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DAY of Prayer for Colleges fell on Thursday, the 26th. The day was observed, as it generally is, by holding services in the chapel instead of the regular recitations. An unusually strong and eloquent sermon was preached by our honored President, Dr. Wheeler. Through his kindness we are enabled to give, in another column, a synopsis of the sermon. We may well believe President Wheeler when he said that doubt was a universal and all pervading condition of human existence. Living as we do in an age of mighty intellectual revolution and with the problems of human origin and destiny all unsettled, it is often hard to believe. No religious creed that man has ever devised can be made to harmonize in all its features with modern knowledge. College men, above all others, should hold themselves open to the reception of truth. "We live in a world of mystery at all events," says Prof. Fiske, "and there is not a problem in the simplest and most exact departments of science which does not speedily lead us to a transcendental problem that we can neither solve nor elude." In the words of A Kempis in the *Imitation of Christ*, "Happy is he whom truth by itself doth teach, not by figures and words that pass away, but as it is in itself."

THE members of the Senior class are considering a scheme having for its object the foundation of a class alcove in the library. It is proposed that each Senior shall contribute a moderate sum and that the amount thus raised shall be used in purchasing some of the many bright, entertaining, and instructive American books which have been published in the last ten or fifteen years. It is intended that the books thus purchased and placed on the library shelves shall form a nucleus for an alcove of

the class of '88. It is to be understood that each member of the class, after graduation, will annually, or as often as love of Alma Mater prompt and purse permit, contribute something either in books or money. That the plan and motive is good and worthy no one will deny. Classes following may be led to do the same thing and thus very substantial results be realized. It is a move in the right direction and will be helping the old College, which has done so much for every faithful student, where she is weakest. If the class of '88 can inaugurate a move which will furnish the library with choice modern literature they will live in the grateful minds and memories of those coming after. At the very least loyalty to the College may be cultivated and interest in her welfare kept up long after the Seniors have separated, perhaps never to meet again.

AT a recent meeting of the officers of the Athletic Association it was decided to hold a spring meet previous to the Commencement Field Day sports, and there were appointed committees on base ball, foot ball, tennis, Field Day, &c., &c. An opportunity will soon be given for all to join the Athletic Association and it should be improved by every able bodied student in the College. If there is any organization in College which deserves the hearty and unanimous support of the students it is the Athletic Association. There are very few Colleges of any importance where less attention is paid to athletics than here. Of course the Battalion furnishes a limited amount of exercise for a part of the students. But that is not sufficient inasmuch as many of the young men do not belong to the military department. There is but one youth for us and it would be well to bear in mind that healthy bodies and sound and vigorous constitutions are absolutely essential to any one who would be successful in life in these days of push and feverish hurry. There is an old passage which has often been quoted but it will bear quoting again: "To the strong hand and strong head, and capacious lungs and vigorous frame, fall and will always fall, the heavy burdens ; and where the heavy burdens fall, the great prizes fall too."

ON another page will be found an article on a very old subject—the Library. We endorse all that the writer has said in reference to those who abuse the library. In no well regulated library are the current magazines allowed to be taken from the reading room. It is provoking to look for the latest *Harper* or *Atlantic* or *Century* and not be able to find any trace of the last three numbers of either publication. Some rule should surely be put in force to protect the library from the depredations of those who habitually *borrow*, to use no stronger term. What periodicals we do have ought to be left on the tables until they are read by, at least, a share of the students who frequent the library and desire to read them. We do not say this in a fault-finding spirit but because there is a real grievance and because a reform is sadly needed.

THOSE who have not yet paid their subscription to the CAMPUS will confer a great favor on the Business Manager by settling their accounts as soon as possible. We would call attention to the fact that after April 1st the price will be $1.50, and only $1.25 if paid before that date.

The Battalion, after three months' hard work, now make a very creditable showing in the marchings, facings and company movements. At the first drill of the term the guns and accoutrements were issued to the cadets. They will be drilled principally now upon the manual of arms.

What is advice ? A superfluous article which everybody is eager to give, but no one cares to receive.

Literary.

IT is eventide, the herald of rest
To man, who unceasing toils through the day,
That the heart pours forth its most joyful lay,
And all nature joins in the praise with zest.

