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THE Reading Room Association of Colby needs a reformation. There must be a change, the present must not continue. The reading room as it now exists, fails utterly in accomplishing its mission. As a smoking room and low grade gymnasium, it is a success; as a reading room, a failure. The spirit of the college is decidedly in favor of the revolution, but no steps are taken. Everyone has a criticism to offer on the present state of things, but nothing is done. All contribute to the financial support of the association, and a few succeed in preventing the others from receiving the proper return for their money. In fact, the ECHO doubts if these few do contribute. We would hardly attribute to them such college spirit. They certainly do reap, where they have not sown. At the first of the term, the President called the attention of the boys to one phase of the abuse of the reading room. The condemnation of the offenders was severe, but the evil remains. Certain students, perhaps with scrap-book proclivities, still continue to clip from the daily papers on file such items or articles, as meet their approval. The time has now passed when such petty stealing was thoughtless and unintentional. To call the offender a sneak now, is to honor him. The title was offered him, and by the course of action since pursued by him, he accepts it and glories in it. He has claimed the appellation and we grant it to him. Yet, this offender has his virtues. He often leaves the advertisements for the rest of the college to read. Far beyond him in the scale of human depravity is the sneak who steals the papers entire. This theft cannot be thoughtless, and in the college man it cannot be the act of

ignorance. Stealing and that alone it must be called. The ECHO deeply regrets to be obliged to thus characterize anyone at Colby. The student-body look upon the theft as theft, and the ECHO should express this verdict of the students. Stronger language we will not try to use. It might be warranted; but it is sufficient to note the utter lack, thus shown by these offenders, of an appreciation of any obligations to society. For weeks, for the whole term, the *Judge* and *Puck* have been missing. On one occasion, it is said, a number of students were present when these papers were delivered. This seems to be the only case on record, when any members of the association, other than the thief or thieves, have enjoyed the use of these papers, bought with their money. *Harper's* and *Frank Leslie's* seem to be popular and are often missed. The abstracters of these illustrated weeklies now find that they have killed the hen that lay the golden eggs. The management of the Reading Room Association now refuses to put these papers on file. This course, the ECHO cannot approve. To those of us, who pretend to be at all practical, the difference is inappreciable whether these papers remain in the room of the Reading Room official or that of the thief. In either case, the majority of us must claim no value received for our dues.

AND this is not all. As hinted above, the management of the association is not free from all blame. On the contrary, we can hardly say that the reading room has been managed. It may be the reaction against the abuse of the privileges, but the room has not been properly cared for, this term. The one who is paid for this work, has not faithfully performed his duty. No excuse seems admissible for neglecting for half a day at a time to have the room properly heated. Carelessness in bringing the papers in on time is not to be commended. We all like to read the morning paper in the morning, and it should always be on file then. The students pay for this work and they have a right to demand that it be done.

LASTLY, the student-body, as a whole and as individuals, are to be condemned for allowing this abuse and mismanagement of the reading room to continue. At least, a pocket-book policy should be adopted; we ought to get our money's worth. Yet, there are higher

motives to be considered. Self respect should arouse us to some action against those who are thus depriving us of our rights. Respect for our college ought to make us take decided steps in making the reading room something worthy of Colby. It surely is not that at present. As rational beings we should restrain ourselves and use the reading room as such. The foot ball field is at one end of the campus and the reading room at the other. We should try to note this difference of locality. We have supported foot ball interests well this fall. Let us now give the reading room equally earnest support, not as a place for scuffling, but as a place for reading the news of the day.

AN objection sometimes made to college life relates to the college man's code of morals. We ourselves are not inclined to look upon the taking of a can of oil as anything more than the result of a habit formed in the Sophomore year. We regard it as a matter of course and blame ourselves for leaving the oil can where anyone could find it. The business man out in the world, if perchance he hears of such an occurrence, will take a different view. Devoid, as he is, of any knowledge of college custom, he will call it stealing. This is a hard word, but can he not justify himself in its use? Many acts, which we in college overlook, deserve to be called thefts, and we should call them thefts. We may not like to do this. The ECHO had much rather not express what is expressed in the columns of this issue. Yet, the question before us is, whether it is better for us to overlook and to disregard the violations of moral and social law? If we consider it a moment, we must decide that surely the college course is no proper preparation for citizenship, if we for four years allow ourselves to overlook law-breaking. There is indeed, much that makes us optimists as we look at college life and college morals. So much the more should we try to prevent anyone from having an opportunity for pessimism. We have spoken bluntly this week, but with the kindest of motives.

