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Life is but a day at most,
Sprung from, in darkness lost;
Hope not sunshine ev'ry hour,
Fear not clouds will always lower.

—Burns.



WE are happy to learn that Gen. B. F. Butler is making great plans on being with us at commencement. His coming is assured, and he is enthusiastically engaged in preparing an oration which no doubt will be edifying to all. He will probably make the trip in his steamer up the Kennebec, accompanied by quite a large party of friends. Let all be prepared to give this noted alumnus a most hearty greeting. —*Waterville Sentinel.*

Those who are interested in the commencement so near us will be glad to learn the above.

Gen. Butler's presence will give a new charm to the exercises. No doubt the opportunity, thus offered, of hearing this famous orator will be a strong inducement for the undergraduates to remain at the college during the closing week of the year. May it also be a special reason why many alumni shall gather at their Alma Mater!

THROUGH the kindness of Prof. Rogers we are enabled, with this issue of the ECHO, to furnish our readers with the cut and general description of the Shannon Observatory and Physical Laboratory. We are also able to state that the plans for the building were made by Stevens & Cobb, architects, of Portland, and that the work of erection will soon be begun.

For this new building Colby is indebted to the munificence of Col. Richard C. Shannon, Esq., of New York city. Col. Shannon was a member of the class of 1862.

The college has long felt the pressing need of such a building. For, as a matter of fact, the work carried on in the departments of Physics and Astronomy has necessarily been unsatisfac-

tory to both professor and students because of the need of sufficient room. We are not, however, complaining of the past, for we believe that the very best possible under the circumstances has been done. But we are only too glad to leave the old quarters for the new, and we never expect "to cast a sigh behind" for the days of old lang syne.

The heart of the loyal graduate, as well as that of the undergraduate, must swell with joy, and with pride even, when he considers the advantages that this new building will give to Colby. To us, indeed, who are undergraduates, it gives fresh inspiration and serves to cement our hearts the more closely with the Mother heart. It awakens anew and quickens our interest in all that pertains to the college of our choice.

The star of Colby climbs ever higher into an unclouded sky; and the circle of her influence keeps widening.

IN connection with the preceding editorial it seems that the following from Prof. Elder's pen will not be out of place. Let the moneyed alumnus who reads it remember the Shannon gift and be ———.

During the past fifteen years there has been a steadily increasing demand, on the part of students of Colby, for enlarged facilities for the study of Chemistry. At the beginning of that time the college had no laboratory, no place for laboratory work in its course.

The desire of our students for practical instruction was so great that an unoccupied room was fitted up with rough tables and simple apparatus, and a short course given to such as were willing to give their time, and pay for the chemicals used. The work was kept entirely outside college study hours, confined to half-holidays. Instruction was given by lectures, each followed by three hours' continuous work in the laboratory, during which each student performed experiments which had been outlined. The work was carried on under the direct inspection of the instructor, with the same rules of order as for regular college studies.

From the time this course was begun until it was placed among the electives, at the creation of a new department, it was never interrupted. From one-half to three-fourths of the members of each class gave up the half-holiday to secure the instruction. Often the number desiring it was greater than could be accommodated.

This course, much enlarged, is now offered as an elective. Besides the number of undergraduates desiring it each year, several graduates,

(two from other colleges and six from our own) have pursued it. Special students have applied whom we were unable to take for lack of room.

This is the want that presses on the department, and from which it suffers greatly. The rooms now used as a laboratory were not originally planned for that purpose, and could not be made suitable for it. They are too small for the classes—scarcely large enough for one-third of the average number.

It is admitted by every one that a recitation room, in which a class is to remain for an hour, ought to be commodious and well ventilated, with a liberal allowance of space for each individual. In the laboratory a class works three hours, often more, continuously; works, frequently, with substances whose odors should not be breathed. If the room is properly constructed, with high ceiling, abundant floor space, well ventilated closets, the air in it may be kept as pure and wholesome as in the best planned class room. If it is small, and not fitted with the required appliances, this cannot be done.

The college is in urgent need of a Chemical Laboratory, large, well constructed, well furnished, with all the lecture rooms required by the department under the same roof. As the years pass, and the college course is widened by the creation of new departments and addition of new branches to the old, this want is felt more and more. Since this paper was begun, two graduates, already known as successful teachers, have applied for advanced instruction in Chemistry in the line of their own teaching. Such students cannot be accommodated without infringing on the rights of undergraduates.

The department of Geology and Mineralogy is also overcrowded, and requires all the space in Coburn Hall. Colby has many friends who know how to appreciate what it has done, and is striving to do. There are many who feel a deep and generous sympathy for industrious and worthy students in their struggles to obtain the training that shall best fit them for places of usefulness and influence. Surely among these is some one able and willing to give the college what it so greatly needs,—a Chemical Laboratory worthy of its high aims.—*Lewiston Journal*.