The sun paints the western horizon with roseate beauty,
Which tips the hills as with a diadem of gold,
And brings every giant tree into prominence bold,
As if the drawing of a silhouette was its most pleasant duty.
The cattle from the fields by their lowing blend
With the last day song of the Robin's lay
To her downy young, and all life lends
Its murmur to the fading hours of the end of the day.

So let us all unite in our praise
To God, for the evening, as our voices we raise.

F. GURNEY STUBBS.

For the CAMPUS.

The College Library.

I HAVE been asked to furnish the CAMPUS with a short article on our Library. I comply with the request with pleasure as it will enable me to make a few statements in regard to the Library which ought to have been made long ago.

We have a Library of which we should be proud. I see some of you smile as you read the last sentence, and hear you exclaim, "O, yes, it is so modern!" It is true that in late literature it is sadly deficient; but let us appreciate what we have, and, if we would make it more modern, let us put our hands in our pockets and give something toward that object. But for the average student we have in our twelve or thirteen thousand volumes very many interesting books. Let us make use of what we have.

Although we are not possessed of all the recent standard books, we have on the tables all the standard current literature in magazines and newspapers. Of these publications there comes into the Library each week and month a supply of which we need in no way be ashamed.

These are all for the use of the students and professors, but *they are to be used in the Library*. On each end of the italics I would like to read several "*Note Benes*." And this brings me to the chief difficulty with our Library. *It is abused*. Many persons who visit the Library seem to think the rules governing it are something like these: In entering always leave the door open behind you as it improves the Librarian's temper. As soon as you are seated begin a conversation with someone across the room; all those desiring to study or read can do so much better if there is a great noise. When you desire to take a book out never have it charged. If you should be so reckless as to have a book charged keep it out at least three months; the Librarian has nothing to do but run after you. If you can possibly get hold of a paper or magazine on the day it arrives take it to your room and keep it a week; generally it is better not to return it at all. If you can obtain the use of the key which is kept at Hulings Hall, visit the Library in the afternoon and carry off *every one* of the recent magazines; no one will care to read them for several days at least. This last rule should *never* be neglected.

It may be said that I am exaggerating in this matter. I am not, as I *know* that all these things have been done frequently in the past. It is true that the Library is not open as much as we desire it to be but it cannot be helped at present.

In using the Library *let us be honest*. The person who takes a book, or magazine, or paper from the Library without consent is as much a *thief* as the person who takes a thousand dollars. You say you intend to bring it back; did you ever hear of one of our "colony" in Canada who did not intend the same thing when he began his peculations? Again I say, let us be honest! Let us remember that the Library is for *all* the students and that all should have the benefit of it; those books and magazines which you purloined and have in your room, have *all* the students the benefit of them? Let us do as we would be done by; if you desire a recent magazine, you do not wish

me to have it in my room; if I desire one, shall it be in your room? So in the future consider this matter and remember *never* to take anything from the Library without having it charged and *never* ask the Librarian to permit you to take out recent publications as he hates to refuse you the privilege, but must ; and above all things, never *steal.* T. C. B.

For the CAMPUS.

A West Virginia Stave Camp.

THE observing traveler up the Little Kanawha River in West Virginia sees much of interest. The river is a sluggish one ; the fall, it is reported, being but one foot to the mile. Navigation for tugs and passenger boats is accomplished for thirty-five or forty miles from Parkersburg by means of dams or locks, as they are termed. The country is hilly, but not very rocky, and good wagon roads are scarce.

Lumbering and the manufacture of oil-barrel staves form the principal industries which are engaged in all along this river and its branches.

In Wirt County, six miles north of the Kanawha, and not far from the Hughes River, the subject of this sketch is situated. The timber is dense, free from undergrowth, and consists principally of white oak and poplar. Its quality is excellent. Trees measuring in the clear from fifty to eighty feet in height and free from defects, are of frequent occurrence. The camp comprises a log boarding house for the "hands," a building, consisting principally of roof, in which the stave-making machinery is placed, a stable and an office likewise built of logs.

The *modus operandi* of stave-making is carried on in this manner: The machinery consists of boiler and engine, cylindrically shaped saw, and "lister;" which last machine is a small circular saw for "edging" or trimming the staves. A tramroad leads from the mill up one of the numerous valleys into the heart of of the woods. There on the side hill the trees are felled and sawed into "cuts" thirty-five inches in length ; the cuts are rolled down the steep hill to the tramway where they are barked, bolted, and from there taken to the mill, with a mule as motive power. The bolts are here sawed into staves, which are listed and placed in piles of two hundred each to await shipment. Parkersburg furnishes a ready market for this class of staves, and to that point they are shipped in barges.

