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IT has been decided by the faculty to close the Winter term on Friday, March 23d. By having recitations on Monday, they are able to lengthen the vacation almost a week, with the loss of but three working days. The additional rest thus gained will be especially grateful to the members of the faculty, who are, as a rule, sadly overworked. This arrangement will also enable many of the students to visit their homes, who would have been unable to do so had the original calendar been strictly followed.

THE College Battalion is in better condition than it has been for some years past. There are over one hundred members, and much interest is taken in everything connected with the military department. This state of affairs is largely due to the efficiency and gentlemanly behavior of Major Kreps. The Major and entire Battalion have petitioned the faculty for a camp the last of next term, but the chances are that the request will not be granted, inasmuch as such a camp would surely demoralize the classes and recitations during the two weeks preceding Commencement.

IT is a humiliating spectacle for an old and earnest worker in the literary societies to see the members adjourn, in order to attend some show down town, in the opera house. Such an action surely indicates a lamentable lack of interest and appreciation. There is no portion of the course at this or any other college that will compensate for the drill received in the large and public literary societies. In the society in question there is a large element which is dissatisfied with the course of affairs during the last few months, and which believes that its just merits and claims have been ig-

nored by factions banded together for political purposes. Some of the best members have resigned, and it is rumored that more will not remain in the society another year. This is all wrong. Petty disappointment and vexation should not prevent any member doing his best for the society to which he belongs. If one does his full duty in the literary societies he will find, in future years, that the best and most practical part of his education was received there. That is the uniform testimony of old graduates. Let there be a revival of interest and loyalty in the literary societies.

THE term just closed has been one of the most orderly and quiet for some years. In all but a few exceptional instances the work done has been entirely satisfactory. It is a fact upon which we may congratulate ourselves that there has been no political campaign, no flagrant act of disorder, nor anything to mar the quiet harmony and work of the term. It is not always thus, as many can testify. The CAMPUS hopes that everyone may be back next term, and that amid all the diversions and excitements of the spring term nothing will occur to disturb the good feeling which has marked this one.

AT a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Campus Publishing Company, several important changes and additions were made to the constitution. A clause was inserted fixing the date of the election of the editors of the CAMPUS, and officers of the Campus Publishing Company, on the last Tuesday in May. Another section provides that the treasurer shall keep a book in which shall be registered the date, number, and holder of each share of stock. All stock voting at the annual election must be registered on or before the second Tuesday in May. Notice shall be given at least two weeks previous to the closing of the registry book. Stock remaining unregistered after the second Tuesday in May is inelegible for voting purposes at the annual election, but is valid until such stock has been absent from college nine college months. Several other important changes were made, all tending to prevent any such complications as arose last year, and to promote the successful management of the CAMPUS.

SENATOR INGALLS, of Kansas, himself a college graduate, and one of the brightest men in the Senate, has lately written a very striking article on "College Men in Politics." While the Senator's views may be considered somewhat pessimistic, yet those who are accustomed to preach that education is the panacea that will cure all the ills that afflict the Republic, purify suffrage, abolish pauperism, and elevate the standard of national morality, may find something to think about in the following:

Politics, like war, has little concern with morality. It is a struggle for supremacy. When the battle has been won the victors are sometimes magnanimous to their vanquished adversaries, but while the fight is raging there is neither mercy nor quarter. Truth, justice, faith, friendship, and honor, are disregarded in the strife for success.

Hence, nearly all great political careers have been tragedies. Triumph is succeeded by disaster. Public favor is fickle. The idol of to-day is forgotten or execrated to-morrow. Peace, privacy, study, leisure, are unknown, and happiness is impossible. The drama of ambition has a fatal and gloomy catastrophe.

The conditions of success and failure in public life are therefore exceedingly interesting, but not clearly ascertained. Many fail of whom success would be predicted; others succeed who apparently ought to fail. Thomas Jefferson, the father of modern democracy, taught his followers that in a popular government wealth, virtue, education, and intelligence

are ultimately no match for numbers. The old Romans had a saying, *obolus non olet*—that is to say, money does not stink, however it may be acquired. So the politician considers that votes do not smell badly after they are cast and counted, no matter what may have been the methods by which they were procured. Number and not quality obtains the certificate of election.

