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IN the next issue of the ECHO, we expect to publish the first of a series of articles on Art. These articles will have special reference to the casts in Memorial Hall.

THE seventy-third annual catalogue of Colby University has been issued. The total number of students enrolled is 206, an attendance which exceeds that of any other year in the history of the college. In the list of electives, several additions are noted. One new department has been added, that of Biblical Literature. In many respects the course of study offered to the students of Colby this year surpasses that of last year. A special feature of the catalogue is the frontispiece, a bird's-eye view of the University and grounds.

WE fancy that we see some improvement in the reading room. We would, however, call the attention of the management to the fact that the third lamp has not yet been added—that the papers are not all put on file, that the room does not yet look as it should. One thing seems certain, we cannot afford to disregard any resolutions presented by the Board of Conference. The ECHO simply gives the advice, that stronger endeavor be made to comply with the letter and spirit of the resolutions. It is a better reading room or no reading room.

THE following was too late for the Symposium but will doubtless be timely for years to come—"Talk about what we need to make the college better! I would have every member of the college working so hard that he would no have

time to think about what the college needs. I get so discouraged trying to make students do anything; they have to be driven, and then think they are worked half to death. What we need is more enthusiasm for work, more genuine scholarly spirit, more doing of hard work for the love of it."

Through the kindness of Prof. Hall, we are permitted to show the ECHO readers the style and form of the college excuse of the olden time. The year of this excuse is not given, but was probably 1837.

To
the Honorable Faculty
of Watterville
College.
April 29th.

Gentlemen,

Having business at Cornville where I spent last vacation I would petition to be excused from college exercises after Friday next.

Yours etc.,

B. F. BUTLER.

WE copy the following from an announcement of the Maine Literary and Theological Institution, printed under date of May 21, 1819: "The price of Tuition is 4 dollars a quarter. Decent board, exclusive of washing, mending and beds may be obtained for about 1 dollar a week; with the addition of these for \$1.50 The usual price of wood is \$1.50 cents per cord." Room-rent was thus a fraction of the 50 cents a week for "washing, mending and beds." Before rashly deciding that we would like to have been here in those good old days we need to take into consideration the facilities for liberal study which the college then offered. These are hinted at in the following from this same announcement: "In Feb. 1818, the Trustees made choice of Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin as Professor of Theology and the Rev. Ira Chase as Professor of the Learned Languages. The latter, however did not accept his appointment and the Seminary was opened by the former alone on the 6th of July following. At a special meeting of the Trustees, holden the 12th (May 12, 1819), Mr. Alva Woods, a graduate of the University at Cambridge, and a student at Andover, was appointed a Tutor." Surely expenses have not increased from that day to our own in proportion to the increase in the efficiency of the college.

IT is very gratifying to see the way the members of the different Athletic associations are taking hold of the gymnastic work; it augurs well for success next year. Of course there must be a reason for this increased interest which is being taken not only by the associations but by the classes. Very early in the year steps were taken to introduce a few baths into the gymnasium under the old ball cage and from this movement grew the present extensive alterations in the gym. It might not be out of place to compare the former state of the gymnasium with its present condition as the alterations are now complete, and everything is in running order. The gym as it stood at the beginning of this college year had no baths, no dressing rooms, was heated by two large stoves, which never warmed the room sufficiently to make exercising comfortable in the winter months, and, although it was not quite so bad as when (as one of the alumni told us the other day) "the boys used to come out with cord wood sticks and play hockey as their principal gym. exercise," it was not in a first class condition. Now we have a main exercising room 60 by 70 feet which gives a floor area of 4200 square feet thus giving ample room for all class work. The apparatus in this room consists of two sets of parallel bars, one high and one low, one horizontal bar, and vaulting bar, a bridge ladder, climbing robes, flying and travelling rings. These are used for general work. For class drills we have dumb-bells, Indian clubs, wands and chest weights, as well as foils for fencing. For special, i. e. prescriptive work, we have one wrist machine, one quarter circle, one rowing machine, one chest developer, one chest expander, one pair of travelling parallels, one neck machine, one pair of high pulley weights. Thus it will be seen that, as far as apparatus is concerned, we have as well furnished a gymnasium as any in the State. There have been no additions to the apparatus with the exception of one pair of parallel bars, the low bars already mentioned, which made it possible for beginners to take work which they could not take on the higher bar. In its former condition the gymnasium class room and ball cage were on the one floor. The cellar has now been excavated and the ball cage and bowling alley placed under the ell which has been added to the old building and which contains on the main floor the bath rooms, dressing rooms and the instructor's office. The

addition is on the eastern side of the building, and is 70 by 20 feet. The baths are seven in number, three full length, two sponge and two shower, supplied with hot and cold water. The finishing of the addition is in pine and spruce and the effect is very pleasing. Perhaps no one thing makes the gymnastic work pleasant this year more than the heating of the entire gym. by steam. The main exercising room can now be kept at an even temperature. In place of the oil lamps the gymnasium is now lighted by a 1200 candle power arc light and the bath rooms, ball cage and bowling alley by ten 16 candle power incandescent lamps.