It may be interesting to some to know of what the bill of fare of such a camp consists. Potatoes, wheat and corn bread, beef, mutton, bacon, tea, coffee, and molasses, furnish a *menu* relished by men whose appetites are sharpened by work in the woods.

At that latitude the winters are generally mild, with but little snow. In the summer season the temperature becomes rather tropical, the mercury rising to 107° and 108° in the shade.

About four miles from this point, in Richie County, is a regular vein of coal. It is but three-fourths of a mile long, yet is three hundred feet in depth. Its width, however, is only three or four feet. The peculiarity of the coal consists in its position and unusual qualities. The vein seems to be a crevice in the earth, in which the coal lies a solid mass. The existence of the coal was accidentally discovered in the bed of a small stream of water, and in former years the vein was worked for the purpose of making oil. The coal in appearance resembles cannel coal ; is very volatile, and when distilled yields a large percentage of oil. Through chemical tests, this is said to be not coal, properly, but mineral oil which has been oxidated and solidified by exposure to the atmosphere.

The resources of this part of the Union are large, and by no means fully developed. Its timber value alone cannot be fully estimated, and the presence of oil and inexhaustible quantities of coal, together with possible paying quantities of iron and other metals, go to indicate that it is to be the seat of extensive operations in iron-making in the future.

E. P. C.

Give attention to little things. How many students can tell without hesitation the number of rooms in Bentley Hall, or the number of steps which lead to the front door ?

Contributed.

College Fast Day Sermon.

BY PRESIDENT WHEELER.

And straightway the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief." Mark, ix; 24.

THIS incident presents many points of deep interest, but no one of them is of more value to us than the simultaneous profession of faith and confession of doubt. I believe—help my unbelief. Let us consider the reasons for Doubt and the reasons for Faith. Doubt has its power in four facts: (1) We are shut up in a world of sense, knowing and thinking through senses that touch the material world, and even using material symbols for spiritual things. (2) We are slaves of material life. The bodily needs of this life of the flesh consume our activities. All men must labor for the meat that perisheth. (3) We have in us "an evil heart of unbelief" which averts our faces from the spiritual skies and makes us struggle for an earthly paradise. (4) The rarity of spiritual interference with the order of nature makes the feeling of enslavement to sense more strong and bitter. There was but one bush that burned with heavenly fire. But one star that paused over the cradle of a child. Miracle must be rare; but of its rarity the legions of Doubt make a standard to set up against the spiritual hopes of our souls.

But there are strenuous reasons for faith which keep it alive in man. (1) The needs of the soul in the decaying body. "The father of the child" can obtain no earthly aid. Even the disciples cannot heal the poor lad. It is a generic fact. The world of sense afflicts and kills. It bounds aspiration between a cradle and a grave. We struggle to escape into a larger life. Faith asserts the larger life and proclaims a deliverance. (2) The witnesses that God is with men are constantly testifying. A spiritual fact is immortal. There was but one bush that burned with heavenly fire, but it burns forever. But once has a star "stood over the place where the young child lay," but the human heart treasures the story forever. And human witnesses multiply until they become a "cloud" about us repeating continually the story of deliverance. (3) The universal *heart* of our common humanity holds fast to hope in God. The sophisticated intellect weaves its web of despair but the sincere and candid soul of simple manhood clings to faith Its evil cannot crush its good. Even in evil action the tortured soul cries: "The evil that I would not that I do." Doubt and faith grapple in this centre of our life—and the evil heart of unbelief does not conquer the filial spirit which cries "Father." (4) The grandeur of our aspirations and thoughts succor faith. Our sciences and philosophies are beyond the creature's need and range. Darwin searches the abysses of origins of life and mind. Can we imagine a horse or an elephant engaged in such a study? Newton, Locks, Kepler—are these far-soaring thinkers only beasts that perish?

Here, then, are the reasons for the conflict between Doubt and Faith. How shall we get Faith's victory and reward? By prayer, Lord help me against my unbelief. Mansell says: "If there were no reasons for doubt where were the righteousness of faith?" The glory of faith's victory—which overcometh the world—is that it conquers against doubt. The promises are not alone for clear and perfect faith. Even this father of the child with the confession of unbelief on his lips, obtains from infinite compassion the boon he craves and asks. Do not despair because you doubt. Pray out of the faith which is in you for victory over unbelief.

