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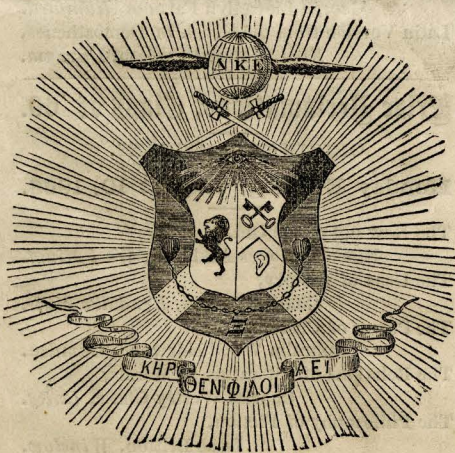
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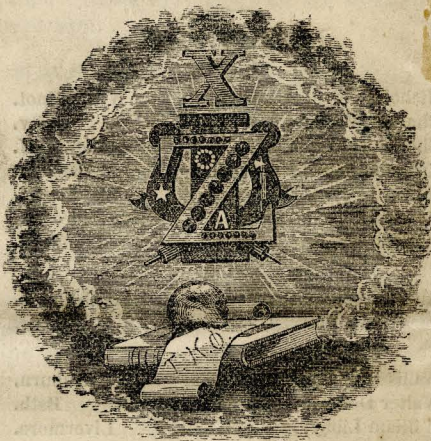
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Peace is the evening star of the soul—virtue its sun. The two are always near each other, yet the former is secured only through the medium of the latter.

Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made and forgot to put a soul into.

Our new Tutor—the right man in the right place.

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### Papers.

DAILY—New York World,  
Boston Journal,  
Bangor Whig and Courier,  
Lewiston Journal,  
Portland Press.

SEMI-WEEKLY—N. Y. Evening Post.

WEEKLIES—N. Y. Tribune,  
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Examiner and Chronicle,  
Christian Mirror,  
Waterville Mail,  
Christian Banner,  
Androscoggin Herald.

MONTHLIES—Missionary Herald,  
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The man who planted himself on his good intentions has not yet sprouted.

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Organized May 25th, 1867.

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S. A. Jones, 3rd Base.  
E. B. Haskell, L. Field.  
E. N. Brann, C. Field.  
T. G. Lyons, R. Field.  
L. A. Wheeler, Scorer.

#### Marmot First Nine.

Organized Sept. 16th, 1868.

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T. G. Lyons, Pitcher. (Capt.)  
J. F. Chaney, 1st Base.  
Edward Brann, 2nd Base.  
A. S. Stowell, 3rd Base.  
D. R. Stover, S. Stop.  
James Atwood, L. Field.  
William Libbey, C. Field.  
J. D. Smith, R. Field.

The Secretary has forwarded to the Boston Museum the pieces of fingers, remains of eyes, lost balls, broken bats, etc., remaining after the numerous victories won the past season, which has been one of great anxiety to the friends of the club, and has added fresh laurels to the glorious record of the Marmots. The club provided themselves with a bottle of Soothing Syrup at the commencement of the season, and their Captain attributes the good health of the club, to its judicious dispensation among the members of the nine.



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'64.

Ira Waldron, *Dover, N. H.*,  
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Henry Joseph Cushing, *Skowhegan*,  
English Oration.  
Harrison Merrill Pratt, *Turner*,  
English Oration.  
Edward Clarendon Littlefield, *Chester-ville*,  
English Oration.  
Stanley Thomas Pullen, *Foxcroft*,  
English Oration.  
William Pierce Young, *Kenduskeag*,  
English Oration.

'65.

Howard Haskell Grover, *New Gloucester*,  
Latin Oration.  
Grenville Mellen Donham, *Turner*,  
English Oration.  
Charles Veranus Hanson, *Portland*,  
English Oration.

William Henry Lambert, *Auburn*,  
English Oration.  
Augustus Dennett Small, *Waterville*,  
English Oration.

'66.