THE base-ball season of the Maine college league has practically ended. The playing all around has been a continual surprise—to us, at least. The Bowdoin, whose ecstasy rose *ad astra* over the result of the first game, have fallen from their lofty height. When the first four games had been played, our own hopes were reasonably raised, but how cruelly have they been dashed to the ground! The M. S. C.s have succeeded in getting the second posi-

tion, because of the poor playing of her opponents. The Bates have proved conclusively that base-ball playing does not depend so much upon chance as upon hard work and a skilful arrangement of men. They have shown that indomitable spirit which deserves to win, and indeed which has won. Bates, we congratulate you!

Although defeated, we are not disheartened. Nor have we concluded that Colby has not as good base-ball men as the other colleges of Maine. Let next season verify our words.



In blushing June on evening's calm
When winter's chill is gone, he
Oft takes the maiden on his arm
And hies to the Messalonskee.

It rains.

Senior vacation.

The Juniors will have Presentation Day.

The *Oracles* will be out the first of next week.

Commencement June 30th, July 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Dr. Pepper spoke at City Hall on the eve of Memorial day.

The Salem Cadet Band will furnish the music for commencement.

Parlez vous Francais? Oui. Monsieur Pierrol m'enseigne comment.

Wyman, '89, was absent the last few weeks before the Senior examination.

Prof. Hall has resumed his Thursday morning lectures to the Juniors on the German literature.

The ancestral mowing machine has made its annual visit and the campus has been shorn of its hay crop.

The Bowdoin ball team passed through Waterville June 11th, *en route* to Bangor, to play with the M. S. C.s.

The ladies of the University on Memorial day had a boating excursion up the Messalonskee and a picnic dinner.

A Colby student not long ago was engaged in conversation with his best girl's father when

a wicked wag across the way had the audacity to shout to him, "No chinning the umpire."

Monsieur Pierrol of Paris, France, is teaching a class of the boys in French pronunciation. He follows the conversational method.

The afternoon following the Senior examinations the Senior nine played the Freshmen and were beaten. The score was 17 to 16.

The design for Field Day programmes was executed by C. H. Pepper. The prizes are on exhibition down town at Tucker & Larrabee's.

The Senior speakers for commencement are Miss Parmenter, Messrs. Burbank, Farnham, Frye, Owen, C. H. Pepper, Stevens, Woods and Wyman.

A large jam of logs has collected on the falls near the lower end of the campus, and river drivers have been working with dynamite to break it.

It is said that Hon. B. F. Butler, our commencement orator, will come from Boston in his yacht "America" and sail up the Kennebec as far as it is navigable.

Several letters were received at the college which passed through the railroad accident near Oakland on Monday. They had been well soaked in the muddy water, but were legible.

Prof. Small will return from Johns Hopkins University about the 15th of June. On May 29th he delivered the address before the graduating class at Wayland Seminary in Washington, D. C.

What are these which are arrayed in black robes, and whence came they? They are the Seniors, sir, which have come up through four years' tribulation and clad themselves in the cap and gown.

An oil painting of the late Prof. Moses Lyford of Colby was received at the library last week. It was painted by Frank W. Benson, of Boston, and presented to the college by Mrs. Lyford and her son, E. F. Lyford.

Sampson, '89, is in Boston through the Senior vacation visiting the public schools and studying their methods. Putnam is at Deep River, Conn., taking examinations for the high school there, which he intends to teach.

The popular songs sung so much at this time of year about the college show up the excellent voices that are here. One might ask why we do not have a glee club. Surely material is not

wanting, least of all for good tenors. With a little practice a good quartette might be organized.

King, '90, is helping Prof. Bayley arrange the geological specimens. The state collection has been cleaned and labelled so that they present quite a different appearance from that when they arrived. A few more specimens remain which cannot be placed on the shelves, for want of room.

In the midst of the excitement when the victims of the railroad disaster were brought to Waterville, "Carl," our news reporter, was on hand, and in spite of all attempts by the officers to keep the crowd at a distance he "got there." He had heard of the accident while at Fairfield and came down to get the points.

The Athletic Association voted to send a challenge to a tug o' war team at Bowdoin to come up on Field Day and pull with the Colby boys. Hurd, Leadbetter, Stoddard and Wyman, '90, pull for the Colbys. Their total weight is 598 3-4 pounds. The weight of the Bowdoin team is not to exceed 600 pounds.

All the bids for constructing the new Laboratory were found to be larger than the appropriation and were refused. The architects have been instructed to remodel the former designs so that \$12,000 will cover the cost of the building.

The wheezy organ bellows are rather a painful accompaniment to our morning devotional exercises. It seems to us that the exercises would be much more impressive if in some way the water motor could be stopped or ungeared after the singing.

Manager Putnam forfeited the game of base ball with the M. S. C.s scheduled for June 8th at Orono. Three of the players are away, and the travelling expenses of the team to Orono would have had to be paid, without any possibility of raising our standing in the league.