Recently a graduate of Allegheny College was heard to remark that he got more good from the work he did in Literary Society than from any dozen studies in the course. This is a strong statement but one which is undoubtedly true. Few of us do the work in Society which we should. Good essays and orations are very infrequent and good debates are few and far between. These are the performances which show what a man is. A fool may declaim well but give a good original production he cannot. By giving this work more attention improvement will be seen both in the Societies and in the college graduates.

The College World.

Exchanges.

We have received, since our last issue, several new exchanges, all of which are good, well arranged college papers, and are very welcome on our table and on our list of exchanges, which we are glad to say is good, but has been made much better by the late additions, among which are the *Cornell Era*, a neat college paper, printed on what we would call good paper for a college publication; but yet it lacks the literary department, which we think should be in a paper published by the students of a college of the standing of Cornell University.

The *University Courant*, published by the students of the Western University of Pennsylvania, shows good taste in its general construction. It also shows talent in its editorials, literary department, locals, general notes, and in fact is a good college exponent.

The Targum, published at New Brunswick, N. J., by the students of Rutgers College, has again appeared on our table for the first time this year. Do not know why it has been delayed so long, but yet it is none the less welcome. We are always glad to receive such good, tasty college papers, yet it might be improved in its literary columns by having more original matter.

The *University Review*, published by the students of the Kansas State University, is an excellent college paper and contains three very good articles, the first "Over the Range," by Harry Buckingham, is an article showing good literary ability and also a gift of description; the next concerning the word Booms by "Herr Most," is rather a comment on the word boom and shows the changes of the word and how it is working its way into business circles. Last of the three is "The Educated Man in Politics," an oration, by T. F. Doran.

The *Free Lance*, a neat college publication, comes to us from the Pennsylvania State College, and we are very glad to welcome it and place it among our exchanges; also, we are pleased to note the improvement in the college and the new buildings which have been lately erected for the use of the college, and we send our best wishes for its success, among the many colleges of our country.

The *Southwestern Presbyterian University Journal*, published at Clarksville, Tenn., is one of the best college papers from the South, and as it is only a new paper, is to be commended. It came to our table too late to get notice in our last issue, but not too late for us to send one of our papers to it and the little note contained in the one we received, asking us to place it on our exchange list was gladly received.

We notice in the *Messenger* a biography of Carlyle, which shows study and research into the works of him, in order to give such a history of a man apparently so little known in this country.

The *University Herald* comes to our table with an article headed "Bunyan as a Sinner," which shows that the idea prevalent that John Bunyan was a wicked man is false, but on the other hand he was exceptionally for his time a christian.

"Gentlemen as Loafers," is the subject of an article in the *College Rambler* and should be read by a great many of our students who spend their time down street either on the corners or in some of the stores, yet I do not want to be understood to mean that we have many of that type but there should not be any in a college, especially where we have such advantages.

The *College Student* contains the address of Thomas G. Apple, D.D., L.L.D., at the opening of Franklin and Marshall College. The subject, "The Moral Element in Intellectual Culture." He gives some reasons to establish the proposition that there is a moral element in intellectual culture which is worthy of our high regard.

An article in the *Wooster Collegian* entitled "The Superiority of Republicanism," is one that deserves credit and should be read, for its ideas on Republicanism are very good.

Local.

Pay up your subscription before April 1st.

The class in Stenography are getting down to work.

About a dozen Juniors now help to dignify the Senior row.

Subscribe for the Kaldorn and purchase one for your friend.

Any of the editors of the Kaldron will be glad to receive your name for one or more copies.

The birthday of George Washington is the next holiday, and will probably be celebrated with the usual ceremonies.

A diligent search during the past week has failed to discover the board walks alleged to have been laid between the College buildings.

The Senior Class has recently been strengthened by the addition of a dozen members from the class of '89, swelling the size of that class to nearly forty.

The members of the Senior Class are now ransacking the dictionaries and encyclopedias for big words and original ideas for their Commencement orations.

It would greatly facilitate navigation about the campus, if somebody would spend a few hours there with the city snow plow, locating the walks between the college buildings.