From the analysis it appears that of the seventy-six senators thirty have received a classical education, and forty-six, or eight more than one-half, have been educated in common schools and academies. Of the 333 representatives and territorial delegates, but 108 have attended college, while 225, or fifty-nine more than one-half of the entire number, are either self-educated or have received their instruction at institutions whose curriculum did not extend beyond the ordinary English studies.

Of the relative influence of the two classes it is not my purpose to speak. Nor could I do so without obvious impropriety. This phase of the subject is not included in the inquiry whether education helps or hinders the young and ambitious aspirant in the preliminary contest for preferment in public affairs.

Generally speaking, however, it may be said that college graduates as a rule exhibit a certain lack of practical capacity in dealing with men and things. They take subtle and abstract views on all questions, and are apt to be timid, cautious and conservative, rather than progressive and radical. It was said of Joseph Addison that he failed as Secretary of State because, in composing his despatches, he hesitated about forms of expression and the rhetorical construction of sentences till the emergency was past. Senator Sumner was another illustration of splendid incapacity for practical affairs in legislation. His ideals were incomparably pure and lofty, and it seemed impossible for him to realize that statutes are the result of compromise and adjustment. If he could not secure what was to his conception absolutely right and just, he resolutely refused to accept half measures. He would either reach the goal, or take no step in its direction.

Superior scholarship alienates a man from the mass of his fellows, and puts him out of sympathy with them. It erects a barrier which must be overcome before confidential relations can be established, and the young men who are aspiring to leadership in the coming generation, in their struggle with poverty and adversity, can find consolation in the reflection that the great leaders of this age had neither degrees nor diplomas. Abraham Lincoln, the greatest of all, had the humblest origin and the scantiest scholarship. Yet he surpassed all orators in eloquence, all diplomatists in wisdom, all statesmen in foresight, and the most ambitious in fame.

Literary.

A Fool's Errand.

SOME one has said, "All men are fools; they differ only in the degree of foolishness shown and the time of showing it."

I used to think that this was false, I imagined I could name at least one exception to the rule. But the experience of one day last summer convinced me that the statement was true, and I was ready to say, "Yea, verily, all men are fools—myself included." This is how it came about.

Jim and I had wandered some fifty miles from home and found ourselves at the home of our friend, Nelson. It seemed to be as easy for this Nelson to do right as it is for the rest of us to do wrong. It was his principle to treat every man as a saint until he had proved himself otherwise. He believed every word he heard and of course often made a fool of himself. Jim, on the other hand, was inclined to treat every man as a rascal till he proved the contrary.

Nelson had a friend—old farmer Dolittle—

who lived a couple miles across the country. Dolittle was an enthusiastic antiquarian. He valued very highly his little collection of relics, consisting of Indian arrow-heads, bullets that General Harrison had shot at the Indians in the woods of Ohio, Confederate money, old china and a brass button which he said was worn by George Washington at the battle of Yorktown. He had opened nearly every mound and hillock on his farm in his search for Indian relics.

He had imparted a good deal of his enthusiasm to Nelson, who had helped him in his mound-digging, and was ready to believe every word he said. Nelson in turn desired to enthuse Jim and I on the subject of Indian mounds, and he partially succeeded. He awakened our interest by giving accounts of wonderful discoveries of Indian relics in that neighborhood. We had, at that time, no reason to doubt his word, and of course could only express our readiness to assist him when he proposed that we should try our hand at mound-digging. He generously offered to share equally with us the spoils of the expedition. At first Jim was reluctant, affirming that he had conscientious scruples against the desecration of any grave, either of a red-man or a pale-face. But when he was told that the Indians who once roamed the forests of that region had been in the happy hunting grounds for a century or more, and that no manual labor would be required of him his scruples disappeared and he yielded ready acquiescence. Nelson then loaded us with axes and spades, while he carried a bag in which to carry home the treasures. He kindly offered to carry the bag both ways if we would carry the tools.