Samson, the strong man we read about, was the first to advertise. He took two solid columns to demonstrate his strength, when several thousand people tumbled to his scheme, and he brought down the house.



NOVEMBER.

FRANCES H. BEARCE.

The days are growing short; the leaves are falling thick
and fast,
The wailing autumn winds proclaim that summer's reign
is past.
The meadows, woods, and hills, the dull and leaden sky
o'erhead,
Are covered with an ashen shroud; the earth seems cold
and dead.
But soon December's snows will come, and all the world
will lie
Wrapped in a snowy coverlet beneath a winter sky.
This weary, grey, old world of ours, burdened with grief
and pain,
Will take a long and quiet sleep 'till spring-time comes
again.
Then does the world awake refreshed, all things sprung
into life,
The squirrels in the tall oak trees engage in merry strife,
The brooks go rippling o'er the stones with music sweet
and clear,
In wonder and surprise we say: "Was winter ever here?"
Thus when our dear ones pass away, we cry in bitter pain:
"Alas! they are forever gone, we shall not meet again."
It is not so. They leave behind all earthly care and strife,
And lying down to rest, awake into eternal life.

SHELLEY'S POETRY.

After reading several of Shelley's poems, I feel impelled to render a very favorable verdict. On the whole, my reading in Shelley's poetical works has left a very pleasant impression on my mind. The force of the author's convictions, the brilliancy of his imagination, the frequent occurrence of well chosen figures, the rhythmic flow of his verses, all combine in producing a charming effect.

However, there are one or two minor defects, which any careful reader cannot fail to notice. Shelley has been accused, and perhaps rightly, of paying too much attention to rhythm, indeed, of sacrificing sense to rhythm. Yet we find numerous instances, where the metre of his verses appears wholly defective. Take for example the following from "The Sensitive Plant:"

"And plants at whose names the verse feels loth
Filled the place with a monstrous undergrowth."

Now there is no more rhythm in the latter of these two verses than there is in a drunken

man's walk. In either case it would be rather difficult to "mark time." There are many other instances of this fault which we noticed, but have neither time or space to remark upon. The fact is even a slight lack of rhythm in Shelley would seem prominent through contrast with the universal perfectness of the rhythm of his composition. Would not the minutest defect in metre be painfully evident, when brought into close contact with such easily flowing lines as the following:

"A sensitive plant in a garden grew
And the young winds fed it with silver dew.
And it opened its fan-like leaves to the light,
And closed them to the kisses of night."

One other fault I will mention. It may be well illustrated by a verse which I have already noticed:

"And plants at whose names the verse feels loth,"

This line well exemplified Shelley's tendency to fill out his verse, whatever the sacrifice. It is full worthy of a grammar school boy, but nothing more. Now this is not a single and isolated instance, but one of numerous examples of this propensity.

But now suppose we consider some of the excellencies of Shelley's poetry. The paltry defects which we have mentioned do not materially alter the universally beatific influence of his poems. These defects are far outweighed by the excellencies, of which we shall first consider the profusion of brilliantly imaginative figures.

Let us take for instance Shelley's personification of winter, which occurs in "The Sensitive Plant:"

For winter came: the wind was his whip;
One choppy finger was on his lip;
He had torn the cataracts from the hills,
And they clanked at his girdle like manacles."

"His breath was a chain which without a sound
The earth and the air and the water bound;
He came fiercely driven in his chariot-throne
By the ten-fold blasts of the Arctic zone."

Just so did Shelley see a mind and soul in everything. His flowers see, feel and think. They experience all the sensations of the human soul.

In the poem, "To a Skylark," we find a succession of similes which almost rivals that famous series of Homer's on the Greek forces before the walls of Troy. Shelley compares his lark to a poet, a maiden, a glow-worm, and a

rose ; and in each instance the figure is perfect and complete.

This constant recurrence of figures in Shelley's poetry I consider the chief excellence. To me poetry without figures is not poetry. I prefer the Homeric type, abounding in rich similes and metaphors, to those dry disquisitions on moral philosophy, whose only claim to being poetry is metre.

Shelley was a man of philosophical mind and in all his poems we find a strong undercurrent of thought. There is always something beneath the surface. Shelley held the Utopian view that the world ought to be ruled by love, not law. It was with this idea as his working basis, that he wrote "The Cenci," which has rightly been called "one of the most intense of modern dramas." Certainly it exhibited great force and dramatic power.

What Shelley would have accomplished, if he had not been taken away in his most fruitful time, will always remain a matter of conjecture. What he did accomplish places him among the foremost of English poets.