Osgood, '92, has been photographing some objects about the college. A few nights ago all were invited to the reading room "where your picture could be had for nothing," and a flash light photograph was taken. He has views of 'The Lion of Lucerne, The Dying Gaul, of the students as they were going to chapel, and others.

The order of exercises for commencement week will be as follows:

Sunday, June 30.—Baccalaureate sermon by the President, at 2.30 P. M., at the Baptist church. Annual sermon before the Boardman Missionary Society and Young Men's Christian Association, by Rev. L. C. Barnes, of Newton Centre, Mass., at 7.45 P. M.

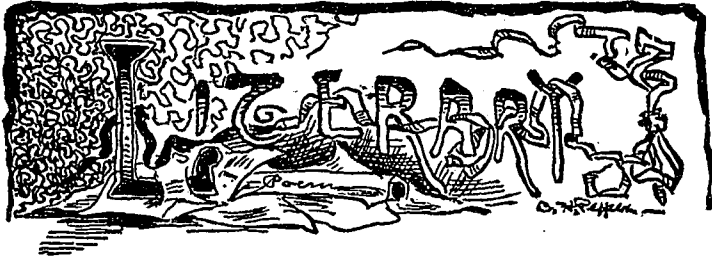
Monday, July 1.—Presentation Day, exercises of the Junior class at 2.30 P. M., on the campus. Junior exhibition at 7.45, at the church. Meeting of the Board of Trustees at Champlin Hall, at 7.30 P. M.

Tuesday, ~~June~~ ^{July} 2.—Class Day exercises at 10.40 A. M., at the church; at 3 P. M., on the campus. Annual meeting of the Alumni Association at Alumni Hall, at 2 P. M. Anniversary oration by Hon. Benjamin F. Butler, LL., D., (class of 1838) of Boston, Mass., at the church, at 7.45 P. M.

Wednesday, July 3.—Commencement Day. Exercises of the graduating class and conferring degrees at the church, at 10 A. M. The procession forms at Memorial Hall, at 9.30. Commencement dinner at Alumni Hall, at 12.30 P. M. Library and cabinet open to visitors from 3 to 5. President's reception in the evening at Memorial Hall.

A a lecture recently, Prof. Hall exhibited to the Juniors three very interesting German books. Two were written on parchment, about the year 1325. The work was done very neatly in German type and at a great expense of time. The professor informs us that two pages were considered a good day's work for an average penman. The preservation of the color of the ink and the fine quality of the parchment are remarkable. One is a book of homilies, the other a collection of sermons. The headings and titles are written in red ink and the subject matter in black. On the margin, in blue ink, are frequent attempts at ornament in a sort of arabesque. In neatness the page equals that of modern books. The parchment is much finer than any made at the present time. The third, a book of moral essays, was printed on paper in 1492 and bound with thick oak covers. All are about the size of a common text book. The book of sermons has frequent marginal notes which were added at a later date in pale brown ink. Probably the sermons, which are in the Latin tongue, have been preached hundreds of times by Catholic monks. Prof. Hall purchased them at an old monastery while in Germany.

The different athletic teams at Cornell were recently required to pass a rigid examination to see what effect athletics have upon scholarship. The averages were as follows: Crew, 70; base ball team, 73; track athletes, 76. It was also demonstrated that the per cent. of athletes who graduate at Cornell is greater than the per cent. for the entire university.



ON IDLENESS.

"Pray, of what did your brother die?" the Marquis Spinola asked of Sir Horace Vere. "He died, sir, of having *nothing* to do." "Alas!" replied Spinola, "that would kill the best of us."

The results of idleness can only be insinuating, disgraceful and ruinous. It is not the least among the many influences which destroy character. We would not be understood to imply that all one's time should be employed in hard work; far from it. But this much we would say, that only such sports should be chosen as will give the mind a healthy activity; and that, since the mind never rests, it ought to be one's constant aim to direct and aid this ceaseless energy within along the channels of truth and virtue.

Many persons sigh for the higher attainments and then relapse into a state of dullness, without even putting forth an effort to reach the wished-for goal. It is well to look to the higher life with its endowments, for it seems to be a principle of our nature so to do. But such glimpses ought to stimulate our energies to greater activity, and not cause us to feel that men of genius were born of different material than the ordinary mortal.

Genius has been defined as "hard work." To be sure hard work alone never made a man a genius, yet it is just as true that no man ever became a genius except by hard, unceasing toil. Of what would Mozart's musical ability have availed had he surrendered himself to idleness? Of what use would have been the inventive genius of James Watt, the creative power of Shakespeare, and the political aptitude of James G. Blaine had they in early life concluded that the sphere of greatness lay beyond their capabilities? Nothing at all.

In a large factory near Philadelphia two men worked at the same bench. Each had an hour of leisure at noon. Each spent this hour in accomplishing a definite purpose—the one sought to work out an invention; the other tried to teach a dog to dance a jig while he played a

tune. Each gained his end. The former became rich, while the latter bewailed the fate that made him poor. He blamed fate, forsooth, for what he did himself.

