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ENTERED AT THE POSTOFFICE, MEADVILLE, PA., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.

WHAT is the matter with a Pennsylvania State Oratorical Contest? A contest of this kind may have taken place in the past. We know not. It is evident that the field is open for glory in this line. Such a scheme would not be difficult to push and would serve to keep in vogue the oldest of arts and to keep alive the traditions of our ancestors.

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IN all kindness, we would speak of a custom which, even to the small degree practiced here, is hardly consistent with good taste—that of wearing a fraternity badge on the coat lapel. Custom has sanctioned the pin on a military coat when buttoned up. In other cases, good-breeding would commend the quiet and unobtrusive position on the vest unless, indeed, the badge is very small and thus suitable for a scarf-pin.

OUR higher Greek classes are to be congratulated upon having Dr. Wheeler as the head of that department. Indeed, so charming and instructive a conductor is he, through the beauties of Homer and the philosophy of Plato, that any one of the students would feel it a personal misfortune were the classes to be removed from his charge by the filling of the Bradley Professorship.

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THE settlement of the Chicago strike, with an effective reconciliation of conflicting interests, is only another proof of the advantages of peaceful arbitration. This method of settling difficulties is just as practicable in the smaller social and college worlds, as it is in the larger political worlds. When troubles of any kind cannot be arranged harmoniously in this manner, it looks, "to a man up the tree," as if a spirit of revenge is at the bottom of the matter and not a desire for a satisfactory settlement of a question of right.

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THE heat of the campaign is now upon us, and college boys, with true Allegheny spirit, are warm in the defense of the principles of their chosen political party. The extreme views, characteristic of young collegians, stir up one another, frequently even to hasty and excited language, but much good and little harm is done by these discussions. It is a good thing to see this enthusiasm and vigor of opinion. Undoubtedly, "the cream" of the boys of the country are in the colleges. From these, in great part, will be drawn the rulers of the future. It is, therefore, well that they should become familiar with the various platforms, principles and policies, even though the opinions formed in their over-zealous prejudice may be crude and immature.

"THE melancholy days have come," and over the campus the hoarse wind is playing wild revel, causing even our editorial shears to hurry along in sympathy with its whirl and rush. The bat, oar and racket must now be consigned to the closet. But the seductive pleasures of the arm-chair and the blazing fire with, perchance, a pitcher of cider and a basket of apples within easy reach, will make a recreation just as welcome to the tired student mind.

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WE are informed that an Allegheny Alumni Association of about forty members has been formed in Pittsburg, and that steps have been taken to form a similar one in Cleveland. We hope the Meadville Alumni will be next in the field and that each Alumnus will strive to sustain a filial affection toward his *alma mater* by enrolling himself as a permanent member of this association. Frequent meetings, banquets, etc., will do much toward keeping alive the pleasant memories and agreeable associations of life at OLD ALLEGHENY.

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ALLEGHENY has not been distinguished for great athletic ability. Yet in days gone by she has occasionally surprised herself and friends by a few spasmodic exhibitions of physical development. Base-ball excites, in the main, but languid interest. Out-door sports of all kinds have their season and fade as the leaf. Still, physical development is necessary to an active mind. The means calculated to develop the muscles and strengthen the sinews are at the present unprovided. We certainly want a gymnasium. The chief magistrate would term it, "a neglected need." It is a cherished hope that at no distant day a building, that will do honor to the institution, will be erected and a competent instructor placed in charge. Students, themselves, should take an active interest in bringing this matter into such a form as will demand attention.

THERE is one species of the genus student, that makes the CAMPUS very weary. We would, however, keep our feelings to ourself, did we not think that possibly some good might accrue from the mere mention of the evil we have in mind. A general representative of the species is the would-be critic, always ready to air his knowledge and opinions concerning English and American authors. He is not a native of Allegheny, but transplanted generally from some normal or similar school. Coming recommended as one of the bright and shining lights of the aforesaid school, he expects to enter college somewhere about the Junior or Senior years. He is a little surprised that his classification seats him between second and third Preparatory, but recovering, he soon begins to discourse eloquently concerning the merits of writers of recognized reputation, and is hard-hearted enough to reverse the popular decision with regard to these writers. He tells us that Cable and Black are no novelists; that Howells and Warner should be ashamed of their puerile work; that Clemens' humor is *non-est*; that Holmes' works consist of a superficial dressing-up of commonplaces, etc., *ad infinitum*.