Frank Wales Bakeman, *Portland*,  
English Oration.

'67.

Charles Ransom Coffin, *Auburn*,  
English Oration.  
Lemuel Howard Cobb, *Portland*,  
English Oration.  
Henry Ware Hale, *Ellsworth*,  
English Oration.

'68.

William Oliver Ayer, Jr., *Bangor*,  
English Oration.  
Leonard Dwight Carver, *Legrange*,  
English Oration.  
Charles Leonidas Clay, *Andover, N. H.*,  
English Oration.  
John Blake Clough, *Danbury, N. H.*,  
English Oration.  
George Weston Davis, *Alfred*,  
English Oration.  
Reuben Wesley Dunn, *Waterville*,  
English Oration.  
Harry Carleton Hallowell, *Bangor*,  
English Oration.  
Henry Malcolm Hopkinson, *Fort Fairfield*,  
English Oration.  
Edmund Franklin Merriam, *Hanover, N. H.*,  
English Oration.  
Edwin Sumner Small, *Waterville*,  
English Oration.  
Julian Daniel Taylor, *Winslow*,  
English Oration.  
Fred. Augustus Waldron, *Buckfield*,  
English Oration.

## AWARDS.

For the Year 1867-68.

### CLASS OF 1868.

#### Original Composition.

One Prize.

Julian Daniel Taylor, *Winslow*.  
Epochs.

### CLASS OF 1869.

#### Declamation of Original Articles.

First Prize.

Abraham Willan Jackson, *Turner*,  
Poetry of the First Arts.  
Second Prize.

Justin Kent Richardson, *Buxton, Centre*.  
Knowledge and Mystery.

### CLASS OF 1870.

#### Declamation of Selected Articles.

First Prize.

Charles Henry Cumston, *Monmouth*,  
The Madman.  
Second Prize.

Henry Webster Follett, *Parkman*,  
Emmett's Vindication.

### CLASS OF 1872.

#### Prize Scholarships.

Of the prizes which may be granted to those best fitted for college, only the second was assigned. This was given to Howard Rogers Mitchell, fitted by Mr. J. H. Hanson, at the Classical Institute.

Rare Gleanings of Thought and Speech.

"From the nature of the case" a pioneer will squat down on the best land he can find.

"A blundering scholarship is good for nothing, and ought to be cast into the bottomless pit." "Harsh!" "Harsh!" "Likewise" "pure cussedness."

To some the above may appear "somewhat involved;" indeed it does to us, and therefore we would refer all inquirers to wiser heads than ours.

## General Societies.

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Walter F. Marston, } Committee.  
Willis B. Mathews,

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1869.

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Charles Wesley Chase, Unity.  
Charles Holt Kimball, Pembroke, N. H.  
Ephraim Wood Norwood, Camden.  
Edward Payson Roberts, Waterboro'.  
Howard Chandler Rowe, New Gloucester.  
Warren Augustus Smith, Litchfield.

1870.

Alfred Eben Meigs, South China.  
Park Shaw Warren, Bangor.

1871.

Willis Bronson Mathews, Auburn.  
Walter De-Forest Marston, Bath.  
William Libby, Livermore.  
Charles Howard Sturgis, Cherryfield.  
Arthur Nash Willey, Cherryfield.

1872.

James Bigelow Atwood, St. Albans.  
John Harris Barrows, East Sumner.  
Eugene Kincaid Dunbar, East Machias.  
Elihu Burritt Haskell, Guilford.  
Thomas Gould Lyons, Fort Fairfield.  
Howard Rogers Mitchell, Waterville.  
Wilder Washington Perry, Camden.  
John Day Smith, Litchfield.  
Louis Albert Wheeler, Waterville.

### Erosophian Adelpi.

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Isaac Britton, Winslow.  
A. Willard Jackson, Turner.  
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Justin Kent Richardson, Buxton Centre.

1870.