The particular mound he was aiming at was one that Dolittle had shown him and he assured us it was not more than two miles distant, but Jim and I thought, before we reached home, they were the longest miles we had ever known.

It was a hot, sultry afternoon. Not a breeze was stirring; great masses of gray clouds floated lazily in the sky; old Sol poured down his fiercest rays; the leaves were all curled up by the intense heat; not a bird had spirit enough to even chirp. Occasionally a croaking crow would fly wearily along seeking the shades of the woods. A solemn stillness was everywhere.

We ploded on, our footsteps occasionally quickened by our guide who called attention to the threatening storm and expressed his fear that our treasure would be wet on our homeward journey. He told us how his uncle had discovered a mound which contained a copper kettle and a skull, which, of course, he affirmed once belonged to some son of the forest, though many said it most likely belonged to a sheep. Jim and I were growing skeptical; the farther we went the less confidence we had in Indian mounds. I offered my share of the copper kettles, skulls and other relics we might unearth for the paltry sum of $1.12. Nelson said he would gladly take my offer but he could not pay cash as he had but 18 cents. This I have always regretted.

We came, at length, to Dolittle's place. We found the old man lying under a shade tree—a perfect picture of contentment and laziness. He readily agreed to guide us to the mound, for which service he asked only a small share of the treasure therein contained.

Then began another weary march. He led us off through the woods where we suffered less from the heat but a worse evil beset us. It seemed that all the mosquitos in Lake County were gathered in that place, with large delegations from surrounding counties and from Canada. They hailed our arrival with delight and followed us to the mound. We found the mound to be seven or eight feet long and four or five feet high. We could see nothing extraordinary in its appearance, but Dolittle said it was by far the most promising Indian mound he had ever seen. He said he would like to stay and help us but the bugs were eating his potatoes and he wanted to give them a dose of Paris green. So bidding us report our success to him he left us. It pains me to think of the next two or three hours. Nelson went enthusiastically to work cutting away the brush that covered the mound

and I did what I could to assist him. We worked steadily on, keeping our eyes open for copper kettles and other relics. Meanwhile Jim sat in the shade giving advice and fighting mosquitoes. He even offered to relinquish all claim on the contents of the grave if some one would carry home the tools.

At length the fruitlessness of our labor was too apparent and even Nelson was willing to give up the task. He ventured the opinion that it was the grave of a squaw and no relics had been buried with her; but Jim thought it was merely a scheme on the part of Dolittle to get us to clear up his land.

We joined hands and promised never again to meddle with an Indian mound unless we knew it was loaded. Jim and I swore eternal enmity to all relic hunting in general—with a few words thrown in for the benefit of Dolittle. Shouldering our tools we bid the scene of foolishness and the mosquitoes a long farewell.

The black, threatening clouds which now filled the western sky served to quicken our tired feet and we reached home poor in spoils, weary in body, but rich in experience.

Josh Billings says the best medicine for rheumatism is to thank heaven that it isn't gout. So we found a crumb of comfort in the fact that the fool's errand was not finished in the rain. R. W. E.

The College World.

Inter-collegiate.

Yale received over $300,000 in donations last year.

Columbus College has established a post-graduate course for women.

From exchanges we learn that both Columbia and Cornell have stopped the marking system.

Harvard is not the only college which indulges in suping, it would seem. John Hopkins University has furnished all the supes for the Booth and Barrett exhibition in Baltimore during their late performance there.

Rev. E. G. Lund, of Greensburg, Pa., has been elected president of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.

English Class—Prof: "Mr. H., what is woman?" Mr. H: "Oh, it's simply 'wo' added to 'man.'"

The sermons of Talmage are now spread by 13,600,000 copies of newspapers in America and 4,000,000 in Europe.