JACOB KLEINHANS, JR.

ESSAYS OF ELIA.

WHEN you get the wrong kind of desert for dinner, when the rocking chairs unite in a conspiracy to trip you up and the slices of bread which the world offers you always fall butter side down, just retire to your sanctum, resolutely lock the door against all intruders, and read the essays of Elia. Before you are half through you will be convinced that the world is a good place to live in after all, and when you are through you are at peace with all mankind ; for you can find no author who proves a more charming friend on short acquaintance than Lamb does.

The essay goes rambling on in the most delightfully unorthodox fashion, beginning at a venture and ending unceremoniously wherever the author may please to drop it. It is delightful reading nevertheless, bubbling over with kindly good humor and a spirit of good comradeship with the world.

We are not compelled to follow any carefully ordered plan of discourse with its heads relentlessly screwed upon the unlucky thoughts but we have the whole thing just as he thought it in a happy-go-lucky style, and a very pleasing one at that.

Lamb is one of the men whom people like at first sight. You couldn't help loving him if you tried. His happy and sad moods are yours too. You laugh with him when he has his gentle fun at the expense of the poor relation with his smiling embarrassment and inconveniently good memory and feel a certain pity for him when he complains of the conduct of married people toward bachelors, for though he writes in his most humorous way you read between the lines the story of his lonely life.

After reading about the Elia family it seems as if we must be old friends of the sister, "his truest comforter," and the brother whom he "would not have one jot or tittle more than he is."

In all his essays Lamb shows us himself standing in other men's shoes. We might resent this if Lamb were not such a delightful man to know, that we had far rather see Lamb himself in the shoes than their proper owners. Every time we read him we want to know him better and can only wish that we had been born a century earlier, or he a century later.

MARY L. CARLETON.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF A "SMUGGLER" AS TOLD BY HIMSELF.

THOSE living at a distance from the border or boundary line between this country and the Dominion of Canada, cannot fully appreciate, though they may be interested in, and even thrilled by, the stories which are related by the so-called smuggler.

Living near the border, I have heard many stories concerning smuggling, and have seen it carried on ; but it was my good fortune, during the past winter, to fall in with an "Old Smuggler" and to hear him tell some of his own experiences, which I will relate.

"Very few understand how it is that we can afford to risk everything in this business for what appears to them small profit ; but after a man has engaged in it for a time, there is a certain adventuresomeness in it which seems to hold him to it. I know this is my case, but it was not always profitless, by any means. During the war smuggling was the most lucrative of any business I know of, and also for a few years after the war. Many a time on a single trip over the line, I have cleared between five hundred and a thousand dollars.

What did we carry? Why, we carried everything that we could make a cent on, from a paper of pins to jewelry and silk of every kind. Sometimes we used to have some difficulty in disposing of it as the consciences of some people wouldn't allow them to purchase anything that had been smuggled. They would reason this way: "If I can get a yard of silk one dollar cheaper on the English side of the river, and use it for myself, there is no harm in it, I don't cheat the government out of a cent, but save a dollar on my private account. But if I should buy that yard and sell it again, I would cheat the government and worst of all have a guilty conscience." When men would stand up and reason in that way, I could reason myself into conducting a legitimate business, but I was going to tell you some of my adventures.

I was rather timid at first, not caring to risk too much, and did my travelling at night and slept in the day-time at the houses of those with whom I was acquainted. The first trip I made was in the autumn of '62. I obtained a supply of goods from the English side of the river and waited for a dark night to get across the border. The next evening after I got my team loaded seemed a fitting one so I harnessed up and started. My heart was sort of choking me as I got across the bridge onto the American side, for all I possessed in the world was invested in my team and load; but on getting free of the bridge my courage began to return and I was driving smartly along the road when a man on horseback darted out of the woods just ahead and galloped forward as fast as he could go. I never stopped but turned my horse and put back to a corner I had just passed and took another direction. I had gone but a short distance, when I heard horses galloping behind me. I then knew they were after me. Trusting to the darkness to blind and deceive them, I turned my horse across the ditch and into the bushes with as much speed as possible, hitched him to tree and fastened a feed-bag to his head so he wouldn't neigh at the approach of the others, then creeping to the edge of the woods listened for those pursuing to come up. I had but settled myself in a position to cover them when I could imagine I saw four horsemen ride out upon the corner I had just quitted. After a short consultation, two started in one direction and two in the way I had started on. As they went galloping by I heard one of them say:

"We'll have that rat inside of half an hour. He's young at the business." I cussed them a few moments, then got my team out of the bushes and pursued the way on which I had first started. Needless to say that I was not bothered further and after travelling two nights disposed of my load to good advantage.