The young ladies have already begun to take advantage of the prerogative granted them by the year '88. And it has been made pleasant for the boys by several sleighing and other parties during the past two weeks.

The Annual Declamation Contest of Allegheny Literary Society was held on last Tuesday evening in the chapel. A large number of people were present from the town and witnessed the finest contest held in the chapel for years. The seven contestants were: Cattern, Fuller, McNair, Porter, Lindsey, Anderson and Ward. Prof. Haskins, Rev. Logan and Dr. Haynes acted as judges and awarded the prize to J. R. Anderson.

Warning.—Look out for a scarcity of cats about the College this winter, as the Biology Class has been organized.

Thursday, January 26th, the day set apart by the Colleges of this country as a day of special prayer and devotion, was appropriately observed this year, at Allegheny. In the morning Dr. Wheeler preached to the students in the chapel, and other meetings were held by the Y. M. C. A. during the day.

We would like to call somebody's attention to the scarcity of current literature on the tables in the Library. While there is a good supply of church and secular periodicals, far exceeding the demand, there is such a drouth of magazines that the inmates of Hulings Hall are reduced to *Puck* and *Judge* for Sunday reading.

Several mornings ago, after chapel exercises, the students were entertained by the rendition of several elocutionary selections by Prof. Smith, of Waterford, Pa., who is endeavoring to organize a class in the study of that art. While we have heard better speakers, no doubt if the class is organized, he is very competent to take charge of it.

The class in Biology, organized by Prof. Montgomery at the beginning of the term, now meets at the sixth bell in the laboratory. Instruments have been secured by the class and an active campaign has been organized against the cats and dogs of the neighborhood, or any other inoffensive thing, unfortunate enough to be captured.

The Business Manager of the CAMPUS desires to express his thanks to the person who paid him his subscription last week. It was judiciously invested in paste and in paying the postage on the last number. Friends, we cannot run this paper for fun, however much we should like to do so to accommodate our patrons, but it is impossible. Please see the B. M. at your earliest opportunity and "come up" with the shekels.

The Ladies of Hulings Hall, after several postponements, have made arrangements to give the first reception of the term in the parlors of the Hall on next Monday evening. All are invited to be present.

The Guitar and Glee Clubs are now separate organizations and will be conducted as such in the future. The Clubs expect to make several trips together during the Winter term, giving entertainments in some of the adjoining cities.

The excellent sleighing of the past two weeks has been eagerly improved by the students, several sled loads of whom have made tours of the surrounding country, surprising the natives by their nocturnal wanderings.

All of the literary societies of the College adjourned their meetings on last Friday evening, out of respect to Prof. Tingley and in order to attend his lecture, to have been given in Library Hall on the "Chemistry of Light," but postponed on account of the sickness of the speaker.

The canvass of the students which is being made by the Kaldron committee is proceeding with good success and a large number of subscriptions have been secured for the same, enough to insure its publication. Every student should take at least two volumes and insure its success.

A scheme is now on foot among the Literary Societies to give an entertainment some time soon, for the purpose of raising funds to replenish the library with magazines and periodicals. Surely this is a worthy enterprise and one which deserves support, but we doubt very much if it could be successfully carried out.

The Seniors are in trouble. The same old question is being agitated, of whether we shall have the old-fashioned commencement exercises, lasting throughout the whole day, where people come in the morning with a lunch basket and stay all the afternoon, bored to death by thirty or forty five minute orations; or to have a certain number selected to represent the class, or better still, to have some celebrated orator invited to come and deliver an address to the class. The latter method is adopted in most colleges and although there are some objections raised to it, still it seems to be the most feasible plan and certainly the easiest carried out.

At the Demosthenian (?) Debating Club, which holds forth every Monday evening until a late hour, in Dr. Williams' recitation room, the following very practical question was discussed at the last meeting: *Resolved*, "That country life is more preferable than city life." This question which we supposed to have been forever settled by father Æsop many centuries ago, was strikingly illustrated by Oswalt, Adams, and others, the question being unanimously decided in the affirmative.

The members of Pi Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta passed a very enjoyable evening, Tuesday, 24th ult., with their many resident Alumni, at their rooms in the Phœnix Block, who assembled to the number of about twenty, for the purpose of discussing matters pretaining to the Fraternity. After several hours of story telling and the relating of many incidents concerning the founding of the Chapter, a very palatable spread was served by the boys in the hall.