The faculty of Hiram College suspended forty-four young men for a week because they slid down hill with the town girls.

Philosophy Class—Prof.: "Mr. S., what faculty could you best dispense with?" Mr. S. (on back bench) "College faculty, sir."

John L. Sullivan has been invited to give an exhibition before the students of an English university. It will probably be a striking affair.—*Ex.*

Professor: "If I should put on green glasses and view the class would I not be deceived in its appearance?" "Well, no; I don't think you would."

Williams College alumni propose to raise $100,000 for the erection and maintenance of a memorial building to the late Mark Hopkins, on the college grounds.

Prof. Patton has accepted the presidency of Princeton, but with the understanding that his connection with the Theological Seminary shall not be entirely severed.

It has recently been decided by the Indiana Supreme Court that college students of legal age have the right of voting in college towns. Why not so in Pennsylvania?

"What fresh air you have out here. It's so much fresher than in London." Farmer—"Jest so! That's what I was jest saying to my old woman. Why ain't all these big cities built out in the country?"

Exchanges.

We are glad to note the return of the *True Educator* to our table. It is a good college paper and throws out a great many good suggestions in the way of education.

The *Pennsylvania College Monthly* publishes the Graeff prize essay of the Pennsylvania State College, written by John Aberley, '88, on the subject, "The Two Locksley Halls," in which he shows familiarity with Tennyson's life and his writings.

We would notice some of our new exchanges, *The Elite Journal*, *The Greek Oracle*, *The Collegian* and *The Hamilton Literary Monthly*. In the last of which we call attention to the story of the reformation of Mr. Conklin, written by one of the students, showing good power of description and some imagination.

"Over Education" is the subject of a treatise in the *Messenger*. It shows the tendency of gaining literary fame at the expense of good health and gives as a remedy that a change of public opinion from being one that every student should shine in the world of knowledge in a few months study, to one that the physical health should be kept in order to do literary work, there would not be so much overwork done in our colleges and universities.

In the Southwestern Presbyterian University *Journal* is the discussion of "How to Utilize Examinations," which we would like to copy or have our faculty read, as some of them seem to think that the examination papers are only for their own use in deciding whether the student has passed, when in reality the student would be much more benefited if he should see his papers after they have been corrected and have a chance to see wherein he failed and how much progress he has made, if any, or to warn him that he needs to work harder in the future if he expects to gain any good from his college course.

Ninety members of Harvard '90 failed to pass the June examination. Seven '88 men, and fifty '89 have also been dropped into the class below them.

Personal.

Lin Smith, '91, spent last Sunday at his home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Clip" Fuller, '86, of Chardon, O., spent last week among college friends.

Miss Gertrude Snyder departed for her home in Ohio last Saturday, and was gone several days.

Painter was called home suddenly last week, and is not expected back to college again this year.

Prof. Montgomery has given up his house on Park Avenue, and will reside down town during the coming year.

D. W. Howell has been troubled for some time past with sore eyes, and has been unable to attend his classes.

We are pleased to again notice Prof. Colegrove out after having been confined for about a week with an attack of the mumps.

"Wilt" Lindsey, '86, who is now studying law at Jamestown, N. Y., was in town last week visiting his cousin, C. G. Lindsey.

Messrs. Blaisdell, Wisman, Dobson, Jason, and Cramer attended the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Greenville as delegates from College.

J. L. Porter is now singing regularly in the choir of the Baptist Church of Franklin, Pa., where he goes every Saturday afternoon, returning on the following Monday.

Miss Brundage has been compelled to leave college for the remainder of this term, on account of sickness. In the meantime her classes will be conducted by Mr. Siling.

From a recent letter from Prof. E. B. Heckel, '87, now connected with the Illinois Weslyan University, we learn that by the enforced absence of Prof. Thoburn by sickness all the work of the Science department devolves upon his shoulders.

Local.

Spring is coming!

Look out for a sudden rise in CAMPUS stock next term!

Recitations in infantry tactics are now held only once a week.