Another time I was not so fortunate, but as it happened had a small load of comparatively small value. I had been followed pretty close by the officers during my last trip and took extra pains this time with my wagon. Not only were the tires of the wheels bound with cloth, but the horse's feet were padded. I took a more circuitous route to cross the river, but all in vain. I had crossed the river and driven but two or three miles when I heard some one behind me driving very rapidly. I quickened the pace of my horse; but the team behind kept gaining on me, finally they came in sight and called to me to stop, instead I leaned forward to give the old horse a cut with the whip; as I did so I heard the report of a pistol and almost immediately felt a stinging in my right side. I suppose I must have fainted for I knew no more until the next day. I lost all.

After getting well from my wound which was quite serious, I began once more, having to be twice as careful as before, as I had become notorious. Soon after getting out again, I started out one night with a valuable load on which I counted a good deal. I got across the line all right and into the country some five or six miles when I thought I heard a team behind me. I stopped to listen and made certain that it was, then driving to the side of the road I removed my load and hid it carefully away in the bushes, and having carefully marked the place, drove on. I was soon overtaken and commanded to halt, which I did most obligingly, but nothing was found. The next night I went back to the place, got my stuff and disposed of it. Such are the scenes in a smuggler's life. His perils are many, but a successful run generally means a good profit."

M. S. GETCHELL.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, in the plans of an all-wise Providence, it was a part, that the brother of Austin W. Snare should be called to that better world,

Be it resolved, That we, the members of Maine Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, express our

heartfelt sympathy with our brother in his loss;

Also, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our bereaved brother;

Also, That these resolutions be published in the ECHO, and that a copy be preserved in the archives of the Fraternity.

W. E. LOMBARD,
T. A. POLLARD,
A. T. LANE, } Committee.

Hall of Maine Alpha Phi Delta Theta.



Turkey!

Look out for ink!

Have you seen the comet?

A celestial fraud—the comet.

Who are the people? Ninety-six.

Ford, '95 has returned to join his class.

"The key is lost and you are *in it* forever."
From the German.

The Glee Club gives a concert at Madison, the 16th of December.

Bailey '96 left for Solan, Thursday to commence his pedagogical labors.

One of our rising young scientists, recently, learned that .5 and 1-2 are the same.

Hodgkins, '93, is teaching at Pemaquid, Gray, '95, at Round Pond, and Welch, '95 at Franklin.

"They are all *Krank-s*, these men." See Freytag's "Journalisten," act 3, scene 1, for the rest.

The mental reaction is tremendous when the Professor in chemistry strikes the "anxious row."

Sammy flunks on topic, the Utility of Logic. How would it come in on writing Senior Prize articles?

A good rule for inquisitive people is—"Mind your own business!" A word to the wise is sufficient.

Little by little the boys are getting their election bets paid up. Red handkerchiefs and sweaters are ceasing to become a necessary evil and the barbers are able to continue in business.

The examining committee made a short visit to the college this week. Let us hope they were pleased.

The Baptist ministers take the campus by storm, Nov. 29, it being the date of their monthly social meeting.

It is rumored that a certain tall and athletic member of '94 will have to "shout" before long if present indications are to be trusted.

The few students who were so fortunate as to hear Sousa at Skowhegan, Thanksgiving day, say they had a rare musical treat.

Rumor wants to know where the following men spent Thanksgiving: Burleigh, Salisbury, Bowman, Padelford, Conners, Perkins.

Roxy exhibits the comet to his friends. A freshman can see its tail. but the Professor says it is still invisible to common mortals.

It is rumored that a certain freshman was too near sighted to recognize his father in chapel the other morning when a classmate asked his name.

One of the Maine papers award one of the junior parts to "Jacob K. Leinhans, Jr." Was it an attempt to revive that "C. L. Ark" style of joke?

W. N. Donovan, '92, has just finished a successful term's work at Hebron and is taking advantage of his vacation to visit his friends and Alma Mater.

A certain junior in So. College is puzzling his brains over the problem why the fellows in his division are in such need of tobacco, etc., when he has lady visitors.

Some of the juniors couldn't see how a 10.30 recitation the Monday after Thanksgiving cut, was a noon recitation. It was a hard case but the merciless bell did its duty and '94 recited (?) in Chemistry.

The cold weather has called out the double windows. The gym professor, as usual, has the start on his and it is also to be noticed that he is the last to take them off. Enterprise is always commendable.