Now the CAMPUS has never had the pleasure of attending a normal school. Its advantages have been limited to the lectures and instructions of Drs. Wheeler, Williams and other college professors. True, Dr. Wheeler is known throughout the land as a literary authority, but perhaps he, too, (poor man!) has been denied the privileges of a normal school. But in spite of early neglect, we really believe that every effect has its cause and that the writers above mentioned, having attained great popularity, must be endowed with a slight degree of mental power. We do not pretend to say that they will live forever. But to have won the favor and regard of this age alone, is certainly great honor. With all respect to honest opinions, to the possession of which any man

has a right, we would modestly suggest that it would, nevertheless, be a justifiable thing "to fall in with the procession" and not be too ready to display such original sentiments concerning writers, upon whom the world has placed the mark of approval.

Literary.

A Vacation Dream of College.

With tender affection
And glad recollection
We think of those buildings, though distant they seem;
And often and bright,
In the hours of the night,
A vision appearest that is not all a dream.

We once more seemed to stand
At the door, with our hand
Fast hold of the door-knob, half-fearing to ope,
Lest as once more renewing
Our work of reviewing
Should fade in our bosom the last ray of hope.

But fin'ly discerning
Our courage returning,
We opened the door and stepped into the room;
Where the bright smiling faces
Of the class in their places
Dispelled all the fears that beset us so soon.

We awake from our vision
Of joy half Elysian,
And vowed we'd return to the school of our choice;
Which, half on in September,
If now we remember,
On opening, our heart shall most truly rejoice.

—C. J.

A Book and Its Author.

A TRULY good book is the life-essence of a master spirit. It springs from the depths of what he *does* and *is*. An author, it seems to me, in writing a masterpiece—a live-forever of literature, *incarnates* himself, as it were, in his work. It is this incarnation—this visible presence of the author in his book which leads us to remark of books as Longfellow did of ser-

mons: "To me a sermon is *no* sermon unless I can hear the heart beat." Do we not measure the value of books or at least of certain classes of books by the sympathetic heart-beats of their authors?

In modern fiction we find a class of literature which at once embodies the deepest feeling and the choicest thought. It is here that we find the work-shop of the most skillful, ambitious and learned of modern writers. Why? Because here is offered to the literary specialist the broadest opportunities for usefulness. Says Dean Stanley: "No works are so penetrating and so persuasive, enter so many homes and attract so many readers as the romance or novel of modern times."

Again, the novel offers a wider field for the exercise of diversified talents than any other class of writings, and under the fostering skill of such writers as a Scott and a Dickens, its scope has broadened, until to-day it embodies all, or at least many of those elements which, in former years, attracted to the drama the many-sided genius of a Shakespeare. Long ago the novel escaped the interdict of a too zealous theology and is to-day one of the most potent factors for good or evil in our modern civilization. He who reads finds himself ever in the noble company of the good and great, while he who fails to read knows little what he loses.

In view of these facts, let us consider for a short time what we regard as the crowning work of a master life. This rare work is "John Halifax, Gentleman," and its author, Mrs. Maria Muloch Craik. Mrs. Craik is a writer, the fruit of whose life could not be otherwise than wholesome, pure and good. We read her book and we feel ourselves in the sunshine of that gentle, kindly spirit which smiles in the pleasant cottage home over which she presides, and yet we constantly find ourselves in the solemn, thoughtful, tender presence of a soul which has knelt in "the valley of the shadow of death," and came forth stronger, braver and truer. In speaking of her an intimate friend says, "Who that knew her can ever forget the tall, gray-eyed, silver-haired

The Monmouth *Collegian* is up to its usual standard, which is saying not a little for this well-edited college newspaper. It may be that ye editor is somewhat "prejudiced," but we believe, after careful examination and comparison, the *Collegian* to be one of the best all-around bi-weeklies published in the State of Illinois. Its editorials are original and interesting; its locals bright, terse and newsy, and the literary department is all that could be desired. The *Collegian* bears evidence throughout of the work and care of the editors. The October issue contains an oration on the subject of "The Perpetual in America," successfully delivered at the intercollegiate contest of the State. The following editorial might be profitably read by some Alleghenians:

"Student, what are you here for? Training. How? By study. Then don't spend too many hours on the base ball grounds. Don't linger too lovingly about the milk shake counters and banana pegs of Main and Broadway. Don't talk too long over the garden walls or under covered porticos, of bright Venus, fair Luna, or the "twinkling stars," vainly deluding yourself with the idea that you are cultivating yourself socially. Spend your evenings at home in study. Remember your object in coming to college."

The *Syracusan* contains a cut of the recent Sophomore-Freshmen cane rush at the University. As is the case in all the college cane rushes this year, the Freshmen came out victorious, overpowering their opponents by force of numbers. The October *Syracusan* has but one descriptive article for literary—rather a scant supply for a paper in other respects so well represented.

The Syracuse *University News* is welcomed as one of our best weekly exchanges. There is a noticeable absence of original literary matter in the last two issues.

The Washington *Jeffersonian* appears in good form, but is sadly lacking in that general vigor and literary merit which should characterize a college monthly.