A great deal of the credit for the successful carrying through of this work is due to Prof. Shailer Mathews for his untiring energy and enthusiasm and his careful supervision of all the details connected with it. The time has come when physical culture is recognized as an important adjunct to education and we hope that the enthusiasm which is being shown at present is not transitory, and will not diminish as the novelty of the improvements wears off. The instructor is always willing to give advice and aid to those who desire it. No doubt, to those who have been upon the ground and have seen the alterations going on from day to day the above may seem to go into unnecessary details, but the object of this article is to show the Alumni that Colby is keeping abreast of the times and giving to her students the best that can be had.

G. J. D. C.



ON THE BRIDGE.

We paused on the bridge for a moment,
On our way from meeting, just out,
To watch the swift whirl of the eddies,
And the spray wildly flying about.

Our cheeks felt the damp of the water,
That was foaming and dashing below;
And I thought, what a scene for an artist,
As I felt the cold gust come and go.

The water in torrents was tumbling,
And splashing with noise o'er the fall.
By its rushing and roaring, majestic,
Half hid was the rugged mill wall.

It churned itself into a feather,
And foam flecks went floating away,
To adorn the dark torrent beneath us,
And soften its black into gray.

The moon, through a rift in the storm clouds,
In the sky was now shining so bright;
And she shed o'er the white fleecy waters
A mellow, silvery light.

So in all our trouble and turmoil,
Though dark seems the way to the goal,
The light of God's love comes for asking,
And fills with its peace the whole soul,

C. F. SMITH.

MY SAINT CECILIA.

SHE was only a poor little French girl, my St. Cecilia. I remember the first time I ever saw her. I had awakened unusually early one bright spring morning, and heard someone singing just outside my window. The voice struck me as unusually rich and musical, and I stepped to the window to see who it could be who was singing so sweetly so early in the morning. There was only a little girl in sight in a faded calico dress with a small dinner-pail in her hand, but she was singing happily and her little feet kept step with the music. I glanced instinctively at the picture of my favorite Saint. Why did the child remind me of her, the rich Roman lady in her silken gown? Yet, there was something of St. Cecilia's own sweetness in her voice and I called her from that day my St. Cecilia.

Morning after morning she passed my window on her way to the factory. I learned to listen for her and would wake up long enough to hear her sing, and then fall asleep again, with the sweet consciousness that something pleasant had happened.

We had been sitting one evening in the long summer twilight listening to music. My aunt was with us. We always counted her visits a special treat in the musical line for she had a fine and cultivated voice, which she was ready to use for our delight. To-night she had sung more beautifully than ever, we thought. As the music ceased, I heard a slight rustling outside the window and looking out I saw a child's form crouched in the shadow of the house. Seeing me, she started up and was about to run away, when I called, "Who is it, what do you want?"

"Please, ma'am, I didn't mean any harm. I only heard the singing and came to listen." I

recognized the voice, it was my St. Cecilia.

I called her in. She seemed a little frightened to find herself among so many strangers. But my aunt spoke kindly to her—asked her if she liked her music, and sang to her again.

"Do you sing, too?" she said as she arose from the piano.

"Oh, yes!" answered the little girl, "but not so well as you."

"Suppose you sing to us, now."

Glancing timidly around, she began and sang in her simple, childish way some French ballad. "Bravo," "well done," were the exclamations that greeted her from different members of the family. Another song was called for, and still another.

"And what do you think of my St. Cecilia!" I asked, triumphantly, after the child had gone.

"I think she has really a beautiful voice," replied my aunt. "One rarely finds such richness of tone in a child of her age."

I went to bed full of enthusiasm for my St. Cecilia, and lay awake for several hours building air-castles.

We were talking over the occurrence of the evening at breakfast the next morning, when I made bold to lay my plans before the family council.

"Why couldn't we adopt her, anyway, and give her an education and send her away to take music lessons, and, and—" but evidently it did not take in the way I had hoped. The composure of the table was quite upset. My big brother seemed to consider it especially amusing. "Yes," he said, "and you'll have her out—Patti Patti, by the time she's twenty, won't you?"

I felt quite crestfallen. "I will tell you," said my aunt kindly, after the laugh had subsided, "when I come again, to make that long visit we have been talking about, I'll give this little protegee of yours some lessons, and if she still seems promising, why, perhaps—I have a friend in the city who is interested in just such cases—but we will wait and see."

Some days had passed and I had not seen nothing of my St. Cecilia and I was beginning to wonder what had become of her, when I found her out again by accident. I went up to the hospital one morning to take some flowers. As I entered the children's ward, I heard a low voice singing at the other end of the room.

"It's the little girl in number nine," said the

nurse, "she got badly injured in the factory and was brought to us a week ago. Her singing is a real blessing to the children. We thought at first we should have to stop it, but they teased us not to, and now whenever any of them are restless or suffering more than usual, they always beg of her to sing, and she always does if she isn't too sick herself, poor child."

