Ball the social event of the college year.

—The next excitement is the Woodford contest.

PROFESSOR GOLDWIN SMITH ON JOURNALISM.

"I have many candid friends, and some have said, 'What do you go into journalism for? You ought to write a book; the only way to make yourself immortal and to become a benefactor to your race is through writing a book.' Well considering the ponderous contents of our bookstores and the voluminous catalogues which bookworms, such as I am, receive, I almost think that the benefactor of humanity is the man who refrains from writing a book. I suppose I did set out in life to write a book. I suppose that was my manifest destiny, but like other manifest destinies, it was not fulfilled. I was taken away from my college early in life, became mixed up more or less with public men, and was drawn into the press. So I became a journalist, and a journalist I have remained. I do not accuse or complain of my destiny. It is perfectly true that the works of a journalist are ephemeral; they go into the nether world of old files and are forgotten. But does not the same fate befall a good many books? Look at the bookshelves of any great library. What a necropolis of the immortal is there. There, amid cobwebs which are never disturbed, sleep the great masters, exponents of the civil law, who were once as gods for their wisdom. There sleep the authors of many a system of philosophy which now has no disciples. There sleep the authors of many a system of science which has been superceded a hundred times by the aid of modern thought. The fact is, that to be immortal you must not only have an undying genius, but an undying subject. Shakespeare, Homer, Cervantes had undying subjects; but I doubt that even they are what they were to their contemporaries. We all wish to survive in a certain work, but not to one in a hundred millions is it given to become immortalized by literature. We may hope, however, to survive in the effects of an honest life. The opportunity to do this is open in a large measure to all journalists. After all, what is a journal? It is a paper, a pamphlet, or a book. If you look at the great works of Harrington, Hobbs or Locke, or of any great writer, what are they but the current thought of the time worked up into a permanent shape? And it is we who make the current thought of our time. Writing an editorial is, as you know, not the easiest matter in the world, but there are many who think they can do it until they try. The writer of an editorial is not producing an immortal work. He is trying to produce a distinct effect at the time, and to do that he must have a certain art. He must give his work a certain unity, form and finish, and although he cannot bring in any quantity of learning and information without appearing pedantic, yet all he has read and knows will work in the way of richness and illustration, and will lend to the superiority

of his productions. I recollect sitting at table in London beside the editor of a leading journal. He said: 'I am in distress; I have lost one of my regular writers.' I did not know about your journalism at the time, so I remarked: 'I suppose you will have to get another.' He replied: 'Get another! I will have to get three, and I will be surprised if at the end of a year one of these three writers does as well as the writer I have lost.'

CORNELLIANA.

- “Some one will get hurted.”
- Bets on Woodford are now in order.
- Again recommend us to the *Journal*.
- The Juniors balled last night. No copyright.
- “Three-eyed Dick” at the Opera House to-night.
- Ahem! Now we think of it, the Register will be out this term.
- “My b-brother Tham,” at Wilgus Opera House next Tuesday night.
- About four more weeks of revelry at Zinck's and then—whoop la!
- Now that the Junior Ball is over, save up your pennies for the Gerster Concert.
- A few Juniors are allowed to take Dr. Wilson's “Philosophy of History” this term.
- The library has once more got back into the old rut. It is kept open now until 5 p. m. daily.
- When and where will the next exchange of courtesies between the city officials and the students take place?
- The mountain wilds of Pennsylvania seem to be a favorite camping ground for the University's unfortunates.
- One comfort for the coming no-license days. We have Bacon's authority for it that “Reading maketh a full man.”
- Students are requested to leave all papers on the tables in the Assembly Room and not take them to their apartments.
- A Yale student was badly beaten in a fracas at a ball a few nights since, and is unable to leave his room. Yale men are very elegant in their society enjoyments.—*Post*.
- “There is no such thing in this country as being to the manner born,” and this from the *Harvard Herald*. Such is culture.
- Even the *Elmira Advertiser*, kept on the safe side in the late student trouble. Its position was as gratifying as it was novel.
- The contracts for the completion of the new Laboratory Building will be closed in a day or two, and work resumed as soon as possible.

—The *Harvard Herald*, in its account of last Saturday night's scrimmage, reports that a policeman was nearly killed. Really, you flatter us.

—The *Ithaca Democrat*, the representative of all that is good and pure in politics, makes a very ludicrous effort to sit upon so-called student ruffianism.

—There is reported to be a large rush among the Juniors for the subject, “The student as a citizen,” for next week's orations. We expect some good ones.

—Sunday Evening, at the Unitarian Church, Mr. Badger will deliver the third of this winter's lectures—The Duties of our Educated Men and Women toward Christianity.

—Dr. Adams has introduced a very pleasant feature in his lectures on Advanced Political Economy. He gives to his students the privilege of interrupting him, to ask questions on the subject.

—The “iron hand of the law” was not laid upon the alleged offenders with any very great degree of violence this week. We would like to give the “iron hand &c” a shake, the grip as it were.

—During the past week, the air, balmy as spring, swept in gentle zephyrs over the campus. The sky was of the bluest, and nature seemed about to—But more anon. Probabilities say, colder, and cloudy weather.

—Will the clan gather to night to serenade Mr. Keene? We hope so, and suggest that it be done before twelve o'clock, or else “some one will get hurted” and might “feel the iron hand of the law.”

—According to the *Ithaca Democrat*, Nelligan the other night was followed by “a volley of stones and curses.” Good. It is much worse to be hit behind the ear by a curse than a stone, but give us the curse.

—A student in Zoology the other day, on being asked to describe the small raised dots on a sea shell, characterized them as “tubercular enlargements symmetrically disposed.” This occurred several weeks ago, but we were, until now, actually so stunned that we could not write it out. The surgeon in the case reports his patient as much better.

—Next Monday the subscription lists for the Gerster Concert will be opened at Finch & Apgar's. We shall be very happy to know that in this enterprise, Mr. Wilgus receives the support and encouragement of the students. Should the Gerster Troupe come here, the fact that Ithaca can pay for such an entertainment will draw to our Opera House, in the future, the best amusement troupes on the road.

—It is currently reported that Officer Nelligan has in his house a dozen or more pictures of Captain Williams, the notorious clubber of “the finest.” The photographs represent the belaboring captain in

various stages of his thoroughly acquired art, and it is understood that Nelligan became so infatuated with the captain and his art that he thought he'd try his hand at the business last Saturday. We would suggest that he club himself round a block or two for a change.

—One naturally looks to a Sophomore class in college for enterprise, and in this '84 is not lacking, inasmuch as her members have adopted a class yell. Never before this, if we are rightly informed, has any class of Cornell adopted a yell '83, having patted herself on the back for over two years because of her "git thar," and having posed as a model for enterprise during all that time, will now have to acknowledge herself as outdone for once. The only objection we have to the cry is that it sounds too much like the Princeton yell.

—We are happy (?). The ERA received a valentine—a pretty one, too,—price, at Miss Ackley's, sixty-five cents. Did it come from a delinquent subscriber or not? What does it mean? Who did send it? Really, our dear friend, we thank you, but please don't do it again. We can't afford to lie awake for several nights bothering our heads about the import of such a missive. We would much rather get an unpaid subscription. But, beg pardon, we don't mean anything.

—A surgical instrument called an *emporium-forceps*, invented some years ago by Professor Rœhrig, is being lately brought into considerable prominence. It acts as a protection to the eye ball and adjacent parts during an operation, and is described as being perfect in everything it aims at. We always knew Professor Rœhrig to be a superb hand at digging out Sanskrit, Chinese or Choctaw roots; but never supposed he ever delved in anatomy. At any rate, whatever he turns his attention to, he seems always to be successful. Will some one tell us what Professor Rœhrig cannot do?

PERSONALIA.

W. N. D. BIRD, '80, is expected to arrive in town to-night from the West.

PROF. TUTTLE's article in the February *Atlantic* has been very highly commended by the press of the country.

SCHUMM, '81, is now editor of the *Radical Review*, a journal devoted to discussion upon political and religious topics.

H. H. BOYSEN, late Assistant Professor of German here, and more recently Instructor of German at Columbia, contributes a very readable story to the March *Harper's*.

—Professor—"Mr. X., can you tell me why the days are longer in summer and shorter in winter?" X. (with alacrity)—"Yes, sir; it's because heat expands and cold contracts."—*Tech.*

EXCHANGES.

The *Harvard Echo*, whose reliability is not proportionate to its size, has our thanks for a fair account of the recent ruffle on the usual monotony of our college life.

A recent issue of the *Herald* contains an editorial setting forth the injustice with which eastern men are apt to criticise the small western colleges. The writer says:

"Hitherto it has been the general custom in the east to regard western colleges with undisguised contempt and ridicule. It is true that many of the colleges have brought about this sentiment by the foolish ostentation with which they announced themselves 'universities'; but, notwithstanding this, it was an error to think that these provincial colleges are useless. * * * No one, of course, can doubt for an instant that there can be derived many advantages from the eastern colleges which are unattainable in the west; but the so-called western colleges deserve respect and sympathy for, in a measure at least, affording to the man desirous of an education what he could never hope to realize without the aid of their encouragement and instruction."

Such sentiments as the above, coming from the very centre of culture, the sanctum of the *Harvard Herald*, should be gratefully received by the sturdy Westerner who toils up the hill of science without the aids which lighten the labors and broaden the field of his more favored Eastern brother. They show that there is at least one man at Harvard who does not think that the world revolves on its axis solely for his benefit. We hope that such ideas will spread. Though an esteemed compeer believes that a college paper is not a fair index of the character of the institution from which it comes, still a good paper is a credit to any college. We have many such coming from western colleges which we hope to present to our readers at an early date.

From the "Minden Female College," Minden, Louisiana, there comes to us a visitor whose aspect is, to say the least, unusual. Its name is the *Minden Collegian*. It is evidently conducted by sweet young things, and we would not for the world wound their tender feelings, yet a few suggestions may be allowed. The first page, which by the way is four times as large as it should be, is given up to a description of the school and a biography of its President. When the reader opens the paper, he meets with some surprising and entertaining specimens of journalism. How eloquent the dear girls grow over "Kind Words," the lack of encyclopædias, and the effect of a smoky chimney on their revered President. However, it is in their poetry that their peculiar talents shine most brilliantly. The sublime disregard for metre, rhyme and everything else, and the halo that is thrown around otherwise commonplace events, is only rivaled by the effusions of the famous "Sweet Singer of Michigan." We have room for but one of these rare gems:

"REVERY."

On the hill behind the College
Sat we lone one summer's day,

And the dear birds sang above us
Their sweet songs so blithe and gay.

Fannie with her book and pencil,
I with mine sat by her side,
And my thoughts, they would but wander
To the time, when quite a child,

Oft I'd climbed that dear old hillock,
And through those woods had wandered far
With dear girls that I shall never
Meet till at the Judgment bar.

Some are dead and some are married,
Some of them are single still,
While I'm the only one among them
Yet on this dear old College hill.

They finished school, in all their beauty,
Last June is now one year ago,
A class of four as lovely maidens,
As ere an audience stood before.

Oh, how my heart did ache that morning,
As I, mingling with the crowd,
Thought if I were only with them,
How my poor sad heart would bound.

Then, when the exercise was over,
And when I left that scene of light,
The flood-gates of my heart were opened,
And, O! I wept, with all my might.

But now, mingled with my sad thoughts,
Comes one of a brighter tune,
And I think of, O! next summer,
On a happy day in June,

We will take the stand of honor,
And the center of attraction
For those who come to next Commencement,
The graduating class to see —PET.

We hope that if we suggest a possible improvement in the form of the *Collegian*, and modestly offer the ERA as a model, that the "tears of joy, caused by the kind words of praise bestowed by the press of Louisiana," will not be turned to tears of sorrow. We mean well.

The Yale papers are full of accounts of the recent Promenade Concert, given by the Junior class of Yale College. The *News* publishes a supplement giving a description of the affair at length, which is a novelty in one respect, at least. Before the description of each lady's costume is left a blank space where her name may be written by her cavalier, thus giving the *News* additional value as a souvenir. This is the way the poet of the *News* voices the feelings of many of his fellows:

THE MORNING AFTER THE PROMENADE.

One more unfortunate
Went to the Prom.
Now I am satiate—
Oh! what a bum.

Think you 'twas easily
Accomplished cheap?
Not by a great many—
Oh! for some sleep.

Money, without any
Pain or remorse,
Slipped from my *portemonnaie*—
Where is the horse?

Dead broke, disconsolate,
By no means hunk.
One more unfortunate—
Made beastly flunk.—D

We infer from an editorial in the *Record* that, though highly successful socially, the financial result is probably unsatisfactory. The *Record* justly says that the deficit should be made up by contributions by the class, and not by the members of the committee who have done the work.

The *News*, in a recent issue, shows its enterprising spirit in the search for novelties by advocating the establishment at Yale of a "newspaper chair," so to speak. In the place of one of the ordinary recitations, it would have an hour's lecture on the matter contained in one of the best New York morning papers. The editor adds:

"A really good newspaper is the best common educator known, and with a competent man to discuss thoroughly the topics contained in the issue no better training in the science of government and foreign policy, and in modern and contemporaneous history and literature could possibly be obtained. We shall soon be out in the world, and therefore it is highly important that we have a thorough understanding of its ways and its doings, and this method would in our opinion, greatly aid us in being fully equipped for the trial to come, besides making us far more practical and independent than we can ever hope to become under the depressing routine we are at present following."

BOOK NOTICES.

AUTHORS AND AUTHORSHIP* Edited by William Shepherd. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. This little book is sent forth with the avowed purpose of telling lovers of books something about the writers of books; and is the initial volume of a series to be called the Literary Life, of which the second volume, Pen Pictures of Modern Authors, is already in press. While this work is interesting and valuable, it cannot be called great in any extraordinary sense. It is little more than a compilation of the characteristic thoughts of various authors upon the labors and profits, the disappointments and pleasures of their craft. The editor himself tells us in his preface that he "has furnished not much more than the string which binds the various extracts together." Perhaps he is to be commended for using so little string. He certainly deserves great credit for making, in the main, such admirable selections. To the young author or journalist who would know the opinions and feelings of his great predecessors in literature upon their profession, without making an especial study for the purpose, the work is particularly valuable.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Keene has an advantage over Mr. McCullough and over Mr. Barrett. He possesses a voice of ample volume, free from the gurgling, throaty tones into which Mr. McCullough's merges in moments of excitement and passion. It is also free from that hard, metallic quality which prevents the auditor from believing that Barrett is ever in full sympathy with the feeling of the line or sentence he has uttered. To see Keene at his best in any one Shakespearean performance, he should be seen in Shylock, Richard III. or Macbeth. Neither of those performances is free from blemish, yet, strange as it may sound, it is nevertheless safe to say that not even Mr. Booth can so thoroughly reflect the Shakespearean spirit of either of these parts as Mr. Keene can. Booth's methods are more complete—are the evident result of continuous practice upon the stage in some half a dozen parts. Keene's methods are those of a man who feels the part and is struggling to find the method which will best enable him to display that feeling. The consequence is that while after a performance by Booth, we generally go away remarking, "What an admirable actor Mr. Booth is!" after a performance by Keene of either Richard III., Shylock, Macbeth or Hamlet, we are far more likely to start a criticism of what Shakespeare meant to show us in these parts.—*Baltimore American*.

In Wilgus Opera House, Feb. 18th.

LORD DUNDREARY.—The patrons of the Griswold and the lovers of comedy enjoyed a rare treat during the week. Mr. George Holland personated Lord Dundreary only as an actor of Mr. Holland's ability can, and more than passing notice must be given the cast. Mr. Locke's delineation of the American Cousin was fine. Miss Murielle as Florence and Miss Dempsey as delicate Georgiana were above the average. Miss Genevieve Brett as the light-hearted and pretty dairy-maid won applause, which she justly merited. She will long be remembered by those who saw her. The Holland company will be welcome here again.—*Troy Times*.

In Wilgus Opera House next Tuesday evening, Feb. 21st.

PAT ROONEY.—Pat Rooney's Combination appeared at the Grand last night before a crowded house. The performance was first class in every respect, and all the old-time favorites were greeted with applause. The "Stirk Family," in their wonderful bicycle act, electrified the audience. Their act is simply marvelous, and is the feature of the performance. Nothing like this act has ever been seen in America. Pat Rooney, in his incomparable songs and dances, was as inimitable as ever.—*Ex*.

This troupe will appear in Wilgus Opera House next Friday night, Feb. 24th.

—Saturday, Feb. 25th, Miss Katharine Rogers will appear at the Opera House in "Pygmalion and

Galatea." The finished acting of Miss Rogers in this celebrated and charming Comedy should call out a large audience.

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 "I'm sailing on the oshun,
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 It fills me with emoshun,
 But one "spell" will not change its name,
 For she'll be se-sic just the saim.—*Annual*.

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TO say that Woodford competitors speak before the most critical audiences in the world is only a mild way of describing the ordeal through which six rash Seniors annually pass. Each person in Library Hall probably has some friend whom he hopes to see bear off the honors, consequently every speaker has to encounter an audience five-sixths of which are not in sympathy with him or his production. It is the universal experience of public speakers that a body of students is the most difficult of audiences to please. College preachers are usually unable to satisfy the demands of their hearers, simply on account of the critical spirit of young men of the age of students. Younger men do not see faults so vividly; older men, if not confirmed cynics, learn to make allowances for the faults and to sift out the merits. Woodford competitors can, therefore, hardly expect to please every one, but each may draw what consolation he can from the reflection that some one will be positive to the end of time that he ought to have received the medal, and not the lucky winner whom this confiding some one had marked lowest in his mental sliding-scale.

THE late "onpleasantness" is full of suggestions. It suggests that the faculty of Cornell, being above and before all else a body organized for in-

struction is apt to render itself ridiculous when any summary attempts are made at discipline. Our faculty ought not to be compelled to exercise the functions of a police court. The cardinal doctrine in Cornell's creed is that students are to be allowed the greatest latitude in matters of personal conduct and the result has been, in the main, eminently satisfactory. When a collision has occurred it has not always been easy to tell which side came best out of the affair. One of the most hopeful indications for the future of American colleges was that late report of President Gilman in which he said the faculty of Johns Hopkins have never had occasion to reprimand a student for even the most trivial breach of discipline. Students of a university should govern themselves. The only effectual preventative of such unfortunate occurrences as those which have lately taken place at Bowdoin, Princeton and Cornell and which at one time or another happen in all colleges, is a student sentiment which shall condemn all those acts of college lawlessness which even the ring-leaders would never dream of committing twenty-four hours after graduation. The resolutions lately adopted by the three lower classes in the university censuring the participants in the late kidnapping affair and expressing a willingness to discourage any such occurrences in the future are certainly hopeful and ought to do more toward maintaining our good name abroad than the indefinite suspension of five men whom every one admits were no more culpable than half a hundred others.

THE *Nation* has started into a controversy which promises to become wide-spread before it is ended. It has secured the attention of the eastern college papers and is worthy of the interest of every friend of education. The question is not a new one by any means, but is one which has been allowed to be neglected for a number of years. But it seems to us that it has been awakened only to be strangled. Public common sense has made such progress since it last laid the question aside that it will not readily accept what it once accepted. The

day of "parental government" in colleges is a thing of the past, and he who argues for it now, argues for the impossible and absurd. "Parental government" has gone to lie with the exploded notion that scholarship is synonymous with Greek and Latin. The former rendered our college men mere school boys without judgment or self-confidence; the latter kept the world from the appreciation of French and German letters. It is with pleasure we quote the *Nation* on this subject:

"As regards the 'loco-parentis' college for which our correspondent pleads, there is only one thing to be said, and that is, that, however desirable it may be, it does not exist. There are no such colleges as he describes, and no professors who supply the student with 'wholesome family restraint.' Moreover, it is almost certain that in the present conditions of American life they cannot be created. We cannot find the professors competent to be parents to undergraduates, or find undergraduates ready to accept professors as parents. One of the most singular delusions of our time is the notion prevalent among American fathers and mothers that they can secure this restraint in small colleges and in colleges where the faculty are religious. Small country colleges doubtless offer fewer temptations and attract students bred in simpler homes than the large ones, but they are also compelled to put up with an inferior quality of instructors and inferior instruction. As regards the large ones, we shall say that a boy is notoriously just as 'safe'—and we believe safer—in those which are trying hardest to be universities as in those which are trying hardest to stay colleges, and that the influence of the professor diminishes in the direct ratio of his eagerness to exert parental authority."

A SUBJECT much akin to "parental government" is the system of electives, so much in vogue here and at Harvard, and one which is steadily making its way into the small colleges. It appears to us Cornell has taken a very sensible and wise stand on this question. We have combined here the advantages of the "elective" and "prescribed" systems—for that there are advantages in both no one can doubt. Our underclassmen have almost all of their work prescribed; our upperclassmen have a great deal that is elective. And consid-

ering the age at which young men go to college this arrangement appears the wisest of any. A writer in the *Nation* says in reference to the extreme tendency to electives at Harvard:

"What will Harvard's degree mean? Not that the graduate has been trained in the methods of classical, scientific, and metaphysical thought, and introduced to history, political science, and all the more important branches of study. It will mean simply that he has pursued for four years the studies most agreeable to his yet unformed taste—those which are easiest to him, or which look toward his profession."

We trust it will be long before such can be said of Cornell's degrees. We should judge from the remarks of the *Nation* that our system better meets its approval:

"The elective system assumes that students are competent to elect, and will elect with reference solely to their own highest intellectual needs or powers, or else that they have parents or guardians who are competent to assist them in electing. In a very large number of cases this assumption is not well founded. The student is often not competent to choose his course, or if competent, has not the moral strength to choose rightly, or comes from an uneducated family which can give him no advice and exercise no influence over him in this matter. We presume it is safe to say that fully one-half the undergraduates of American colleges are the sons of fathers who are unable to help them in deciding what branches of study will make a college education most valuable to them, either for the purposes of intellectual training or of professional success. But it does not follow from this that, as our correspondent seems to think, there is no alternative except the 'curriculum, or fixed circle of required studies'; nor do we think anybody of authority has ever seriously objected to this because it was 'old-fashioned.' What is needed is something between the 'fixed circle' and absolute freedom. In other words, the college should assist the student in selecting, with due regard to his needs and his capacity. The best system would be one in which each student should make up his course under the special supervision or with the special assistance of a professor. But this is probably hardly practicable. If not, the best way out of the difficulty would seem

to be the division of the studies into groups of courses, and the restriction of the election to these groups. They might be so made up as to meet the needs of every type of mind sufficiently common to be worth recognition, and would prevent the indulgence of pure laziness, or the total neglect of subjects with which every liberally-educated man should be acquainted."

BEFORE THE POWERS.

Je suis me bon aime.

Wer reiter so spat durch der Nacht und Wind.

Ever Your True Friend,
C. Johannes Emerald,
Cornell University, '84.

Corp. Co. E., C. U. C.

Opposite an autograph of G. F. Train in an Ithaca girl's album our hero has penned the above lines. That he may have full justice we allow him to introduce himself in this manner. He was a Freshman though he was of '84 and if he had been a p. g. he would have been a Freshman still. In one of his numerous weak moments he had lent himself to a bad cause. Punishment came inevitably. It is of this we would speak.

It was early in a winter evening that an evil epistle winged its way to his apartment. With photos of Aimée and Oates on either hand, he sat contentedly conning his lesson in comparative anatomy, when his chum entered and handed him an envelope. Thinking it might be a wash bill he laid it away between the leaves of a copy of the *Spirit of the Times* for future perusal.

About 4 P. M. on the following Friday a number of his classmates had gathered in his room to work up together their International Lesson Leaves for the next Sunday and to await the result of the Faculty meeting. A discussion arose as to the conditions of the Ryan-Sullivan fight; reference was had to the *Spirit of the Times* and thereupon the letter dropped out.

Our hero picked it up, opened it and read these words.

"You are summoned to attend before us in your proper person to answer the charge of kidnapping, preferred against you by Officer Mulligan and in the language of that officer, We are onto you.

[Signed FOR THE FACULTY.]

UNCLE JOSH, *Serg't at Arms.*"

Johannes' face became ashy pale, his cigarette dropped from his mouth but he quickly recovered it and himself, acquainted his friends with the facts and ran up the hill that he might get his mete of justice before the close of the Faculty meeting. As he reached the threshold he encountered four of his

classmates coming from the chamber of horrors. They only said to him in lugubrious tones, "Beware, farewell." Johannes entered and stood before his accusers.

Without, a winter storm raged; but to use a familiar comparison, it was no more severe than that which raged in the individual and collective breasts of the supreme council.

The slanting sunbeams as they danced on a bald head here and there in the council found no reflecting surface on Johannes' black, diagonal coat.

"Count Johannes Emerald cum into coort!" roared Sibley Bill, who officiated as crier.

"Here, sir," responded the unterrified, "and I'd ust like to know where mine accusers are?"

"I'm onto you, you're one o' the fellers what tuk thim other fellers," said Daydictive Mulligan as he strutted forward.

At this point the chief of the council arose, commanding silence and said, "The official charges upon which you are to be tried are as follows, to wit:

1. You took Blood from the members of the Freshmen class.
2. You robbed the University of its only Good.
3. You injured the University buildings by removing from one of them, in the language of Officer Mulligan, a "Balistur."

"Now, what say you in answer to these charges."

"I plead guilty, and in the following stanza:

I've seen Mayo as Crockett and read Lochinvar,
Who kidnapped his bride from her pa and her mar.
It don't seem very naughty, we didn't go far.
They are Freshmen and need to be pickled in brine,
Syracuse's salt springs should they lave in, not wine
Served up at a Freshman class supper. Syracuse
Was the place they went to, and rightly. My excuse—"

"Now at least, your offense is unpardonable, and we condemn you to be suspended," interrupted the chief.

"Ay! ay! He shall be suspended," muttered in hollow tones, two or three of the stern-visaged council. Again Johannes shone forth in the light of his own heroism.

"Garb not your fearful sentence in mellow Norman-English. You need not say *suspend*, say hang; from the good old Saxon hengan, hang gehungen, I can bear it."

"Young man, you are too fly!" meditatively murmured the chief as he wiped the dust from the table with his official robe.

"'To fly?' Do not mock my agony thus. Is it not enough to suspend me from the nether end of a hempen twine? But to taunt me with flying back and forth in every idle breeze as I dangle at the scaffold's end. Oh if I had known this I would

have plead insanity. Alas! it is too late, too, too."—

"Away with him," roared the chief.

The big bell tolled five. Waking those of the council who had paid Johnnes in his own coin by falling asleep during his eloquent appeals, the tribunal adjourned.

AN ORATION WITH A THEORY.

My chum is feeling very blue and discouraged now. Cause—he was one of the thirteen who did not get on for the Woodford. Not that that necessarily causes blueness, but the fact that he had built his hopes so high, or, as he melodramatically expressed it in his oration, "lent free pinion to Hope's aerial flight," that the fall was all the more severe. Yes, "Chummy" had felt very confident. He had diligently studied the beginning and ending of every Woodford for the last five years, and had imbued himself thoroughly with their spirit. "For," as he said, "everything in an oration depends on the beginning and end." Sage remark! But chummy was troubled with theories. Almost every paragraph in his oration was based on a theory. First, he took into consideration the members of the committee. "Two professors of German, two in Literature, one in Latin, one in French, one in Mathematics. Well, that means one line from Goethe at least, and, perhaps, I can work in something of Lessing, to show 'em I'm up in German. That'll tickle 'em, I fancy. Must work in a little Browning and Æschylus, too, and I've got them salted. Then I'll put in that 'meminisse juvabit,' the only Latin quotation I can ever remember. I suppose because I've written it in so many girls' albums. Then, if I can ring in a little of the *Cid* and drag in a differential, I've got the thing too cold!" Very enthusiastic and very slangy!

This was his general outline, and it is only fair to say that he followed it faithfully. But what troubled him most was his introduction. "For the life of me, I can't tell how to begin it," he said, looking up from piles of notes and volumes of old *Reviews*. "Here I might work on Millard's, of '79, and say, 'It is the continent of North America. Look over its vast expanse, and here and there you will see——,' but there I stop. I can't make a catalogue of the things you'll see. Or I might take Hoyt's, and try the 'painting dodge.' How do you like this? 'Behold this picture! What majesty! What almost divine grace is seated here! This man whom you look upon was the greatest, etc., etc.'"

"To tell the truth, chum, I think that is a little too startling. Now try something calm. Start out just as if you were completely self-possessed and felt sure you had the hundred dollars in your pocket, and knew exactly what you were going to spend it for. Something like this: 'Just one hundred and

twenty-seven (or was it twenty-five?) years ago to-day (you can change it, of course, to suit the day) a great and good man opened his eyes in this mundane sphere. As yet untroubled by the cares of life, he little knew what trouble he was to endure, what pain he was to suffer. This man was——" You see then you have him nicely introduced and nobody's nerves shocked."

"I don't know," he replied dubiously. "I think it's rather a good scheme to shock their nerves. Make 'em think something is coming. Two of the committee are Literature men, and both influential. How do you think this would strike them? 'Let Greece boast her Æschylus, let Rome flaunt her Terrence, let France praise her Molière, let England point to her Shakespeare, Germany exalt her Goethe and her Lessing, yet one name remains whose radiant brilliancy must out-lustre them all! By Jove! An inspiration. I've worked all but one of the committee in on that! That's the idea! Get them interested at the start."

"Good idea," I said approvingly. "Sail in on that tack!"

"Too bad, I can't work in Pascal, Kepler and Newton," he said ruefully, "then I'd have 'em all."

"Oh, well, six is enough to put you on the six."

"That phrase of mine, 'radiant brilliancy,' is pretty fine, I think. That 'out-lustre' will catch them, too, I believe. Looks original and like genius. I tell you it doesn't pay to be too tame in these things. You have to wake them up."

"Yes," I answered, "one, at least, of the professors will be struck. He has quite a faculty himself for inventing words."

"Oh, I know who you mean. Yes, I put it in for his benefit. But who's there?" For there was a tremendous pounding on the door. To save the door he let in the intruders who seemed to be greatly enthusiastic over the manuscript of one of them and which we saw directly was his Woodford.

"Well, Tom," we cried, "give it down! How does she go?"

"Well, I flatter myself I've got a pretty good beginning, but here goes: 'Between the two continents, England and America, rolls that vast body of water known to geographers as the Atlantic Ocean. On one side was born——'"

"Too startling," I said. "You must not throw such a statement right at the head of the committee when they are defenceless and unprepared."

"Think so?" he asked, his jaw falling.

"No doubt about it at all," returned my chum.

Well, Tom and his crowd received so little encouragement from us that they didn't tarry long. You see they didn't know chum was trying for the Woodford himself or they would have known more than to look for encouragement from us. Woodford competitors never get any cheer from their fellow competitors.

I must give him the credit of doing faithful work

on his oration. He wrote and rewrote it; repeated whole pages aloud to see that they were euphonious, and nursed and petted the thing carefully until the very last moment.

"Well, good luck to you," I said, as he started for the hill on the afternoon when he was to read.

"Never fear I've got them paralyzed over my introduction," he replied confidently.

We met again at supper.

"What did you think of the orations you heard this afternoon?" I asked.

"About as poor a lot as I ever heard. Disgrace to our class, I think. One thing I am sure of. Not more than one of the six will be taken from this afternoon's readings, unless those of to-morrow are terribly poor."

Of course, I refrained from asking him whose was the lucky one. I didn't like to put his modesty to such a strain.

In three days the names came out. Chum's was not there.

"Dear me," he said, "I don't understand it. Thought I had those fellows perfectly foul. Well, there's no use trying anything with a system again. That comes of keeping spread-eagle and rant out of your oration. Wont do it again. It's not the quiet orations that take. One thing is certain. They will have as poor a lot of Woodfords as they've ever had."

And he is trying to console himself with that. But he is very, very blue.

LETTER FROM SAGE.

Dear Era:

I'm just as mad as I can be. Talk about fellows being real mean, and too awfully horrid, why they're not half so bad as some girls I know. Yes, I mean Sage girls when I say that, too. When the girls read my last letter, some said they didn't just care any way, they believed yet that these Sage letters were written by those horrid ERA editors (please notice that I didn't say "horrid editors"—I wouldn't, it was the other girls). Others said that it was "too extenuated," (boys would say "too thin," wouldn't they? Well, Sage girls don't use slang, it's low and vulgar you know,) to think any one would believe that a Sage girl wrote them, and that talk in the last letter about the ERA editors not writing the letters was just throwing dust in the public's eye's, and any one could see through it too. Another said if any Co-ed (I don't like that word but she said it anyhow) did write them, she didn't room at Sage she was perfectly sure. It must be one of the outside girls and she knew it was that jealous, mean flirt——. It was just like her too. Any girl who used hair dye, and false teeth, and that kind of things, and winked at fellows on the train, would be just mean enough to write those letters.

There wasn't anything funny in them, and it only showed what a brainless set of fellows ran the ERA to publish them. Now, wasn't I mad! Of course she wouldn't have said any such thing if she knew I wrote the letters. It was too mean for anything and I don't care now. I *don't* use hair dye or wear false teeth, and some day I'll tell her so. Any how I can make her feel badly if I want to. I can tell how she used to write letters to a fellow in Syracuse she never saw, and how disgusted she was, after she had made love to him, to find out that he was only a city scavenger and used to hire another fellow to write his letters. I guess she'll cry too then, don't you? I feel better now since I've told you, but she'd better look out. But I must change the subject.

All the girls are glad the Junior Ball was a success, and they ain't mad now, that more of them didn't get invited. But they were awfully angry at the time. Why I know one of the girls began for a month before to put her hair up every night in papers in a new way so as to have it very nice for the ball. And when she didn't get any invitation she said she didn't want to go, and wouldn't have gone even if she had been asked. It was going to be a horrid affair and she didn't like public balls any way. There was always danger of having to associate with some stranger. Besides she didn't want to have put in the papers the kind of a dress she wore. Now that was all sour grapes, and I know it because I saw the first thing she did when the ERA came was to look to see what kind of dresses the girls wore. After she read a little while she threw the paper aside and said, "I guess I've got just as nice a dress as any of these, even if I didn't have a description of it in put in the paper." So you see I'm right. But I don't see why the boys didn't ask more of the girls to go. I'm sure whenever there's a party at Sage we girls don't ask boys from Syracuse, Auburn, Rochester and those kind of places. Besides Sage girls can dance and talk just as well as any other girls, even if they ain't so pretty. Some girls said they didn't want to go to any ball the Juniors got up. It was a horrid class any how, too awfully conceited for anything, and stuck up too. Well, I can't begin to tell all the things they said, but they were mad because there were so many of them slighted.

The girls are feeling very sorry that Professor Corson is unable to give any readings at Sage this term. They were so enjoyable last term. But the girls don't care so much for the readings as they do for the chance of doing embroidery and fancy work in the presence of the audience. The readings were good enough, you know, but they came handy, for several reasons. The girls didn't bring their work in to show any disrespect for Professor Corson. They thought he'd be so busy that he wouldn't notice that they didn't pay any attention, and we think the boys

are very horrid who say we weren't respectful toward Professor Corson. The girls took their work in to show that they were industrious. Then also to prove that they could do two things at once, which people say can't be done. Well, it can, so there! Then, again, they wanted to show that they weren't strong-minded, but could do women's work occasionally, even if it did hurt their fingers very much. They also wanted to show that they didn't spend all their time in grinding at their studies. Some of them, however, wished, I must own, to make believe they had lovers, when really they didn't. I know none of them did it simply to show off. Sage girls don't do that.

I walked down the hill behind two fellows the other day, and couldn't help hearing one of them tell the other that he had heard that those girls often played leap-frog in the halls at midnight. The other fellow said he had never heard of it, but he could easily believe it. Wasn't I mad! We don't play any such thing. We often do go out at midnight and have some fun, (of course, I can't tell you what it is), but it aint leap-frog.

Oh, by the way, there is a sort of society formed here among the Sophomore and Freshman girls called the "Presidential League of Sage," whose object is to discourage strongmindedness of every description. Banged hair is to be abolished, since two or three Freshman boys are wearing it. This society is formed to discuss just what is proper for a Sage girl to do. The question which has just been discussed is whether it is proper to hold conversation with a gentleman in the Library, even if it is against the Library rules. The decision of the matter was, I believe, that it depended entirely upon who the gentleman might be.

There is a rumor that a Sage newspaper is to be started here next term. I don't favor the plan, and am going to try to be elected an editor and then get the blues over it, and try to discourage the other editors. I think the ERA is the paper to take. It publishes my letters, you know. But I must close.

Yours,

Mystic.

P. S. It is so natural for me to put a postscript that I must put one in here.

THE SCOTT PAPERS.

I.

What, in your opinion would be the most suitable thing for '82 class memorial? asked Wilfred of Ivanhoe, of old Dominie Sampson, as they sat smoking their after-dinner pipes in the palatial apartments of the latter.

"I have'n't given the subject a thought," rejoined the Dominie. "I can't be expected to render a verdict until the evidence is in. What are the proposals?"

Ivanhoe watching the wreaths of smoke float away into dissolution from his lips, replied that some lunatic had proposed a portrait of one of the Professors or of Mr. S—ge. This last touched a sore spot in the Dominie's breast. "Great Scott!" he exclaimed. "Has'n't that man perpetrated enough iniquities with his accursed co-education while living! Must we be haunted by his image done up in oils after he is gone! Do you consider a mile of stone side walk a sufficient reason for desecrating a couple of yards of canvass for all future time?"

"Yes, yes," chimed in Ivanhoe, "but what would you suggest?" "Suggest," growled the Dominie, "why a Memorial Hall like that at Harvard or Cleopatra's needle, or the tomb of Moses or the river Euphrates. Perhaps you might import the Himalaya mountains or a London sewer or—r—r—r—r"

By this time the Dominie's countenance had assumed a shade of purple very rare in faces, and Ivanhoe, fearing apoplexy, rushed to his assistance. But the D. proudly waved him back, and, sitting bolt upright, puffed forth such clouds of smoke that the inevitable small boy in the street outside raised his voice in alarm, thinking, naturally enough, that Ithaca was to be favored with another fire. The Dominie has grown very testy with his increasing age, and he sometimes goes off into frightful paroxysms of fury without the slightest apparent reason. It was not, therefore, until several minutes had elapsed that Wilfred of Ivanhoe ventured again to approach the old man upon the subject of Senior memorials. But when, as the smoke cleared up and he saw the Dominie's face criss-crossed with smiles, he represented to him that '82 would be unable to decide this momentous question until they had learned his opinion, and that it was only necessary to air said opinion in the ERA in order to render its acceptance certain. The Dom, leaning back, said, with a leer which was meant to be very funny, "If you want my opinion, I should say that '82 had better leave behind one of its 'stiffs' for the benefit of the Anatomical Department."

And Silence reigned.

CORNELLIANA.

- Who is going to see Gerster?
- Go and see Katherine Rogers to-morrow night.
- '83 is wondering what under the sun to do next.
- Several students buried the "hatchet" out of town.
- Professor Roberts entertained his students on Tuesday.
- Will the "iron hand of the law" get elected next week.
- Five more weeks in this term including examination week.

—Why can we not see the Cornelian out early in the Spring Term?

—Everything seems to be serene, and forty Sophomores breathe easy.

—Princeton, its your turn next. We are not going to do everything.

—Cornell has two representatives in the Assembly of the State of New York.

—“The winter of our discontent” is drawing on at a frightfully quick pace.

—The Juniors handed in their orations for this term during the past week.

—Reports of the Junior Ball were given in all the prominent papers hereabouts.

—The new register will not be ready for distribution before the middle of March.

—The N. Y. *Tribune* gives us another benefit this week—on the kidnapping racket.

—Several Cornellians attended the hop at Trumansburg last Tuesday evening.

—George Holland was pronounced to be one of the boys by those capable of judging.

—Hedge on your Woodford bets. It is positively decided that — will take the prize.

—We were just about to say that the Reg—, that is to say—ahem, we will see you later.

—The social gaiety which Ithaca has indulged in for the past few weeks is gone—it is Lent.

—Prof. Tyler reports a very pleasant sojourn in Baltimore where he delivered a course of ten lectures.

—Professor Hale gave the Sophomores in Latin, an examination in Sight Translation last Monday.

—The annual banquet of the Northwestern Alumni Association is to be held this evening in Chicago.

—The ERA holds over next week until Saturday morning, to obtain a report of the Woodford competition.

—Query. Because a man is a professor in a noted university, is that any reason why he should not be a gentleman?

—An article on Thomas W. Keene, reaches us too late for publication this week. It will appear in our next issue.

—The examination in Prof. Crane's afternoon class in Junior French will be held Tuesday afternoon, March 14th.

—Senior in Italian readers “*Incapace d'ogni lavoro*” “incapable of ever having taken a bath.” Class smole a smole.

—Quite a number of students were present at the Masonic Ball at Howland Hall, Union Springs, Tuesday evening last.

—There will be no examination in 1st year

Italian this term. An examination will take place at the end of next term covering the work of this.

—The Mozart club had a rehearsal of “Pinafore” several weeks ago. When they recover from the concussion they will probably have the second rehearsal.

—The kidnapping scheme was adopted the other night by the Dartmouth Sophomores, with excellent success. Keep on boys. The faculty will soon begin to take an interest in you.

—The subjects for the next quiz in American History are, “The rights of the English Colonies under the Charters” and “The Origin and Growth of Civil Government in Virginia.”

—Gorman's Original Church Choir Co. will present *Patience*, at Wilgus Opera House, Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th. There are fifty people in the troupe, which carries its own orchestra and scenery.

—This is certainly the institution that advances new theories. Instance the late kidnapping of the Freshmen. Even conservative old Dartmouth adopted the scheme and brought it to a successful issue.

—The Freshmen mean business, and if such a thing is within the range of possibilities, will row a race with some other college crew. Already their committee are hard at work with every chance for success in their favor.

—About sixteen hundred dollars worth of electrical apparatus for the department of Physics, comprising a portion of the instruments purchased by Prof. Anthony in Europe last summer, have recently arrived from Elliott & Co., London.

—The *Syracusan* has adopted a novel plan to remind its delinquent subscribers of their duty. It publishes every week the list of those who have paid their subscriptions. The idea strikes us as a good one, and worthy of being tried here. “A word to the wise,” etc.

—We must confess that the Faculty's position in the late kidnapping affair is somewhat laughable. Justice has been evidently least thought of in their actions, and only a desire to strike an attitude for the benefit of the public is evident. However this is only another evidence that a body of scholarly men are not strikingly successful as disciplinarians.

—The famous Fiske-Jubilee Singers will appear here on Saturday, March 4th. This company have sung together for six or eight years, and have acquired a fine reputation on both sides of the Atlantic, for the wierd character of their singing. A better evening's enjoyment cannot be obtained than by attending this concert, and we look for a large audience.

—Lamkin has a new 'bus or else it is an old one subjected to the rejuvenating influence of paint and

varnish. Anyhow, it is a great improvement on what we have been seeing all the year, and is fit for the daintiest maiden Sage College can produce, to take a shopping trip in. Let the good work continue and let us see the rest of the movable woodsheds be subjected to a similar process.

PERSONALIA.

PROFESSOR CORSON is now visiting Philadelphia.

MISS WITHINGTON '81 is spending a few days at Sage College.

—C. F. ALLEN '73, at one time private secretary to President White, is now stopping in town.

—PROFESSOR FISKE starts for the West this evening. He will join President White and Mr. Sage, in Chicago.

PRES. WHITE is to be present at the annual banquet of the Alumni Association of the Northwest at Chicago this evening.

COLLEGE NEWS.

—The University of Michigan has a course of Sunday afternoon lectures.

—There were over eight hundred dancers on the floor at the Junior Promenade Concert at Yale.

—Smith College has opened an art school. The instructors of the Yale School of Arts make weekly trips thither to lecture and teach.—*Ex.*

—Prof. W. D. Whitney, of Harvard, has received from Emperor William the position in the Order of Merit, made vacant by Thomas Carlyle.—*Ex.*

—The *Exonian*, of Phillips, Exeter, modestly says: "Oscar Wilde offered to present the Harvard and Yale gymnasiums with a statue of an athlete. We need one, too."

—It is denied that the Williams students broke up a recent entertainment at Williamstown. An officer was on hand to quell a threatened disturbance, but he says the boys did not require his attention.

—The Lampoon Board propose, in view of the demand for the old back numbers of the *Lampoon*, to issue a volume of the rarest sketches now out of print. The number of copies will be limited, and the book sold only by subscription.

—A son of affluent parents may spend, at Harvard, from \$1,000 to \$1,800 without acquiring a reputation for extravagance. While at Oxford, England, a commoner has been known to spend £2,000, or even £3,000 a year without exciting comment.

—Between the hours of three and four o'clock of one day last week there were over three hundred men exercising in the Harvard gymnasium. This

Dr. Sargent, the officer in charge, says is the largest number of men that have ever exercised there at one time.

—The Regents of the University of Wisconsin have decided that in the future speakers at the commencement exercises shall be chosen by lot. The Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes have resolved to take no part in the exercises of commencement day unless the obnoxious decision is rescinded.

—Sensible as ever: President Chadbourne of the Agricultural College, so miscalled, says that no young man should go to college until he is old enough to know what he goes for, nor stay a day after he forgets his duty as a citizen, or fails to profit by the advantages afforded him. College rowdies belong at the reform school. *Herald.*

—At English universities the members of the four classes are known as Freshmen, Junior Sophisters, Senior Sophisters and Questioners. In early colonial days it was supposed that the fourth class at the American colleges scarcely more than equalled in grade the third class at English colleges, and the name of "Junior Sophister" was therefore applied to the third class, and that of "Senior Sophister" to the fourth class. It did not take long for these names to contract into "Junior" and "Senior."—*Varsity.*

—Mr. Ko Kun-hua died at his residence, 717 Cambridge street, of acute pneumonia, after an illness of two weeks. He was a native of Ningpo, and came to this country in 1879. He was appointed professor of Chinese at Harvard for three years, commencing Sept. 1, 1879. In China he belonged to a family of high rank, was a mandarin of the third grade and held several important government positions at Ningpo. He was a sub-prefect, and by imperial promotion was made prefect. Since he came to Cambridge he has had three pupils, one of whom has studied under him two years, another about a year, another about five months. He leaves a widow and six children, the oldest of whom is sixteen years of age. Nothing is known as yet as to what arrangements will be made for his funeral, but it is probable that his body will be embalmed and sent to China for interment. Prof. Ko was born in 1828, and consequently was forty four years old at the time of his death.—*Harvard Herald.*

EXCHANGES.

As the man who has followed the "star of empire" in its westward course is distinguished from his brother who has never left the refinements of eastern life to battle with the asperities of frontier existence, by a sturdy independence of manner born of his peculiar surroundings, so can we characterize the paper from western colleges. It is true that most of them seem insignificant when compared with the

Argo, *Acta* and papers of that grade. As a rule, the typographical appearance is not so pleasing, and both the arrangement of material and the matter itself lack the harmony and polish which is the result of experience. Yet the redeeming features are not few. To mention them all in one issue is, of course, impracticable, and we choose from the pile before us at random. Chance directs us to the *Notre Dame Scholastic*, one of the most strikingly individual, so to speak, of college papers,—a paper that pursues the even tenor of its way, regardless alike of the praise or criticism which it has been the fashion for "Ex-men" to freely bestow. It represents admirably the exclusive spirit of its college. Departing widely from the standard prescribed by the sage of the *Argo* and his brother critics, its columns are filled with heavy leaders on the "Spelling Reform," "Art, Music and Literature," interesting comments on foreign exchanges, scientific notes and an item which can be found in no other college publication with which we are acquainted—its famous "Roll of Honor." This has long been the target for standard jokes, when all other topics were exhausted. Yet the *Scholastic* editors follow their own policy evidently well satisfied with the effect it has on their subscription list. Speaking of its editors, we are reminded that there has long been a suspicion that they are not from the student body, but children of a larger growth. This may, perhaps, account for the heavy matter with which their paper is filled, and which, we confess, is almost a welcome relief from the airy nothingness of the more modern of our exchanges. The *Scholastic* makes no effort toward an attractive appearance, its editors possibly being unwilling to "gild refined gold," "paint the lily," or "whitewash the cabbage." We should like to give a sample of their dalliance with the muse, but fear that "Thoughts on the Feast of the Purification" would not be appreciated here.

From the *Scholastic* we turn to a paper from the Pacific slopes, whose energy and vim differs from the slow methodic ways of the *Scholastic* as a commercial tourist from a fat curate. Not that we wish to insinuate that the *Berkeleyan* is edited by members of that ubiquitous fraternity. Its well conducted departments, show a marked improvement since we last noticed it. The dime novel style has been changed for less sensational and far more entertaining matter. The local bearings of that much vexed subject, co-education, are treated in a sensible and vigorous editorial, which lays down rules for the guidance of the "co-ed" that, faithfully followed, would make of her a model of perfection. The lack of religious study is deplored in another column, and the usual fault finding is not wanting. "The Parthenians Revealed or the Co-ed's Curse"—a tale of terror in four chapters, "The Old English Ballads," and "Olla Podrida" fill the literary department satisfactorily, while the exchange column

is unusually bright. The local column is not in keeping with the other departments and should be remodelled both as to matter and arrangement. The "personals" are decidedly too personal and smack strongly of the county paper. Aside from this the paper is well managed.

The *Occident*, an "anti-fraternity paper published every Thursday at the University of California," is inferior both in size and character of contents, save in one respect—its locals, to the *Berkeleyan*. Its more frequent issue should, however, be considered, and its defects are those which time will cure.

The *Illini*, when we donned the editorial robe, was considered the *Niagara Index* of the West. The exchange editor was pictured as a man who carried two revolvers and a bowie knife and who could kill his man and write an obituary with equal unction. The reputation was unjust. He is a mild individual who fills up the back pages of a weakly semi-monthly that has adopted the "reformed spelling," with caustic criticisms of papers better than his own, and some really good items of interest to the college world. His department is, however, the redeeming feature of the *Illini* before us.

The *North Western*, published by the students of the North Western University, Evanston, Illinois, is very attractive in its new cover. An editorial supports the efforts of the *Chronicle* to bind more closely together the colleges of the West. It truthfully remarks that "its columns vindicate Western colleges against the snobbery of our Eastern exchanges that have nothing but their good clothes to brag of." This is especially good of the *North Western* who wears as good clothes as any of us, even though its proof reader is occasionally derelict. The literary department contains a well-written sketch of Dr. Johnson, and some excellent advice concerning a college course. A dissertation on behaviour would not we should judge be especially inapplicable to the students of the North Western University, as three columns of brevier, under the head of communications, are devoted to a discussion of their rude conduct. The *North Western* has no poet of its own and to fill the lack copies the following touching ballad:

I stood on the porch at evening,
When the sun went silently down,
And the June bug bight in the starry night
Flew merrily through the town.
O, the half-wed hours of that evening!
O, the cruel caprice of fate!
Her father unkind, came up from behind,
And fired me over the gate. — *Bates Student.*

BOOK NOTICES.

FACTS AND FICTIONS OF ZOOLOGY. By ANDREW WILSON, Ph.D. 22 Illustrations. J. Fitzgerald & Co., Publishers, 143 4th Ave., New York. Price 15 cents.

This captivating work forms No. 29 of the *Humboldt Library of Popular Science*. The book is full of the most curious and out-of-the-way information about what may be termed the mythological element in zoology—such fables as that of the "sea-serpent," the "barnacle goose," &c., and shows what foundation in fact underlies these odd beliefs of our forefathers. The author is one of foremost naturalists of England, and possesses in an eminent degree the faculty of popularizing science. For sale by Finch & Apgar.

AMUSEMENTS.

SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 25TH.—GRAND DOUBLE BILL—GALATEA AND LEAH.—It is doubtful if any audience that ever assembled in the Academy of Music in its palmiest days had greater cause to congratulate themselves upon having received their money's worth, than did that of last evening. The occasion was the reappearance of Katherine Rogers, and the bill was a double one including Gilbert's famous play of Galatea and Leah, the Jewish Maiden, Miss Rogers assuming the title role in both.

Galatea is a gem in itself, and it would be impossible to produce in a manner which would carry out the author's ideal more faithfully than was done last night. Miss Rogers' Galatea is perfect in conception, and nature has endowed her so richly that no sculptor's brain could create a more perfect image of female perfection and loveliness. It is not to be wondered at that the gods granted the artist's dream and endowed her with life, but the surprise is rather that Pygmalion was not willing to accept blindness even as a price for her love. Mr. Murray as Pygmalion was good, and Leucippe by Mr. Tannehill not less so, while Herbert Jones as Chyros convulsed the audience with laughter. Miss Nellie Moretti as Cynisey was very pleasing to the audience, and Miss Mattie Ferguson was a charming Myrine.

Miss Rogers in her transformation into Leah, was changed from a perfect blond to a brunette. In this play she was not less successful than in the first, and held the audience spellbound to the ringing down of the curtain on the last act, which was not until nearly midnight. She was grand in the "curse scene," and at its close, as once or twice during the first play of the evening, she was enthusiastically called before the curtain.

Miss Rogers is undoubtedly one of the most talented emotional actresses now living and deserves such overflowing houses as are accorded to Maggie Mitchell, Lawrence Barrett, and that class of artists, with whom she must fairly be classed.—*Omana Daily Bee*.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—The divine Oscar's name, as entered in the Ox-

ford calendar, is "Oscar Fingall O'Flahertie Willis Wilde." Almost as good a disguise as Patrique O'Reillée.—*Harvard Herald*.

—Lives of æsthetes all remind us
We can make our lives absurd,
And that ostrich feathers never
Turned a jackass to a bird.—*Ex.*

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PROFESSOR TYLER purposes making quite a radical change in his methods in teaching American History. To substitute recitations for lectures and also to put them in the afternoon is such a great innovation that we doubt very much the success of his plan. Still the attractiveness of the subject and his manner in presenting it may be sufficient to overcome whatever disadvantages there may be in the new method. Certainly a subject is impressed much more on one's mind by a recitation than by most lectures. When one does a great deal of the work himself he is likely to receive more benefit from it than if he remained a mere passive receptacle. But there are other considerations which, it appears to us should have some weight.

THE recent celebration of the Fifth Annual Reunion of the Alumni of the Northwest reminds us of a subject to which we have before adverted—a Buffalo Association. When one calls to mind the large number of graduates living in Buffalo and in its neighborhood, it becomes a great wonder that no successful steps have been taken in the direction of a permanent organization. Buffalo is a city which has furnished many men to the University, and they have generally been of such a character that more of the same kind would be appreciated. For arousing interest in any one college undoubtedly the annual reunions of alumni are very powerful. There are

Cornell men, if we mistake not, on the *Express*, the *Commercial* and the *Courier*. Cannot they exert themselves in the organization of an association?

NOW that Freshman banquets have become so well-established a fact that any future attempts at preventing them would be childish, let us hope that the precedent established by '83 in instituting a Sophomore excursion down the lake and a Junior Ball to supplant the old Navy Ball will grow into a custom and be adopted by succeeding classes. We are heartily in favor of varying the monotony of class suppers and think something additional would be very desirable. The plan of holding Freshman suppers, Sophomore excursions, to which upper classmen are invited, and Junior balls, open to any one, seems to commend itself to every person who has given the subject a thought. It would not be necessary to dispense with class suppers. After the Freshman year, they might be held in addition to the other class demonstrations, but would cease to be so important a feature of class history as formerly.

THE Freshmen must not allow their enthusiasm to cool. If they wish a crew which shall be a credit to their class and the University they must know that such a crew is made only by thorough practice and regular, faithful work. It is not certain that we shall have a race, but the probability is in that direction. And if one is arranged we must not be caught sleeping. We must have on hand at least twelve good men, and to make this possible a larger number should work in the Gym. than are working there now. The number should be doubled. The Freshman must begin to realize the responsibility that rests on them in reviving boating. They must make the necessary preparations.

Even if it is found that a race cannot be arranged, the men who have given more time to gymnasium practice than they otherwise would have done will find that they have lost nothing by it. If not this year certainly some time in their course they and their class will reap honor from their improved physical condition.

FIFTH ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE
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The banquet was a choice and elegant affair, with a very artistic menu, and devoid of display save of several exquisite bouquets.

The post-prandial affair was a brilliant success. Henry Tift, '74, presided, and in a few appropriate remarks introduced the principal speaker of the evening, President White, who was very enthusiastically received. His remarks were substantially as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Dear Old Friends:

I have more than once said in your hearing that the one compensation for the work, the worry, the vexation, the cares, of a professor's career, is the meeting with his old student. The kindness of the graduates of Cornell University has enforced this truth upon me often; but never have I felt it more deeply than to-night. For all these evidences of good feeling to the University and myself, permit me to return to you not only my own personal thanks but those of my colleagues and associates of the University.

But with these thanks let me also tender congratulations not less sincere. As I look about me to-night in this hall, I see what I have seen in various other parts of the country—the abundant evidence of the success of the sons of Cornell.

It is an open secret that the great majority of you are not drawn from the class in this country which may rely on inherited wealth or the protection of relatives wealthy and powerful. There are, indeed, among you the sons of wealthy dwellers in cities, but the great majority of you have been drawn from the sturdy, vigorous class which knows the value of time and money—which has the courage, the self-sacrifice, the ambition of the man who knows he is to be the architect of his own fortune.

These characteristics give tone to the undergraduate work in our University, and are the main cause of the striking success of our graduates, upon which I now congratulate you.

I have always been especially thankful for this, and I am more so than ever, now that I see how vigorously you are hewing your paths through the world. I speak not at all in a boasting way, but the words of truth and soberness, when I say that, in successful devotion to the varied avocations of busy life, the sons of Cornell are represented in numbers far out of proportion to the numerical strength of the alumni of so young an institution. I do not, indeed, hear much of you as loungers about clubs. No one among you, so far as I know, is renowned for his profundity in discussing at dinner parties the mysterious difference between rival vintages. No one of you, so far as I have heard,

can enchant aesthetic maidens by his citations from Oscar Wilde, or hold enraptured drawing-rooms by eloquence over blue and white crockery. No one of you, I believe, is likely to go down to posterity for skill in drawing distinctions between operative tweedledum and tweedledee. And it is perhaps for this reason that some of the gifted creatures who hold high discourse on these great themes have expressed doubt whether what they call "art and culture" are sufficiently appreciated at Cornell. But as I look over the Ten-year Book, and the letters which come to me from our graduates, I am more than consoled. I see you pressing on in every manly career, winning success in the bar, in the pulpit, in the press, in the legislature, as professors in universities, colleges, normal schools, and high schools, as valiant members of exploring expeditions, as men devoted to scientific research, as civil and mechanical engineers, as sterling men of business. And while the race of club-loungers, the namby-pamby men, the sham-cynical men, wonder at the perversity of the world, you as a body are, I fully believe, making the world better for your living in it.

This, it seems to me, is worth striving for. And let me say once more, as I have formerly said in your hearing, that I would rather be instrumental in sending out to the world one sound-hearted, strong-headed, able-bodied young man to battle for good in any of the various struggles now going on in the country than to graduate a whole legion of fops—of beings born simply to consume the fruits of the earth, no matter how elegantly.

If it be said that this does not encourage culture, my answer is, "Then perish culture!" But I do not acknowledge the justice of the argument. The only culture which is not debasing must come with earnestness and manliness. Any other is a delusion and a snare; it is too often the mere brightness which accompanies rottenness.

But you have doubtless a question to ask me—"How do you find the University? What is the outlook?" Well, my friends, I recognize your right to ask the question, and to have a full and exact answer. I will give it. My examination of University affairs since my return here has been thorough, and I am glad to say to you that its condition is sound throughout, without exception, and never so encouraging as now. Never has there been so good work done; never has there been such a certainty of a rapid realization of our greatest anticipations for your alma mater.

First, as to the endowment. It is increasing beyond even the most sanguine anticipations of Mr. Cornell, and it is to place the institution, within five years, in this respect close beside the oldest and most favored institutions of the land. Apart from the original endowment, the University, since it received its charter in 1865, has received in cash gifts from individuals over two million dollars; and, judging

from the spirit constantly shown by her friends, this stream of munificence has by no means run its course. Our net income last year applicable to the ordinary purposes of the University was \$149,000, and it has been made to go as far, and used as carefully as possible. The State of New York, as you are aware, pursued the wise policy of not scattering her university endowment fund among some twenty or thirty small denominational colleges. She has in this respect set an example that you, I trust, as citizens of these great commonwealths of the West, will study, of concentrating resources for advanced education in a single, thoroughly equipped university. The result is that citizens of public spirit and of wealth, seeing that an institution worthy of the State is likely to be created, have poured in their treasures upon us. Among these are the gifts of such benefactors as Mr. Cornell, Mr. Sage, Mr. McGraw, Mr. Sibley, Goldwin Smith, Edward B. Morgan, and others; and I have now to announce for the first time to an assemblage of graduates perhaps the most remarkable and the most encouraging gift of all. As you at various times have climbed the hill of knowledge at Cornell, your steps have been lightened by the music of the chimes in the University tower. The hand that placed those bells in that tower has now lost its kindly cunning; but before the coldness of death had come upon it, it had penned a gift to Cornell which is one of the most remarkable in the history of American education.