C. F. Stimson '93, has returned from Chattanooga, Tenn., where he has been attending the D. K. E. convention. Cy says he has had a royal time. He took in the foot ball game of the Yale and Harvard freshmen, and gives us glowing accounts of a visit to Vassar. Why that happy, contented expression, Cyrus?

Prof. as student distributes himself over the steps in his efforts to reach his seat. "It has been said that it takes the laboring man three days to recover from a holiday."

We have a phrenologist among us. If you want your head examined call on Prof. Woodward and he will size you up. He has never yet been deceived in his estimate of a person's character.

One of the triumphant Democratic roosters has been pressed into the service of the Sophomore class. It is labelled "95" in large figures and adorns the outside of the door of one of the rooms in South College.

We read and admire the gallantry of Sir Walter Raleigh who sacrificed his best mackintosh to the queen. Let us hope our friends who spoiled their overcoats that Grover might be honored, may attain equal renown.

A meeting of the *Oracle* Association was held in the Chapel, Friday morning. The following officers were elected: President, A. H. Bickmore; Vice President, Freeland Howe, Jr.; Secretary, J. Colby Bassett; Treasurer, A. H. Evans.

The Seniors had a cut from Psychology, Monday and Tuesday of the past week, to give them time for their "colateral work" in that study. Each one has a book or a subject connected with the study on which he is to write an article.

A very pleasant occasion was the whist party given by Miss Arie Kelley on Saturday evening, Nov. 26th. Six tables were in operation. Mr. O. L. Hall won the first prize and James King '89, secured the booby prize distancing all competitors.

The man with the "pop gun" has been lying in wait for the Campus Editor since the last ECHO came out. Jed thinks those who say most about his gun like best to shoot it. If you wish to try it, you must first drop a nickel in the slot.

The speakers at the Senior Exhibition with the themes are as follows: Music in the Scale of Art, Miss G. M. Coburn. Modern Iconoclasm, C. F. Stimson. Single Tax System, J. H. Ogier. Strikes, Cause and Effect, S. D. Graves. A Liberal Education for the Financier, A. H. Bickmore. Imagination in Science, G. O. Smith.

We understand that a notable honor coming to one of the upper-classmen was the occasion of an informal reception at the bricks, in the Thanksgiving recess. The gathering broke up at an early hour—in the morning, in the midst of fireworks and the booming of cannon.

The Sophomores tendered the ladies of '95 and '96 a reception on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 17, at Soper's Hall. Conversation, promenades, dancing, readings by Prof. Currie, etc., beguiled the fleeting hours. Dinsmore furnished music for the occasion and Stewart served as caterer. A pleasant time is reported.

The week of prayer for young men, Nov. 13,–19, was observed by the college Y. M. C. A. by meetings every evening, except Saturday, of the week. President Whitman addressed the meeting Wednesday evening, and Dr. Pepper spoke at the usual Thursday evening union meeting; the other meetings were devotional, conducted by the students.

Two of the courses in the University Extension are being given in Waterville. Prof. Bayley lectures on "Glaciers and Glacial Deposits," in Soper's Hall under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Prof. Warren's course was commenced before a class at Mrs. Elden's, but soon outgrew these quarters and is at present held at the Baptist vestry.

We were wondering why Sammy's boots are looking so well lately, and thought he must be getting fastidious in regard to his personal appearance, but the mystery is explained when we were informed that Russell is performing the valet act for Sammy as the discharge of an election bet. Sammy thinks the effort of wearing blacked boots is not half what it used to be.

The customary Thanksgiving recess was granted the students and all college exercises were suspended from Wednesday noon till the following Monday that each might fill his place in the family circle. Most of the students went home and the few who were obliged to remain were provided for through the kindness of friends. The short period of rest has been a pleasing one.

Not the least noticeable feature of the Democratic celebration in this city Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, was the wagon-load of Colby Democrats which formed part of the procession.

Some fourteen or fifteen of the boys rode in the wagon, burning red lights and Roman candles, and shouting yells not altogether calculated to comfort those of the opposite persuasion. Transparencies were also carried which made good hits; but the use of class banners for the occasion is decidedly open to criticism.

The Physical Geography division of the Seniors have been looking up the evidence in regard to the antiquity of man. After a dispassionate consideration of the various accounts of fossil man and his rude stone implements, the most conservative are convinced that man existed 12,000 years ago, while the more radical have their private opinion that 250,000 years is nearer right.