"I hastened to the cot, and found, as I had feared, my St. Cecilia. She was overjoyed to see me. I sat down beside her and held her hand, I said how I had missed her morning song. Then I told her what my aunt had said about the lessons. The child's face brightened up, her eyes shone, she clasped her little hands, "Oh, I must hurry and get well," she said. "Before I went I gave her her choice of the flowers in my basket. She took the roses. I might have known that roses would be her favorites, I thought, my St. Cecilia!"

I went often to the hospital to see my St. Cecilia. I carried her flowers and fruit, and sometimes took a book to read to her. But every time I went she seemed a little paler and weaker than before; and at last there came a day when I did not need the nurse to tell me that my little friend was not long for this world.

I had been reading to her that afternoon, and we came to a reference to Heaven.

"Would you like to go there?" I asked, feeling as though it was not far away for her, and wondering what the child had been taught. A little cloud passed over her face. "It's so beautiful, you know, and there isn't any suffering everybody's happy." "I would like to go," she said, turning wearily on her pillow. "I would like to go to-day, only, only—"

"Only what?" I asked, tenderly. "Only, you know, I was going to learn to sing!" Dear little music-loving heart, was this all her Heaven lacked?

"But you can learn to sing in Heaven," I said, "There is beautiful music there, more beautiful than anything on earth."

"Will the Blessed Virgin teach me?" asked the child.

"Perhaps so, anyway, I am sure you will know how to sing."

"Then it's all right," she said, smiling sweetly.

I left my little friend with a sad heart that night. As I reached the door, I turned around for a parting look. She seemed quite happy now. She pressed my roses to her cheek and

was singing softly to herself.

The next morning I hastened to the hospital and inquired anxiously for the little patient in number nine.

"She died early this morning," said the nurse. "She didn't suffer any toward the last, and tried to sing a little. Then she grew too weak, and passed away quite peacefully." I turned away, my eyes were filled with tears. And she is singing now, I thought, my St. Cecilia!

GRACE M. COBURN.

TENNYSON, THE MAN.

CAN you see it, the old white rectory in Somesby, on the slope of a hill; the wind-winding lanes shadowed by tall ash trees and elms? A monastic sweetness and quiet hangs about it and it seems as if nature herself might have lent a listening ear on that August day when for a third time Elizabeth Tennyson heard the cry of a son.

Little Alfred Tennyson grew like other boys; frolicked and played; in course of time learned his Greek roots I suppose, and went to college. The accounts of his college life are meagre; but his first volume of poems was published while he was a student, and his friendship with Arthur Hallam is a model for all the friendships of earth. The two young men once travelled together—a long year—the "delightfulness" of which cannot be described. How Hallam's death affected Tennyson is seen all through "In Memoriam," which Gladstone has pronounced "the richest oblation ever offered by the affection of friendship at the tomb of the departed."

It is not easy to trace Tennyson's early manhood. Like other brilliant collegians, he found his way to London, where he and a well-blackened meerschaum are said to have been well known companions in Fleet street. This love for smoking was retained till his latest days.

Again the imagination must come in play when we think of Tennyson's wooing, and of his marriage to Emily Sallywood, in the old ivy-grown church at Shipham, by the deep bend of the Thames. The wedding journey was to the Isle of Wight; and during the quiet hours here, "In Memoriam," "The Princess," and other poems were at least partly thought out and planned.

Tennyson's married life must have been a happy one. The women of his poetry portray a

very high ideal, and hear this tribute to his wife after years of companionship:

"Dear, near, and true—no truer Time himself
Can prove you, though he make you evermore
Dearer and nearer."

It is of the life of later years that we are told the most. In 1850 when Alfred Tennyson was made poet laureate, he was presented at Court in the identical clothes, buckles, stockings and sword, which Wordsworth had worn years before on a similar occasion. It was a squeeze for Tennyson, but by pulling and hauling, they got him in.

We are not told how it fared with the future peer who was by no means a small-sized man.

Many friends and acquaintances give charming accounts of the home life at Aldworth and Freshwater; especially of later years, when the mistress was an invalid and Hallam Tennyson was his father's adviser as well as son.

Interesting glimpses of gentle Lady Tennyson in her garden chair, drawn by the poet in his broad-brimmed hat; pleasant bits about the cordial, unaffected old man, who was always glad to see you, asked you to come again, and recited his own poetry to you in the most musical of voices.

Mrs. Annie Thackeray Ritchie gives us the latest picture of the personal appearance of Lord Tennyson. "A beautiful face, if ever the adjective could be applied to masculine features, and never more beautiful in any stage of life than now, when age has fixed all the finer features and lent them a new dignity and majesty. Everybody is familiar with the broad forehead, the clear, deep eyes, the strongly cut nose and finely chiselled lips, the long hair, fringing those temples—shrines of high thought—and the genial, massive and commanding aspect of the poet. Albeit past his eighty-second birthday, Lord Tennyson's figure is only weakened, not broken by age. His hair possesses much of its old dark color, and excepting in places, is hardly more than sable silvered."