Specimen of Freshmen scholarship(?) "Venice is located in one of the most fertile parts of Italy."

The recent cold snap, which struck this neck o' woods, seems to have frozen up some of the students.

A class in fencing has been organized among the cadets, and under the efficient instruction of Major Kreps, is making rapid progress in that art.

The entertainment for the benefit of the Library has been postponed until early next term, on account of the numerous other attractions during the next two weeks.

Every able-bodied student should become a member of the Athletic Association, and thus assist the organization financially in making the coming season the most successful on record.

The base ball team for the ensuing year, as selected at the recent meeting, will be substantially as follows: Kerr, Brown, Fuller, Laffer, Christy, Howe, Cattern, Hawk, C. B., and Hood.

The annual flitting time has come, which always causes more or less trouble and inconvenience to the students. We know of several who are on the lookout for a boarding place for next term.

A number of students interested in 'cycling held a meeting last week and effected the organization of a Bicycle Club. Mr. Fetch was elected captain of the club, which now numbers about a dozen of those interested in that popular sport.

The seniors have donned their new silk plugs.

Professor, addressing freshman: "Translate 'Ignoras te.'" Freshman: "Don't you know it yourself?"

"Allegheny has a professor who always speaks to himself when he desires to address a sensible person." At least, so says one of our exchanges.

The Battalion is anxiously awaiting the coming of warmer weather, so that drill may be held out of doors, as the armory is too cramped to allow extensive maneuvering.

The action of the faculty in closing the term on Friday instead of Tuesday, as scheduled in the catalogue, seems to give universal satisfaction among the students, by this means allowing a vacation of over a week, the spring term opening on the 3d of April.

A meeting of the Athletic Association was held recently to complete arrangements for the spring meet to be held some time in May. A series of twelve events was decided upon to determine the best general athlete of the College and to get things in trim working order for field day.

The second benefit concert of the Glee Club was given in the Academy of Music on last Thursday evening. Since the holiday trip the boys have been working dilligently on their repertoire, so that the program presented was almost entirely new. The venture netted considerable for the club, although it was not patronized nearly so liberally as the merits of the entertainment deserved.

At a meeting of the CAMPUS stockholders held last week, the constitution of the organization was carefully revised, an action deemed necessary from its loose construction and the ambiguity of certain sections which has led to some misunderstanding in the past. The principal alterations made were limiting the time for disposal of stock after leaving college and in fixing the date of elections.

The CAMPUS may be had for the remainder of the college year for fifty cents.

The third of the series of lectures under the management of the Students' Ministerial Society will be given on next Monday evening, in the college chapel.

The exhibition of the celebrated magician, Kellar, at the Academy of Music, on last Wednesday evening, was largely attended both by students and by some of the faculty and the many examples of sleight-of-hand there exhibited were very wonderful, almost inexplicable to the audience.

The second of the series of lectures under the auspices of the Students' Ministerial Society was given by the Rev. Dr. Muller, of Canton, O., in the College Chapel, on Monday evening, March 5th. It was a discourse of rare scholarly ability, the subject being, "The outlook of Christianity in the 19th Century."

Extensive alterations and improvements are being cogitated in regard to the library, which when completed will add greatly to the convenience and value of that institution. The room formerly occupied by the Prescott collections, will be fitted up similar to the present reading room and will be connected to it by an archway, thus giving free access to both rooms. These changes are expected to be made early next term, when a large number of volumes, now inaccessible, will be moved into the new room.

The invitation extended to the College to participate in the oration contest to be held at the Chautauqua Assembly grounds during next summer, has been accepted by the faculty, and Mr. Frank Cattern, a member of the Junior class, has been selected to represent the College. Twelve Colleges have been invited to take part in the contest, which is open only to under-graduates and four of whom, Adelbert, Rochester, Washington-Jefferson and Allegheny, have, up to date, accepted. The contest is to be held during the latter part of July, the prize offered being one hundred dollars.