The Junior parts have been assigned as follows: Gentlemen—Greek, Kenrick; Latin, Evans; French, Kleinhans; English, Kimball. Ladies—Greek, Miss Morrill; Latin, Miss Jones; French, Miss Carleton; English, Miss Heselton. There is, of course, some trouble arising from the division of the classes and the eight appointments. It is not yet decided who shall speak but some satisfactory arrangements will doubtless be made.

The campus during the cut presented the usual forsaken appearance that it does when the boys are away. More remained over, however, this year than in previous years, as for many the trip home to vote had to suffice until Christmas. Many of those who did remain enjoyed their turkey in other family circles. Sam, as usual, had his quota, while the girls at the Ladies' Hall did the handsome thing by about a dozen of the orphans.

The collection of Maine minerals which is being made under the direction of Dr. Bayley for exhibition at the World's Fair next year, is growing rapidly. Few States are so rich in mineral resources as Maine, and the display promises to be one of the largest and finest on exhibition. If any student has a collection or knows of collections or specimens which could be borrowed for the occasion, they would confer a favor by advising Dr. Bayley of the same.

The gentlemen of '94 gave their annual reception to the ladies of the college on Thursday last. A very tasty program had been arranged, including several features novel to Colby class receptions. The music, promenades and conversations were highly enjoyable, while Stewart

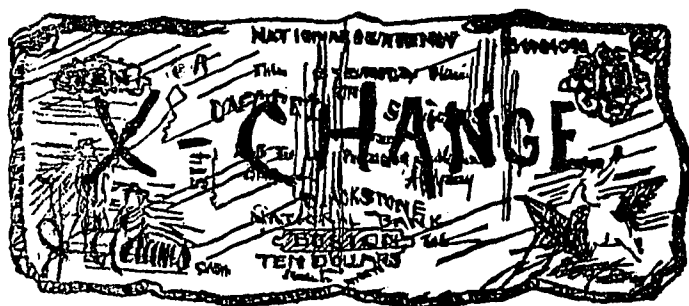
catered to the party in his usual inimitable style. Although the ladies were present in rather greater numbers than the gentlemen, yet they all bear testimony that the boys of '94 were equal to the occasion, and can entertain royally.

On the morning of Thanksgiving Day there was a lively game of football on the campus. The High School boys wanted practice and a picked eleven was quickly made up and the fun commenced. At first the High School boys had it all their own way as but few men were against them who knew the game. On the arrival of "Hop" and Waters, however, the tune was slightly changed, but the game was too far gone for even these two veterans to rescue. The score was W. H. S. 20 to Colby 17. The High School boys played with a snap and really showed some knowledge of the game. Ellis made some fine tackles and several of the "Kids" showed good stuff.

A very neat joke was played on the members of one of the clubs, on the night of the Democratic celebration. The majority of the club are Democrats, but the inmates of the house are strong Republicans. On the night in question, as the boys came in to supper, they found the dining room completely draped in black. Black over walls and ceiling, windows, tables, chairs and almost every conceivable article on tables and about the room. In one corner was a headstone with the requiescat Ben etc., and in another a rough scrawl of skull and bones. The boys ate under the dim glow of two tallow candles and black ribbons, mementos of the occasion, are worn in the button holes.

The eleven took the forenoon train for Bangor Wednesday, Nov. 16, to play a return game with the M. S. C's. It was somewhat of a surprise in the middle of the afternoon to see the boys sneaking across the campus, bag and baggage, in the midst of a pouring rain with gloom depicted on their faces and no victory to their credit. The game had to be declared off on account of the weather. And to crown the ill-luck which has met our foot-ballists of late the following Saturday was a beautiful day for foot-ball but the Hebrons, whom Colby was billed to play, did not show up. It is said that the young ladies at the Academy, fearing for the lives of the players, objected and prevailed. Let them come, girls, we wont hurt them.

The insult perpetrated by the Freshmen on the night of the Soph reception could not be forgotten, and on the following Monday night the Sophs put on the red paint and started on the war path. The object of this gathering of braves was to put '96 to bed. No opposition was encountered until the Sophs came to the north division of North College. Here, a few more daring Freshmen had barricaded the door and stood guard above with their water pails. The door gave in but the floods descended and it was an exceedingly dirty, wet, and bedraggled set of braves that entered the breach. Some ingenious Freshmen had mixed ink in his water and the effect on the faces and white sweaters of the Sophs was startling. Altogether the Sophs wished they hadn't done it.



Perhaps the one noticeable feature in most of our leading exchanges which is wholly new, is the Alumni Department. It will be a matter of great interest, however, this department may develop. At present it is chiefly filled up with short articles written by Alumni on various subjects, letters from all parts of the country written by graduates of all ages, and of obituary notices.