Charles Henry Cumston, Monmouth.  
Edwin Augustus Daniels, Paris Hill.  
Fred. Howard Eveleth, Durham.  
George Llewellyn Farnum, Rumford.  
Henry Webster Follett, Parkman.  
Erastus Melville Shaw, Rockland.  
Charles Rendol Whidden, Jr., Calais.

1871.

Scotto Hedge Blewett, Augusta, Ky.  
Fred. Irving Campbell, Cherryfield.  
David Wass Campbell, Cherryfield.  
James Franklin Chaney, Clinton.  
Albanus Kimball Gurney, Cape Elizabeth.  
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1872.

Howard Wayland Tilden, Lewiston.  
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## EXHIBITION

OF THE

Senior and Junior Classes,

FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 20, '68.

### SENIORS.

The Moral Sublime,  
Nicholas Noyes Atkinson, *West Minot*.  
English Character,  
Isaac Britton, *Winslow*.  
Scotch and English Metaphysicians,  
Charles Wesley Chase, *Unity*.  
The Laws of Disorder,  
Gilman Clark Fisher, *Dover, N. H.*  
Art and Religion,  
Abraham Willard Jackson, *Turner*.  
Romanism,  
Charles Holt Kimball, *Pembroke, N. H.*  
Self-made,  
Ephraim Wood Norwood, *Camden*.  
Radicalism,  
Edward Stuart Rawson, *Rumford Pt.*  
Science and the Classics,  
Justin K. Richardson, *Buxton Centre*.  
Literary Epochs,  
Howard Chandler Rowe, *New Gloucester*.  
Cost and Worth,  
Warren Augustus Smith, *Litchfield*.

### JUNIORS.

French Version from the English of Story,  
Edwin Augustus Daniels, *Paris Hill*.  
English Version From the French of Thomas,  
George Llewellyn Farnum, *Rumford*.  
Latin Version from the Greek of Demosthenes,  
Fred. Howard Eveleth, *Durham*.

### Prize Declamations, Class of '69.

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLES.

Monday Evening, August 10, 1868.

The New out of the Old,  
Nicholas Noyes Atkinson, *West Minot*.  
The Uses of History,  
Charles Rowell, *Kendall's Mills*.  
The Power of Custom,  
Ephraim Wood Norwood, *Camden*.  
The Relations of Literature to Morals,  
Charles Wesley Chase, *Unity*.  
The Philosophy of Fiction,  
Isaac Britton, *Winslow*.  
Absorption of Nations,  
Edward Stuart Rawson, *Rumford Point*.  
Victory through Defeat,  
Howard Chandler Rowe, *New Gloucester*.  
The Beautiful suggestive of the Infinite,  
Warren Augustus Smith, *Litchfield*.  
Woman's Rights,  
Charles Holt Kimball, *Pembroke, N. H.*  
Romance in American History,  
Gilman Clark Fisher, *Dover, N. H.*  
Knowledge and Mystery,  
Justin Kent Richardson, *Buxton*.  
Fame an Intellectual Miasma,  
George Royal Stone, *Andover, N. H.*  
Poetry the First of Arts,  
Abraham Willard Jackson, *Turner*.

### COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Fall Term ends Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1868  
VACATION OF EIGHT WEEKS.  
1869  
Spring Term begins Wednesday Evening, February 17  
Spring Term ends Wednesday, May 12  
VACATION OF TEN DAYS.  
Summer Term begins Monday Evening, May 24  
Senior Examination, Wednesday, July 7  
Examination of the other classes begins Wednesday, Aug. 4  
Examination for admission to College, Tuesday, Aug. 10  
Commencement, Wednesday, Aug. 11  
VACATION OF FOUR WEEKS.  
Fall Term begins Wednesday, Sept. 8  
Examination for admission Wednesday, Sept. 8

### Exercises of Commencement Week, 1869.

Sunday Evening, Aug. 8th, Sermon before the Boardman Missionary Society.  
Monday Evening, 9th, Junior Exhibition.  
Tuesday, 10th, Class-Day Exercises and Oration before the Alumni.  
Tuesday Evening, Oration and Poem before the United Literary Societies.  
Wednesday, 11th, Exercises of the Graduating Class.  
Wednesday Evening, Concert.