Socrates has said, and wisely: "He is not only idle who does nothing, but he also who might be better employed." The man who taught the dog how to dance a jig may have been successful as far as the dog was concerned, but he might have been better employed. He benefited neither himself nor his fellow-men. He was, therefore, idle.

Well has it been said, "An idle brain is the devil's workshop," for who can sum up the evil occasioned by idleness? It has brought disaster to many a home. Its shackles are strong; its influence a cyclone causing ruin and death.

The ship in the storm will steer better than the ship in the calm. So the man full of energy and hungering to do something is less likely to drift on to the rocks and make shipwreck, than the man whose hands find nothing to do, and who is "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine" because of his idle habits.

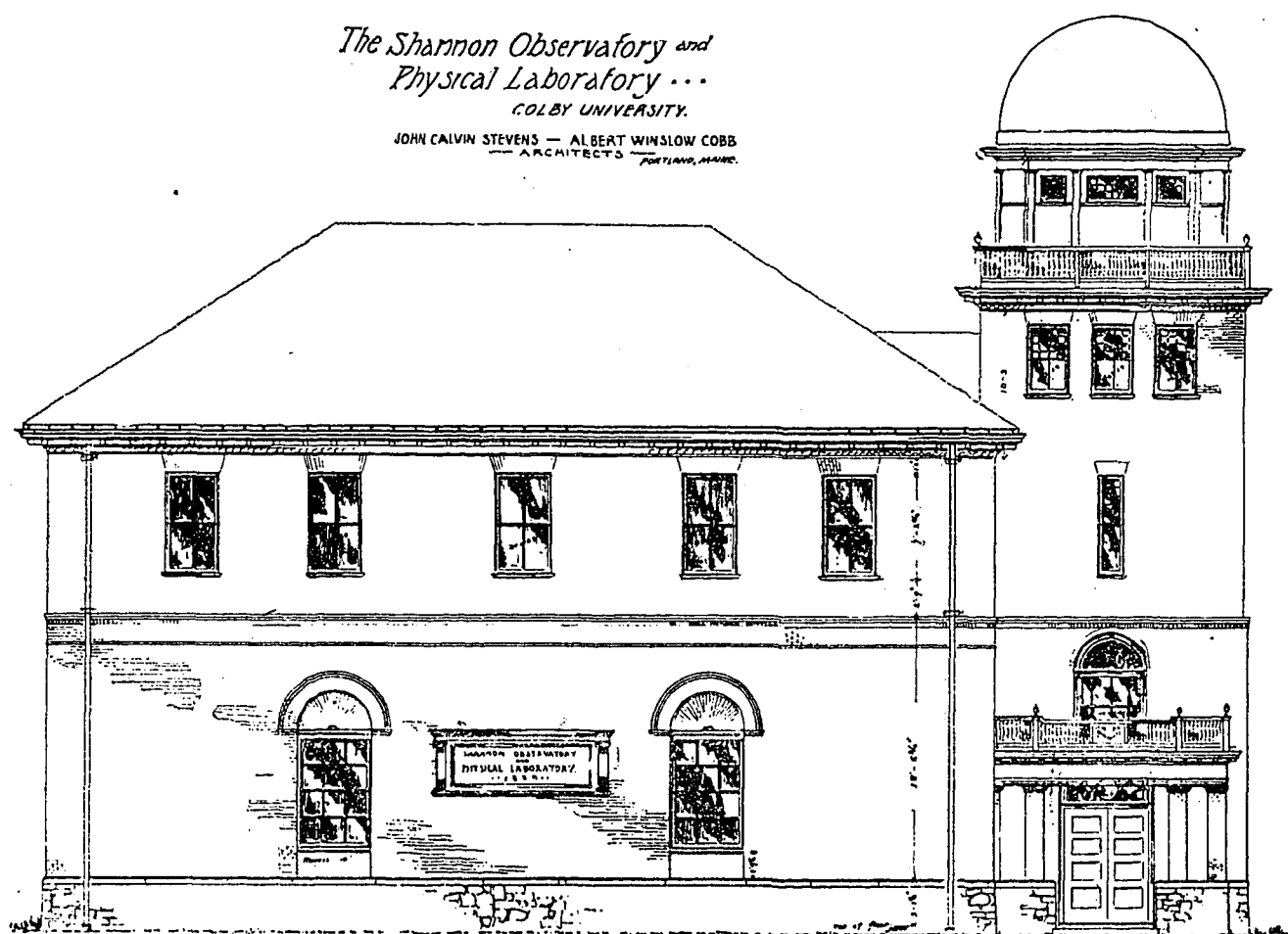
H. R. Hatch

ON RECEIVING A LETTER.