So he lived and so he died. There is something inspiring as well as pathetic in the death of the old man, his beloved books scattered around; lying in darkness, save where the moon's rays like beams of celestial glory, shone across the bed.

If to Tennyson the poet we accord all honor, Tennyson, the man, must claim our love as well as our respect.

We can only echo the words of his own grief:

"I leave thy praises unexpressed
In verse that brings myself relief,
And by the measure of my grief
I leave thy greatness to be guess'd.

What practice howso'er expert
In fitting aptest words to things
Or voice the richest-toned that sings,
Hath power to give thee as thou wert."

CHAPTERS IN A SCHOOL MA'AM'S EXPERIENCE.

II.

WINTER of '87-'88! Memorial winter! What scenes rise before my mind's eye, as I think of it!

All things seemed favorable for the success of the school ma'am in District No. 6. The three mile drive five days in a week; the cold dinners seasoned with a tune from the boy with the harp; the well-disposed pupils; the parents who allowed the teacher the right to teach without their advice; all contributed in making the term pleasant.

The sun rose and set as usual, one day was stormy, another, fair; to-day Tommy missed his spelling lesson, while Mary did not even look behind her; to-morrow, Tommy knew his spelling, but Mary whispered. Not thus should matters continue. "Variety is the spice of life." Thursday morning dawned. During the night earth had received a new, clean robe, and a thick one, too; still, more was coming to make her doubly warm. "Tough storm! Reg'lar blizzard!" said the farmer as he came in to breakfast. Of course the school ma'am must be at her post of duty at nine o'clock, so two boys, a girl and, myself, well bundled up in the pung, set off, promising to return by noon if the storm continued.

Only a few children answered the roll-call that morning. Delighted with the prospect of having plenty of time for each class, I soon forgot the weather and my promise.

Noon came, I looked out; the storm raged with increasing force and the snow was deep everywhere. Nevertheless, we went on with the work. By two o'clock the wind had risen; coming to my senses, without ceremony I closed school for that day, yes, for that week.

The boys started for the horse in a neighbor's stable; they returned soon with the report that no horse could get through the drifts.

We had read of the Dakota blizzards and shivered; now, we were experiencing a Maine blizzard.

Without food or lamps we were, but with plenty of wood; so we planned to sit up and tell stories or do 'rithmetic by the light of the fire, till morning brought aid. The boys, fearful of the 'rithmetic, proposed shoveling a path to the nearest house and went for shovels. Already the neighbors, alarmed, had started for the school-house. To shovel a path was out of the question, for it would have taken hours; but the drifts were hard and a stone wall was on one side of the road. We plunged into the snow, and after a hard struggle reached the stone-wall. The wind blew a gale, but on our hands and knees we crawled along to the house.

Never were home comforts more appreciated than that eve as we imagined ourselves in the old school-house trying to keep warm and awake.

The next morning, the sky was clear, the sun shone brightly, but the wind blew fiercer than ever. No school that day. "What can't be cured must be endured."

The next day calm prevailed, and by four o'clock that afternoon a track was made that a horse might follow. A boy about nine years of age came after the little girl and me.

How well I remember that drive! The moon was in partial eclipse, the air was biting cold. The boy's hands became too cold to hold the lines so I took them. Once, twice, thrice, the horse fell and climbed up; we lost our way, and found it again, by alighting and feeling about the sides of the road.

We reached the end of the journey cold and tired. A frozen thumb and fore-finger, served as a warning to me, that in the future, when a blizzard struck I should stay at home.

L. G.



"La Neige tombait."

"Where did you get that hat?"

Jordan, '95, is at college once more.

Watkins '95 has been "running the lantern" for Dr. Dunn. They have visited Brunswick, Freeport, Lisbon Falls and Portland.

Nichols, '95, is confined to his room with a severe cold.

Pierce, '94, made a short trip to Boston, Feb. 21.

An elective in Hebrew is to be offered next term.

Salisbury, '96, visited Portland, Tuesday, Feb. 14.

McLellan '95 is teaching near his home in Belfast, Maine.

Colby pins are fast becoming popular among the college girls.

Miss Taylor, '93, has been taking a few days rest at Skowhegan.

Rowley '95 has been engaged to supply the pulpit in Mt. Vernon.

Santa excuses the junior girls from making up the work last Monday.

Jewett, '95, has finished his term at Mt. Vernon and has returned to college.

Towne '94 has been unable to attend college this term owing to the illness of his father.

Washington's birthday was observed by a suspension of duties after the morning recitations.

About a dozen couples attended the Sunday evening service at the Plains church to hear the pastor "parler Francais."

Prof. Warren is giving a University Extension course in Portland. The first lecture was given Monday evening, Feb. 20.

Lynch, '94, left for Providence, R. I., on the Thursday Pullman. He is to make a short visit on business matters known only to Mr. Lynch.

The Seniors have voted to have a class escutcheon in the coming *Oracle*. They have also voted to have the class pictures taken at Preble & Jordan's.