Science is the revelation to reason of the policy by which God governs the world.

If a word is worth a pound, silence is worth two.



## Poetry.

### An Incident.

'Twas late at night, 'twas after one,  
As through the college grounds did run,  
Three boys, who whispered very low,  
Lest some one else their plans should know,  
"Now for the bell!"

Faces were covered closely o'er,  
As they went by the chapel door,  
The smallest through the scuttle slid,  
And from the others quick was hid;  
'Twas for the bell.

The bolt flew back, and through they went,  
A set of boys on mischief bent.  
Along the floor they soft did tread,  
And up the stairs were quickly led  
On toward the bell.

A step upon the outer stair  
Announced that some one else was there.  
They listened, but 'twas no mistake,  
And to the door their way they make,  
Without the bell.

Alas! the door was made quite fast;  
A stick ran through the outer hasp,  
And quickly down the scuttle went  
The boy who first was up it sent,  
Forgot the bell.

But when he found that he was out,  
He never stopped to look about,  
But double-quickened it out of sight,—  
He said it was not caused by fright;  
Was it the bell?

The boys who thus were left behind,  
At first no safe way out could find.  
The scuttle was not half as wide  
As those boys were from side to side.  
Where was the bell?

They raised the window sash at length,  
And, though their strength was well nigh spent,  
They, jumping, ran, and left behind,  
To send its notes on morning wind,  
The college bell.

Later, somebody took the bell,  
And then two smaller ones as well;  
But who did this I never knew,  
I only know that 'twas our Lu.  
Who found the bell.

Safely within its lofty tower,  
Marking for us the passing hour,  
Still rings, as it has ever done,  
From one till twelve, from twelve till one,  
The good old bell.

### History of '68.

The following in regard to the class of '68, we extract from the "Class History," delivered before the class on Tuesday of Commencement Week, by H. C. Hallowell, of Bangor. It is too good to be lost.

We have had in the class thirty. The largest number in at any one time has been twenty-five. The number that have left is just equal to the number that are left, — fifteen; in which respect the class of '68 is like the virgins of Holy Writ: the proportion of wise and otherwise was the same in each. Of the number that have left, three were expelled, but one of these was recalled. Five left for other colleges, two to Dartmouth, one each to Bowdoin, Tufts' and Illinois University; seven others left for motives sane and insane. Death, the twin brother of sleep, has taken one from our number, and marriage, the merciless forerunner of war, has seized three. "Ah! sometimes woe to him that lives. Happy is he who dies."

The statistics of those who remain are as follows: Total number of days, 372 years; average age, 24 years, 9 months; oldest, 28 years, 9 months; youngest, 20 years, 4 months. The total height, 85 ft. 4 in. The longest is Carver, 2 yds. 2 1-2 in. The shortest, Hallowell, 5 ft. 8 in. The total number of pounds in the class is 2,058; the heaviest ordinarily weighs 180; the lightest, upon occasions, weighs a ton; the average weight is 135 lbs.

The brains are contained in boxes which average in circumference 22 1-3 inches. Much study and a little exercise have left us only 11 inches of flexor and extensor, while despite the consumptive recitation rooms, we have an average of 35 inches around the waist.

Number engaged, (this is not to be heard but by the class,) is five; engaged to Waterville ladies, two.

Capillary statistics: number who have full sets, 2; parts of sets, 10; none, 3; and doubtful, Dunn. Hop's have attained their majority. The handsomest man in the class, modesty forbids; the homeliest, fear prevents. Dunn and Clough are tobaccoists-in-chief. Clay is prejudiced against tobacco and liquor.

The religious preferences, Baptist, 11; Methodist, 2; Unitarian, 1; no preference, 1. Free lover, Clay; heretic, Clough; Puritan, Hopkinson.