The MAIL and EXPRESS, which contains weekly a column devoted to the interests of the college world, has the following to say concerning the comparatively new game, football:

Now that the great Thanksgiving game is over, and the Princeton tiger and the Yale bulldog have both left the city, we will hear less of football and the students will settle down to the business for which colleges are organized. The history of football in America—and outside the colleges it has hardly yet an existence—is a short and remarkable one, and the rapidity with which it has come to the front as a distinctively college sport is unparalleled.

The *Manetta College Olio*, in its new Columbian attire is certainly worthy of the little expression of pride found within. This is the year to honor the achievements of Columbus and the *Olio* certainly will not fail to do its part.

The defense for fraternities must consist in the fact that their mission is wrongly interpreted. "They exist to bring men closer together, to bridge the closer scholarly seclusion"—Cleaves. The introduction of political favoritism only serves to narrow the meaning of fraternities influence. Their greatest recommendation is that in the average chapters they do minister to truer fellowship and are instrumental in developing true courtesy and fine facility in human affairs.

There are many evidences of the intense attention paid by the college students to the lost political campaign. The Concordensis of Union College contains three articles bearing upon the political questions as seen by three ardent supporters. These articles are entitled, a Republican, a Democratic, a Prohibitionist standpoint. Surely the time has gone by when collegians ask simply for prejudice on the ground of his political belief.

An article bearing upon the influence of fraternities in college life, appears in the last *Brunonian*. The whole argument arises from the stand taken by the faculty of the University of Chicago as to the feasibility of admitting Greek letter fraternities. The chief objection against such organizations is declared to be that they injure athletics and prevent their best development. This charge is not fictitious. One fraternity may gain control of an athletic association and reserve for its own men, even at the cost of sacrificing a far worthier man, the position of honor. The outcome must be indifference and jealousy on the part of other students.

The *Tuftonian* notes some changes in its new catalogue. History and physiology have been substituted for the required Latin and Greek of the second Sophomore term, while the latter studies become electives for the remaining courses. Extra electives are offered in Philosophy and History. The question of making physical training compulsory has resulted in a decision. Class room work begins in the gymnasium at the middle of November and continues until the middle of March. Hereafter instead of offering honors at the end of the course there will be honors awarded at the end of the sophomore year in addition to the final or commencement honors.

We clip the following from the *Holcod*:

The fifth summer meeting of the University Extension and students was held in Oxford, England, in July and August of the present year. Nearly 1,250 students were present at the opening session. Many Americans were included and among the visitors were Dr. Buckham, president of the University of Vermont, and Dr. James, president of the American University Extension Society. In the opening address it was stated that five English universities and five colleges are now engaged in the extension work. Over 90,000 students attended lectures last winter, of whom 10,000 were artisans. The Oxford branch had double its work in the year previous to the meeting.

And this from the *Williams Weekly*:

Professor Barnard, the first observer of Jupiter's fifth moon, has already had to fight in a small way for the priority of his discovery. Not only has Mr. Cogley, a Washington lawyer, claimed to have seen the satellite with a five-inch telescope, but a clergyman has asserted that he has done the same with an opera glass. Professor Barnard has taken the trouble to say that the newly found body can barely be seen with a great Lick glass, that it is invisible in a twelve-inch, and that the claims of his would-be rivals are absurd. A small star that has recently occupied a position in the heavens near Jupiter was doubtless the cause of the misapprehension of the amateurs.



'74.

N. A. Luce, State Superintendent of Schools, was in the city Saturday, Oct. 19th.

'75.

Rev. J. H. Barrows of Tenants Harbor has accepted a call to the Baptist Church in Yarmouth.

'76.

C. E. Young is the missionary for the Baptist State Convention, in Aroostook Co. His address is Caribou Maine.

'81.

C. B. Wilson is passing a few days with his friends in the city.

'82.

Miss Orie O. Brown is teaching the Indian School at Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota.

'86.

Miss Bessie R. White has a position at the High School at her home in Somerville, Mass.

'87.

Everett E. Burleigh and Preston U. Burleigh are prominent officials of Iron River, Wisconsin.

C. C. Richardson Principal of Higgins Academy at Charleston Me., is visiting in the city during a short vacation.

'88.

Miss Bertha C. Brown is teaching in the Somerville Mass. High School.

'89.

James King of Portland has been in the city for a day or two.

P. P. Burleigh, now of the Harvard Law School, passed through the city recently.

'92.

Stephen Starks is at home from Kents Hill for a short vacation.