The Battalion still continues to improve and is becoming more popular every day, while it steadily increases in size and proficiency of drill. The arms and accoutrements were issued to the cadets at the beginning of this term and already the manual of arms has been mastered and the boys have become quite proficient in the execution of common infantry tactics. The corps has been drilled by companies during the last month which greatly facilitates matters as the Armory, is too small for the whole Battalion to drill at one time. From present indications, by next spring we shall have a Battalion to be proud of, and one which will compare favorably with any company in the State. The success of the corps is entirely due to the energy and perseverance of Major Kreps, who, coming at the opening of this College year, found the Battalion in a

demoralized condition, the officers disciplined little better in the tactics than the recruits themselves, and rank disorder in every department.

Very verdant new student, (Examining Fraternity badge)—"What kind of a society pin is that anyhow?"

Fraternity Man—"Oh, that's my Frat. pin."

V. V. N. S.—"Say, I don't hardly approve of secret societies. I think I won't join any this year."

F. M.—"People seldom do until they are asked."

Personal.

Miss Keeler is reported very sick at Hulings Hall.

Miss Mary Harmon spent last Sunday at her home in Corry, Pa.

Dr. Wheeler filled the pulpit of the First M. E. Church on last Sunday evening.

J. L. Porter passed last Sunday in Franklin, singing in the Baptist Church at that place.

Dr. W. G Williams preached in the Park Ave Congregational Church on last Sunday morning.

Rev. E. A. Nelson occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church on last Sunday morning.

F. H. Shaw, '87, who is now teaching at North East, Pa., was in town Tuesday evening with a sleigh load of students and attended the opera Erminie.

Mr. John A. Wood, Jr., '86, came up from Pittsburg on the 24th inst. to take in the Phi Gamma Delta reception and spent a few days with College friends.

Freshman wisdom:—Chaffee to Dr. L.: "Professor, does the Latin class read Homer this term?" Student nudges him and says in a loud whisper, "Homer is Greek!" Chaffee: "Oh! is it?"

Societies.

The members of the Inter-Society contest team have been granted optional attendance by their respective societies.

All the societies adjourned on the evening of the 27th. Prof. Tingley's lecture, which had been announced for that evening, was the cause.

Allegheny has the following officers: Speaker, Luccock; Secretary, Hubbell; Attorney, Laffer; Sergeant-at-Arms, Lindsey; Chaplain, Rudkin; Critics, Siling and Ward.

We believe that it would be of interest to the members of the societies to have a brief history of each society. On this supposition we shall attempt such, if sufficient material can be obtained. Any one having information of this kind, will confer a favor by placing it at our disposal.

A plan, which has for its object a literary entertainment, is being considered by the societies. The proceeds would be donated to the College Library. All the societies are expected to participate. It is not known when the entertainment will occur. This is a movement which surely will find favor with every member of the societies. We believe the College Faculty will give this plan all needed encouragement.

In the Athenian Declamation contest, which occurred on the evening of January 17th, W. T. Noss was awarded the prize. The decision was rendered by Prof's. Barber, Cary and Stilwell. The judges were unanimous in their decision. Armstrong received honorable mention. As usual a small portion of the audience did not agree with the decision. Each of the five contestants did honor to the society represented. Judging a few who were present, the conclusion would be that some attended the contest for other purposes than literary pleasures, at least considerable frivolity was carried on during part of the program. Society officers should kindly ask such offenders to desist.

The Allegheny Declamation contest, which was postponed from last term, occurred on the evening of January 31st. There were seven contestants. Anderson was the successful man. Prof. Haskins, Revs. Haynes and Logan were the judges. The contest was good. Each of the contestants acquitted himself well excepting McNair, who forgot his production. McNair started off excellently, and bid fair to be one of the best declaimers of the evening. This is a warning to persons who enter the contests with hasty preparations. The audience was large and paid excellent attention to the exercises. The plan suggested for keeping the small boy and his friends quiet was tried by one of the society officers with excellent success.

Prof. and Mrs. Montgomery visited Philo Hall on the evening of Jan. 20th. It is such a rarity that we have any of the Faculty present in our weekly performances, that to pass this unobserved would be a gross neglect. The Prof. expressed his pleasure in being once again in the society room which in former days he was accustomed to frequent. It would be no disadvantage if every member of the Faculty would be present at a regular performance of each society, at least once a year. The Faculty would find out what the societies are doing, if they were taken unaware. If the other members of the Faculty do not follow the example of Prof. Montgomery, it would be well for the societies to invite them to be present at some of the weekly performances; then the societies can be prepared for the occasion.