The Y. M. C. A. convention held at Greenville last Friday drew a number of the students to its sessions. The address before the convention was delivered by Dr. Luccock on Friday evening. College branch was represented by a strong delegation.

By the unexpected closing of College one week earlier than expected, the societies are compelled to hold their contests next week. The oration contest of Allegheny will take place on next Tuesday evening and that of Philo on the following Thursday.

President Wheeler delivered his lecture, entitled, "The Philosophy of History," before the Historical Society of this city, in Library Hall, on Monday evening. The doctor was greeted by a large, intelligent audience and the lecture was highly appreciated by all those present.

Some members of the Biology class have been getting into trouble, from their wholesale marauding expeditions against the unfortunate felines of the neighborhood. We recently overheard a little fellow, sorrowfully bewailing the loss of his cat, enquiring of a guilty-looking soph: "Say, did you fellows cut up our cat?"

Our athletic inclined students are eagerly looking forward to the coming of spring, when the different clubs can get to practicing. From the present outlook, the coming year will be one unprecedented in interest in athletic sports, at Allegheny. The fact is to be lamented, however, that Allegheny has no near neighbors with which she might play some match games during the season.

One of the most pleasant social events of the term, was a fraternity party, given by Miss Ida Tarbell and Miss Henderson to the members of Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternities, with their gentlemen friends, on Monday evening, March 5th. The evening's enjoyment culminated in a sumptuous repast, following which toasts were responded to in a most happy manner, and not till a late hour did all depart, having been most charmingly entertained.

The Beta chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity has secured the house on Highland Avenue, formerly known as Douglass Hall, and will occupy it the first of next term. This is the first movement in the way of carrying on a chapter house ever yet made at Allegheny and the friends of the Phi Psis will unite in wishing them success in their new undertaking.

The many friends and old scholars of Prof. Tingley will be pleased to learn of the good fortune which has befallen him. The following from the Pittsburg *Commercial-Gazette*, of March 12th, speaks for itself: "On Saturday last the trustees of the Western Pennsylvania Medical College elected Jeremiah Tingley, Ph. D., L.L.D., of Meadville, Pa., to fill the chair of chemistry, to succeed Prof. Hugo Blauck. Dr. Tingley was for a long time professor of physics and chemistry at Allegheny College, and is widely known as an eminent teacher of the sciences. He is at present a resident of Meadville, Pa., but will come here on the 10th of the coming month. The doctor has a wide circle of friends in this city."

It was night. The lazy moon has just retreated behind a sheltering cloud, from whence it peeps now and then, to take a casual glimpse at things around. The hour of one has just been tolled off by the town clock, when two dusky figures are seen to approach a downtown residence, one of whom is heard whistling softly, "The *Campbell* is coming," while the other carries something in his hand, which he handles with extreme care. Quietly they approach the house, as if in search of something. Suddenly they stop and gaze furtively up the side of the house, when we perceive something hanging from an upper window, which finally shapes itself into a rope. But it cannot be reached. How to secure it is the next question, when we perceive Brave No. 1 stooping and then Brave No. 2 mounts his shoulders, quickly secures the rope; when, Oh! unlucky moment; just as the coveted prize is secured, Brave No. 1 slips and down comes luckless No. 2 still clinging to the rope. Then from the depths of the room above, sounds issue which quickly convince us that the rope was attached to something with more feeling than a bed post. Slowly gathering themselves together and con-*Demming* the fates for their luckless fall, the two principals pick themselves up and repair from the scene which—But here we must draw a veil and patiently await further developments.

Alumni.

B. F. Edjell, '65, is now preaching at Garrettsville, O.

John D. Martin, '80, is pastor of a church at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

M. C. Harris, '73, lately missionary to Tokio, Japan, is now located at Oakland, Cal.

B. B. Pickett, Jr., '87, is engaged in the study of law in his father's office in Meadville.

J. T. Ewing, '81, is Professor of Mathematics in the State Normal School at Mansfield, O.

H. S. Free, '86, is at present attending the theological department of Boston University.

A. R. Miller, '62, is one of the leading ministers of the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Morris F. Laughlin, '83, has been elected principal of the public schools of Bellevue, Neb., the oldest town in the state.