Our beloved friend, Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fiske, at her death last October, left the institution a sum which can be but little less than a million of dollars. The goodness of her heart was shown first in a bequest of \$45,000 for a cottage hospital, for the use of any students who may fall seriously ill during their stay in college. Her wish was to have a pleasant and healthful retreat in any such case. I need hardly say that we shall regard it as a sacred duty to carry out this wish of hers most carefully. In addition to this, she gave to the University \$50,000, of which the income is to be forever applied to the maintenance and care of the noble building which had been erected for us by her father. The residue of her estate she gave entirely for the maintenance of the University Library, and when you consider the fact that our Library already ranks as the third in size and importance among the university libraries of this country, and that this gift will give it a fund of nearly, if not quite, a million of dollars, you will easily see the position that it will easily take within a few years.

In addition to this, I may say that the same benefactor has left her collections of sculpture and paintings, brought together through so many years of careful selection in various parts of Europe, as a nucleus for a gallery of art.

But this by no means ends my list. Another of

our benefactors, Henry W. Sage, who has already given us over \$300,000, has just completed our Botanical Department by the erection of greenhouses, etc., at a cost of \$15,000, besides special gifts of \$2,000 more. The Hon. Hiram Sibley, whose gifts nearly amount to \$100,000, for the Department of Mechanical Engineering, is now making additions to this department at a cost of several thousand dollars, and another benefactor of the University, whose name I am not allowed at present to make public, has, within a few days past, authorized me to expend for him \$10,000 for the Departments of Civil Engineering and Architecture. Still another gift has been pledged to us on certain conditions, which I think will be easily fulfilled, of \$8,000 for certain special purposes. You see, then, that the tide of appreciation still flows on, in spite of the fact that every little denominational college which did not manage to receive a portion of the public fund joins in the chorus against us.

Nor have the University authorities been wanting in energy. They have already begun the erection of a Physical and Chemical Laboratory of stone, which will be not merely an ornament to our grounds, but in every way a most valuable addition to the means of scientific research and instruction in the United States. If there is a laboratory of the kind in this country better constructed or more thoroughly equipped, I have failed, after a most diligent search, to find it. On this latter point of equipment, I may say that, in addition to the large amount of apparatus already in possession of the department, the trustees have purchased in Europe, within the last year, new apparatus, instruments and models for the Departments of Physics and Civil Engineering, to the amount of \$25,000. In order to select it, three of our professors passed the last summer in England, France and Germany.

As regards the Faculty, I am happy to say that the increase in our means has now enabled us to strengthen various departments. This leads me to speak of the carrying out of a wish of my own, which I have expressed in various parts of the country, and which I have advocated in every report presented to our Board of Trustees from our first meeting until now, and that is, the creation of a department of history, social and political science. That department is now established, and in the Register of the University shortly to be issued, you will find the plan of its working, and I believe that you will see in it the harbinger of a noble future. I hope that it is to be one of several such departments connected with the larger universities of the country, from which young men will go forth prepared to discuss in the press, in legislative bodies and public meetings those great problems of public economy, administration and finance which are at the same time among the most worthy objects of human thought, and the most efficient means of human progress. The

Trustees propose that this department shall be fully manned and equipped in every respect.

An excellent thing has also been done in another field. The University, without waiting for the State of New York, has established an agricultural experimental station after the model of the most effective establishment of the kind in Europe, and has added to the other men already working in it a skillful chemist, whose only work is to make careful analyses. This, too, in its way, cannot fail to be of use to the State and to the country.

As to other matters in the immediate future, I may mention simply one, viz., that we have now under consideration the establishment of a department of mining engineering, for which our new laboratory will give us some special facilities, and which shall fitly prepare men to aid in developing the great mining industries of this country.

You see, then, my old friends and associates, that we are by means unmindful of our duties at Cornell.

Now a word on another subject. Some time since I had the pleasure of reading the speech of the President of one of our greatest New England universities before the Chicago Alumni of that institution. It was a joy to read his speech on two accounts—first, because it assured us of the prosperity of an honored sister university; secondly, because there is no spectacle in our country more familiar and, at the same time, more pleasing than that of a citizen of Eastern Massachusetts rapt in contemplation of the ineffable perfections of anything and everything within a radius of ten miles from Boston.

My honored friend, after expatiating to his audience upon the unapproachable perfections of their alma mater, exhorted them to send students from the West to its fostering arms. The advice was good. I hope that they will follow it. I give you now similar, but not the same advice. While I exhort you to send young men to Cornell, let me say to you that the men we ask you to send are the energetic, hard-working, ambitious young men—the men who have some purpose in the world—the men who have an ambition to build themselves up, that they may aid in building up the country. Whether such be rich or poor, they will be heartily welcome. But I beg of you, do not encourage young men of any other sort to come to us. Neither my colleagues nor myself have any ambition to waste labor in training up young men without energy or purpose, or to increase the number of elegant idlers and club-loungers in the world. Our ambition is, as it has been, to increase the number of those who, by manly service in every branch of thought and industry, shall at the same time build up themselves, the University and the country.

Permit me now, in conclusion, to refer to a matter

personal to you as well as to me. Some of you were doubtless present at the last meeting of the Alumni, who passed resolutions urging me to return from Europe and to resume my University duties. While thanking you for this manifestation of your confidence, I may say that I had already decided to do this before your resolutions reached me, and agreeable as was my official life abroad, nothing was so great a joy as arriving once more among my students, and getting again into the old harness.

You will ask, then, why have you left the institution at all? Why, at three different times, have you accepted positions in the United States' service abroad? I will answer by a story told by Thurlow Weed of Horace Greeley.

Mr. Greeley, as you may already know, was a phenomenally bad sailor; in fact, the sea-sickest man of whom history has preserved authentic record. During one of his last voyages he had managed to crawl upon deck toward the end of the voyage, when a lurch of the ship brought down upon him a burly Englishman, who planted his heel with all his might upon Mr. Greeley's toes. As the philosopher-editor writhed in pain, the Englishman endeavored to apologize, when Greeley gasped out, "Don't mention it; a change of sensations is often agreeable."

So, my friends, I say to you to-night that my only answer shall be that I wanted a slight change of sensation. An eminent college president once said that he was "tired, of being nibbled to death by ducks." Now, while I had no feeling of that kind, I must say that my terms of service abroad, whether in the San Domingo Expedition, the Paris Exposition, or the Berlin Mission, were a pleasing and, I trust, a useful change of sensation. I believe that I am a better teacher of youth to-day for the knowledge of public men and measures thus obtained.

But not to weary your patience longer, allow me to thank you. Let me urge you to go on as you have begun in the true Cornell spirit of energetic manliness. Do not forget your Alma mater. Visit her often. We shall all be glad to welcome every one of you to the old home, and I trust that every visit will give you more pride in her and more zeal in every good effort. Some may have formed the impression from newspaper accounts of several recent incidents that the Sophomores have become a very ferocious set of fellows. I assure you the Sophomores are no worse than they used to be. We have always relied on the students' honor to conduct themselves as gentlemen and to be treated as other citizens. I have always said that none of the Faculty shall act as policemen over students and have found the results to be most satisfactory. Again let me ask you to visit as often as you can the old college and revive the happy recollections of your days spent there.

After the conclusion of the Presidential Address, the sentiments of the evening occurred. Mr. D. F. Flannery was the toast master.

Toast—"Fair Ithaca."

"With her chaplets and ambrosial flowers."

Responded to by Alfred Millard.

Three toasts were omitted, owing to the absence of the gentlemen who were to have responded, viz., Messrs. T. W. Spence, to "Alma Mater"; J. N. Tilton, to "Our Alumni"; and Chas. E. Nixon, to "The Army and Navy."

Toast—"The Campus."

"There shall ye practice tilts and tournaments."

Responded to by Mr. P. H. Perkins, whose remarks were rich in reminiscence and elicited great applause.

Toast—"Our Fair companions."

They will outstrip all praise,

And make it halt behind them.

Responded to by Mr. H. B. Seeley.

Mr. C. S. Harmon was the Historian of the evening, and took his auditors

"Through the dreary gloom of time o'erpast."

The exercises were interspersed with college songs, which rang out in harmony with the occasion.

The election of officers followed the close of the exercises, and resulted as follows:

President—D. F. Flannery, '76.

Vice-President—Chas. E. Nixon, '79.

Secretary—A. W. Bulkley, '75.

Treasurer—George D. Bills, '74.

This pleasant duty performed, the happy gathering adjourned *sine die*.

THE ÆSTHETES.

III.

As soon as quiet settled over the next meeting of the Æsthetes, the chairman called upon Mrs. Sibley Bill to render an account of the wealth lavished upon her at the last meeting for purposes of decorative art. That blushing siren rose, and instead of producing the expected bundle of bric a brac tremblingly made a confession. It seems that having gone down town for the express purpose of purchasing the "rid caliker" she had been beguiled by an idyl in limburger cheese and somehow the fragrant edible exchanged places with the money in Mrs. Bill's pocket. She was, however, willing to take in washing and replace the funds so recklessly squandered. Strong signs of disappointment showed themselves during the recital of this harrowing tale, but the little group was somewhat appeased by Mrs. Bill's promise and the reflection that the society

would have more time to deliberate upon the best way of laying out so much money.

After a moment's silence Uncle Josh rose and remarked that the mission of the Æsthetes demanded of them more euphonious names than those traced in their family Bibles and he therefore moved that names of distinguished persons be adopted by the club. After some discussion it was agreed that Bill should thereafter figure as Alfred Tennyson; that Aunt Josh should rejoice in the name of Lydia Maria Child; that Mrs. Bill should be designated as Sappho, and Uncle Josh be known as Appollo Belvidere whom the Æsthetes blandly imagined to have been a sculptor of considerable reputation.

At this point a young and intellectual walking skeleton with a protracted nose drew himself up and seemed desirous of rolling something off his mind. When urged to make his wants public he remarked that he had received a poem from Whit Waltman which he would read if the company desired. "By all odds," said Alfred Tennyson, "let us hiv the pome." The young man of skeletal proclivities gasped and read:

I, Whit Waltman, whoop it up about Oscar Wilde.
Now see here, Oscar Wilde, you sing trash of the
blankest-blank kind, and I know it.

I sing the delightful odor of he-goats and farm-yards.
I, the apostle of the real and the sensual, lie on the
grass and kick up;

I loaf and I flop.

Your poetry is even thinner than mine.

Yawp!

"Is there any more of that stuff?" interrupted the Appollo Belvidere. "Well, I should smirk," responded the one addressed. "There are eleven sheets of manilla paper." "Then," said the A. B., "I'm going home." The youth subsided. The poem was left unfinished, and Appollo finally induced to remain. Some one noticed that the poet of the evening was absent. Lydia Maria Child suggested that he might have been indulging too freely in stewed lily. "Stewed cabbage," grunted Appollo; but as this discussion bid fair to degenerate into a cabbage versus onions contest and the "biler" was emitting terrific volumes of gas, it was deemed best to adjourn early and keep the expected literary treasures until the next meeting.

—A correspondent published a letter in the *Trinity Tablet* lately, giving the startling information that services were about to be held in Sage Chapel at Cornell University on Friday afternoons by eminent divines chosen from the various denominations. Partly right, our friend, but our chapel exercises are held on Sundays only. It can't be that you have reference to our Faculty's meetings, can it?

THOS. W. KEENE.

Whenever extraordinary claims to excellence in the delineation of Shakespeare's characters are advanced, it becomes the duty not only of the dramatic critic but of every lover of the legitimate English Drama—that is Shakespeare—to examine the grounds upon which such claims rest.

Mr. Keene came to us endorsed by many and varied praises from the Public Press. He received here a large audience. The people who assembled to hear him in one of Shakespeare's best acting characters and by himself considered his best playing part, naturally expected much from him. That they were disappointed is not to be wondered at; for what tragedian of colored lithographs and fame on paper ever did fully satisfy those who heard him? But that Mr. Keene left behind him a feeling of dissatisfaction is rather surprising when we take into consideration the high place which he holds in the estimation of western audiences. The reason for this dissatisfaction lies in the fact that Mr. Keene is not a great actor. And anyone who attempts, in these days, Shakespearean characters without being a truly great actor is most sure to fail. The general run of audiences will not find pleasure in listening to even a fair representation of one of the Great Dramatist's plays. They want something out of the ordinary line to lift them into anything like enthusiasm; otherwise they are best content with melodrama or light comedy. The day when any good, mediocre actor could speak the lines of some one of Shakespeare's characters and receive unstinted praise because he was delineating or attempting to delineate *Shakespeare*, is past. At present people would rather read his great masterpieces in the quiet of their own homes, than to see them imperfectly put upon a stage totally inadequate to represent them, and handled by actors who are at best mere copyists of greater delineators without the genius belonging thereto. To attempt to delineate Shakespeare without great histrionic genius is to caricature dramatic art. We have said before that Mr. Keene is not a great artist. But that he is a good actor is not to be gainsaid. Many times during the performance given the other evening, he proved the latter statement beyond doubt. In the so called "Tent-scene" he aroused the audience from the lethargy into which they had sunk and called forth much well deserved applause. For the first time during the entire evening he really gained a hold upon his audience and brought them into a state bordering upon enthusiasm. But a mere transient passage from the dead level of conventional representation to a higher plane of intelligent conception and then a relapse to the old order of things is, to say the least, unartistic. It gives to the spectator occasional glimpses into the possibilities which exist in the character before him, without bringing it to his mind as an organic whole.

Mr. Keene remarked that the audience appeared very "cold." We agree with Mr. Keene that the audience was "cold." But we do not think the blame rests entirely with the audience. We do not doubt the fact that there are times when audiences seem unmoved by even good acting and refuse to applaud meritorious action, but it has never come to our knowledge that a truly great piece of acting ever passed by unnoticed.

Mr. Keene must look within himself for the cause of what he has chosen to term coldness in his Ithaca audience. He must realize the fact that an actor must *command* applause from the power which resides within himself and not depend upon the natural sympathy of the audience towards him. An audience is almost invariably in sympathy with the players before them. To be above sympathy and to *win* recognition by high order of merit is the province of a great actor.

We have seen what seems to us a ridiculously absurd comparison between Edwin Booth and Mr. Keene. Nothing could be more untrue. The one is an individual and withal a great actor; the other is a type and a good player. Mr. Booth commands our attention as an artist of great prestige who has withstood constant criticism for many years and is yet a great favorite with the public, and probably, with all his faults, is the greatest actor America has ever produced, speaking in a purely artistic sense. What then is Mr. Keene that he should be held up as the coequal of Edwin Booth? Rough, young, inexperienced and, as yet, not an artist, he is a diamond uncut and with great possibilities as to future value if you like, but not for a moment a second Booth, no more than "Hyperion to a satyr." We do not wish to appear unjust to Mr. Keene or belittle his merits as an actor. Were we to see him in melodrama or in anything save Shakespearian parts, we think he would fully satisfy us. He is really a good, nay, a fine actor if you like, but beyond that he, as yet, fails to be more. One word in conclusion concerning the acting edition of *Richard III.* which he uses. Everybody fully knows that a person called Colley Cibber being suddenly attacked with a desire to benefit humanity and at the same time show what a consummate idiot he was, undertook to reform Shakespeare's play of *Richard III.* into a tragedy fit for representation upon the stage. The way this literary dudeng went about his "version" was to transport a scene or two from *King Henry VI.*, which contained the *catastrophe* of that play, and place it at the *opening* of *Richard III.*, which he called his "version." Colley Cibber improve Shakespears's dramas! "Set a tinker at work, rather, to improve Niagara."

—A new dictionary of synonyms is needed in the Library. The date of the present edition is 1818. The book is not at all complete.

THE WOODFORD CONTEST.

Those who delayed making their appearance in Library Hall last evening, until half an hour before the time appointed for the beginning of the contest, made a sad mistake if they expected to find seats. As usual the "irrepressible citizens" were the early birds, and the students fared poorly.

To say that there was great expectation, greater than there had been for several years, is, to say what is universally admitted. The unusual excellence of the competitors, and the difficulty of deciding upon the superiority of any one rendered this year's contest extremely exciting.

The audience was in great good humor, patiently waited for the hour of eight, and applauded the entrance of every popular member of the Faculty.

As President White had not returned from the West, Professor Shackford presided, acting in his official capacity, as Chairman of the Woodford Committee.

MISS VAN PELT, Trumansburg, N. Y.,—The Conservation of Human Effort. The speaker began in a clear but rather hurried tone. Her manner was impressive but marred by too great emphasis on particles and unimportant words. Her manner was artificial, not earnest, in its character. There was too great preciseness in her pronunciation. She had many admirers and her effort was received with enthusiasm.

HOWARD M. STREETER, Tunkhannock, Pa.,—Tolerance as the "Perfect Flower of an Advanced Civilization." The speaker had a manner marked for its earnestness, but rather harsh and grating. His intonation, at times, was rather monotonous. There was a lack of that power to command the sympathies of the audience which an orator should strive to gain. His manner was more declamatory than oratorical.

FRANK R. LUCKEY, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,—Antigone and Cordelia as Tragic Heroines. The speaker opened in a quick, simple tone which indicated reserve power. His manner was graceful, his gestures appropriate. As he proceeded his voice grew fuller and his manner more oratorical, until he at one time reached the climax of oratory.

I. P. SMITH, Ithaca, N. Y.,—Conservation of Human Effort, began impressively, but too soon left his quiet impressive manner and adopted one that was artificial. He, too, displayed a tendency to cling too much to unimportant words. His inflections were not always the most happy, but his energetic manner somewhat relieved this defect.

CHARLES P. BACON, Hartford, Conn., Samuel Adams and the Political Life of his Time. The speaker began deliberately, enunciating clearly and rather too precisely for smoothness. But as he proceeded the interest of his theme and his earnestness of manner quite took the audience. There was at times

too much deliberateness, a fault which tended to weariness. But at times, too, he reached real eloquence. He seemed to hold the audience as no previous speaker had done.

ROLLIN C. HERR, Wellington, Ohio, Tolerance as the Perfect Flower of an Advanced Civilization. His enunciation was clear and full. His inflection as a rule was correct. But he seemed to have more difficulty in securing the attention of the audience than his predecessor. This, of course, was due, in a great part, to the abstruseness of his topic as compared with the preceding subject. His manner was rather declamatory, but had the great merit of true earnestness; but, at times, this earnestness would cause too great a rapidity of utterance.

The judges, Professors Tyler, Hale, White, Corson, Oliver, Crane and Hewett retired, and after an absence of nearly an hour, returned with the announcement that the prize was equally divided between Mr. Bacon and Mr. Luckey.

The floral gifts were numerous and elegant even surpassing those of several preceding years. It seems to be the unanimous verdict that the orations of the evening were more uniformly excellent than any since Seventy-nine delivered her Woodford's, and this opinion is borne out by the division of the prize—an unprecedented manner of disposing of it.

CORNELLIANA.

- One more ERA this term.
- Th nw Rgstr wll ppr ths trm.
- Thē Juniors as usual, ushered.
- The spring is upon us, has the— but we refrain.
- Plenty of amusements about this time. Well, laugh and grow fat, etc.
- A Freshman says he "can't beer to think of this no-license question."
- "The-iron-hand-of-the-law" got elected, he did. Beware, beware, beware!!!!
- Ithaca people voted last Tuesday to try the experiment of no-license for one year, and then judge on its results.
- The new method of instruction in the Freshman French department is meeting with the hearty approval that it deserves.
- We desire to remark that the statement in our last issue to the effect that there were five weeks more in this term, is not true.
- We are indebted to the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* for our report of President White's address before the Northwestern Alumni Banquet.
- "Theodore's" license expires on Monday night. Will the birds of a feather flock? "Set 'em up," Zinck on election any how.

—Notice is hereby given that the ERA has a copy-right on the "revival of learning" joke (?) and all trespassers will be dealt with to the full extent of the law.

—The Junior Class held a meeting one day last week, at which a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to make up the deficiency in the Ball expenses.

—The contracts for the new physical and chemical building have been recently awarded, Campbell & Richardson getting the mason work and John Abbott the wood work.

—Quite a number of Freshmen are working regularly in the Gymnasium, for positions on the crew. From the quality of the men working we dare to predict a very fine crew.

—During last week Professor Corson delivered a course of six lectures before the "Century Club" of Philadelphia, three on the Poetry of Robert Browning and three on Shakespeare's verse.

—A meeting of the chess and whist club will be held on Monday night at 7:30 P. M. The object of the meeting is to decide whether the club shall be disbanded or not. A large attendance is called for.

—Marked increase in attendance in Special Lit. lately. Strange how many people do like to hear their names called off. Some fellows even will go way up on the hill just for that. Strange, very strange.

—The Yale crew is out on the water. If the present boom in warm weather continues, we hope to see the Freshman out practicing in boats. The sooner they can get out the better. Till then let all the candidates work long and hard in the gym.

—Won't some one please write us a communication on something or other? A glance at last year's ERA shows that its friends didn't neglect them in this respect. We don't know whether the neglect of our friends in this matter is complimentary or not.

—Now is the time to form that bicycle club. The weather will soon be settled and the roads in good condition for runs. Now is the time to decide what machine you will buy. Just remember that the Cunningham Company can sell you the best machine for use in this region and kind of country.

—For one year now, Ithaca must patronize Buttermilk creek, or go dry; for one year, there will be no occasion for any of our play-going public to go out and see a man; for one year, the clove market will be very light; for one year, no one in Ithaca will "smile"; all of which means, we are no-license for one year.

—Charlotte Thompson will appear at Wilgus Opera House next Friday evening, March 10th, in The New Jane Eyre. The Thompson company carry their own scenery and are first-class in every

respect. This entertainment will be given for the benefit of Torrent Hose Co., No. 5, and the proceeds will be used for furnishing their club room.

—Speaking of the late trouble here the *Nassau Lit.* says, "Four of the ill-treated Freshmen are so indignant that they have instituted law suits against their persecutors." The same number also states that "Prof. Russell, of Cornell, has been requested to resign on account of his loose religious views." This paper is a little too severely literary to get stories right.

—The Gorman Church Choir Company which sang Patience last Thursday night was an unusually good one. Their choruses were all sung with a dash, and brilliancy which completely captured the house. Their soloists were of unusual merit and sang in a style that showed a thorough appreciation of the work. The whole performance was very smooth and displayed thorough work in preparation. We hope they will come again, and are confident that if they do return, a full house will greet them.

—Messrs. Fiske & Hatch, Bankers and Brokers of New York, have sent a copy of their annual hand book, containing all sorts of information in reference to banks, stocks, government bonds, etc., to Dr. Potter. The doctor showed the book to his classes in Political Economy and the result has been a lively demand for them. The book is really valuable for its statistics and general information. Any one desiring to buy a copy can do so by notifying Dr. Potter to that effect.

—We desire to call attention to a copy of the *North American Review* containing President White's article on the Civil Service, also a copy of the *Civil Service Record*, a paper published in New York in the interest of the Civil Service Reform, and also a copy of Senator Pendleton's speech in the U. S. Senate on the same subject, all of which have been sent to the ERA for the Students' Assembly Room. They have been sent by a firm friend of the students, and a more profitable hour cannot be spent than in reading these publications. We must ask the students not to remove them, but to let all have a chance at them. The question of Civil Service Reform is the most prominent one before the country, and students cannot do better than to be acquainted with all sides of it.

PERSONALIA.

F. L. LOVELACE, '80, is making a short sojourn in town.

FRED W. SMITH, '80, made Ithaca a short visit this week.

LAPHAM, '84, has been called home on account of illness.

GOODALE, '85, was suddenly called home last Friday by the illness of his father.

ROBERT FINCH, formerly '79, has gone to Watertown, Dakota, to engage in business.

H. H. WING, '81, stopped over in town Wednesday on his way to Geneva, where he is to fill a position on the experimental farm.

The following were among those present at the Alumni Banquet in Chicago last Friday evening: Ex-Minister Andrew D. White, President of the College; James O'Neil, Jr., '71; Geo. H. Crosby, '71; M. G. Stolp, '72; R. M. Skinner, '72; S. N. Williams, '72; Will Brown, '73; A. G. Jukes, '73; Henry Tift, '74; Geo. D. Bills, '74; F. P. Wheeler, '74; Homer Bingham, '74; J. H. Brayton, '74; Fred D. Ford, '74; C. C. Aduit, '75; A. W. Bulkley, '75; C. S. Harmon, '75; A. F. Shaw, '75; P. H. Perkins, '75; D. F. Flannery, '76; F. O. Young, '76; Geo. A. Gibbs, '76; H. B. Seeley, '76; H. Hackney, '76; Wm. F. Gurley, '77; Fred Mann, '77; Daniel Martin, '78; Phil Barnard, '78; C. W. Hinkley, '79; Alred Millard, '79; C. E. Manierre, '80; W. H. Fox, '80; H. W. Snyder, '80; E. S. Adams, '80; W. N. Rudd, '80; Volney Elstun, '81; F. C. Tyson, '81; C. N. Lukes, '82; H. H. Bulkley, '81; Benj. Cahn, '83; George Schumm, '81; A. M. Reeves, '78; E. J. Edwards, '75; J. H. Pierce, '73; C. M. Staiger, '74; J. W. Johnson, '80.

EXCHANGES.

We continue our western wanderings. The Ohio Wesleyan College supports one of the "seven college papers published by the thirty-seven colleges of Ohio." It is called the *College Transcript*, is neat in appearance and is one of the best of the seven. Knowing this, a cynical reader might be inclined to congratulate the thirty colleges that are not so afflicted. We are not. There are some good things about the *Transcript* aside from the skill of its printer. Its pages abound in stirring appeals to strive for the unattainable; the literary department is well filled with communications, "Dante," and a general dissertation on woman's sphere, music and the study of the classics. The locals in their startling originality are unexcelled. "The report that Barney O'Burns is sick with the measles is untrue." "One of the Senior Ladies has a cat called Hezekiah." The *Transcript* has a "primer" like that of the *Yale Record*. Here is one of the first lessons:

Who is that man with a stick in his hand? He is a Printer. He does not correct Errors that have been marked in the Proof. The Boy who is just Learning the Business is called the Devil Because he is not Yet as wicked as the Old Printers. The Devil is always Ready to come to the Printers. But Unless they mend their ways they will All go to the Devil.

The items of news are good—the chinks being filled, as is the custom, with old friends. "Scissors" shows his caution by selecting poetry from the *Argo*

that has had the endorsement of publication in most eastern papers.

In the pile of exchanges on our table we notice the *Kansas Review*, published monthly by the Kansas University. It is a live magazine. The *Student Life* makes monthly visits from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. It has a very readable exchange column this week. The *Ariel*, from the University of Minnesota, is not the "airy and tricky spirit" that its name suggests. The fine type with which it is printed is a disadvantage to its appearance. The *Hesperian Student* is launched forth upon the suffering exchange editor semi-monthly. The first page is adorned with a long clipping from the "*Yale Echo*," a paper of whose existence we were hitherto ignorant. Among the advertisements of St. Jacob's Oil and advice to subscribe for the *Student*, which do duty as locals, we see the statement that Oscar Wilde has reached Lincoln in his bold invasion of the great West.

We acknowledge the *Occidental Mirror*, a folio published monthly by the students of Colorado College, Denver, Colorado. We fear that if the request at the head of the first page, "O wad some pow'r the gifte gie us, To see our sel's as others see us," were granted, the result would not be altogether soothing to the editors of the *Mirror*.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—The feeling of utter loneliness experienced by a certain Junior at the late preliminary examination, on feeling for his faithful pony only to produce a wash-bill from his washerwoman—consequent on a change of raiment—was only equalled by the smile that encircled his facial area, as the professor, who had been slyly watching him, gobbled it in.—*University*.

—A Hindoo, in an essay on Oliver Cromwell, gave the original information: "Oliver Cromwell was a very stern man. He destroyed Charles I. by repeated beheadals. After this, he was never known to smile, but was frequently heard pensively to murmur: 'If I had only served my God as I have served my king, he would never have deserted me in my old age.'"

—An intelligent young man, a promising student, just back from Brown University, was met at the Union depot by an elderly man, who made a grasp at the young man's hand and even essayed to clasp him in his arms. The young man shook hands with the enthusiastic native in a non-committal sort of way, and said, in not unfriendly tones, "Well, indeed, my dear fellow—I really—your face is rather familiar; it seems to me I have met you somewhere, and yet I can't exactly place you." The father gazed at his distinguished son, and went back to his office with an unalterable determination to bind out his

sons to shoemakers and blacksmiths.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

—"Beautiful silken hair!" Philip murmured fondly, toying lovingly with one of her nut-brown tresses, "soft as the plumage on an eagle's wing, light as the thistle-down that dances in the summer air, the shimmer of sunset, the glitter of yellow gold, the rich red-brown of autumnal forests blend in entrancing beauty in its—" and just then it came off in his hands, and he forgot just what to say next.—*Ex.*

AMUSEMENTS.

"Little Corinne," about whom there has lately been such a sensation in New York, appears this evening with her company in the charming comic opera "La Mascotte." We can personally vouch for the beauty of the opera which is from the pen of the author of "Olivette." The *Bangor Commercial* speaks as follows of the opera:

Last evening the Corinne Merrie Makers began their engagement here with the production, for the first time in this city, of the new opera comique "La Mascotte,"—or, in English, *The Mascot*. It is by Audran, the author of "Olivette," and though light as air, musically considered, yet it is very pleasing and is full of amusing and comical situations. At the hands of Corinne and her company this opera comique is a great success.

In speaking of the performance last evening the fairy-like Corinne must first be mentioned. She is a wonderful child. Though her seventh birthday was only last Christmas, yet she possesses a good contralto voice, and is an actress to the manner born. In the glare of the footlights she is as much at home as other children are in the nursery. This little prodigy enters into the soul of every part, and by every movement, each inflection of the voice, and each expression of the face she represents the character assumed.

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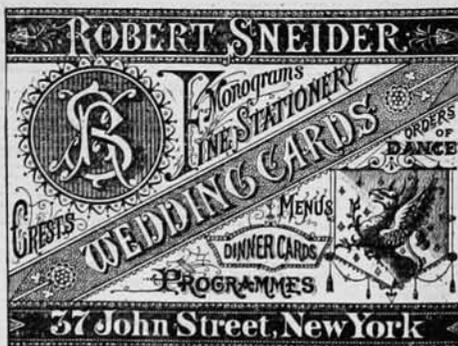
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ALTHOUGH we are dissatisfied with the Judges' decision on the Woodfords, yet we are not disposed to adopt the suggestion that a second contest should take place between the two successful competitors. Such a thing is too ridiculous. Were the same judges to act for the second contest we do not see how they could change their decision and command any respect for their previous decision. And if other judges were appointed who could decide upon one or the other, their opinion would be simply that of another set of men. A third competition might reverse this decision, and so on. The whole thing would become farcical. No, the thing has been decided and it is poor taste to ask the Judges to re-consider or reverse their decision.

WE are glad to notice that a change has been made in the publishing of the Cornelian this year. Now that it has become the work of the secret societies (with the exception of one only), we may expect to see a much better production than the one we have been compelled to accept for the past few years. But there remains much to be done yet before the year-book *par excellence* shall be published. Every student in the University should contribute what he can toward its success; every society, literary or scientific, should aid materially and financially in its production. The board of editors reap no profit from the work they are compelled to put

upon it. Theirs is the risk, theirs the work, and theirs usually a thankless task. But things should be different. Aid them all you can. Remember it as a college institution, and, as such, worthy of your attention and material aid.

IT is about two years, we believe, since the foundation of the Lawn Tennis Club of the University. During the greater part of this time there has been very slight interest in the sport, as even the most enthusiastic members of the club must admit. The Club deserve great credit for their persistence in their devotion. Lawn Tennis appeared to be an exotic ill-adapted for the soil of Cornell. Many appeals were made, but they all met with poor success. But we think that the devotees of Lawn Tennis are about to be rewarded. For, unless we greatly mistake, there will be a great interest taken this spring in the game. Two fraternities, at least, we understand, are making extensive preparations for the season, and we doubt not others will follow, while among the undergraduates generally the spirit of indifference is gradually giving way to a healthy interest. Now is the time for the club to renew its exertions. Do not rely on general solicitation. Request students individually to join in your practice, and when once the beauties of the game are recognized, the Club will be firmly established as one of the institutions. A good way to proceed would be to arrange matches for some afternoon on the Campus. Make them THE thing, and soon you will have no reason for bewailing the general apathy.

OF course we are unaware what reasons influenced the Judges of the Woodford Contest in making the decision they did, but we are at liberty to criticise the decision itself. Never within our recollection has a decision given such general dissatisfaction. How such a decision could be given we are at a loss to say. If the prize is awarded by the decision of the majority of the Judges, certainly there could be no tie, unless one refused to vote for either of the two prominent contestants. Such conduct would be reprehensible in the extreme and un-

worthy any Cornell Professor. Exactly how a tie could be made we cannot see. But now that a tie has been made it is proper to speak only of consequences. The precedent thus established is a bad one. It defeats the aim of the founder of the medal. The Judges were made an odd number just to obviate such an occurrence. When once the old rule is broken, what is there to prevent the prize from being divided among three or more, hereafter, or as the *Journal* expresses it, "all getting a chip"? Certainly if it is proper to divide it between two, it is to divide it among a larger number. The tendency of this decision is bad because in future the Judges will be less careful in their discrimination of the best, thinking that by a decision giving the prize to two, twice as many will be satisfied as if it were given to only one. They will always have the feeling that they can give it to two or more, and thus they will grow less particular and less critical. We think that the evil of a wrong decision is hardly greater than the evil of the tendency of this precedent.

A WORD in regard to the course of sermons to be delivered in Sage Chapel next term, seems to us to be in order at the present time. We all are proud and justly of the high quality and literary excellence of the sermons there delivered and yet a complaint comes not infrequently to our ears that a less metaphysical treatment of subjects would be a great relief. It has been the custom to introduce in the course several college presidents, or those whose life work is connected with educational institutions. While we do not wish to seem captious and too nicely discriminating, still we candidly think that this is hardly a wise thing to do. During the week we are surrounded entirely by this peculiar college atmosphere, and on Sunday to listen to men whose very being is permeated by this atmosphere is, to say the least, rather a bore. We do not mean to say by this that the sermons of college presidents are not worth listening to, but the fact remains that if it is announced that the "Sage pulpit will be occupied next Sunday by President So-and-so of — college," Sage Chapel will not be exactly crowded to suffocation. This being the case, would it not be better to obtain men who at least are not college presidents, but who have obtained a national reputation as preachers. By the death of Dr. Bellows, a

vacancy occurs in the course for next term. Let the vacancy be filled by some live man, some man with a reputation beyond the four walls of his church, some one who will preach to the students on topics of vital interest to their moral welfare and not to the few Professors on metaphysical and scientific disquisitions.

AND this time it is the Mathematical Faculty again, and the especial object the new text book in Algebra that has been inflicted by them upon the Freshmen during the past term. Students are, without doubt, chronic grumblers. If there is nothing to grumble about, then they grumble that there is nothing to grumble about. But they rarely all grumble about the same thing. Here is a case where they do, hence we must judge there is some justice in their complaint. The Algebra in question is the result of the united efforts of the gentlemen composing this faculty, and as a treatise on its subject is one of the finest, we will say the finest, we have ever seen, but—and here comes the complaint—it certainly is not adapted to the requirements of elementary students. As a work for advanced students, for those whose knowledge of mathematics is profound, the work will undoubtedly prove a success, but as a text book for students, we doubt its efficacy. Then, to make the matter still more blind and intricate, the professors lecture upon the subject, using the text book as a sort of note book. The consequence is, the students find it impossible to grasp the subject, to have any sort of an appreciation of it, and many who doubtless would turn their minds to mathematical studies, become discouraged or dropped, as the case may be. This complaint comes not from a few but from all. The best students, those in the so-called mathematical lead, are the most pronounced in condemning it. Hence, we feel that this faculty have made a mistake in using their work upon the students under them. The results will doubtless prove to them their mistake.

WE clip the following from the *Harvard Advocate* for it expresses better than we can do exactly our opinion in regard to college journalism. To all that the *Advocate* says we emphatically add, "Exactly so!"

"The *Crimson* and the *Advocate* are occasionally (once a quarter, perhaps) taken to task by some one of their Western exchanges for printing so much light matter and so few "solid articles." This reproach indicates pretty clearly the dividing line between Eastern and Western college journalism. We do not hesitate to say—as we have said a hundred times before—that the Eastern method is better. We print light articles not because our contributors are unable to write serious essays, nor because our subscribers are unable to understand them. Our position is briefly this:—such "solid" undergraduate literature as would be likely to find its way into college papers is not worth reading in comparison with articles (on the same subjects) printed in the great reviews. Nobody cares to read what Snodkins, '85, thinks of Wordsworth, when he can find out, in about the same length of time, the critical opinion of Mr. Matthew Arnold. No doubt it is good practice for Snodkins to write about Byron, but it is unjust to our subscribers to expect them to read Snodkins. "Light articles," to be sure, are not especially instructive, but they are occasionally amusing; and the dim lucubrations of our Western exchanges are too often neither the one nor the other, abounding as they do in errors of judgment and misstatements of fact. We assure our Western friends that we should be delighted to fill our columns with old themes, by-gone theses, and forensics hoary with age, were it not that we have some regard for the feelings of our readers and for the length of our subscription-list."

LETTER FROM SAGE.

Dear Era:

One thing is settled, I don't care a speck about printers. I just don't wonder that people give them a horrid name which begins with a "d" and ends with an "l". They almost deserve it too I think. You want to know what the matter is I suppose. Well, it's just this: That horrid old printer of the ERA, went and made a blunder in printing my last letter. I wrote "Prudential League," and he printed it "Presidential League." Now the latter was ridiculously silly. What do the Sophs and Freshmen here want to form a "Presidential League" for, I'd like to know? Then again, the girls talked so about it. They were sure now that no girl wrote the letters. "Wouldn't she have written it right?" they asked. I do believe that nothing I ever do gets credited to me. I'm almost sick. I was so

mad that I thought I wouldn't write you another single letter, so there. But since I started I made up my mind to keep it up for this term any way. If your printer ever makes such a mistake again you ought to make him sit right down and learn fifty German irregular verbs, or do something else about as nice. I guess he wouldn't do it again. I would suggest that if that didn't cure him, you give him a "prelim" in reading writing, and if he didn't pass why just discharge him, right off too. Any how I think he is real mean, and I don't like him at all, no not one tiny, little, single bit, so there, and I say it right out too. I don't care. I think he must be married and have a strong-minded wife, who must be President of some Women's Rights Society, and so he thought our society was like that. Well it aint, so now.

The Prudential League—yes, I belong of course—adopted some resolutions about my Sage letters, the other night. They were as follows:

Resolved, that no girl writes the Sage letters in the ERA.

Resolved, that the ERA is too awfully mean, to print them.

Resolved, that we won't read the letters any more.

Resolved, whoever writes them is "no gentleman."

Resolved, that we would just like to stick pins in the one who does write them.

Resolved, that the Prudential League frown individually and collectively on ERA editors.

Resolved, that we don't publish these resolutions in the college papers.

After they had adopted these unanimously, they all said that they guessed if the author could read them, he, or she—if it was a she—would be just completely squelched. Well I can say she wasn't, now, so there.

The League have appointed a committee to get up a list of things which Sage girls should and should not do. You know the League was just organized for prudential reasons, just to put down in writing what is proper and what is not, so that any Freshman girl coming here need not go round and after lots of bitter misfortune, find out how she ought to act. The older girls—that is, of course, the ones who have been here the longest, Sage girls don't grow older—don't like to see the Freshman girls flirting with every boy she meets for a couple of weeks, like some used to do. The committee have made but a partial report, bringing in some things which every one takes for granted, such as not "eating pie with a knife," "always carrying a handkerchief about with one, if not for ornament, then at least for use," and such. The reason they went into it so minutely was that the report was to be perfectly complete. Well, I won't waste time to give you any more of the common-place things, but will give you the most important order yet adopted by th

League. It is as follows: "No Sage girls in speaking to each other on the Campus or any other public place shall address each other by their Christian names. The form of speech must always be, 'Miss —.'" Again, "No Sage girls under any considerations whatever shall kiss each other in any public place." For a long time this has been the custom, you know, still it has never been reduced to writing before. I believe one reason the girls won't kiss each other is that it might make the boys jealous. Of course I don't know anything about that. The League also has debates occasionally, and next week they are going to discuss "Co-education—is it a success or a failure?"

I have often thought you would like to know just how the Sage girls spend their Sundays up here. Well, there's one Soph here I don't like, and I'm just going to tell just what she does every Sunday night after the rest have gone to bed. Why she has a candy-pull. Yes, she does honestly. Well, most of the girls write letters to their—ahem, cousins I guess. Some play on jewsharps, draw pictures of different fellows and paste them on the wall; in the evening they gather in one or two rooms and tell ghost stories and make puns. Oh! that's lots of fun. We can beat Dr. Wilder or Professor Stebbins all to pieces at punning. The Seniors don't do much else but write letters, the Juniors read novels, the Sophs study and one Freshman has a Bible reading all to herself on Sundays. Nearly every girl here has a tin horn, hanging on the wall of her room, which she keeps for ornament. They seldom blow them except for fun, but the other Sunday night, one girl blew her horn in the hall, and it scared the other girls real awfully. They just jumped on their beds and screamed, because they thought at first it was a mouse. Well, it just wasn't. No, we don't spend our Sundays crimping our hair or anything like that. We are intellectual, we are.

Last week we had an awful case of hazing here. All the girls agreed to keep the matter quiet I believe, but I'm so mad I'm just going to speak out. Several Sophs took a Freshman girl out in a dark hall, blindfolded her, led her up and down and then made her think a man kissed her, when it really wasn't at all. Honestly it wasn't. She was so frightened she couldn't sleep that whole night. I hope the Faculty won't suspend the Sophs. They didn't mean anything by it.

Well, cramming week is here. We girls when we sit up late don't use hot coffee like boys, we eat vinegar with caramels soaked in it. You wouldn't think so but they are real nice.

But, as usual, I must close. I hope you will get honorable in all your examinations. I don't know as I'll write you any more letters. I heard two boys saying the other day that the girl who wrote them must be a "ninny." Any how I have had two or

three good cries over them, and also have accomplished my purpose. So good-bye.

Yours,
MYSTIC.

P. S. If anything of very unusual importance happens here next term, I may let you know about it.

REVELATION.

From the German.

"Could the brightest of flowers e'en know
A tithe of the anguish I feel,
Its gay-striped cup would o'erflow
With tears full of sympathy's zeal.

"Did the never-dim star, far above,
But dream of the pain I endure,
'Twould wing to the earth like a dove,
And tell me of some gentle cure."

She kicked and brays of her brutal thrust
And boasts of her victims many.
Fair maid again will I ne'er trust
As I have trusted my jenny.

—K. K.

THE SCOTT PAPERS.

II.

It was a drizzling, sleety day when the Dominic and Wilfred of Ivanhoe sat lounging over their afternoon meerschaums each waiting for the other to speak. As usual it was Ivanhoe who first broke the silence.

"I have been requested," he said apologetically, "to ask your opinion of the new Algebra which the Cornell professors have jointly inflicted upon the Freshmen."

"I hardly think it comes in my line," returned the Dom. "It seems to me that one's opinion of the book would vary according to the standpoint from which you view it. Considered as a work of fiction it is not a success. It lacks plot and tries to make up the deficiency by multiplying the incident. The characters are not well drawn and there is not a pathetic passage in the whole book. As a poem it might possibly be fathered by Walt Whitman but no other man outside a lunatic asylum would own it. The rhythm is jerky, the rhyme a total failure. I doubt if it might be set to music, though it perhaps might succeed as a comic opera. As a history it is p. d. p. As a treatise on Rhetoric and English Grammar it would disgrace the Ithaca lawyer who remarked that the Sabbath had 'broke' and then proceeded to call down the 'iron' hand of the law upon a party of students for breaking the Sabbath. Just look at this as a specimen of elegant English:

"If the p things be all different, $p!$ permutations are got,—

"but if the p things be all alike, only one permutation is got."

It is undoubtedly as a comic periodical that this work ought to attain its highest success. Its quiet humor is inimitable; its satire incomparable. How are these for axioms?" said the Dominie, producing an Algebra, and pointing to a page, dog-eared and grimy from long use.

8. If of three numbers the first be $\begin{cases} \text{greater} \\ \text{less} \end{cases}$ than the second, and the second be equal to or $\begin{cases} \text{greater} \\ \text{less} \end{cases}$ than the third, then is the first $\begin{cases} \text{greater} \\ \text{less} \end{cases}$ than the third.

15. If of three numbers the first be $\begin{cases} \text{larger} \\ \text{smaller} \end{cases}$ than the second, and the second be equal to, or $\begin{cases} \text{larger} \\ \text{smaller} \end{cases}$ than the third, then is the first $\begin{cases} \text{larger} \\ \text{smaller} \end{cases}$ than the third.

The old man handed the book to Wilfred of Ivanhoe and relapsed into silence. The fire had gone out in his pipe and he sat hopelessly sucking the amber mouth piece until Ivanhoe intimated that he had said nothing of the book as a mathematical work.

"It isn't necessary," replied the Dominie. "Any one can see that it falls flat there. No one who has used it likes it. It is simply a re-hash of half a dozen other works on the same subject translated into Pigeon English. Freshmen know that two and two make four. It isn't necessary to occupy three pages with a proof of that fact. It is only mathematical professors who care to go so deeply into abstractions of that kind. Besides, there are enough algebras in the world now. If we are to be outraged by any more, why don't they make them better instead of worse?" and a bloom like the Aurora Borealis spread over the old man's ample face.

"But you wouldn't do anything desperate," protested Ivanhoe.

"Do!" howled the Dom. "I should like to be a Freshman for about three minutes. I'd blow up every confounded one of those mathematical phenomena with dynamite. I'd bury them so deep they would never see the light o' day again, even if I had to print them in the *Cornell Review*." The Dom. dropped back in his easy chair, and had recourse to his pipe.

"What good would that do?" inquired Wil.

"Gimme a light," returned the Dominie in a tone which precluded argument. The tobacco in the D's pipe was ashes before Ivanhoe again ventured to open the conversation. "What do you think of again introducing the mortar-board here?" he asked at length.

"If other people want to wear them, I haven't

any objections," said the Dominie in reply. "I don't want anything to do with them myself. I like to see them on other people though." "Especially if they are enemies of mine," he added after a minute's silence, while a cynical smile crept out of the corners of his mouth.

"Were you suited with the Woodford award the other evening?" questioned Ivanhoe at length. "No!" thundered the Dominie. "It established an undesirable precedent. Next year the contestants will want to divide the prize evenly and have no competition. If the Committee remained out an hour simply because they were unable to decide whether to give one of the speakers an honorable mention or half the prize, as it is reported one of their number said they did, they must have considered one of the speakers better than the other and why under the canopy didn't they give him the whole prize?"

The Dominie leaned back and closed his eyes in apparent oblivion to all mundane things. Ivanhoe watched his impassive face for several minutes before he asked, "Would you favor another contest?"

A discouraging snore was the only answer.

WINTER TERM, 1882.

And now it is nearly ended. Our prognostications of last December have some of them been fulfilled, many have not. The past term has been one of peculiar interest and startling events. All of these occurrences the ERA has faithfully chronicled with all the undecorated truthfulness which belongs to virtuous youth—the assertion may be verified by examining the back numbers, price ten cents each. We now prepare to gather around the festal examination board—and here's luck to you till April 7—ta-ta.

JANUARY.

3d, Entrance examinations; 5th, Registration day; 9th, Prof. C. K. Adams begins his course of lectures on English History, at Library Hall; 10th, Freshmen commence work in the Gym, preparatory to going on the Freshman crew; 11th, Founder's Day, the day is generally observed by the students, all secular labor laid aside; 20th, First Sage Letter appears in the ERA, indications of a storm rising on East Hill; 21st, Very stormy at Sage College; 27th, Freshmen abduct two Sophomores, very violent "blizzard," Sophomores rescued, '84 Class Supper at Ithaca Hotel, freshet; 28th, prevalence of colds, rock and rye goes down.

FEBRUARY.

1st, Sophomores hold a secret meeting and decide to kidnap Freshman class officers, dark clouds rising from the valley; 3 p. m. lightning strikes very near S. U. B., North Hall; violent thunder, kidnappers and kidnapped start for ——— Syracuse; 20th, Ithaca hackmen have a jubilee; 3d, return of Balestier

and Blood bringing with them their abductors; Freshmen Class hold their class banquet at the Ithaca Hotel; Very sultry weather in the hotel; 10th, Faculty hold a soiree; passes for five (5) — sophomores; 11th, Students give an open air concert at the corner of Aurora and State streets; slight dissension between students and police; Very heavy weather; rising temperature accompanied by a falling billy; adjournment to Station house; 17th, Junior Promenade; lovely weather; everybody smiles; 18th, depressing weather, dead-broke; nobody smiles; 21st, Every one gets ready to celebrate the 22nd; 22nd, Washington's birthday; observed generally by the students. Some go out of town to hold a prayer meeting, others conduct services in Ithaca; 23d, Every one tries to get over the holiday; 24th, Northwestern Association of Cornell Alumni hold their annual banquet in Chicago.

MARCH.

3d, Woodford Prize contest. Prize equally divided between Bacon and Luckey; 6th, "Theodore" — "It's dime do glose up"; 7th, The beginning of the Reformation; 8th, Arrival of — bills; 9th, —; 10th, Freshman lays in supplies for examination week — one gallon of kerosene oil, one pound of crackers; Sophomores lay in necessaries for cramming, — a pack of cards — blank cards, a quart of goodoldrye.

CORNELLIANA.

—Whoa!!!

—The last ERA for the term.

—Next ERA will be published Friday, April 7th.

—The Seniors are considering Commencement theses.

—The candidates for the ERA election are appearing.

—The *Democrat* brought out its usual poultry show last week.

—Professor Corson re-organized his class in English Literature last Monday.

—That new book of synonymes has arrived, for which we are indeed grateful.

—Charlotte Thompson's troupe in the "New Jane Eyre," at Wilgus Opera House.

—There will be no separate examination in French pronunciation this term.

—Mr. Wilgus promises some rare treats in the theatrical line during the Spring Term.

—At least one of the successful Woodford men was an Ex-ERA editor. Blood will tell.

—One year ago we were agitating the mortar board question with the system of class colors.

—The Freshmen are practicing up hard looks, trying to imagine themselves as Sophomores.

—Will '84's prodigals return next term? Hope so. Plenty of plump, infantile beef around.

—Prof. Corson has been reading Macbeth before his class in English Literature this past week.

—Will there be an excursion next term, and will it be the Sophomore class to start the enterprise?

—Prof. Tyler looks forward to an early publication of the third volume of his work on American Literature.

—We have not heard of any "unkissed kisses," or of any "unsqueezed squeezes" at — College this term?

—The classes in Sophomore French read "Louis XIV. and his contemporaries," Clarendon Press series, next term.

—It would be very natural, if there should be a big freeze up all around next week, just when cramming is going on.

—*Acta Columbiana* has worked itself into a delightful rage because of a recent squib concerning them, in these columns.

—Professor Roberts took the "aggies" up to the University Barn this morning, and gave them a practical lecture there.

—A few of the Seniors have as yet neglected to appear at Evans' and face the camera. Don't be scared, boys, go right down.

—The class in Junior French will read a play by Sardou next term. Probably the recitations will be held in the afternoon as during this term.

—At the Senior election to-day H. M. Dibble was elected Historian and W. H. Kent, Prophet. Ahem! Will you see us later and where?

—The University opens next term on Saturday, April first. Suppose we take that as a joke on us by the University, and all stay away. Eh?

—The board of Cornellian editors are already hard at work and everything looks well toward the publication of the book very early in the Spring Term.

—The first sermons at Sage Chapel, next term, will be delivered April 2nd, by the Rt. Rev. Bp. Matthew Simpson, D. D. (Methodist), of Pennsylvania.

—On Sunday evening, at the Unitarian church, Mr. Badger will give the fourth Lecture of the Winter, upon Ralph Waldo Emerson as a religious Teacher.

—We understand there will be no examination in English Literature this term, that the term marks will be based upon the attendance during the last two weeks of the term.

—Another of Cornell's departed institutions is the annual "Gym. Ex." A visit to the Gym. will show that we have yet good material there for an exhibition. Shall we have it?

—There must have been an Orpheus or an *Orpheus* in the Corinne troupe to have drawn so many students even as far as Trumansburg after their departure from Ithaca on Monday last.

—President White has kindly forwarded, to the various societies of the University, copies of the *North American Review* for February containing his article on Civil Service Reform.

—The Freshmen went out last Saturday afternoon, for the first time this year, in the eight oared shell, and got along very well. This certainly looks like business. Keep it up boys.

—With great solemnity and reverence, we are enabled to announce that another post has been put up for the fence between McGraw and North buildings. The fence looks quite æsthetic.

—Our readers will notice that in our editorial on the new algebra, we fail to connect, as it were. Please read, "with the so-called mathematical head," instead of "in the so-called mathematical lead."

—The Civil Engineers have decided to hold their annual banquet April 14th, but the place is yet to be decided upon. Krüsi has been elected Toastmaster, Trumbull, Prophet, and Fairchild, Chaplain.

—It was remarked that, at the Woodford Contest, the Juniors for a little time were having a miniature "Ex." A wag proposed an overflow meeting for the boys, since the town's people had occupied all the seats, and also suggested that a Junior "Ex." be the principal attraction at the meeting.

—The *Dartmouth* waxes wroth editorially over Cornell's "rowdiness" and regrets that their Sophs have followed the example of our Sophs. Now, *Dartmouth*, "please to don't." "Be sure you're right, and then go ahead," would be good advice for the *Dartmouth*. But maybe it was only joking.

—The pin designed by the Engineers as an appropriate emblem is one of very unique design and represents the united ideas of the whole association. It consists of a sextant with graduated scale, and on this in polished enamel a "level." The pin will be very neat and tasty and gotten up in a fine manner.

—About two weeks ago the plates for this year's Register were sent to New York to be printed. An edition of 12,000 will be struck off. They were to be sent to the principals of High Schools and Academies throughout the State. They will be ready in ten days, it is believed.

—Mr. Witherspoon of Witherspoon, Griswold & Johnson, Rochester, N. Y., will visit Ithaca, Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18th, with the correct styles in Spring and Summer wear. Mr. W. will be prepared to take measures for Spring suits from those desiring their garments *a la mode*.

—But one of the Woodford contestants has consented to suffer his oration to be published. Now what can be the matter? If you can possibly work up courage to deliver a production of your own, why not suffer it to be published? Of course the matter is entirely at your option, but custom demands that you offer it for publication. If these Woodfords are the best that have been produced for many years, what possible fear of adverse criticism can you have?

—It is to be hoped that when we get a new library building that its ventilation will be so looked after that there will not be constant draughts whenever fresh air is wanted. In the Library now, if one wishes to get the benefit of the light, he must sit in a draught. Cannot some other mode of ventilation be found than that of opening two-thirds of the windows? As it is now, the Library seems to exist more for the purpose of giving colds to students than for enlightening their minds.

—A large and happy throng were present at "Theodore's" on Monday night to see his license expire. The death scene was anything but melancholy. Not a tear was shed. All the songs which could be thought of were sung. Everybody who could do anything special, did, and those who could do nothing, did that, too. The watch-meeting was, taken all together, a great success. Everybody paid up his back dues, and the doors were closed with many expressions of good will and hopes of future prosperity for Zinck.

PERSONALIA.

PHELPS, formerly '83, visited friends in town this week.

STEELE, '85, has been confined to his room all the week by Diphtheria.

PROF. LAW took one of his periodic strolls to Washington this past week.

TINSLEY, '83, was called home during the past week by the death of his mother.

BLISS, formerly '80, paid us a visit on Wednesday. He is now studying medicine in Philadelphia.

PROF. TYLER has been absent, in Buffalo, during most of the week attending the funeral of a relative.

MR. JOHNSON BRIGHAM, one of the founders of the ERA, has become associate editor of the Cedar Keys (Iowa) *Republican*. He has kindly consented to contribute some articles on the early days of the University.

STARR, '80, has been selected by his class at the Columbia Law School to go to Albany and argue before a committee, in favor of a law permitting graduates of the School henceforth to become members of the bar without examination. We almost doubt if the present legislature will be able to stop wrangling long enough to consider such a matter.

COLLEGE NEWS.

The Ohio Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest took place March 2, at Delaware, Ohio. The first place was awarded to C. E. Jefferson of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The project of starting a humorous paper at Yale similar to the *Harvard Lampoon*, is not meeting with much encouragement from the papers already established.

The Harvard Co-operative Society has effected an organization. Its object is to protect the students from the extortion of tradesmen by purchasing articles most needed at wholesale prices, and selling them to students at cost.

At the seventh annual convention of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, held in New York City Feb. 25, it was decided to drop Amherst, Bowdoin, Cornell, Hamilton, College of the City of New York, Trinity, Union, Wesleyan and Williams Colleges from the association unless they send in entries to the next field meeting, as they have not been represented for the past two years. The next field meeting will be held at the Polo grounds, New York City, instead of at Mott Haven as formerly.

The *Nation* thinks that the Yale Scientific School is "the best equipped institution of its kind in this country."

The *Acta* was touched in a tender spot by a reference in our local columns to Columbia's defeat at Lake George two years ago. The mere mention of that little episode in the presence of a Columbia man affects him as a red cloth does a mad bull. The "sickness" to which the *Acta* attributes their loss of the race was of a more pronounced type after the race than before.

Movements are on foot at the University of Wisconsin for introducing class hats into the college classes, "plugs" for the Seniors and Juniors, "mortar boards" for Sophomores and Freshmen. From the standpoint of experience our advice concerning the "mortar boards" is—don't.

The Sophomore class of Lafayette hired an Easton brass band to escort them to their banquet in the opera house. The Freshmen immediately got out their tin horns and put the brass band to shame. The result was a rush and a general row and the result of this was that the Burgess, the Council and two policemen by their united efforts locked up a Sophomore and two Freshmen, whose rescue was vainly attempted by their friends.—*Res Academical*.

Cincinnati has a Hebrew College.

Prof. Beebe of Yale College, the well known mathematician and astronomer, narrowly escaped death Wednesday evening. Just after he and his family rose from supper a rifle ball crashed through

the window and broke two dishes on the table. The ball was fired by a careless marksman.—*Telegram*.

Nine per cent. of Yale graduates become clergymen.—*Ex*. Probably this is caused by remorse for the crimes which they committed when they were on the Foot Ball Team.—*Columbia Spectator*.

At the trial of the Willison boys who kidnapped Oliver B. Derring, D. T. Pratt, of Elmira, N. Y., made a confession of the whole affair. Pratt and two others were held in \$1,000 each for trial at the June Superior Court, two others were held in \$1,000 each for hazing and twenty-two in \$100 each to appear as witnesses.—*News*.

A. W. Conalle, of Albion College, recently had his nose and jaw broken in being initiated into a college secret society. Of such a sort are the superior influences of Western college life.—*Harvard Herald*.

Freshman training for the nine or crew are exempt from regular exercise in club swinging.—*Yale News*. Comment on the noble advance in the cause of education to which the above is witness is unnecessary. It is cheering to the lovers of human progress, yet we may be permitted to hope that the time will soon come, when the present rigorous requirements will be so modified, that a student who passes his first year's work in dumb-bells, and attends to his daily lesson under Professor Sullivan, and can "chaw" the required number of Columbia men in a foot ball game, can graduate without passing the Senior examination in arithmetic.

President Angell, late minister to China, arrived home February 25th. He was met at Detroit by a delegation of about forty representatives of the University, by whom he was accompanied to Ann Arbor city, arriving there about noon. No such demonstrations as attended the return of to-day were ever witnessed in Ann Arbor before. Twelve or fifteen hundred students marched in line to the depot, where hundreds of citizens, other students, and members of the faculties had already congregated. When the train arrived the immense crowd broke into prolonged cheers, and Dr. Angell, immediately appearing upon the platform, bowed his acknowledgments, and was at once escorted to his carriage, in which seats were also assigned to Judge Cooley, Acting President Frieze, and Prof. Palmer. The procession was then again formed, and the president escorted to his residence. This evening a formal reception was given him at the University Hall, which was gayly decorated with flowers, flag, and festoons. Acting President Frieze delivered the address of welcome, President Angell responding amid frequent cheers. Fully 3,000 people were present. Later in the evening the president met many of his friends personally.—*Chicago Tribune*.

EXCHANGES.

The *Coup d'Etat*, from Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., owes its sudden birth into the journalistic world at the beginning of the present college year, to a difference of opinion as to the management of the *Student*, its elder brother, so to speak. Typographically it is far above the average, and its appearance does not promise more than is fulfilled by its able management. The editorials are dignified, to the point, and possess one rare merit—are frequently written on subjects other than complaints against the faculty and wrongs to be redressed. The students of Knox College and the faculty are on very friendly terms judging by this :

"The right of respectful petition is one that is always granted by our faculty, and the courteous consideration which such petitions always receive cannot but have a healthy influence on the self respect of the petitioners."