Fraternity.

PHI DELTA THETA.

Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, is noted as the birthplace of what is known as the "Miami Triad," the Fraternities of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi, founded respectively in 1839, 1848 and 1855. These Fraternities have all had very prosperous careers and are all ranked high in the Fraternity world.

Robert Morrison, of the class of '49, was the real founder of the Fraternity of Phi Delta Theta, and he and five others formed the parent Chapter. The principal objects of the Fraternity were three: The cultivation of friendship among its members; the acquirement individually of a high degree of mental culture; and, the attainment personally of a high standard of morality. These are strongly declared in "The Bond of the Phi Delta Theta," which was written by Morrison and which is perpetually the fundamental law of the Fraternity.

Immediately the Chapter gained great influence in the University, which it retained until 1858, when it became inactive by the graduation of all its members.

However other chapters had been established and the Fraternity did not die. In 1865, the Chapter at Miami was reorganized and enjoyed great prosperity until the suspension of the University in 1873. When the University was re-opened in 1885 the Fraternity immediately occupied its old ground, and Ohio Alpha is now in a flourishing condition.

The close of the civil war found, in the Fraternity, only five Chapters active, and very little enthusiasm. In 1868 a convention was held at Indianapolis and an activity began which brought about a prosperity which continues to the present and which has been exceeded by that of no other Fraternity. Until within the last half-dozen years the Fraternity has been considered one of the Western and Southern Fraternities, as most of its Chapters were situated in those parts of the country; but since its wide introduction in the East, it is denominated *the* National Fraternity, as the number of its Chapters and their wide range give it a right to this appellation which no other Fraternity can claim. It now has sixty-five college and nineteen alumni Chapters, situated in twenty-eight states, and ranging from Maine to California and from Minnesota to Texas.

The Fraternity is governed by the "General

Council," composed of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian, who are chosen from its alumni. It is divided into seven "Provinces" designated by the first letters of the Greek alphabet, at the head of each of which is the "Province President." The "National Convention" is held biennially and "Province Conventions" each year in which the "National" is not held. The Fraternity publications have been quite numerous. Its journal is called the *Scroll* and is published from New York City each collegiate month. It is edited by an alumnus. The General Catalogue has passed through five editions, the last of which was published in 1883. This is, with possibly one exception, the finest catalogue yet issued by any Fraternity. The third edition of the Song Book was issued last year and, omitting the exception, what is said of the Catalogue may be said of it. "A Manual of Phi Delta Theta" was published in 1886. Several pieces of instrumental music have also been published. The shield was adopted as the Fraternity's badge in 1849 and the sword added in 1866. The Fraternity was incorporated under the state laws of Ohio in 1881.

For several years previous to 1879 attempts had been made to found a new Fraternity Chapter at Allegheny College; but all in vain. With three strong and active Chapters in the College, all of which had been in existence from sixteen to twenty-five years, it seemed impossible to obtain a foothold. But early in in '79 a number of young men, most of whom had refused invitations to join other Chapters, determined to band themselves together and apply for a charter from whatever they should decide to be the best Fraternity not here represented. This was done, and on the 30th of May of the same year, E. A. Nelson, of the class of '79, who had fathered the movement, and twelve other young men, were initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Thetaby J. A. Langfitt, of Washington and Jefferson College. The new Chapter, which was at first Penna. Epsilon, but is now Penna. Delta, was immediately recognized and befriended by one of the Chapters in the College; by the others it was hindered and opposed from the first. Nevertheless it prospered and immediately took the rank in College which it retains today. Seventy-one men have attached their names to the Bond in Penna. Delta, twenty of whom are now in college. Many of the Chapter's graduates have entered the professions and undoubtedly by the time the Chapter has attained its score of years its Historian will be able to append to his sketch a long list of "prominent alumni," which at present its youth of course renders impossible.