WHY does she not write? This was the question which I had been trying to answer for three days, but each attempt simply brought me back to the original question. For three days I had waited at the post office while the mail was being distributed, in daily expectation of receiving a letter from "my girl." Each day I slowly and sorrowfully returned to my room and tried again to answer that question, which now haunted me both day and night.

The third evening was cold and a bitter wind drove the newly fallen snow in clouds through the air. Would it not be useless for me to tramp through the drifts and breast the storm? She had not written and she probably did not intend to write. Yet there might be a letter, and it would never do to let it remain in the box over night. Thus I reasoned and set out for the post office. After a hard walk, nearly frozen and convinced that I was foolish to make the attempt, I reached the office.

My spirits went from zero up to blood heat when I saw a letter in my box. My fingers were no longer stiff; they nimbly fitted the key, grasped and opened the envelope, and through the frost from my breath I read: "Welsh's Eng. Lit. etc., now due. Yours,
"E. W. HALL."

*Front Elevation*

IT will be seen from the front-view drawing of the Shannon Observatory and Physical Laboratory, which we give in this issue of the ECHO, that the new building will present a fine appearance upon the campus. It will be located along the line of the bank, about 125 feet north of the Gymnasium and a little nearer the river.

The dimensions of the main building are 68x40 feet. The outside dimensions of the tower, which projects from the north end of the building, are 20x18 feet. The height of the apex of the dome above the ground is 64 feet.

While the principal object of the tower is to secure entrances to the main building and to afford an independent support for the dome, it is designed in such a way as to add to the architectural appearance of the entire building. There are, however, two rooms in the tower which will serve a useful purpose in connection with experimental work in photography and photometry. There is also a commodious waiting room with an outside balcony, which is situated directly beneath the room covered by the dome, and which can be kept at a comfortable temperature during the winter without seriously affecting the temperature of the observing room above. The dome has an inside diameter of 16

feet. It will accommodate a telescope of 10 inches aperture. No provision has yet been made for an instrument which is adequate to the needs of the department of Astronomy. The present telescope has an aperture of only 4 1-2 inches. A refracting telescope having an aperture of 10 inches and fitted with all the modern appliances for celestial observation will cost about \$3,600. Since the college already owns an excellent chronometer and chronograph, no additional expense would be required to place the observatory in first class working condition.

The upper story of the main building consists of a large lecture room, which is also conveniently arranged for laboratory work. There are also two adjoining rooms on the north side, one of which will be used for special investigations in Physics by advanced students and the other as a store room for apparatus.

The first story consists of a single room, 56 feet in length, 30 feet in width and 16 feet in height. This room will serve the double purpose of affording ample accommodations for experimental work in Electricity, and of providing for the special investigations in Meteorology in which Professor Rogers is engaged. It is insulated from the outside air by a brick

wall 10 inches in thickness, which completely encloses the main room, leaving an air-space between the inner and outer walls which is 2 feet in width.

In the original plans, an underground room having a clear height of 10 feet was provided for, but as the lowest bid for the construction of the building was over \$16,000, it was found necessary to reduce this room to a single cellar.

The contract for the entire structure has been let for \$14,000, including the boiler and engine houses, which will supply both heat and power to the main building. This sum does not include the cost of equipping the building, which is estimated at \$3,000.

It will be seen that the building is absolutely fire proof, as far as heating is a source of danger. It is the present plan to light the building by means of a storage battery of 50 cells, giving 40 lights of 16 candle power lode. The charging of these cells will require the duty of a 5 horse power engine running for about 5 hours twice a week when the lamps are used 4 hours each day.

There will remain, therefore, an abundance of surplus power required for experimental work. By doubling the capacity of the battery all of the recitation rooms of Champlain Hall and of Coburn Hall can be lighted with comparatively small additional expense.

It will be seen from this brief description that the new building will add materially to the facilities of the college for instruction in the department of Physics and Astronomy.

A SMUGGLING ADVENTURE.

MANY of the cities on our borders are so intimately connected with the cities in the Provinces that all difference of nationality is virtually abolished. Where there is a constant interchange of commerce and where the people almost belong to one country and one city there are sure to be many articles conveyed across the line without the knowledge of the customs officers. Indeed it might perhaps be difficult to find many persons in either city who would hesitate to purchase necessary articles in the adjacent city, across the boundary line, conceal them beneath a coat or shawl and walk unconcernedly past an officer of the customs service. The profits of smuggling are so large that very often the merchants are led to secretly

convey dutiable merchandise across the boundary line. It was in an attempt to thus evade the law that the following adventure occurred.

On one Friday morning in the winter of 1888 news came that an invoice of English goods had arrived in ———. As it was already late in the season and there was a great demand for certain of the articles it was important that the goods should be placed on sale the next morning. The regular smuggler was sick, so my brother and myself volunteered to bring the goods across the bridge that very night. To add to the danger of the exploit a large seizure had recently been made by Jack Donus, the most expert custom officer in the county, and he and his fellow officers were on the alert for other catches. As we afterwards learned, he had received notice of the arrival of our invoice and was expecting us to transfer them that evening.