The *Coup d'Etat* does not look with approval on the efforts of the *Student* to establish a "Western College Press Association," rightly saying that a scheme for the "speedier transmission of news," where no news exists, cannot meet with much success. The policy of using the works of standard authors or poets to fill the columns of a college paper has been so often commented upon as to make our opinion superfluous.

The *Lantern* is kept trimmed and burning by the students of the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. It wants a larger appropriation from the legislature than has been previously granted.

Number II, Vol. 1, of the *Buchtel Record*, Akron, Ohio, comes to us marked "please X." It is embellished with a very good wood-cut of the "great Sunflower."

The University of Wisconsin, which seems to be in a thriving condition, supports two live weeklies—the *Badger* and *Campus*. They are a credit to the enterprise of the students. The *Badger* grows angry over the statement, probably made by some one who knew and cared nothing about the subject, that ministers educated in the West could not satisfactorily fill an Eastern pulpit. The *Badger* shows his teeth as follows :

"If you want to find sleepy headed congregations and ministers advocating ideas which the thinking world has abandoned for years, you will find them more abundant throughout the New England States than in any other part of the Union. . . . We would suggest to our self-conceited friends at the East that if they will come out into the great West, we will prove to them that we are not only taking the lead in enterprise, but can compete with them in thought and culture."

In spite of this declaration, we are constrained to opine that the editors of the *Badger* are not as elegant in their expressions as a really fastidious taste would demand.

The *Oberlin Review* is well known to our readers as a paper which well represents its constituency. It

thinks that the Western estimate of Eastern college men is apt to be unjust. The *College Rambler* reaches us in its wandering from Illinois College. It fills a column with comments made upon it by other papers. We acknowledge the *Philo Star*, University of Tenn., Knoxville. It contains valuable information on such subjects as, "There is no death," "Pessimism," "Industry," etc. We have also received a copy of the *Mississippi University Magazine*, Yazoo City, Miss. Our readers will find these of interest. The *College Mercury*, from Racine College, Wis., is always welcome.

Others on our exchange list are *Asbury Monthly*, *En Philonian*, *Volante*, *Cornellian*, *Academic*, *Round Table*, *Denison Collegian*, *Beltrascio*, *Lariat*.

We cannot close our cursory glance at a few of the principal Western college papers without a mention of the best of them—the *Chronicle*—published by the students of Michigan University, Ann Arbor. It probably has a larger number of supporters than any other college paper. It is issued semi-monthly, by a board of eight editors, and should, as it does, rank with the best products of the college press.

BOOK NOTICES.

ENGLISH LITERATURE IN THE REIGN OF VICTORIA, WITH A GLANCE AT THE PAST, by Henry Morley, LL. D. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

One can imagine from the title the amount of work which the author has laid out for himself, so one is not so disappointed as he might otherwise be, in discovering how very inadequately Prof. Morley fulfills the task to which he has applied himself. He has attempted far too much for such a small book. Beginning far back with the Anglo-Saxon literature, he has made a hasty review of literature in England up to the coronation of Victoria. From that period on he proceeds more leisurely. We can see no excuse for the first half of the book—the "glance," as he terms it. The same work has been much better done by others. We do not deny that it contains apt criticism and just estimates, but we claim there are inaccuracies which destroy its value. With the latter portion of the book we are more pleased ; for the style is pleasing and, in many places, has a genuine ring of sympathy with the characters described which is invariably attractive. There are faults here, too. Some writers of prominence are slighted, while others of far less importance have whole pages devoted to them. Why this is the author does not state. Then, too, the author, in many cases, becomes a partisan of the writer of whom he is speaking. While this may be pleasing to us in case our own opinions coincide with this, yet it is not the mark of an impartial, discriminating critic. Then, too, many details are given which can be found in any encyclopædia. Why they are brought in here as novel and interesting we cannot see. In reading

Prof. Morley's opinion of Dickens we do not care to wade through whole pages of well-known facts in Dickens' history. We rather wish to know Dickens' place among the writers of the Victorian Age. In this respect, the book is far less satisfactory than the chapter in Justin McCarthy's "History of our own Times," on the literature of Victoria's reign. But the book possesses merits and not a few of them. Although many old and dried things are said, many new and interesting facts are stated. We are taken into the inner life of many writers, introduced into their daily trials and joys, taught to sympathise with them in their griefs. We come to have more of a fellow-feeling for them, come to appreciate more their noble qualities, come to judge less harshly their weaknesses. In fact, the book has made us so well acquainted with many whom we knew not before, that we lay it down with a feeling of gratitude to the author.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—Boarding-house brilliancy—Sweets to the sweet, said the funny man, as he handed the waiter-girl a bouquet. Beets to the beat, returned the girl, as she pushed him a plate of vegetables.—*Ex.*

—As the Junior sits and ponders,
How the dust he will procure,
To buy flowers, pay the hackman,
And a new crush hat secure,
On his door he hears a rapping,
In walks Ike with smiling face,
Buys his summer suits and thus doth
All his anxious cares erase.—*Courant.*

AMUSEMENTS.

The "Barry and Fay's Own Comedy Company" made their first appearance in this city last night at Niblo's Garden. The house was actually packed. For three hours the audience was entertained with a varied programme, rendered in an unexceptionable manner. The artists composing the company are very clever in their specialties, and were accorded a hearty welcome by the house. The entertainment will be repeated until further notice.—*N. Y. Graphic*, Jan. 10, 1882.

The "Barry and Fay Comedy Company" have packed Niblo's Garden during the past week as it has rarely been packed before, and the shouts of laughter have been long and incessant. "Muldoon's Picnic" is one of the funniest pieces ever seen on the New York stage, and is capably acted by this company, headed by the popular stars, Messrs. Brady and Fay.—*N. Y. Sunday Courier*, Jan. 15, 1882.

Will appear in Wilgus Opera House, Thursday evening, March 10th.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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" " 5 "	" 3 00 ½	Russ. worth \$6 00.
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—Boal has been selling the Bierstadt Artotype Portrait of General Garfield, for some time. It is unquestionably the best portrait of him in the market. Culver Block, Ithaca.

—Dr Howe has the finest Dental Rooms in the city. They are supplied with all the aids to excellent and satisfactory dental work that science and skill have yet devised and perfected. Without taking space to describe the office and its outfit in detail we will close this brief article by simply suggesting that any of our readers who desire to see a well-appointed dental establishment should visit Dr. Howe's. Of the Dr.'s skill it is unnecessary to speak. His experience extending over more than a quarter of a century, is the best compliment that can be paid him. Engagements made by telephone.

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.

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AT the past term examinations a custom was introduced of which, although practical and beneficial, we doubt the perfect fairness. We refer to the introduction of sight-reading in the examinations in Sophomore French and German. This is, without doubt, desirable, but, at the same time, it cannot be done without giving a small part of the classes a very material advantage over the rest for this reason. A few, and but a few, are able to take Junior work in the two languages, in which the exercise consists mainly of sight-reading. These few, therefore, go to examinations with a marked advantage over their fellows. If the professors in charge take this idea into consideration and make due allowance for the strong comparison likely to occur between students' work, all will be well, and the charge of unintentional unfairness be nullified. We do not mean to cry down the custom, because we consider it a good one and worthy to be encouraged, but we do wish to point out what seems to us to be its one great objectionable feature.

A SERIES of dispatches sent about the country in regard to the recent suspension of students from Williams College for irregularity in examinations brings to mind an occurrence of somewhat similar nature in our own institution, when a carefully worded message was caused to be sent by the Associated Press, to the effect that five Sophomores

had been suspended and *fifty more were to be dealt with.* The spirit that dictated the messages was probably the same in both cases—namely, the desire to make an impression on the public. But the Williams faculty have carried the matter a little too far, or have intrusted it to some one outside their number.

For example, the last dispatch states that "young Garfield was not successful in securing the examination papers, and escaped suspension." In addition, the writer might have said that several Yale students escaped like punishment by not having attended the examinations and, in fact, by not attending that institution. Their escape would have been quite as narrow and thrilling as "young Garfield's."

WE are aware that it is considered "quite the thing" by some people to be late in coming to an entertainment, because thereby they show their own independence and disregard for the comfort of others. We well knew that there were some who extended this custom even to making it a rule to be late to church, especially after the spring fashions were out, but it was not until last Sunday afternoon that we saw this custom pushed to an extreme. To witness the dilatory ones pouring into the Chapel between half-past three and four o'clock would have delighted the soul of the chronic late-comer. And these persons came in with such a sublime unconsciousness of having done anything to merit censure in the least that it was quite a treat to observe them—at least to those who did not wish to hear the sermon. As they rustled up the aisles, the whole length of the Chapel, with the eyes of the congregation upon them, you could not tell from their manner but that they felt they were at least five minutes ahead of time. The frowns of those disturbed did not seem to affect them in the least. Their childlike indifference to those about them was charming.

And yet we cannot say we desire a repetition of it. We cannot see how any lady or gentleman of self-respect or good-taste can make an appearance at any public gathering a half of an hour late. Do not these people know that they distract the attention of

those already assembled there? We trust that hereafter those who have any respect for the preacher will arrange to arrive at Chapel at least before the sermon begins.

A YEAR or so ago the ERA made uncomplimentary mention of the singing in Chapel, and of the ambitious efforts to sing of those who could not sing. With the modesty characteristic of the college youth, every student took the article as directed at himself, and in future refrained from his inclination to warble, and in consequence the singing became very weak, being confined almost to the chorister. The ERA appealed in vain to the students to sing, Prof. Piuti's efforts were almost fruitless, the promises of leading singers to aid the singing were not kept, and singing appeared dead.

Therefore, it pleased us last Sunday to hear the unusual strength in the volume which came from the throats of the worshipers. It is true that not every one who sang his loudest would take a first prize for his vocal abilities, yet discords were drowned in the chorus, and the whole effect was much better and more creditable than the former feeble singing, even though it was singing by the better voices.

As the congregation is requested to join in the singing, let the congregation comply with the request. The tunes are simple and familiar, and it was intended that all should sing. It is well known that in a congregation of four or five hundred there are many who are not what is called good singers. But their singing swells the chorus, and the blending of many voices results in harmony. We speak in behalf of those who would like to sing, yet who, conscious of their inferior singing abilities, hesitate to join. We would say heartily, sing by all means, and, ten chances to one, no one will think you of enough consequence to listen to hear how you are singing. Others will be singing away, and will be absorbed in what they are doing.

WHENEVER a new idea is introduced, or an old custom remodeled, and the change is found to be desirable and beneficial, we are prone to exclaim, Why have we not thought of this before, how could we have so endured the old state of affairs? And this applies to the new manner of issuing the schedule of term work. The great advantages gained by putting it in the students' hands

during a preceding term are obvious. A word, then, in regard to the make-up of the schedule is in order. In appearance it is neat; in size, convenient, and in arrangement, concise and logical. By it the confusion heretofore existing consequent on sundry conflicts of hours will be entirely done away with, for it has been arranged with special consideration of this matter. But one feature has failed to please, and that is the introduction of afternoon work. Afternoon recitations and lectures are, in some respects, desirable, but in just the way they have been arranged and introduced this term we can scarcely endorse them. If, for instance, optional work had been placed in the afternoon, no complaint could be made with any degree of justice, for those who are desirous of taking extra work should certainly be willing to be inconvenienced to the extent of making a second visit to the University in the afternoon. But to place regularly prescribed work in the afternoon seems hardly considerate of student interest. We can better make clear our idea by citing an illustration. Students in the course of Civil Engineering are not noted as having a superabundance of leisure time. The great majority of them depend upon their afternoon hours for time to prepare their mathematical work. And now the afternoon is no longer sacred to them, for a visit must be made to the hill to listen to lectures in Physics. We venture to predict that there will be more cutting and a consequent poor showing in examinations in the work that has been placed in the afternoon. The experiment, for it is but an experiment, may succeed, but as an experiment it seems to the ERA to entail too much risk.

WE have heretofore had occasion to notice that, as disciplinarians, the members of our Faculty are not strikingly remarkable. To be sure, there are times when their methods of discipline will seem to be resulting in good, when, under the circumstances, the action taken is the only feasible one. But with these times we have nothing to do. At the past examinations, by action of the Faculty, a system of detective work was put in operation, and to such an extent that it became positively ludicrous. We refer to the general effort made to suppress unfairness and cheating in examinations, known by the suggestive title of "ponying." The ERA believes fully that wholesale cheating carried on

in examinations is a wrong, a wrong to our college community and to individuals, that this evil should be abated, but we question the means taken by the Faculty to accomplish this end. In fact, we do more. We think it quite as much of a wrong as the evil it was designed to remove. To subject innocent students to a strict surveillance, to question by so doing their honesty and integrity, is more of an injustice to them than the "ponying" of their fellows. Very few students are able to do good work while under the would-be eagle eyes of spies, for they naturally become nervous and restless, and under the idea that they are objects of suspicion, quite incapable of controlling and regulating their faculties. For this nervousness it is quite impossible that they receive due credit, for the lack of evidence of a knowledge of the subjects under examination will be taken as a sure sign of an intention to cheat should an opportunity present itself. Hence, detective work in an examination is an injustice. Then, is it practical, does it accomplish any permanent or lasting good, does it utterly preclude the possibility of cheating? We think not. It fosters in the student's mind a desire to use unfair means simply for the sake of exercising his natural shrewdness. He who may be termed the professional ponyist, the incorrigible one, is forced for the time to give up his practice, not because it is wrong, not that there is a public sentiment opposed to his action, but because he is watched. His inventive faculties are brought into play, and he "rides" quite in the face of his Faculty "shadow." Are this student's manly qualities developed by this action? Watching students in examinations may do away with open cheating, but it does not preclude the possibility of cheating. What is done in that line is carried on in a more secret manner, but—we say this advisedly and because we feel it to be true—it does not eradicate the evil. We have not spoken of the possibility that college professors should in any way compromise their dignity by acting the part, and poorly at that, of special policemen, because we think they have been sufficiently degraded in their own eyes. We can hardly understand why they are deserving of such treatment.

But it is hardly fair to make opposition for the sake of opposition, and with no suggestion as a remedy for what we condemn. We have in mind one

professor whose examinations are so conducted, and that with no watchers, that the idea of taking little "aids to memory" into the room is never thought of, and why? Simply from his manner of preparing the examination papers. And yet we have never heard a complaint of unfairness in regard to these examinations. We know of no study in the University to which this system of examinations could not be applied. Certainly, if possible, it should be adopted, and the practice initiated last term of placing on patrol duty members of our Faculty be laid aside.

IT pleases us to notice the action taken by the New York Association of Alumni in regard to establishing a headquarters for Cornell men in the city. It should receive the co-operation of every one who can contribute anything requested by the Association. We doubt not there are many who have partial collections, not enough to make a scrap-book for themselves but enough to be of value to such a collection as is proposed for the New York Rooms. Although many wish to preserve their scrap-books there are also many who care little for them, now that the interest in making collections has about passed away. Their books would be gladly received into the archives of the New York Association.

HYMN OF THE INCAS.

Strange home that there is making
 In the vast and skyey room.
 With eonic fires shaking,
 It prepares for mid-earth's doom.
 Roll, heave and bulge,
 Moulded by a hand divine;
 Sphere and sphere with light effulge,
 Thou orb benign.

Strange home,—as yet not given
 E'en a germ to be up-wrought,—
 By a mighty blast is riven
 Thy vacuity of thought;
 Good, bad, life, death,
 Dwelling in a perfect soul,
 Wafted by a Godly breath,
 Make thee their goal.

—ARISTONA.

—By what name shall the new building be designated?

FRENCH NOVELS AND NOVELISTS.

To say that we Americans can better appreciate the French character than the English, or indeed than any other nation in the Caucasian race, is no evidence of a naturally superior literary taste or discrimination. We are mongrels. We are French; we are German; we are English; we are everything; and the strange, heterogeneous mixture of blood we possess has given us a nature less phlegmatic than the English, yet less impetuous than the French, still we are able to stand on a very fair middle ground. We can fathom the cold reserve of the English, because we are English, and we can respond to the feverish impetuosity of the French, because our fathers were French Huguenots. To us, then, the French novel has more than a merely passing interest.

The French are eminently superficial. That people judge by what appears on the surface, seems to them to be self-evident; and consequently the duty of every man is to appear in the most advantageous light he can. Hence we see them vivacious, striking attitudes, and doing, what to us, seems highly ridiculous, to them, the most necessary to make good impressions. But the French novelist, alone, seems to have understood this national characteristic. He sees below this, the real nature, the fount from which springs this intense superficiality, and with an artist's skill, he depicts his characters with a truth to life that probably no English novelist has achieved, certainly no American, for we are especially barren of truly national authors. A Frenchman gives you no credit of possessing a perception that can see beyond mere eye-sight and hearing, hence he tells you. He lays bare to you his inner nature, the cherished affections of his heart, his sorrows, his joys, fears, anxieties, and this too, with such evident earnestness that one is impelled to discredit his statements.

With the English, novel writing seems to be on the decline; with the French, it is year by year increasing and improving. And yet strange as the statement may seem, the French are not a reading people. They are pre-eminently a theatre-going people, and the stage to them supplies the deficiency in their reading. There is no place in France for a free library system. Few people, and only those of the upper classes, ever buy the novels when published, and during a time of great public excitement, as of war, there is absolutely a stagnation in the novel market. The sale of novels depends on whether some popular journal has recommended a book, or whether the name of a well-known author graces the title page. Novel writing is confined almost exclusively to the stronger sex, and there never has been but one George Sands born.

The earlier novels were marked by a strong feeling, and in most cases, by exaggerated expressions

of sentiment. In the majority of novels there was wanting that strict moral tone that we consider so essential, and which the best French novelists of the day have adopted. The transitional state from the old to the new was made by Bernardin de Saint Pierre. He it was who inaugurated the change, who sustained his position not by argument but by the subtle power of a good influence, and laid the foundation for the best we have to-day. One of the traits of the French novelist of to-day, is an intense realism. In fact, this has been carried to such an extent as to be considered almost a fault. The reader is forced to view the most harrowing scenes in order that the impression may be the more real.

Zola has even defended this from a moral ground, contending that a feeling of loathing must be the result in depicting as naturally and fully as possible, scenes that really can awaken only feelings to which in all probability, the reader has been a stranger. Even the authors whose lives are the purest and free from taint, are tempted to show that their purity comes not from ignorance.

The French novel gives one the impression of being inflated. Too much is made of side episodes, trifling occurrences that have no direct or even indirect influence on the plot. The plot is usually simple. The scenes are laid, in almost all cases, in Paris, for the authors to a man, are Parisians, and in reality the French novel from the earliest to the present day, is a fair history of Paris life and morals. France naturally is the parent of the modern sensational, blood and thunder novels. Eugene Sue, one of the founders of this species of literature, introduced himself to the reading public by tales of the sea, and when his reputation as a novelist was established, took everything by storm by the "Mysteries of Paris." This was soon followed by "The Wandering Jew," and "Martin, the Foundling." Sue never contented himself with a mere handful of characters, but his books literally swarm with men. In style he is exaggerated, in imagination more than warm. During his lifetime he had his reward, and his reputation as a novelist is likely to keep his books in existence for generations to come.

Alexander Dumas, Sr., was probably the most prolific of all French writers. Within certain limits he was imaginative, and was, in the matter of historical points, ingeniously careless. He was the first to hire what we might call amanuenses, to whom he dictated not sentences but ideas which were thus worked up in novel shape. Although this scheme did not succeed from a literary stand-point still its ingenuity serves to give a better idea of the great mental activity of its originator.

Victor Hugo, although living to-day, can be classed with the writers of a past age. A man of strong opinions, great insight into the minds of the people, he has impressed upon his books an originality that belongs to no other French writer. He

is essentially French, in his follies and weaknesses, as in his strong traits of character. He abounds in wild political schemes, yet he honors his country by having her betterment the mainspring of his exertion.

No writer has been missed as much as George Sands. She was read by everybody, and had all as her admirers. Having a wonderful power over language, she lent to it a brilliancy of expression by her many graces of style, and a nervous flexibility equalled by no other novelist of her time. Her novels were not read because they were novels, because they were to cater to the public taste, but because of the stamp and impress of their author's nature on their pages.

Jules Verne, whom we Americans probably know better than any other modern French writer, is distinctively a character by himself. He is a scientist, an artist, and a novelist, and the ingenious manner in which he unites the three, is as startling as it is pleasing. He undertakes to educate as well as amuse. To be sure he has stepped out of the novelist's line, and represents things not according to actual life. Everything with him is pitched at a high key. The improbability of his stories he never considers, and this too, so artlessly, that we for the time actually forget it.

Zola has two traits of a successful novelist, great self-confidence and unwearying industry. He has put upon himself the task of ridiculing modern society, with its shams and foibles, not so much for the benefit that he may render society, as for the reputation likely to be gained by himself. He professes himself a moralist, and yet paints with such delicate touches the charms of indulgence in the world's follies, that his prefaces may be taken as huge jokes. He never fails to portray what is gross and vile, and the consequences of a reckless life are depicted with a vigor that draws the attention not to the lesson that should be learned, but to the evident purpose of the writer; namely, sensation.

To-day the French are more inclined to novel writing and reading than ever before in their history. The stage still holds its power over the masses, but there is an evident void, and this void is being filled by the novel.

—Probably few of the students are aware of the valuable additions recently made to the Department of Mechanical Engineering, through the generosity of Hiram Sibley. The Reuleaux Models have been long noted among engineers for their exquisite workmanship. They reproduce the various forms of mechanical combination, even to the most complicated. The value of such models in the study of machinery can hardly be estimated. Their cost is about eight thousand dollars, which by no means represents their value. They are copies of the original models of Dr. Reuleaux, Privy Chancellor of the German Empire.

WHAT IS IT?

Tender flowers just in bloom
I did question: "Love is what?"
They exhaled a sweet perfume,
But they answered not.

Yon entrancing queen of night
I did question: "Love is what?"
She emitted silver light,
But she answered not.

Specious beast of black and white
I did question: "Love is what?"
It o'erflowed the doubt with light,
Stifled me with odor, quite;
That's the answer, got.

K. K.

COMMUNICATION.

ITHACA, April 6, 1882.

To the Editors Cornell Era:

There is so much dissatisfaction with the system, or rather lack of system, of marking, followed by our honored Professor of English Literature, that I ask space enough in your columns to express some of our grievances.

Last term the class was told that the marks would be given according to the attendance during the term. Many were, therefore, naturally surprised to find that some of the very best scholars, who took most interest in the study of English Literature, and who were not absent from a single lecture, received only "creditible," while others received "honorable." How such a distinction can be made when marks are determined by attendance only, it is hard to understand.

No one can fail to appreciate the superior instruction given in this department, but the marks given are certainly often unjust. No professor can fairly judge of the work a student has been doing merely by his attendance, or even by examining his note book at the end of the term. I know of some who did not attend a half dozen lectures last term, and who received a "creditible," the same mark that was given others who attended every lecture and did good work.

Why can we not have examinations in this department as well as in others? They are the only true tests of one's progress in a study. It is a very easy matter to have some friend answer "present" for you at roll-call, and it is very easy to write up a borrowed note-book at the end of the term, with but little appreciation of the contents; but it is a very hard matter to pass a good examination, without a good understanding of the subject.

Let us have a fair test of our progress in the study and we will no longer have to suffer such injustice as was so noticeable last term.

A JUNIOR.

NOTICE.

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF THE }
 CORNELL UNIVERSITY. }

March 28, 1882.

At its meeting, held on the 17th inst, this association by resolution placed in the hands of its Executive Committee the duty of gathering, preserving, and increasing a collection of Cornelliana.

Contributions are therefore requested of appropriate matter from all former students of the University or others able and willing to aid in this regard. No relic or memorandum of any matter pertaining to the University will be without value to us. Copies of volumes of the *ERA*, *Times*, *Cocagne*, *Review* and *Sun*, catalogues, Cornelliana, circulars and reports, either of the University authorities or preliminary to the opening of the University, mock schemes, squibs and advertisements or handbills, newspaper or magazine articles referring to the University or anything connected therewith, files or volumes of Ithaca papers issued during the past fifteen years; photographs of students or Professors taken at or about the time of their connection with the University, with autographs whenever procurable; photographs of the University grounds at any period, from the time when the corner stone was laid to the present commencement; class, society and Woodford programmes; text-books, or literary or scientific productions of past or present professors or students, including copies of Woodfords, prize essays, commencement theses, etc., etc.; anything and everything that pertains to the University, or those connected therewith, will be welcome. The responses already made to the solicitation of the committee have been such as to insure the collection of an amount of pertinent and valuable matter which has surprised the most sanguine, and it is hoped that many of the old students and town's people of Ithaca will follow the example already set in numerous instances, of those who have placed at the disposal of the committee, collections made by themselves, large, but of necessity incomplete and fragmentary, in the belief that by so doing they can aid in the formation of a collection whose completeness shall render it valuable, whose custodians shall constantly preserve and increase it, and the inspection of which will be one of the pleasures of every Cornellian who shall visit New York.

It is therefore requested that each willing to contribute, either send any Cornelliana in their possession direct to one of the addresses below, or inform by mail, either of the undersigned, what articles they will place at the disposal of the committee in case they are needed to fill blanks in the collections forming. All contributions will be properly acknowledged, duplicates returned, and every care taken to preserve and exhibit the collections in a manner which shall show that the kindness of

those who shall have aided this project has been fully appreciated.

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CORNELLIANA.

- Time to gather arbutus.
- ERA candidates are beginning to look pleasant.
- Last Friday work was begun again on the new building.
- Esmeralda at Wilgus Opera House next Monday evening.
- The Freshmen crew now goes out regularly in the eight-oared shell.
- Underclassmen! "Fall in, left face, support arms, listen to roll-call!"
- The number of late-comers seems to have been somewhat larger than usual this term.
- The Vesper Service will be resumed at the Unitarian Church, Sunday evening, at 7:30.
- Professor White has introduced sight translation into the recitations in Sophomore German this term
- In pedestrian parlance, the Seniors "are on their last lap." Of course, none would really be guilty of it though.
- President White's interview during the vacation with a *N. Y. Tribune* reporter is being widely copied by the press of the country.
- Theses are now claiming the attention of the Seniors. The Juniors seem to be having about the best time of anybody this year.
- The prospects of a Field-Day this term are excellent. Next Friday we shall have considerable of importance to say on this subject.
- Most of the professors report an unusual excellence in their examination papers. That's because of the universal cheating, we suppose.
- The work on the Library Catalogue goes on steadily. Miss Hutchins, from the Harvard University Library, is the latest addition to our Library force.
- A meeting of the Freshman class was called for this noon to consider the question of cremating the Algebra, but as there was no quorum nothing was done.
- It is reported as false that the Faculty intend hiring Nelligan to superintend the watches at examinations. They have no need of him, since there are three or four such kindred spirits in the fold already.

—It is rather unfortunate for those who are reading *Rabagas* that many works of reference on the play have been sent away to be bound, and will not be back for this year's class to consult.

—President White announces as his course of lectures on History this term: Eight on German History, beginning with two on Metternich, and the following lectures on the History of France.

—Professor Rœhrig comes again into public view, this time as the author of a piece of music for the piano, called "Vicissitudes." The composition is said to be very pretty. What next will the Professor do?

—Ludwig Thomas, who once figured here extensively in musical circles, and who was widely known by the students, has gone to Auburn to rusticate for three years, in a striped uniform. He last lived at Rochester.

—Tuesday night all the "places of resort" were closed. If the boys want to gather together now, let some one start a "singing school," "church sociable" or something of that kind. That's about the only thing left.

—Dr. Melotte has been sending a very neat circular to all the members of the University. He is now making a specialty of saving the natural teeth, and, as he is one of the best operators in the country, his work must be satisfactory.

—Major Burbank, in answer to a written request, will address the three upper classes on the subject of certain events connected with last summer's boating experience, the condition of the Navy and the advisability of supporting a Freshman crew — next Tuesday.

—The Engineers are wearing their pins, which certainly are very neat and pretty. The Mechanic Arts men are jealous, however, and are going to have a pin, too. We hope this wont spread to the other courses. It would be very confusing to see so many different pins.

—The London *Saturday Review* of March 18, devotes a two-column article to the kidnapping affair of last term as reported in the New York *Herald*. The British mind is evidently unable to grapple with the subject and refuses to conceive of such an event happening at Oxford or Cambridge.

—Those students who were here in vacation had the great pleasure of listening to Stevens' Comic Opera Troupe in the "Jolly Bachelors." Everybody was surprised and delighted with the performance. They are coming back about May 10th, and we predict the largest house of the season.

—Afternoon recitations look all right on paper, and, indeed, when the weather is propitious, probably work well. But just wait till a ten-below-zero blizzard, or thunder-and-lightning tornado, comes

along, and then see how the empty benches will smile at the professors. Just wait. Time will tell.

—The Ithaca Dramatic Club will present next Monday evening the popular play of Esmeralda, written by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The cast contains some of the best dramatic talent of Ithaca, and we can bespeak a most enjoyable entertainment for all who attend. Admission, 35 cents; reserved seats, 50 cents.

—Prof. Corson's class in Special Senior Literature will hereafter meet at eleven o'clock on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Short poems from modern authors will be read and the wishes of the class consulted with regard to the selections made. The past week has been devoted to Rosetti. The class will not meet next week.

—Why not search the boys as they come into examinations? 'T would be a great saving of time, since one professor—and every professor's time is valuable—could do the work of three or four. It wouldn't be dignified? Oh! yes it would. Just about as dignified as it is to treat them like thieves or untrustworthy characters.

—Several informal letters have been received by the Freshman class on the subject of a Freshman race from several colleges. No definite action has yet been taken, since the class is waiting the decision of Columbia and Harvard in regard to admittance to the regatta on the Harlem, next July, between the Columbia and Harvard Freshmen.

—Why should not the doors of the Chapel be closed before the sermon begins and thus stop the nuisance of late-comers interrupting the service? If we must have this nuisance, let us have as little as possible of it. Limit its visits to the time from the beginning of the service to the beginning of the sermon, we say. After that, shut the doors.

—By far the liveliest students in the University are the Engineers. We understand they wish to play match games with the students of any other course in any sport whatever,—foot-ball, base-ball, rowing, boxing, in fact, anything. There is considerable talk of their organizing a glee club. At any rate, challenges to sing will meet with respectful attention.

—The course in Sophomore Latin for the present term exhibits several changes which will make it of more interest than heretofore. The class will read, under Professor Perkins, Horace's Satires Thursdays; under Professor Hale, Horace, Epistles, Mondays, Latin composition, Wednesdays, recitations from Crutwell's *History of Roman Literature*, with lectures by the Professor.

—A number of the students who remained in town during the vacation amused themselves and others by daily visiting the Teachers' Institute which was in session at that time. Some of the boys are,

we understand, wearing bandages on their hearts, and drinking Pond's Extract by the quart to heal that ruptured thumper. "Then, boys, keep away from the girls"—we say.

—Some brilliant character showed his appreciation of something good when he abstracted(?) number one of the Princeton *Tiger* from the Assembly Room; but we decidedly wish to inform him that this must stop. Our exchanges are put there to be read, and if they cannot be left there, we will stop bringing them to the room. Strange that some people can't appreciate a favor.

—Professor Ely, lecturer on Political Economy in the Johns Hopkins University, will deliver lectures here during the next month on the "Administrative System of Germany." These lectures will be especially valuable and interesting, after those delivered by the President on Stein. During his stay here, he will occupy the hour now used by the President, who will discontinue his lectures for two weeks.

—The Seniors and Juniors found out last term that their residence here of three or four years had failed to give them any good character. Just when they were beginning to think that they might be trusted, they found themselves mistaken. Strange that the Faculty have just found out what a set of black-legs they were teaching. It is discouraging to find that one's character grows worse as he grows older.

—Prof. White, of Cornell, will take Prof Goodwin's place at Harvard while the latter is acting as director of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece. —*Philadelphia Evening News*. The professor who is to occupy Prof. Goodwin's position is already at Harvard and Cornell is in no immediate danger of losing her German professor, who bears the same name as the Harvard assistant in Greek.

—ERA to the front again. E. C. Howland, '79, ex-ERA editor, whom Seniors will easily remember, has been awarded the second prize by the Civil Service Reform Association of Boston, for an essay on Civil Service Reform. A Mr. Allen, of Harvard, '80, took the first prize. As we had occasion to remark a short time ago, "blood will tell." We now expect to see a great rush for ERA chairs in the coming election.

—The Engineers' Banquet will be the next gathering of importance. Two reasons are given for the delay in holding the banquet,—one that the boys wanted to wait until Lent was over, the other that they wished to wait till "no license" was in vogue. Anybody who knows them well will unhesitatingly affirm that the delay was on account of the former reason, since it is well known that all the Engineers have signed the pledge.

—No one will wonder that the Faculty thought afternoon recitations in order, when we learn that

two Seniors, about as prominent as any two members of the class could be, had just petitioned the Faculty to change the hour of a nine o'clock study, on the ground that it was too early an hour for them to come on the hill. They didn't want to be disturbed so early. It took a whole committee to explain to them that it was impossible to grant their request.

—Next Sunday's Chapel lectures will be delivered by President Julius H. Seelye of Amherst College. Everyone remembers President Seelye's resignation from Congress in 1876, to accept the presidency of Amherst College which position he has since filled very acceptably. He has not, however, forgotten his first profession, that of the ministry and is said to acquit himself as ably in the preacher's desk as on the floor of Congress or in his president's chair. President Seelye is of the Congregationalist denomination.

—All Cornellians will be greatly interested in a work of three quarto volumes soon to be published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston, on "The Public Service of the State of New York." The last volume contains an account of the educational institutions of the State, where a very complete account of our own University is to be found, which was written by Dr. Wilson, under the supervision of President White. There will be presented several views of the buildings and grounds, together with portraits and biographical sketches of Ezra Cornell, H. W. Sage, President White, Dr. Wilson, Professor Fiske and Professor Goldwin Smith. The portraits have been selected and the sketches prepared by Dr. Murray, Secretary of the Board of Regents. Dr. Chadbourne, late President of Williams College, is the editor of the whole work, which is intended to be a complete history of the public service of New York State down to the present time.

PERSONALIA.

LAPHAM, '84, will not return to the University this term.

ORMSBEE, '81, visited friends in Ithaca, in the vacation.

MISS GAGE, '84, will not return to the University this term.

CRANDALL, '84, has returned to his studies in the University.

GILL and Casey, of '82, will not be here this term, but will return next June and graduate with their class.

LEWIS H. COWLES, '84, who has been confined to his room with typhoid fever, for the past two months is now slowly recovering.

MANDEVILLE, '77, King, '77, Rœhrig, '83, and Chisholm, '84, appear next Monday evening, in Esmeralda, at Wilgus Opera House.

RUDIGER, formerly '83, was in town last week. He has been in Mexico on a railroad survey for the past seven months, and has just returned. He has now accepted a position on a road in Southern Pennsylvania.

HOWARD, '77, is presiding officer, Borden, '78, sub-captain, and Spofford, '79, an active member of the Capitol Bicycle Club of Washington, D. C.—one of the most energetic clubs of wheelmen in the country. Borden holds the 5-mile and 2-mile championship of the club. Old Cornellians will remember him as a famous foot ball player.

MARRIED.

FRENCH—CARR.—In Cleveland, March 8th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Miss Julia H. French, to Mr. Frank H. Carr, formerly '83.

DIED.

In Denver, Col., on the 29th ult., Leroy A. Foster, '72, of Portland, Me.

EXCHANGES.

During the few weeks which have elapsed since we dropped our editorial cares for a brief season of rest, several important changes in the management and appearance of some of our contemporaries have taken place. The long-expected Princeton illustrated paper has appeared. The *Tiger* is as yet a cub, but evidently has come to stay, and we may reasonably hope that time and experience will remedy some defects which are quite obvious. The *Lampoon* has long had almost undisputed sway in this particular branch of journalism, and has attained a hold on the affections of exchange editors that only great merit on the part of a rival will supplant. The *Columbia Spectator* has hitherto been *Lampy's* only successful follower, and we shall watch the growth of the *Tiger* with interest. Here is a clipping from "Et Cetera," modeled after the "Ibis Lampy" conversations.

"What," asked TIGE, as he and the Prince of Orange passed a dry-goods store, "is the difference between that wooden figure in there, dressed in silk, and the act of clubbing a drunken man with a piano-stool?" "Give it up," said the P. of O. "Well," said TIGE, "I'll tell you. The one is a sham dame; the other, —" The Prince sighed.

The *Tiger's* poetry is already popular among the scissors wielders of the college press. We give a sample.

ROUGE ET NOIR.

She and I met at a fancy ball,
No matter where, 'twas not long ago—
The story is short, we flirted and danced;
Of course, then it happened that I was entranced,
While she—but I never did know.

Perhaps I was hasty and foolish—but then
She was a blonde bewitchingly pretty,
And such a complexion, the rose and the snow,
A style so *Piquante* and a voice—you know
That the flattest remark makes witty.

Her complexion, I might as well confess,
Was the thing that bowled me over.
Our courtship was short, well something like this,
A head on a shoulder, a lingering kiss,
Gay maid and rapturous lover.

Confession's in order? Then here's for a go:
The fair one I never saw after—
Ball-bills, \$20; coat spoiled by connection
Between my shoulder and her complexion.
Chance for a moral—not laughter.

The *Yale News*, with each Wednesday issue publishes an illustrated supplement, whose object is to "amuse and entertain as well as interest" their readers. Thus both Yale and Princeton at last have realized what has been the subject of much discussion—mediums through which their long-dormant talent for sketching and caricature may be exercised. The first number contain a very fairly-executed cut, illustrating the following satire on the spring style in hats:

Miss Winsome (unexpectedly meeting a college friend): "Oh, how glad I am to see you. Do get in and come up to luncheon. Mamma will be so pleased!"

Senior (delighted): "I shall be most happy"—(suddenly realizing that his spring hat will never allow him to enter the coupé door)—"but er-er-I—that is an engagement—so very sorry." Exit heaping maledictions upon the London fashions.

"Fashion's Victim," a vigorous recital of the woes of a martyr to the recent economy of cloth in a certain necessary part of the male attire, and a few well-selected, though somewhat ancient, clippings, fill the remainder of the two-page supplement—Yale's illustrated paper.

The *Yale Record* comes to us dressed in a neat cover, which greatly improves its appearance.

The *Notre Dame Scholastic* has at last heeded the many pleas of its critics, and modified its heavy aspect by the use of lighter paper. A similar reform in some of its literary articles would still further raise its present high standing. For this innovation, much thanks.

We take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of Columbia's Annual, the *Columbiad*. The cuts are, with a few exceptions, pointed in design and neat in execution. The editors have done themselves proud, and have issued a publication which, in the language of the *Acta*, "may truly be called a work of art."

The *Acta* humbly opines that "An Athletic Comedy in One Act," entitled 'Home Again,' which gives a vivid and life-like account of the return of the Cornell crew from their foreign victories (?) cannot fail to make Cornell root." Probably it was with the intention of adding to our humiliation that the imperial T. Carlyle Smith turned his powerful batteries of ridicule on us, by giving the humor of the *Columbiad* the sanction of his imitation. Possibly T. Carlyle's soul was not satisfied with his visit to Racine.

BOOK NOTICES.

GARFIELD'S PLACE IN HISTORY, an essay by Henry C. Pedder. 16mo, beveled edges, pp. 104, with steel engraving. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

This beautiful memorial volume by Mr Pedder is a worthy tribute to the memory of our lamented Executive. Without giving any detailed biographical sketch, merely alluding to a few incidents and features in Garfield's life, the author has presented an interesting exposition of the noble character and motives of him whose loss the nation mourns. He gives Garfield a place in the rank of Washington and Lincoln. "Washington," he says, "represented national independence, Lincoln national unity, and Garfield national independence and unity made stronger and more beautiful for the force of his intellectual grasp, his nobleness of life and his breadth of culture." He cites Garfield as a rare example of a man who has attained elevated political station without depending upon shrewdness and intrigue, and one who has preserved his finer tastes and feelings amid the excitements of a busy political life. The author argues that from the rare powers, the versatility of talents, the nobleness of his career up to the day of his death, Garfield was destined to be among the greatest rulers of nations, among the most exalted of America's statesmen. The essay expresses and repeats this one sentiment throughout, "that we can estimate what he would have been by what he was."

Well selected extracts from the speeches of President Garfield, upon political and educational topics, are introduced as examples of the breadth, thoroughness of his knowledge and culture.

The Essay of Mr. Pedder, although, perhaps brought forth at too early a day to give unbiased, an estimate of Garfield's life and position in history, nevertheless, utters sentiments which will meet with a sympathetic response in the hearts of loyal Americans. For sale by Finch & Apgar, Ithaca.

THE STUDY OF WORDS. By Richard Chenevix Trench. Complete in two parts, 15 cents each. J. Fitzgerald & Co., Publishers, 143 Fourth Avenue, New York.

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AMUSEMENTS.

White & Parsons' Comedy Co. gave an excellent entertainment at Columbian Hall last evening to a good audience. A comedy in five acts ran through the panorama which is a fine one and alone well worth the price of admission. Mr. Harry Hall describes the scenes in elegant language and shows considerable versatility in personations. The sentiment of his songs is good and they were warmly received. Mr. Bryan O'Lynn, who personates Barney O'Hea, is a fine dancer and excellent comedian. His presentation of Muldoon was very good. Mr. Frank Duffy is a good German comedian and dancer, and has a strong, pleasant voice. He was quadruply encored. Miss Annie Irish makes a good Kitty, acting and singing well. Miss May Miller sweetly and piquantly sings some very pretty numbers; she has a pleasant stage presence. Not the least enjoyable part of the entertainment is the music, directed by Mr. Louis McGowan their able musical director. The four allegorical tableaux are indeed "beautiful." A funny face concluded the performance which merits the hearty support of the public.—*Bath, Me., Daily Times.*

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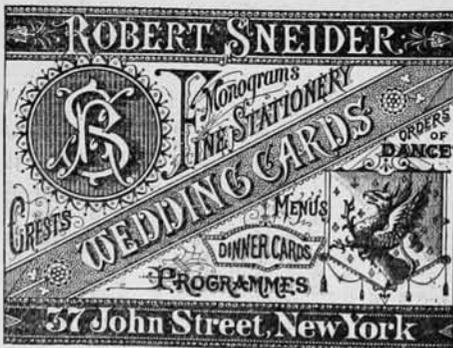
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WELL, are the Sophomores to have their excursion down the Lake? It is high time to be talking about, though not for having it. The enjoyable custom established by last year's Sophomores should become a regular institution. We can hardly believe that '84, who has shown herself so energetic, will consent to sink back in apathy, and let the "Sophomore Excursion" be only a thing of the past. Let them go to work, and, if possible, make a greater success than did '83. Some of the minor arrangements of last year could be improved. We should suggest supper at Aurera rather than Shel-drake.

THE explanation and general talk on Navy matters given by Major Burbank last Tuesday morning was, we think, especially wise and in order at the present time. What was then said served to give the student body a better appreciation of the facts in our last summer's boating experience, than could possibly be obtained by the sensational and strongly biased accounts of newspaper reporters. Major Burbank has been in a position to judge the matter then considered, in perfect fairness and with a full knowledge of all the details. His opinions then we consider as worthy the greatest weight and attention. His advice in regard to the future of boating matters here, was sensible and wise, and we doubt not will be followed.

IN our locals last week we suggested that the doors of the Chapel be closed Sundays before the sermon begins, in order that the nuisance of late-comers might be stopped. That our growl was heeded is evident from the fact that of the late-comers last Sunday, none were students. The latter were on time, as they should have been, and outsiders only were the cause of the trouble. Now, we respectfully ask the President, or those who have charge of the Chapel and its services, to have the doors closed at a certain time, or else to take some other forcible measures to stop the nuisance. When we go to Chapel, we go to hear the preacher, and dislike to have his voice accompanied, in some striking passage for example, by the grating creak of new boots. As we said above, outsiders are the cause of the trouble, and we argue that if they have not sufficient politeness and good sense to come earlier than in the middle of the sermon, they ought to be taught some. The ERA's protests have been usually heeded in times past—for which we are grateful—and we are sure that this request is sufficiently just to be granted by President White, or others who may be in charge of the Chapel.

IN our last issue a correspondent expressed his grievances in regard to the marks given for the past term's work in English Literature. We think that had he given the subject a little more sober thought, he would have found that in all probability his complaint was not well founded. The Professor in question is one of the last to whom the charge of unfairness can be applied. In fact he is noted as giving to his students every advantage he can consistently, and the attack upon him we must consider almost ungenerous. That most troublesome of all student evils, an examination, is more frequently dispensed with by him than by any other professor in the institution. The subject of English Literature is one of the most difficult to apply the test of examination to, hence the announcement of no examination is hailed with pleasure. But let some of the students not receive a mark as high as they consider due them and there is dissatisfaction. They

know nothing of what may have caused their low mark, and hence claim that they have been treated unfairly. A little more of the "grin and bear it" spirit might not only be wiser, but also display a tendency to honor the word of a professor as worth that of a man.

MOST of us wish to take away with us when we leave the University the likeness of those instructors with whom we have passed so many agreeable hours, and to whom we have in many cases become warmly attached. But to do this, and to procure likenesses of our classmates involves an expense which quite a number will shrink from. In view of this well-known fact, would it be too much to ask the Faculty to sit as a group? Of course, at first there will be a hesitation about this, but if once established as a custom what more valuable record would there be of the progress towards excellence of our body of instructors? It would be, also, not merely a favor to the Seniors and undergraduates. It would be a convenience to many others. We should hope no feelings of false pride would induce a professor to decline to be a member of the Faculty group. Let no one think that if anyone thinks highly enough of him to want his likeness he will buy. All can think so and then this trouble, of which we speak, will come in. We should think as a fraternal body they would be pleased to have themselves photographed as a group. We have been impelled to express these sentiments at the earnest wish of many students and we hope they may have some influence.

IT is universally conceded that a proper understanding of the sciences is much more easily given by a professor when his instruction is aided by suitable apparatus. For this reason we have costly instruments imported from Europe to assist the able professor of Physics; for this, the wilds of Africa and the Fiji Islands are ransacked that the promising instructor in Comparative Anatomy may present to Freshman classes a more accurate idea of the habits of the dugong or chimpanzee, for this the Reuleaux Models are presented to the Mechanical Engineering department, costly spectrosopes are procured to reveal the constitution of the stars, and— But it is unnecessary to multiply instances of the application

of this principle. If you accept its truth, as your acts prove that you do, why, gentlemen of the honorable Board of Trustees, have you so long slighted the Astronomical department? It is not because the instructor is unworthy. Few names on the catalogue of professors of Cornell University carry more respect and influence in scientific circles than his. The only answer that suggests itself, is, that the needs of the department are not appreciated by those in authority. Astronomy is one of the most abstract of sciences. The planes and circles of reference, the complicated motions of the planets, with their mutual relations, can be but imperfectly understood, unless illustrated by suitable apparatus. This want has certainly, been crying to heaven for a long time, yet, strange to say, has heretofore escaped the lynx-eyed ERA editor. Now that we have brought the matter to public notice we hope that it will not be dropped until the lack is filled.

IT is now over two years since a Regatta has been held on the Cayuga Lake course. And the last two regattas were of such an unsatisfactory nature that we hope it will be at least two years more before another of the same kind is given. For, instead of the Navy reaping profit from them, the Navy lost, through the inexperience of the oarsmen and the extreme roughness of the water, boats which could not be well spared. The old manner of conducting regattas, we hope, is past. The day when scrub crews were the rule, we hope will not return. The unfortunate boat-club system here did a great deal to inaugurate and maintain scrub crews. Although each class had its crew, which practiced to some extent together, yet at the regattas there was generally a race between Sprague and Tom Hughes in addition to the usual class and Freshman gig races. This had a bad effect. Men rowed in the same boat not because they had been accustomed to rowing together, but because they happened to belong to the same club. Very often the crew that rowed together in a regatta had never before pulled together in their lives. How could any one expect good races to result from such lack of training? What else could be expected but broken boats and general failure? Then, too, many were put in the shells who were fit only for the gigs. Of course, the races that ensued were a farce. Every one was disgusted, and the

Spring and Fall Regattas became from being regular occurrences merely memories.

It has long been evident that changes were necessary in the management of the regattas. One great change is to abolish the Sprague-Hughes club races. Another is to insist on careful and systematic practice for those crews intending to compete. Another change is to make all races class races. This will have the effect of making every crew responsible to its class as its representatives of its honor and position in aquatics. It will be a greater stimulus to faithful work and energetic exertion. It hardly seems necessary to point out the many benefits resulting from class races. Harvard has found by experience that club races have by no means the good effects which follow class contests.

It may do to talk about reviving boating interests, but the true and energetic way is to go to work and develop what material there is. Then the rest will follow. Look at the prominent boating colleges, and it will be found that where class races flourish best, there boating is on the soundest basis. Our method of procedure seems clear.

There is now chance to revive the Spring Regatta, not the Regatta of the old-time standard, but one which will bring out the best boating element, and give satisfaction, and awaken general interest. We have been trying for some time to incite our oarsmen to several contests this spring, and we are happy to say that we have had the hearty co-operation of several prominent oarsmen. We can almost speak of the Regatta as an assured fact. The Seniors feel perfectly confident of their ability to defeat the Juniors, while '84 is willing to show '85 that they could have had a good Freshman crew to send away had it not been for the greater interest in the University Four. From the Seniors we can form a crew from Cowles, Tuthill, Wait, McClelland, Krüsi, Collins, Brown, Cowell and Smith, all of whom have had experience and are worthy men. The Juniors can select a crew from Chase, Humphries, Anderson, Wilcox, Hoffman, Washburn, and a large number of whom we cannot now think. The Sophomores did good work last fall in the boats, and can easily pick a six who will prove formidable antagonists to the Freshmen. They have Howland, Cassidy, Scofield, the two Hamiltons, Weed, Brewster, Walch, Ware and others. The Freshmen already have a crew pretty

well picked, and it will probably be composed of some of the following: Reed, Raht, Lay, Swartwout, Olin, Holman, Waterman. We are confident that with these men in the boats a creditable regatta will take place. But we urge most earnestly that no confidence be put in their individual skill. Let there be systematic practice. The Freshman and Sophomore practice days can be only Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays on account of drill on the other days. Let the Seniors and Juniors take advantage of the other days, for only in that way can the best shells be used by all.

As to the Regatta itself. It will have to be rowed in heats, owing to circumstances which every one knows. This will be much better for many reasons than having one race in which all four crews row. For better time will be made. Attention can be given more closely to the rowing of every crew and every man in the boats.

We can hardly estimate the advantages that will come from this manly rivalry between the classes which we wish to establish. Class feeling is now deplorably low. All admit it. This will cultivate it. And more, it will awaken renewed activity in our boating men, and place boating on a sure foundation, and arouse the enthusiastic interest of the whole student body.

EIGHTY-FIVE is to be commended for reviving in a new form, the old college custom of cremating calculus. The absence of traditions and established customs, is so noticeable at Cornell, that anything which will tend to supply this deficiency ought to be heartily welcomed. The Freshmen have made a happy choice in deciding to burn their Algebras, which at present have the doubtful distinction of out-ranking first year French and German in general disapproval. The class will probably form a procession, which, toward midnight will march in uniforms of white, from the park in town to the campus on the hill, where the ceremonies, including a sermon, a prayer, and a dirge will take place under the superintendence of high priest and bishops, bits of algebra will be distributed as mementoes and the ashes will be buried amid universal lamentation, and the music of instruments similar to those so successfully employed in the siege of Jericho. Upperclassmen will appreciate the general

invitation to be present, which will be issued to the presidents of those classes. Like the Constitution of the United States their invitations will recognize no distinction of age or color, but only a distinction of sex, and there is no doubt the response will be as cordial as the feeling which prompted '85 to extend her invitation.

THE UNIVERSITY REGISTER, 1881-2.

From the moment a Freshman enters the portals of S. U. B. and enrolls his name as a candidate for collegiate instruction, he looks longingly toward the time when he shall timidly peep between the paper covers of *The Cornell University Register* and sees his own name in full beneath the heading, Undergraduates, and the less euphonious sub-title of Freshmen. When he reaches the second year he opens the publication more boldly and sees with gratification that his name has been pushed forward one pace, under the heading, Sophomores. When the third year arrives, casually, he glances through the work and sees John Archibald Smith under the title, Juniors. He immediately begins a dream which may occupy his attention for several moments, then he says, "Is it possible! I, John Smith, a Junior. Only one more year? What in the world have I been doing the past two years and more?" He studiously scans the Calendar, coming to the vacations, he sees that June 15th, the long summer vacation begins. Then he smiles and starts his summer castles in Spain. The momentous Senior opens the work critically, adjusts his eye-glasses serenely, and proceeds to examine the work of fact—formerly of fiction. He glances at his name, only to see that it is in the right place—next to the Faculty, then he looks over his class and sees how many have disappeared from the list, and sadly moans, "Next year my name will not be there." So year after year the familiar form of the annual, stamped with the face and the motto of the University's founder, greets the gaze of the Alumnus, the undergraduate, and the outside world, every year recording new names, and removing others; every year indexing Cornell's advancement in the foremost rank of educational institutions.

The Register for 1881-2 does not differ very much in its external or its typographical appearance from the Register of last year. The arrangement of the subjects has been changed a little. The classification of Students has been somewhat altered; optional and special students being classed by themselves. Some additions and some omissions have been made. Among the additions is the list of preachers at Sage Chapel, during the year. Information which will be of interest to parents and students. The Commencement programme, with the list of the degrees and prizes conferred, has been in-

serted in place of the list of Alumni. The omission of the Alumni is to be regretted as that portion of the Register has been very valuable as a matter of reference. In regard to the laboratories, museum and equipments, the new Register contains considerable interesting information, showing the resources, growth and increased facilities in the different departments.

Several changes have been made in the studies of some of the courses. In Arts, Greek has been made a three hour study, and Grecian and Roman history required. In the general courses history has been made an elective and thus a wider range is offered to those students who desire to utilize their time in advanced scientific or linguistic studies.

The department of History and Political Science has been somewhat extended, embracing many subjects heretofore not taught at Cornell or which have been presented, formerly, in a different way. Among these studies may be mentioned Roman and Grecian history, taught by Professor Perkins in recitations and lectures; English history, by Professors Goldwin Smith, Tuttle and Mr. Burr; American history by Professor Tyler; Theoretical and Systematic Politics, and International Law by Professor Tuttle. Comprising a thorough course in history and politics there has been arranged a four years course in History and Political Science, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy.

Concerning a department of Mining Engineering, the Register states that "It is intended, at an early day, to supplement the existing force by the appointment of such additional professors and lecturers as are necessary to the establishment of a mining school for the most advanced work, both as regards theory and practice."

Under the title of Miscellaneous Information it will be noticed that the expenses of a residence in Ithaca have been reduced—in the catalogue—from from \$340 to \$300 per annum, which could be safely called an estimate not excessively extravagant.

In the Appendix is found the law relating to State Scholarships, a topic which will be of interest to residents of New York State intending to enter Cornell.

The new Register has been prepared for publication by a committee from the Faculty, consisting of Professor Flagg, Chairman, Professors Crane, Hale, Jones and Prentiss. The work has been very carefully done and gives a very candid statement in regard to the University, and its facilities for giving instruction.

—The Dramatic Association are now actively rehearsing the "Cricket on the Hearth," which play will be given at the "Cascadilla Opera House" about the middle of the term. An excellent cast has been made, and one which will be able to sustain the high reputation of the association in its conscientious representation of the plays it undertakes.

JONES.

My name is Jones. Not that there is anything remarkable about that fact. Indeed I have been informed that my parents contemplated it from my earliest years. It was the first part of my label which perplexed them. My mamma has often told me that the whole family spent three entire weeks in deciding upon Adolphus Angelo. "But," she was accustomed to add, "we have never ceased to feel repaid for our trouble."

In order to understand the little episode which I am about to relate, it is only necessary to know that I grew up and at an eminently proper age entered C-l-mb-a College. We fellows here had a gag which we flattered ourselves was the very latest lum tum thing in slang.—Since Willie died. I don't know whether it had its origin in that touching lyric, entitled "Willie's Dying Request," of which one stanza runs :

Wrap me up in maple sugar,
Slather me over with gin,
Hit me with a ripe tomato,
And then wipe off my chin—

but we were constantly reminding each other that "These are the best bananas I have eaten since Willie died," or "most enjoyable evening since Willie died." The effect upon the untutored ear was startling.

I have always considered myself remarkably and successfully attractive to the fair sex and during my sophomore year was paying strict attention to a young lady of more than ordinary charms. The affair was beginning—but I refrain from speculating upon might-have-beens. Making an afternoon call last spring I thought it might be the proper caper to introduce our pet slang and when Miss Sm-th remarked upon the beauty of the weather, I rejoined :

"Yes, finest afternoon since Willie died." Miss S. seemed shocked, but as every one else who heard this phrase for the first time appeared to be affected with the same malady, I was not surprised and in alluding to a ball I had lately attended compared the toilets to those worn at the demise of the mythical William. Miss S. looked very strangely but I went boldly on and remarked that I had not seen her wear such an expression since Willie died.

Miss S. at this interesting juncture burst into tears and, rising hastily, left the room. After waiting a few minutes, and not knowing what else to do, I found my way to the door and, blundering down the steps, took a very French French leave. Next morning's post brought me a note which will explain itself to the reader.

MR. ADOLPHUS ANGELO JONES :

Sir:—After your unparalleled cruelty yesterday, in so unfeelingly alluding to my dearest brother's death, any farther acquaintance between us could

not but be both unpleasant and profitless. Let us consider all such acquaintance at an end.

ARABELLA SM-TH.

Great Heavens! Miss Sm-th had lost a little brother Willie, and, as she had left off mourning or had never worn it, nothing was farther from my mind than that such a thing were possible. She surely would allow me to explain. I wrote a note apologizing for my seeming brutality. It was returned unopened. I called next day. She was "not at home." I haven't called since.

COMMUNICATION.

NEW YORK CITY, April 6, 1882.

To the Editors Cornell Era :

In view of the vague press reports concerning the late action of the Cornell Association of this city, I have thought the ERA might find room for an authentic statement of such action, as well as of the motives, avowed and apparent, which have prompted it.

The resolutions, as passed by the meeting of December 14th last, were :

1st. That steps be taken to secure the adoption of the Yale plan of voting for trustees of the University by the Alumni.

2nd. That steps be taken to secure the modification of the law of 1881, so far as it allows the election of Trustees of the University by the Board of Trustees by less than thirteen concurring votes."

The first of these is explained by the circular lately issued by the Association as follows :

"The University Charter gives its Alumni the right, through Trustees elected by them, to share in its government. At present, such right can be exercised by such only as meet at the University at its annual Commencement—that is, by those resident in Ithaca or its vicinity, and the few residents elsewhere who not only are ready to meet the expense, but can also, at the precise date, command the leisure necessary for a journey to Ithaca.

The Yale plan contemplates—

I. That a registry be kept at the University of the residence of all its alumni.

II. That a certain number of the alumni may file at the University, on or before a fixed date in each year, nominations for the trusteeship or trusteeships to be filled by the alumni at the next commencement.

III. That upon the closing of such nominations a list of the candidates be sent each alumnus.

IV. That each alumnus may send, over his signature, the vote or votes to which he may be entitled, to be opened and counted at the meeting at commencement as if then cast."

The Association consider that particulars may be so settled as to leave it still desirable even for elective purposes for each alumnus to attend the annual

Commencement, and at the same time to give the general body of the Alumni the power effectually to exercise the franchise in question.

As to the second of the above resolutions, still quoting from the Association circular :

"The University Charter, as settled in 1867, provided :

That *five* of the *fifteen* elected members of the Board of Trustees should be chosen by the Alumni.

That *thirteen* concurring votes of Trustees should be necessary for the election of any of the remaining ten, as vacancies should occur; with the result plainly intended and actually the case, that the Alumni Trustees should have a practical veto as to the election of any of the remaining elected ten.

The law of July 6th, 1881, is as follows :

"Ten of the Trustees of Cornell University shall form a quorum for the transaction of business at the meetings of the Board of Trustees, and the concurrence of eight of said Trustees shall be necessary, and if that be a majority of those present, shall be sufficient in balloting to fill a vacancy in the Board and in electing a Trustee in place of one whose term shall have expired."

Without noting other striking results of such law, we consider the following * * * affect injuriously important Alumni interests :

I. Two of the ten non alumni Trustees being retired in each year it gives to the *eight* remaining non-alumni Trustees the power, being a majority of a quorum, to re-elect the retiring Trustees, thus making the non-alumni representation in the Board absolutely self-perpetuating.

II. It allows the ten non alumni Trustees, without others, to form a quorum to transact business.

III. As a consequence, the alumni Trustees are henceforward to have no power in the Board, except to give weight by their assent to the acts of the non-alumni ten, or to be a convenience to the latter by assisting eight of them to form a quorum, which such eight non alumni would control."