The sophomores were tendered a very pretty reception by one of the ladies of their class Miss Fountain, at her home on Getchell street, Saturday, Feb. 25.

Rumor whispers that '94's spring poet has been caught in the same Cupid's net he is so fond of sonnetizing. Call at 26 N. C. and receive the customary treat.

The "Earthquakes" having swallowed "Paul" the happy senior who has so successfully disposed of the victim, now burns the midnight oil in making the acquaintance of "Job."

The following tragical episode occurred in the south division of South College not long ago: First Student—"Lend me five dollars?" Second Student—"Yes." (Heavy fall. First student had fainted).

Let the ubiquitous freshman at once give up his claim on the campus. A modest senior now controls that piece of property. It was presented to him by one of the recently appointed ECHO editors.

A picture of the early days of co-education at Colby—last Monday morning at chapel service. The girls were represented by two freshies and one soph, members of upper classes have learned wisdom with age.

The opportunity given the girls for working in the gymnasium is greatly appreciated. The girls feel the need of exercise at the close of the day and the gymnasium seems the proper place in which to take it.

Prof. Bayley and Evans '94 made a short trip down east last week. Prof. Bayley gave his lecture on the Geology of Maine in Brooklyn Wednesday night and before his return visited the granite quarries in that part of the state.

A meeting of the Foot Ball Association was held after prayers Feb. 21st. The Association voted to authorize a committee to amend the constitution of the Foot Ball Association so as to admit it into the Amalgamated Association.

At the three college buildings on College Avenue, candy, pop corn, games and entertainments of various kinds helped to make Monday one of the liveliest days of the season. At L.H. four girls gave an afternoon tea to as many boys.

Speaking of strict obedience to the moral law in spite of disinclination:—"Children find at last that the rule that they shall go to bed at eight o'clock, or not be out later than ten, is good after all, however irksome it may be at the time."

We fear that the alumni and alumnae will question our veracity, but the campus man actually saw some of the young lady members of the college running away from Recitation Hall one afternoon, recently, in order to avoid meeting a Professor who was late to recitation, in other words, in order to secure a cut. No fear of college spirit dying out though this should become exclusively a ladies' college.

A notice in the window of a first floor S. C. room advertising a mileage for sale, makes the surprising and rash statement that it is at "2 1-2 cents a mile, cheaper than a ticket at 3 1-2 cts." It will be well to weigh such statements before making them.

Monday's snow storm caused the recitations on that day to be thinly attended. The girls at the Halls were completely snowed in. Strange to say some of the boys managed to get snowed in there also and did not seem to count it any hardship either.

Ladies' Hall can vie with any of the college clubs in its bill of fare. We are not surprised that the temptation to heed the call of the supper bell could not be resisted by one of the seniors on the *Oracle* Board who is *not* a denizen of the Hall.

Dennis adds to his already great reputation for exact scholarship by informing the Ethics class in regard to Nancy Hank's precise record at last accounts. It would take long to tell the connection of this with Ethics, yet it has a connection at several points.

Graves, '93, Pierce, '94, Hopkins, Waters and Nichols, '95, attended the concert and ball of the Maine Central Relief Association at Portland, Tuesday evening. It seems too bad to say they were only waiters.

Jed has blossomed into an active philanthropist where formerly he was a passive one. The best of it is, his philanthropy is infectious, several Freshmen having taken the contagion. We expect, ere long, that the whole college will be going about on benevolent missions.

The classes in college have voted to insert in the *Oracle* for '93, the class escutcheon which appears in most college annuals. It can be made in very tasty designs and adds greatly to the beauty of the volume. One engraving is to answer for both divisions of the classes.

"The Baring School had only one session on Thursday, as the teacher, Mr. Clemens of Colby University visited at the Calais High School to enjoy meeting his old teacher,"—Calais paper. We have seen Jake's name spelled and heard it pronounced in every way imaginable but in "Clemens" every trace of the good old German name, *Kleinhans*, is utterly lost. Perhaps our fellow student has deemed it best to adopt an assumed name.

Colby is represented at the convention of the Y. W. C. A., of New England, held at Providence, R. I., Feb. 24-26, by Miss Hazelton, '94, who gives a seven-minute paper on "Devotional Meeting and Bible Classes," and by Miss Brown '94, who presents the report of the association.

University Extension is becoming very popular throughout the State. Prof. Bayley gives his course at Portland, Prof. Warren at Portland also, Prof. Mathews at Rockland, and Prof. Marquardt at Bath. Prof. Rogers is off somewhere most of the time and cuts are frequent in many departments.

The Freshman are now called upon to exercise that faculty which we are told distinguished Cæsar, Diocletian, and Napoleon, viz., the power to see things exactly as they are in this naked reality. They were told recently:—"Your work in here seriously affects your standing, as the Seniors found out."

The Ethics class were discussing the subject of freedom from objective law in consequence of obeying the subjective principle of one's moral nature. "For whom are *college* laws made anyway? They are made for the immature." The question naturally arises, who are the immature in college? Do they all belong to one class or do they not?