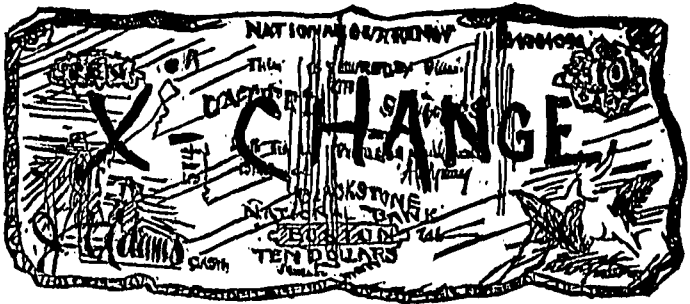
At about nine o'clock in the evening we hired a smart horse and spent the early part of the evening in riding. By eleven o'clock the officers had left the bridge, the passers-by were few, and the moon had become obscured by clouds. We were in high glee over our intended lark, and as we sped over the snow we were confident that we were not watched. We proceeded to the house where the goods were concealed and succeeded in filling the sleigh without being detected. As we drove from the yard a team which had evidently been standing about two hundred yards away suddenly started in haste towards the lower bridge. This looked suspicious, and, lest trouble should ensue, we decided to attempt the passage across a bridge about two miles above the lower and more frequented bridge. The two miles which intervened between the two bridges were passed leisurely so that the suspicions of those meeting us might not be aroused.

When the bridge was reached everything seemed favorable to us. The toll house was closed, not a person was to be seen, not a sound was heard except the jingling bells and the swift water splashing against the piers of the bridge. We had reached the American end of the bridge when the silence was broken by my brother who whispered, "There's Jack."

Sure enough in the dark, hiding behind the toll house was Jack Donus and his black horse. This reversion of our fortunes was so sudden

that it almost deprived us of the power to act. Even then we might have escaped unrecognized, for my brother wore a fur overcoat whose collar concealed his face, and I had succeeded in keeping myself in his shadow, had not the clouds rolled away from the moon and rendered concealment impossible. Although not a word was spoken, yet we knew we were discovered. Our only hope lay in flight. I snatched the whip and struck the horse. Away we went over a level road, up a steep hill and down to the level without lessening our speed. Behind us, each minute drawing nearer, came Jack with his famous racer. Our horse could go no faster, and after we had gone about a mile it was evident that in a short time Jack would be abreast of us.

We had passed down the long hill to Middle-land and were nearly to the top of Shorn's Hill when, close behind us, we heard Jack order us to stop or he would shoot, and in his hand a revolver glistened in the moonlight. The words were hardly spoken when my brother gave me the reins, jerked the whip from my hands and gave Jack's horse a cut over the back. He leaped forward and with lightning speed plunged wildly into the darkness. At the next turn we left the main road and reached our destination by a short cut, unloaded our goods and returned the team without seeing anything of the officer.



"Johns Hopkins University" is the subject of an article in the May number of the *Oberlin Review*. The merits of the institution are forcibly discussed.

The *College Courier* pays an eloquent tribute to the memory of Prof. Ed. F. Reid. "Rarely do we find in college journalism more fitting and more tender language than that published in this paper in memory of this truly great and honest man.

We clip the following from the *Undergraduate*:

"An educated fool is a man that leaves college with a big load of dried specimens on his

back, and then grumbles because people won't carry him to Congress, pack and all, in a soft bed and daddle him into a great man. No wonder he sleeps in the street; the place for an education is inside a man, and thought is the need of the hour."

The May number of the *Miami Student* contains the prize story, "The Stranger at St. Agnes," written by C. F. Brookins. It is a bright, skillful production. "The Small College" is the subject of a short, spicy article in the *Campus*. The writer justly upholds the system of physical training as necessary for the best results of college education. He claims, and, indeed, rightly, that the small colleges have exerted a powerful influence upon the people and country.

The *University Mirror* indulges in remarks not very complimentary regarding college fraternities. While the argument may apply to college fraternities in some particular locality, yet we believe it to be inapplicable to the majority of college fraternities. It may be well, however, to notice the writer's views upon the subject, which are, in short, as follows:

"The college fraternity takes away the spirit of independence.

"The influence of the college fraternity is mischievous, in that it entices its members away from school work, and often leads to midnight revellings.

"The college fraternity is wrong in principle, for it develops a sort of artificial aristocracy.

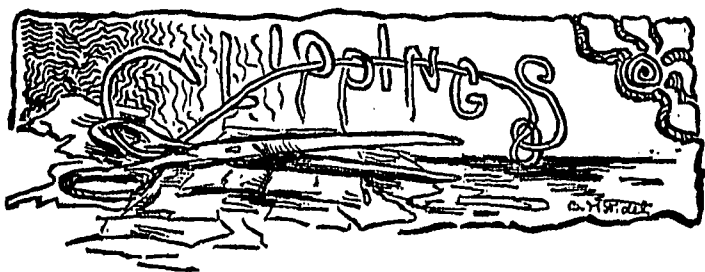
"It is oftener the source of evil than of good."