Intended professions: Ministry, 6; Law, 3; Mercantile, 1; Journalist, 1; Day laborer, 1; undecided, 3. Two are sons of clergymen; nine are sons of farmers; four are sons of gentlemen in mercantile life; and two are sons of perdition.

### Match Games of the Delphic Base Ball Club.

Since the organization of the Delphics, in May, 1867, they have played, in all, six match games, in four of which they have fairly won and borne away the palm of victory.

The first game, between the Delphics and the Herculeans of Winthrop, was played on the 15th of June, 1867, on the grounds of the latter, and resulted in a victory for the Herculeans, by a score of 66 to 46. At this time our nine had been organized less than a month, and the circumstances were greatly against them. Some very good playing, however, was exhibited on both sides during the game,—particularly by the Delphics in the last few rounds.

The second game was played with the First Nine of the Sheridans of Norridgewock, July 5th, on the grounds of the Delphics. It was a game of great interest and much spirit. A large number of citizens and ladies, and the Faculty and students of the University, were assembled on the grounds for the purpose of witnessing the playing. The score at the close stood 59 to 26, favoring the Delphics.

On the 3rd of August, the Delphics played the first nine of the Cobbossee Club, of Gardiner, and won the game by a score of 39 to 28.

Our nine and the Sheridans played their second game at Skowhegan on the 15th of June, 1868. The game was carried by the Delphics closing with a score of 36 to 8.

The Crescents of Bangor played with the Delphics, in August last, on the ground of the latter, when the Delphics were again victorious, winning by 40 to 30. The boys showed some very cool and skillful playing, and left no chance for questioning the superiority of the club.

In their last game, however, with the Odd Fellows of Kents Hill, played a few weeks since, the Delphics made a very low score, losing the game by a score of 19 to 84.

This is probably due less to the superiority of the club with which they played, than to other circumstances which deprived them of two of their best players in the early part of the game, and prevented them from entering into the game with their usual spirit and enthusiasm. All things considered, the Delphics by no means did badly. Towards the close of the game *their playing was highly creditable.*

### Commencement.

The last annual Commencement of the University was well attended by friends and visitors, and all seemed to regard it a pleasant and successful occasion. The exercises of the week opened at the Baptist Church on Sunday Evening with an address before the Boardman Missionary Society, by the Rev. George Dana Boardman, D.D., of Philadelphia. The speaker held his audience in rapt attention while he drew an excellent discourse from the text concerning the rending the veil of the temple. On Monday was the Annual Exhibition of the Junior Class, which was pronounced by the judges as highly creditable to the University.

Tuesday A. M. the people again assembled at the Church and listened

with evident satisfaction to an Oration by Mr. J. D. Taylor, and a Poem by Mr. C. L. Clay, of the graduating class, after which the audience adjourned to the college grounds to hear the remaining exercises, consisting of a History, Prophecy and Address, given respectively by Messrs. Hallowell, Small and Clough. A short time was then occupied by the class in smoking the "pipe of peace," after which the crowd dispersed. In the evening, although the weather was quite unfavorable, yet a large audience came together at the Church to listen to the eloquent Oration of the Rev. Wayland Hoyt, of Brooklyn, N. Y. and a Poem by Hon. C. C. Van Zandt, of Newport, R. I. Wednesday witnessed the closing exercises of the graduating class and the conferring of degrees. In the evening the class of '68 gave a fine concert at the church. The Germania Band of Boston, assisted by distinguished singers from abroad, furnished music. And on Thursday the friends of the Institution departed for their homes well satisfied that the college was doing a thorough work.