So far has the Association stated its reasons for its action. But there are others lying deeper. In the general opinion of the Alumni settled here, the University for some years previous to 1881 had been declining in patronage or popular reputation. This belief was not so much a subject of discussion as "in the air," and the Alumni, slowly becoming convinced that something was the matter, silently wondered what it was. A year since it was brought sharply to their notice that in spite of the long roll of ex-officio and distinguished Trustees, the only effective power of the Board was vested in such of its members "as happened to reside in the village of Ithaca." It was natural to attribute the troubles of the University to local influence narrowing the policy of the University; and the discussion which had divided the Alumni of this city on the merits of the difference between the late Vice-President and the Executive Committee of the University, gave place to the concord with which all united in the decided communication presented to the Trustees in June.

The Alumni here admit that their statements were well received by the Trustees, and that, in many re-

spects,—as in regard to the strengthening of the Faculty and the compensation of professors,—they have acted upon their suggestions. But is felt that the Board have shown a determination not to touch what the Alumni consider the root of the difficulty, viz., a concentration of the government of the University in a committee of Ithacans. The local Alumni succeeded last June in the election of their candidate. The Trustees added to their body another resident of Ithaca, whom the Alumni had declined to re-elect, making the Board more local than before. The Alumni had complained that too much was left to a local committee. The Trustees secured legislation which gave the local Trustees the power of a full Board. The Alumni believed themselves to have, as a last resource, a veto through their representatives upon elections of non-alumni Trustees. The new law nullified it. The Trustees secured such legislation, as they say, from the difficulty of getting a quorum for business. The Alumni retort that, as for thirteen years the Board had presumably acted with quorums, the difficulty now would seem to be a decline in interest on the part of some of the present Board, to be remedied rather by a change in personnel than by a concession to their convenience. It is suggested that the return of the President would of itself make the Board stronger than formerly, and that, in fact the Trustees who urged the legislation had had so little difficulty in securing a quorum that they had long held, without acting upon it, the resignation of the late Mr. Morgan—who had ceased to attend their meetings—waiting till they should wish to fill his place, which they did after the Alumni action in June. It is also suggested that if legislation were desirable in the direction secured by the Trustees, sacrifice of alumni interests should have been avoided by proper provision.

No one here questions the sincere devotion to the University of the Ithaca Trustees on the value of the work they have done. But the feeling is unanimous that while the University must remain *at*, it should be less *of*, Ithaca.

That these views have not been given more prominence in the action of the Association here is mainly due to the fact that to its Executive Committee has been left the initiative. This Committee—mainly made up of the older graduates, including in its nine members representatives of five secret societies, of the anti-secret organization, and of the "independents" among the graduates, reporting its action only after discussion and mutual compromises, have secured practical agreement among its members—is conservative and able to command general support for its measures.

If left to itself the Association would take probably less unanimous, but certainly more extreme action, e. g. the second of the above resolutions criticises simply one provision of the "law of 1881." When called to account for their moderation, the

Committee answered that their intent was not to ask this or that for the Alumni, but simply to protest against depriving them, without notice or a chance to be heard, of the power they had possessed, leaving for the Trustees to propose and the Alumni to consider such plans as might at once meet the proper requests of the former and secure the Alumni certainly not less power than they had had.

There is no lack on any hand of faith in the future of the University or devotion to its welfare. The Alumni here believe the reforms they have suggested are vital to the prosperity of the University. But they believe, too, that the whole body of the Alumni is with them, that their numbers and influence are increasing, and that such reforms are certain to prevail. They consider the present year to have been a great one for the University; they have faith in its continued prosperity, which they willingly labor to secure, and the credit for which they hope to deserve to share.

Very truly yours,

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CORNELLIANA.

—Engineers' banquet to-night.
 —How fares it with the Cornelian?
 —Modern History marks are now in.
 —Arbutus hunters have been scarce this week.
 —The next banquet will be the ERA blow out.
 —A big brace in athletics is anticipated this term.
 —Our base-ball ground was but a myth, it appears.
 —The Sub-Fresh, appeareth more numerously, as it were.
 —Freshmen will cremate the Algebra a week from to-night.
 —Four cases of books sent to England to be bound have been received.
 —The new building even now gives indications of great architectural beauty.
 —The Engineers will "level" the hash at the Windsor to-night, on a large scale.
 —It is rumored that a change from three terms to two semesters a year is in contemplation.
 —Can't the Civil Engineers challenge the Mechanical Engineers to a game of base ball?
 —Everybody is glad to see most of the "'84 bad boys" back again. "So say we all of us."
 —"It's an ill wind" etc. The boys have been spared drilling by March's intrusion upon April.
 —During Professor Schaeffer's absence, this week, Instructor Newbury lectured to the chemistry class.
 —Evans has sent out his list of Senior photographs. Copies may be obtained from the committee.

—'84 has an ex-assistant Professor of Physics within its fold, and he isn't "one of your 2.5 men either."

—Professor Hewitt has been conducting some of Professor Corson's classes during the latter's absence this week.

—Professor Corson has been lecturing in Boston during the week. He will meet his classes as usual next Tuesday.

—Sage College is not in favor of athletic sports. As witness thereto, not one of the ladies signed the petition for a base-ball ground.

—Now that the Freshmen are going to have a cremation it behooves the Sophs to be stirring and perfect arrangements for their excursion.

—It is too bad that Mary Anderson hasn't been here this season. The only solace for this misfortune will be to go and see Anna next Tuesday.

—The Mechanic Arts Department has had quite a number of machines of various kinds presented to it lately by the different manufacturers of the country.

—If afternoon recitations are a success then there will be very few vacant rooms in the buildings next year. As it is now there is a slight tendency to flock on the hill.

—Last week we promised to say something in reference to field day, in this issue, but we are compelled to put it off till next week in order to perfect arrangements.

—Sports have been slightly dampened by the weather during the week. Vennor has been "a little off" in his calculations for this week. Guess again, old man.

—The first typographical error in the new Register will be found in connection with Professor White's name, who is described as Professor of "German *Literatuse*."

—The only Chapel exercise at Cornell is on Sunday.—*Philadelphia News*. We thought we would bless this item before it gets fairly started upon its journalistic career.

—Since our correspondent "Mystic" has left Sage this term, we take this means of letting the public know that Sage is now under its new management, mentioned last term.

—About the usual number of under-classmen are bothered with lame visual organs this term. The Military Department have had experience in this line before, and to it we refer all the poor afflicted ones.

—For pure and unadulterated fiendishness recommend us to the "Grand Tribunal" of Trinity College. We are terribly bad here at Cornell, we know, but then we are not quite as bad as they are at Trinity, even if we are unsectarian.

—Eighty-two is about making its final effort in athletics, and intend to demolish, if possible, Eighty three not only in base-ball but also in rowing. They mean business, and the Juniors need not think that a walk-over awaits them.

—Professor Jones has issued to his sections a schedule for each day's work during the term in trigonometry. The plan is good, and will benefit his classes in systematizing their work, of which they can not complain of there being any lack.

—Oh, if some class had only left a flag as a memorial! Then we might have raised it on Tuesday morning when the new Register arrived. As it was the ERA fired off a cannon and then went out and took a — some ginger pop. That's all.

—We are informed that the schedule of examinations for the present term will be issued in a week or two and placed in the students' hands. Efforts are being made, also, to have ready before the end of the present term the schedule of work for next year.

—From Bradford, in a private letter from an old Cornellian, we get the following words of encouragement: "We Cornellians in Bradford hope to see a good crew in the field (?) this season, and if necessary I think I could raise a liberal subscription right here.

—The petition of the Engineers for a change in the hour for delivering the lectures in Physics, has been partially granted. The only afternoon, on which any lecture in that branch will be given, is Monday. Wednesday's lecture will henceforth be given on Tuesday at twelve.

—The petition signed by the Seniors for admission to the library alcoves remains as yet unacted upon by the trustees. No meeting of the executive committee has been held since the petition was handed in. At the first opportunity, however, the matter will be passed upon by the trustees.

—We print the actual facts as to the New York Alumni without expressing an opinion, as to the merits of the action they propose. There should be no feeling of hostility or jealousy between the different bodies of alumni. They should work together harmoniously, for all are working for a common end.

—Sage Chapel will be occupied Sunday by John Fletcher Hurst, D. D., Bishop of Iowa. He was born in Maryland in 1834, and graduated from Dickinson College, Pa., in 1853. In 1870 he took the chair of ecclesiastical history in Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., and in 1873, he was made president of the institution. Four years ago he was elected Bishop of the Methodist Church.

—Our subscribers, we suppose, have already noticed the words on our first page, "Terms, per an-

num, in advance, \$2.50," and hence those whose subscriptions remain unpaid will please restrain any wrathful feelings they may have on receiving a bill. It is absolutely necessary that all subscriptions be paid early this term, in order that the business affairs of the paper may be adjusted before the hurry and rush of the last of the term.

—Of course it lies with the classes to fix their own date for the ERA election, but as it is advisable that the election be over with as soon as possible, that their attention may be paid to other important matters such as field-day, rowing, base ball, etc., we suggest that the election be held on Friday, April 28th, two weeks from to-day. There is ample time before that for the wire pulling, and there can be no reason why that date should not be selected. Will not the Presidents of '83 and '84 call class meetings and fix upon that date?

—Up from his lute
Sweet measures shoot
Unto his lady love,
Who, draped in white,
In slumbers light,
Sleeps peacefully above.

A heavy boot
Hit this galoot
Right square between the eyes.
Ceased is the strain.
In woeful pain,
Below the lover lies.

PERSONALIA.

EVERSON, '78, was in town last Tuesday.

CASSEDY, '84, is laid up with the measles.

MISS EDITH GRANT, '82, has gone to New York for a short visit.

SOUTHWICK, '83, will act as business manager of the *Review* for the rest of the year.

GEORGE BEEBE, formerly '82, is practicing law at Penn Yan, N. Y. He has recently been elected to the office of Inspector of Elections.

DR. M. J. ROBERTS, formerly '76, is the author of an article in a recent number of the *Medical Record* on "Elastic Tension Therapeutically Utilized in Adhesive and Medical Plasters."

MARRIED.

HERRICK—DAWLEY.—At East Randolph, N. Y., March 14th, 1882, W. P. Herrick, '81, and Miss Ursula Dawley.

POWELL—DOWE.—At St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca, N. Y., Thursday, April 13th, 1882, Samuel Powell of Hartford, Conn., formerly Professor in Cornell University, to Miss Bertha Dowe of Ithaca.

COLLEGE NEWS.

Williams has received \$20,000 from Hon. Edwin D. Morgan. The new observatory will soon be finished at a cost of about \$4,000.

The *Yale Courant* has been recently presented to the University by F. O. McDonald, '78, who has spent much time and money in its interest.

Fifteen Lasell girls will travel in Europe this summer, at a cost of \$675 per capita.

An exchange asks: "Who will teach Harvard how to read the turkey tracks on tea-chests, now that her Chinese professor is no more?"

A glove fight has been interrupted in New Haven, Conn., and the participants brought before the court. The defence will show that glove-boxing is practiced for prizes in the Yale Gymnasium.—*Harvard Herald*.

Hon. Stewart L. Woodford of New York has a lecture on "The Student Life of Garfield," which he has delivered before the Ann Arbor students.—*Harvard Herald*.

A student's excursion is the latest get up; at a cost of \$300 the student can make a tour of England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France. The excursion starts June 15th, 1882, from Indianapolis.—*Ex*.

Prof. J. W. White offers to give the Athletic Association a discus, the throwing of which will constitute one of the events in the spring meeting. He thinks that throwing the discus may prove as popular as putting the shot, and perhaps supersede it. Such an event would certainly add a great deal of interest to our meeting.—*Harvard Herald*.

Harvard sustains a loss in the resignation of Prof. Dunbar, to take effect at the end of this year. Prof. Dunbar has long occupied the important post of senior instructor in political economy, in which science he is well known as a distinguished and original authority. In an editorial on the subject, the *Herald* says: "With the death of Professor Peirce, succeeded, however, by Professor Byerly, and the retirement of Professors Hedge, Peabody and Dunbar, and the absence of Professors Cooke and Nash, it will be seen that a serious number of vacancies in important departments present themselves for the consideration of the appointing powers."

EXCHANGES.

In a recent issue of the *Harvard Herald* a contributor rails against the *Advocate* and *Crimson* as follows:

"Is it not time that somebody should enter a protest against the kind of literature that our college fortnightlies are offering us? I, for one, want to record my positive disagreement with the method and the theory on which their editors seem to proceed, and, unless I am entirely mistaken in the tone of college feeling in this matter at Harvard, I think I am not alone

in my opinion. * * * If it cost the writers one half the pains to write all of the stuff that it costs their readers to read it—why, I think they have our sincerest sympathy and commiseration in their woes. I call it rubbish and rot, and I claim that I am not too severe in doing so. Doleful writing makes doleful reading, and the *Crimson* and *Advocate* are responsible for many dolorous pangs among their readers. I claim that I have a fair sense of humor and can appreciate wit when I see it; but if any unprejudiced judge will call an even majority of these articles humorous or witty, then I will yield myself utterly stupid and without the power of discrimination.—P. B."

Possibly the writer is a disappointed aspirant for editorial honors. We number several such among our acquaintances who could manage the *ERA* to the perfect satisfaction of themselves, at least. His condition is indicated by his signature—P. B.—pretty bad. If the editors of the *Advocate* and *Crimson* should reprint, for "P. B.'s" benefit, some of the T. Carlyle Smith "swow-to-gosh" style of literature with which the *Acta* nourishes the minds of its readers, he would appreciate them better.

We have long been waiting a favorable opportunity to introduce to our readers the fair visitors who occasionally enliven our sanctum by their presence. They are few in number, which possibly increases their charm.

The *Vassar Miscellany* has been mentioned before in these columns, and has received so many flattering notices from its many admirers of the college press that we can add no new praise and we find nothing to criticise. With the last number it passed into the hands of a new board of editors. The retiring board prides itself on two attainments, to have published their magazine promptly on time, and to have printed more marriage notices than any preceding board.

The *Lasell Leaves*, conducted by the students of Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass., was a genuine surprise to us. We are almost afraid to comment upon it, lest we be accused of extravagant praise. The appearance is neat and attractive, as would naturally be expected, and typographical errors few, as would not naturally be expected. The number before us opens with a poem, "Doctor Mary," which, while it is unpretentious in style and matter, will compare favorably with any undergraduate poem that we have seen this year. The letters, written by distant friends to the *Leaves*, are interesting. The French column affords good practice for the writers and also for youthful readers. The editorials are as feminine as any part of the paper except the local column. The editors complain of a lack of interest in the *Leaves*, and ask for more assistance in their arduous labors. The young ladies have been recently favored by readings by Professor Raymond and a lecture by Professor Walter Smith. A trace of young female human nature is shown in comments on the lecture when the editors say, "Whatever else of the lecture may escape from the memories of the Lasell girls, one point will remain: 'Man is the

only animal that has a forehead." Chapter VI. of the "Chronicles" opens as follows:

"And it came to pass in the seventh year of the reign of the good Prince Charles, that the wandering tribe of L. M. A. took up its abode in the country of the Lasellites, which country is known as Saints' Rest. Now, behold! In the same year, Emily, the Princess of the tribe, did assemble all the daughters, and said unto them, 'Give ear and hearken, oh, my people! for Heien, the daughter of Hewitt, being yet young, and fond of the good things of this world, hath conceived a plan whereby we may obtain much enjoyment.' Then Helen, the daughter of Hewitt, arose and said, 'Hear me, my sisters; as for me, I conceived in my heart to bring my beloved sisters to that apartment in the palace of the good Prince Charles which is presided over by the provider of our daily soup; moreover, in this same apartment, to be united by the strong bonds of boiled molasses,'" etc.

Under the head of "Miscellany," which seems to take the place of the usual "locals," are some lively items that may be read with interest by outsiders. This column is frequently "clipped" from, the highest compliment that an "Ex-ed." can pay. We append a few specimens:

"Two young ladies standing in the hall. First young lady—'Did you know we were not allowed to send live animals by mail?' with a prolonged stare at the hair of the other. Second young lady, with a look of mingled rage and amusement—'Why? Do you wish for a lock of my hair to send away?'"

"FIRST STUDENT—'Is it not too bad! They are afraid poor Miss X. has the spinal meningitis.' SECOND STUDENT—'Oh, that is awful! I once knew a woman who died with spinal meningitis in her leg.'"

"A young lady asserts that maple sugar makes moustaches starchy: True; but how should she know?"

Been there?

The exchange column, that customary *finale* to such works of art, which is seldom worth reading and consequently seldom read, is fully up to the average.

BOOK NOTICE.

—We have received from the Useful Knowledge Publishing Co., New York, a neat cloth-bound edition of Hamlet, uniform with their complete edition of Shakespeare in single plays, which will be issued at twenty-five cents per volume. The text and numbering of the lines are those of the Globe edition, the type and paper are good, and there is not much lacking which could be desired in a convenient edition of Shakespeare's single plays without notes.

AMUSEMENTS.

LANGDON & ALLISON'S Varieties will appear at Wilgus Opera House on Saturday evening, April 15th.

ANNA DICKINSON will appear as *Hamlet* on Tuesday evening, April 18th. From the Chicago *Morning News* we clip: "We say, most emphatically, that Anna Dickinson's appearance as *Hamlet* in Chicago was a success, a most gratifying, unequivocal

success, and all the profession knows what a Chicago success means. It means a triumphal march through the theatrical world, with a big bank account at the end of it, and it should be a matter of pleasure to every one to know that the brave, big-hearted, big-brained little woman has lived to achieve it. She was especially good in the irony and satire, in the way in which she told the king to search for *Polonius* in heaven or elsewhere, and the hint that in a month he might smell him were given with such cutting force as to arouse the house to a simultaneous burst of applause. If there was any important deficiency it was in dramatic action, but even here much was gained by the quiet, philosophical manner in which she moved and posed. There was no attempt to bunkumize the house into applause. She played conscientiously and therefore well.

SOL SMITH RUSSELL.—As the knowing ones predicted, Sol Smith Russell drew a crowded house last evening at the New Haven Opera House, upon the presentation of "The Edgewood Folks," not even an inch of standing room being left. "The Edgewood Folks" is a purely American comedy. It is ably conceived, brightly written, and abounding in wit and humor of the most refined order. It is a surprising bit of work, when the fact is taken into consideration that the play is written with the sole idea of allowing *Tom Dillaway* (Mr. Russell) to introduce his specialties. Each bit of sensation is offset by a comical situation naturally arising from the preceding dialogue. It is seldom that such a company of performers reach New Haven with such a sterling star and such a strong play.—*New Haven Courier*.

This company will appear in Wilgus Opera House Thursday evening, April 20th.

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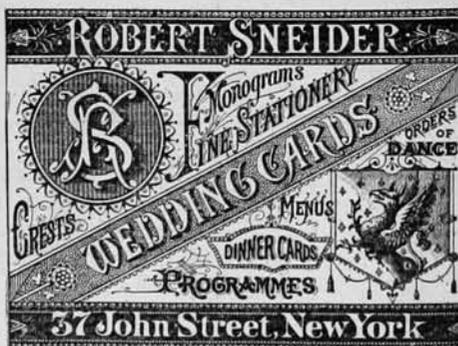
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AND now it appears that the grand outrage at Trinity, the branding, et cetera, has been greatly magnified as usual by the public press, the Palladium of college troubles. What a thrill of horror went through our breasts as we read of the poor students who actually had BURNED into them the mystic letters G. T! We are relieved now, when we learn that every day the same kind of burning occurs in our chemical laboratories. And the laboratory students regard it as a matter of trifling moment. In fact, the scar is hard to be distinguished from the discoloration on the forefingers of the chronic cigarette-smoking young man, for the burning at Trinity, the horrible brand, was made by nitrate of silver!

THE plan adopted in Sophomore French of devoting one recitation a week to what might be termed "conversation work," seems an especially good one. In this recitation, taking a modern short play as a basis, the professor in charge conducts his part of the exercise almost entirely in French, all comments, explanations and notes being given in this way. By this means the student gains an idea of the sound of words as used in ordinary conversation, he learns to be quick to understand what is said, and gets in the habit of making practical use of knowledge gained previously. The plan is but an experiment as yet, but we hope it will prove a successful one.

AT a meeting of the Sophomore Class held during the past week it was virtually decided not to have an excursion, and the reason given for it was, we must confess, a somewhat unique one. It was thought advisable not to have the excursion because the class of '83 had had one, and '84 was not anxious to follow so exactly in the footsteps of her enterprising predecessor. This reason is indeed a foolish one. For the same reason '84 might cut herself off from every enterprise because some preceding class had originated it. The experiment of having an excursion was tried last year, and it now remains for '84 to establish the custom of having, during the Spring Term, Sophomore excursions. These excursions are too enjoyable to be given up for such a childish reason as the one presented, and in fact we have too few class institutions to carelessly do away with any of them. '84 in the past has not been lacking in the true college spirit as her many achievements will testify. Let her not forfeit the good reputation she now has.

AT all class elections, the Senior elections excepted, there always arises much confusion and sometimes great dissatisfaction concerning the casting of votes by certain men, whose position in the classes in question, is held in doubt. This is so notably in the case of those students registered as optional. The publication of the last Register has not served to enlighten matters and, in fact, leaves them in a more confused state than ever. As it is now, some action by the classes will be necessary prior to the approaching ERA election, to determine who, of the students registered as optional, will be entitled to vote in the Junior and Sophomore classes respectively. We would recommend that the tellers appointed to oversee the elections, consider as members of the two classes those who entered with the respective classes, unless the position and rank of students is determined by the Register lists. In this way we think all complaints of unfairness will be done away with, and the consequent ill-feeling disappear. The matter is rather a delicate one to decide in such a way that all will be convinc-

ed of its justice and fairness, but our plan seems to fill the bill completely and to leave no chance for hard feelings. Of course, the matter lies entirely within the power of the classes, and can be decided by them alone; but if it is not decided prior to the election, the past may lead them to expect much confusion and complaint.

THE students have been free from calls for money all this year, so that now, when the Navy calls, they should be willing to contribute with some degree of cheerfulness and alacrity. Last year the friends of the Navy responded well. The crew were sent on a trip, for which it was expected others would pay, and several old Navy debts were paid off. Still there remains a small debt, a debt which it is incumbent on the Navy to pay soon, for it is a debt to a number of individuals, any one of whom we would not care to keep waiting for his money. They are not large notes which can be renewed and on which we can pay interest indefinitely, and thus prove a valuable investment for our creditors, but the debt is an aggregate of small amounts. Now, we earnestly hope that when the "subscription fiend"—who really is deserving of praise for undertaking so thankless a position—does appear, the generosity of the students will not be allowed to be hid under a bushel.

We presume there is no doubt we are all anxious to send our Freshmen to row a race. They give promise of being able to represent our boating interests creditably. But our Freshmen will be hampered and embarrassed unless the Navy is put on a sound financial basis. Our outside friends are willing to heartily support the Freshmen, provided we show sufficient interest ourselves by liquidating our old debts. If we do not, if we are too apathetic to make a vigorous effort, how can we expect those not now connected with the University to become interested? They will be induced to think that our confidence in our Freshmen is only feigned after all.

THERE is a tendency in college sports started, we think, by the University of Pennsylvania which we think to be evil. We speak of the employment of professionals to coach the college crews. Pennsylvania had Ellis Ward train her celebrated four which won so handsomely on the Schuylkill in the first Child's Cup race. This encouraged her so

much that Ward has been entrusted with her crews ever since. Certainly the effect on her crews seems to have been beneficial as regards form and speed, but there are other considerations. Now the news comes that Princeton has followed suit and the announcement is made that "George Lee will coach the Princeton four." This is but the beginning. We fear the sequel. We think it most unfortunate that an outside element is brought into collegiate boating. Collegiate boating and collegiate sports of all sorts should be kept apart from those of the world. The college world is a world in itself. The sports there, are not judged by those of the outside world, any more than amateur performances are judged by the professional standard. We even question the propriety of college nines playing with professional ones, although it is acknowledged this is not done to obtain a place in the professional rank, but merely to obtain practice.

College crews, we think, should rely upon their own skill and experience. And it is only in this way that the whole credit of victory will come to them and their college. Take, for instance, two crews, one which has been trained by a professional and which has had the benefit of all his experience, and the other which has depended solely upon itself. If the crews are evenly matched, the former will win. But their opponents can justly retort, "you have not won! It is Lee's or Ward's experience that has won. Give him the credit!" You may say that if crews have the right to use the latest improvements in boating, in oars, or in slides or steering gear, they also have the right to use the best experience of others. They can buy that, as well. But those who say this fail to see that the proper selection and use of these improvements really depend upon the crew itself. It is one thing to know how long a slide to take, what oars can be used to best advantage by certain men, and quite another thing to throw aside all thought and responsibility and to be guided in passive obedience by the will of another. This professional element will have bad results. It appears harmless now, but the movement is as yet young and weak. Let it grow until all boating colleges adopt it, as they must in time, in self defense and it will be seen what a pernicious intruder has been introduced into what should be kept sacred from the world and worldly sports.

WE have long urged the revival of the annual Field Day, and have hoped that our leading athletes would take up the matter vigorously and push it to a successful conclusion. But it seems that we have talked in vain. Apathy appears to have settled like a cloud on our college sports and no one is ready to take the initiative. We had hoped that the Gymnasium Association would undertake the matter, but for some reason it is disinclined. To prevent the discontinuance of the old and beneficial custom the ERA has determined to take charge of a Field Day itself, hoping that when the work has been fairly started it can be resigned into hands more appropriate for such undertakings. But even if no one feels inclined to step in and co-operate with us, or relieve us of the task, we propose to go ahead and hold a Field Day, provided only enough entries are made to insure an interesting programme. We are confident that in '84 and '85 there is material which, if it could be developed, we would be proud of. We hope no feelings of mock-modesty will deter any one of the lower classmen from entering in any event in which he thinks he has a special excellence. We would whisper to them encouragingly that in many things it is possible to make a higher standard than has been made here in the past. Although we have had a few good records, yet the majority of them have been rather discreditable. And the reason for this is found in the intermittent character of the institution of Field Day here.

We shall endeavor to have Field Day about the middle of May. Men will be appointed to receive entries, and the success they meet with will determine the occurrence of the event. We shall undertake to secure the grounds, provide for printing and other necessary arrangements, and in fact take entire charge of the affair. The profits, if there are any, and there certainly should be some, we will apply to the Assembly Room. Whether they will be expended in pictures, or in furnishing the leading periodicals, will be determined hereafter. We have a pride in our pet, the Assembly Room, and shall take a pleasure in beautifying it and making it as attractive as possible.

It would be well to have Field Day before the 20th. For we may be able to make such a creditable record in some event as to warrant our sending one or more representatives to the Field Sports of the Inter-

Collegiate Athletic Association. These will be held on the Manhattan Polo Grounds at New York on the 27th, and entries must be in by the 20th. Amherst, Columbia, Harvard, Lehigh, Lafayette, Princeton, Rutgers, Pennsylvania and Yale will be represented this year and according to the rules of the Association we must send a representative this year if we wish to remain a member. Taking this into consideration, it will be seen that our Field Day this Spring promises to be of unusual importance. We shall certainly do our part to make it a success and trust the students to respond heartily.

THE ENGINEERS' FEAST.

Last Friday night the happiest crowd of students in the University met together to inaugurate their annual banquet as a custom. The field of battle selected was the Windsor Restaurant, the enemy opposing one of Prager's "lay outs," and the weapons those always used on such occasions, sharpened, however, by the proverbial engineer appetite. Out of forty-three members in the Association of Engineers, thirty-three reported for duty, and these were ably assisted by two representatives of the college press. To say that the quality of the viands was most thoroughly tested is unnecessary. Any one acquainted with the students in this department can testify to their ability in the gastronomical line. When we say their reputation was amply sustained by their deeds on that occasion, we say enough.

At a few minutes past ten the company marched to the scene of conquest and fell to. One hour and a half served to completely rout the enemy and put him in great disorder. After supper, Toastmaster Krüsi took command, announced the absence of Chaplain Fairchild and suggested the election of a substitute. This suggestion was adopted by the unanimous election of W. B. Ewing. The Prophet, W. C. Trumbull, having been inflicted with the usual "dream," related his experience while in the land of shadows, revealing what seemed to him the future destiny of his fellows. His prophecy abounded in "telling hits," "good points," and "grinds," and showed apparently a pretty clear knowledge and appreciation of the failings and propensities of his associates. After the Prophecy, the following toasts were responded to: — "The Engineering Faculty" J. W. Reed, '83. This sub-faculty received at the hands of the speaker very careful treatment. Its characteristics, weaknesses, and strong-points were held up to view, and judging by the faces of the hearers, the toast was thoroughly appreciated. F. S. Washburn, '83, responded to "Our Association," giving a history of the Association, its aims, advantages and benefits. "The Class of '82" was in-

trusted to the care of J. C. Wait. Although small in numbers, he proved '82 to be possessed of every desirable quality. C. L. Hall, '85, toasted "B. McK.," giving a detailed description of two terms' experience in Freshman German. The toast to the "Class of '83" was responded to by E. Duryea, and the general prosperity of the class was augured for the future, judging by past experience. J. H. Furler, '83, gave, in response to "Our Course," a very complete resumé of the work in the department since the foundation of the University. A witty toast on "Foundations" was given by W. C. Smith, '85, and the "Class of '84" was literally dissected by F. M. Towl, '85. In his response to "Our Pin," D. W. Mead, '85, was especially happy. His explanation of the various features of that sign was very humorous. F. W. Carpenter, '84, with apparent delight exposed the foibles of the "Class of '85." He showed in his production the usual unselfish devotion of the Sophomore to the interest and welfare of the Freshman. The regular list of toasts was closed by a response from W. B. Ewing, '83, to "Co-Eds. and Receptions." Mr. Ewing endorsed one or both of his themes, we forget which. In addition to the regular list of toasts, many impromptus were called for. Of course, the press representatives were obliged to make their usual boasts and promises of fidelity to the cause. Mr. A. M. Mossrop, '85, was forced to give in detail some of his "Experiences at Sage"; E. C. Reed, '85, the prospects of the "Freshman Crew"; and I. A. Shaler, '84, a few points upon "Land Surveying." Many others were called for and responded to, some in a witty, and all in an acceptable manner. Taken altogether this banquet was an entire success. Every one enjoyed himself, every one was glad he came, and every one, including the ERA representative, will attend the next one, if he gets a chance. The toasts were interspersed with songs, and, in fact, the singing was one of the enjoyable features of the occasion. The Committee in charge, W. C. Trumbull, '82, W. B. Ewing '83, and D. W. Mead, '85, deserve the hearty congratulations and thanks of all. The whole affair was well arranged, great care having been put upon each detail. The consequent good time testifies most strongly in behalf of their efforts.

ANNA DICKINSON'S HAMLET.

First Critic.—"Well, have you seen the great tragedian in *Romeo and Juliet*?"

Second Ditto.—"I have; and I confess he didn't come up to my expectations. To tell ye the truth, I never thought he would."—*The London Punch*, April 8, 1882 (Illustrated).

The dickinsonation of Shakespeare's Hamlet, at Wilgus Opera House, last Tuesday evening, was certainly a most remarkable performance—remarkable in the sense of its completely emptying the contents of one of the greatest products of human genius,

in the short space of two hours and a half! Completely emptying; for, when the curtain dropt for the last time, there was, in the words of the world-weary Sir Charles Coldstream, "nothing in it!" Drained to the bottom, was the tragedy of Hamlet!

Nature put her veto on Anna Dickinson's playing Hamlet, while Anna was yet in her mother's womb. And yet, in spite of that veto, Anna *will* play Hamlet, and there appears to be no way of stopping her. If the public should insist that she *desist*, she would no doubt regard it as an outrageous assault upon a poor woman's rights. And so she will have to be allowed to go on. If she showed the *faintest* sense of the poetry of Hamlet, of that mystery of being with which he is so sorely perplexed, of the deep toning which the mighty artist has imparted to his work, her dickinsonation (we use this word seriously, for she is always Anna Dickinson, the scolding lecturer), her dickinsonation, we say, might, with a strong effort of Christian charity, be borne with. But, alas! She does not. Her voice is soulless, in its cold and harsh altitudes, and utterly incapable, even if it were backed by sensibility, of expressing refined, or exalted, or sombre sentiment. Along with the soulless quality of her high-pitched voice, her pronunciation and her, by no means serene, head-bobbings, torpify the liver and induce a sadness of many days' continuance. The vowel *a* in 'arm,' one of the pleasantest in the language, she degrades into a prolonged and twisted *a* in 'at,' and calls her honored father, fa-a-a-ther! Rather than so pronounce the word she had better speak of him, as "my awful dad."

As an actor (or actress?) she certainly is in a strange predicament. She is not woman enough to play a female part, nor man enough to play a male part; and what's to be done?

The impression we got of Anna's conception of Hamlet, if she has any, was, that she regards him throughout as mad as a March hare. If she conceived him as *putting on* an antic disposition, the better to attain his end, she would, in the soliloquies, and in the interviews with his bosom-friend, Horatio, and in other situations not requiring the assumption of madness, have dropped the wild and *remote* manner, and the screaming maniac voice, and Hamlet would, for the time, have been himself again. But she didn't. There were no lucid intervals. It was a straight, unmixed mad. And so she represented him, or rather misrepresented him, not as an art-subject, but as a subject for pathology and for an insane asylum. "But yet the pity of it, Iago! O, Iago, the pity of it, Iago!" This age is certainly a remarkable one, if for nothing else than for the presumption which every kind of people show, in attempting what God did not fit them to do. There's a growing general feeling, it may be partly due to the character and spirit of our institutions that anybody can do any thing.

WHO?

Who coyly twists my tiny 'tache?
Who pats my downy cheek?
Who chucks my chin with ardor rash,
And never lets me speak?

Who lightly smooths my crumpled hair?
Who steals a curly lock?
Who leans so smiling o'er my chair
And smothers me with talk?

Whose linen duster, long and gray,
Is bathed in orient scents—
"Can't trust you for the shave to-day;
You owe us twenty cents."—K. K.

FIELD DAY.

The ERA has noticed with pleasure the increased interest this term in athletics of all branches. There is now very little doubt of a regatta, and various base ball matches; and besides these a loud demand has come for a Field Day. In the absence of any University organization to carry through such a scheme the ERA board, at its last meeting, resolved to arrange a Field Day to take place toward the last of May. For the past few years the ERA has managed several such competitions—last year's board excepted, there being no such sport at all last year—and the board has felt that it therefore owes the student body a duty in this matter. The day of the meeting will be announced later. The management of the affair will consist of a committee of three from the ERA board, and two from each of the four classes to be appointed by the classes at their meetings. Whether the exercises will be held will depend entirely upon the number of entries and the general interest in the project by the students. As the ERA is nominally in charge of the Assembly Room there seemed to be no better plan of disposing of the proceeds than to appropriate them to the better fitting up of that room. That the receipts may be as large as possible, no prizes will be given,—the honor of winning being considered a sufficient award. The board has felt the students would better patronize a Field Day under the circumstances, where they will reap directly the benefit of their patronage than they would if prizes were given.

The following rules are temporarily announced:

1. Competition shall be open to all undergraduates.
2. The arrangements shall be in charge of a committee as above mentioned.
3. In every event there must not be less than three entries and two to start.
4. Admission to the grounds shall be twenty-five cents.
5. Competitors shall be admitted free,

6. Three judges, not belonging to the undergraduates, and to be appointed by the committee of arrangements, shall make all decisions.

7. The net proceeds shall go towards improving the Assembly Room.

8. The following are for the present announced as the events to occur:

1. One mile walk.
2. Tugs of war between teams of six from the different classes.
3. One hundred yard dash.
4. One mile run.
5. Throwing base ball.
6. Kicking foot ball.
7. Three-legged race.
8. Sack race.
9. Running high jump.
10. Standing high jump.
11. Throwing the hammer.
12. One-fourth mile run.
13. Bicycle race, (open to any competitor).

The above are of course subject to revision and approval by the general committee. The board hopes the classes will appoint the committees promptly.

BASE BALL.

Yesterday afternoon a nine from the Kappa Alpha society played a game of ball, with a picked nine from the University. The object was merely to give our best players an opportunity for the right sort of practice. Under the circumstances the game was a highly interesting one, and many fine plays were made on both sides. The following is the score:

PICKED NINE.		KAPPA ALPHA.	
	O. R.		O. R.
Woodard, p.....	3 1	Chase, c.....	3 1
Anderson, 2d b.....	3 2	J. C. Avery, 1st b.....	5 0
Haldeman, s. s.....	3 2	Hiscock, 2d b.....	2 0
Humphries, c.....	2 2	Collins, s. s.....	4 0
Trumbull, l. f.....	1 2	C. J. Avery, p.....	2 2
Olin, 3d b.....	3 2	Cole, 3d b.....	3 0
Reed, 1st b.....	4 0	Hamilton, r. f.....	4 0
Walch, r. f.....	4 0	Ely, c. f.....	1 1
Hodges, c. f.....	4 0	McGraw, l. f.....	3 0
Total.....	27 11	Total.....	27 4

SCORE BY INNINGS:									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Picked Nine.....	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	3-11
Kappa Alpha.....	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0-4

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editors Cornell Era:

As the Spring Term is pre-eminently the time for out-door exercise, we must look forward to some means of occupying our leisure hours in pastime. In the decay of college sports at Cornell, only a few healthy features remain, and these will soon disappear, unless some attention is paid them. We are at loss for some interesting game. Cricket is unknown, and tennis is in its infancy; boating has lost its charm, and foot-ball must wait for cooler

weather—so base-ball is our only hope. With the ever decreasing interest in college athletics, it is to be lamented that base ball has been so sadly neglected. Why this should be, I cannot tell. Of course, no one in particular is to blame, but all are in general. Aside from our misfortune in not having many fine players among us, we can blame the Faculty in part for the present stand-still. In the past they showed too much of a tendency to squelch all base-ball enthusiasm. Considerable censure should also be bestowed on those players who are too lazy to practice continually. But by far the greater part of the blame rests on the entire body of students. They show little or no interest in the few who strive to make the game popular. Now it cannot be expected that a few can do all the work. The enthusiastic players which we have, can not furnish skill for the players who are, from lack of practice, only indifferently skillful, nor can they furnish the enthusiasm of the student-body. They cannot furnish the means to pay all expenses, can not, unaided, make a good nine, can not play ball when no one cares whether or no they play. Yet they are expected to do all this, and then are cursed if they fail to win, even against superior players.

It costs to maintain a good nine, and such a nine must receive encouragement. To be sure we have had some good base-ball here, and there is no reason why we should not have much more. Last year's experience need not dishearten any one. The nine played two good games, and what if they did lose? That is a feature of the game, but the Cornell spirit is such, that if victory is once attained, the conceit of every Cornelian tells him that we are invincible. Then if defeat does come, how ruthlessly the former victors are abandoned. The defeat of the nine last year has seemingly deadened all interest in the favorite pastime. This should not be. The interest shown in the games here, was enough to have destroyed an ordinary nine, and such abuse was used on the defeated nine as would effectually deter any player from attempting again to please Cornell spectators. Yet the few are ready at any time to take up the bat, and go in to win.

In order to have base-ball successful here, the student body must show greater interest in the game. They must encourage the nine financially, and by their attendance at *all* games played. If the students at large show sufficient interest, I think all opposition from the Faculty could be overcome. I am sure we can get grounds with good back-stop, grand stand, etc., complete, if we only show the Faculty that we are in earnest over our game, and mean to play base-ball. All who play must take a decided brace, and practice long and hard.

The cry has been that we are short of ball-players. Only practice will make a good player, and no one can be so absurd as to think that players will be produced merely for the crying for them. The alter-

noon recitations will bring many students on the hill, and why not play ball *every day*? Hobart practiced continually, and, though she had no better players than we had, the result was shown in the fine games she played.

Base-ball is a game in which more can play than in any other game practiced here. It is less dangerous, and requires less hard work and less skill. All can play and enjoy the game. For this very reason it should occupy the foremost place in Cornell's sports. Only under such a state of affairs can we have good class nines, and a good University nine. With very little showing of the proper spirit among the students a fair nine can be organized for work this Spring. We can try again to down Hobart, and Syracuse is anxious to try our strength. Games can be arranged with any of the colleges of the State.

Then brace up, you lovers of sport! Never did it require less to furnish the nine. We have uniforms, and most of the other necessary paraphernalia. Let directors be chosen from '84 and '85, and then let the directors choose a manager. Then we can petition the Faculty with a fair show for success, for some improvements on the grounds, seats for spectators, etc. Then have subscription committees appointed to canvass each class.

Let the base-ball committees of each class arrange their nines, and a series of games for the University championship can be played. The class nines can be combined, and an "odd and even game" be played. Then the University and town, and the University against all classes, can have some very good contests. Or two nines can be chosen so that very even matches will be the result. The various fraternity clubs could also give us many interesting and amusing games, even if they were not models in scientific playing.

I would suggest that during the progress of these games the Manager busy himself in taking up a collection from the spectators. All ought to contribute something for every game, inasmuch as they have no admission fee to pay at the gate. Everything is within our grasp, provided all wake up. We need only a few bats, balls, and base bags. The improvements on the grounds are of such a slight nature that the Faculty would surely make them if petitioned. We have players here who can fill their several positions as well as the best men on other college teams. True we lack a pitcher, yet I can safely say, that if a livelier interest was shown towards base-ball, a pitcher would be soon forthcoming. Moreover, when the Manager or the Captain posts a notice calling for practice games, let all, players or spectators, turn out and play, or encourage progress. Now is the time. Let something be done at once. Set base-ball a booming, and before the season is over let us have a University nine of

which all will be proud. Though not a player, I remain,
Very truly yours,

ENTHUSIAST.

CORNELLIANA.

—Ashes to ashes.
—Cremation this evening.
—Will the Faculty be there?
—What thinkest thou of the Field-Day scheme?
—This evening it is the Freshman's turn, and the Algebra will suffer.
—“License” to-night, on the Campus. ‘Sh! Don’t give it away.
—The officers of the battalion have new swords and belts this term.
—Freshmen will hold an aurora borealis on the Campus this evening.
—Those who wish arbutus had better go quickly since it is fast disappearing.
—From present appearances, Harvard will carry off the base-ball championship this year.
—The President will lecture every day next week, when the lectures omitted this week will be delivered.
—Professor Hale has written a letter to the *Nation* advocating the elective system, as practiced at Harvard.
—The Field Day, if held at all, will be held before the Engineers go away on their annual trip down the lake.
—Twenty cents each will be paid for copies of Nos. 9 and 11 of Vol. XI. of the ERA, at Andrus & Church’s.
—In view of the increased interest in base-ball, the communication published elsewhere will prove interesting reading.
—The dramatic entertainment announced last week to take place soon at Cascadilla has been postponed till next Fall.
—Here’s conservatism for you with a vengeance: “Every member of the Faculty at Amherst is an alumnus of that college.”
—We are indebted to a prominent member of the Faculty for the criticism which appears in this issue of Miss Dickinson’s Hamlet.
—Will the boys kidnap the beer, or will the kids beernap the boys, or will the beer boynap the kids, or will the — but we refrain.
—Professor Perkins has placed in his recitation room some excellent photographs representing Roman and Greek life and art.
—Juniors and Sophomores are surprised to find how friendly ERA candidates are to them. Nothing like affliction in showing up who are really one’s friends.

—First Freshman—“What two noblemen are mentioned in the Bible?” Second Fresh. gives it up. First Freshman—“Lord Howlong and Baron Figtree.”

—Drill this term will be more interesting for all parties than in the Fall. Battalion drills will occur frequently with the Ithaca Band in attendance as often as prudent.

—May 8th the San Francisco Minstrels will give one of their inimitable burnt-cork performances in Wilgus Opera House. The season appears to be closing with strong attractions.

—At a meeting of those interested in base-ball, at the D. K. E. House, A. C. Ely was elected Manager, and the following Directors were chosen: for ’82, Sears; ’83, Humphries; ’84, Rose; ’85, Reed.

—The hydrants all shed last week their wooden overcoats, and the drinking fountain is again in full play. By the way, if ’82 is at a loss to know what to have as a memorial, why not buy a cup or two to be placed on the fountain. ‘I’n will do if nothing else.

—The Library has a very lively appearance now. Newspaper files are being arranged, and pamphlets collected for binding. And work on the Library Catalogue is progressing as rapidly as such labor can be performed.

—WANTED: A talented and enterprising young man with a capital of \$3,000 to invest in and, as soon as possible, take charge of an old and well established county newspaper. Address Chas. Negley, Box 57, Hagerstown, Md.

—Now let everybody who can do anything enter for Field Day. You can all run in the Sack race, or with a partner in the three-legged-race. Don’t be bashful. Recollect you are helping the Assembly Room along. Enter and have some fun.

—In a letter received early in the week from the Columbia College Boat Club, we learn that it will be quite impossible to arrange a race between our Freshmen and theirs. The Freshmen have, however, challenged the Freshmen of the University of Toronto to an eight-oared race, time and place to be hereafter designated.

—At a meeting of the Junior class held Wednesday, it was reported that the money in full had been raised to supply the deficiency in the Ball fund, Friday, April 28th, was appointed for the election of ERA editors, and a vote of thanks and acceptance was tendered the Freshmen for the invitation to attend the Cremation Exercises.

—Eighty-Four’s committee is appointed to find, if possible, some improvement on the excursion plan. There is strong sentiment in favor of an excursion. By all means let one be held. It was a great denial to ’83 to have to give it up, and it was only relinquished with the plea of allowing our vigorous Sophs to take it up and make it a class institution.

—Professor Rœhrig's "Vicissitudes" is proving a great success, having already become very popular. The composition is kept constantly on hand at all the book-stores. No student of the University should be without it, for if they do not play themselves, they certainly have sisters and lady friends at home who do, and, too, this souvenir of the University would be interesting.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Knight and Company are to give an entertainment in Wilgus Opera House. Their date is Tuesday, May 2nd, the play "Baron Rudolph." Mr. Knight is said to be a better actor than Joe Emmett, and he doesn't crook his elbow quite so often. Mrs. Knight our readers will remember as Miss Sophie Worrell, one of the talented Worrell Sisters, a very beautiful lady, and of great reputation as an actress.

—Professor White's German newspaper class has just begun work on a new paper—"Um die Welt"—published in New York. This paper is a wide awake one, and in one of the March numbers a long account is given of Professor Rœhrig's life, which would be well worth reading. An excellent likeness accompanies the article. We Cornelians are often in danger of forgetting how many great men we really have here.

—For the first time in three years a notice has appeared on the Faculty bulletin board. It is to the effect that the new course in Literature as laid down in the Register for 1882-1883 will go into effect this term. We are glad to see this notice, just to break the monotony if for nothing else. When we were a Freshman we were told that the names of expelled students were posted there but we looked in vain for a notice, and now our patience is rewarded, even if it is of a nature slightly different from the above.

—Sage Chapel pulpit will be occupied Sunday next by Professor George P. Fisher, D. D. LL. D., of Yale College. He was born at Wrentham, Mass., in 1827, graduated from Brown University in 1847, studied theology at Yale, Andover, and in Germany. In 1857 he accepted the position of Professor of Divinity and College Preacher at Yale College, and in 1861 he was transferred to the chair of ecclesiastical history, which he still holds. He is the author of a "Life of Benjamin Silliman," "Essays on the Supernatural Origin of Christianity," and a "History of the Reformation."

—The following is the programme for the Cremation Exercises to-night: Order of Procession—Torch Bearers, High Priest, Bishops, Pall Bearers—Coffin—Pall Bearers, Chief Mourners, Assistant Mourners, Officers of the Night, Grave Diggers, Class of '85 in Mourning, Classes of '82, '83, and '84, Rabble, Toppers, Townies, Reporters, Ithaca Police, Tramps, Mathematical Faculty, etc. Order of Exercises—Prayer, by "Elder Green" Brooks;

Hymn; Sermon, by "Always Recaptured" Blood; Hymn; Benediction, by "Easily Stopped" Follower. Mourners take last fond gaze on remains.

PERSONALIA.

"JACK" READ, '81, is surveying in Mexico.

PRESIDENT WHITE has been absent in Philadelphia during the past week.

F. G. SCOFIELD, '84, was called home on Thursday by the illness of his mother.

HON. HENRY W. SAGE has recently given \$30,000 for a library at West Bay City, Mich.

PROFESSOR WILLARD FISKE has been confined to his house for several days through illness.

G. F. FERRIE, '81, is an assistant engineer on the Bradford branch of the N. Y., L. E. & W. R. R.

A. A. WELBY, '83, has returned to England from Brazil, and writes that he will be back in the University next Fall.

J. B. FORAKER, '69, Judge of the Superior Court of Ohio, has mailed to Governor Foster his resignation, the reason given being sickness. A petition has been circulated among the legal fraternity of the State, asking the Governor to refuse the petition.

COLLEGE NEWS.

Nine students graduated at the first commencement of Harvard College.

The billiard match between Williston and Amherst, was won by Amherst by a score of 200 to 199.—*Student.*

A young Swiss lady has taken the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Berne University; and two other young ladies—American and Austrian—have passed as Doctors of Medicine.

The museum at Brown University has been remodeled and its capacities extended on the inside. Brown proposes to send out a large scientific expedition next June for the purpose of collecting specimens for the museum, and of making scientific observations. A vessel will be chartered and thirty volunteer students, under Prof. Packard's direction, will take part in the expedition. The trip will extend as far as Nova Scotia.—*Ex.*

The following article on amateur boxing from the New York *Sportsman* will be of interest: The youth who can use his hands well will rarely resort to a knife or a pistol, as the fist is much quicker than any concealed weapon, and, like the Irishman's shillelagh, never misses fire. The simple fact that boxing teaches self-reliance to a boy ought to be recommendation enough to paterfamilias, who should encourage his son to become proficient in the art of "hit, stop and get away." A broken head is soon remedied, but a cold leaden pill or a cruel thrust of a

knife has cost many a life, and any one who resorts to these weapons, excepting when his life is in danger, is a contemptible coward, without a spark of manhood in his breast, and a disgrace to the Anglo-Saxon race. The accomplishment of boxing should be a part of every American boy's education, as much as fencing or quarter-staff was in the days of "Bluff King Hal."

EXCHANGES.

We purpose giving in this issue, and possibly in subsequent issues, specimens of the poetry published by the journals of the various colleges. We trust that this will not only be of interest as showing that the poetic fire still burns in the student breast, but that it may excite in our readers a spirit of emulation. We do not wish to be understood that the relative merits of the publications are shown by these clippings, since our selection from one paper may be the best which that paper has contained this year, while the clipping from another paper may do that paper great injustice.

The style of the following has been much affected by the *Argo* and the *Acta*. We do not know to which the credit of originality is due.

IN HOOD OF BLUE.

In hood of blue's soft, warm embrace,
(Just edged with frills of dainty lace,
That coyly kiss her blooming cheek,
Where dimples play at hide and seek,)
I see a maiden's winsome face.

Ah! had I but the skill to trace
Upon the outstretched canvas' space
That classic profile, purest Greek,
In hood of blue!

Alas! I've not; but from my place
Beside her, when at rapid pace
We fly o'er snowy hillsides bleak,
I gaze in eyes that almost speak,
And feel I'm drawn—towards charming Grace,
In hood of blue!

—Williams *Argo*.

VERSES.

I saw her walking Depot street
A stoutish form, though quite petite,
And with goloshes on her feet;
My eye!

Although, I say, she was quite fat,
And wore a battered Derby hat,
I followed her, I! How is that
For high?

For what? Although she wore large shoes
I was afflicted with the blues,
And—I'm a masher when I choose
To be.

Well, when I got up, close behind,
And spoke to her,—well,—she declined
To speak to me! My, what a grind!

—Williams *Athenaeum*.

EVENSONG.

Now, as I sink to rest, in prayer
I ask the Lord my life to spare;
Not that I dare to think my life
Will change the course of this world's strife,
Nor that I hope, by some bold stroke,
From weary necks to lift the yoke
Poverty, crime and sin impose.

Still, as I lay me down, I pray
For health and strength that men may say,—
"He was so gentle, good and true
That those about him grew so too;
Kinder to others, thoughtful, wise;
Such lives make earth a paradise,
Leaving it purer at their close."

—Harvard *Crimson*.

We sat alone; your little hand
Lay on the table by my own.
Only a little hand, and yet
I cannot, while I live, forget
The tremor of profound regret,
When I saw how your hand had grown.

We parted; but your little hand
Lay on the table, cold and fair;
Wide was the scope the numbers spanned—
Three bright-robed queens serene and bland,
Two rampant jacks, a happy band,
While I had only one small pair.

—Badger. (*Wisconsin University*.)

TO A FRIEND.

Where are my thoughts to-night?
Sweet friend, with thee.
Where are thy thoughts to-night?
Are they with me?

Will, when the years have flown,
You be my friend?
Or shall, its sweetness gone,
Our friendship end,
Leaving but faint memories of what
Was with us and is not?

Thou knowest well my wishes, friend! and you?
For thou alone can'st fasten or undo
The chain that binds me to thee—O, let me
Be e'er a prisoner in thy custody!

—Yaie *Courant*.

SUMMER.

Two summer weeks—O, short the time!
How swift the sweet days roll!
Then every morning brought a row,
And every night a stroll.

These two were never seen apart,
No matter what the weather,
For rain or shine, indoors or out,
But brought these two together.

WINTER.

On Beacon street they meet and pass—
A bow, and that is all.
Says she, "The fool I met at York—
Hope he wont come to call."

He sees her bow, and lifts his hat,
 Politeness to the letter,
 Says he, "By Jove! I've seen that girl,
 I wonder where I met her."
 —*Harvard Lampoon.*

JILTED.

As white as snow, once,—years ago,
 See, now 'tis nearly amber!
 Among these criss-cross hieroglyphs,
 Abounding in her "buts" and "ifs,"
 How I did like to clamber!

She always wrote on "White Laid Note,"
 Just feel—it seems so brittle
 That one might crack it by a touch.
 Love her? Yes, I did, very much.
 Love me? A very little

You may peruse it, if you choose;
 Love's fragile flower has wilted,
 And this is but a faded leaf
 With which I mock the gnawing grief
 That comes from getting jilted.

That blur of ink? I used to think,
 When this was ante-yellow,
 A tiny tear had left the stain.
 Yes? No! He held it in the rain.
 Who's he?—The other fellow!
 —*Acta Columbiana.*

BOOK NOTICES.

We have received the *Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal*, one of the best medical journals in the country. The editors have recognized the valuable addition made to ophthalmic surgery by Dr. F. L. O. Røhrig, by assigning to a description of his Entropion Forceps a prominent position in their current issue. Dr. Røhrig was once one of the most skillful oculists in the country, and evidently has not lost his interest in this profession in devotion to the linguistic researches which have made him famous.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—What was the cause of Cæsar's death? Too many Roman punches.—*Ex.*

—A little boy wanted a drum. His mother, wishing to give him an impressive lesson, suggested that if he should pray for it, he might receive one. So at night when ready for bed, he knelt down and prayed:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
 (I want a drum.)
 I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
 (I want a drum.)
 If I should die before I wake,
 (I want a drum.)
 I pray the Lord my soul to take.
 (I want a drum.)"

His father, who had been let into the secret, had meanwhile quietly placed a drum on the bed. As soon as the youngster saw it he exclaimed in an em-

phatic manner, that banished all serious thoughts from the minds of his listeners: "Where the devil did that come from?" The anticipated benefit from that lesson may probably be considered lost.—*Ex.*

—Rumors come to us of a student who, when a little off, went to the express office and, after asking if that was the express office and receiving a reply in the affirmative, said: "Well, I would like to have you express my feelings.—*Yale News.*

—She sat down at the piano, cleared her throat, and commenced to harmonize. Her first selection was, "I cannot sing the old songs;" and a gloom that was colder and bleaker than a Sunday dinner fell on the company when the stranger in the corner said, "And we trust you are not familiar with the new ones."—*Ex.*

—"Can I give my son a college education at home?" asked a fond parent. Well, you may be able to teach him as much of Greek and Latin and Mathematics as the college could, but you could never thoroughly imbue him with the idea that everybody else is a blamed fool.—*Boston Post.*

—Bret Harte (revised edition):
 For ways that are dark
 And tricks that are mean,
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 —*Princetonian.*

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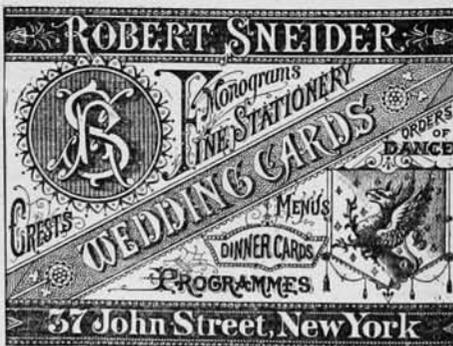
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NECESSITY alone compels us to admit that the ERA cannot meet its obligations by the goodwill only of its subscribers. Money is our theme, money is our cry. We must have money. Probably it is something of self-degradation to acknowledge our dependence for support upon the vulgar commodity. We are, however, but mortal, printers must be satisfied, and money alone can fill the void. Hence,—and here comes the application,—pay up.

DURING the present term students cannot be too careful of their health. Of all times of the year we are more inclined to carelessness and thoughtlessness in regard to our physical comfort and welfare, in the spring. There is always found more ill health among the student body then than at other times. Therefore, it behooveth us to watch ourselves more than we consider absolutely necessary, lest poor health grapple us. Care is needed in regard to the too sudden change of flannels; change in diet also compels our attention; purity in drinking water is especially necessary. This term of all terms you need your health; this term of all terms must have your special attention to health.

THE Committee on Senior Statistics are very diletory in performing their duty. It is possible that the Chairman is doing some work, but we, at least,

have failed to receive printed blanks. So few weeks remain that the matter should not be allowed to drag any longer. The Cornellian editors have shown a much more enterprising spirit in collecting their data regarding the class, and it really appears now as if we were to profit only from their labors. Let the work begin immediately. Let the questions be sensible and valuable for their information, not merely opportunities for witless wits to display themselves. Well compiled statistics in regard to our classmates we shall prize years from now. Senseless jokes we shall feel more like burning. Such questions as "Engaged?" "Ever been vaccinated?" or "Ever drink?" should be excluded as being waste of paper and space.

IN answer to an informal letter sent some time since to Columbia, we have learned that it is not deemed expedient there to row our Freshmen. This seems to kill the last hope of rowing with any of the boating colleges. Our best hope is now with Toronto University. While we should like to confine ourselves to our own country for the present in our boating affairs, yet we doubt not that we shall meet our Canadian cousins with the most sincere pleasure. Toronto, it is true, has not been known for its boating activity, but she has had for neighbors far less enterprising and energetic colleges than herself, which may account for her lack of notoriety in aquatics. We trust that this, her introduction to Yankee college racing, may be to her as great a pleasure as we hope and expect it to be to us. We take pride in our Freshmen, but we are not so blind as to believe them invincible, and, should defeat come, we hope to bear it in such a manner that will not reflect discredit upon ourselves. Should we succeed in arranging a race with Toronto, it will be possessed of more than ordinary interest. It will be an international affair, and American newspapers will be anxious to see if Cornell has recovered, the Alumni will watch to see if any of the old stock yet remains, and all undergraduates will be interested, for it will decide whether we have a University crew next year.

ALL students will be profoundly grateful to the new and energetic Postmaster for making arrangements for the removal of the post-office to more commodious quarters. Every one has experienced the inconvenience resulting from the present limited accommodations. Very many have been compelled to do without boxes during their entire course, and the trouble and delay felt in applying at the general delivery has been extremely annoying. With the new college year, very likely the post-office quarters will be already around on State street in the old Bank building. While this will be less convenient to the students, the compensating advantages will be so great that there will be little disposition to complain.

With the removal of the post-office to a busier street will cease the nightly gatherings of students about the office. There will be no more a gathering place for the clans to rush. This may have the effect of breaking up the fall rushings, for which so many have pleaded in vain, and which, for our part, we do not care to see discontinued. What numberless editorials and articles have failed to do, this little change in location may do effectually. This suggests what we have often urged, the necessity of some central place where the students could congregate, while down in the village, some place where they can meet and wait for their mail, read their letters or papers and exchange a word or two with friends before going back to study for the evening. We hope some one of energy will make his appearance in the future who will devote himself to the amelioration of his fellow students' condition.

A PETITION has been handed the Faculty asking that instruction in Phonography may be given those students desiring it, in connection with the regular University work. This is in itself all right, but the petition as signed hardly reflected credit upon us as a body of students. Some would-be funny man,—no, we will call him a boy,—desiring to make a display of his humorous propensity, affixed to the petition bogus names, and, thus defaced, the petition was given to the Faculty. We can but think that by sending to the Faculty such a document as has been presented to them, an insult has been offered them. College faculties are dignified bodies, and are worthy of dignified treatment at

the hands of students. If any one can prove that our Faculty has been treated in a way consistent with their dignified position, we should be glad to see it. Great injustice was also done the person or persons inaugurating the petition. In all good faith it was drawn up, and placed where all students feeling in sympathy with the request, might affix their signatures. The petition, a perfectly legitimate and praiseworthy one, is made the butt of ridicule, and, by defacing it in the way it was defaced, the probabilities of its being granted are greatly lessened. We are college students, but let that not be an excuse why we should not be men. There are plenty of ways to give vent to our surplus vivacity than in proving ourselves boys in deed and action, if not in thought. Let such proceedings as those spoken of, be relegated to the days of childhood.