We welcome the *College Student*. To us it is a new acquaintance, but we wish to become familiar with it. Although this number at hand is the one in which the old editors give way to their successors, yet we trust our esteemed exchange will still maintain its standing among the literary productions of the different institutions. The writer of "Across the Continent" depicts very graphically the scenes of the West, while traces of poetic talent are plainly visible in the neat little poem entitled "Night."

We find that the subject of examinations is occupying considerable space in the various college publications. The arguments set forth the inconvenience and defects of the present system and favor a change. The *University Monthly* contains a long article upon this subject. It is taken from the *Saturday Review*. The following is self explanatory:

"Not only every schoolmaster of the slightest competence, but even every lecturer and professor who has received essays from his hearers knows perfectly well who are the best boys or men, and does not require to confirm his estimate by examinations which, if they do confirm it, are superfluous, and mischievous if they do not.

"But let us abandon the domain of analogies, and ask how far examinations are really useful for two purposes just named. First, then, as to examinations as a spur. I for one am frank enough to avow my belief that for college students—and it is of these that I am chiefly speaking—such artificial spurs or stimulants are not helpful, but on the contrary are positively harmful. I am quite ready to admit that at times the spur and the whip of an examination may produce a better showing at the end of the term. But this momentary superiority I believe to be more than counterbalanced by certain other considerations. Such a forcing process is apt to beget a dislike of the work; it sets up wrong ideals: it keeps wrong ends in view; it substitutes small things for great things; in a word, it tends to deaden those scholarly impulses which most successfully lead on to great results, and puts in their place a slavish devotion to matters of far less importance. If I may be allowed to speak from my own personal observation, I desire to say that one of the most confident convictions resulting from my own experience as a teacher of history, is the belief that, as a rule, the best work has been done where there has been the largest freedom, and the least satisfactory work where there has been the most rigid system of examinations and marks."



The Persian language is taught at Cornell.

The first class in Cornell journalism graduates this year.

The college of Mexico is said to be fifty years older than Harvard.

Oxford University has appliances for printing in one hundred and fifty different languages.

The University of Michigan has 1882 students, thus ranking next to Harvard, with 1889.

George Bancroft, the historian, is the only surviving member of the class of 1817 at Harvard.

On Sundays hereafter the Lehigh students will appear in their collegiate costume, the cap and gown.

All of the justices of the United States Supreme Court are college graduates except Justice Miller.

A course in writing plays now forms a part of the curriculum of studies in the University of Michigan.

Cornell etiquette requires that no lady recognize a gentleman acquaintance on the University grounds.

The tuition at the new Clark University, Worcester, will be two hundred dollars, exclusive of laboratory fees.

A New York paper is responsible for the statement that one of Amherst's professors uses no chair in the class room. He sits on the class.

The Harvard Professors, Allen and Greenough, of Latin grammar fame, have collaborated in the production of a comic opera, "Old King Cole."

A large number of the college papers edited in the United States will be exhibited at the Paris Exposition, under the management of Prof. Parks of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The first college paper was published at Dartmouth in 1800, and was called *The Gazette*, which is chiefly famous for the reason that among its contributors was Dartmouth's great son, Daniel Webster.

College presidents do not agree on the co-education question. President White of Cornell, and ex-President Bascom, of the University of Wisconsin, favor co-education. Presidents Seelye, of Amherst, Robinson, of Brown, and Elliot, of Harvard, are opposed to it.

The German letter fraternity, U. V. B., at Wisconsin University, has determined to take a stand against the increased tendency to expense in college affairs. Instead of the costly pins which most of the fraternities sport, they have adopted a simple brass pin worth five cents.

Princeton college is to have a journal managed and edited by the faculty. President Patton will be editor-in-chief, and departments in the different branches of learning will be conducted by the various professors. They will call it the *Princeton College Bulletin*. What

fun that president will have chasing professors for copy.

The official prospectus of Clark University has been issued. It provides for beginning work next fall with a partial faculty and is open to four classes of students—independent students, candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, special students and preliminary candidates.



THE ORGAN-GRINDER.

I.

Man from sunny Italy,
With monkey gay,
Grinding music for a living,
The livelong day.

II.

Comes to a stately mansion,
Fair to behold,
Where he had bright, pictured hopes
Of receiving gold.

III.

He began "Sweet violets,
Heralds of spring-tide nigh,"
And the sweet, but trite old anthem,
"When the swallows homeward fly,"

IV.

When suddenly the matron,
In anger and dire scorn,
Turned a bucket of H₂O
On this vagrant forlorn!

V.

Who, with eyes turned to skyward,
In trembling and dread,
Embraced organ and monkey
And hastily fled!

—Anon.