Of other exchanges which we have received and examined, but which want of space prevents from more than mentioning, are: *The University Herald*, *College World*, *University Reporter*, *Niagara Index*, *The University Courant*, *College Chips*, *Notre Dame Scholastic*, *Wooster Collegian* and *Practical Student*.

The *Pennsylvanian* contains the announcement of the course in Semitic Languages of the State University. The course extends over a period of three years, and among the branches taught are Hebrew, Biblical, Coptic, Arabic, Assyrian and Syriac.

Loral.

"Under the Campus chestnut tree,
A group of students stand;
With anxious looks they scan the top,
A long club in each hand."

CAMPUS stock closed at \$2.50.

Hopkins has resigned from Philo.

Gageby, when was Blaine in Indiana?

There are ninety new students this term.

Richey resigned from Allegheny to join Philo.

The senior class has twenty-eight members this fall.

One of the shortest students in college is a Tallman.

Cooper, '91, is instructing the youth at Mill Village, Pa.

The Glee Club is in the midst of an attempt to regulate the tariff.

Ask Fred Howe why he has become an habitual chapel—*absentee*.

We did not mean to leave your name out of this issue of the CAMPUS.

Ernest Pond, ex-90, has begun his medical studies under the direction of his father, Dr. J. H. Pond.

Wanted—Some philanthropic person to lend Hunsberger a razor or a mowing machine.

Why will a student escort a lady half way home from church and then leave her to take care of herself?

Eighmy has quit riding his bicycle because headers are not an Eighmyable amusement. Don't be discouraged.

Mac Brown's remains—a military cap and sergeant's stripes, may be had cheap. Inquire at CAMPUS local office.

President Williams filled the pulpit of the Trinity M. E. Church, Oil City, last Sunday, and Dr. Wheeler the Sunday previous.

Anyone wishing pianos or furniture moved will do well to call on any of the inhabitants of Phi Gamma Delta Place. Prices low.

Will not some kindly hand wake the freshman class from a continued prepdom lethargy, and tell them they are members of college.

W. M. Smith, ex-'89, who has been located in Kansas for the past two years, visited the scene of his former student labor last week.

Gundy has also entered the arena. Although Hunsberger has had four weeks' start, Gundy is making good progress and bids fair to become a dangerous rival.

The board of editors for '90's *Kaldron* consists of H. M. Barrett, editor-in-chief; Fradenburg, Porter, Dean, Bray, Mattern, Hood, Crowthers, Espy, Gibson, Dunn, Heiser, editors.

The Sophomores have elected the following officers: President, Wisman; vice president, Hopkins; secretary, Miss Clark; treasurer, Ehrenfeld; orator, Sweeney; poet, Marquis, and historian, Christley.

There are a few copies of '89's *Kaldron* yet unsold. The lateness of publication last spring prevented some students from purchasing before college closed. Get one from Howe or Laffer; it is worth preserving as an artistic book, and also especially valuable for reference.

The Newcombs and Cramer are at Ohio Wesleyan; Farrell at Boston University; Howell at Drew Theological Seminary, and Marquis at Allegheny.

Clarence and the Misses Miller, late of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa., arrived on Wednesday. They will live at the corner of Randolph street and the Terrace.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the class of '90, held Tuesday morning, class officers were elected as follows: President, Heiser; Vice-President, Miss Miller; Secretary, Dice; Treasurer, Household; Poet, Siling; Ladder Orator, Bray; Historian, Dunn.

History repeats itself. The new cadets, emulating the vanity of their seniors, by a year, admire their gold stripes and brass buttons with the same expressions of self-satisfaction as those that played on the countenances of a part of the battalion a year ago. Boys, don't become vain.

Besides the improvements, quite a noticeable feature about the college this year is the increased number of students residing in the city. The city should furnish at least one-fourth of the students, and this is the first year in our experience when the proportion has reached it. It tells us that the people of the city are interested in us when they send us their sons and daughters, and we hope that we may give ample return for their patronage.

The Cadet Battalion "evolved" on Diamond Park yesterday afternoon and did some very pretty work. About the only fault we have to find with the battalion is regarding its size. In Allegheny College, with such excellent instruction as is afforded, the battalion ought to have a good hundred and fifty members.—*Tribune-Republican*, October 11. The CAMPUS heartily emphasizes this criticism and hopes to see a material increase in the members of the battalion ere long.

"Why doesn't the Glee Club reorganize?" is an oft-remarked question. With the large amount of musical talent in college, certainly

lege friends who may be going to visit Paris, or the wonders and marvels of the Exposition.

"Compliments of Lucy and Laura Lynch, born October 9th," is the wording of cards sent out by Prof. and Mrs. C. P. Lynch, this morning.—*Warren, Ohio, Chronicle.*

Chas. Everett, '81, passed through this city on train 3, October 6, en route to Cincinnati. He was returning to work after a short vacation spent in Randolph, N. Y. His law office is Room 14, Carlisle Building, Fourth and Walnut streets.