THE Cremation Exercises, last Friday night, an account of which is given in another column, seem to have filled the bill exactly. They gave the Freshmen the opportunity, so long desired, of introducing another custom; for the few sporadic attempts at cremation heretofore indulged in could hardly have been successful in establishing a custom from the very nature of the books cremated. From the success attending the exercises, we may safely suppose that next year we may see a repetition of them, and, if possible, an improvement in some of their minor details. There were many features of the evening's fun that could well be dispensed with, the absence of which would not only give to the exercises more point, but would greatly enhance the enjoyment of them. But aside from the fact that there were objectionable features, the enterprise, for such we may call it, is a good one, and worthy of the greatest commendation and encouragement. By the establishment of every new custom here, there is added to our college life a new charm, a new attraction. Everything, then, that serves to make our stay in college more attractive and pleasing, that will in the future enliven our recollections of college days, should be heartily endorsed. Coming under the head, then, of what adds to our enjoyment while here, the cremation of any text-book, as long as it is a regular yearly custom, we are decidedly in favor of. Now that the Freshmen have set the ball rolling, now that the Spring Term can chronicle among its

interesting events the cremation of "Al Gebra," let all see that the custom be not allowed to die out from any lack of enthusiasm or encouragement. Let the cremation and burial, so auspiciously inaugurated, be one of our institutions.

IT is a duty which every one who is able to do anything at all in the athletic line owes to his class to enter in as many contests as possible, that a creditable exhibition may be given. We would like to have it appear that the brief rest which the students have taken has not killed entirely all interest in manly sports. We hope that the brief breathing time has been beneficial. We advocated some time ago the formation of a State Collegiate Athletic Association, thinking that this organization would best sustain interest in athletics in our sister colleges and among ourselves. This, it seems, did not meet with the universal satisfaction that we hoped to see. We trusted that it could be made a yearly affair, with regular meetings at some central place, say Syracuse. We are so far removed from the Eastern colleges that it has been deemed inexpedient to engage in the contests at Mott Haven. This, we thought, would meet all requirements, and be without objections. But objections to the scheme were raised in the University. It was declared that our athletic material was undeveloped, and that a successful Field-Day here was the one thing needed to allow us to make a creditable appearance at any field meeting where we would meet colleges that have devoted more time to athletics than we have. The objection seemed just, and we determined to remove it, if possible. But really the whole thing rests with the students. We shall add other events to the list we have already published, after we have ascertained what events are more desired. We shall also soon publish a list of the best college records that have been made in the past year.

THE Senior Class photographer, Mr. Evans, has taken the negatives of the entire class, and has submitted the results of his labors. By this time many have seen the collection and the sentiment seems to be universal satisfaction. It is but justice to him to say that he has given more satisfaction than has been given in years. We have had Pach and Notman, but from the circumstances of the case,

they failed to give that satisfaction which was expected of such noted photographers. Possibly the fault lay beyond their control, nevertheless the fact remains that at no time within our recollection have the students been pleased with the work obtained from outside photographers. The advantages to be obtained from a town photographer are apparent. More sittings can be secured, delay is saved in changing satisfactory for unsatisfactory negatives; there is more time allowed for the period during which sittings can be made and so greater choice in days. In fact the advantages of having an Ithaca artist are numerous; and if the skill and work of the Ithaca photographer is equal to that of one in New York or Boston, then the preference should be given to the home artist.

We think that Mr. Evans has proved his work to be fully equal to Pach's or Notman's, if not superior. We speak only of their work as done for Cornell Seniors, of their other work we have nothing to say. The photographs are not merely finely finished specimens of photographic skill, but they are faithful likenesses. A cynical '82 man may perhaps think his classmates are rather flattered, but really the fault had better be that way than in the other direction. One has a certain pride in having a picture of his class-mate when he is looking his best. Pleasanter recollections will follow. Possibly there will be some dissatisfied as there always are, but we congratulate Mr. Evans on the result of his work. We are sure '83 will have little cause for regret, if they follow the example of '82 in choosing their photographer. There is little need of repeating the unpleasant experience of former years.

O. W. J. IN ASHES.

"There was a sound of devilry by night."

That "rank exhalation of a triune brain," the O. W. J. Algebra, may, at last, be supposed to lie at rest. Its funeral was a fitting close to its premature birth and eventful life. Long before the hour appointed for the cremation, there began to appear among the expectant crowd in Buffalo street park, sundry masked and ghost-like forms, clad in misty white with torches in their hands, and bearing on their backs the mystic symbols "'85." These forms flitted 'round a casket holding all that remained to earth of the O. W. J., until at the approach of music, they fell into line, and to the accompaniment of martial airs and the bray of numberless "tooters," took up the line of march. Before the funeral pyre

upon the Campus was reached, the inmates of Sage College were honored with an excellent view of the nondescript looking mob, nor was the President forgotten, but received a serenade as brief and let us hope, as gratifying as it must have been unexpected. From the President's house the procession marched directly to the funeral pile; the coffin was tenderly laid upon it, and amid the sepulchral glare of blue lights, the high-priest announced the prayer by "Elder Green" Brooks. Since the date of "the most eloquent prayer ever addressed to a Boston audience," this production probably reflected most credit upon its perpetrator—from a literary point of view. Its telling "hits" were loudly applauded while that "accursed incubus," "the intricate, soul-absorbing, freshman-terrorizing algebra" was mentally consigned to "the unknown land of absolute and relative error," where "the sound of the grinding is low?"* The prayer was succeeded by a hymn and the hymn in turn by a sermon delivered in his customary happy manner by "Always Recaptured" Blood. His eulogy over the remains of O. W. J.—"Oscar Wilde" J—(presumably Oscar Wilde, Junior), was received with tremendous applause by the enthusiastic crowd, and the exercises proceeded, or retrograded, by the nominal singing of another "hymn." At its conclusion "Easily Stopped" Follmer pronounced a tearful benediction over the poor remains, torches were applied to the funeral " πr " and the spirit of the O. W. J. Algebra "ascended heavenward and piercing the infinite cerulean baldric of the skies attained that exalted sphere where equations cease from troubling and the Freshmen are at rest."

The incinerated remains were hastily gathered together by the sorrowing Freshmen, and placed in a handsome Bohemian glass vase. Great haste was at once exhibited by all for removing the bier. A small portion was absorbed on the Campus, and when that had been laid at rest the Freshmen and the upper classmen descended to Mutchler's *Gast Haus*. The Freshmen had spared neither money nor pains to make ample provision for the capacity of all who might be present. There was no lack of the festive Sea Foam and from 12 o'clock until 3 A. M. the place was a scene of jollity and good feeling. Never since the present classes have been in the University has there been such a gathering together of all classes for the enjoyment of one of those occasions which are always to be looked back upon as the bright spots in a University life.

*We leave it to the curious to investigate whether this passage occurs in Ecclesiastes.

—The new Physical Laboratory, although probably the finest in the country, will not present as handsome an exterior as was at first designed. The appropriations have been cut down about seven thousand dollars.

'82.

Air: Nancy Lee.

Of all the classes, young Cornell—
Cornell I yell, yell, yell, Cornell—
There's none has run thy course so well
As this of Eighty-two.

We Latin speak and Attic Greek and Hindoo too.
We sagen "*bier mein Herr* for vier." We *parlez-vous*.
We think the half of physics chaff for babes to coo,
All praise to Eighty-two.

Cho.—Upon our like ye ne'er again shall look;
The huge physique, the massy brow.
Upon our like again ye ne'er shall look,
So fully feast your vision now.

We scorned to take a less than cred.;
Cornell I yell, yell, yell, Cornell.
We never had a dull co-ed.
That's we of Eighty-two.

We never cut a lecture, but we missed a few,
We multiply—just hear them cry—for Eighty-two.
Cornell's delight, we're ever right, and always true.
All praise to Eighty-two.

Cho.—

K. K.

ARCHIBALD'S COMPOSITION ON SPRING

Spring is the time when everything gets green—but my brother Bob says he isn't green any more. He's getting wicked. Bob's a Freshman at Cornell, where they break up bad shows and row races. Spring's what my composition is about. There are several kinds of spring. The hand-spring—I'm learning it,—the clear, cool spring, where Bob says the students lick up since "Zinckie" and "Charlie" had to shut up, the main spring and a lot more. The main spring I know anything about is the kind I make out of bed in the morning when father yells Archibald up the back stairs. Bob wrote to sister Mary that he had joined the Rho Kappa Tau, and has been unwell ever since. He says he never knew he was such a good fellow until the *Sun* election came on; now everybody tells him that he's the best fellow in college. The Freshmen burned a man there at Cornell. Bob wrote that his name was O. W. J. Al Gebra. A man with a name like that ought to be burned, though it must hurt. There's another spring which I nearly forgot. The bent-pin spring. Bob says such things are fresh. That's all I know about spring.

—President White, in his lecture this morning on the New German Empire, gave a very interesting statement of the religious thought prevalent in Germany during the past century and at the present time. Next Wednesday's lecture completes the course of lectures on German History.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editors Cornell Era :

Notwithstanding it is nearly four years since I was graduated by the University, I read the ERA regularly, and find the accounts of the actions of the present students, professors, alumni, alumnae and ex-students a constant stimulus to better work on my own part. Some recent articles in the ERA have been strongly impressed upon me, for I can trace certain knowledge to no other source. What those were you will know when I state that night before last I dreamed, as often before, that I was back at the University, and that, horror of horrors and from acme of nightmares defend me, I was to have an afternoon recitation. Of course, dream-like, it was not at three or four o'clock, or even any exact quarter of an hour, but at precisely 3:48 p. m. The shades of '78 can sympathise with me, but there was one grand consolation, and one which I think would almost at once leap into the mind of every '78 man, Treman included, and that was after that recitation was over, there would be an hour or more to play foot-ball on the Campus, and the old cry of "'78 against the field" would ring across the Campus with such a "vim" that it is highly probable the present classes would feel the cold chills run down their backs, and would understand somewhat the feelings of the classes from '75 to '81 and especially '77 and '79, all of whom knew what athletic antagonists '78 men were, not from their size and brawn, but from their pluck and remarkable activity. The very thought makes me feel as if I could run a hundred yards in ten seconds. Any underclassman who chances to read the above will probably look upon it as the ravings of the disordered mind of some grandfather gazing upon his childhood. Such I would refer to the flags in the University Library, to the Cluck cup won three times by the class of '78, and to the foot-ball record of the class, particularly in the Junior year, when every other class—'77, '79 and '80—were beaten three goals to none. If a living reference is demanded, Treman can be spoken to. Again, the class of '78 won the first intercollegiate aquatic victory for Cornell, Saratoga 1875, and at the same time had been obliged to give Jarvis, '78, to the University crew which won the great race the next day. No other class has surpassed the record, and I doubt if any has equalled it.

But from the specific and past to the present and more general. Statements and items which have reached me from various sources have led one to believe that the present students lack some, if not much, of the energy and vigor of former students. Some student may shrug his shoulders and satisfy his languor by saying "May be true, but there's less hayseed and more style now." Now, I cannot say I particularly admire the hayseed order, but if it must be a choice between such, plus athletics, and those

whose greatest exertion consists in carrying a cane, lighting a cigarette and now and then walking around a billiard table, give us the former every time. These occupations are harmless enough, but they do nothing to build up strong men, many of whom Cornell has sent out, and may she continue to send out. As I have dwelt particularly upon field sports and boating, I trust no one will for a moment think I would have University duties slighted. If the present inactivity in athletic sports continues, probably the best course for the University to pursue would be to have a professor of gymnastics put in the Faculty, and, if possible, let him be also a physician, a man as nearly like MacLaren or Sargent as possible. Then make gymnastic practice a compulsory portion of the curriculum. The University must send out sound minds in sound bodies. If it were possible to have my prescription filled, I should recommend for each class in the University one grand dose of the spirit of the class of 1878.

—BOIFFEN.

CORNELLIANA.

- The strife is over.
- Almost time for *linen* pants. Ahem!
- "Elder Green" is one of the candidates.
- The next excitement is a prelim. in Trigonometry.
- The *Cornellian* cuts are particularly appropriate this year.
- President White is to address the Literary Societies this evening.
- '85 plays '84 a match game of ball, May 6th, at 2 o'clock, p. m.
- Seniors are beginning to look unhappy. "Sad hour of parting," etc.
- The Senior meeting has been postponed to Monday at 12 o'clock.
- The classes in photography began work in the laboratory last monday.
- Base-ball seems to have usurped the place of foot-ball on the Campus.
- The President begins his course of lectures on French History, next week.
- A Cunningham machine will be the best to ride in the bicycle race on Field Day.
- San Francisco Minstrels, in "Patients," at Wilgus Opera House Monday, May 8th.
- The Alphabetical List of students and directory is on distribution at the Business Office.
- We are authorized to state that the engineers have not yet received a challenge to sing.
- Professor Potter has entered a protest before the Town Board of Health against the pollution of Fall Creek water by persons living near its banks.

—The classes in Astronomy will meet at Professor Oliver's at an early date, and star gaze.

—There were four candidates for ERA election in the Junior class and six in the Sophomore.

—The lectures upon French History will begin next Thursday with a lecture upon Richelieu.

—Professor Corson did not meet his classes this morning on account of the illness of his wife.

—It would be hard to find a neater store and a finer class of goods than at Sheperd & Doyle's.

—President White will lecture this evening in Irving Hall, upon the work of Literary Societies.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Knight, in "Baron Rudolph," at Wilgus Opera House next Tuesday evening.

—The University buildings have been insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co., for \$346,000.

—We are authorized to state that, to catalogue the Library thoroughly, five or six years will need to be devoted to the work.

—Professor Flagg's new residence is beginning to present a pleasing appearance. It will be an ornament to the South Campus.

—Mr. Evans's Senior photographs seem to give very general satisfaction, and compare favorably with the class photos of last year.

—The late frigid weather has been very discouraging for spring suits—but wait patiently, "the spring is coming, gentle Annie."

—*The Helper*, a paper published in the interest of the Aurora Street M. E. Church, is under the editorial charge of Fox Holden, '72.

—The new store of Sheperd & Doyle is a great improvement on the old. They are now better able to supply the wants of students than ever.

—President White's lectures will be delivered in the Botanical Lecture Room at Sage College. The change from room T will be a very agreeable one.

—"The Freshman crew take their accustomed spin on the lake every clear day." Take notice! This is the last time this item appears in ERA, Vol. XIV.

—'84 wants to play '82 a game of ball, Thursday, May 4th. The Seniors, however, are much dissatisfied at the team the Sophs have selected to oppose them.

—Service at the Unitarian church, Sunday evening at 7:30. Professor Shackford will speak of "The Divine Idea as Present in Humanity and Human Development."

—The Freshman crew are taking exercise on the lake every day that the weather permits. Eighty-five promises to take Eighty-one's place in the boating interests at Cornell.

—The interior finish of the Fiske mansion will not be upon so magnificent a scale as the late Mrs. Fiske intended. The contract for the great drawing room has not been let.

—Sheperd & Doyle call attention to their new spring styles. They are prepared to furnish anything the students may need in the way of gentlemen's furnishing goods.

—The Sophomores have appointed the following committees: On Excursion, McMillan, Cassedy, S. Carpenter, Randolph, and A. Hamilton. On Field-Day, Brewster and Walch.

—On account of the use of an entirely new textbook in Freshman French this term, the gloom in those classes has been deep and impenetrable. Cause, the paucity of "goaks."

—Prof. Corson's new departure in limiting the work in Senior Special Literature to the reading of selections from modern poets with comments, is proving very satisfactory to the class.

—The revival of Lawn Tennis is watched with considerable interest by the students. Willow Avenue has lately been the scene of several spirited games by some enterprising persons.

—Professor Tuttle's Seminary work in Systematic Politics is justly very popular. The plan of work adopted by the professor, involving research and original work is of the greatest benefit to the students.

—In the meeting of the Engineer's Association this afternoon, instead of the regular literary exercise, Prof. Fuertes exhibited stereopticon views of engineering works, giving in connection appropriate explanations.

—Instead of placing on exhibition in the Library the pictures, views, etc., recently taken of the University, Mr. Evans has placed them in his photographic parlors. A visit will more than repay the trouble taken.

—The successful candidates in the Sun election this morning, were, in the Junior class, E. H. Crooker and J. L. Pratt; Sophomore class, C. A. Brewster and H. D. Sibley; Freshman class, E. G. Brooks and James Magee.

—Senior theses are to be written upon "thesis" paper and are not subject to recall after once being given into the possession of the Faculty. There is no limit to the length of the productions except that dictated by common sense.

—The next ERA Board, as elected to-day, will consist of C. C. Chase, J. H. Humphries, and F. W. Runyon, from the class of '83, and E. W. Huffcut, F. C. Overton, C. M. Thorp, and T. S. Williams, from the class of '84.

—We have refrained, as our readers will notice, from making any reference to bier in more than one

meaning, in connection with the cremation exercises. Our forbearance is deserving of more than passing notice we think and hence—.

—We are requested to announce that the next meeting of the Mathematical Club will be held at Prof. Oliver's house, on Heustis street, Saturday evening of this week. All are invited to attend. Exercises to begin at half-past seven.

—Professor H. H. Boyesen's writings are enjoying considerable popularity in Germany. Most of his short stories have been translated into German and his Commentary on Faust has recently been translated and published at Leipsic.

—The new green-houses are being slowly stocked. The work will progress more rapidly as soon as settled warm weather will allow the removal of plants from green-houses in New Jersey and the South, where most of the stock will be purchased.

—In our next issue we hope to give definite and final information concerning the Field Day. By that time all the classes will have appointed committees as requested and in conjunction with the ERA committee work will be begun immediately.

—The resolutions passed by a mass meeting of the students two weeks ago are being engrossed, preparatory to sending a copy to Mr. E. A. Buck, of the *Spirit of the Times*, after which they will be published in the University and town papers.

—“The Library” is the name of a new publication issued by the University for the purpose of furnishing those interested with a complete catalogue of the new books purchased for the Library. It will probably be issued three or four times yearly, according to the number of the books purchased.

—The following men will constitute the Committee on Field Day: From the ERA, A. T. Cowell, A. F. Matthews and F. W. Runyon; from '82, N. T. Horr and H. Collins; from '83, C. C. Chase and F. R. Sullivan; from '84, C. J. Walch and C. A. Brewster, and from '85, E. C. Reed and H. B. Swarthout.

—The engineers prior to their intended trip to Geneva Lake, have elected the following officers: Chief Engineer, J. C. Wait; Computer, Krusi; Commissary, Trumbull; Junior Captains, Washburn, Ewing and Pierson. They will leave Ithaca, May 22d, and will probably have their headquarters at Watkins.

—At a meeting of the Sophomore class yesterday it was decided to hold an excursion on May 19, to which the members of the other classes are invited. The president was also authorized to appoint a committee of two to act with the ERA committee for the purpose of carrying out the latter's suggestion in regard to a Field-Day.

—The University Library service now embraces a larger number than at any previous time. Pro-

fessor Willard Fiske as librarian, has general supervision; Mr. G. W. Harris holds the position of assistant librarian; Mr. Philip P. Barton, assistant; Miss Annie E. Hutchins, chief cataloguer; Mr. Horace S. Kephart and Mr. William L. Mason, assistant cataloguers; Charles F. Lashier, janitor.

—Ithaca is to have a new post-office. The old quarters have long been considered too small, and plans are being prepared for remodeling the interior of the old Ithaca Bank building on State St., and it is expected that the removal to the new location may be made by July 1st. The new location will not be as convenient as the old one for most of the students yet we hope the accommodations will be much superior.

—The petition which was recently placed in the Library asking for a course in phonography, was eminently successful in the character if not in the number of its signatures. F. S. Fish, Roscoe Conkling, Me Too, Guiteau, Anna Dickinson, O. W. J., Jumbo and Robinson Crusoe were among the petitioners. The document will undoubtedly receive thoughtful attention from the Faculty, as it has been placed in the Faculty letter-box.

—Bishop Harris, who is to preach in Sage Chapel on Sunday, was an officer in the rebel army during the war. After the defeat of the Southern cause he went to Chicago, and there acquired so great a reputation as an eloquent speaker, that in a few years he was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan. An address which Bishop Harris delivered before the students of Michigan University last year, was copied and commended by all the leading publications of the country. Though the youngest bishop of the Episcopalian church, few are better known or more admired than Bishop Harris, and no one should fail to hear him.

—In response to an invitation signed by Mr. Higginson, Mr. Horace E. Scudder, Mr. Arthur Gilman, the Rev. Edward E. Hale, Mr. L. L. Thaxter, and several other gentlemen, Prof. Corson of Cornell University, whom Mr. Furnivall places well up at the head of Browning scholars in the United States, kindly took occasion of a visit to Boston last week to give a couple of his lectures, at the parlors of the Woman's Club, on the poetry of Robert Browning. The subject of the first lecture was “Personality, as the Ultimate Source of Soul-quickening and Regeneration”; and of the second “Art as a Vice-agent of Personality.” The lectures were . . . of notable quality, and evidently made a profound impression. They should be called for elsewhere.—*The Literary World*.

—It is to be hoped that every student will consider the Field Day scheme as something in which he as a student has an immediate and vital interest and will act accordingly. Every student in the Uni-

versity has a duty in connection with the matter which he alone can perform. If possible, he should enter for some one or more of the events. No matter whether he is a very fine athlete or not, his duty should compel him to recognize the effort made to promote athletics here, and act accordingly. We have had altogether too much of the "sit-by-and-look-on" spirit displayed here in the past few years in all student enterprises, and this spirit will account for the present low condition of athletics. It is the duty of every student to encourage the Field Day. Let him do his duty.

PERSONALIA.

RAPPLEYE, '82 took part in the concert given at the Unitarian church last Wednesday evening.

DR. M. J. ROBERTS, formerly '76, of New York city, visited Ithaca last Tuesday.

HEYWOOD CONANT, '78, is secretary of the *Every Evening* published at Wilmington, Del.

F. W. GOODALE, '85, has temporarily left the University. He was called home on Saturday by his father's death.

E. F. BALLARD, formerly '82, has been indulging in politics extensively—City Clerk, Notary Public, Police Justice, besides others. He is now located at Blackhawk, Col.

COLLEGE NEWS.

Mr. John Fiske is writing the history of American civilization.

The Johns Hopkins University conducts five journals devoted to original investigation in various fields.

A lawn tennis tournament is going to be held in Philadelphia May 25, 26 and 27, which will be open to all comers.

The Union League Club of New York has presented a petition to the board of trustees of Columbia College praying them to admit women to lectures and examinations in the college. The petition cites the state of opinion as evinced by the recent action of the Universities of Cambridge and London. Dr. Storrs, Parke Goodwin and E. L. Godkin are among the petitioners.—*Harvard Herald*.

We commend the following from the *Yale News* to the authorities controlling the music at Sage Chapel. "The manner in which Antioch was sung yesterday and the effect, should do much to support the boom for new hymnals with music. The men will sing when they have any knowledge of the notes."

The Junior class of the University of Minnesota will give an exhibition, the first for a number of years. At the last affair of this kind bogus programmes were issued, which so aroused the ire of the Faculty that several students were expelled.

The University of Berlin now has over four thousand students, and it is feared that the laboratories and lecture rooms will soon be found insufficient to accommodate them all. There are forty-three societies of various kinds among the students.

General Chamberlain, president of Bowdoin, has accepted the management of a large business enterprise in Florida.—*Herald*.

Harper's Weekly states that Larkin G. Mead, the American sculptor, has been made professor in the Academy of Fine Arts at Florence; Dr. Walstein, a New Yorker, lectures at Oxford on archæology; and that an American named Coolidge is professor in a Welsh college.

Student-duelling in Germany shows no sign of dying out. Among the Berlin University students the practice is increasing to a dangerous extent, and, moreover, often results seriously. Moreover, besides the usual *Schlager-fechten*, numerous duels with swords and pistols are fought in the suburbs.—*London Graphic*.

We wish to correct the statement made in our last issue, that "All the professors of Political Economy in American colleges favor free trade, with the exception of Professor Robert E. Thompson, of the University of Pennsylvania." We have since learned that the professor of Political Economy at Blackburn University favors protection.—*College Rambler*. We will give the *Rambler* an opportunity to make another correction by informing it that Dr. Wilson and Prof. Potter of Cornell are Protectionists.

The Harvard Columbia Freshman race will be two miles on the Harlem, Saturday, July 1st.—*Harvard Herald*.

The *World's* correspondent at Washington and Lee University writes, "As to the Lake George race, we are not prepared to say definitely whether our crew will attend or not, but I think our presence there is not at all improbable, if satisfactory arrangements can be made."

The college clubs have thus far played more than thirty matches with professional teams this month, and have thus obtained excellent practice for their championship campaign, which is to begin in two weeks. By these preliminary contests it has been shown that Harvard, Yale and Princeton are the only colleges which have any chance of winning the pennant. Brown and Dartmouth have been beaten with ease by professional teams which had much trouble to defeat the nines of Harvard, Yale and Princeton.—*New York World*.

EXCHANGES.

The college paper, as the average student in our colleges knows it, is an institution peculiarly American. Yet we receive several exchanges which are published at colleges outside the United States, and

of which our readers should have some knowledge. This clipping from the *Harvard Herald* gives the names of some of them :

"Contrary to the general impression, there are many students' journals in England published at the different schools and colleges, though none, we believe, at Oxford and Cambridge. The names of some of these papers are : The *Bathonian*, *Durham University Journal*, *Epsomian*, *Excelsior*, *Mill Hill*, *Merchant Company's School's Magazine*, *Pelican*, *Queen's College Magazine*, *Reptonian*, *Rossian*, *School Magazine*, *Sydneyian*, *Taylorian*, *Thistle*, *Tonbridgian*, *Ulula*, *Manchester Grammar School Magazine*, the *Ladies' College Magazine*, *Cheltenham* and *Our Magazine*, published at the North London Collegiate School for Girls."

Contrary to the opinion of the *Herald*, there is a paper published at Oxford and Cambridge, and which has the most individuality, so to speak, of any of our exchanges. It bears the somewhat lengthy name of the *Oxford and Cambridge Undergraduate's Journal*, and states on its first page that "The *Cambridge Journal* was amalgamated with the *Oxford Undergraduate's Journal* Oct., 1875." In size and quality of paper it is not unlike the *Nation*. One peculiar feature is that nowhere is it explicitly stated who the editors are and how often the paper is issued. If published in a Western college, the exchange editor of the self-appointed Eastern autocrats would probably pronounce it dull and unreadable. However, since it is apparently the only student publication of the great English Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, they may pardon us for admiring its dignity, as contrasting favorably with the inane drivel with which some of our nearer neighbors, T. Carlyle S. for example, seem to feel called upon to insult their readers. In the page devoted to "Varsity Table Talk" this dignity is occasionally departed from in a staid British joke. The following may serve as examples :

"Practical joking has not yet died out. Not many days have passed since a timorous second year's man was proctorized by some sportive wag attired in a scholar's gown, and supported by two friends 'called bull-dogs.' It was not till the next morning that the frightened gentleman perceived that he had been the subject of a hoax. Delight at saving his money swamped all feelings of vengeance."

"We hear that if any one will chance to take his constitutional grind rather early, and by way of the backs, he will be rewarded by the amusing sight of one unfortunate recruit being drilled and bullied by three sergeants!"

The number before us contains over six columns of sermons, which fact we pass by without comment. The columns which bear the closest resemblance to the usual editorial columns, are devoted to a discussion of the "novels of University life," and "rowdyism," which latter shows that the recent so-called "epidemic" is not confined to this side of the Atlantic. The writer gives briefly the characteristics of the men who make the disturbances :

"For the most part they come from the lower forms of Public Schools. While they were there, they had the notion that, since they were sure to step into the shoes of some old uncle

or aunt, there would be no occasion for their working, and having once made this their creed, they accordingly began to act upon it. They would neither work themselves nor allow others to, thus proving themselves to be a common nuisance to masters and school fellows alike. Their life up here is a mere continuation of their school-days. They enlist themselves heart and soul in that widely-represented corps of men, who do nothing."

Referring to the recent disturbances at dramatic performances, the writer continues :

"We would remind such gentlemen who are the cause of all this trouble, that their conduct cannot, from any point of view, be defended as being gentlemanly ; that there is no display of wit or originality in the frolics they carry on ; and that when they show their open defiance of law and order by parading the streets and intimidating harmless citizens, their achievements are not glorious in the eyes of their fellows, but are rather calculated to put them on a level with Chelsea roughs instead of Cambridge 'Varsity men.'"

Considerable space is next devoted to the "Varsity Eights," which are doing much earnest and careful work. The *Journal* has an exchange column, "that most unjournalistic feature of a college paper," which in this issue is given up almost entirely to a discussion of American exchanges. Mention is made of the *Nelsonian*, from Nelson College, New Zealand. We recognize many old acquaintances among the jokes, which seems like unexpectedly meeting friends from home in a foreign land.

The *Varsity* makes weekly visits to us from the University of Toronto, and is doubtless familiar to most of our readers. It would not be difficult to suggest a change of form which would add greatly to the appearance of this paper, and it is a matter of surprise to us that the enterprise of its editors has not manifested itself in that direction. The characteristic feature of the *Varsity* is the "Observations by the Patriarch Student," which are usually pointed and worth reading. The old fellow must have been in a bad humor when he gave vent to this :

"The fact is notorious that the *Vassar Miss* is the only first class paper under 'editresship.' The rest, with, perhaps, the exception of the *Lassell Leaves*, are deep below the level of mediocrity."

He so far recovered his equanimity as to introduce this as a sort of an antidote :

"Some people's bad habit of late rising resembles the periodical headache of the Frenchman, who declared that it came on regularly once a month and lasted six weeks."

The *Argosy*, Mount Allison College, which comes to us occasionally from Sackville, N. B., is well conducted.

No. 1. of the *College Times* from Upper Canada College, Toronto, again makes its appearance, after an interval of nearly nine years.

The *Queen's College Journal*, of Kingston, Canada, is published in twelve numbers during the session.

There are also the *Acta Victoriana*, *King's College Record*, *Montreal College Journal*, and perhaps others which we have overlooked.

We omitted to mention in our notice of feminine exchanges, so to speak, the *Sybil*, of the Elmira Female College, and the *College Record*, from Norfolk, Va.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—God bless our Church, our Pastor, too.
 God bless our Sunday-school.
 Bless every little boy and girl
 Who will not in the dances whirl,
 But obeys our Church's rule
 —*The Ithaca, N. Y., Aurora St. M. E. Church "Helper."*

—Snodkins says his new silk hat is like the whooping cough—loud, but he had to have it.—*Lampoon.*

—A lady who had been traveling in Italy was asked by a friend how she liked Venice. "Oh! very much, indeed," was the reply. "I was unfortunate enough, however, to arrive there just at the time of a heavy flood, and we had to go about the streets in boats."—*Flieg. Blat.*

—Prof. in Logic: "Mr. ———, what is the universal negation?" Student: "Not prepared, sir."—*Ex.*

—A motto for young lovers—so-fa and no father.—*Ex.*

—A red-haired Englishman says that in his native country they call him an "hauben blonde," but 'ere in America they call 'im a red-headed sun of a gun.—*Ex.*

—Moore was very fond of writing epitaphs. The following is an example:

"Here lies John Shaw,
 Attorney at law;
 And when he died,
 The devil cried,
 'Give us your paw,
 John Shaw,
 Attorney at law!'"—*Ex.*

AMUSEMENTS.

BARON RUDOLPH.—This beautiful play, written by Mr. Bronson Howard, author of "The Banker's Daughter," is acknowledged by the most critical press of America to be possessed of more literary merit, touching dramatic situations and moral worth than any drama that has ever before been presented. No more honest tribute or brighter description of the piece can be given than the following by Mr. Geo. Goodale, the dramatic critic of the *Detroit Free Press*, in his paper of Tuesday, January 10th, 1882. These are his very words as published in the editorial columns of that popular family journal: "The deft and delicate blending of pathos and humor is the very key-note of this play. They come to the

surface in the most delightfully unexpected places, and one often breaks into laughter with moistened eyes—as if the dramatic sky were bestowing simultaneous shower and sunshine." These are not idle words, but come from the pen of a gentleman who thoroughly understands what he is writing about.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Knight will produce this play at Wilgus Opera House, Tuesday evening, May 2nd.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—Birch & Backus and their great company of comedians and vocalists are drawing large and fashionable audiences to their cosy opera house. "Patients" has made a hit, and is one of the funniest burlesques ever produced by the "Friscoes." Mullaly's orchestra rendered the latest gems from "Claude Duval" and the "Mascot." "Patients" will be the trump card for their short trip this summer, and we can assure our friends at large that "Patients" will prove to be the best thing ever seen in minstrelsy. The "Friscoes" are stronger and better than ever, and they are going out "armed to the teeth" with funny sketches, songs and stories, and they have sworn to "laugh people to death" everywhere—and we'll bet they can do it (we always bet on a sure thing.)—*Sunday Courier.*

Will appear in Wilgus Opera House in a great bill, Monday, May 8th. Do not fail to see them in "Patients."

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Unitarian Church, Buffalo Street. Henry C. Budger, Pastor. 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. At home Tuesday evenings, 148 Cascadilla.

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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 Mil 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 publish the details of a building which we have long needed. The new Assembly Hall, or Drill Hall, or whatever it may be called, will soon be begun, and there are doubtless many now in the University who will enjoy its accommodations. Military drill has been interrupted time after time, because there has been no building which could be used. We have been compelled to use the old dining rooms in Cascadilla, the Armory and the Gym., all of them inadequate to the demands exacted of them. In consequence, excellence in drill has been greatly retarded. The new building will be of great value to the Military Department, for which it is primarily designed. But there are many other uses to which it can be put which will suggest themselves as they occur. We have assurances that it will be a handsome edifice, quite creditable to the conspicuous position it will occupy. The Trustees are to be congratulated on their appreciation of the needs of the Military Department.

WE regret that we are forced to announce that, owing to the scant equipment of the Navy as regards shells, there will be no regatta this spring. We had hoped that there were enough good sixes to row the regatta, but a more careful examination compels our leading oarsmen to admit that a regatta appears an extreme improbability. This will be a

great disappointment to many, and to none a greater one than to us. Our oarsmen in the lower classes were awaking to the situation, and it appeared likely that some spirited contests would follow. But the circumstances are such that we must yield to them. Next fall, however, if the Freshmen succeed in having a race this summer, there will be no difficulty about a regatta. It can then be rowed in heats as suggested, and will be more interesting for being rowed in eights. We shall probably then have a return to the old Varsity custom of rowing only in eights, for only in that way will our men get their practice. We shall not be sorry either to see this return to the old custom. So for the present we say "Farewell" to the regatta.

IT will create considerable surprise among the friends of the University to learn that it is intended to establish honors at the Commencement of next year. With many this will be deemed a serious departure from the past policy of the University, which has been to give no honors, but to induce the student to work merely for the benefit coming from the study. In deference to this policy, the many prizes which formerly were such great objects of interest were abolished. This raised a great outcry at the time, but it seemed the only logical consequence of our policy. The innovation now suggested is contrary to this policy. But that is in itself no reason why it should be condemned. Perhaps, the policy itself is to be deplored. As it has been asked, why should honors be excluded from college life, when they are so plenty in after life? Men are not content with doing their duty, with exerting their best powers, without a hope of reward in the shape of honor. So few are there who will perfect themselves in any calling simply for the sake of being perfect. It may be said that we are to receive hereafter the honors for which we now work. But this is rarely the case. Most often the use of a study ends with us when we have laid aside our books in college. Why, then, should we be deprived of the poor satisfaction which the petty college honors afford?

NOW that the Field-day is a certainty, the responsibility for its entire success depends no longer upon the ERA alone, but upon the student body, upon every student institution, upon every individual student. The affair is no longer an ERA enterprise, but it belongs to every student connected with the University. The various classes have recognized our efforts by appointing committees to cooperate with us. The next thing necessary is the proper number of entries for the various events. It is incumbent upon every student who has a "specialty" in athletics to enter the contest where he may show to advantage his skill. Then every student, athlete or not, should encourage by his presence this effort to revive the institution of Field-Day. Heretofore, with scarcely an exception, Field-Days have been anything but successful in a financial point of view. The present Committee feel that this very serious drawback has been removed, that the plan as adopted for this year will insure financial success; but the plan must receive the hearty co-operation of every student. There is but one tax, that simply of the price of admission. Surely no student in the University is unable to afford this slight tax.

BY this time many will have learned that negotiations have been made relative to adding a Medical Department to the University. This is by no means the first time the thing has been considered. Many in the University now remember that but a few years since it was proposed to add a Medical School, but for sufficient reasons it was deemed best not to do so. There are those who hail with wild and ill-considered satisfaction any attempt to enlarge the scope of instruction of the the University, forgetting that it is its aim not to be so diffuse as thorough in what it has undertaken. These were doubtless much disappointed when the project fell through, and will be if this project fails, for they will look at it in but one light. While we should be pleased to see a well-equipped Medical Department added to the University, we see no reason to add one merely for the sake of having one. There are scores of medical schools, and there is no reason why the number should be increased except to add a school of superior excellence. If one can be founded with a distinctive character, one that will reflect upon the institution, then it is Cornell's duty

to foster it in the interest of thorough education. But we deprecate all unnecessary haste to build up a University in a day—an institution which takes years to attain the ends aimed at in founding it.

DURING the present term there has been noticeable a greater disposition than usual among the students to "cut" recitations and lectures. The reason for this certainly cannot be laid to the weather, the usual enemy of good work during the spring term, for that has been especially conducive to the performance of honest work. The Military Department has noticed this tendency, and its work has been more than usually affected by it. In fact, to such an extent has it been carried, that special orders have from necessity been published, by which it is hoped the evil will be at least mitigated, if not entirely done away with. Other departments in the University have felt the effects of this evil, and in one, especially, extreme measures have been found necessary in dealing with students guilty of the misdemeanor.

It may be urged that it is contrary to the spirit of the institution to deal with students severely for the mere "cutting" of recitations, or to take active or extreme measures to abate the trouble; but this we can hardly consider just. It certainly is advisable to treat students as men, but only while they act like men. When they descend to indulge in the school boyish propensity of truancy, can they in justice expect to receive treatment other than their conduct shows them capable of receiving? The work of the University is deranged more seriously by irregularity in attendance among students than by any other cause. Can the faculty and heads of the various departments discharge rigidly the duty they owe to the institution, if they treat slightly a matter that so greatly affects University work, and, as a natural sequence the University itself? Students are inclined to be hasty in opinion, and to condemn without consideration, what deserves careful thought. In this way they have been inclined to consider all interference of the faculty, in reference to the "cutting" question, as going beyond and transgressing the spirit of our institution. Should they but consider the position of the various departments, the importance of sustaining the work of these departments, and the personal responsibility of every pro-

fessor for his department work, they would see that what they condemn as treating the student body, not as men who are responsible only to themselves for their transgressions, but as boys who are thoughtless to their own interests, is in reality a necessity, and in fact advisable.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

The death of Ralph Waldo Emerson adds to the heavy losses which the last few weeks have brought. It would not be easy to name three men who have done more to shape the beliefs and standards of our day than Rossetti, Darwin and Emerson.

The picture of the life of the American scholar drawn by Mr. Emerson in his address before the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Harvard College, in 1837, can rarely be realized more fully than it has been in the life now ended. Not good fortune alone has been the cause; for Mr. Emerson has had occasion to stand with the few and wait. But, whether alone or with many, his steadfast serenity carried him easily through indifference or opposition. He has held to the belief of his address, that "if the single man plant himself indomitably on his instincts and there abide, the huge world will come round to him." And to-day no name in America commands greater reverence.

The events of his life were such as should come to the man of letters,—education, friendships, travels, writings. The outward story can be briefly told.

He was born in Boston in 1803. His father was minister of the First Church of Boston, and was himself descended from an English clergyman, who came over during the Puritan emigration, and settled in 1635, as minister of the town of Concord. Ralph Waldo Emerson was therefore of Puritan and ministerial blood. He was fitted for college at the Boston Latin School, and, entering Harvard at the age of thirteen, was graduated four years later. Among his class-mates were George Bancroft, and Samuel May; Palfrey and Sparks, the historians, Dr. Gannett, and Mr. Emerson's life-long friend, the Rev. W. H. Furness, of Philadelphia, were undergraduates at the same time with him. His standing in college, though good, was not brilliant; but he distinguished himself by winning the Boylston prize for oratory, and by twice winning the Bowdoin prize for dissertations. The subject of one of these dissertations, "The Present State of Ethical Philosophy," is interesting as showing the bent which his mind was already taking. He had, moreover, the habit—rarer now than then among college students, it is to be feared—of reading largely in English prose and poetry. It is pleasant to know that his class-mates recognized the young boy's gifts by making him class-poet.

The first few years that followed his college course

were spent in teaching. He then studied divinity, coming under the influence of two of the most vigorous minds of the liberal school, Professor Norton and William Ellery Channing. In 1829 he was ordained as colleague of the Rev. Henry Ware, in Boston. Chance had carried him into the midst of theological controversy. The young man of twenty-six found himself in a prominent pulpit, with his own opinions still unsettled. Even the Unitarian church of that day proved to be too narrow for him, and at the end of three years he asked and readily obtained a dismissal from his parish. In the following autumn he went to Europe, and there made many acquaintances of value. His friendship with Carlyle lasted until the death of the latter; and Mr. Emerson enjoys the rare distinction of being one of the few persons of whom Carlyle spoke kindly. An acquaintance with Landor, Coleridge and Wordsworth was also among the fruits of this journey.

Mr. Emerson's first published essay "Nature," (a copy of the original edition of which is in the Cornell University Library,) appeared in 1836, and, though read only by the few, at once established his position in letters. In this essay, though in no systematic way, he made clear his position in philosophy; and his position in theology was shown two years later by the famous address to the Senior class in the Cambridge Divinity School. The reputation he had now gained brought him into connection with the publication of the *Dial*, of which he finally became editor, and with the Brook Farm movement.

Some years before this, he had settled in Concord, Mass., where he had written the essay "Nature," in the house of his mother's father, Dr. Ripley, a house made famous later by its new possessor, Hawthorne, under the name of *The Old Manse*. In 1835 Mr. Emerson bought, in another part of the outskirts of the town, the house in which he died. During a visit to Europe seven years ago, this house was partly burned, but the people of Concord, to whom Mr. Emerson has always been a prophet with honor, rebuilt it at once without change, and the children of the village converted his return into a festival, escorting him in procession from the railway to his old and new home. In this house, furnished with a taste simple to severity, Mr. Emerson has spent nearly fifty years of his life. Like the old Manse at Concord, and the Longfellow House and Lowell House in Cambridge, it has become one of the historic houses of America. Here, with a singular courtesy, Mr. Emerson has welcomed all who came to see him. Many have testified to his cordial attitude toward young men who had their place in the world yet to make, one of whom, the Rev. Mr. Calthrop, of Syracuse, himself so welcomed years ago, says of Mr. Emerson that his manner was one of expectancy and hope, as if the young fellow before him might perhaps be the coming man in disguise. The debt which American life owes to Emerson is

not due him for his writings alone, but for the many men to whom he has been an inspiration.

The younger generation can hardly understand the loss they suffer in Mr. Emerson's death. What he was to an earlier generation has been shown by Mr. James Russell Lowell in his "Emerson the Lecturer" in "My Study Windows." In the few words reprinted below Mr. Lowell has told all the causes of Mr. Emerson's power, except the wonderful serenity and sweetness of that rare nature.

"To some of us that long-past experience remains as the most marvellous and fruitful we have ever had. Emerson awakened us, saved us from the body of this death. It is the sound of the trumpet that the young soul longs for, careless what breath may fill it. Sidney heard it in the battle of 'Chevy Chase,' and we in Emerson. * * * His younger hearers could not know how much they owed to the benign impersonality, the quiet scorn of everything ignoble, the never-sated hunger of self-culture, that were personified in the man before them. But the older knew how much the country's intellectual emancipation was due to the stimulus of his teaching and example, how constantly he had kept burning the beacon of an ideal life above our lower region of turmoil. To him more than to all other causes together did the young martyrs of our civil war owe the sustaining strength of thoughtful heroism that is so touching in every record of their lives. Those who are grateful to Mr. Emerson, as many of us are, for what they feel to be most valuable in their culture, or perhaps I should say their impulse, are grateful not so much for any direct teachings of his as for that inspiring lift which only genius can give, and without which all doctrine is chaff."

THE PROPOSED MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The rumor which found such definite expression in the New York *Tribune* of April 29th, that Cornell is soon to establish a medical college in New York has occasioned considerable discussion in educational circles. Eight professors who have recently resigned from the medical department of the University of New York, because they were unable to carry out a system of post-graduate instruction, wish to establish a medical college which shall be connected with Cornell and under the control of her trustees. No official action has yet been taken by the Cornell authorities, and any statement like that which appeared in the *Tribune*, that they are heartily in favor of the project is, at least, premature. The proposals submitted are substantially that the new college shall differ in many respects from those already established; that it shall have entrance examinations and its classes shall be graded; that there shall be a post-graduate course, in which most thorough use will be made of the clinical facilities of the city; that the professors in the college shall have a voice in its

government, and, most important of all, perhaps, that the institution shall be endowed, and the salaries of professors shall not depend upon the size of their classes.

Professor Wilder several years ago published his views in regard to the establishing of additional medical colleges. "It is to be hoped," he said, "that no proposition to establish a new medical school will be entertained, unless it include the assurance of an endowment such as may warrant an elevation of the standards for admission and graduation far above the present level. * * * The elevation of the standard of medical education demands a. High requirements for admission. b. Lengthening of medical terms to nine months, not so much in order that more may be taught, as to allow time for digestion and assimilation of what is already presented in four, five or six months. c. Systematic gradation of studies, and exclusion of first year students from clinics and hospital wards. d. Increase of time for instruction in physiology and hygiene. e. Endowment of the chairs, making the salaries independent of the number of students or graduates. f. Separation of the teaching body from the licensing-power, the latter being under central and national control." These opinions were warmly endorsed by Professor Agassiz, who wrote to Professor Wilder, "As to another medical school, any where, by whomsoever started, I would look upon it in the present state of things in the United States as a misfortune sure to lead to failure. Such institutions cannot be improvised with nothing to lean upon." Professor Wilder regards the founding of another medical college upon the old plan as a calamity which Cornell does not care to inflict upon the world. Our University is at present doing thorough work in chemistry, anatomy, physiology and hygiene, preparatory to the study of medicine, which is unlike that done at any other institution in the country, and which is infinitely more satisfactory than any slipshod medical course could be. President White is not in favor of founding a school of medicine, simply for the sake of founding one, but would heartily endorse the establishment of a medical college, whether connected with Cornell or not, which should be so thoroughly and unconditionally endowed that the college would not depend upon mere patronage for its support. By this means it would be possible to elevate the standard of medical education, to provide rigid entrance examinations and still more rigid examinations for graduation, to lengthen the existing course of study and provide thorough post-graduate instruction.

On two previous occasions plans have been submitted to the University for the founding of a medical college in connection with it, but they could not be accepted for reasons intimated above. The recent proposal of the eminent New York physicians seems more nearly to meet the wishes of our author-

ities than any before advanced, and should they be accepted, the fact will be in itself sufficient evidence that a medical college is to be established which shall more nearly realize the ideal of that growing class of thinking people who are becoming disgusted with the hasty and inadequate instruction of that numerous class of medical schools which seem desirous of conferring diplomas upon students that shall represent the least medical knowledge which those students can be induced to accept. In an institution which is not heavily endowed the temptation to call together as many students as possible is irresistible, and the instruction and standard of requirements must suffer in consequence.

There are objections to the scattering of different schools of our University over a radius of several hundred miles, but the advantages of position in a metropolis are so evident that the disadvantages need hardly be taken into account; then, too, by the establishing of a department of our University in a large city, something of the provincialism charged against the present management would be gradually and naturally removed.

THE NEW MILITARY HALL.

Through the kindness of the Military Professor, we are enabled to give this week some information concerning a new building which is soon to grace our Campus.

Of the three courses, instruction in which was rendered incumbent upon the University authorities by accepting the land grant, that in Military Science is the only one which has not had from time to time appropriations and donations. In the case of the Agricultural Department, at least, this has been carried to the extreme limit of advisability, and the Department of Mechanic Arts has been liberally remembered. Efforts have been made repeatedly to gain recognition for the Military Department, and to secure funds to enable it to keep pace with the other interests of our rapidly-developing University. Until very recently, these efforts were unsuccessful. At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, an appropriation was made for the purpose of erecting a building on the Campus for the use of the Military Department, and a committee, consisting of the Hon. H. W. Sage, President White and Judge Boardman, was appointed to select a site. The members of this committee, with their accustomed energy, went at once to work, and have selected the level piece of ground opposite the Gymnasium as the site for the new structure.

It is proposed to erect there a building of brick with a slate roof, something after the style of Sage Chapel, having the interior beams exposed. It is to be one hundred and fifty feet deep by sixty feet front, thus affording ample room for the manoeuvres of the cadet battalion, so that in the future the

members of that organization will not be deprived of their exercise by inclement weather. The entrance will be twenty-four feet long by twenty-four feet wide.

The gentlemen, through whose efforts this much-needed improvement has been brought about, had other ends in view than merely the needs of the long neglected Military Department. The uses which the new building may subserve are varied and numerous. By the addition of certain apparatus, which can be easily removed when the hall is needed for military purposes, we will have a Gymnasium far more deserving of the title than anything heretofore existing at Cornell. Hours for the use of the building will be arranged in the schedule the same as for any other University exercise. The organization of the new Gymnasium Association has not yet been decided upon, though a small sum sufficient to defray running expenses will doubtless be required of each member. That triumph of architectural skill which now does duty as a gymnasium will be attached to the south-east corner of the main structure, and will at first be used for storing purposes. As soon as practicable this addition will be fitted up with bath-rooms and furnished with all the appliances necessary to this important part of a well-equipped gymnasium. In course of time, it is hoped that a competent superintendent will be employed, though this will be impossible at first.

The building may be easily partitioned off into rooms of any desired size by means of screens, a stage set up, seats provided, and the armory transformed into a suitable place for the display of our histrionic talent.

Those unfortunates who may compose the ball committees of future classes, will find here a most commodious room. Lighted by electricity, decorated with the trophies of Cornell's numerous aquatic victories, and properly crashed, no desirable feature of a perfect ball room will be lacking. This will greatly lighten the labors of such committees, and will doubtless make our college receptions of much more frequent occurrence. In addition to these uses for the new building, many others will readily suggest themselves, such as commencement exercises, mass meetings of students, etc.

A road to Prof. Flagg's house will be made; the orchard will be removed, and the ground surrounding the new Military Hall will be graded and sodded, forming a beautiful lawn.

It is not yet decided by the authorities whether or not drills will be held during the winter term. Possibly instruction in gymnastic exercises to squads of ten or twelve may be substituted.

The original outlay will be about \$15,000, and more will be expended if needed. The new quarters will probably be ready for occupancy by the beginning of next term.

—Enter promptly for Field-Day.

FIELD-DAY.

The General Committee appointed from the classes and the ERA Board have decided upon nearly all the details for Field-Day. The exercises will take place on the Fair Grounds, Saturday, May 13th, at 9:30 a. m. The rules will be the same as announced two weeks ago in the ERA, except the fifth, which read: "Competitors shall be admitted free." Every one will be charged the admission fee, and there will be no entrance fee for competitors. For prizes, the Committee will give a ribbon appropriately inscribed to each winner. A programme is to be given to each person upon which will be printed not only the events, but also the names of all the competitors, so that the spectators may know beforehand who is to appear in each contest. Hence, it is absolutely necessary that all entries be made by six o'clock next Thursday evening, later than which positively none will be received. Seats for ladies, who will be admitted free, will be reserved in the grand stand. The bicycle race will be open to any person whatever.

The following is a complete list of the contests, the order of which will be arranged later, so that persons may enter in several events.

- One mile run.
- One-half mile run.
- One-quarter mile run.
- One hundred yard dash.
- Relay race of two miles, teams of four from classes.
- One mile walk.
- Throwing base-ball.
- Kicking foot-ball.
- Running high jump.
- Running broad jump.
- Standing broad jump.
- Hop, step and jump.
- Class tugs of war, teams of six.
- Throwing hammer.
- Sack race.
- Three-legged race.
- Two mile bicycle race.

Entries may be made at once with any of the Committee.

TORONTO DECLINES.

The following letter has been received from Toronto University:

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Toronto, May 1, '82.

J. F. YAWGER,

Sir—Some time ago we received a letter from you challenging our Freshman class to an eight-oared race, stating your reasons for not rowing a four-oared.

It appears that your reasons for not rowing in four-oared boats are almost the same as ours for not rowing in eight-oared boats, namely:

First—Four-oared, double scull and single scull races are the only races that are rowed in Canada.

Second—Such a thing as an eight-oared boat is not to be found in this part of Canada, and it is now too late to have one built or to send for one.

Third—We are now in the midst of examinations and our crew and those who would be interested in the race cannot spare the time necessary for its preparation.

I may conclude by saying that at this period there is not a single feature which countenances an eight-oared race. We therefore decline the challenge.

You must not think that we wish to avoid a race with you. On the contrary, we are all eager for such a race, which perhaps, might become an annual affair; but under the present circumstances and for the reasons we have mentioned it is impossible.

Yours sincerely,
E. C. COLEMAN,
Sec'y Freshman Boating Crew of Toronto.

PENNSYLVANIA CHALLENGED.

This morning, at a meeting composed of Major Burbank, Commodore Chase, Mr. Cowles, of last year's crew, Mr. Yawger, chairman of the Freshman Boating Committee, and Mr. Swartout of the Freshman crew, it was decided to challenge the Pennsylvania Freshmen to a four-oared race. It has been a disappointment that we have been unable to arrange for an eight-oared race, but it was decided that inasmuch as it was the design of the boating men to develop a nucleus of oarsmen for future wants, a four-oared race had better be rowed than none at all. Pennsylvania has shown by her letter her desire to meet us in a friendly contest this summer, and we anticipate therefore, no hesitation on her part in accepting our challenge. There have been the friendliest relations between the two universities, and there is every reason to hope the preliminaries will soon be arranged.

Now comes in the question of finances. There have been no drains on the students' pockets this year, so every loyal student should be willing to contribute liberally toward putting boating on its feet. Even if the race be not won, the money will not be thrown away, for material for future University races will have been developed, and this is the prime aim. The boating men propose to push the matter of subscriptions vigorously during the next three weeks for little time remains. Now that the race has been decided on, let every one do his best to make it a success in every way.

—The New York Association of Cornell Alumni would be greatly indebted to the philanthropic individual who would send to its collection of *Cornelliana*, Vol. V of the ERA, also Nos. 5 and 57 of Vol. VIII and No. 31 of Vol IX.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

At a meeting of the students of Cornell University, held on Wednesday, April 12th, 1882, the following preamble and resolutions were passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, We the students of Cornell University, gratefully appreciate the fact that a moiety of the expense of the European trip of the Cornell University crew of 1881 was borne by E. A. Buck, Esq., of New York City, and

WHEREAS, We hold in lively remembrance the warm interest and self-sacrificing spirit shown by Mr. Buck in advancing in every possible way the welfare of our representatives abroad, not only in the general initiatory work, but throughout the whole affair; therefore be it

Resolved, That our hearty thanks be and hereby are extended to Mr. Buck for his generous action;

Resolved, That the kind assistance and counsel of Mr. Buck will ever be recollected by us with the warmest feelings of gratitude;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Buck, and that they be published in the Ithaca and University newspapers.

CORNELLIANA.

—Field-Day will be a success, if present indications mean anything.

—The medallions have arrived, and are now in the cellar of McGraw.

—The newly-elected meet their friends to-night at "Much's." Come one, come all.

—It is now beginning to look as if drill did amount to a great deal in this University.

—Professor Ely begins his course of three lectures on "German Administration" next Thursday.

—Many students have attended court this week to hear the arguments of the eminent lawyers now in town.

—The prizes for the Field-Day events will be black ribbon, with the event, time, etc., printed in gold leaf.

—"Ralph Waldo Emerson was not a 'high stand' man in college."—*Yale News*. We call that solid comfort.

—The University Base Ball nine have challenged the Hobart nine to a match game for Tuesday afternoon next, May 9th.

—At the Unitarian Church, Sunday morning, Mr. Badger will speak of Mr. Emerson, his Life and Faith. No evening service.

—President White did not lecture to-day, nor will he on Wednesday next. His hour, twelve o'clock, will be occupied by Professor Ely during his stay here.

—The residents of Free Hollow have remedied the trouble in reference to the pollution of Fall Creek, so that the University may now count on a supply of healthy water for its uses.

—Upper classmen are growling loudly because the Freshmen have been invited down the lake on the Sophomore excursion, and many have declared their intention of not going on that account.

—Last Saturday the campus presented a lively appearance. Tennis, foot-ball, and two games of base ball, together with the bicycles, all gave one the idea that sports were far from dying out at Cornell.

—WANTED—A talented and enterprising young man with a capital of \$3,000 to invest in, and, as soon as possible, take charge of an old and well-established county newspaper. Address Chas. Negley, Box 57, Hagerstown, Md.

—At the meeting of the "Hillians" held Wednesday evening to organize for the campaign of '82, the following officers were chosen: President, G. L. Burr; Vice-President, E. E. Russell; Steward, F. L. Kilborne; Assistant Stewards, F. A. Holton, F. P. Ingalls; Poet, O. L. Elliott; Orator, A. R. Blood; Historian, G. Waldo; Prophet, J. C. Wait; Toast Master, A. F. Matthews; Soloist, "Uncle Josh."

—The class in Freshman Greek were considerably startled last Wednesday morning to find smoke pouring up through the floor in great quantities. After the excitement was allayed a diligent search revealed the fact that the building was not on fire, but that Uncle Josh was simply building a fire in his boudoir. The smoke became so dense, however, that the class was dismissed a half hour earlier than usual.

—Postmaster Van Kirk was paralyzed a day or two ago by receiving a letter with the following address:

Please deliver this letter
to the Editors of the
O. C. Era,
W. J. a paper issued by
the students of Cornell.

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N. Y.

The envelope contained a circular from a New York designer and photo-engraver, who advises that "when caricatures of Professors are wanted that photographs be sent with sketch, and I will guarantee a true likeness."

—Vigorous measures are to be adopted by the Military Department in regard to absences. But two "make-up drills" are to be allowed, and cadets who take advantage of the privilege of cutting twice, will be expected to make up the drills so that at the

end of the term there will be no absences against them. All absences other than these two must be explained satisfactorily, or the cadet must take the consequences.

—Next Sunday's sermons at Sage Chapel will be delivered by the Rev. E. G. Robinson, D. D., LL. D., President of Brown University, and well known as one of the ablest pulpit orators in his denomination. Though a Baptist, President Robinson is well known for his liberal sentiments, and has at times filled the pulpits of various Unitarian churches, and has also gained considerable distinction as a secular orator.

—That Cornell and some of its Professors are more widely known than the majority of people think, is shown by the fact that Dr. Wilson received a letter the other day from a gentleman in New South Wales, asking his advice and opinion in regard to the adoption of a protective tariff by that colony. The masses of the people are strongly in favor of it, but the press and other means of a free expression of opinion on the subject are completely in the hands of those who advocated free trade. The gentleman referred to above, has just been elected to the provincial parliament, and intends to make a bitter fight for protection. The colony is in precisely the same position that Canada occupied toward the mother country a few years ago, when England yielded to the demand that they be allowed to regulate their own system of imports. A paper is to be started, and the gentleman wished any suggestions Dr. Wilson could make. The Doctor has answered the letter, and also caused several books on the side of protection to be sent on. The letter is interesting not only because it is gratifying to hear of the wide reputation of one of our professors, but also because it furnishes some new and interesting features to the question, protection versus free trade.

PERSONALIA.

"JACK" ELY, '78, ex-ERA editor, is in town.

HAYES, '80, writes that he will attend Commencement this year.

KENT, '82, left for home yesterday. He will return in June, and graduate with his class.

COUNTRYMAN, formerly '83, has been in town for a few days. He is looking well, and is as full of good spirits as ever.

A. G. HATCH, formerly '82, now Harvard '84, has been elected one of the directors of the Harvard Co-operative Association.

DR. CHARLES ATWOOD, formerly '80, is making a collection of the plants of Cayuga county. Those wishing to aid him in his efforts will be paid a reasonable price for rare specimens. His address is Moravia, N. Y.

MARRIED.

MCARTHUR—HANMER.—At Syracuse, N. Y., Monday, May 1st, 1882, William Corse McArthur, '81, of Burlington, Iowa, and Miss Harriette Grant Hanmer, of Syracuse, N. Y.

EXCHANGES.