A KITCHEN IDYL.

(IN TWO CHAPTERS.)

CHAP. I.

Puella ex Erin,
Laborans for hire,
Festinans eagerly
Accendere the fire!

CHAP. II.

Petroleum handy,—
"Vetus, vetus story,"—
Puella blown skyward
Etiam ad glory!

I toss the ball up high in air,
I grasp my racket tightly,
I am a tennis player fair,
I'm pretty, plump and sprightly.

The ball descends, my racket falls,
And strikes against it fairly,
But that old net stops all the balls;
I get one over rarely.

I never get a single point,
'Twould cost me too much trouble,
But twist my frame all out of joint,
And serve a useless double.

I am a tennis player fair,
My heart is sorrow-laden;
I double, but I never pair,
For I'm a college maiden.

—X—.

She—"How do you suppose the apes crack the hard shells of the nuts they pick?" He—"With a monkey wrench, of course."—*Burlington Free Press*:

During the Alpha Delta Phi Convention at New Haven. Stranger (to student)—"Are you a Yale man?"

"Yes."

"Tell me where I can get a drink."—*Ex.*

Conundrum—Why does not the Freshman wear a tall hat?

Because it has gone where the woodbine twineth.

Professor—"How many days in the year?"

Senior—"365 1-4."

P.—"Where does the 1-4 come in?"

S.—"Fourth of July."

P.—"Why did the ancients begin their calendar on the 22d of March?"

S.—"Because it was Washington's birthday."

P.—"That will do, sit down."—*Ex.*

A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps. Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper, the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper on the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.—*Boston Journal of Commerce*.

We were asked by a charming young lady a while ago, "How do we know that a cyclone is bereft of sight?" This floored us, but we sug-

gested that it might be because that is about all that was left of many a structure after having been visited by that destroyer. "No, indeed!" was the disdainful reply. "Listen to this logic. A cyclone is a gale, a gale is a breeze, a breeze is a zephyr, a zephyr is a wool, a wool is a yarn, a yarn is a tale, a tail is an appendage, an appendage is an attachment, an attachment is love, and—love is blind. There!" The doctor thinks that with careful nursing we will be around in a week.—*Ex.*



[Contributions to this department are most earnestly solicited from the alumni and alumnae.—*Ed.*]

Joshua Burnside Foster has returned to his home in Robertsville, Tenn.

Dr. F. C. Thayer attended the annual meeting and dinner of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of which he has recently been elected a member, at Faneuil Hall, Monday, June 3rd.

'37.

Rev. Franklin Merrian has been removed from East Weare, N. H., to Sharon, Mass. We grieve to learn of his feebleness and inability to continue his labors.

'62.

Dr. J. O. Marble, of Worcester, Mass., formerly of Maine, has been visiting his mother, who resides at Dexter, with Rev. Stephen Fletcher. On Friday, May 31, he visited his old home in Vassalboro.

'63.

Rev. G. B. Ilsley is to sail for Europe the middle of this month, Wednesday, the 19th. He represents the Bangor Sunday schools at the S. S. convention which is held in London, England. He expects to travel on the continent before his return.

'68.

Rev. E. F. Merrian is meeting with great success in Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass, as an editor.

'76.

Rev. Edwin C. Long has resigned the pastorate at Painesville, O.

'79.

Rev. George Merrian is located in Osage city, Kansas. He was chairman of the services on Memorial day, and preached a talented Memorial sermon, which has been published by request.

'81.

A. H. Evans, A. M., has been re-elected instructor in Greek in Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass., with an increased salary.

'84.

W. K. Clement is Associate Prof. of Latin, Terry Hall Seminary, Lake Forest, Ill.

'85.

George R. Berry has graduated from Newton Theological Seminary and is preaching with marked success in Liberty, Maine.

'86.

Ralph Pulsifer is visiting at his home in Waterville.

T. J. Ramsdell graduated from Newton Theological Seminary at the late commencement.

'87.

C. C. Richardson is in town, taking a special course in Physics under Prof. Rogers.

'88.

Miss Lillian Fletcher, who has taught the past year in Wayland Seminary, was married June 7, at the home of her parents, Newport, N. H., to Mr. George H. Smiley, of Minnewaska, N. Y., where they will reside during the summer.

'89.

N. S. Burbank has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Bowdoinham.

'90.

Cornie M. Spear has returned to college.

F. P. King spent the Sabbath, June 8, at his home in Portland.

A. P. Wagg left for Moncton, N. B., May 31, where he is pitching for the base-ball club.

'91.

William Fletcher attended the wedding of his sister, Miss Lillian Fletcher, at Newport, N. H., Friday, June 7.

D. P. Foster is catcher for the base-ball club at Fredericton, N. B.

A. T. Watson supplied the pulpit of the Baptist church at Mt. Vernon, Sunday, June 9.

C. S. Pease has accepted an invitation to supply the Baptist church at Bradley during the summer vacation.

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