H. R. Purinton is at home from Cobb Divinity School, Lewiston for a short vacation.

W. N. Donovan, after passing a few days of his vacation here at the "Bricks," has gone to his home in So. Lyndeborough N. H.



A HEMPEN NECKTIE.

A waggish hangman grimly said,

"Go where one will he finds,"

He puts the halter round a neck—

"This is the tie that binds!" w: s.

Wesleyan has received \$75,000 for a new gymnasium.

There are 101 candidates for the degree of Ph. D. at the University of Chicago.

The Spanish has a word that spells the same backward and forward—the verb "reconocer."

Forty-eight prizes from \$10 to \$100, in all \$1,000 are offered for poems on Esterbrook's Steel Pens.

Lawn Tennis Court: (She to her partner).—What is the score, Mr. T—? (He, not thinking).—Just 15, love.

Of the sixty-five thousand students in American universities and colleges four thousand are preparing for the ministry.

APPLIED BOTANY.

"A kiss for each flower," I gayly said;
 She had violets pinned at her breast;
 But her face grew sad and she turned away
 With a sigh of deep unrest.

Then she raised her black eyes to mine once more,
 And I thought I saw a tear,
 As her sweet voice softly, falt'ring said,
 There are only two dozen here.

The medical school of the University of Pennsylvania has graduated 10,458 men.

A professorship of Pacific coast history has been established at Leland Stanford, Jr. University.

The University of Minnesota has won the football championship of the Northwestern states.

Harvard University gives away each year \$87,000 to deserving students who are unable to pay their own expenses.

Since the present system of scoring by points was introduced in 1883, Yale has scored 4660 points to her opponents' 92.

Yale is the only team that has not been scored against this year. They have a formidable team to play against today.

The average weight of the Harvard rush-line is 173.0 pounds, that of the backs 162.7, and of the whole team 168.4 pounds.

The grand stand on the new athletic field of Northwestern University cost \$3000. The field is one of the finest in the West.

"Non parasus," dixit Junior, cum a sad and doleful look. "Omne rectum," Prof. respondit, et "nihil" scripsit in his book.—*Drury Mirror*.

Professor—*Dido et forte dux*.

Freshie—They must have been awfully little ducks or else she was awfully hungry.—*Mail and Express*.

Yale, Johns Hopkins, Cornell, Dartmouth and the Universities of Michigan and Minnesota are the only American universities possessing Y. M. C. A. buildings.

The University of Michigan chorus numbering 300 voices, has been invited to sing at the choral celebration, which will mark the opening of the World's Fair next May.

Senator Stanford has given \$125,000 to the Leland Stanford, Jr. University, to be used for the support and education of any 100 students who are unable to pay their own way through the four years course.

Dissipation seems to be natural. The moon gets full, the sea gets high, the wind gets on a tear, the trees often get on a bender, and all nature "smiles." At least they say she does.

The largest foot ball scores on record were made by Harvard against Exeter in 1886, when she scored 123-0; by Yale against Wesleyan in 1886, 136-0, and Princeton-Lafayette in 1884, 140-0.

One-half of the West Point Cadets are obliged to wear glasses, it is said. This state of affairs is largely due to the fact that the barracks are lighted by electricity instead of gas. The Board of Visitors has asked Oongress to appropriate \$25,000 to remedy this.

There are ninety-two full courses and fifty-two half courses at Harvard this year. In order to complete the courses now offered in the Graduate School, a man would work twenty-nine and one-half years, taking the regular four courses a year.

At Brown University, Prof. Clark has been chosen to act as President pro. tem., for one year, during the absence of President Andrews, to whom leave of absence has been granted, in order that he may attend the International Monetary Conference at Brussels, to which he has been chosen a delegate.

Eastern boy: Well, sir, did you ever play foot ball?

Western boy: No sir, but I was in a stampede of mules once. Foot ball is too rough for my gentle nature.

Prof. Psychology—What is love?

Chem. Student—Love is a volatile precipitate, and marriage is a solvent in which it quickly desolves.

The above is a lye.

A cable message was received by Warner & Swarzey, makers of the great Lick telescope, from Paris, stating that it would take 18 months to manufacture necessary glass for the disks for the Yerkes telescope, for the University of Chicago. The University of California refused at first to part with its 40-inch disks, which are in Cambridge, Mass., to the Chicago University, so Mr. Yerkes is ordering material for 45-inch disks. It will thus be two years before the Chicago telescope can be completed. No contracts have yet been made for anything except the glass.

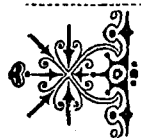
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