On account of the increase in the number of girls this year, it was thought advisable to form a Conference Committee. Several meetings of this committee were held during the fall term, each of which was marked by absence of business. The first meeting of the winter term adjourned to a call necessitated by the conduct of the girls. That this has been the only meeting of the term, speaks for itself.

The Senior geologists are expecting recommendations to fill positions after graduation as University Extension lecturers. Various members have been lecturing to the remainder of the class in a learned yet popular way on "Lake Bonneville," "Artesian Wells," "Existing Glaciers of Alaska," etc., etc. The lectures are illustrated by use of the stereopticon, black-board drawings, and in other ways.

The storm of Monday, Feb. 20, was the worst one which has swept over this section of the country for years. It was a regular western blizzard. A high wind filled the air with driving particles of snow rendering objects only a short distance away indistinct, and piling up the

snow in large drifts. Work at the college was necessarily suspended as the ladies could not venture out, although three of the boldest did attend chapel services.

There has been a decided reform in the Reading Room during the past fortnight. The room really presents a decent appearance at last. The place is kept warm and lighted, the papers are filed in good shape and there has been a noticeable absence from rowdyism of all kinds. There is no reason why it should not continue to be so. One hundred and fifty dollars a year is quite a sum to spend for a low grade sporting room.

Alas, that any man should sin wilfully, should know the right and yet deliberately choose the wrong! We should refuse to believe that such a man exists, did not one of the present Senior class assert positively to be such an one. Fortunately we can yet save our faith in human nature by the thought that we are all liable to mistake, and that perhaps our senior brother mistakes in this case in regard to what he considers as the testimony of his own consciousness.

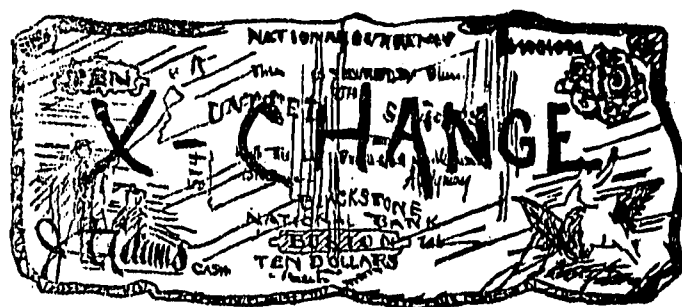
President Whitman has been absent the past week looking into the educational interests of Washington and Aroostook Counties. The seniors have consequently had an "engraving" through the week; but lest other Professors should take unfair advantage of the fact and add extra work, the class was asked to spend the time usually devoted to Ethical study to *thinking* on certain subjects assigned. The sad fact has doubtless been brought home to many of them that it is harder work to think than it is to get a lesson.

The common newspaper remark that "the following explains itself" hardly applies to the following:

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This is a specimen of the new Colby Catalogue after it had been "through the press"—to the floor. The type was evidently shaken up a little and furnish now a striking argument in favor of design. It takes something besides a "shaking up together" of type, at least, to make them assume the form of words and sentences, as the printer found to his sorrow in this case.

The columns of the Campus would hardly be complete without mention of "that Glee Club." Active preparations are going on for the Spring trip through the State. An entirely new programme will be presented to the public and more full Club selections will be rendered than ever before. The programme will be as bright, breezy and musical as the diversified talent of the Club can make it. Some charges have been made in the parts and several new men are practicing with the Club. After doing up the principal cities and towns of Maine, the Glee Club will wind up its two weeks trip with a grand concert in Waterville. The Colby Glee Club has always prided itself upon its public appearance. The success of a concert may often be largely due to the impression, favorable or unfavorable, which the performers convey to the audience even before they have uttered a sound. Much more is this impression heightened, when the singers open their mouths. It should be remembered that, although the face may be in keenest sympathy with the agonized efforts of the vocal chords, it was not designed to be sung with. A good suggestion has been offered that such members, who are disposed to make the Glee Club still more of a variety show by their facial contortions, place themselves under the immediate instruction of the Professor of Elocution, even at the supreme danger of losing their "Ex."



The Yale-Harvard Debate which recently attracted so much attention seems likely to awaken a competitive spirit between our larger colleges. Such intercollegiate contests are sure to call out the best ability and render the sphere of general knowledge much broader to the average collegian. Yale and Princeton are now arranging for the discussion of the following question: Resolved that the peaceful annexation of Canada would be beneficial to the United States.

The *Mail and Express* calls attention to the splendid gift Yale is about to receive. This is

a new building for student rooms. It is the gift of Mr. and Mrs Cornelius Vanderbilt, erected in memory of their late son William Henry Vanderbilt. The building will cost between four and five hundred thousand dollars.