We give this week a few more samples of the rhymes published in the college papers. Some of these are entitled to a more ambitious name, and yet to call them poems would perhaps be too complimentary, and more than their composers claim. Our limited space has prevented us from giving the longer efforts, several of which have been mentioned in past issues, and which are deserving of praise. Our readers will please ascribe the evident tendency to sentimentality in the selections given to the poets and not to us. This tendency has been quite characteristic of the tone of the entire college press during the past year.

MIDNIGHT.

The lonely gleam of a sentinel star
Just setting behind the tower,
Proclaims the death of another day,
And midnight's silent hour.

No sounds arise from the slumbering lake,
With its shores of wood and hill ;
No sound but the measured dip of oars
In the lake now calm and still ;

So hushed the wind that had over it blown,
So hushed the wave in its flow,
That every star in the heaven above
Has a mate in the depths below ;

So still the wave, you can trace beneath
The line of the milky way,
Till it seems the pathway that angels make,
As they haste to the realms of day.

And the restless lake seems sleeping
Like a child on its mother's breast,
And the mountains bending over it,
Seem lulled to kindred rest.

—Amherst Student.

A MORAL WITHOUT A TALE.

To see "Miss Mary Anderson" the Freshmen went in quantities ;

But only of a single one it is I wish to sing.

'Tis true, 'tis pity, too I know, as Shakespeare says, and pity 'tis

'Tis true that ere the first act passed he was a smitten thing.

The curtain fell, his spirits fell, nor did he go between the acts

To try to lift them up again by artificial ones.

He kept his seat, he closed his eyes, he let the world and its stern facts

Go to the realm where 'mid the shades the dreamy Lethe runs.

The bell now rings, and rings again, and now the curtain rises up

His heart leaps up as if he saw a rainbow in the sky.

He gazes as if his eyes had claws. 'Tis plain to see that all
is up.

'Tis over now; they take him out—his classmates do—to
die.

They take him to his college room, and put him in his iron
bed.

They telegraph for all his friends, and all his friends they
come.

He sickens, as we know for love, and yet the papers say in-
stead

The poorly drained, unventilated college brought his doom.
—*Yale Record.*

“ CHUMMY.”

Who is it shares my little den,
And breaks my peaceful slumbers when
I want to go to bed at ten?
My chum!

Who is it lets the fire go out,
If I go down to walk about,
And when I'm studying wants to spout?
My chum!

Who is it has “the boys” drop in,
And smoke, and spit and swear, and chin,
And keep up an infernal din?
My chum!

Who is it tries to play the flute,
And, when I beg him to be mute,
Calls me a “crusty old galoot”?
My chum!

Who is it turns things upside down,
And, when his monthly dues come round,
Just happens to be off down town?
My chum?

Who is it, when the German's o'er,
Will come up here and be a bore,
And—who's that kicking in the door?
My chum, by thunder!
—*Michigan Chronicle.*

How weary were this world uncheered by thee!
Dear solace of my life, my love, my own!
To dwell with thee I'd fling away a throne,
For, if without thy presence, it would be
Naught but a place of doom and misery.
Having known thee, I cannot live alone;
And rouest, darkest cave of unhewn stone,
Were brightest home if thou wert there with me!
The fading glories of Fame's storied urns,
Shine not for me! Thou art the archetype
Of earth's best joys—that flies but aye returns!
Dwelling on thy sweet mouth, so rich and ripe,
When lip to lip the rapturous incense burns,
I feel thou art my own—my love—my pipe!
—*Williams Argo.*

THE LIFE OF LOVE.

Can you take from the flower its color?
Can you take from the sun its light?
Or steal from the stars their lustre,
As diamond-flamed they cluster
In the unfathomed gulf of night?

Can you silence the roar of the billows,
As they break on a rock-bound coast?
Can you stay the winds from blowing,
Or the mountain torrent from flowing,
Or the rush of a battled host?

Then think not to stay my love
That flows as an ocean tide!
No force can withstand its rush,
Its song it will never hush,
Till the singer himself hath died!

E'en then shall its echoes ring
Through the halls of unborn ages;
Peal like the trumpet of flame,
In undying numbers thy name,
Writ down on a poet's pages.

—*Columbia Spectator.*

THE LOST KEY.

Seated alone in the entry,
I was weary and ill at ease;
And my fingers wandered idly
Over a bunch of keys.

I remember what I was thinking,
And what I was uttering then,
And language so strong and satanic
Was ne'er heard by angels nor men.

For the night it was cold and stormy,
And my chum was heavy with sleep,
And my thunderous knocks did not wake him,
Nor my cursings loud and deep.

I sought,—but I sought it vainly,—
That one lost key of mine,
Which I fancied was in my pocket
When I went out to dine.

At last my chum was awakened,
And, in pity at my distress,
He quickly opened the portal
In a most decided undress.

I have pondered the subject deeply,
I have wracked my weary brain;
But I fear that the key which I lost that night
I shall never see again.

—*Trinity Tablet.*

IN MEMORIAM.

MARCH 24, 1882.

“There is no death!” When the all-gladdening sun
Has reached the summits of the western hills,
And sinks beyond our sight, 'tis day begun
In lands whose eastern sky his radiance fills.

We may not follow with our senses frail
Thy glorious way along the endless years;
Yet well we know thy song will never fail,
Although it thrills no more on mortal ears.

Thine is the joy of life emancipate
From earthly darkness; thine th' unclouded sight;
The mists that here thou could'st not penetrate,
Below thee golden lie in heaven's pure light.

Thine is the gain, the bitter loss is ours;
Whom have we worthy to receive thy crown?
Nay, we will weave the laurel with spring flowers,
And on thy grave forever lay it down.

—*Harvard Advocate.*

A PERSIAN DANCING GIRL.

Jasmines tangled in her hair—
Ebon hair that loosely hangs,
Tipped with silver serpents' fangs,
Swaying in the scented air.

Silken sandals on her feet—
 Tiny feet that trip in time
 To the tambourine, and rhyme
 With the tinkling music sweet.

On her olive-tinted breast,
 Turquoise trinkets, jewels, rings—
 Lovers' tokens—gifts from kings,
 Jingle gaily, never rest.

Now she gives a dizzy twirl
 To the measures of the dance—
 Quicker than a stolen glance,
 Glides the dainty, graceful girl.

Just beyond the eager throng
 Lazily her lover smokes
 With his rivals, telling jokes
 Spiced with strains of Persian song.

Idly waiting—well he knows
 How they hate him, every one,
 In the garden of the Sun
 He has picked the fairest rose.

—Acta Columbiana.

A CONUNDRUM.

I've puzzled long and oft to find
 Which charm it is that serves to bind
 All hearts to yours, fair maid.
 It cannot be your sparkling eyes,
 For when you speak, that sweet surprise,
 Your voice, is all we know.
 And yet its tones have lost their power,—
 We only see the crimson flower,
 Your lips, from which it comes,
 And they in turn delight no more,
 If one but read your mind's rich store,
 That blinds to all beside.
 Your charm—alas!—I feel too well;
 Yet which it is I cannot tell,
 But love you all the more.

—Harvard Crimson.

AMUSEMENTS.

—SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—The only trouble with the San Francisco Minstrels is that they make people laugh "too utterly much," as Mr. Oscar Birch would say. The performance of this San Francisco de Rhimini, Nimminy-Pimminy, Chiaroscuro Company of olive-tinted æsthetics is simply one roar of laughter from beginning to end. Breathing space is allowed in between by some charming ballads well sung. There is not a name on the programme that the audience would not gladly encore half a dozen times a night. A rattling musketry of fun is brought to a close by a dark view of "Patience," with Mr. Birch as "Bunthorne," and Mr. Backus as "Patience," the other characters being capably sustained by members of the Company, a chorus of boys giving a very sweet rendering of the twenty rapturous maidens. Mr. Birch makes an oleaginous, unctuous, calmly contemplative poet with æstheticism of the deepest dye written in every roll of his portly form. As for the giddy creature, Backus, who "never told his love, but let concealment, like the worm in the bud, feed on his damask

cheek," nothing could surpass the elephantine agility with which this 200 pound "Patience" skips through her part. Her head-dress alone is a study in æsthetics, not to mention the delicate little nether garments that are gracefully allowed to peep from under her modest skirts. In her Mr. Wilde will find a new specimen of our Hellenic beauty. People dying for a laugh have only to see Backus and die.—P. Girard, Esq., in the *Graphic*. At Wilgus Opera House Monday evening.

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—A little girl who read a composition, the subject of which was "A Cow," before a minister, managed to weave in this complimentary sentence: A cow is the most useful animal in the world, except religion.—*Ex.*

—The Freshman who bought a Roman candle and lighted it to go to bed by, says you can bet your sweet life he'll lick the man that loaded it, if he can find him out.—*Ex.*

—"Am dose bells ringin' for fire?" asked Uncle Cæsar of young Tiberius. "No, uncle," answered young Tibe; "dey's got plenty ob fire already, an' now de bells am ringin' for water."—*Ex.*

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TO-MORROW is Field-Day. The entrees are many in nearly all the events and as far as they are concerned it will be an entire success. But its financial success depends upon the student body. To insure the continuance of this custom, the financial success of this attempt must be a pronounced one. The admission to the Fair Grounds has been placed at a low rate, certainly within the means of every student. Every student, then, should be present or, if he can not be present, should aid the enterprise to the extent of purchasing a ticket.

WILLIAMS seems to be gaining notoriety, courted evidently, for doing what, in this age, seems the very extremity of foolishness. Because the Sophomores in that institution were so disrespectful to authority as to present a petition to the faculty complaining of the present mode of instruction in the department of Latin and asking that a change be made, reprimands have been sent to the parents of the culprits. The reason given for the action is that by signing this petition the Sophomores violated a covenant taken upon entrance to the institution, that the faculty as a body and individually should always be treated in a perfectly respectful manner. Now this institution is quite outdoing itself. From the connection the late President Garfield had with it, a decided "boom" in

favor of Williams as an institution of learning was evident. But those in authority are too apt to have their heads turned by too much success, hence the dispatches that have recently been sent about the country concerning the discipline of the institution. We think the faculty of Williams mistake the spirit of this age, by subjecting students to discipline applicable only to young children. Students in college certainly have for the most part arrived at years of discretion and their judgment can be relied upon to a certain extent. But to treat them in such a way, to completely close the mouth of remonstrance, can hardly be called fairness. Williams is to be pitied that she is subjected to such discipline. Cornell certainly possesses a great advantage over her in this respect, that petitions from the student body are at least given a reading.

IT would seem eminently fitting and logical now that the Trustees have paid some substantial attention to the physical condition of the students, that they set apart some place where athletic sports may be held. For a University that pretends as much as we have done in the line of athletics, it is a gross caricature that we have such miserable accommodations. Our ball field is a laughing stock to every nine that comes here. None, however, know better than ourselves what a place it is for a game. When it was rumored some time since that Harvard thought of stopping here on her western trip, a shudder of horror thrilled the breasts of our ball men. The condition of our ball field explains to a great extent the condition of base ball here. When we had grounds, the Fair Grounds diamond, we played a capital game, for that diamond was all that could be asked. A great many ascribed our wonderful success to the redoubtable Hunter, but there was another reason. We had a place to practice. We have now no place and the quality of our nine deteriorates.

When we look at the wonders that have been accomplished in transforming the University grounds to what they now are, we are inclined to think that it would take comparatively little exertion to lay out

athletic grounds. A level diamond with suitable field for base-ball, and a track around the whole for running should be laid out, and then we can hope to raise the standard of excellence in manly sports in the University. Look at the great enterprise the Yale students are pushing in raising subscriptions for an athletic field. We have plenty of ground and have no place. Almost every college and university in the country can look down on us with conscious superiority in this matter. As it is now we are forced to apply for the Fair Grounds which are inconveniently far away, and which there is no certainty of always obtaining.

EVER since last fall, when we first learned of the possibility of the establishment of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa here this year, we have refrained from any mention of it, believing it best to say nothing until the success of the undertaking was actually assured. For several weeks rumors, with more or less foundation of truth in regard to a chapter here, have been going around the University, but nothing, or very little, has been definitely known. This is due, to some extent, to the state of the plans of the founders. They were yet in an unsettled condition. Beyond the mere fact that the charter was secured, there had been little definitely decided. One thing had been certain from the outset, and this was something about which many were anxious: it was certain that, as the society had always been one of literary men, it would be confined to the literary or Latin students. So students in Natural History, Science and Letters, and various other semi-literary courses, will be forced to relinquish what dreams they may have had of an election to this celebrated society. It will be confined to the Latin courses. Although many will grumble, yet all must concede that this is right.

In consequence of the comparative small number who have taken Latin—less than thirty Seniors—the number to be selected this year will be quite small, probably less than ten. These the founders will select according to their scholarship, and accordingly Phi Beta Kappa will hereafter include at Cornell all those who have led their class. It will be emphatically a society of scholars.

The University is to be congratulated on having secured a chapter of this most celebrated society, and the class of '82 is fortunate in being the first class

from which representatives are to be chosen. We trust to see the best men of '82 head the list of our new chapter. We trust that every student of ambition will strive hereafter to add to the honors of his college course, that culminating honor, an election to Phi Beta Kappa.

THE general press has been filled recently with articles upon the degeneracy of the college youth of this nation, the lawlessness that seems part of his nature, and the general disregard for authority he delights in displaying at every convenient opportunity. As usual the complaints and charges are greatly overdrawn. The average college boy is represented as a spectacle calculated to inspire terror in the breast of every peace-loving citizen. He is a ruffian, a clown, a rowdy. In short, he becomes the embodiment of evil, a being for whom prisons and penitentiaries were primarily designed, the very pest of society. While we grow indignant at the picture drawn of us, we must acknowledge that there is some foundation for the charges made against us as students. We must confess that our actions have laid us open to the charge of disregarding law and of being oblivious to the rights of the community in which we take up a temporary abode. The reason we have come to this condition of mind, can be ascribed to the usual enemy of youth, thoughtlessness. Thoughtlessness is an excuse we are prone to make for all the faults we commit, not thinking that our excuse exposes the worst fault we may possess. Too often are the evils of youth passed over lightly by ascribing them to thoughtlessness. But in this case, it is no excuse, it offers no palliation for the offenses committed against communities. The youth is sent to college that he may there learn the better his duties and responsibilities as a citizen, that he may have a better appreciation of his relation to his fellow man. We must acknowledge that upon too few occasions does he show the benefits he has derived from instruction. The mere fact that he is here associated with a great body of fellow students, by whom he is necessarily influenced, is given as a reason why he is unable to exercise his manhood when opportunity demands. He forgets that he has a duty as a citizen. He wishes himself considered as not amenable to the law, although he may have been a transgressor. He considers himself wronged and oppressed if civil authority checks his evil-doing, and

why? Because he is a student. That is his only reason, and yet this reason has a foundation. Primarily he does not transgress the law for the sake of transgression. He would not wilfully harm his fellow man,—hence, if by some of his pranks he oversteps the bounds of right and justice, because his intentions were not evil, he should not be held amenable to law. The better and more reasonable students are inclined to hold to this view, simply from too great sympathy with college boys and college customs. But there is a better and higher ground that should be occupied. This sympathy we all feel for a companion in trouble must for the time be laid aside. We must reason from a citizen's standpoint. If wrong against civil law has been committed, we must condemn it. If we have been regardless of public rights, we must take the consequences quietly as citizens. When we do this, when in student bodies there shall arise this appreciation of their true position, when we recognize ourselves as owing the duties of a citizen so long as we enjoy a citizen's rights and privileges, then, and not until then, will we be free from the slurs and misrepresentations we now undergo.

LONGFELLOW.

By the death of Longfellow, America has lost, if not her greatest poet, her sweetest and most gracious one. And yet loss is not the fitting word to use. Irrecoverable to the inner circle of friends must be the disappearance of the benignant personality which dwelt with them, but all that made him precious to the world remains with us still, to entertain, to cheer, and to console.

The story of his life needs no repetition here. The Bowdoin student, the pilgrim of *Outre-Mer*, the instructor of youth, the scholarly enthusiast of *Hyperion*, the guardian of belles-lettres, the faithful interpreter of Dante, the singer of the Divine Tragedy, the poet of every tender, every elegiac mood,—in all his guises the aged recluse of Cambridge was known and cherished in every household.

If his verse was without Tennyson's intense naturalness and pellucid depth of meaning, the American laureate rivalled his English brother in perfection of metrical expression, and surpassed him in the healthful restfulness of his placid lines. Longfellow, with all his gentle erudition, is a poet of the people. His ways are our ways, and his thoughts are the thoughts of common humanity, which his gift of fluent versification interprets so simply and gracefully that he who runs is charmed to read. And with us all he

dwelt at times in the valley of the Shadow, and was sustained by the courage of resignation.

"Faith alone can interpret life,"

and the wail of pain that in the Golden Legend sounds through his aeolian harp of joyous life was an echo of his own heart-sorrows. Like Elsie, too, his finer sense perceived the inner meaning and celestial harmony which speaks to the poetic soul that meditates upon the outer world, and his lyre in tremulous belief thrilled with the prophetic song.

There are few poets in whom the thousand analogies between the life without and the life within us find such frequent and spontaneous expression. In his mind the shifting fleeting phenomena of the world, and the countless forms of mortal experience, dwell side by side in mutual suggestiveness. His poet's eye sees all nature personified, and all human endeavor is symbolized in the varying phases of the landscape. In Acadie stand the murmuring pines of the forest primeval, bearded with moss and in garments green like Druids of old. The life of man glides on like rivers that water the woodlands, darkened by shadows of earth, but reflecting an image of heaven. Hiawatha's strong heart leaps within him as the sturgeon leaps in the net, and struggles to break its meshes. And he says unto himself that as unto the bow the cord is, so unto the man is woman; though she bends him, she obeys him, though she draws him, yet she follows. When the evening damps are beginning to fall around the Abbot Ernestus, within his breast the shadows fall darker and more wan; but yet he feels that the life of man steals upward, as the sunshine from the wall; and the souls of those that die are but sunbeams lifted higher. To the poet's ear, the music of the sea as it sweeps the sands intones a solemn litany; and the crested waves rise in snow white robes along the shore, and respond like ghostly choirs, while on the horizon's verge the distant ships are spreading their silent sails, as phantoms from another world haunt the dim confines of existence.

"All that is transitory
Is but a symbol,"

chants the concluding chorus of Faust; and this is the refrain of Longfellow's verse. As he sings in the "Haunted Houses," the spirit world floats like an atmosphere around this world of sense, and wafts through these earthly mists a vital breath of more ethereal air. And to his thought there is no Death. This mortal life is but a suburb of the life elysian, into which he now has passed, behind the veil.

"Thus the Seer,
With vision clear,
Sees forms appear and disappear,
In the perpetual round of strange,
Mysterious change
From birth to death, from death to birth,
From earth o heaven, from heaven to earth:
Till glimpses more sublime
Of things, unseen before,
Unto his wondering eyes reveal
The Universe!"

AN ICONOCLASTIC EXPERIENCE.

Yes, one by one the fond idols of our youthful worship are dashed from their pedestals by the rude hand of experience. As this remark may seem nothing more than a glittering generality to you, Tom, I will relate the little adventure of mine last summer, a remembrance of which suggested that thought to me.

It happened at Saratoga. I had served two terms on last year's ERA board, and, in common with the rest of the college world had worshipped at the shrine of the imperial T. Carlyle Smith, whose dazzling brilliance had shed such a halo of glory about everything connected with the *Acta Columbiana* even to the advertisements. You can appreciate the pleasurable sensations which I felt as I was about to inscribe my modest cognomen on the register, which the polite clerk of Congress Hall pushed toward me, when I beheld the legend, "T. Carlyle Smith, of the *Acta Columbiana*, Columbia College, New York City," written with the flourish of a man of affairs, on the line above. I made some inquiries, after "conciliating" the clerk, and learned that Mr. Smith had been a regular visitor for several summers, though of most strange and unaccountable habits. He would appear, arrayed in the most *recherché* style soon after college closed, register at the hotel, always demand with much flourish the best accommodations, and, after enjoying the attention of the guests for a few days, would suddenly disappear. As he always paid his bills he was never questioned, and yet the clerk had remarked this strange eccentricity. This obliging person promised to point him out to me at the first opportunity and I resolved to work my Junioric cheek by introducing myself.

Soon after this conversation I was standing in the office, when my attention was drawn to an individual approaching with that peculiarly world-wearied motion which can only be acquired by a few years' residence at "Hawvawd" or "Columbia, you know." His appearance was most remarkable. It was accurately described in a recent issue of the *Racine Mercury* which I will read to you. "His thin, willowy form, in which legs preponderated, was clad in a pair of skin tight trousers of the loudest and most pronounced "check" pattern. The vest touched his chin, and a "see more" coat fell in graceful folds over the noble back. Beginning where the coat ended the rest of his apparel was half-soled. His hair was parted in the middle, and was brushed flat until it shone like a pair of old pants. Crowning this magnificence sat a Derby hat of the minutest design. A rose adorned his button-hole, and his presence shed fragrance on all around him. Tooth-pick shoes completed his attire." If I was in doubt as to his identity before, when he saluted the man behind the desk, I knew that he must

be the object of my search. It was simply stunning. Partially recovering, I advanced and said in most humble tones, "Have I the honor to address Mr. Smith?" Slowly the eye-glass was raised, and, after a most minute examination of my outward appearance, during which I felt as I did when I applied to our honored Registrar for admission to the University, came the reply, "You have. And who may you be?" "My name is —, of the ERA, and I hope you will pardon the natural desire to become acquainted with the man whose name is on the lips of every exchange editor in the land, including the *Vassar Miscellany*, I—". This allusion was most unfortunate. It evidently touched a tender chord in the great man's soul. Without waiting for me to finish, muttering something about "bay-seeds, potato crop," etc., he turned abruptly away. This was no more than might naturally be expected. However, the strange part of my story is to come. I only saw T. C. S. once after that meeting, on the afternoon of the same day.

A few days after this, becoming tired of Congress Hall, I changed my quarters to the Grand Union. As one of the waiters attended to my wants, I was struck with a feeling of having seen him before. This feeling grew so strong that as I explored my pocket for the usual fee, I spoke to him. You know that I never forget a voice. The sound of the voice which replied to my questions from behind the false whiskers, darkened brows, and white apron, in spite of its attempted disguise, fell upon my astonished ear like thunder from a clear sky, I had solved the mystery surrounding T. Carlyle Smith.

MÉ.

I am never able to get rid of anything, I have once had a claim upon. Ghosts of vanished canes, umbrellas, and what not, haunt me for years, and the real articles turn up in the most unexpected places long after I believed them gone forever. I once owned a hybrid dog of such preposterous ugliness that the price of real estate in the neighborhood fell to a ruinous degree, but I couldn't get rid of the animal. I gave him away repeatedly, but he returned with such regularity and precision, that I felt justified in naming him hybrid perpetual. He became as much an object of terror to me as the one-eyed cat to the unfortunate wretch in Poe's story. I sold him fourteen years ago to an enterprising showman who prized him for his ugliness, but I am daily expecting his advent. He is sure to reappear some time, either here or in elysium.

Three or four months ago I emptied my pocket of its loose pennies for the benefit of a desperately squalid little girl of about five years, who persists in hunting me out in the most remarkable situations, always applying to me the pleasing title of "Unky," probably her cognate for the English Uncle, German, Onkel. I am by no means a fop, but flatter

myself that upon occasion my personal appearance does not suffer in comparison with that of other people of my acquaintance. The other afternoon while taking a stroll with the aristocratic Miss B., I was mentally complimenting myself upon the striking effect of my spring suit, when to my horror, I heard behind that unmistakable howl, "Unkey! Unkey!" It was *mon enfant terrible*. The highly connected Miss B. turned, and I could imagine her consternation as that dirty, white-haired child of disrepute bore down upon us. I felt the little wretch clinging to my coat skirts, and heard her pouring forth at the top of her voice a shrieking stream of "Unky's," while Miss B. nearly collapsed with horror. The child was finally appeased by a counterfeit fifty cent piece, and I helped Miss B. to the nearest drug store. That young lady has not yet ceased to regard me with suspicion, evidently considering that impish little ragmuffin one of my near relatives, and in consequence a deplorable coolness has arisen between us. Miss B. has seventy-five thousand dollars in her own right.

ZANY.

DARWIN.

Ecstatic conception, that of wildest fancy,
That gave to the world this real and truthful Science :
And Science in turn, when known by ardent lovers,
Doth bear the fantastic fancies whose bedazzling
Bewilders and frightens us rejecting children.
Disconsolate Science mourns her favored wooer ;
Thus favored because, of virile strength, was fathered
By him the enchanting maid of slower increase ;
More beautiful, since from her will spring new
Science.

ARISTONA.

FIELD-DAY ENTRIES.

We publish below the full list of entries for the Field-Day sports next Tuesday. The list is an unexpectedly large one, a larger number having entered for these games than was ever known in the history of athletics at Cornell. We are assured of success in this line, and probabilities point to our having some creditable performances in the matter of time, records, etc. For this we are indebted to the student body for the hearty way in which they have co-operated with us to make this event an entire success.

I.—ONE MILE WALK.

F. Rackemann, '82, J. Law, '84,
J. McCall, '85, A. A. Hartzell, '85.

II.—KICKING FOOT BALL.

H. Collins, '82, J. A. Dix, '83,
W. F. Hamp, '85.

III.—THROWING BASE BALL.

J. A. Woodard, '82, F. Suydam, '82,
J. F. Tuthill, '82, J. H. Humphries, '83,
F. M. Haldeman, '83, C. H. Hall, '85,
F. Olin, '85.

IV.—100 YARDS DASH.

N. T. Horr, '82, F. R. Sullivan, '83,
H. P. Rose, '84, G. M. Carpenter, '84,
C. J. Walch, '84, W. R. Lay, '85,
E. C. Reed, '85, E. S. Follmer, '85,
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V.—RUNNING HIGH JUMP.

H. Collins, '82, C. C. Chase, '83,
E. Place, '83, A. R. A. Coimbra, '84,
W. H. Sherman, '85.

VI.—THROWING HAMMER.

J. C. Wait, '82, J. F. Tuthill, '82,
A. R. Bullis, '82, A. H. Cowles, '82,
C. C. Chase, '83, C. R. Browning, '83,
E. Place, '83, J. Law, '84,
H. B. Swartwout, '85, F. Olin, '85,
F. R. Musser, '85.

VII.—ONE MILE RUN.

R. W. McClelland, '82, D. H. Decker, '82,
A. F. Matthews, '83.

VIII.—HOP, STEP AND JUMP.

C. C. Chase, '83, W. B. Ruggles, '83,
J. L. Hoefler, '84, A. S. Genung, '85,
E. Place, '83.

IX.—RUNNING BROAD JUMP.

N. T. Horr, '82, E. Place, '83,
W. B. Ruggles, '83, J. L. Hoefler, '84,
A. R. A. Coimbra, '84, F. C. Durand, '85,
E. C. Reed, '85.

X.—QUARTER MILE RUN.

R. W. McClelland, '82, N. T. Horr, '82,
H. P. Rose, '84, H. D. Wright, '84,
C. J. Walch, '84, G. L. Cole, '85,
C. A. Raht, '85.

XI.—STANDING BROAD JUMP.

D. A. Pierce, '82, L. G. Fay, '82,
N. T. Horr, '82, C. G. Cole, '82,
W. B. Ruggles, '83, E. Place, '83,
J. L. Hoefler, '84, A. R. A. Coimbra, '84,
B. H. Fischer, '85, W. H. Sherman, '85.

XII.—THREE-LEGGED RACE.

A. T. Cowell, '82, and F. M. Leary, '82 ;
H. P. Cushing, '82, and F. M. Catlin, '82 ;
G. C. Raynor, '83, and H. M. Brownell, '83 ;
F. M. Prescott, '85, and E. H. Bostwick, '85 ;
E. S. Follmer, '85, and J. McCall, '85 ;
F. M. Towl, '85, and A. A. Hartzell, '85 ;
A. R. Blood, '85, and W. H. Sherman, '85.

XIII.—TUGS OF WAR.

'82	vs.	'83.
F. L. Brown,		E. Place,
A. R. Bullis,		H. N. Hoffman,
A. H. Cowles,		C. C. Chase,
D. A. Pierce,		J. H. Humphries,
J. F. Tuthill,		W. M. Eaton,
J. C. Wait,		C. H. Anderson.
'84	vs.	'85.
B. G. Brown,		F. Olin,
G. F. Ditmars,		H. B. Swartwout,
F. G. Scofield,		W. R. Lay,
J. L. Hoefler,		F. E. Hanford,
W. V. Hamilton,		D. H. Decker,
G. M. Carpenter,		S. S. Holman.

XIV.—HALF MILE RUN.

R. W. McClelland, '82,	A. F. Matthews, '83.
F. R. Sullivan, '83,	J. Law, '84,
A. A. Hartzell, '85,	F. C. Durand, '85,
F. R. Musser, '85,	G. L. Cole, '85.

XV.—SACK RACE.

W. H. Sherman, '85,	F. M. Towl, '85,
G. B. Kittinger, '85,	A. A. Hartzell, '85,
C. H. Hall, '85,	A. R. Blood, '85.

XVI.—BICYCLE RACE—One mile.

C. R. Browning, '83,	F. P. Ingalls, '84,
W. T. Howard, '84,	R. J. Bliss, '85,
E. H. Collins, '85,	F. A. Lorber,
J. Lorber,	E. P. Clark.

XVII.—RELAY RACE.

C. G. Cole,	'82.	R. W. McClelland,
F. Suvdam,		W. Trumbull.
	'83.	A. F. Matthews,
W. B. Ruggies,		L. T. Payne.
F. R. Sullivan,		
	'84.	C. S. Jones,
F. W. Carpenter,		J. Law.
H. Wright,		
	'85.	D. H. Decker,
G. L. Cole,		F. R. Musser.
E. C. Reed,		

XVIII.—FINAL TUG OF WAR.

PREVIOUS FIELD-DAY RECORDS.

SPRING MEETING, 1879.—One hundred yards dash, N. T. Horr, '82, 11½ sec. Mile Walk, Collman, '81, 8 min. 47 sec. Running High Jump, Rudiger, '82, 4 ft. 9 in. 220 Yards, Simonds, '79, 25½ sec. 3 Mile Run, Cheney, '81, 20 min. 30 sec. 3 Legged-race, Rudiger and Jones, 17 sec. Standing Broad Jump, Cole, '81, 9 ft. 6 in. 6 Mile Walk, Collman, '81, 57 min. 38 sec. Throwing base ball, Woodard, '82, 323 ft. Running Broad Jump, Cole, '81, 16 ft. 5 in. Running Hop, Step and Jump, Snyder, '80, 38 ft. 10 in. Sack Race, Wilhelm, '80, 30 sec.

FALL MEETING, 1879.—Three Mile Run, McClelland, '82, 18 min. 40 sec. 100 Yards, Horr, '82, 11 sec. Throwing Base Ball, Woodard, '82,

321 ft. 3 in. Three-Legged race, Coe and Casey, '82, 16 sec. Running High Jump, Chase, '83, 4 ft. 5 in. 6 Mile Walk, Collman, '81, 55 min. 34 sec. 220 Yards, Carr, '83, 25 sec. Standing Broad Jump, Finch, '82, 8 ft. 6½ in. Sack Race, Dickson, '83, 28¼ sec. Mile Walk, Collman, '81, 8 min. 27½ sec. One-half Mile Run, Ostrander, '81, 2 min. 32 sec. Quarter-Mile Run, Ostrander, '81, 68¾ sec.

SPRING MEETING, 1880.—One hundred yards dash, N. T. Horr, '82, 11¼ sec. One Mile Walk, Collman, '81, 7 min. 30 sec. 220 Yards Run, N. T. Horr, '82, 26½ sec. Kicking Foot-Ball, Dix, '83, 165 ft. 5 in. Running Hop, Step and Jump, Miller, '83, 37 ft. 6 in. Quarter Mile Run, N. T. Horr, '82, 62 sec. Half-Mile Run, Rackeman, '82, 2 min. 40 sec. Standing Broad Jump, Curtis, '81, 8 ft. 9 in. Sack Race, (100 yds.) Casey, '82, 28 sec.

CORNELLIANA.

- Another holiday soon.
- No battalion drill to-day.
- The Freshmen cannot "excurt."
- Three more weeks of study this term.
- It will be a Freshman four instead of an eight.
- The Campus is being improved in several spots.
- Freshmen will soon go swimming in Fall Creek.
- Only two more weeks of recitation work for the Seniors.
- Hobart vs. Cornell to-morrow afternoon on the Campus if the weather is clear.
- Lab. work has commenced in Physiological Botany.
- The *Cornellian* will be out positively by the last of May.
- Professor Shackford addresses the Irving Society to-night.
- Exercises will begin promptly at 9.30 to-morrow.
- To-morrow afternoon "Ye Ho—Ye Ho—Ye Hobart!"
- The "club" has been pronounced a success by the members.
- The Sophs have their class photograph taken on Tuesday at Sage.
- After Tuesday, the next excitement will be the Sophomore excursion.
- Professor Ely will lecture on Monday and Tuesday of next week.
- Seniors are expected to hand in their "greatest effort" Monday morning next.
- The Ithaca Glee Club will probably go down the lake with the boys next Friday.

—"How much? How Much?" the Student cries. The B. M. shouts "\$2.50."

—Evans has placed on exhibition at Bool's the handsome frame containing the Senior pictures.

—No. 9 of the present volume of the ERA is desired at this office, for which the usual price will be paid.

—A number of promotions in the Military Department were announced last Friday at Dress Parade.

—Shall we send representatives to the Intercollegiate games at New York, May 30th? Tuesday will tell.

—The Sophs have invited only upper classmen to go down the lake with them next Friday on their excursion.

—Prof. Rœhrig's "Vicissitudes" is very warmly commended by the May number of the *Boston Musical World*.

—Professor Shackford has announced to the Juniors that he will not require another essay from the class this term.

—Many students are talking of taking a trip to Watkins during Commencement week. Some propose walking over.

—All the Senior Engineers have been put "on probation" by the Faculty. Verily, "the way of the transgressor," etc.

—In our last issue, No. 27 of Vol. V. of the ERA was desired by the N. Y. Association of Cornell Alumni, not No. 57.

—The bad Sophomores are now busy sporting their white plugs. They present a very unique appearance on the campus.

—The Faculty have begun their sifting process. Records are being overhauled, and Senioric minds are in a state of apprehension.

—Senior and Junior Engineers are to have their term examinations next week, prior to their departure on the Seneca Lake survey.

—The Mathematical Faculty have given to their students in Trigonometry rings which illustrate the spherical triangles in trigonometry.

—The number of entries for Field-Day aggregate one hundred and forty-five. No former meeting of the kind can show an equal prospect.

—Every one agrees that base-ball is booming here as it never did before. Would that Providence would bless us with a "bang-up" pitcher.

—Every member of the Psi Upsilon chapter of this University attended the annual convention of that society in Syracuse during the past week.

—Professor Ely began his series of lectures on Thursday at the Botanical Lecture Room. The subject of the first lecture was Civil Service Reform.

—We're sorry we can't invite our subscribers to the ERA Banquet soon to take place. The best we can do will be to give an accurate account of the hilarities.

—The Engineers of the upper classes go off on their annual trip May 21st. The Juniors will be examined in Physics on the Saturday previous at nine.

—Every undergraduate who can maintain a rapidity of gait above that of the average snail has been testing his speed at the driving park during the past week.

—Let every contestant do his best Tuesday, so that, if possible, we may send one or more delegates to the Intercollegiate sports at New York two weeks hence.

—Information has been received that entries to the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Games, on Decoration Day in New York, must be received on or prior to May 20th.

—Many members of the Cornell Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi will attend the semi-centennial convention of that society to be held in New York City next week.

—If it is necessary on account of inclement weather or other reasons to postpone the Field-Day exercises, notice will be given by placard on Saturday morning in the post-office.

—There has been quite an influx of gentleman students as boarders at Sage this term. Whether this is due to the new management is not evident, but it looks very much that way.

—Those in charge have very kindly tendered the use of the Fair Grounds for Field-Day, without charge. The only proviso in the matter is, however, that those in attendance be as careful of the turf as possible.

—The Sophs will spare no pains to make their excursion next Friday very enjoyable, and if in any way possible better than that of last year. We hope that the upper classes will turn out in large numbers.

—To the ERA Board of Vol. XV we say, Go now and have a group taken while you may be grouped, before wasting anxiety has channelled your youthful features, and while your pocket book is yet plump with paternal wealth.

—WANTED.—A talented and enterprising young man, with a capital of \$3,000, to invest in and, as soon as possible, take charge of an old and well-established county newspaper. Address Charles Negley, Box 57, Hagerstown, Md.

—We were misinformed in regard to an item which appeared in a recent number regarding the insurance on the University buildings. The buildings are insured in various companies, and amounts to nearly \$700,000 instead of \$360,000 as stated.

—So great an interest has not been evinced in Field-Day sports for several years. It speaks well for the athletics of Cornell and we hope that Tuesday's exhibition will prove creditable, and one which will encourage greater interest in athletics in the future.

—The Juniors handed in their last orations for the year, on Tuesday. The subjects are diverse, and, we understand, have been treated almost without exception in a very creditable manner. They will be delivered this term, prior to examination week.

—The annual ERA spree was held at "Muchs" on last Friday night. Several of the late candidates and their friends gave down "totally unprepared" speeches, which with singing and a liberal supply of "sea foam" served to make the evening pass off very pleasantly.

—Miss Ackley has rented the store on State street formerly occupied by McIntosh as a restaurant. She will occupy her old store as well as the new one until the post-office is moved. She intends to enlarge her stock, and will have everything in the line of stationery that the students may need.

—Sage Chapel pulpit will be occupied Sunday next by the Rt. Rev. William Crosswell Doane, D. D., Bishop of Albany. He is a son of the famous Bishop Doane of New Jersey, an orator and poet of thirty years ago. He was consecrated to the Episcopate in 1869, and is the most prominent representative of High Church doctrines in America.

—The following persons have been appointed to solicit subscriptions, to defray the expenses of the Freshmen in their coming race: From '82, Tuthill, R. C. Horr, Rackemann, H. P. Cushing; from '83, Ruggles, Patterson, Chase, Humphries; from '74, W. V. Hamilton, Howland, Stambough, G. Carpenter; from '85, Blood, Yawger, Prescott, Follmer, Marshall, A. H. Smith.

—Chairman Yawger of the Freshman Boating Committee has received a letter from the University of Pennsylvania, stating that they cannot definitely answer at once our challenge for a four-oared race, but that the prospects are very favorable. Accordingly an invitation has been sent to the University of Toronto to participate in the race. A four-oared shell has been ordered, conditionally, from E. Waters, Troy, N. Y.

—On Friday, May 16th, a meeting of the Cornellians in Colorado is to be held at the Windsor Hotel in Denver for the purpose of forming the "Rocky Mountain Cornell Association." At the banquet which is to follow the meeting, the following will act as officers: Toast Master, Newton, '79; Leader of Cornell Melodies, C. F. Wilson, '77; Orator, W. M. Chandler, '79; Poet Joseph Ness, '78; Prophet, J. C. Kennedy, '79; Essayist, F. B. Hine, '77.

—We have received a copy of *The Oracle*, the annual publication issued by the Sophomore class of the University of Michigan. It is a neatly printed and bound pamphlet of about a hundred pages. The matter is of both a general and personal nature and seems above the average of Sophomore productions. A judicious sprinkling of well drawn and executed illustrations makes it attractive. Altogether, *The Oracle* reflects credit upon both the class of '84, and the University of Michigan.

PERSONALIA.

COLE, '82, has been home during the week.

MURPHY, '84, has recovered sufficiently from his illness to resume his studies.

D. W. CADY, '78, is President of the Colorado Business College situated at Denver.

ADAMS, '82, of the ERA staff, started this morning on a fishing excursion to Troy, N. Y.

W. M. CHANDLER, '79, is engaged in Law, Real Estate and Insurance business at Dillon, Col.

ELY, '83, went to New York Wednesday night to meet some of his relatives returning from Europe.

HISCOCK, '82, was in Syracuse on Wednesday.

F. E. SMITH, '79, is teaching at Black Hawk, Colorado.

PROF. FISKE acted as Toast Master at the banquet of the Psi Upsilon Convention in Syracuse on Thursday night.

HUMPHRIES, '83, ERA Editor elect, First Lieutenant Cornell Cadets, Director and Catcher of the Cornell University Base Ball Club, ex-President and ex-Marshal of the class of '83, was called home on business on Thursday. He will return, however, in time for the tug of war Tuesday.

COLLEGE NEWS.

Talmadge wants journalism taught in colleges.

There is talk of changing the college colors at Harvard.

The League ball is to be used in the Intercollegiate contest.

The University of Michigan will present a French play this spring.

The Faculty at Harvard have voted to make prayers voluntary next year.

The Princeton class-day officers elected in December have all resigned.

Mr. Tennyson was lately elected to the Lord Rectorship of Glasgow University.

Perry Belmont, the young Congressman who so recently ruffled the shining feathers of the plumed knight of Maine, is a graduate of Harvard.

President Howard, of Wellesley, predicts that, twenty years hence, more young ladies than young men will seek a collegiate education.—*Ex.*

The amendments recently adopted by the Intercollegiate Foot-ball Association will do much to prevent the "block game," which was the cause of so many uncomplimentary references to Yale last fall.

With a recent issue of the *Harvard Herald* was published a supplement giving a description of a new law building, soon to be built. The necessary funds were given by some retiring benefactor who conceals his identity.

At a recent meeting of Princeton alumni at Cincinnati, one of the speakers, in comparing the various colleges of the country, said that Harvard was most distinguished in literature, but that Princeton was most noted in public life.—*Ex.*

Edinburgh University has 3,237 students, of whom 1,638 are medical. It is probable that Huxley will be offered the chair in Natural History there. Its salary is about \$10,000 a year, and requires only six months' residence in Edinburgh each year.

In the room of the President of the University of Michigan hangs a chart, showing the number of students in each department of the University for each year of its existence, its annual income, and the growth of every department from the time of its foundation to the present day. The chart shows at a glance the whole history of the University from its foundation to the present time.—*Ex.*

The *New York Times* claims that Cotton Mather invented the marking system, and says that it "soon after came into use at Harvard College, where the Mather name was planted, and thence spread to other colleges as fast as they were founded. Whatever the vicious or bad effects of the marking system—and it is generally acknowledged that it fosters more and worse kinds of meanness than any other educational or civil law to which young men can be subjected—it must be preserved for its founder's sake!"—*Harvard Herald.*

The *New York Tribune* has recently published a report of interviews with the members of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College with reference to the introduction of co-education at that institution. Only one trustee supports the claim of the petitioners. The Board of Trustees usually has twenty-three members; but there is a vacancy at present, caused by the death of Dr. Beadle, of Poughkeepsie. With scarcely an exception all were willing to state that they were opposed to admitting young women to the regular classes. The strongest opponent to the "experiment," as it has been called, is Hamilton, Fish, the chairman of the Board and its oldest member. Among others of note who are strong in their opposition, are Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, Rev. Dr. Chalmers and Bishop Potter. It is expected that besides President Barnard, Dr. Agnew will urge the Trustees to make the desired innovation.

EXCHANGES.

American college students publish and support four daily papers. Of these, two, the *Echo* and *Herald*, are published at Harvard, one, the *News*, at Yale, and one, the familiar *Sun*, at Cornell.

The *Harvard Echo* is the smallest of the dailies, and is inferior to the others in matter and letter press as well as in size. It has, however, improved somewhat since the advent of the *Herald*.

The *Echo* had so long been merely the echo of bulletin boards and weather reports a day old, that the appearance of the new Harvard daily, the *Herald*, at the beginning of the winter term, though unexpected, was not unnatural. The wonder is that Harvard permitted the *Echo* to represent the varied interests of the University for so long a time without a rival. The warm reception with which the *Herald* was received by the Harvard students and college journalists everywhere, testifies to its usefulness. The *Herald* compiles telegraphic news from the *Boston Herald*, thus furnishing its readers with the most important happenings in the outside world. Under the head of "Notes and Comments," the items of greatest interest at other colleges are chronicled. Editorials and locals receive their share of attention, and are usually of interest. A feature of the *Herald* which is probably of interest to Harvard students, is the letters from other colleges by their "own correspondents." Occasionally articles of a purely literary character are introduced. Its papers on "Earlier Harvard journalism" have disclosed the fact that the writings of men since famous, once adorned the pages of the earlier Harvard papers. Among many others of note, Oliver Wendell Holmes was a frequent contributor. The *Herald* is engaged in a warm dispute with the *Michigan Chronicle*, though most of the warmth is on the side of the *Chronicle*, on that vexed question of the superiority of eastern colleges and students over western. The *Herald* has every appearance of having come to stay, and we wish for it much success.

The *Yale News* is about equal in size to the *Herald*, and boasts admirers in the editorial fraternity who rank it superior to the latter. For our part we fail to see any such superiority, except, perhaps, in quality of paper. The editorials of the *News* are usually pointed and deal almost exclusively with subjects connected with athletics and the drama. Though this tendency has been severely criticised, it is unjust to blame the editors of the *News*. They merely show the true journalistic spirit in gratifying the taste of their readers. Whether or not that taste is depraved is another question. The "Yale Log" is usually of little interest to outsiders, and this, with the editorials and advertisements, fills the four pages of the paper. No attempt at anything in the literary way is made, except, perhaps, in the illustrated supplements which have been issued several times dur-

ing the past year. It was originally intended to accompany every Wednesday's issue of the *News* with an illustrated supplement which was to embody all the artistic and literary talent not utilized by the *Courant* and *Record*. From the doubtful success of the new venture we infer that the amount of such talent was overestimated by the projectors of the enterprise.

With the history and character of the *Cornell Sun* our readers are so well acquainted that there is nothing left for us to say beyond the fact that it has maintained an honorable position in the estimation of college editors. We understand that it is the intention of the board of editors which will conduct it next year, to enlarge it to the size of the *News* and *Herald*, and to otherwise improve its general appearance.

AMUSEMENTS.

The amusement season, which the enterprise of the manager of Wilgus Opera House has rendered unusually brilliant will close with strong attractions.

June 2, J. K. Emmett, in his great success "Fritz in Ireland" June 3, Mlle Rhea, the beautiful and talented French actress who has created such a furor in the great cities of this country during the past season, will appear in "Adrienne Lecouvier."

The Fay Templeton Opera Company are to give two entertainments in Wilgus Opera House next Friday and Saturday evening, May 19th and 20th, giving the "Mascotte" the first evening and "Olivette" the second. This company is highly spoken of by the press. The *Brooklyn Eagle* of May 2, has the following complimentary notice:

"Naturally the chief interest centered in the prima donna of the troupe, Miss Fay Templeton, a sprightly, vivacious little lady, whose fame had preceded her. Miss Templeton's *Bettina* is distinctive, her impersonation of that character differing materially from the *Mascotte* which has become traditional with our playgoers. With the abandon of Catharine Lewis is combined a trace of the *Chic* of Dolaro, the *verve* of Lilian Russell and the gracefulness of Jarbeau. Her *Bettina* is wanting in the winsome simplicity and tenderness of that of Emma Howson, yet she voices the part admirably, and in the love passages with *Pippo* she is happily effective. There is a suggestion in her action of the mad prankishness of Lotta and the waywardness peculiar to Maggie Mitchell. She dresses elegantly and always becomingly, and to a pretty face adds undeniable charms of form and figure. Spirit and dash characterized whatever she undertook, and the wildest moments of the famous *farandole* of "Olivette" failed to excel the voluptuousness of the dance scenes in the second and closing acts of the opera.

—It was a rude Law Pill who replied to the President's "At home" by a "So am I."—*Lampoon*.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—JOHN PICCADILLY, ESQ., (*from London*): Whose, ah, statue is that?

HIS AMERICAN COUSIN: Why Shakespeare's of course.

J. P. ESQ.: Ah, name's familiar. Jumbo's keeper, ain't he? You Americans are so lavish of honors on men of the most ordinary ability, that it, ah, wearies one to, ah, remember them, don't you know!—*Columbia Spectator*.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

"Ah! Thomas," quoth the clergyman,

"It grieves me to observe

Your language shockingly profane,

Where decent words would serve.

'Swear not at all,' the Scripture saith,"

"And I obey," said Tom,

"You *know* I do not swear at all,

I only swear at *some*."

—*Crimson*.

—Two well-dressed ladies were examining a statue of Andromeda, labelled, "Executed in terracotta." Says one, "Where is that?" "I am sure I don't know," replied the other, "but I pity the poor girl, wherever it was."—*Ex*.

—Mr. Haven Tenney was called as a witness in a Delaware court and when the judge asked him his name and he answered, "Haven Tenney," the judge remarked that every man has a name, the witness was trying to insult the court, and was therefore fined \$10. Some men are cursed with mean cognomens—*Post*.

—"Is there any opening here for an intellectual writer?" asked a seedy, red-nosed individual of an editor. "Yes, my friend," replied the man of quills; a considerate carpenter, foreseeing your visit, left an opening for you. Turn the knob to the right."—*Ex*.

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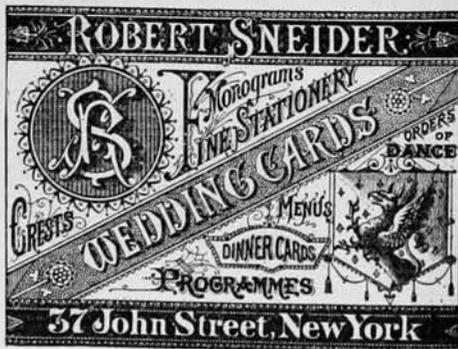
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NO; the surplus from Field-Day we do not intend to use to pay our printing bills. If you have had that erroneous impression, we wish to correct it. We still intend to rely upon the good faith of our subscribers. They, of course know that we have a higher aim in life than to publish our wit, sarcasm and instructive and entertaining information at our own expense. We have nobly shown ourselves willing to be the servants of the student body, but we have not the slightest objections to the students paying the bills.

WE wish especially to commend the spirit with which students are responding to the calls made upon them to support financially the various enterprises. Last Saturday, so promptly did all respond to the slight but necessary tax made upon them that a nice little surplus exists in the Ball Club treasury. At the Field-Day too, the attendance was unusually large, and this represents a correspondingly large amount in that treasury. The promptness of the students at this time has enabled the various committees to discharge their work the more efficiently, and in consequence has contributed in no small measure to the success of the ball-game and the Field-Day sports. Of course it was the duty of every student to support these institutions in every way he could. That the students have not been lax in performing this duty is now sufficiently evident.

WE think that we can with a reasonable degree of assurance call our Field-Day a success. Fortunately, the weather was all that could be desired, barring a slight wind. The heat was not severe and every one could exert himself to the utmost. While there were no extraordinarily creditable performances, yet the records made were in almost every instance better than have been made here before. Especially to be congratulated are the winners of the mile, quarter mile and half mile runs, the high jump and the standing jump, throwing the base-ball, kicking the foot-ball and throwing the hammer. We have no reason to be ashamed of these performances. With the amount of practice that the contestants have been able to obtain, it is really surprising that the records should be so good. The rains of the past ten days have seriously interfered with practice.

We congratulate the Freshmen on the creditable part they took. They demonstrated that they had fine athletic material which could easily be developed. We trust that they will not allow their enthusiasm in athletics to flag in the least. Their winning the tug of war over the University is something of which they can be justly proud.

We would heartily urge, now that Field-Day has been revived, that it be not suffered to again decline. Let there be a little energy shown in the future. Our energy has been our characteristic in the past. There is no reason why it should not continue to be. We are sure that the students will always readily follow the lead of those who work with a little spirit in these affairs. Let, then, those whose duty it is to lead, not shirk their obligations.

WE must compliment the Base Ball management on the prompt and business-like manner in which it has conducted our base ball affairs. Instead of whining around about subscriptions and bills it goes to work, secures games with other colleges and gives the students something for their money. This is eminently satisfactory and meets the approval of the general student body. While there is always a hesitation about subscribing for what they are not benefitted by, the students are

generally willing to turn out in large numbers to patronize any collegiate exhibition. This appears to us to be the correct principle, and when possible should be employed. It was partly for this reason that we were anxious that a Regatta should be held, that a handsome surplus should accrue to the navy. For we believed all would be glad to pay for witnessing a first class Regatta, while many would be slow to subscribe for a race they would not see, and one which they had serious doubts of its success. Our sports should be made as self-sustaining as possible. This the Base Ball Management seems to have perceived.

While of course it is impossible, or appears so, that the navy should be entirely self-supporting, yet there are ways in which money can be raised other than by subscription. Why does not our Gymnasium Association give an exhibition for the navy as it has done? Our University theatricals used to add largely to the navy funds. Why cannot a little speculation be indulged in, in the way of entertainments by outside companies under the auspices of the navy? Certainly the societies in the village show much more life and business enterprise in the way of raising money than do our navy authorities. We trust that all will continue to show their appreciation of the manner in which our Base Ball authorities have gone to work.

IN connection with the election to Phi Beta Kappa in our University, the consideration of a certain matter seems especially in order at this time. We have four general courses in the University in which the study of Latin is included, and, according to arrangement, only students in these four courses are eligible to an election. In the general make-up of these courses there is great diversity. In the course in Arts the first two years is prescribed work, while in the the third and fourth years the work is for the most part elective. In Philosophy, Literature, and the new course in History and Political Science, the work for the entire four years is designated by the Register, little or no opportunity being given to fill in hours with optional work.

This, in itself, would be all right and proper, but there is within the scope of instruction of the University, certain studies suggestively called "berries," "snaps," etc., with which a student may fill in his

optional hours. Exactly what the primary object of these easy studies is, we cannot tell. Certain it is, however, that they are very liberally patronized by those students, whose chief aim seems to be getting through college with as little mental effort as possible. To the students in Arts alone of the four previously mentioned courses is this opportunity to fill up their hours with "berries" given. Is it fair, we ask, that no consideration of this fact be taken when the election to Phi Beta Kappa takes place? Should there be made no allowance for this state of affairs, should an election depend simply upon standing with no attention to the studies by which that standing was gained, and a great injustice will be done many students. We do not mean to assert that every student in the course in Arts is accustomed to take advantage of these "berries." What we do wish to affirm is that to them alone is given this opportunity. Therefore, their records should be the most carefully examined, lest an injustice be done.

THE success of Field-Day is due to a number of persons and causes. Without their co-operation the ERA could have done nothing. First, the thanks of all are due to the Judges and Referee for the very satisfactory manner in which they discharged their duties. They had all events started on time and allowed as little delay as possible. As members of the Faculty acting with the undergraduate body they showed that sympathy which should always characterize the relations between the two. Then the Committee appointed to act with the ERA should receive due acknowledgements. At both meetings which were necessary to perfect arrangements every one was present and displayed an interest and enthusiasm that was creditable. In the performance of the various tasks assigned to them, the members of the Executive Committee especially were faithful, and to their exertions it was due to a great extent that there was no hitch in the exercises. Everything needed was on hand. There was no waiting for any of the needed implements. These are small matters but they go a great ways toward making Field-Day successful.

Those Professors having afternoon work who were able to make other arrangements are to be commended for their recognition of the students' institutions, and the circumstances which made Tuesday

the only day when the sports could be held. We think that they will in no wise be losers by this act.

Finally, the students themselves who entered and made trials, in some cases with such creditable success deserve great praise. For almost all were without the necessary training. The track had so long been in a bad condition that little opportunity was presented for practice. Had we grounds that were high and dry this difficulty would be obviated. Then the results coming from long and systematic training would be soon felt. But the contestants are to be congratulated on their pluck and perseverance in taking such opportunities as they could find and making the best of them. When the good time comes when we shall have athletic grounds on the Campus we shall hope to see a very busy place. But until then it is well to do what we can with what we have.

THERE is no pleasanter feature in connection with the recent revival of athletic sports here, than the great interest displayed in them by the Faculty and Trustees. The frownings of our authorities upon sports have always deadened them. Hence it is with supreme pleasure that we find, at last, this one chief obstacle in their way removed. President White has already kindly signified his intention of providing a suitable ball field upon the Campus, and steps are now being taken to secure a plot of ground where, in addition to a ball field, we may have a quarter mile track. The object of this editorial is to urge and impress upon the minds of the President and Trustees the need of such a piece of ground. While going about it, there is no need of doing anything by halves.

Application has been made, or soon will be, for a plot of ground in the valley on the Farm, east of the President's house or one southeast of Professor Flagg's newhouse which by proper grading could easily be made perfectly level. To fit up the present ball grounds seems to us not wise. They are too near the buildings. There is no place for a grand stand. They create a bad impression upon strangers coming on the grounds. The grounds will be soon needed, also, for other purposes. Then they will interfere with crossings, and people too are liable to be hurt while crossing when scrub games are being played. Again it will not be possible to have a track laid out there. These are only a few of many

objections to be urged against using the present grounds.

The arguments in favor of the grounds in either of the places mentioned above are many. In the first place, we could have a track as well as a ball field. They would be nearly as convenient as at present, being within at least two city blocks of the buildings, at the same time entirely out of sight, remote and sheltered. They need not be limited in space at all. It would tend to bring the students on the Campus more. Afternoon recitations would be made a success with less trouble. We understand the authorities wish the students to be centralized, if possible, on the Campus. Gentlemen, here is your opportunity. Take it while you can. Let our sports—and sports are necessary, in order to work off superfluous energy, which might be expended in a worse way—be on the Campus. Let that be the center of all our work, and the result will be an increased devotion to our Alma Mater.

We suppose the authorities recognize the need of suitable grounds. Yale and Harvard have them, why not Cornell? We must have a convenient place to practice, if we expect to compete with other colleges. Is that necessary? By all means, yes. If for nothing else than an advertisement it is necessary. It is no secret that the advertising Cornell has received from her athletics has done as much if not more good than that received in any other manner. For that reason then, gentlemen, give us grounds, and grounds complete as possible. It will pay.

If any contestant is sent from here to the Inter-collegiate sports at New York next week, it will be done with the intention of making only a respectable showing, and at the same time of keeping Cornell in the Association, so that we may at some future time make a good record there as elsewhere. The delegates will be sent, if at all, only because we believe the authorities are ready to grant the student body their request, expressed through us and the rest of the college press, that grounds such as described above, and for reasons given above, be given them. As we said above, gentlemen this is your opportunity. Do not neglect it.

—Hereafter Field Day will come twice a year, under the management of the ERA, till an Athletic Association is formed which shall have charge of all such matters.

OUR FIELD DAY.

The day opened clear and bright and all thoughts of postponing the exercises were cast aside. The sun came out strong in a sky of cloudless blue and all the morning the track continued to dry and become fit for the afternoon sports. Towards two o'clock a steady stream of students began to pour into the grounds. The roads leading there were filled with turnouts, and everything indicated that the sports were to be the event of the period. It reminded one of the old times to see the lively scene, the grand stand filled with good-natured, jolly students, here and there, a dignified Professor's form looming into view, while outside the track was lined by carriages whose fair occupants with their gay costumes gave color and beauty to the whole. It was a scene which will be one of the pleasantest memories of the students. During the first few events which were judged to be the least interesting the crowds continued to come until by the time the Hundred Yards Dash was called everyone seemed to be on hand. But before then two good records were made. Hamp, '85, gained loud applause by his fine kick, sending the football 177½ feet, which is considerably better than our previous record. Tuthill, '82, bettered our record in throwing the base ball by increasing the distance to 339 feet, 8½ inches. The first heat of 100 yards dash was now called. Horr, '82, won with ease in 11½ seconds. The second heat Reed, '85, won in 11¼ seconds. In the Running High Jump, Collins, '82, raised the record to 4 feet, 10½ inches. His jumping and that of Chase, '83, called forth the liveliest applause. The Final Heat of the Hundred Yards Dash was now called and was awaited with the most eager interest from the fact that Reed had beaten Horr's time. But Horr made the better start and won in 11¼. Tuthill, '82, threw the 16 lb. Hammer 65 feet 1¼ inches which will be a good record to leave to future contestants. Place, '83, improved our record for both the Running and Standing Broad Jumps, making the first, 16 feet, 6½ inches, and the second, 9 feet, 4 inches. His Hop, Step and Jump was however not as good as that made by Snyder, '80, in the Spring meeting of 1879, who covered 39 feet, 10 inches. Ruggles, '83, did very well in making the Quarter Mile in 58½ seconds and with training can undoubtedly lower this a few seconds. He is a most promising runner and we would be glad to see him represent us in the Intercollegiate at some time.