### "Low Crimes."

Under this heading there appeared some time since, in the Waterville Mail a very remarkable article. The writer seems to have unearthed every unpleasant thing that has ever transpired since our institution has been in existence, and to have charged it all to our account. Not satisfied with this, he has gone further, until it may be said of him "the gentleman is indebted to his memory for his wit, and to his imagination for his facts." That the writer had cause to be annoyed we admit. The students were to blame for meddling with the gates of citizens, but did that justify any one in charging them with a long list of petty crimes of which none of them were guilty? The writer evidently wished to display his ability, but felt that he could not do himself justice while keeping to the truth. We can understand how an upstart, wishing to bring himself into notice, can write such an article; but we cannot understand how the editors of the Mail, knowing as they did the character of our students, could allow such manifest falsehoods a place in the columns of their paper. We know that it is often the case, that for the sake of a sensation, newspapers, especially those which can scarcely claim the dignity of the name, will stoop to reporting that which is untrue, but we had supposed the Mail to be a lover of truth rather than sensation, and we sincerely hope that it will not allow its columns to be again disgraced by such an article.

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### Characteristic Oracles.

HAMLIN— O it is excellent  
To have a giant's strength; but it is  
tyrannous

To use it like a giant.

BLEWETT—He draweth out the thread  
of his verbosity,

Finer than the staple of his argument.  
ATKINSON—In maiden meditation,  
fancy free.

GRANGER—The fair, the chaste, the  
unexpressive she.

CUMSTON—For my voice, I have lost it  
With halloing, and singing of anthems.

JACKSON—Arms, take your last em-  
brace.

FISHER—Not to know me argues  
yourself unknown.

DUNBAR—A fiery soul, which, work-  
ing out its way,

Fretted the pigmy body to decay.

DANIELS—How happy could I be  
with either,

Were t'other dear charmer away.

MATHEWS—There is a pleasure in  
being mad,

Which only madmen feel.

GURNEY—A deep, occult philoso-  
pher.

WHITE—Whatever skeptic could en-  
quire for,

For every why he had a wherefore.

CHANEY—Doomed to that sorest task  
of man alive,

To make three guineas do the work of  
five.

WHIDDEN—'Tis better to have loved  
and lost,

Than never to have loved at all.

LYONS—A rose with all its sweetest  
leaves yet folded.

RICHARDSON—With just enough of  
learning to misquote.

CHASE—Though last, not least, in  
love.

### Ku-Klux Klan.

E. S. Rawson,	Maker of Emblems.
A. E. Meigs,	Midnight Assassin.
S. H. Blewitt,	Defender of the Faith.
D. R. Stover,	Death's Head.
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C. H. Cumston,	Grand Pretender.



# The Oracle.

*Vita sine literis mors est.*

Since the last issue of the "Oracle" the University has experienced great improvement. One year ago the Memorial Hall was in its germ and promised little more than a rough, homely, substantial building. It now presents itself to the eye of the observer a noble

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it will have a prosperous future we are confident. For again has the "Oracle" been consulted, and again has it in unmistakable language announced to us the friendship of the guardian deities, and given us assurance of their continual favor. Such, will the friends and patrons of the University be glad to learn, has been the response to all the divinations that have been essayed since the work of regeneration commenced in and about what was formerly Waterville College.

*Labor omnia vincit.*

The world to-day is not as it was a hundred years ago. Progress has left its handwriting on human affairs. Mankind has become more civilized, enlightened and christianized. The condition of the race has been ameliorated, progress made in science, art and learning, and christianity extended its sway and planted its glorious ensign over regions once in the midnight gloom of spiritual darkness. All this has been accomplished despite every influence adverse to human interests, and to-day the friend of humanity rejoices as he peers into the misty future and with prophetic vision discerns unmistakable signs of a more glorious dawn soon to break upon the world. Already a brighter day has sent its first joyful glimmer athwart the sky, heralding the approach of peace and good-will among men. The last few years even have been fruitful in stirring events and important achievements. China, until now enthroned in ignorance, bigotry and idolatry, seems to be on the point of casting off her jealousy and bidding welcome to the stranger with open gates. When this noble enterprise is accomplished, the remotest parts of the earth will be united in fraternal sympathy, a new impetus given to all the efforts in behalf of human progress, and christianity, education and civilization will go on fulfilling their great and important missions throughout the entire world. Besides, wonderful achievements have been made in science, letters, and dis-

covery, and while we contemplate the results of the passing years, we must consider by what means they have been effected. They have been wrought out only by labor. Those who have accomplished most for the world and humanity, have worked the most faithfully both in preparing themselves for usefulness, and also when engaged in the business of life. In view, therefore, of what has been accomplished in the past by the union of strong hands, honest hearts, and able heads, and also in view of what there is to accomplish in future, it surely behoves every one to imbibe the spirit of the age and to go forward into life, apostles of progress, friends and promoters of art, christianity, and everything tending to elevate and improve the race.