The *Wabash*, of Wabash College, Cranfordsville, Indiana, is a valuable exchange which has recently come to us. Among other interesting matter we note the following:

"President Jordan, of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University has given his ideas of the conservative customs of most American institutions: 'College marks, college honors, college courses, college degree—all these things belong, with the cap and gown and wealth of laurel berries to the babyhood of culture. They are part of our inheritance from the past, from the time scholarship was not manhood, when the life of the student had no relation to the life of the world.'"

The same publication speaks of a change in the college exercises that may prove helpful to other colleges in settling the much perplexing question of compulsory Sunday chapel attendance. The faculty of Wabash have considered it advisable to make Sunday chapel service optional, while church attendance becomes compulsory instead.

The *Oberlin Review* notes an article in the *Golden Rule* in which President Gates of Amherst speaks of a danger in college life. Students surrender too often on entering college their individuality. They slavishly accept and follow prevailing traditions and pay undue deference to the opinions of upper-classmen, when these opinions are from reasonable. Not only Oberlin needs to draw a lesson from such a plain truth. Colleges in general can trace back to this source the cause for the existence of class rivalries, hazing, and college rowdyism. The man who holds to the high ideals brought from his pure and sheltered home life, will know how to avoid such dangers and their results.

A remarkable discovery is thus mentioned in the *Tuftsian*:

A discovery has been made by Flanders Petri, the Egyptologist, that mummy cases were manufactured of sheets of paper pasted one upon another. Some precious manuscripts have already been discovered, and there is a wide field of interesting speculation as to what priceless treasures may yet be brought to light by the disintegration of these cases into original sheets.

The unusual number of great men who have passed away within so short a space of time

must lead to serious questionings. The *Swarthmore Phoenix* comments upon the subject thus:

"The startling question confronts us: Whence are the reapers in the field where these great workers wrought to be replenished? It is the unanimous opinion of the critics that there are at present in England and America none who are in every way capable of filling the spheres made vacant by the passing away of such men as Tennyson, Browning, Emerson, Lowell, and the rest. There are men of genius and power, men who may sometime produce such classics as have grown beneath the pens but recently laid down forever, but for the present there seems imminent a pause in the production of English literature of the very highest type."

The *Pennsylvanian* prints the scheme now in progress of establishing a National University. A bill is being introduced by Senator Proctor of Vermont, into the Senate providing for the establishment of a National University at Washington. The bill provides for the issuing of twenty millions dollars worth of government bonds bearing five per cent. interest. These are to be turned over to the new University and the million dollars accruing from the interest will insure the salaries of some of the most competent instructors in the country. It is proposed to bring the Smithsonian Institute and the National Museum into close connection with the new institution.

The *Maine Student*, in connection with the proposed initiation of President-elect Cleveland as a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, calls attention to the fact that all the late Presidential nominees were connected with Miami University Societies. President Harrison was one of the first members of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity founded at Miami, Whitelaw Reid was a member of the Miami Chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, Vice President-elect Stevenson is a member of the Miami Chapter of Sigma Chi. A writer in the New York *College Fraternity* says "Is it not a credit to any fraternity to have such an institution of Miami's Universities for a birth place." Long is the list of distinguished men who have been either graduated from Miami or connected with her fraternities. President Garfield was a member of Delta Upsilon another of Miami's societies. Very fitting then is the following from the London and New York *Review of Reviews*:

"General attention has recently been directed in the remarkable number of men distinguished to public affairs who have been graduated from 'Old Miami' at Oxford in Ohio."



'58.

Charles P. Balwin, of Georgetown, Colorado, sends us the following communication with a request that it be published in the ECHO:

"A mass meeting of Denver's colored citizens was held in the court house in order to give them an opportunity of paying a tribute to the memory of the late Benjamin F. Butler. The meeting was well attended and in thorough sympathy with its object. In opening the meeting Chairman Mitchell paid an eloquent tribute to the dead general as a far-sighted statesman, a brave soldier and a loyal citizen. He told feelingly of all that General Butler had done for the negro during the storm and stress of the war period and in the after days of trial whenever they need a friend. He closed by urging those present to co-operate with the colored men all over the country in contributing to a fund for the erection of a monument to General Butler in Washington.

The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the late Benjamin F. Butler, by his manly stand in behalf of the negro in the late civil war, paved the way for the complete emancipation of the colored people of the United States. And in appreciation of those services, be it

Resolved, That we, the negro citizens of Colorado in mass meeting assembled, pay our tribute of love and respect to the memory of the illustrious dead. That we pledge ourselves to ever revere his memory as a true friend and benefactor. That we pledge ourselves to do what in us lies toward the perpetuation of his great deeds, and hand his name down to our posterity as the name of one who was the embodiment of all that was brave, true and noble, and as one of the most consistent champions of human liberty that the age has seen.

"And as the dead statesman and soldier, although of another race than ours, was ever our truest friend and champion; therefore be it

Resolved, That the memory of General Butler should be ever preserved in the heart of every American negro, and that his death has been a blow to those whom he has ever befriended during his lifetime."

'68.

Rev. G. W. Davis has resigned the pastorate of the Adams Street Baptist Church, Saco.

'82.