Below will be found a tabulated numerical list of the Fraternity Chapters in college. The classification is taken from the chapel seating, and most of the persons classed under '92 will be catalogued freshmen. From the totals it will be seen that somewhat over one-third of the students are in Fraternities:

	'88.	'89.	'90.	'91.	'92.	Total
Phi Kappa Psi,	1	2	5	2		10
Phi Gamma Delta,	1	4	6	4	2	17
Delta Tau Delta,	1	1	5	4	6	17
Phi Delta Theta,	6	1	6	2	5	20
Kappa Alpha Theta,	2	1	2	4		9
Sigma Alpha Epsilon,	5			1	3	6
Total,	16	9	24	17	16	82

On Saturday evening, the 15th ultimo, Frank W. Black became a member of Phi Delta Theta.

R. R. Ross, of Albany, N. Y., visited his brothers in Phi Delta Theta yesterday. In the afternoon a very pleasant meeting was held in the Chapter's rooms after which the boys were banqueted by Mr. Ross.

Alumni.

Married at Warren, O., on the evening of December 15th, 1887, Mr. Frank S. Chryst, '80, and Miss Emma J. Gifford, both of that city.

J. W. Vance, '83, of New Lisbon, O., has been elected Superintendent of Schools, of East Liverpool, O. This position is a valuable one, offering a salary of $4,200, and reflects

honor upon the institution of which Mr. Vance is an alumnus.

Jno. Remer, '86, is now studying at Columbia Medical College, N. Y.

A. L. Chase, '86, has entered the Theological School at San Francisco, Cal.

Dr. A. B. Porter, '80, of Warren, Pa., visited old friends at Meadville, last week.

Rev. E. A. Nelson, '78, occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, last Sunday.

L. E. Haybarger, '86, of Girard, Pa., has recently been admitted to practice law at the Erie bar.

D. L. Thoburn, '85, now in the insurance business at Bellaire, O., visited old friends at Allegheny, last week.

It is reported that Rev. J. M. Thoburn, '87, of Calcutta, India, contemplates visiting Meadville and vicinity in June.

Edwin S. Blair, '83, who graduated last year at Ann Arbor Medical School, is practicing medicine in Sioux City, Iowa.

Chas. W. Kugler, '79, formerly of Sharon, Pa., was frozen to death in the recent western blizzard near his home at Templeton, Dakota Territory.

Hon. Newton W. McConnel, '55, of Hartsville, Tennessee, has been nominated by President Cleveland to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the territory of Montana.

Dr. C. W. Benedict, '85, and wife, passed through Meadville, December 19th, on their way to their new home at Findlay, O., where Dr. Benedict is successfully practicing medicine.

Rev. G. W. Shadduck, '57, died on Friday, January 27, at his home in Reno, Pa. Deceased has been a zealous worker in the cause of Christianity, and leaves behind him a record of a long life of usefulness.

Rev. George W. Loomis, '71, son of the late Dr. Loomis, ex-president of Allegheny College, spent a portion of his wedding tour visiting friends in Meadville. Rev. Loomis is now a resident of Rochester, N. Y.

Contributed.

Perfection's Fate.

Gioja, loveliest fairy queen,
Flitting, dancing o'er the green,
Found a little maid asleep;
Peacefully sleeping, quietly dreaming,
Played on her features a happy smile, seeming
The reflex of blissful visions in sleep.

Gioja called hither her fairy train,
Each elfin gazed, then turned again
To gaze on the lovely child asleep.
"Is nothing perfect in all the earth
Even of best and noblest birth—
Soft, wake her not from blessed sleep!

"Can perfect not be had
Nor griefless joy, good without bad,
Nor perfect rest even in sleep?
Go, Fairies, search in all things human,
For a perfect man or woman;
None! Ah, child, my darling, sleep!

"But come, each fairy do her best,
And leave to lucky chance the rest,
We'll make *her perfect* while asleep;
Rose, plant soft beauty in her face,
Lily, give her charming grace,
And, Seraphe, kiss her in her sleep!

"Sweet Cupid, bring your gifts along,
Dear Lark, attune her voice to song,
But, soft, awake her not from sleep
Till Virtue, Patience, Hope expand
Her mind, Industry touch her hand,
And Memory gently break her sleep!"

The maiden woke, the only perfect thing of earth
In Nature, or in Art, or human birth;
Perfect, alas, so soon to pass away,
For ere has come the smiling spring-time, gay
With birds and flowers and love, she sleeps and sleeps,
And Gioja, bending sadly o'er her, weeps!

W. T. Noss.

Jan. 13, '88.

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