S. B. Smith, '86, a law student of Meadville, who has been ill for several months past, left last week for an extended visit in the South.

An item appeared in our last number stating that Mr. W. J. Guthrie was in the merchantile business. This was a mistake. Mr. Guthrie is practicing law in his native city, Apollo, Pa.

R. C. Bole, '86, who has been studying law for the past year in his father's office, in this city, has gone to Arkansas Hot Springs and other western points, on a health and pleasure trip.

Rev. J. H. Miller, '82, formerly pastor of the Ames Church, Pittsburgh, and now preaching

in the M. E. Church at Bellevue, Pa., has lately been afflicted by the death of his mother, who passed away last week, in her 76th year. The alumni and other friends will unite with the CAMPUS in extending condolence to Rev. Miller in his sad bereavement.

Through the Meadville *Evening Republican* we learn that a movement is on foot for the erection of a building at Chautauqua Lake, to be devoted to the use of Allegheny College alumni. Such an institution ought certainly to meet the approval and encouragement of every alumnus. Many of the old students of Allegheny, engaged in various professions, would find it convenient to visit Chautauqua Lake during the summer months, where they could meet old class mates and acquaintances and strengthen old ties of friendship. Such a building located at so famous a literary centre would be a lasting benefit to the alumni and an honor to their alma mater.

Fraternity.

From an exchange we learn that Phi Gamma Delta has entered Madison; also, the University of North Carolina.

Phi Kappa Psi added to its number last Thursday evening by the initiation of W. E. Porter. The CAMPUS shakes.

Kappa Alpha Theta made a valuable acquisition on Thursday, the 1st, by the initiation of Miss Bell. Very heartily do we welcome the new Theta to the Greek world.

The Grand Arch Council of Phi Kappa Psi will meet at Washington, D. C., next month. This body consists of the fraternity officers and a delegate from each chapter.

The chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon situated at the University of Georgia, are making active preparations for the erection of one of the finest chapter houses in the South.

The biennial convention of the Alpha Province of Phi Delta Theta will be held with Pennsylvania Alpha, at Lafayette College, Easton, on April 19th and 20th. Each of the sixteen chapters in the Province will have delegates present. The chapter situated here is in this Province.

On Wednesday evening last W. A. Elliot became a member of Phi Delta Theta. On this initiation the chapter has received a large number of unusually hearty congratulations.

We beg the pardon of the Phi Gamma Deltas for omitting to make mention, in the last issue, of the fact that they had initiated M. J. Sweeny. Surely they are to be congratulated on securing so good a man.

On Saturday evening, the 10th inst., Kappa Kappa Gamma added to its roll the Misses Porter and Wentworth. We congratulate these young ladies that they are now permitted to enjoy the light of the Grecian sun.

One of the fraternity chapters at the University of Pennsylvania has offered a prize to the member of the sophomore class who does the best work in English composition during the year. Surely something new for the Greeks.

The fraternity question has again reached the literary societies. The question was recently debated in Allegheny and the event proved that the fraternity men had little to say— they permitted the non-frats to do most of the talking. The Philites will wrestle with the same question early next term and the indications are that there will be a more interesting and less one-sided debate. It should be thus, as the question is an excellent one and there are strong arguments for each side.

We are in receipt of the *Choctaw Pow-Wow*, a very neat little eight-page paper published by the Alpha chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. The *Pow-Wow* contains a great deal of news from old graduates and students of the college, is well edited and is altogether a credit to the chapter.

Who wanted to see Newcomb down at the Gable House?

Societies.

The trial which the Philos were preparing has been postponed.

The history of the societies will appear from time to time as it can be prepared.

Reading Shakespere in place of debate has been tried by the Ossolians as an experiment, since our last issue.

A committee is working to place the Ossoli Declamation prize on a better financial basis. This contest, the Chesbrough, has been put off till the third Tuesday evening of next term.