Judge Philbrook attended the meeting of the Maine State Bar at Augusta, Wednesday, Feb. 8th.

'86.

Byron Boyd, of Augusta, was visiting friends in the city, a day or two last week.

'87.

Forest Goodwin passed through this city, Tuesday, Feb. 7th, on his way to Bangor.

'90.

A Union Church, known as the Pownalboro Church of Christ was organized at West Dresden, recently. The church has been received into the Congregational fellowship and A. B. Patten, of Bangor Theological Seminary, has been chosen as their temporary pastor.

'91.

Fred Luce was seen on the campus, Sunday.

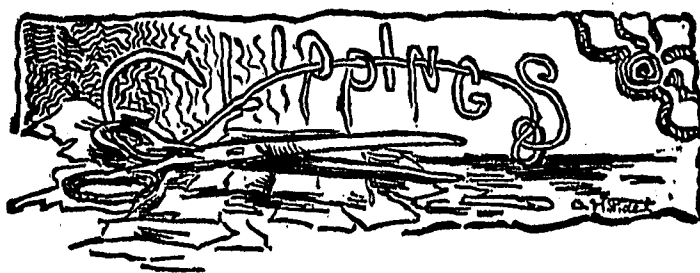
A. H. Chipman, head director for the Groder Dyspepsia Cure Company for the Maritime Provinces, has an office in St. John, N. B.

H. R. Purinton, after supplying for the church at New Portland, Sunday, Feb. 12th, on his return stopped at his home for a couple of days.

E. C. Teague is Supervisor at the Boston Asylum and Farm School for Indigent Boys, Thompson's Island, Boston Harbor. Send for a calendar.

'92.

F. B. Nichols, traveling salesman for the Groder Dyspepsia Cure Co. was in town Monday, Feb. 20.



A course in journalism will be offered at the University of Chicago in the spring.

Wesleyan will have a biological exhibit at the Worlds Fair.

A school of law is soon to be opened in Tokio for Japanese women.

Recitations at Oberlin are prefaced by prayer or singing.

As from forest trees about us
 All the frosty Autumn days,
 Drop the chestnuts thickly scattered
 O'er the ground in deepest maze.
 So in columns of "Exchanges"
 All the frosty Autumn days,
 Start the chestnuts of "News Items,"
 On their devious wandering ways.
 "This and that" of "Yale" or "Harvard",
 "Leland Stanford" "so and so"
 Then it's copied and recopied
 Till it's froze in winter's snow.
 But the early springtime thaws it,
 Sends it on the same old beat,
 Till the ancient, whiskered "chestnut"
 Bursts and dies of summer heat.

\$12,000 yearly given to the students at Clark University through scholarship and fellowships.

Washington College, in Virginia, has educated 37 Governors, 8 United States Senators, and 31 college presidents.

At the World's Fair there will be an exhibition of fraternity badges, magazines and chapter houses.

Old gold has been adopted as the college color at the University of Chicago.

Two Chinese women have entered the medical department of the University of Michigan.

The total membership of Greek letter societies in the American colleges is estimated at 77,000.

William Astor has signified his intention of giving \$1,000,000 to establish a negro university in Oklahoma.

By subscribing \$10 each the students of Columbia have begun a gymnasium fund.

Connecticut has more college students in proportion to her population than any other state in the Union.

Bethany College in West Virginia has the peculiar custom of observing April Fool's Day as a holiday. We wonder if the faculty do it for self-protection.

It is reported that President Harrison will, after March 4th, lecture on law at the Leland Stanford University.

The University of Berlin has three thousand students enrolled. Of these eight hundred are Americans.

The U. of M. Glee Club has offered a prize of ten dollars for the best humorous song written by a student.

The sum of all the salaries of college professors is annually \$80,000,000.

The Congregational clergymen of New Haven have asked President Dwight, of Yale, to put a stop to gambling and betting at that university.

Two hundred and fifty graduates of American colleges are in European universities, preparing for educational work in this country.

The students of Denison College are raising money for a new Y. M. C. A. building. Nearly \$10,000 has been subscribed.

Only a small fraction of one per cent of the voters of the U. S. are college educated men, yet they hold fifty-eight per cent of the highest offices.—Ex:

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

The Rev. Henry Fairbank of St. Johnsbury, Vt., has given \$25,000 to the academy at that place to found a scholarship in memory of his son Albert, who died a year ago while a student in the institution.

A student in a Western College proposes to deliver a lecture on Commencement day on "The Relations of the Wheelbarrow to American Elections."

Dartmouth has obtained the use of the New Hampshire building at the World's Fair for a specified day, when a college reunion will be held.

Yale has just completed an infirmary for the use of students in case of illness. It contains thirty-two rooms, and will be supplied with trained nurses and attendants.

Prof. Albert Harkness, of Brown University has resigned the professorship of Greek at that institution. He has held the position for thirty-seven years.

One half 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.

A meeting of prominent educators has been held at Harvard to consider the necessary requirements for admission to colleges. The results have not yet been made known.

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