The results of the Tugs of War proved far different from what was expected. Although it was thought '82 with her strong team would easily win, she did not even obtain a place in the trial tug. Two of the team were absent and Rappleye and Collins consented to take their places. The same happened with '83, Wilcox and Washburn filling vacant places. This tug was most interesting and

the crowd gathered closely around the teams. At the word '83 fell back into a sitting position and gained an advantage which '82 could not regain. '83 pulled with the better skill and it was evident they understood the thing better. At the expiration of the time '83 had the advantage and was declared winner. The Freshmen had little trouble with the Sophomores although at first it seemed doubtful and the Sophs pulled pluckily. The record in the next event was quite a surprise, the time 2:20 being good, considering the wind and the meagre training which the winner had obtained. Our record was lowered considerably and there is good prospect that at the next meeting it will even be bettered. The Bicycle Race proved interesting from the pluck Ingalls displayed in persevering after taking a header at the start, and finally coming in winner after having given the others nearly a quarter of a mile start. The Relay Race was won on the first half mile by '85 making a spurt and getting such a lead that she could not be overtaken. A large number of spectators remained to witness the Final Tug of War, although it was rapidly nearing seven o'clock. The strength of the Freshmen proved too much for the Juniors who had to yield. As the limit of time drew near the excitement grew quite strong and when "time" was declared and the Freshmen remained with the advantage their enthusiastic classmates made the air ring with cheers.

In regard to the dispute about the Freshmen using unfair means to obtain their victory, it can be said that if any were used it was done in ignorance of the rules. It seems rather small for the defeated party to attempt to detract from the others credit by any charge of unfairness, when it is obvious the unfairness would be of little advantage. However, the Freshmen are willing to meet their opponents at any time again. With this event the day's sports closed, the crowds trooped to the gate and soon the grounds were deserted. We give the day's records: One mile walk, J. Law, '84, 8 min. 3¾ sec. Kicking foot ball, W. F. Hamp, '85, 177½ ft. Throwing base ball, J. F. Tuthill, '82, 339 ft. 8 in. Hundred yards dash, N. T. Horr, '82, 11¼ sec. Running high jump, H. Collins, '82, 4 ft. 10½ in. Throwing hammer, J. F. Tuthill, '82, 65 ft. 1¼ in. One mile run, G. L. Cole, '85, 5 min. 21¼ sec. Hop, step and jump, E. Place, '83, 37¼ ft. Running broad jump, E. Place, '83, 16 ft. 6 in. Quarter mile run, W. B. Ruggles, '83, 58½ sec. Standing broad jump, E. Place, '83, 9 ft. 4 in. Three legged race, A. R. Blood and W. H. Sherman, '85. Tugs of war, '83, '85. Half mile run, A. F. Matthews '83, 2 min. 20 sec. Sack race, C. L. Hall, '85. Bicycle race, F. P. Ingalls, '84, 4 min. 53, sec. Relay race, '85, 9 min. 35 sec. From the above it will be seen that '85 has won five events; '83 has won five; '82 has won four; '84 has won two. In addition '83 and '85 has each won half an event, and the de-

cision of the Final Tug is in dispute. This gives the honors to the odd classes.

IMAGINATION OR WHAT?

'Twas *um Zehn uhr*, as our mutual friend L. (chemico-symbolically speaking) would say; ten o'clock of the morning after my initiation into the mysterious beauties of Rho Kappa Tau. I was weary, physically. I had told at breakfast that it was Ithaca malaria.

My room was in the fourth story of a business block. As it was a cold, rainy morning, according to the signal station, I opened the window wide and drew the brocaded satin curtains to keep out the fiery June sunlight; curtains, by the way, that hung in luxurious folds from the frescoed and be-cherubimed-friezed ceiling. After taking a draught from one of several Etruscan bottles that were aligned with geometrical severity in a hand painted box *de bois*, I threw myself with *abandon* and an aching back, on a Chicago fauteuil, that rested half concealed in the velvety depths of a boarding-house Axminster. I fell into an uneasy slumber, and in dreams, I lived in Rome, Italy.

I dreamt that Nero, the demoniac violin virtuoso, and by no means the last of his race, had determined in a violent fit of rage to torture and finally kill me by rendering in my presence his great specialty, "Lampost's full, papa's sober."

Methought that I was hanging by the toe from the Arch of Titus, and that there beneath a crowd of Jews stood bidding for my bicycle suit after death should have done away with need of it, and should have furnished me with feathery appendages, which having been lubricated with St. Jacob's Oil, (1 d. stamp), would bear me away into the beautiful nebular hypothesis.

With these classic phantasies floating through my medulla oblongata, I awoke, and the sound of rejoicing multitudes broke upon my ear. In a daze I staggered to the window, and saw below a confused mass of people in holiday attire. Suddenly I heard the blast of trumpets, and a stream of golden light came down the *via*, and the acclamations of the populace rent the heavens so that they had to be patched. Surely 'tis the Emperor returned victorious. 'Tis Rome indeed, for does not that boy below cry out, "Oh, Cully, see 'em," and as the crowds seeth, yon stalwart bellows, "Great Cæsar, keep off my feet," and the reply courteous comes back, "Git out, you Brute." Rome has surely arisen! The "Niobe of Nations" has aridified her lachrymose orbs. All chariots and banners are blazoned with the mystic word "Barnum." The *um* is distinctly Latin. *Barnum est Gall*, (hic).

K. K. K.

—Only two more weeks of study.

EXAMINATIONS.

In the New York *Tribune's* 'Notes on Education,' May 11th, 1882, the following remarks on Examinations are quoted from an article on school methods, etc., by Mr. J. E. Maude:

"Examinations never will, and never ought to be, a test of what students know. Every mind has its own interests, and can acquire most quickly by studying what its peculiar interests lead to. All that should be done in the way of compulsion is to keep the mind to its work, whatever work it chooses to do, and to keep the mind in the most important channels and in a consistent course. Nature undoubtedly intended that, while there should be a substratum of similarity between and underneath the knowledge of all men, there should also be a peculiarity that should distinguish the mental acquirements of each one of us, and that each of us should supplement the knowledge of all the rest of his fellows with his own, so that the combined judgment of a mass of men should be almost perfect. Examinations compel a number of minds, each by nature endowed with its own peculiarity, to learn what the teacher prescribes, and to learn a vast mass of uninteresting knowledge merely to provide for whatever the examination may ask. In regard to the primary subjects which all men should alike know, examinations may serve a most useful purpose; but after the rudiments have been learned, examinations are usually useless and harmful. It is the wasteful result of our present system of education which appears in the relatively greater quickness with which a man, with ordinary good judgment in the choice of his studies, can gain an education out of college than in. The knowledge that has to be gained by mere repetition under the spur of fear of the examination, but without the help of interest, is seldom remembered long after the examination, and the labor which has been devoted to drilling that knowledge into the consciousness is lost and wasted."

BASE BALL.

During the past week our nine has had opportunities to learn how much benefit may be gained by steady and persistent practice, both by their own performance and that of their competitors. They have met in the field two nines, both of whom gave evidence of much closer and steadier practice than has been devoted to the game here, for they worked much better together, every man seeming to know just what was to be expected from him and acting accordingly. Our nine is composed of fine material. Every position is filled by men, who, with an adequate amount of practice, are in every respect capable of doing brilliant work. That some of our nine are not always to be depended upon, especially in critical parts of the game, when coolness and judgment together with the skill that much prac-

time gives, has been pretty clearly shown to us. There are no men in the University better qualified to fill the positions on the nine than those now occupying them. But these men must practice more if Cornell is to show to the front uniformly in the Base Ball line.

CORNELL VS. HOBART.

On Saturday last our nine met the Hobart College nine on the campus. It has come to be almost proverbial that when Cornell and Hobart meets on the diamond the smaller college bears off the honors, and this game was no exception to the rule. But our nine did not disgrace themselves in the least by their playing. The number of errors on both sides was but six and the game was lost to our nine by errors coming in just at critical times when the greatest care was needed. Many very brilliant plays distinguished the game, noticeably the fine fielding of Anderson in Cornell's left and Murry for Hobart. Avery's pitching was very effective for seven innings, but on the eighth he weakened somewhat enabling Hobart to bat him rather freely and gain the two runs by which they won the games. Our nine was much more successful in batting Mallett than in previous games, making several base hits during the game. Humphries behind the bat was, as usual, able to make many brilliant plays, his peculiar tactics making it almost impossible for Hobart to successfully steal bases. Appended is the score.

CORNELL.

PLAYERS.	A.B.	B.H.	R.	P.O.	A.	E.
Woodard, 2b.,	4	1	0	7	2	2
Anderson, lf.,	4	1	0	1	2	0
Chase, 1b.,	4	1	1	9	0	1
Humphries, c.,	4	0	0	4	1	0
Haldeman, ss.,	3	2	1	1	1	2
Cole, 3b.,	4	1	0	0	3	1
Hall, cf.,	4	2	0	0	0	0
Avery, p.,	3	0	0	0	4	0
Olin, rf.,	3	0	0	2	0	0
Totals,	33	8	2	24	13	6

HOBART.

PLAYERS.	A.B.	B.H.	R.	P.O.	A.	E.
Ayrault, 2b.,	4	0	0	3	0	0
Bowman, ss.,	4	1	0	0	1	0
Prince, 1b.,	4	0	1	5	0	1
E. Mallett, p.,	4	1	1	1	9	1
Tuthill, c.,	4	2	1	10	3	2
VanRensselaer, 3b.,	4	1	0	3	0	2
Murry, lf.,	4	1	1	3	0	0
J. Mallett, rf.,	4	1	0	0	0	0
Hinsdale, cf.,	4	1	0	2	0	0
Totals,	36	8	4	27	13	6

Cornell,	0	0	2	0	0	0	—2
Hobart,	0	0	0	1	1	2	—4
Umpire—R. H. Treman.	Time of Game—1 hr. 35 min.						

CORNELL VS. UNION.

Through the efforts of Manager Ely, a meeting between our nine and that of Union College was effected yesterday afternoon. Game was called at 3:15 and lasted two hours. Although most exciting throughout it did not compare with Saturday's game in point of skill displayed by either side. The nines

as far as could be judged by the game seemed to be very evenly matched. We think however that Cornell is capable of much better work. The errors on both sides were many and for the most part happening at crises of the game. Our nine had little difficulty in batting Union's pitching, scoring several one-base hits and one two-bagger by Avery. Avery's pitching was better and much more effective in this game than in Saturday's game, Union seeming to have much difficulty to get hold of it. Chase on first base played a uniformly fine game as did also Humphries behind the bat. Brilliant plays were as usual left for the fielders, as two beautiful catches by Hall in the center field in sixth innings and a fine foul catch by Olin in the extreme right gave proof. Our nine were particularly fortunate in stealing bases but this was more the fault of Union's catcher than of the basemen. For the Unions the playing of Fairgrieve in the left, and Ford on second base was especially praiseworthy. Their heaviest batsman proved to be McElwain but it was chance rather than skill that enabled Anable to score a two-base hit. The pitching of Anable was quite effective. He seems to have very fair control of the ball although two men were given bases on called balls during the game. Cornell's change of pitchers during the eighth inning was not especially fortunate as the visitors batted Woodard with much more ease than they did Avery. A heavy hit by Humphries in the ninth innings decided the game for by it Chase was enabled to score the tying run, and the Unions were so completely demoralized that two men were suffered to score through unnecessary errors, aided by Avery's heavy hit. The game, although not nearly so well played as Saturday's, was a most exciting one. Victory seemed almost assured to the visitors and would have been theirs but for the somewhat unusual batting skill shown by our men.

CORNELL.

PLAYERS.	A.B.	B.H.	R.	P.O.	A.	E.
Woodard, 2b.,	5	1	0	4	6	4
Anderson, lf.,	5	0	0	2	1	1
Hall, cf.,	5	0	2	3	0	1
Haldeman, ss.,	5	1	0	2	2	0
Chase, 1b.,	5	0	2	8	0	0
Humphries, c.,	5	3	5	6	0	0
Avery, p.,	5	2	1	0	4	2
Cole, 3b.,	5	2	1	1	1	2
Olin, rf.,	4	0	0	1	0	1
Totals,	44	9	11	27	14	11

UNION.

PLAYERS.	A.B.	B.H.	R.	P.O.	A.	E.
McElwain, cf.,	6	1	0	1	0	0
McCauley, c.,	6	2	1	8	2	2
Maylon, 1b.,	6	2	1	5	0	1
Anable, p.,	6	1	2	3	8	3
Flower, rf.,	5	2	2	0	0	0
Fairgrieve, lf.,	5	1	2	1	0	1
McMurray, ss.,	5	1	1	2	2	3
Stanton, 3b.,	5	1	0	2	0	3
Ford, 2b.,	5	1	1	5	1	0
Totals,	49	12	10	27	13	13

Cornell,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Union,	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	1	—11

2 base hits—Avery and Anable. Total hits—Cornell to Union 13. Reached first on errors—Cornell 9, Union 8; on balls—Cornell 2, Union 2. Left on bases—Cornell 6, Union 11. Struck out—Cornell 6, Union 3. Passed balls—Humphries 2, McCauley 2. Umpire—R. H. Treman. Time of Game—2 hrs.

CORNELLIANA.

—The Excursion to-night.
 —Straw hats have appeared.
 —Where are those Senior statistics?
 —Where, oh where is Rugby? Gone again?
 —Reception at Sage College to-morrow night.
 —The proceeds of Field Day will amount to over sixty dollars.
 —Union plays Hobart to-day and Syracuse on Saturday.
 —The Sophomores were photographed by Evans Wednesday afternoon.
 —Over 11,000 copies of the new Register have already been distributed.
 —The Seniors have secured a band from Buffalo for their Class-Day exercises.
 —Just recollect that subscriptions to the ERA may be paid at Andrus & Church's.
 —The ERA banquet will be held early next week. All ex-editors in the village will be invited.
 —The examination in Modern History will take place on Wednesday of examination week.
 —Mr. Evans, the photographer, will take the Faculty group this afternoon in front of McGraw.
 —The Engineers go down the lake on their annual trip of two weeks, Monday morning at 6 a. m.
 —Wanted, at this office No. 9 of the present volume of the ERA for which the usual price will be paid.
 —The ERA this week looks much like a sporting paper. Well, now and then we must be indulged a little.
 —FOUND—A pair of gray pantaloons in the judges stand on Field-Day. May be had by applying at this office.
 —As soon as the contracts are awarded—which will be soon—work will be begun on the new Gymnasium.
 —'85 won six, '83 five, '82 four, and '84 two of the events. In two of them '85 had no competition, however.
 —A large shipment of books was received by the library this morning, being part of those sent to England to be bound.
 —Collins, '85, expected to ride in the bicycle race, but was unable to, because his machine did not arrive from Syracuse in time.
 —In the new post-office one box will not be rented to a dozen or more students at once, as at present. One man to each box is to be the rule.

—The lectures upon French History now being delivered by the President are not to come in to the regular examination in Modern History this term.

—The dress parade on Wednesday was very creditable indeed. The improvement in the band was quite as marked as in the formation of the battalion.

—The Junior orations last Tuesday were really very fine and much superior to the average. The orators were showered with congratulations at the close of the hour.

—Question in logic: A man who steals commits a crime; but a man steals bases in a game of base ball; hence a man stealing a base commits a crime. Stop thief!

—It is rumored that we are to have a new base ball ground. This is certainly something which we need very much, the place which is used at present is entirely unsuitable.

—The prize ribbons are being printed and will be on exhibition at Andrus & Church's early in the following week, after which they will be distributed to their respective owners.

—In justice to Mr. Chase we would say that he was not beaten by Mr. Collins in the Running High Jump, for he withdrew from the contest when both had tied at five feet ten inches.

—Last Wednesday afternoon the Sophomore class, Engineers' Association, and commissioned officers of the battalion were photographed by Mr. Evans. Excellent negatives were procured in every case.

—The committee in charge, acting under the advice of several students, have entered two of last Tuesday's contestants for the Inter-collegiate games to be held in New York, 27th. Messrs. Ruggles and Matthews are the persons selected.

—Now that the Trustees are willing to give us a ball ground, why not give us a good one, a little removed from the buildings, and one where we can have a quarter-mile track. We might as well be up with Yale and Harvard in this direction as not.

—The Rev. Brooks Herford, D. D., of Chicago, will occupy Sage Chapel pulpit Sunday next. By birth he is an Englishman and has resided in this country but seven years. He has but recently accepted a call to the pulpit occupied by the late Dr. Channing in Boston.

—At the game with Union yesterday, during the eighth inning, Woodard, who was then pitching, was so unfortunate as to dislocate his wrist, at the same time sustaining something of a fracture. This, of course, precludes all possibility of his playing in the return game with Hobart.

—At a meeting of the Civil Engineering Association last Friday afternoon, the following officers were elected for next fall term: President, W. B. Ewing, '83; Vice-President, E. T. Turner, '83; Secretary, B. G. Fischer, '85; Treasurer, W. C. Smith, '85; Historian, F. S. Washburn, '83.

—Those who came late failed to receive programmes on Field Day. The reason was an error by the committee in the estimate of the probable attendance. Only four hundred were printed, since the attendance, especially on a week day, was expected to fall below that figure.

—The peculiar advantage gained by having ball games on the Campus, is the increased interest in athletics taken by the professors. The last two games gave evidence of this by the great number of professors who were spectators, seeming to be as deeply interested as the most enthusiastic student in the crowd.

—H. W. Kellogg, '85, has recently completed a dynamo-electric machine which gives quite surprising results. Its weight is but twenty-five pounds, and it is capable of working several Edison incandescent lamps. It also gives a very brilliant light from a miniature arc-lamp which has been built for it. As a motor its power equals one-third horse power.

—Wilson the hatter has just received his assortment of spring straw hats. He has all styles and is ready to satisfy every want the students may have in his line, from the Soph. plug hat up or down. Mr. Wilson has always been alive to the students' interests, has patronized all their measures, advertised in the college press, and should not be neglected in their trade.

PERSONALIA.

GILL, '82, spent Saturday in town.

BACON, '82, returned to the University Tuesday.

PRESIDENT WHITE has gone to Syracuse on business.

VAN SICKLE, '84, will return to the University next year.

WALLACE WILCOX, '78, of Parker City, Pa., is visiting in town.

GRITMAN, formerly '82, is now a student at the Albany Law School.

C. W. HORNER, '81, is engaged in the grocery business at New Orleans, La.

H. E. HILLS, formerly '80, is meeting with success in the law profession at Auburn.

T. HEERMANS, formerly '82, is now manager of the Star and Crescent Mills at Chicago, Ill.

A. M. FITCH, '71, ex-ERA editor, was in town on Wednesday. He is now practicing law in Rochester.

ROSS MATTHEWS, '83, has left the University, to accept a lucrative position on the U. S. Geological Survey.

"JACK" VAN RENSALAER, formerly '82, now of Hobart College was in town to witness the Cornell-Union game.

CATLIN, Luckey, and Shiras, '82, Browning and Smith, '83, and Stambaugh and Shaler, '84, are in New York this week attending the Semi-Centennial Convention of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

COLLEGE NEWS.

The number of students at Vassar is 297.

The *Acta Columbiana* has instituted a crusade against lacrosse.

"Penikese," the libretto of which was written by a Yale Junior, was reproduced, in response to a widely extended call, at Carll's Opera House, New Haven, last Monday and Tuesday evenings, to crowded houses.

A writ of attachment was procured by George Faulkner on the shell of '82, two days before the day appointed for the race, and the shell was attached at the time when it would have been wanted if the race had not been postponed. This writ was issued because of the non-payment of a bill of about sixty dollars for some oars which were furnished the crew. *Harvard Echo*.

The *Dartmouth* comes to us full of enthusiasm concerning the new optional which has been presented by the Faculty. This is the first time, as far as our knowledge goes, that Taxidermy has been placed on the list of optionals in an American college of any size; but the interest it has awakened has proved it to be fully as popular as botany, a study which is considered necessary in every curriculum. —*Yale News*.

The *Yale News* takes us to task for an item which appeared in our last issue concerning the "block game" of foot ball. The *News* states that "Yale was not the cause of the block game either last year or the years before; and that she has ever been foremost in endeavoring to advance rules for its suppression." If our remark was unjust we are sorry for it and will do our best to correct the wrong impression so prevalent in the college world that the "block" is Yale's favorite game.

The traditions which cluster around the life of a great university, if collected, would furnish material for a voluminous and inspiring volume. It is a work, we believe, which has not yet been undertaken by any one. The following story is told in Michigan University: In the year 1854, Prof. Francis Brunnow came from Leipsic to Ann Arbor, to fill the chair of astronomy and to act as director of the observatory. He was a thorough scholar, the author of a valuable work on Spherical Astronomy, and a man whose services were highly esteemed in the scientific world; yet, for a time, he lectured to one student only. Later in life, Prof. Brunnow was accustomed to call these lectures the most important he ever delivered, since his solitary listener was James C. Watson, afterwards America's distinguished astronomer. —*Unity*.

EXCHANGES.

To the dailies we look for news, and to the bi-weeklies for short stories, humorous sketches of undergraduate life, poetic descriptions of the flaxen hair and blue eyes which last won the editorial heart, complaints against the faculty, etc. The monthly college publications have a wider, higher field. It is their province to give to the world the best literary productions of which their editors are capable, as well as the usual number of prize essays and orations. Considering the time for preparation which these editors have, it is but just to expect from them a higher standard of literary excellence than is attained in publications of more frequent issue.

The *Yale Literary Magazine*, claiming to be the oldest college periodical in America, was established in February, 1836, and is consequently in its forty-seventh volume. "It is published by a board of editors annually chosen from each successive Senior class, and is entirely made up of the writings of undergraduates. It thus may be fairly said to represent in its general articles the average literary culture of the college. In the *Notabilia* college topics are thoroughly discussed, and in the *Memorabilia* it is intended to make a complete record of the current events of college life; while in the *Book Notices* and *Editors' Table*, contemporary publications and exchanges receive careful attention." That is the way in which the editors for the present volume define their policy, and it is but fair to say, that if the general articles of the *Yale Lit.* represent the average literary culture of Yale, that culture is of a high order. Indeed, the *Lit.* has received nothing but praise during the past year. The editors for '83, who assume its management with the number before us, may feel highly gratified at the auspicious opening of their editorial career. This number is unusually interesting, from the fact that it contains the two Junior Prize Orations about which so much has been said by the college press. The prize was equally divided between F. C. Leonard, of Spring Mills, N. Y., his subject, "William Lloyd Garrison," and G. W. Johnston, of Frankfort, Ky., his subject "The Lost Cause." This was truly a clasping of hands across the bloody chasm. That such an event is possible is a most cheering sign of the new era of good feeling between North and South. The opening article on the subject of "College Honors" contains many thoughts which should console the men who pass through their college course without receiving any "honors." The writer truly says: "A man at graduation should realize that his powers have not yet been fairly tested, and should quite disregard the record he has made during his course. However bright it may be, he should feel that it is utterly unreasonable to plume himself on such laurels: if he seems to have accomplished nothing, it is equally foolish for him to begin his real career hopeless or

even discouraged." "The Caxtons, a Conversation," is an original and most interesting manner of criticism. "A Story of the New Haven Invasion" in its quaint simplicity is full of interest. As we close the *Lit.*, it is with the conviction that good old St. Elihu's reputation will not suffer at the hands of those to whom it is entrusted for the coming year. An election to the *Lit.* board may well be esteemed a high honor by Yale men.

With the April number of the *Vassar Miscellany* the new management takes control with the following brief and pointed salutatory: "The new Board makes its most polite bow to the public and proceeds to do its best." The editors are considerably exercised over a "letter from Vassar" which appeared in the *Harvard Herald*. They not only express their almost unutterable sorrow and disgust at the writer and the *Herald* for publishing the letter, but take occasion to state their surprise at the "various articles upon Vassar which have emanated from the brain of the college student masculine," and their inability to conceive "how their authors could reconcile such effusions with their ideas of the fit and gentlemanly." The admiration shown for Walt Whitman is rather difficult to understand by one who knows him only through his poems. Some life-like character sketches under the title of "Life in a Country Hotel," redeem "De Temporibus et Moribus," from a perceptible tendency to dulness. "A Glimpse of Canaan Camp Ground" is a matter of fact description of a Connecticut camp meeting. The exchange notes are bright, and, on the whole, we feel confident that experience will enable the new board to sustain the high reputation gained by their predecessors.

The *Nassau Lit.*, conducted by the Senior class of Princeton College, has been subjected to much criticism on the score of heaviness. Indeed, its articles frequently lack the interest and life of those in the *Yale Lit.* or *Vassar Mis.*, yet they show care and earnestness on the part of the writers; which largely atone for the absence of a high literary polish. An editorial speaks very loudly against the Greek Letter Societies. The writer evidently knows very little about his subject. The editors for '82 close their labors with the April number. Taking charge of the magazine after a most successful management, their task was difficult and has been well done. The policy of choosing editors from those who have shown especial fitness for the work, is becoming quite general, and seems to be the only way by which the politicians can be prevented from keeping modest literary genius in the background. "The experience of the past year has given another proof of '79's wisdom in inaugurating the system of electing *Lit.* editors on the basis of contributions. A glance at the Table of Contents of this volume will show that the Junior class is better represented than ever before. Of course, this means a great increase in

contributions from that class, since in general we may lay down the rule that at least three articles are rejected where one is accepted. If the system continues in force under future boards—as we sincerely hope it will—there can be no doubt but that a material improvement will be observed in the *Lit.*”

The *Hamilton Monthly* is a credit to the college of orators and essayists by which it is supported. We clip the following from its “Poets’ Corner.”

MA COUSINE.

You are charming and petite,
Ma Cousine,
And your winsome smile is sweet
To be seen.
And your laughter overflows
Like a babbling brook that goes
Dancing through the leafy close
Just at e'en.

Do you love the mellow moon
With her s'een
Gilding every leaf in June,
Ma Cousine?
Tells she you as sweet a tale
As the daisy blossom frail,
Nodding in the gentle gale,
Calm of mien?

As the vallev lily sways
Mid the green
Of fair bowers on summer days,
Dainty green!
So you, purest of the flowers,
In this weav world of ours
Should dwell only in its bowers,
Ma Cousine.

AMUSEMENTS.

—For those who attend the opera, this evening, a rich treat is in store. The press throughout the country are unanimous in their praise of Miss Templeton and her company. The following is from the *Boston Journal*:

“The revival of ‘The Mascotte’ by the Grayson Opera Company at this pleasant summer resort, drew last evening a large audience. The chief interest centered in the first appearance of Miss Fay Templeton in the character of ‘Bettina.’ Miss Templeton is a charming young artist who has many attributes in her favor, and she certainly made a decided hit in the part. With youth, beauty and a modest grace, she combines a rich contralto voice, a very good vocal style, and always a true intonation. She seems content to play the part after her own idea of it, rather than to copy any of the singers who have already appeared in the character here, and the result is certainly very pleasing. She won unmistakable marks of favor, and we predict that she will become very popular with a public that is not slow to appreciate and reward talent in this department of art.”

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—It was a Freshman who said that “A Brick’s Errand,” and “Fools Without Straw” were really quite good for light reading.—*Ex.*

—Tutor (dictating Greek prose composition): “Tell me, slave, where is thy horse?” Student: “It’s under my chair, sir. I wasn’t using it.”—*Ex.*

—An editor received a letter from a subscriber, asking him to publish a cure for apple tree-worms. He replied that he could not suggest a cure until he knew what ailed the worms.—*Notre Dame Scholastic.*

—ADVANTAGES OF THE ELECTIVE SYSTEM.—Hollis Holworthy (*to important personage at the office, just before the finals*): “Will you kindly give me a list of the electives I have been taking this year? I really quite forgot to make a note of them.—*Lampoon.*

—Full many a man has studied all his course,
And drawn a blank in some mysterious way,
Full many a man has worked his ‘cribs’ and ‘horse,’
And gone a whooping on Commencement Day.
—*Dartmouth.*

—A boy’s composition on girls: “Girls are the only folks that have their own way every time. Girls is of several thousand kinds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousand girls if she wants anything. This is all I know about girls; and father says the less I know about them the better off I am.”—*Ex.*

—“What is that thing?” said Spilkins,
As he met a passing “fair,”
And saw its eyes, ‘neath wave and crimp,
Which o'er its forehead dangled limp,
Give forth a stony stare.
“Methinks,” said Wilkins, scornfully,
As he tossed his head in air,
“It has no brains to cudgel,
And so it bangs its hair.”—*Nassau Lit.*

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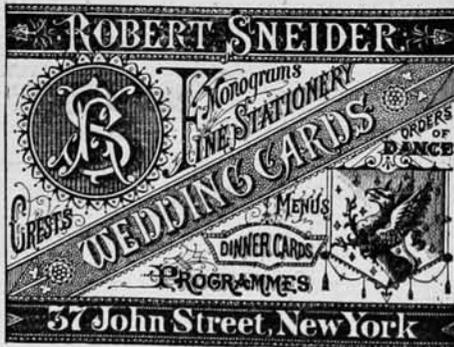
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THE work accomplished by the Junior class in orations as shown by their last productions, when the choice of subjects was left entirely with the students, would, we think, encourage the professor in charge to adopt that system of assigning subjects for orations. It insures a student's interest in the subject matter of his production much more than when he is compelled to select a subject from a list of two, three, or half a dozen. From the general excellence of the Juniors' last productions, it shows that better work is accomplished by it. Now, would it not be well to give to students in Senior and Junior classes the option of choosing a subject, either from a list provided by the professor or, if none of those seem suited to the student's mind,

that he select one for himself? Many times, by being compelled to write upon some one topic in which he cannot interest himself, the student finds his work not doing justice to himself or to his abilities. In selecting the subject himself, this is done away with. He is interested in his subject and is the better able to speak his production.

THE ERA has in the past year, at least, endeavored to be the organ of the student body. It has tried to voice the complaints of the students when just; it has sought reforms when practicable. In doing this it has sometimes conscientiously opposed certain members and departments of the Faculty. It has freely criticised certain actions of the Trustees. We have hitherto confined our attention to college affairs. But within the past ten days an affair has happened which, although small in itself, yet involves a principle which is of no small moment. We allude to the action of a well-known firm in this place in bringing suit against one of the students who refused to take a suit of clothes which did not fit him. That it was a misfit there is not a particle of doubt. But our worthy shop-keepers, strong in the consciousness that they have *Ithaca* justice on their side, determine that he shall take it, suited or not. On application to a lawyer it is found that a student, when making a bargain for a suit, must specify at the time that he shall not take it unless it fits, otherwise the worthy tailor can bull-doze him into taking it. Let the students be on their guard. We had lived until now in the vain hallucination that such a thing was always implied, but we have been woefully mistaken. Lest any of you may be compelled to take a suit from this mammoth establishment which would fit a person perhaps half your size, or twice your height, be sure to make this stipulation, that the suit shall be a fit. Of course, this may be a slight trouble, but not half so much as a law suit. To be sure, most stores guarantee a fit and thus save trouble. Perhaps, most of the students would prefer not to patronize such a store. Well, of course they are at liberty to do as they please.

NO one rejoices more than the ERA to see the really healthy interest taken in athletics here this spring. No better example of this can be cited than our ball nine. We have this year no phenomenal Hunter, and yet the enthusiasm that has been excited on the subject of base-ball surpasses that of two years ago. We have a University crew that is untried and still the interest that is felt in its success is almost as great as that inspired by our famous four of last year. To be sure, our Field-Day developed some fine general athletes, but our records, though good for Cornell, were hardly up to the standard. Yet, in general athletics, there is evinced an interest never before known here. And what is the reason for this sudden revolution in feeling? Simply that our Faculty are becoming alive to the importance of athletics as a feature of college life, and our Trustees are realizing that a college where is given opportunity for physical as well as mental development is the ideal educational institution of the times. When those in authority show the right inclination, it is but natural that a hearty response is met with in the student body. We are glad to chronicle this change in feeling, knowing that it will only redound to the profit and advancement of the institution.

IT has been suggested recently that instead of dividing our scholastic year into three terms as at present, a change be made and that our year consist of two terms. This latter system has been in operation for some time at Columbia College and has been found a specially good one. It is economical of time and energy, and students are found to accomplish more in a given time by it than they possibly can according to our present system. By it the time that is expended so fruitlessly at the beginning of a term in trying to get back at work again, is saved. Examinations are held in the months of February and May. No recess is given between terms, so that the student does not lay aside the application to work that is always so hard to take up again after a vacation. Besides there is saved time that is spent by us in examinations and in preparation for them. This amounts to at least two weeks. It has been computed that one month would be saved us by adopting the Columbia system, taking into consideration everything. There is also a great advantage gained in the longer period of time that can be devoted to a study before an exam-

ination is held. The plan certainly comes to us well recommended. We hope it will not be rejected without being thoroughly debated.

IN our last issue we published an extract from the *New York Tribune*, discussing the advisability of holding examinations as tests of a student's knowledge. This subject of examinations is an important one, and one that is destined to occupy the attention of educational men for some time, at least until the most feasible method of testing knowledge is discovered. That a searching examination is the test required, seems at first evident, and yet there are so many modifying circumstances entering into the consideration that we at last are compelled to confess that, in all probability, a mistake has been made. The modifications are only too well known to those who have so many times been forced to the trying ordeal of passing examinations. Differences in temperament, in the state of health, in the examiners, surroundings, and, in fact, in all the detail connected with examinations, make various and wide differences in results. The system of cramming is one of the evils that follows as one of the unavoidable necessities.

The idea that examinations as a test of knowledge are impracticable in the extreme, seems never to have occurred to educational men. A man in active life is compelled to make practical use of knowledge, gained either by application or experience. He is not subjected to any searching and sudden test to prove his knowledge, but it is the ability he shows in practically applying his knowledge that betrays his mastery of the subject in hand. And yet with no idea of practically making use of knowledge, examinations, covering a large area of study, are given students on the most abstract subjects, unnecessary details are asked for, and a vast amount of rubbish is included not because a complete knowledge is necessary, but because this has been included in a term's work, and must on that account be expected. With our present system, not only is much of a professor's valuable time expended for naught, but students are subjected to an amount of labor that is not conducive either to health or to the highest and most beneficial brain activity. It is evident that examinations are an evil, that they do not accomplish the end intended, that, in fact, they may be the means of defeating that object. What will be the substitute

the present cannot tell. A system has been adopted at Amherst by which students are marked entirely by daily work. While this may not show what a student's knowledge is at the end of a given time, it at least insures his performing his work fairly day by day. The probabilities in this case are greater that at the end he will have the knowledge he needs, than according to our system. But even this system has its disadvantages, being the ones that examinations originally were intended to put aside.

Whatever is done in this matter must come as a result of experiment. No plan can be adopted because as a plan it seems practical and beneficial. It must first be subjected to proof. If it works, if it does away with the evils of the present system without laying on a burden of its own, then it should be adopted.

NEXT term we are to be afflicted with Saturday recitations. We have expected it for a long time, but had foolishly thought that the custom so recently inaugurated of having afternoon recitations, might be the means of postponing it. But it has come. Our day is to be no longer ours. The natural consequence will be that a sort of division will be made with the proprietor of the next day, and Cornell students will become desecrators of the Sabbath. Sage Chapel will be desolate while the ball nine plays its return game with Hamilton, Hobart or some other college in the region of the blest. Hereafter, Field-Day will take place immediately after service on the hill. To lend the proper air of sanctity to the proceedings, Moody and Sankey's Hymns No. 3 will be used, a song being sung between the events. A great temptation will be laid in the way of little boys sent to Sunday-school, for the Regatta of the Cornell Navy always has attractions for them. Have the Faculty considered the results of their action? Do they understand that they can be held responsible for the decline in morals that must inevitably follow? Why is it that they are so short-sighted as to lower us to the moral standing of Princeton and the Auburn Theological seminary? We are not divinity students, and hence will be held responsible by our Maker for desecrations of the Sabbath. We are not within the pale, and are, in consequence, liable to do wrong. In short, we have the reputation of being infidel, hence are capable of much evil doing. We are citizens of a law-abiding

community, not inhabitants of the metropolis, and are liable to come under the power, if we do not recognize the majesty, of the law. We regret that the Faculty has been so thoughtless in this matter. We cannot understand its action, containing in its roll so many ordained ministers. It is not yet next term, and there yet remains time for the action to be nullified. Shall we not ask the spiritual advice of the Madison theological students?

CORNELL JOURNALISM.

In enterprise, and in the adoption of new ideas, Cornell has always been remarkable. The spirit of enterprise has not only been the acting one in the management of the University, but it has also been the prevailing one among the undergraduates. Almost the first manifestation of this healthful spirit in the student body was in the projection of a University newspaper. November 28th, 1868, scarcely three months after the opening of the University, the first number of the CORNELL ERA was printed. The editors of the first volume were S. S. Avery, D. J. Brigham, A. R. Greene, S. D. Halliday, G. H. Lothrop, all chosen from the Junior class. The journal was begun as it still continues to be, a weekly. The ERA of 1868 we can hardly recognize as the ERA of the past five years. Its entire appearance is striking, although not from an artistic point of view. It seems to be thoroughly permeated with the air of *newness* which prevailed everything about Cornell University fourteen years ago. In the succeeding volumes of the ERA we see a marked improvement upon the preceding, a nearer approach to the ideal of what a college journal, and a Cornell newspaper should be. One distinctive feature, however, the ERA has always preserved—a lively enthusiasm in everything pertaining to the prosperity and welfare of the University. Until 1874 the editors of the ERA were chosen from the Junior class. At that time a change was inaugurated, four editors were elected from the Sophomore and three from the Junior class. The change in the method of choosing the editors was probably brought about by the establishment of a new journal at Cornell in the management of which it was proposed all classes should be represented.

October 22d, 1873, the first number of the *Cornell Times* appeared. In size it was about the same as the ERA, although not containing as many pages. The paper was issued weekly at \$1.25 per year. The editorial staff was composed of two men chosen from each class—one a society man, the other an independent, and each retiring board was to choose its successors. Robert H. Wiles, James F. Cluck, Seniors; Charles Storer, Charles G. Palmer, Juniors; James M. Ashley, Jeremiah Cady, Sopho-

mores; Arthur S. Miller, Frank S. Roberts, Freshmen, composed the editorial board of the *Times*.

In the salutatory the *Times* deprecates the manner of choosing ERA boards—all editors being members of the Junior class, elected by the class—were apt to be partisan, and oftentimes more popular than fitted for positions on the board. After complaining of the size of the ERA, and the way it was conducted, the editorial observes, "we have no wish to impair or kill the CORNELL ERA," a resolution which seems rather amusing as read from the present stand-point—but a wish which in reality the journal succeeded in carrying out. The *Times* is mostly filled with short notes, and news items, with an occasional verse, and very frequent advertisements. With No. 30, the *Cornell Times* stopped to rest. Although largely supported by advertising, it was found that two weekly papers at Cornell were more than enough, and the *Times* gracefully subsided.

An anomalous feature of college journalism was the *Aurora Brasileira*, a paper of eight pages, issued in the interest of the Brazilian students of the University, and printed in Portuguese. The editor of the *Aurora* was Senor H. de Aquino. The first number was published Oct. 22d, 1873, at the University press, and contains an account, of the celebration at Itabaca, of September 7th. (Brazilian Independence Day,) a description of the University, a poem, and several literary articles. For one year the *Aurora* appeared monthly, and continued to be a creditable publication, but owing to the small number of Brazilian students, and the difficulty of printing a paper in Portuguese, the enterprise was abandoned.

The autumn of 1873 was a fruitful one in Cornell journalism. It brought into life the two publications last mentioned, which continued for one year only; and also the *Cornell Review*, which still remains flourishing. The first volume of the *Review* was edited by Mary H. Ladd '75, Eva M. Pitts '74, A. B. Humphrey '75, C. C. Wood '74. S. W. Carpenter '75, P. P. Perkins '75, James F. Cluck, Business Managers. The periodical has held to its original design of being the organ of the Cornell Literary Societies, and of choosing its editors from those societies alone. The aim of the magazine was to publish those articles, written by professors or students, which would be too long for publication in the ERA, and also to record the most important occurrences at the University, especially transactions of the literary societies. Most of the Woodford orations have been printed in the magazine, so it really does represent the best literary efforts of the students. Its typographical appearance has always been uniformly excellent, and in most respects the *Cornell Review* compares favorably with the literary publications of most of the colleges.

One journalistic venture at Cornell, it is to be greatly regretted, had but a short career. *Cocagne*

an illustrated journal published twice a month, made its appearance April 1st, 1878. The board of editors consisted of A. M. Reeves '78, Wm. H. Carpenter '79, Ed Green '78, Chas. W. Ames '78, C. P. Bacon '79, Chas. L. Knapp. In the way of an illustrated humorous paper, *Cocagne* was pre-eminently a success, and can scarcely be equaled by the *Lampoon* or the *Tiger* at the present day. The jokes were original, the wit cutting. A serial entitled "An American boy and his Four Years in a Girls College," is a very witty thrust at co-education and extends through the six numbers of the journal.

September 15th, 1881, recorded another bold venture in Cornell journalism, *The Cornell Sun*, inaugurated by W. B. Hoyt '81, and G. F. Gifford '80. At its beginning few could believe a daily could be a success at Cornell, but after two years continuance the paper seems to have excellent prospects of being a permanent fixture.

SOPHOMORE EXCURSION.

When '83 last year held a Sophomore excursion, it was voted so great a success that it was hoped by all the participants that the example might be followed by succeeding classes and a desirable custom established. Accordingly, '84, not behind her sister class in enterprise, decided several weeks ago to follow in her footsteps. Friday, May 19th, a jolly crowd of more than fifty gathered on board the Frontenac. At half past five the steamer dropped down the Inlet, and proceeded on its way to Aurora, nearly swamping the Freshman crew a mile below the light-house. Aurora was reached before eight, the happy crowd on board having gradually increased their happiness, consequent to the opening of an event which happened shortly after starting. At the Aurora landing a procession was formed, and headed by the officers of the evening followed by the band, the crowd marched by twos through the town to Wells College, whose inmates were picturesquely grouped about every available point of observation in anticipation of their arrival. A halt was made in front of the principal college building, and lookers on were edified by the presentation of the following

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

Cornell yell,	-	-	Cornell students.
Applause,	-	Young ladies of Wells College.	
Selection,	-	-	Band.
Cornell yell,	-	-	Cornell students.
Song, "Spanish student,"	-	-	Cornell students.
Enthusiasm,	-	-	Young ladies.
Cornell yell,	-	-	Cornell students.
Lingering expectancy,	-	-	Everybody.
Cornell yell,	-	-	Cornell students.
More enthusiasm,	-	-	Y. L. of W. C.
Song, "Far above Cayuga's waters,"	-	-	Cornell students.
Rapturous applause,	-	-	Young ladies.

PART II.

Cornell yell,	Cornell students.
Bouquets ad libitum,	Young ladies.
Three cheers for a sister college,	Cornell students.
Overwhelming applause,	Young ladies.
Cornell yell,	Cornell students.
Presentation of programme of the evening to	
Young ladies	Small Boy delegate.
Cornell yell,	Cornell students.
Pause	
Cornell yell,	Cornell students.

By a careful perusal of the above programme, it will be seen what are the unbounded musical capabilities of a body of Cornell students when abroad on a serenade. For Heaven's sake, gentlemen of the Faculty and Board of Trustees, let us have instruction in vocal music! Three classes were represented in this open air concert, and the results were a very fair sample of our singing as a student body, it being far superior to the Chapel article, and all that could be expected under the present regime.

After the serenade, the students marched directly to the Aurora House, only a few lingering for a closer view of the college facilities for education.

Half past eight found the excursionists seated around the tables in the dining room of the Aurora House, prepared to devour the tempting dinner provided for the occasion. When the substantial had disappeared, the Toast Master took the floor, and called for the following toasts, which were liberally interspersed with songs:

Eighty-two, responded to by	R. W. McClelland.
Cremation, " "	R. H. Ware.
The Club, " "	C. F. Randolph.
Behind the bars, "	G. W. Lewis.
The unexpected vacation,	W. V. Hamilton.
The absent ones—'85,	H. P. De Forest.
Afternoon recitations,	H. J. Patten.
"Plugs,"	W. F. Cassidy.
Our Sophomore year,	O. D. Weed.

All these toasts were delivered with a great deal of animation, and the exhilarated crowd showed its approval in the most marked way. Several toasts were omitted owing to the absence of the persons to whom they had been assigned. The Toast Master, however, called for impromptu toasts from Mr. C. I. Avery, upon the "Class of '83," and from Mr. C. P. Bacon, upon the "Girls of Wells." Both were well responded to and received with merited applause. At half past eleven the party began to leave the tables and straggle toward the boat. Some remained longer for delightful intercourse, leaving an impression that will not be soon effaced, but at midnight all were reported on board, the signal was given and the boat steamed back to Ithaca.

The home trip was made interesting, especially to the uninitiated, by the usual Rho Kappa Tau swings. The victims were many. Even Uncle Josh, whose good-natured face had been prominent all the evening, was received into the mysteries of the order. The boat overflowed with song, Uncle

Josh gave his specialties, and everybody was happy. About three the good people of Ithaca turned over in their beds at the braying of a band and the tramping of feet under their windows, and another Sophomore excursion was a thing of the past.

Great credit is due the Excursion Committee for the admirable way in which everything connected with the trip was conducted, and to Mr. Le Grand, of the Aurora House, for his efforts.

The whole affair was so complete a success, except in the number of those attending, that there can be hardly any doubt of the continuance of the custom next year. There is no reason why the numbers were not larger, and had the officious zeal of several upperclassmen extended to the purchase of tickets, the financial success of the excursion might have been greater. The only regret, however, should lie with those who staid at home. They missed the most enjoyable event of the season.

THE TROUBLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

[Contributed.]

The affair at the University of Minnesota is not the freak of a few students bent on having some fun. For a number of years the students have been profoundly distrustful of the clique managing that institution. This distrust is not confined to the scamps, but is shared by the whole body; and the war cry of the University has been, "Billy must go." It is not strange that when students summarily expelled are meekly received back into the fold, when seven excellent professors are discharged and no reason given, when numberless acts of petty tyranny come from certain members of the faculty—it is not strange that the opinion should arise that "something is rotten in Denmark." This feeling has been manifested in various ways during the past two years—by acts of covert insubordination, by hornings and cat-concerts and by scurrilous "rams" on certain members of the faculty. The latest affair is no worse than many of its predecessors except in its results. The facts are about as follows: The students determine to give the President a horning and he hears of it. With Profs. Moore and Pike he lays in wait for them, all three armed with heavy canes. The expected serenade is not forthcoming, but the triumvirs while patrolling the streets meet a body of students one of whom is carrying a gate. The valiant three charge, laying lustily about them with their bangers. The President attacks the man with the gate who retaliates by knocking him down with that instrument. All the students escape except one Paine who is so injured by his caning that he can not get away. Prof. Moore knocks him down and beats him over the head and shoulders with his club. Finally Paine, who is at the wrong end of the stick, wearies of the amusement and threatens to shoot, whereupon Prof. Pike does shoot

and *accidentally* hits him in the thigh inflicting a flesh wound. The two professors then assist their wounded prisoner from the hard-won field, but the battle is not yet over. The President meets them, rushes up and, say the students, severely chokes Paine. The professors, however, say that he mistook them all for students and only administered a few love pats with his cane and exhibited his affection by caressing their faces with his hands. Be it as it may, he most effectually caressed the prisoner.

The examination of Prof. Pike and the trial of the other two comes off May 29th. Whatever may be the result the breach between students and faculty has been widened and the outcome must be unfortunate for the University unless some members of the faculty are dismissed. It is to be hoped that at the trial judge and jury will treat the professors just as if they had been belaboring human beings. No matter what view be taken of this affair it must be evident that the professors were very ready and even eager with their clubs. Just imagine some of our professors waylaying freshmen with immense bangers on "Gate Night." O ye gods and little fishes! O ye shades of Captain Williams and "Neeligan"—where are your billies?

THE ERA BANQUET.

Thirteen!—alas, unlucky number!—of those mortals fortunate(?) enough to have been at various times, among the elect to the ERA, met on Tuesday night at the Windsor, to celebrate with one of Prager's best suppers, the ERA, in the various phases of its character. If any one of the company was troubled by the superstitious character of the number present, the sight of the table dispelled all such feeling immediately. ERA editors are notoriously big feeders, (any one doubting this statement is respectfully referred to Host Prager, of the Windsor,) and right nobly did they keep up their reputation. After about an hour's conscientious labor, during which possibly two or three of the weaker brethren might have spoken with each other, just to get their breath, "the cloth was removed," and Mr. Cowell, who presided, and forgot, by the way, to say anything about the "feast of reason and flow of the soul," introduced the Hon. S. D. Halliday, of the class of '70, one of the founders of the ERA, as the first speaker of the evening. Mr. Halliday's speech was very interesting, since he told in his lively way, a great deal of the ERA's history. His story of the harmony prevailing the first board was greatly enjoyed, and when he closed he was greeted with long applause. Then followed various toasts by the members of the present board, of whose efforts modesty forbids us to speak. It is enough to say that the outgoing board gave the incoming one a great deal of advice. They were told just how to get the paper out, how rich they would get, what great men they would be, how the Faculty would fear them,

and that the only drawback to their enjoyment of the elegant sanctum, with its mirrored walls, luxuriant divans, etc., would be the demand for "copy." The best way to procure this "diminutive, yet necessary machine," as the farmer called the linch-pin, was to let the "other fellows" grind it out. Messrs. Chase, Humphries and Huffcut, of the new board, were very happy in their treatment of their subjects, and from their statements, the ERA next year will endeavor to keep up and surpass its previous records. They expect to receive subscriptions not only from this country, but also from many foreign ones, such as China, Japan, Australia, Germany, Turkey and Free Hollow. Mr. Gifford, '80, read an editorial from the next volume, which sounded as if cribbed from one of Joseph Cook's lectures.

The following is the programme:

- I. *The Dawn of our Era*,
HON. S. D. HALLIDAY, '70.
- II. *The Era—a Dramatic Teacher*,
F. R. LUCKEY, '82.
- III. *Pertaining to the most amicable relations which we have held toward our E. C.'s*
G. H. THAYER, '83.
- IV. *In regard to the mysterious methods of preparing "copy."*
J. D. ADAMS, '82.
- V. *The Nine and the ERA, the complements of each other, the one to win our victories, the other to publish them.*
J. H. HUMPHRIES, '83.
- VI. *Our foreign relations. The advantages to be gained from failure.*
C. C. CHASE, '83.
- VII. *Devotion to the Profession,—one year of ERA drudgery unable to quench it.*
F. W. RUNYON, '83.
- VIII. *The anticipated delight of an ERA Editor's career.*
E. W. HUFFCUTT, '84.

The singing was done by the ERA Glee Club, and was of a high(?) order. Contrary to the custom of all our banquets, this was not followed by the Rho Kappa Tau initiation.

CORNELL VS. HOBART.

In accordance with arrangements made by Manager Ely, the nine, accompanied by a few admirers, left Ithaca Wednesday a. m. by the G., I. & S. for Geneva to play the return game with Hobart. The previous defeats sustained at the hands of the Hobart ball tossers had nettled Cornell grit, and this time the boys started to win. The victory of Union over Hobart, coupled with the fact that we had downed Union, gave the nine considerable confidence. That every man played as though he were

sure of winning was well shown throughout the play. A steady game was played from the beginning, and only once did we show any signs of being "rattled." This was but momentary, and yielded Hobart no advantage. Far better discipline was shown than in any previous games. Cornell's play was marked by its steady regularity and confidence in the field and by its bold sureness at the bat. All hit with vim, and, under the excellent coaching of Avery, who acted as captain, ran the bases with the dash and success of professionals. Hobart played her usual fine, regular game in the field, but at the bat weakened and succumbed to the wiles of our scheming, tricky pitcher. The nine selected to represent Hobart differed somewhat from the nine which played here. J. Mallet was put on first, and Prince was transferred to left. This change, it seems to us, was not good; for, while it improved the field, it weakened the base play. Cornell, too, was somewhat handicapped by the loss of the old reliable "Jim" Woodard, whose unfortunate accident in the Union game rendered his playing out of the question. The positions were shifted somewhat, and Tuthill was selected to fill the vacancy, and, considering the fact that this was his first game, did very creditably. Anderson played second, and Hall took left. Chase on first suffered from a terribly bruised finger, and only his sheer pluck kept him faithfully at his post, though the effect of the sore digit was shown by the unusual number of errors opposite his name. Haldeman, our lively short stop, was also slightly disabled, but soon settled down into his usual form.

Cornell won the toss, and, at 3 p. m., when play was called, there was quite an assemblage of spectators. Many ladies graced the field by their bright faces and brighter silks. Hobart opened at the bat, and secured a run from short's error and E. Mallet's two-bagger. Then Cornell followed by a run earned from Humphries' single and Chase's two-baser. In the second inning Cornell added another score to her sheet. From this point till the sixth the score was unchanged. In the sixth Hobart made the tying run. The excitement, which had been intense, now reached fever heat, and in the eighth inning Cornell's high hopes would have been sorely disappointed, but for a remarkable play on the part of our lightning third baseman, Cole, the "Superb." Hobart had men on third and second, with two men out, when the batter corked a liner which looked to all as if it were going safely into left field. Cole saw it, and sprang like a flash into the air, and landed with the ball in his hands. For this wonderful feat he received loud and prolonged applause. At the last half of the ninth the score stood 2 and 2. Then, by hits of Avery, Hall and Cole, two earned runs were scored, and these were followed by two more before the side was retired. Thus ended a fine game, won entirely on its merits.

Chase distinguished himself at the bat, slogging Mallet, his "berry," for four, with a total of five, bases. Hall did well in left, while Cole outdid himself at third. Haldeman made some wonderful throws to first. But the greatest praise is due to Avery, our pitcher. He puzzled Hobart very much, as the low number of hits will show. They made but one fair hit off him, the others being scratches. After such a showing, he may feel sure of success in his position. He is a genuine pitcher in all respects. Head-work tells, and Avery has shown himself a ball tosser of splendid judgment, and very deceiving to batsmen. Cornell has reason to be proud of him, for he has shown himself thoroughly competent to win a game, even against good batsmen. We can safely say that, with practice, he will become a phenomenal pitcher.

CORNELL.

PLAYERS.	A. B.	B. H.	R.	A.	P. O.	E.
Humphries, c.....	5	1	2	0	4	0
Chase, rb.....	5	4	0	2	13	3
Anderson, 2b.....	5	0	0	4	2	3
Haldeman, ss.....	5	1	0	3	1	3
Avery, p.....	4	0	1	2	1	1
Hall, lf.....	4	1	1	0	1	0
Tuthill, cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cole, 3b.....	4	1	2	0	5	0
Olin, rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	40	8	6	13	27	10

HOBART.

PLAYERS.	A. B.	B. H.	R.	A.	P. O.	E.
Ayrault, 2b.....	5	1	1	3	3	0
Bowman, ss.....	5	1	0	3	1	0
Prince, c.....	5	1	1	0	2	0
P. Mallet, p.....	4	1	0	4	2	0
Tuthill, c.....	4	0	0	2	1	1
VanRensselaer, 3b.....	4	0	0	3	2	1
Murry, lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hinsdale, rf.....	4	0	0	0	1	0
J. Mallet, rb.....	4	0	0	1	15	3
Totals.....	39	4	2	16	27	5

SUMMARY.

Cornell.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hobart.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-6
Hobart.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-2

FRENCH COURSE 1882-83.

In answer to numerous inquiries respecting the French course of next year, we are enabled to state that it will be as follows: In the Freshman year Joynes' Otto's Elementary French Course will be used during the first term, or so much of it as is necessary to complete the work. In the second and third terms will be read Lacombe's *Petite Histoire du Peuple français* and Sandeau's *Mademoiselle de la Seiglière*. The object of the course is to enable the student to begin reading as soon as possible, and to learn idiomatic expressions and phrases as they occur in connected passages.

There will be two courses in the Sophomore year, one for the students in the general courses, and another for those in the departments of Civil Engineering and the Mechanic Arts. The former will consist of *Colomba*, a novel by Prosper Mérimée, the edition of which by Hachette & Co. is one of the

most admirable specimens of editing to be found in the modern languages; Molière's *Les Précieuses Ridicules* and *Les Femmes Savantes*, and Voltire's *Le Siècle de Louis XIV*, chapters xxv-xxxiv together with exercises in conversational French. The editions used will be those of Hachette & Co., except for the second named which will be that in Macmillan's Foreign School Classics. The second, or scientific, course will use *Les grandes Inventions modernes dans les Sciences, l'Industrie et les Arts* par Louis Figuier, Paris, Hachette & Co., and in the second term the periodical *La Nature*.

There will be two courses in advanced French, in the first will be read a novel by E. About, *Le Roi des Montagnes*, and the second volume of the dramatic works of E. Labiche, containing among others the amusing play, *Le Voyage de Mr. Perrichon*. The second course is intended for those who have had already two years of French, and some knowledge of Latin. The first term will be spent in the study of Brachet's, *Historical French Grammar* (Clarendon Press Series,) and early French texts, the second term will be read *Aucassin et Nicolette* (edited by H. Suchier, Paderborn, 1881), and the third term will be devoted to the *Chanson de Roland* (édition classique par L. Gautier, 1881.)

It will be noticed that the above courses are entirely new, and it is the intention of the professor in charge to allow the Sophomore French to be taken as an optional by those who have previously had the French of the second year. It is also his purpose to allow those in the Sophomore year who receive a mark of honorable to take in addition, if they wish, the advanced French of the first course.

CORNELLIANA.

- Six to two suits us.
- One more ERA this term.
- Straw hats are in blossom.
- 'Sh! Lin-pnts are called out.
- Wilson has hats for all, go and see him.
- Battalion Drill and Dress Parade to-day.
- The net proceeds of Field-Day are \$69.31.
- The ERA banquet was a most enjoyable affair.
- Cascadillians have laid out a lawn tennis court.
- Senior examinations, commencing Monday next.
- Next week we publish our index of the present volume.
- The new post office begins to assume shape and comeliness.
- It is reported that eight of our professors will visit Europe this summer.
- Freshmen are practicing up hard, fierce looks in anticipation of coming conflicts.

—Just remember that Wilson can fit you out nicely in any style of hat you need.

—Twenty cents will be paid at this office for No. 9 of the present volume of the ERA.

—Seniors will take the examination in Modern History with the Juniors at the regular time.

—The arrangement of the new schedule of examinations is quite an improvement on the old one.

—President White delivers the address before the Adelpic Union at the Williams Commencement.

—The *Ithaca Democrat* wonders if anything can possibly dampen Cornell's ardor in boating matters.

—Prof. Corson's class in English Literature will be examined Monday and Wednesday of next week.

—Cornell retains her membership in the Intercollegiate Athletic Association for three years at the least.

—The *Journal* excited the ire of one of our professors by a typographical error in an issue of last week.

—Cornell is represented at the Intercollegiate Games in New York to-morrow for the first time in several years.

—It is probable that Hobart will play its return game with our nine next Tuesday, Decoration Day, on the Campus.

—The question is now, whether Uncle Josh will make out to use the new back-stop as kindling wood next winter.

—It has been decided that the successful Woodford competitors shall deliver their productions again at Commencement.

—The University crew will consist of the following: Cowles bow, Holman or Lay, 2, Swartwout, 3, and Tuthill, stroke.

—Our representatives to the Intercollegiate games, Saturday, left Ithaca, for New York, last evening via the Lehigh Valley R. R.

—Anybody who feels disposed to part with a programme of the late Field-Day exercises for a monetary consideration, will confer a favor by calling at this office.

—At the mass meeting of students yesterday noon the action of the Committee in deciding to send a University four to Lake George was unanimously ratified.

—The students in the Entomological Laboratory were invited to spend Wednesday evening last at Prof. Comstock's. A most enjoyable time was the lot of those present.

—The *Harvard Herald* now has a correspondent at Cornell. Last Monday's issue contained the first letter, which was a short sketch of the progress of the University during the past year.

—The following were selected this afternoon to appear at Commencement: C. P. Bacon, E. C. Brown, A. E. Brunn, I. M. Curtis, H. P. Cushing, M. Fowler, W. A. Kent, F. R. Luckey.

—Sage pulpit will be occupied Sunday by the Rev. George Monro Grant, Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. He preached here last year, and, therefore, needs no special introduction to Cornell Students. Born in Nova Scotia in 1836, he was educated at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, where he graduated in 1857.

—Professor Tyler, in closing the work in American History for the year, made a report upon the University Museum of American Archaeology. Some sixteen hundred different articles have already been obtained, a department in the Museum has been devoted to it by the authorities and much encouragement has been received in carrying out the scheme.

—Prof. Røehrig has published through the house of Edward Schubert & Co., New York, a new composition, "Rural Festival." The last composition of the Professor's "Vicissitudes," has had an almost phenomenal success, and the new composition gives still greater promise. The publishers are very urgent that the Professor furnish them his productions as rapidly as possible, for the high musical conception and thought they evince, show him to possess a wonderful ability.

—The entries for the Intercollegiate sports for the events in which Cornell is especially interested are as follows: Quarter Mile Run.—Wendell, Cary, Agassiz, Edmands and Goodwin, Harvard; Symons, Amherst; Carr, Yale; Perot, Univ. of Penn.; Jenkins, Colum.; Chamberlain, Rut.; Ruggles, Cornell; Wilson, Princeton. Half Mile Run.—Goodwin and Trask, Harvard; Prentice, Prin.; Sedgewick, Trin.; Kirkham, Yale; Faries, Univ. of Penn.; Chamberlain, Rut.; Milford, Colum.; Wells, Lehigh; Matthews, Cornell.