Fraternity.

Nesbit is a Delta Tau Delta.

Phi Delta Theta has initiated Conway.

Simons and Work have joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Beta Chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon was revived at Syracuse, by the class of '88.

Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi will have houses erected for them at the University of Wisconsin.

The Phi Gamma Delta animal has ushered into the Greek world, Messrs. Ray, Reisinger and Berlin.

Messrs. Youngson, Baldwin, Eighmy, and Snyder were initiated at the Phi Kappa Psi House, Thursday evening.

F. C. Howe, W. G. Heiser and F. M. Dice exchanged compliments with the Theta Nu Epsilon goat on the 10th inst.

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta for October, has as a frontispiece, a fine steel engraving of Benjamin Harrison, Ohio Alpha, (Miami University,) '52.

Rumor has it, that Theta Nu Epsilon put a number of men through elaborate initiation ceremonies, Wednesday evening, October 10. The decorations on the Ponce de Leon Hotel register will prove to interviewers that the occasion was a happy one. Selah!

Misses Kepler and Whitney were initiated by Kappa Kappa Gamma last week. This increases the chapter number to seven members.

In an editorial review of the college *Annals* of last year, the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* says: "The gem of the year by odds is the *Kaldron*, which in typography, engravings, "scalds," and satirical work generally, is up to the very best productions of former days, when the engravers did little and bright wits in the editorial board much. Mr. McNair, $\phi \Gamma \Delta$, the editor and designer of nearly, if not quite, all of the wood engravings, is a young artist of the finest sort. We have not words of praise too loud for the greater part of his work, and regret that the same artistic purpose is not clearly evident in all his fancy head and tail pieces, as well as his more ambitious work. We hope to hear more of this talented young man." The article quotes "The Hero" and "A Yarn" as "the two best bits of doggerel of the year."

Nomenclature.

Not falling—Fell.

Misnamed—Work.

Not white—Black.

Not of age—Miner.

Shake 'em up—Dice.

Ecclesiastical—Dean.

A good penman—Reitz.

How's bourbon—Heiser.

Always in a hotel—Porter.

One in name only—Marquis.

An useful article for ladies—Hood.

The Ship of the Desert—Campbell.

Usually supposed to be in Germany—Berlin.

What Prof. Twining says to his assistant—Mixer.

The kind of apples everybody dislikes—Corey.

The Library.

The CAMPUS man had an interview with Dr. Hamnett, Tuesday morning, concerning the library. The Doctor was quite enthusiastic over the improvements accomplished and those yet to come. Said he, "You see we now have the entire floor, an archway between the rooms, new matting, the partition bolted up securely and the re-arrangement of many books on the shelves. This alcove I put in to relieve the monotony of shelving and hoping that in time some generous patron would fill it with choice books. There are places on either side of it for nice book-cases, and we shall have them some day. At present, the alcove contains the invaluable Bohn Libraries and the books (not out) purchased by the societies and senior class fund of last year. If you will come this way, I will give you the list as sent me by Mr. H. E. Smith."

We append the list for the information of all. It will be found to be what the library needs to keep up with the best authors. Several suggestions concerning ways and means for library additions will be published from time to time.

Continued the Doctor, "You may say that the thanks of the library management are extended to those who aided the society and senior class fund, which has given us these valuable books."

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- Wallace—A Fair God.
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- Burner—The Midge.

- Burnett—That Lass O' Louries.

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Where We Live.

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- PHI GAMMA DELTA PLACE, PARK AVENUE.—Proper, Mattern, Siling, Fradenburg, Knowles, McNair, Fuller, Crowthers, Sweeney, and Johnson.

- EVANS HOUSE.—Gageby, Rudkin, Echols, Hopkins, Wiseman, Dice, Ehrenfeld, Semans, Jewell, McBride, Shields, and Wilson.

- BUNCE HOUSE.—Whitfield, Espy, Black, Nesbit, McClure, H. Couse, Gundy.

- DAVIS HOUSE.—Nash, C. H. Johnson, W. L. Johnson, Kurtz, Campbell, Wallace.

- FREEMAN'S CLUB.—Hood, Freeman, Boyer, Findley, White, Burrows, Magill, Large, Quick, McClellan, W. Haskell, F. Haskell, Collins, Work.

- JOHNSON HOUSE.—Maxwell, Hamilton, Hunter, Laird, Bovaird, Welsh.

- THOMPSON HOUSE.—Walton, Griffin, Heidrich, A.C. Lindsey, F. B. Lindsey, Lucas, Lord, Joslin, Davis, Corey, Oswalt.