## THE TRUSTEES.

We think our board of Trustees, at their last meeting, showed a most commendable spirit. To each Professor they voted the full amount of money he had requested for his department, gave the college a new tutor, increased the amount of modern languages in the course, added an elective course, agreed to give us a gymnasium as soon as possible, and in every way made it evident that they were determined on improving the condition of affairs. A few more changes are needed, but as we cannot expect everything at once, we will wait, believing that they are on the right track, and will progress as fast as practicable.

## OUR ALMA MATER.

Some people seem to imagine because Colby is situated in the extreme east of our country, that she will not compare favorably with those situated in more central portions. In the number of students she will not, but in very many respects we do not fear comparison. Our natural advantages are unsurpassed; our course of study as good as any and being constantly improved; and though our method of study is such as to make it hard work for the student to take the highest marking, harder than in many other colleges, yet we believe it to be the true method; a method which of itself tends to prevent that superficial kind of scholarship so prevalent at the present day.

## NATURAL SCIENCE.

In this department improvement is the order of the day. The cabinet which, as is well known, is quite valuable, is receiving constant additions. For the study of Geology we have everything the student needs. For the study of Comparative Anatomy we are also well prepared, and we believe our advantages for the study of Botany to be unsurpassed. The interest in Chemistry is increased by hundreds of valuable experiments, and we can only regret that the college has not provided the means for the student to experiment by himself. When the new laboratory, soon to be erected, is completed, we shall look for such an arrangement.

## RHETORIC.

In this department we are willing to compare notes with any. Students and professors from our largest colleges have awarded to us the highest encomiums. A professor of rhetoric, a man of eminent ability, said at our last Commencement that, without desiring to flatter, he would confess our literary exercises were as good as any to which we had ever listened. If a young man wishes for good training in this branch, here is the place to obtain it. Increased attention is given to it each year.

## MODERN LANGUAGES.

The introduction of more modern languages into the course, together with the elective course, will enable any student who so desires, to obtain quite an extensive and practical knowledge of at least French and German.

## ADMISSION TO COLLEGE.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of many students preparing for college, to enter too soon. They seem very anxious to get in on as little knowledge as possible, and fearful lest in some respect they shall exceed the requirements. Such students, if they do succeed in passing the door, not unfrequently work upon the same principle during their college course, endeavoring to pass their examinations with as little knowledge as possible. Even if they are faithful, the work which would otherwise have been a pleasure becomes a sore burden, and they either do not derive the full benefit of their course, or they become discouraged and leave. We are glad to learn that the standard of admission is being gradually raised, and hope the raising process will continue; then may the student find sufficient time to enable him to pursue effectually some of the elective studies now placed within his reach.

## DIAMOND WRITING.

The act of writing upon a pane of glass with the point of a diamond, is, in itself, a very simple thing; but the inscription left, neither time nor pains may avail to remove. So are the words which men often utter; careless, thoughtless, heartless, their impression is fixed, lasting, indelible. The inscription upon the glass may be destroyed by the fracturing of the glass, but that upon the heart, never. On many a mind and many a heart are sad inscriptions, deeply engraved, which will never be erased. Like cold, damp, chilling shadows, they shut one from the sunlight of happiness forever.

We cannot exercise too much caution in reference to what we write upon the minds of others.

## ELECTIVE STUDIES.

We hail with peculiar satisfaction the change in the programme by which elective studies have been added to the course. More are promised if these are found beneficial. That such will be the case we have no doubt. All students do not desire to pursue precisely the same course, and we believe the addition of these studies will act as a stimulus to greater effort.