—An almost fatal accident occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence of Professor Law. He not feeling well at dinner, took six grains of morphine and administered the same drug to one of his daughters, by mistake for quinine, the bottle which contained morphine standing near that which contained quinine. The evil effects of the poison were soon perceived and physicians called. Emetics were promptly used, and everything done for the relief of the patients, although at the present time we are sorry to say that the Doctor is not yet out of danger.

PERSONALIA.

EUGENE R. CORSON, M. D., '75, son of Professor Corson is visiting his parents in Ithaca.

PROFESSOR LAZENBY, of Ohio State University, formerly located here, was one of the judges at the late field sports of that University.

J. M. BORDEN, '78, recently distinguished himself by winning four races in the Capitol Bicycle Club meeting, at Washington, D. C.

EXCHANGES.

Before resigning our insignia of office to our successor, we desire to offer a few ideas on the college press in general, its importance and tendencies.

Since the time when a man now eminent pronounced college literature "other men's thoughts watered," great changes have taken place in the aims and character of college journals. Then, they were of less frequent issue, and were subjected in many cases to the supervision of the faculty. They abounded in long essays on abstruse subjects, seldom discussed topics of lively interest to students in general, and, in short, supplied no acknowledged want, but simply afforded ambitious young aspirants the pleasure of seeing their effusions in print. The editors seemed to feel that it was their duty to instruct their fellow students on questions of metaphysics and the like. Now, all this is changed, save in the papers of some of the more conservative colleges, which, like the institutions they represent, are content to follow their more energetic compeers at a safe distance. The phrase, the college world, has been used so often of late that much of its meaning is lost. Yet, that the college world is a world apart from that of the strivers for power and pelf, a world where different objects are sought, different passions felt, a world where the student lives in close companionship with Socrates, Galileo and all the great men whose lives have marked epochs in the advancement of the human race, will not be questioned by any one who has given the subject a thought. The college paper is a necessity to the college world. Nothing else accounts for its wonderful development. The ERA has on its exchange list over one hundred college papers, we have been forced to refuse many requests to exchange, and there are doubtless many college papers which never reach our sanctum. The importance of college journalism and even its very right to exist, has been questioned in several articles which have come to our notice during the past year. A contributor to the *Coup d'Etat* sees in college journalism both a cause and an effect of the tendency in American colleges toward sciolism. He writes:

"Lacking a mission—if it does lack one—the cause for its existence is just now too remote for my perception. * * *

It is difficult to conceive of an emergency requiring the existence of the college press, or of a mission which it is peculiarly qualified to fulfill. Is its object the transmission of news? The college world is almost wholly barren of incidents, and the news column of a college paper is as stale as the funny column of a rural weekly. Is it the attainment of literary excellence? The college editor has seldom the ability and never the time to make his paper thus his servant and tutor. Is it to train for active journalistic duties? Admit this claim, and the question recurs, what is it doing in a college course? It is usurping the function of the professional school."

He makes out a plausible case. To us, the fact of the existence of college journalism in its present form, is sufficient evidence of its right to exist. A college paper could no more flourish where there was no need for it, than could any other paper prosper under the same circumstances. Among other "missions," it affords a means by which the students may reach the faculty more directly than in any other way. Where the college paper is fearless in its tone, free to commend or to blame, even though injustice is sometimes done, there is found the spirit of progress. Another useful mission which it subserves is the transmission of news. The college world is not "almost wholly barren of incident," the contributor to the *Coup d'Etat* to the contrary notwithstanding. If it has been his misfortune to pass his college life at an institution where "there is no news," he has our sympathy. Again, college journalism binds together into one common brotherhood the students of the various colleges as nothing else can. Perhaps, its great mission is to entertain. This is evidently the opinion of those who manage the bi-weeklies and monthlies of the great universities and colleges. To this end, these publications have abounded in sonnets, light sketches, etc. Of course, many of them have degenerated into insipidity. The *Brunonian* says:

"The Harvard papers have quite taken the lead in the light-story literature toward which nearly all the best college bi-weeklies have been tending during the current year. It has been found that deep and weighty articles, however well thought out and however well written, fail to command the same attention of the readers as the light, entertaining stories, setting forth some ridiculous situation or recounting some amusing episode."

To our mind the Yale papers have been equally good, with those of Williams a close second. Imitation, that "tribute which mediocrity pays to genius," has betrayed some papers conducted with less ability, whose editors, mayhap, are chosen from a smaller body of students, into pieces more of the milk-and-water type. As an illustration of this, we might mention the *Acta Columbiana*. Even its insipidity is occasionally relieved by some glimmer of wit.

There seems to be a growing, general feeling that this light story vein has been worked until it is nearly exhausted. The discoverer of a new field will be well rewarded. A writer in the *Yale News* recognizes this fact, and suggests a possible remedy. Speaking of the contributors to college literature, he says:

"Hardly one of them has had the energy to get out of the ruts of the common college story. Effective as those ruts may have once been, it is by keeping in them that Harvard is sliding backwards and it is by keeping in them that we shall soon be following her—and that, too, without having once attained so high a position. The difficulty is, men read little in the field they have entered aside from their own productions and those of their equally somnolent fellows. Few of them ever take up Hawthorne, or Irving, or any of the other masters in this field, to make a study of his style before they be-

gin to write. They are content to grope only after the college standard, never heeding whether it be rising or falling. They do not seem to think it possible for them to advance that standard. A good thing appears in the light, nonsensical style; it is at once seized upon, imitated and debased by every imitation until it is a curse to any publication. Editors are powerless to put forth a worthy paper until their contributors will see the folly of their way, and will study masters, not clowns."

SHEAR NONSENSE.

—The Society for the Prevention of Poets proposes to raise the price of poetic license.—*Ex.*

—Teacher to small boy: "What does the proverb say about people who live in glass houses?" Small boy: "Pull down the blinds."—*Institute Index.*

—Professor in Psychology: "We will now show you a singular phenomenon; Mr. F., will you please recite?"—*Berkeleyan.*

—What is the relation of a university to an ordinary college? It is a step-farther.—*Ex.*

—"My daughter," exclaimed a fashionable mother, "is innocence itself. You can't say anything in her presence that will make her blush."—*Ex.*

—Prof. (to Freshman in geometry)—"What is a circle?" Freshman (after reflecting)—"A round straight line with a hole in the middle."—*Ex.*

—Joe—"Jim, you look twice as well since you shaved off your siders." "Jim (blushing)—"Don't pay compliments to my face Joe."—*Tablet.*

"The Senior blacks his boots and elbows up his way,

Makes his little bow and says his little say;
And then he makes another and waits for his bouquet;

While the people clap their hands and the band begins to play. —*Bates Student.*

SPECIAL NOTICES

—Call at Melotte's Dental Office and save your teeth. Prices reasonable.

—Boal has been selling the Bierstadt Artotype Portrait of General Garfield, for some time. It is unquestionably the best portrait of him in the market. Culver Block, Ithaca.

—Dr Howe has the finest Dental Rooms in the city. They are supplied with all the aids to excellent and satisfactory dental work that science and skill have yet devised and perfected. Without taking space to describe the office and its outfit in detail we will close this brief article by simply suggesting that any of our readers who desire to see a well-appointed dental establishment should visit Dr. Howe's. Of the Dr.'s skill it is unnecessary to speak. His experience extending over more than a quarter of a century, is the best compliment that can be paid him. Engagements made by telephone.

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.

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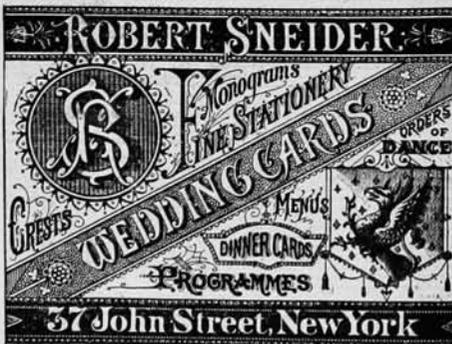
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WITH this issue of the ERA, Volume XIV is finished, and the board of editors for 1881-82 makes its last journalistic bow. In looking back over the year, the ERA can chronicle many changes in the student body, for the most part desirable and praiseworthy. Of our treatment at the hands of our patrons, we cannot complain. Although we have been subjected to the usual amount of criticism, although repeatedly assured of our utter inability to properly conduct a college journal, we have kept on the even tenor of our way, convinced that the major part of the student body appreciated our devotion to Cornell and her interests. Just what we have accomplished it is probably needless to say, but one thing we may be pardoned in taking to ourselves no little credit in bringing to pass, and that is the increased interest in athletic sports of all kinds. In fact, we have devoted much space and time in the interest of athletics, and not only have we talked, but we have taken decisive action. The prompt response of the student body rendered our work profitable. Our relations with the college press have been of the pleasantest. The general tone of college journalism during the year has been especially lamb-like and peaceful. This has not been quite as we would have had it, for one of Cornell's traits is a peculiarly aggressive spirit, and we as students of Cornell have, of necessity, been greatly influenced by it. Our relations with the Faculty have been

quite as we could wish. Although we risked the imputation of being presumptuous, we have not been sparing of comments and criticism when we considered necessary. That our work in this direction has been welcome to the Faculty as representing the voice of the students, we have been abundantly assured.

To the next board of editors we have the pleasure of surrendering the ERA, feeling that into their hands we yield one of Cornell's greatest institutions, and an institution that has not suffered by our guardianship of the past year.

WE are authorized to say that the next ERA board will take charge of Field-Day during the Fall term. The day will be appointed early in the term, the events will be nearly the same as those of the last Field-Day. Ample notice will be given of everything pertaining to the occasion, and all preparations made early in the term. This occasion is taken to announce what may be expected, that students so inclined may practice and train during the coming vacation.

WE hope the Seniors will adopt the custom many classes have, of holding a Re-union three years after graduation. There should be some regular time to which all could look forward when college halls could be revisited together. In all the Seniors' hearts there will always remain a warm place for the University. We hope at the Commencement of '85, the last class in the University that the present Seniors will know, that '82 will assemble in large numbers to recall together the happy days of college life.

A RECENT editorial in the ERA has given opportunity to the editors of the *Williams Athenaeum* to pose in the attitude of defenders of the faculty against the attacks of revilers. Whether this attitude is taken from purely impersonal and disinterested motives we can not tell, but the near approach of examinations and the final report for the year would at least suggest the suspicion that the

worthy editors were making provision for the future. But, be their motives what they may, the *Athenæum* in its argument is decidedly weak. We commented upon the action of Williams' Faculty as set forth by the Associated Press report. It was not our province to question the truth of the report. As editors of a college paper we had the right to comment upon the action of any body of educational men in this country. Furthermore, a recent action of the faculty in question, which was heralded from one end of the land to the other, gave us every reason to believe that that body was capable of taking quite as foolish measures when opportunity afforded. We would suggest to the *Athenæum* that an institution taking such trouble as Williams that every case of discipline be noised abroad through the medium of the general press, might guard against future misunderstanding by a more careful wording of the news items in question.

THE class of '82 has had advantages which many of its members have failed to appreciate. In some respects they have been more fortunate than the class directly ahead and the one just behind it. In its Freshman year it had the good fortune to be here to welcome with the other classes President White home from Europe. Thus the members of '82 saw early in their course what other classes have waited two and three years to see—the face of our President. Then, too, it saw the Woodford competition on a scale of unprecedented magnitude. True, they were unfortunate in this respect, as Freshmen they had to drill, there could be no substitution in the first year. But they could substitute in the Sophomore year for drill, and they were the last class that could do that. When it came to the Junior year, they had Professor Russel's lectures in History which are universally admitted to have been so admirable. It was the last Junior class to hear these lectures. Coming to this year, they are fortunate that they do not graduate until they have had a year of University life under the new and energetic regime. They have had great advantages over '81 in regard to all the new lectures of this year. The work this year has been so profitable that it seems worth all the other three years. It sees a new era of life dawning upon the University. It sees the inauguration of a new course which is destined to become one of the most valuable in the country. It

feels the new life that now permeates the University. Finally, it is most fortunate in being the first class in many years to receive diplomas directly from the hand of the President, and hear his cheering words of Godspeed.

IT is gratifying to note the readiness with which the students respond to the financial calls of the Navy. To tell the truth, it has rather exceeded our expectations, though by no means our hopes. We are rejoiced that there is an awakening to the disgrace we sustain in allowing these old Navy debts to go unpaid. We should think that, if the facts of the case were well known, gratitude alone would urge their payment. For what is now owed is owed to earnest friends who aided boating at critical moments, at times when, had it not been for their aid, financial disgrace would have overwhelmed us. It may not seem just that students who were not here at the time the debt was contracted should have to help pay it. It is unfortunate, but it is better than that our friends should be cheated. It is better so than that our friends should be treated as no friend treats another. We think the students are beginning to realize this. Let us pay our honest debts. Policy, if nothing higher, urges us to it. In the future let Navy debts be deemed as safe as United States bonds, not, as in the past, something to be shy of as of doubtful value. Students in their organizations have too great a tendency to allow bills to run. It is either the result of thoughtlessness or because every one shifts the responsibility on some one else. Neither can exist now. From this time forth let the Navy be on a sound financial basis. We hope to see it reorganized in the Fall, to see the old and useless Boat Clubs abolished, to see the Navy made a student affair, to see it popularized, not, as now, the instrument of a few. But the reorganization should proceed from a sound foundation. The books should be clean, the "bills payable" page should be blank. This is our last opportunity to speak on this subject, and we wish again to put ourselves on record as advocating honesty and system in the Navy.

A word in regard to our crew. While honest differences of opinion may exist as to its ability, yet now that the student body has determined to support it, financial aid must come in. The crew can row much better if it knows it has behind it the

hearty support of the students, expressed in dollars. All thoughts about money they can lay aside, and devote themselves to their work—winning the race. The crew may not win, but let not that discourage us. Remember they row under great disadvantages. But one thing seems pretty certain: if we let a year go by without a race the apathy will be so great the next year that it will be well nigh impossible to arrange a race and raise a crew then. We really think we show pluck in entering this race as we do, and our self-satisfaction should be so great that we should feel willing to expend a few dollars to gratify it.

THE ERA desires to call attention to a subject which is worthy of more consideration than it usually receives. We refer to the subject of drill. Either more should be made of it or less. If the University authorities are ashamed of their required military instruction, and fear that a thorough enforcement of discipline would tend to keep students away from the University, too much time is wasted in the present arrangement. If on the other hand, and we believe this to be the true state of the case, they intend to carry out the design of the government in good faith, it is evident to all that some reforms are necessary. In the first place, there is a general lack of interest in the military exercise. Many students, perhaps the majority, even look upon it as an irksome task, and rejoice when they are relieved from it. This feeling of dislike for the military instruction, rendered obligatory by the government on all who aspire to the possession of a diploma from Cornell University, is most deplorable. It is against this spirit that we wish to protest. All who have given the subject a thought regret it; and it is equally evident to an unbiased mind that the blame for it is not entirely with the students nor with the authorities.

Most of the Freshmen, not acquainted with the true state of affairs, expect to find here a thoroughly organized and well disciplined battalion. When they "right-dress" for the first time they feel a thrill of military pride. This feeling is soon dissipated by the contempt which the Soph shows for any one "fresh" enough to find pleasure or benefit in such an unmitigated bore as drill, and the Freshman thinks that he must "ape the fashions of the hour."

Of course this alone is sufficient to prevent the maintenance of a creditable organization. A feeling of mutual interest between officers and men is the only principle upon which discipline may be preserved where there is no more real authority than here. The present Freshmen may do much to improve the efficiency of this department by an earnest effort to make the best of the inevitable, and the incoming class will follow in their train. The benefit, in various ways, which may be derived from this discipline is not small. A man who drills thoroughly for two years is improved in health, carriage and appearance. He will also learn the valuable lesson of obedience to superior authority because it is superior authority.

There is another side of the subject which deserves attention. While the authorities have shown a progressive spirit in establishing weekly dress parades and battalion drills with music in attendance, there is much left for them to do. Among the most crying of the needed reforms is more thorough instruction. Cadets will drill with more enthusiasm if more enthusiasm and ability is shown by their instructors. Officers should be chosen because of their fitness for their positions, this fitness to be determined by knowledge of the drill and interest in it. It is not conducive to mutual respect for men who may have drilled before entering Cornell, or who feel an interest in the work, to be commanded by officers whose knowledge and military skill is barely sufficient to carry them respectably through a dress parade. Again, a more complete knowledge of the tactics will enable officers to give a little variety to their company drills. Instead of putting Sophomores through the routine in which they were supposed to become proficient as Freshmen, the Zouave drill might be taught to squads of volunteers selected for their ability; the skirmish drill might occasionally be introduced. In short, cadets will like drill when they feel that they are learning something about military affairs; they will never like it, as long as they are put through the same tread-mill three times a week without any variation.

Our military instruction is better now than it has ever been before. The facilities which the new Hall will afford, and a little concerted action, will make it still better. We bring these suggestions before the authorities and the students, in the hope that they may conduce to that desirable end.

THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held last Saturday afternoon at 2 P. M. at the polo grounds, New York city, and was of special interest to Cornellians from the fact that, for the first time in several years, Cornell was represented. As is well known, a representation was necessary this year or Cornell would forfeit her membership in the association. Accordingly it was deemed proper to send two delegates, for the purpose of retaining Cornell's membership, and also in the almost forlorn hope that they might, by good luck, win something. Everyone knows, alas, they didn't. Still there is no need of disappointment. Cornell is now a regular member of the association, and her representatives made a showing quite as good (cold comfort but still comfort) as those of other defeated colleges.

The games were of special interest when compared with our own. The audience was in proportion to the number of entries, about as large and not more enthusiastic than those at Cornell's Field-Day. Of course Columbia showed the strongest in undergraduates, who were by no means unobtrusive, deeming it their highest duty to make a noise and thereby impress upon strangers "what a boss college Columbia is anyhow" as one of her students put it. The whole board of the *Acta* was present, and played the small boy's part to perfection. T. Carlyle Smith was especially prominent, but in every event in which he entered came in last, having stopped too long and too often to admire himself in his nice suit. The undergraduates of the other colleges did credit to their institutions, a yell now and then modestly given, being the only announcement of their presence. The events were started promptly in every case, and even sometimes in advance of the schedule time. One striking feature of the day, was the consideration shown for defeated contestants, and there were many of these since ten or twelve persons were entered for each event. The contests were not closer nor more exciting, as a rule, than similar ones of our own, and, while a great deal better in their results, the improvement generally was noticeable only on the face of the watch, or by the length of the tape. In the tugs of war Cornell might have done exceedingly well and also could have made a good showing in throwing the hammer and in putting the shot. There was the same difficulty in keeping the track clear as is experienced here. Taken all in all the meeting was a success, but one greater than a Field-Day of our own only in the more perfect arrangement of details, the greater variety of events, and the larger number of entries—the two former of which can in our case be easily remedied, even if we do not get our new grounds right away.

The following are the winners of the sports:
 One hundred yards dash: H. S. Brooks, Yale '85, 10 1-5 sec.
 Running high jump: W. Soren, Harvard '83, 5 ft. 6 in.
 One mile run: C. B. Morison, Harvard '83, 4 m. 40 3-4 sec.
 One mile walk: H. W. Biddle, University of Pennsylvania '85, time, 7 min. 44 1-5 sec.
 Two mile bicycle race: E. Morton, Harvard '85, 6 min. 52 2-5 sec.
 One hundred and twenty yards hurdle: J. F. Jenkins, Jr., Columbia '84, 17 3-5 sec.
 Quarter mile run: W. H. Goodwin, Jr., Harvard '84, 53 sec.
 Throwing the hammer: D. B. Porter, Columbia '83, 87 ft. 3 1/2 in.
 Tugs of war: Columbia won in final heat by 1 ft.
 Two hundred and twenty yards dash: H. S. Brooks, Yale '85, 22 2-5 sec.
 Putting the shot: A. T. Moore, Columbia '84, 36 ft. 3 in.
 Running broad jump: J. F. Jenkins, Jr., Columbia '84, 21 ft. 3 in.
 Half mile run: W. H. Goodwin, Jr., Harvard '84, 2 min. 2 2-5 sec.
 Pole vault: W. Soren, Harvard '83, 9 ft. 6 in.
 Harvard took six first prizes, Columbia four, Yale two and Pennsylvania one. This gives Harvard the cup again as she also had six second prizes.
 The record was lowered in the half-mile run and in the two hundred and twenty yards dash.

OUR FOUR.

We shall send to Lake George this summer to row on the 4th of July, as promising a four as we have had in years. It is unfortunate that they have not had the training which we could wish, but time remains, which if improved will allow of a great deal of work. We shall have to meet fours which, from all accounts, will prove doughty antagonists. If all the colleges take part that are expected—Pennsylvania, Princeton, Bowdoin and Wesleyan—there will be an exceedingly interesting race. We have our reasons for wishing to row Wesleyan, for if we remember rightly we once had the pleasure of seeing her stern some distance ahead of our bow on the same waters. Doubtless Pennsylvania wishes to meet us for a like reason. By reference to our data it will be found that only one of the four has had experience, but all the rest are enthusiastic oarsmen, take to their work with vim, and we expect great things of them in the future.

A. H. COWLES, '82, will pull bow. In this position he has rowed for two years, in the Lake George race of 1880, when Cornell won over Columbia and Pennsylvania, and in the foreign races of last year.

Although he has had little to do with the bowman's duty of steering, yet he has a clear head and is not liable to get "rattled," he can doubtless soon get accustomed to it. He was also a member of '81's Freshman Crew, which has furnished the University so many men. He weighs 163 lbs.

W. R. LAY, '85, is one of the candidates for the position of No. 2. He has practiced faithfully in the Freshman Eight during the Fall and Spring. He has a good physique, and weighs about 156 lbs.

S. S. HOLMAN, '85, is another candidate for No. 2. He pulls a strong, clear stroke, has rowed with the Eight all the year. He uses his legs well, but might use his back more. He weighs also about 156.

H. SWARTWOUT, '85, will pull No. 3. He would undoubtedly have stroked the Freshman Eight had they rowed, and is an oarsman of great promise. Although like the others he will reduce his weight before the race he has little superfluous flesh, and is in good condition. He might use his back more with advantage. His stroke has snap and vim.

J. F. TUTHILL, '82, will stroke the crew. He has been a member of '82's crew ever since he has been in the University. He has rowed in several Regattas though not in any intercollegiate race. He is the heaviest man in the boat, weighing about 173 lbs.

E. C. REED, '85, will act as substitute, but is well fitted to take a seat in the boat at any time, as he is in good condition, and has kept up his practice all the year. He has an agile body and distinguished himself as a runner in the one hundred yards dash on Field-Day. His weight is less than that of any of the others, being only about 150 lbs. but he has "snap" to make up for lack of weight.

It will be seen that even after '82 leaves, there will be good material for crews hereafter. There is no use disguising the fact, that this will be a difficult race to win, but we cannot let boating languish merely because we are doubtful of success. While we cannot unhesitatingly predict victory, yet from what the crew have done lately, we feel justified in sending them to compete, we feel that it is not sending them on "a wild goose chase." While it is best not to be too confident, yet we can with reason be hopeful.

But a defeat will by no means destroy the object at which we aim—the building up of the boating interests. It will not prove that our crew is not good; it will not prove that we cannot win next year; it will not prove that we should relinquish boating. On the contrary, it should stimulate us to increased zeal and activity. Then let us look forward to victory, but be not crushed by defeat.

—The *Review* will be published during Commencement week, and will contain the oration and other literary exercises of Class-Day.

MIGNON.

[FROM GOETHE.]

Knowest thou the land where the citrons bloom,
Where the orange glows in the arbor's gloom,
Where the heavenly zephyr softly creeps,
And the laurel towers, and the myrtle sleeps?
Knowest thou it well?

In yonder land
Would I with thee, O my Belovèd, dwell.

Knowest thou the villa with its pillared wall?
The chamber glimmers through the brilliant hall,
And marble statues stand and gaze on me:
"Poor child, what evil has been done to thee?"
Knowest thou it well?

Toward yonder home
Would I with thee, O my Protector, roam.

Knowest thou the mountain, with its cloudy ways?
The sumpter on the misty highroad strays,
In caverns dwells the dragons' ancient brood;
And over crumbling crags descends the flood.
Knowest thou it well?

Through yonder waste
Our pathway runs! O Father, let us haste!

THE SOPHOMORE'S EXCURSION.

"Shall we go down the lake to F—?" said my friend, the Sophomore, one Saturday afternoon. "Yes," I said. He gave a patronizing stroke to his white tile, and we strolled toward the station. When we arrived, the train, *our* train, was fast disappearing round a distant curve; and this was the beginning of our misfortunes. "There is a road on the other side of the lake," said my friend. "Let's go down that side, and cross in a boat to F—." We rushed to the other station. The goddess of ill-luck was propitious. We found a train waiting, sprang on board, and were whirled in its palatial car with slow rapidity along the margin of the lake.

Traveling on this road is absolutely safe. No one is in a hurry. A conductor has been known to back his train three miles to recover a missing lead pencil, and easily make up lost time by increasing the speed to five miles an hour. There was a collision once, but neither of the passengers knew it at the time, as the locomotives merely rubbed noses like two friendly esquimaux. Phœbus had, therefore, driven his band-wagon several degrees down the western sky when we arrived opposite F—, and were deposited at a forlorn-looking spot by the lake's shore, with a station as large as a Saratoga trunk and unable to afford the expensive luxury of a name. I sat down at the shore and waited, while my friend walked a quarter of a mile perpendicularly to the only house visible from the station, in order to negotiate for a boat. The household owned none, but there were people both to the north and to the

south who did enjoy that felicity. We walked one mile by the watch, when we caught glimpses of a house apparently trying to hide in the bushes which fringed the lake. We quickly hid ourselves thither, and were blandly informed that the family ark was undergoing repairs a few miles down the lake. "Were there other boats in the vicinity?" "No," they were *all* being painted. We were evidently regarded as suspicious characters. Remembering that there were other floating palaces south of the station, we bumped back over the ties until, about half way home, we espied a house. There was visible only a woman busy with her domestic duties. "Was there a boat belonging to the family?" "Yes." "Could we get some one to row us across the lake for a consideration?" "Probably, but Mr. Drake was at work in a field half a mile distant." "Mr. Drake" was hunted down, and when at bay he coolly said that his boat leaked like a sieve, and that he narrowly escaped drowning the last time he was rash enough to use it, otherwise he would row us over. "Were there other boats near?" "Yes, a short distance up the lake." We walked a "short distance," and found a boat. There was a house near. We approached. There was a mediæval air about the front door. The sill was at least eight feet above the ground, and there were no steps. The windows were barricaded with the dirty faces of numerous children. We made a flank movement, and reached the rear door. A Chinese embassy would have found less trouble in negotiating for the great wall. The family were apparently deaf and dumb. At length an elderly female with streaming locks appeared. "The boat we had seen belonged to the household, but the Ulysses of this fair Penelope was away from home, and would not return before dark." The door closed several inches at the thought. We were evidently looked upon as cut-throats and robbers. We retired and consulted. Again we approached. "If Mr. Drake would row us over, might we use the only available boat on the shores of Cayuga Lake?" The female of the ringlets "didn't believe Mr. Drake would row us over. He was a 'relation' of hers, and she knew him better than we." "But, if he would?" The elderly femme vanished, held a conclave with the rest of her clan, returned and gave her unwilling consent. The next hour was spent in oscillating like a pendulum between the two families. There was a deadly feud between the house of Drake and the house of the ringlets which had to be settled before any further negotiations could be satisfactorily carried out. The feelings of the Drake faction were finally appeased by the offer of a fabulous sum, and an agreement was made to row us over in the ringlet boat. But when the head of the family of Drake would, he couldn't. The ringlets having hidden the oars, knew nothing about them. "They might have been stolen." We sat down in despair;

but the persevering Drake, with the glitter of his bribe before his eyes, bethought him of still another boat farther up the lake. "Should he get that?" "Yes, get anything." We waited. He finally appeared with a diminutive skiff, and, springing in, we left those accursed shores, let us hope, forever.

For three chilly miles across the lake I bailed that crazy craft in momentary danger of upsetting and filling my shoes at every third dip. At length we reached the shore. It was growing dark. We climbed the hill three miles to F— We refreshed ourselves at a discouraged looking hotel, and, having barely time to make a call before the train was due, started out to take in the objective point of all this misery. The right house was found after considerable difficulty. Miss M— was not at home. We rushed back to the station. The train had gone.

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With combat he is done
In earthly view ;
To us he hath bequeathed,
Mid mem'ries ivy wreathed,
The words his actions breathed—
"Be Firm and True."

Obeying its advice,
Accept we this device
For Eighty two ;
With bared, unfretted brow,
To *Alma Mater* now,
We new allegiance vow,
E'er "Firm and True."

The elm may spurn the earth,
From whence it took its birth,
And skyward grew ;
And rifted shale may fall
From torrent-sundered wall,
Yet we will be in all
Both "Firm and True."

—The Freshman vs. Sophomore game of baseball that was played last Saturday afternoon on the Campus resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 19 to 18. The underclassmen are making great improvement in the national game, as the score shows.

SPRING TERM 1882.

It is the duty of the chronicler now to review the principal events of the last term in the college year. The season has been one full of pleasant occurrences and events of interest to the undergraduate. Athletics, amusements and excursions have consumed the days and nights of many. And so quickly have the days passed by that before we are hardly aware the examinations encourage us to seek seclusion and commune with the books which have been so much neglected during the pleasant days.

APRIL

1st, All Fools' Day—also Registration. The wise wait a few days and get a "Leave of Absence"; 2nd, Bishop Simpson preaches at Sage Chapel; 3d, Instruction begins; 4th, "Much" "gloses up" the *Gast Hous des Universitäts*; 5th, The reign of "No License" and "Birch Beer" commences; 11th, The Cornell University Register positively appears; 14th, Engineers Banquet at the "Windsor"; 16th, Sunday; 18th, Anna Dickinson as Hamlet; 21st, Freshmen cremate O. W. and J.'s Algebra—impressive ceremonies on the Hill, by the Freshmen,—inhaling of Sea Foam in the Valley by the upper-classmen; 24th, Freshmen pay for Sea Foam and breakage. Seniors begin registering for the Spring Term. ERA candidates learn to smile and purchase cigarettes for their friends; 28th, Election of ERA editors for 1882-3.

MAY

5th, ERA editors elect hold a feast for the populus at "Much's"; 12th, Sophomores swing white plugs; 13th, Cornell plays Hobart base ball nine—score, 2 to 4—the latter wins. Everybody feels fatigued; 16th, Cornell Field-Day on the Fair Grounds. Rocky Mountain Cornell Association is organized at Denver Col.; 18th, Base ball, Cornell vs. Union—Cornell 11, Union 10; 19th, Sophomore Excursion to Aurora,—The Cornell yell is given by the students—the inhabitants of Aurora terrified; 23d, CORNELL ERA Banquet at the Windsor; 24th, Base ball game at Geneva—Hobart "crushed"; 28th, Senior Examinations begin,—The detective force re-organized. Owing to the alarming prevalence of Pinkeye among horses, Seniors travel on foot; 30th, Decoration Day, no University exercises,—Cornell base ball nine beaten by the Ithaca nine.

JUNE

2nd, University exercises end,—last number of Vol. XIV, CORNELL ERA appears—everybody feels sad, pays up his subscription and feels better.—Ta-ta.

—The Engineers so far as heard from are very well, working day and night near Seneca Lake. They will return on Saturday night.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CORNELL ASSOCIATION.

The Cornellians of Colorado met at the Windsor Hotel, Denver, May 26th, and completed a permanent organization. The following old Cornellians were present: A. E. Beardsley, '78, W. F. Hildebrand, '74, M. J. Spaulding, '79, Frank A. Maxwell, '78, Walter M. Chandler, '79, Fred E. Smith, '79, Joseph Ness, '78, J. C. Kennedy, '79.

The company met in a special club-room, and the following were elected officers: W. M. Chandler, President; M. J. Spaulding, Recording Secretary; J. C. Kennedy, Corresponding Secretary; F. E. Smith, Treasurer. Arrangements for holding the meeting next year were then perfected. The following were the literary exercises: A toast by W. F. Hildebrand, '74, on "Cornell in early days"; Oration, by W. M. Chandler on "Observance of Law"; Song, "Rig-jag-jig jag"; Poem in prose on the "Cactus," by J. Ness; Prophecy, by J. C. Kennedy; Toast, "Prof. Smith's Baby," by M. J. Spaulding; Toast, "The Cornell Apple Orchard," by F. E. Smith. Many old and familiar college songs were interspersed at intervals, and were heartily enjoyed by all. A vote of thanks was tendered the managers of the Windsor for the magnificent style in which they served the banquet. All agreed that they had enjoyed themselves hugely, and hoped to meet again, wishing that more of the old Cornellians in Colorado might be present.

—M. J. S., '79.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

I, Volume XIV, of the CORNELL ERA, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say:

First—After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to Vol. XV, of the CORNELL ERA, one half a galley of unused Shear Nonsense; one Mathematical Faculty, with a full and complete set of apparatus, including one pair of linen pants, and a large number of O. W. J. Algebras, which might be sold to the Military Department and utilized as wads; one spring poem; a large and carefully assorted collection of dead secrets; several bad debts—rare specimens, and a general supervision of the Assembly Room, hoping that its conveniences will be multiplied.

To the Class of '86, several puns from the Department of Freshman French, slightly worn, including the celebra'ed *grave* and *imperfect* joke, imported directly from Parea for the express use of *Monsieur Poing dans la Poche*.

To the Sage Maidens, Heaven bless 'em, a stock of sunflowers, and a number of Sage secrets never before given away.

To the Department of Rhetoric, the imprecations of the next Board.

To '82 my blessing.

To '83, a little self assurance.

To '84, the championship in athletics.

To '85, temperances pledges and anti-license tracts, *ad libitum*.

To all my friends, my best wishes.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal on the second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

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COMMUNICATION.

To the Editors Cornell Era :

In your report of the last Cornell-Hobart game I do not think justice was done our skillful catcher, Mr. Humphries, who played without an error. Mr. Anderson, who was playing second base without practice in the position, is certainly entitled to credit for several brilliant plays, as well as for long hits to center-field.

Yours &c.,

ONE OF THE NINE.

CORNELLIANA.

—Adieu !

—Fritz this evening.

—Next week the Senior loafeth.

—We hereby throw up the sponge.

—'82 breathes its last in two weeks.

—The *Cornellian* will appear early next week.

—The dress parade of Wednesday was excellently done.

—With this number of the ERA an index of the year is furnished.

—This year is the time appointed for the reunion of the class of '80.

—Don't forget to pay your subscription to the crew before you leave.

—No class statistics this year, other than what will appear in the *Cornellian*.

—Evans' picture of the Library is the finest one ever taken of that room.

—The Campus is taking a "brace" in appearance prior to Commencement.

—Nos. 11, 16, 20 and 25 of the present volume of the ERA are wanted at this office.

—One of Wilson's new hats will be just the thing to wear during Commencement week.

—Members of the Faculty are hereby summoned to report for special police duty next week.

—The Hill Banquet will take place on Friday, June 9th, in Professor Stebbins' room, N. U. B.

—Subscribe to the crew. This is the first time this year, the subscription man has been around.

—It is reported that two students from each of the Latin courses will be elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

—There are two or three of the Field-Day badges yet remaining at Andrus and Church's where their owners must apply for them soon.

—The Mathematical Faculty and Freshman French Department are preparing to recuperate during the summer, while the ERA takes its breathing spell.

—It is reported that some of the noiseless tennis shoes have been ordered for the use of the professors while conducting the examinations this term. A good idea.

—Hon. Wayne MacVeagh will address the Alumni in Library Hall, Wednesday evening, June 14th. This gentleman was secured through the efforts of President White, whose classmate he was in college.

—Scene—Chemical Lecture Room. Darkened while stereoptican views are shown by the Professor. Co-ed. enters, is overcome by the darkness, gropes for a seat and sinks into the lap of a Senior (not a co-ed.) Two people tired.

—The best record in kicking the foot-ball is that of J. B. Gerould of Dartmouth College, with a ten-inch ball, two rods run. Record, 166 feet. The best English record is 161 feet, 9 inches.—*Harvard Herald*. At the Cornell Field-Day, May 16th, 1882, W. F. Hamp, '85, made a record of 177½ feet.

—From an examination of the books of the Sprague Boat Club, it appears that there are about thirty dollars in its treasury. Why can not a joint meeting of the two boat clubs be held, a new organization be formed, and any superfluous money be appropriated to the crew? At any rate let us have the money.

—We are in receipt of a circular letter addressed to the geologists of America in relation to the formation of an *American Geological Society*. Among the signers we notice the name of Professor H. S. Williams of our own University. A report of the progress of the scheme is to be presented at the next meeting of the American Association to be held at Montreal.

—The attention of the class of '80 is called to the class reunion which it was resolved to hold during the Commencement season of '82. It is understood that the committee appointed to make arrangements are engaged in preparation for the event. It is thought that a large number of the class will appear to renew the associations of former days and to do honor to their *Alma Mater*.

—One of our students, while rummaging in a second-hand bookstore in our city a few days ago,

found a curious book. It was a book in French published in Paris over forty years ago, by Professor Rœhrig, on comparative philology, then in its infancy. On the last page of the cover is a list of a half dozen or more of the Professor's books, some then already published, and others about to be published, in the Turkish, French and German languages. Professor Rœhrig had forgotten all about the work, and its revelation has brought back to him many happy reminiscences.

—“The Adelpic Union is to be congratulated upon securing the services of so distinguished a gentleman as President White to deliver the annual address. Not only as President of one of our most flourishing institutions will he come to us, but as a man of wide experience in our politics. It is pleasure to see men who are efficient in the practical demands of life, as well as in the special field of the educator. President White is an example of the scholar and statesman combined, and we are sure his coming will be looked forward to by the students and friends of the college with great interest. — *Williams Athenæum*.

—For the first time in years we now have an opportunity of leaving with none of our various athletic associations in debt. The Base Ball Association now has sufficient funds to pay its obligations, the Gym. is free, and, with a good pull, we can clear off the navy debt, thereby obtaining a clear title to the boat house and its effects. The game is worth the powder and President White, in addition to his subscription of fifty dollars, has promised to give fifty more if we clear off the navy debt. Now, fellow students, brace. Don't let us have to bring Kimbal, the famous debt raiser, here, but let us do it all ourselves. It will be a new sensation to come back with no debt spectre staring us in the face.

PERSONALLIA.

BALLESTIER, '85's class president has left the University.

W. G. SMITH left for his home in Sherburne, N. Y., this afternoon.

WESTERN STARR, '80, has been visiting friends in town during the past week.

A. R. BLOOD, '85, will take a bicycle tour in Europe, during the coming vacation.

PROFESSOR TYLER, and Professor and Mrs. Corson will sail for Europe on the Egypt to-morrow.

EWING, '80, is taking a special course in metallurgy in the University, prior to taking a position as Instructor in the Pennsylvania State College.

EMILE R. SHNABLE, '81, business manager of the ERA last year, was in town for a day or two this week. He now holds an excellent position as civil engineer on the New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railroad.

E. H. PRESWICK and C. S. PROSSER, '83, will join the scientific expedition which Brown University sends out this summer, under the direction of Prof. Packard. Their steamer will sail from Boston, June 22d, and coast along the Atlantic shore as far as Halifax, returning in August.

COLLEGE NEWS.

The Yale Association of Colorado have been establishing a fund to be used by young men from that State in preparing themselves for Yale. — *News*.

On account of the studying done on Sunday, the Vassar Faculty are thinking of changing the girls' holiday from Saturday to Monday. The *Miscellany* objects strongly.

There are men at Yale College from Wales, India, Scotland, New Brunswick, Canada, Turkey, Chili, Japan, Norway, Honolulu and thirty-six States of the Union. — *Ex*.

We very much fear that the number of disputes in the foot-ball field will be astonishingly increased by the new rules. The position of referee will be by no means a sinecure. — *Acta*.

It is expected that the professor of Celtic, who is about to be appointed to this newly-constituted chair at Edinburg University, will begin his work at the next winter session. — *Harvard Echo*.

The New York *Tribune*, after stating that the University of London has admitted lady graduates on equal terms to its "Convocation" and now grants degrees to women, says: "Harvard and Yale are invited to consider this fact."

It is said that the ladies of the Harvard Annex declined an invitation to join the recently organized association of "Collegiate Alumnae," the object of which is to unite alumnae of different institutions for practical educational work. — *Harvard Herald*.

In 1826 the requirements for entering Harvard were, to be acquainted with the Greek and Latin Grammar, to have read the Gospels in Greek, Virgil, Sallust, Cicero, to be proficient in Arithmetic, Algebra to Simple Equations, and to be versed in Geography. The expenses were \$340.50 per annum, board being \$1.75 per week. There were 370 students in attendance that year, Chas. Sumner among them. — *Oberlin Review*.

At Cambridge University Miss Helen Magill, Ph. D., who is a student there, declares that a woman can now do almost all that a man can in all departments, classical and scientific. Almost all the universities and a number of the college lectures are open to women. Miss Magill thinks that for post-graduate study in this country, Michigan University is to be preferred for historical and political science, Cornell and the Institute of Technology for the natural sciences, and the Harvard Annex for the classics

and mathematics. In England, Oxford is to be recommended for English literature and philology, Cambridge is perhaps to be preferred to all other places for mathematics and classics, and both Cambridge and London give excellent opportunities in natural science.—*Harvard Herald*.

EXCHANGES.

The time has come when for us the merry sound of the scissors must cease and the odor of the pastepot shall be no more. Ours has been a peaceful life editorially, and verily, peace is better than war. After the hard-fought campaigns of last year, the exhausted forces have been repairing damages and devoting their attention to internal improvement with most gratifying results.

Our own newspaper experience has been a pleasant and a varied one. Sometimes we have won praise, sometimes censure, and we have endeavored to be impartial in bestowing the like on our contemporaries, giving them the benefit of all doubts. We have considered it better to praise than to blame. Acting on this principle we have been able to see some good in the much abused "Western exchanges," believing that they are not without their usefulness even though it is not evident to the average ex-ed. of the East.

The model exchange editor when he makes way for his successor, feels called upon to inflict upon that individual columns of good advice and instruction as to the proper method of conducting his department, which is doubtless as little read as heeded. We shall forbear and leave him to find those things out for himself, merely wishing for him as pleasant a year as our own has been.

Our day for criticism and being criticised is past. For the last time we smile at *Lampy's* sarcastic wit, laugh over the adventures related in the *Advocate*, *Crimson*, *Record*, *Courant*, and others of the same sort. As a last official act we congratulate the *Athenaeum* on its improved appearance and reconciliation to the *Argo's* existence. The *Scholastic* shall come to us no more, when care oppresses our brain bewildered and wearied by unceasing calls for "copy", with its cheering words of commendation. No more shall the *Vassar Mis.* and her charming friend from Lasell, enliven our dull sanctum. No longer will visions of the terrible T. Carlyle Smith haunt our slumbers. We shall miss them all, and so, a long farewell.

SHEAR NONSENSE.

'85.

Put away his little rattle,
Take his little dresses off,
For he never more will need them,
He has now become a Soph.

—Father, looking over report: "What does this mean, my son—'Must pass another examination?'"
Son: "Well, you see, several of us are trying for first in that branch, and our papers were so nearly alike that we have to try it again."—*Princetonian*.

—A young lady of the "high æsthetic band" in Boston invited a commonplace young man to meet two minds at her home one evening. The c. p. young man responded that he was very sorry that he could not accept, but he had a previous engagement to meet four stomachs.—*Ex.*

—Teacher: "Class in Geography, stand up. What is a strait?" Small boy (next to the foot): "A straight beats two pairs, three of a kind, and generally takes the pot—unless some fellow happens to have a cold deck slipped up his coat sleeve."
Teacher: "Let us pray."—*Hobart Herald*.

Put away the little "rollers,"
Let the sound of cramming hush;
Now has passed examination—
Little Willie made a rush.

Put away the slips of paper,
He has used them quite enough;
Hand to wond'ring Mrs. Brewster
Willie's closely figured cuff.

—*Brunonian*

"Do you love me, sweet?" was the wail he wole,
As he pressed her close to his heart's wild throbbing;

"Does love's fierce tide irrigate your soul?
Is your heart with mine simultaneously bobbing?"
Her soulful eyes flew up to his face,
And pierced his own with their lovely glitter;
Then softly she murmured, with winning grace,
"Do I love you, George? Well, I should twitter!"
—*Transcript*.

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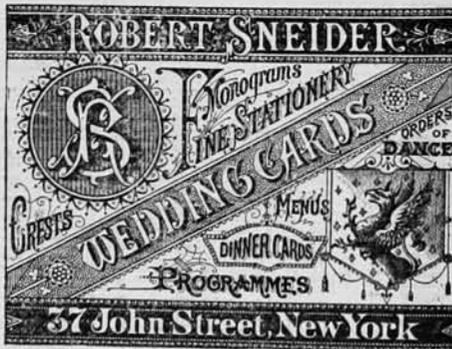
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SUPPLEMENT.

DR. EDWARD FREEMAN, on Thursday evening, supplemented his course of lectures at Library Hall, with a talk which, through the kindness of Professor Fiske, we are able to present to our readers. In this address Dr. Freeman has given utterance to more of his opinions of American Colleges than we have seen printed elsewhere. He has unbent from the conservative position assumed upon his arrival in America, and has shown to the public that he has a genial side as well as an abstruse, philosophical one. Of all his lectures we think this the most satisfactory as an address, though not most valuable as a scholarly production. Dr. Freeman has in this talk disclosed a new phase of his character, and we present it as something different from the conventional Freeman, as something different in tone from anything he has previously said in America. We were pleased to find that in the opinion of so eminent a scholar, Cornell has not expended her money in buildings to the detriment of the quality of her instruction, a charge so often brought against us. But to use his words, "Here on the height above Ithaca the men and the houses seem to grow up together."

DR. FREEMAN'S ADDRESS.

And now, in bringing this course of lectures to an end, I must give a word or two to set forth the pleasure which I have felt in making the acquaintance of Ithaca, its University and its people, and with such a set of hearers as the University and people of Ithaca have given me. I designed these lectures as a strictly academic course, expecting academic hearers only. I therefore took for granted a knowledge of many things which in a merely popular lecture I might have thought it right to explain. But I find that an academic and a popular audience—I would keep

the plain English words and the good English rime of "town and gown," if only the professors and students of Cornell University wore gowns—come here in Ithaca to very much the same thing. The academic element seems to be popular, and the popular element seems to be academic. I certainly did not expect that I should have to address so large a body of the people of Ithaca, of the inhabitants of this lower—city I was going to say on the authority both of several letters so addressed, and of the institution which bears the name of the *city transfer*, only I had it explained to me two days back in the polling-place that the true technical term is *village*. I had looked only for those who occupy what, by physical position though not by antiquity of settlement, I may speak of as the Ithaca akropolis. But it was perhaps befitting that one who has had what I fancy is the unique privilege of speaking to the people of the elder Ithaca in their own tongue should have the privilege of speaking to the people in general of the younger Ithaca, and not to one class among them only, in the tongue which is both theirs and mine. Nor can I say anything against the full carrying out of one Homeric precedent in which the younger Ithaca seems to have soared above the fashions of the elder, and to have sought its model in the court of Olympos itself. It is not recorded of the assembly which came together at the summons of Telemachos, it is recorded of the assembly which come together at the summons of Zeus, that not one of the nymphs stayed away. It is not for me to say whether the feature which especially distinguishes the Cornell University, that which wipes out the long-abiding distinction which has elsewhere given one-half of the human species certain advantages over the other half, is to be an established feature of the Gemóts of the future; it is certain that it was a especially marked feature in the most worshipful of all the Gemóts of the past. And I think I might have begun with a formula borrowed from the oratory of the elder Ithaca—I am sure that the younger Ithaca can stand a line of Greek:

κέκλυτε δὴ νῦν μεν, Ἰθακήσιοι, ὅτι κεν εἶπω.

I am sure that, whatever I have said, you have hearkened to. When I found that the designedly academic tone, for a general audience I might have thought the over-learned tone, of my first discourse, did not stand in the way of regular attendance and evident interest on the part of a general audience; I thought that it would be an insult to that audience

in any way to change that tone. I went on speaking to your whole body as to scholars, because I found in your whole body the attention and the understanding of scholars. But, leaving these little personal matters, it is, even in this land of wonderful growth, matter for wonder and matter for rejoicing too, to see the change which only a few years have wrought. We are used in the Old World to great institutions growing up in the course of ages, and gradually furnishing themselves with the needful buildings as they grow. The ancient way was first to get together the men, and then to build houses bit by bit as the houses were wanted. The modern way seems to be, first to build a big house, and then to see whether you can get any men to put into it. But here on the height above Ithaca the men and the houses seem to grow up together. I do not know whether they both grow the faster because they have lighted on what I suppose must be, unless it be Durham on its peninsula, or Saint Andrews on its seagirt rocks, the most picturesque site for a University to be found anywhere. I certainly can not back Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Dublin, or even Harvard against it on that point. I need not go through the cities of the earth where Universities are to be found by a kind of accident; I suppose that here at Ithaca hardly less than at Oxford or Cambridge, the University has become the characteristic institution of the place. And it may be that, in ages to come, scholars may have to go about to correct the same error which they have to correct at Oxford and Cambridge, the belief that the University was first called into being, and that then the town grew up around it. From what I am given to understand, I find that it takes, in Tompkins County at least, only thirteen years to turn a primæval forest into all that we now see on the academic akropolis of Ithaca. There is a present: we can all see it; I see it very well among the men of no small learning among whom I have been tarrying for ten days back, so that Ithaca is to me something more than a nine days wonder. There is a past, but a past which happily is not yet cut asunder from the present. It is not here as it is in the Roman Church, where no man can be put on the roll of saints till he is dead. It is not here as it is in your federal Union, where it is only the worthies of the commonwealth who have passed away who are deemed fit to have their heads graven on a postage-stamp. But here I walk in the footsteps of one who seems to have reached the rank of a canonized worthy in his life-time. I find a Library, a seat, a walk, bearing the name, not of some hero of distant ages, but of one whom I had the pleasure of receiving in my own home not many weeks back. I feel as if I had been unwittingly like Walter Trel, not in his more famous, but somewhat doubtful performance with the bow, in the West-Saxon forest, but when he en-

tertained Anselm as an every-day friend in his Picard castle. I feel like that most far-seeing of Irishmen who entertained Saint Patrick in the guest of his earthly pilgrimage, and who, when his guest chanced to lose a tooth in his house, treasured it up because in times to come it would be a precious relic. It is written in the great record of Domesday, "*Goldwinus potuit ire quo voluit.*" And it does seem that the bearer of that grand Teutonic name followed by the oldest and worthiest of Teutonic surnames, knows how to carry out that saying in all its fulness. As far as Ithaca is concerned, he has come; he has gone; he has been canonized; but unlike other canonized persons, he comes back at certain seasons to the scenes of his canonization. And you do well to greet with worship either the memory or the presence of one who, worthily renowned as a scholar, is yet more worthily renowned as a champion of moral right, as one who never feared the face of man when there was either truth to be asserted or wrong to be denounced. Thus have you a past and a present, and a past and a present closely intertwined with one another. That you have a future, I may not doubt. And for that future, I would fain throw out certain hopes. I should not be an honest man, I should not be walking in the steps of your hero who has won his apotheosis in his life-time, if I shrank from saying that I cannot be an unmixed panegyrist of some points in your present. One of the greatest inventions of early times, one of the greatest institutions of later times, seems to need a certain development here in Ithaca. I do not fancy that roads were in any age the strongest point of the elder Ithaca. Even in these times a member of the Imperial General Parliament took the trouble to announce to the world through the press of his own country that I who stand before you found it rather hard work to scramble over the craggy foot-paths of that rocky island. But craggy foot-paths are not muddy carriage-ways with deep holes in them, and I venture to think that they are the less evil of the two. And remember how well off the ancient worthies of the elder Ithaca were when they reached the Peloponnesian mainland. Did not Telemachos and his friend Peisistratos drive from Pylos to Sparta in two days? I never quite understood how they did it with Mount Taygetos in the way; but it is plain that they could not have done it at all, if the roads had not been of a degree of goodness which Macadam never surpassed. It strikes me that for purposes of road-making you must have called in, not the old Greeks,

κελευθοποιοὶ παῖδες Ἡφαίστου,

but the modern Greeks and their late—in some parts unluckily their present—oppressors. Truly, here in Tompkins county, here in Ithaca town, I see roads the fellows to which I have never seen except in the dominions of the Turk. I live at home in a county

which is not thought to shine in that matter ; I have known the ancient land of Somerset irreverently spoken of as Swampshire ; but in the matter of mud Somerset cannot hold a candle to Tompkins. Will it be thought ungrateful and disrespectful if I give you a short counsel in three syllables, Mend your ways. In this point it strikes me that, as the men of the elder Ithaca were under the dominion of the suitors so the men of the younger Ithaca must also be a patient and long-suffering race. So it strikes me that they must be in another point, those of them at least who dwell on the academic akropolis. It may be that some of the inventions of modern times are carried to such perfection among you that you can afford to despise certain other. You have the railroad, you have the steamer, you have the telegraph, you have the telephone. Can it be that of your strength has come weakness? Can it be that that this last crowning invention of the telephone has caused you to throw scorn on the earlier device of Kadmos or some other ingenious man of Canaan? Have you become, like my Athenians with whom I started, men of the ear rather than of the eye? Have you carried communication by man's voice to such perfection that you have learned to despise the alphabetic letter written and read? Certainly I never before visited a place where it was so hard a task to communicate with the rest of the world by means of the alphabetic letters written and read. Where in short is the Cornell post office? Never before did I see so many human beings, human beings too who know their A-B-C and some thing more, who know their Alpha, Beta, Gamma, perhaps their Aleph, Beth, Gimel, sitting down so patiently under this strange lack of post-office, letter-box, postman. It cannot be that the monopoly of letters once enjoyed by James, Duke of York and Albany, has made the institution unpopular in the state to which he has bequeathed his two titles. For in New York City, late New Amsterdam, I saw letter-boxes thicker together than I ever saw them in any other part of the world. And I heard only this morning that during your last week of election the number of letters which have passed through the post-office of the Empire City, have been something like the fish of the sea or the children of Israel, a multitude which passes man's power of reckoning. No, the lack is local ; it is not the United States ; it is not the State of New York ; it is the local Ithaca—whether the whole of the local Tompkins I cannot say—which endures to suffer in this sort. I have read in your local papers spirit-stirring appeals, Men of Tompkins, be on the alert. So say I, Be on the alert ; mend your ways below ; set up a post-office above. Or rather, as the chief federal officer of that department was here not many days back, as he went round the Ithakesian akropolis, with something like a triumphal procession, something like the pomp of an olympic chariot race, I cannot but

believe that he marked the lack, and will soon supply it. But it should be soon. In a few days you look to have again among you a famous citizen of Ithaca coming back from a far country, whose acquaintance I made in a country one degree less far off. Let him not come back only to say that the roads and the posts of his native Ithaca, his native Tompkins, lag behind the roads and the posts which he may have seen in Sicily, in Roumania, and in Turkestan.

And now, professors and students of Cornell University and folk of Ithaca in general, let me bid you farewell with many thanks for the pleasant time which I have spent among you, and for the real pleasure which it is to speak to such hearers as those to whom I have spoken on these six evenings.

CORNELLIANA.

—Number three of this years ERA is wanted at this office.

—Cold ! Straw hats and linen pants are now positively called in.

—The verdure on the hills, this fall, has been more than usually brilliant.

—Nothing has been heard as yet from the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association.

—The new register, we are requested to say, will not be published until some time during next term.

—We do not feel sure but that the sign-boards near Sage, "Keep off the Grass," may have a somewhat personal allusion.

—The manuscript of Dr. Freeman's talk will be placed in the Library. We are indebted to Mr. Burr, who kindly copied the article for our use.

—It would be greatly appreciated if some of our delinquent subscribers would remember us in a substantial way. Printers, we find, can't live entirely on promises of editors.

—It has been suggested, inasmuch as boating seems to be on the decline here and Rugby in the ascendant, that the annual hop usually held in the winter term, be called a "Foot Ball."

—We are pleased to note the effort to resuscitate the old Whist and Chess Club. Many students have signified their willingness to join, and the project is in a fair way to become more than a scheme.

—The Dress Parade on the campus yesterday did not pass off as smoothly as possible, but this was owing, no doubt, to the fact that it was the first time such a thing had been participated in by the majority of the cadets.

—It has been remarked that there was a marked improvement in the seating at Dr. Freeman's lecture, after the ERA's growl of last week. The ERA is just conceited enough to think that its efforts brought about this improvement.

—A reckless young fellow named Schmidt,
By a mad dog was severely bchidt.

He went to a quack
To be saved from the rack,
But in vain ; he soon died in a fchidt.

—It is commonly supposed that the boys tore up the bridge next to Professor Prentiss', on Hallow e'en night. While they did do enough in the destructive line, we must say that this they did not do. The University authorities tore up the planks to repair the bridge.

—Professor Corson, in his lecture on Friday, suggested the idea of a class for the special reading of Tennyson. This proposition of Professor Corson to meet a class for the discussion of some of Tennyson's poems, we think will meet with general favor by many students.

—Some one kindly left a hundred or so temperance tracts in the library a day or two since. A Freshman suggested that it would be a good plan to join to each tract a copy of the "Rules for Guidance of Students," so that at least by the close of the Senior year, a little temperance might be infused into the students.

—There are excellent probabilities that by next year an excellent stone bridge, with a broad driveway and wide walks, and also with stone parapets on each end, will replace the wooden structure answering the purposes of a bridge, adjoining Professor Prentiss'. Good chance for some '83 Senior to write a thesis on practical bridge building.

—Several mornings during the past week the students in one of the Mathematical sections have had to wait in the hall and in the cold, till the professor came and unlocked the door. This, it seems to us, would be a first class excuse for cutting. At any rate, why keep the door locked? Nobody ought to want to steal anything in such a room. The secrets of the trade are all safe, with the door open.

—About a year ago a School of Political Science was founded at Columbia, and Michigan University has lately followed the example of the former college.

—*Crimson.* Our two years course in History and Political Science has yielded such satisfactory results that it will next year be changed to a four years course. This enlargement of its scope will doubtless necessitate some additions to the faculty, already a strong one.

—We noticed, the other day, on the faces of nearly every Freshman, in one of the Freshmen French sections, an unusual paleness. They all seemed faint. We hurriedly asked one what was the matter. He sank to the ground and simply murmured, "*grave* mistake," "*imperfectly* done." These jokes (?) are being almost daily forced into the Freshmen. Do hurry up that hospital, and save

us from a fearful pestilence caused by ghastly professorial puns.

—At the next meeting of the Tompkins County Medical Society, to be held at the Temperance Union room, over 27 East State street, on Wednesday, 16th inst, at 2 p. m., papers will be read by Dr. W. Newcomb, on an undescribed form of bronchial and hepatic disease observed on the Sandwich Islands ; by Professor H. H. Breneman, on water analysis, with local applications ; and by Prof. S. H. Gage, on recent modifications of the cell-dochrine, with illustrative preparations under the microscope.

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A forward-march,
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A to-the-rear-march young man.

An on-right-into-line young man,
A right-oblique young man,
A double-time,
A cover-in-file,
Right-front-into-line young man.

An order-arms young man,
An inspection-arms young man,
A fix-bayonets,
A charge-bayonets,
A rear-open-order young man.

A recover-arms young man,
A fire-by-squad young man,
A right-shoulder arms,
A support-arms,
A forward-guide-right young man.

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An incline-to-the-right young man,
A fours-right-about,
A rally-by fours,
A continue-the-march young man.

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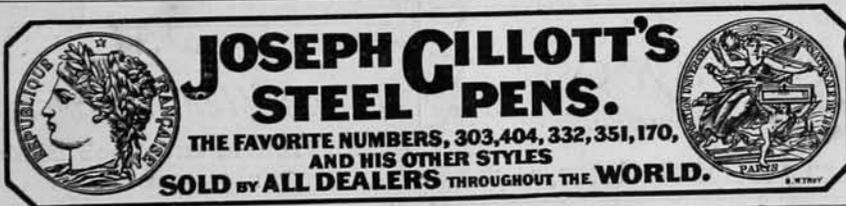
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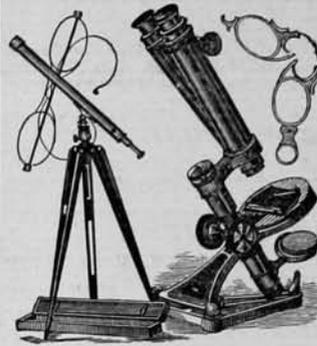
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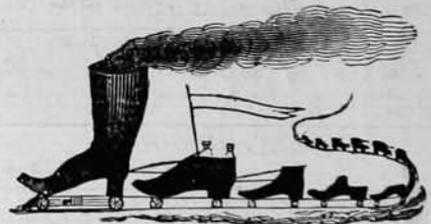
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