## MATHEMATICS.

New and very valuable apparatus has been added in this department during the recent vacation. We deem the mathematics one of the most essential branches of education, and are pleased to see the efforts being put forth to increase the interest in that direction. We believe it pays to give students the best of instruments and enough of them.

## NEW BOOKS.

Quite a fund is now regularly applied to the purchase of books, so that the most valuable of the latest works are constantly supplied to the students, and we hope by the time the Library building is completed, we shall be able to have the shelves correspond to the beauty and richness of the building itself.

## THE EROSOPHIAN.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, lately presented this society with a check for fifty dollars, to be applied to the purchase of books; will not others, who have heretofore been members of this society, go and do likewise. We presume the Literary Fraternity would like a finger in the pie also.

## SURPLUS FUNDS.

Everybody rejoices in the surplus funds now being applied to general improvements.

The individual who took it easy is said to have returned it in a hurry.

The lady who had a spark in her eye, kindled a match without trouble.

*Fit fabricando faber.*

Even among students in such institutions as our own, there are occasionally to be found those who think that natural ability may compensate for hard work. It is true that it may be comparatively easy for one man to attain a position that it would be impossible for another to reach even by the most severe labor, and yet, be he ever so brilliant, a man can attain and maintain a high position only by such labor.

The rabbit laid a wager that he could take a nap and then reach the goal before the turtle. Unfortunately he overslept, and awakened to find the turtle so near the end, that it was impossible to overtake him. Many a man, having a high appreciation of his own talents, has overslept himself, and too late discovered that he has lost all through his own carelessness. It is too late by a day to think of succeeding in this world while taking one's ease. It has been almost proverbial that the most brilliant scholars are seldom heard from after graduation, while those of inferior natural abilities make themselves a name and fame. The first rest upon the laurels gained, the second are continually striving for new ones. Fortunate is the young man who has learned and taken as his motto, "*Fit fabricando faber*."—"*A workman is made by working.*"

## PRETTY WOMEN.

A pretty woman is one of the institutions of every country. Indeed, those institutions could not be complete without her. She is a bright, gleaming star in every man's horizon. Sunshine, blue sky, and happiness cluster about her wherever she goes. Amid sweet-scented roses, perfume and beauty wend the paths for her dainty feet. Men stand up before her as so many admiration points, and deem themselves under strict obligation to melt into cream and then into butter. Her words chime with the sweet notes of music, birds-of-paradise songs and sabbath bells. It is true she lost a paradise for man once, but then, she makes a thousand where she lost the one. Without her society would be bereft of its happiest attractions, and young men their best company and sweetest solace. Her influence and generosity strengthen the weak, restrain the vicious, raise the lowly, flannel-shirt the needy, and give courage to the downhearted. Wherever you find the virtuous woman you also find fireside bouquets, clean clothes, order, light, gentle hearts, peace, music, and model institutions, generally. She is the flower of humanity, a Venus in dimity, and her inspiration is the breath of heaven.

Of all other views a man may, in time, grow tired, but in the countenance of a pretty woman there is a variety which sets weariness at rest. Junius has the right of it. "The divine right of beauty," he says, "is the only divine right a man can acknowledge, and a pretty woman the only tyrant he is not authorized to resist."

NATURAL BEAUTY.—The impression of human beauty, either in marble or on canvas, is, to those who can feel it, a great delight; but the living and the actual is a rapture which admits of no defining. All adventitious distinctions are nothing in its presence. The youth barefooted on the mountains, clad in the godliness of nature is a true prince and peer of earth. The good girl by the spring, robed in homespun cotton, with the light of loveliness around her, is a queen with a right divine from heaven.

The man who minds his own business was in town a few days ago, but was compelled to leave soon after his arrival from a want of congenial spirits.

Passion is at first like a thread, by and by it becomes like a cable.

*Cernit omnia Deus vindex.*