The present officers of Allegheny are as follows: Speaker, H. E. Smith; Clerk, A. M. Brown; Attorney, Morrison; Chaplin, Sanderson; Critics, Rudkin and McNair; Sergeant-at-Arms, Luccock.

Allegheny, Ossoli and Athenia were all adjourned on the evening of the 9th. The sleight-of-hand performance given on that evening at the Academy of Music was the cause. Philo-Franklin had no meeting on the evening of the 16th. Quite a number of her members were attending the Y. M. C. A. convention at Greenville.

The Alleghenian oration contest, which occurs on the evening of the 20th, will have but three contestants. The orators have chosen the following: Anderson, "Beacon Light of Liberty;" Wakefield, "America for Americans;" Richey, "School and Church Influences." The judges selected for this contest are, Col. Lewis Walker, Judge Church and Dr. Hall.

The judges chosen for Philo oration contest, which occurs on the evening of the 22d, are: Dr. Hall, Rev. Logan and Miss Tarbell. There is quite a contrast in the number of contestants on these two contests. Allegheny should have had at least twice the number on her contest, her membership is so large. No excuse because proficient men are not on her roll. Philo may have too many to be real pleasing to an audience that likes a short program. However, these contests, which are given from time to time, reveal the spirit of work in the societies.

The Ossolians are not quite so eager for personal honors as often their brothers are. None of the upper-class members desired to represent the society in the regular society work for commencement. After considerable delay it was decided that Miss Chesbrough should sustain the society's honor. A representative for the Comic Contest was also elected, but the one chosen handed in her resignation. Members of the societies should not forget that their respective organization have a claim on their literary abilities. When a member is chosen for some particular work, it is a duty of that member to lay aside personal whims, if need be, and do the best possible work. If the constitution and by-laws were read occasionally it would assist one to remember what he or she agreed to do when the society constitution was signed.

For the CAMPUS.

To the Ministers in the Class of '88.

WE have selected this heading because what we desire to say here concerns those who are preparing for the ministry. This article will be "dry" to all others, and will not pay them to spend their precious time reading it. However, if any will persist in perusing it, do not censure the writer, for he has given you fair warning.

We are gratified to learn that eleven of the present class intend to enter the noble field of preaching the gospel. But we are more than gratified to know that this number, with one exception, perhaps, expect to go to theological schools next year. A knowledge of these facts, together with a request from the editor asking for a contribution on some topic of interest, has prompted us to take up the pen, and, if possible, to say a helpful word to those to whom these lines are addressed.

You will be looking east and west for a suitable school. Doubtless you have been comparing the catalogues of the different semin-

aries and marking their respective merits. Your friends have been consuled in regard to making a choice. You have been weighing the question in your own mind, but you have not fully determined where you shall go. To those who have, as well as to those who have not yet made a decision, will you bear with us while we state a few plain facts in favor of Boston University?

The first unvarnished fact is this: *It is an ideal seminary home.* This assertion will bear strong emphasis. But you will not be satisfied with mere declarations, so we will confirm them as we proceed, and try to give an intelligent reason for each statement we make. You can have an ideal home without necessarily having an ideal building, but here we have both. We cannot better emphasize the latter than by repeating what a *blind* man in our room the other day said: "This is a magnificent building." And Dr. McKenzie, a Harvard College preacher, in his lecture to the students, said: "This is the finest seminary building, with one exception, that I have ever seen." This next sentence may strike you as ludicrous in this connection, but on further reflection you will see the propriety of it.

The Culinary Department is complete and satisfactory. For conclusive proof, it would be better if you could see about one hundred boys at the dinner table. The laundry work is done most acceptably. The rates are reasonable. There are three recitation rooms, Junior, Middle and Senior, all of which are on the same floor and easy of access. They are cheerful and inspiring. The spacious and elegantly furnished parlor is open to all and is very inviting. The reading room and the library are attractive resorts. The post-office is not the least desirable feature of our home. We have five mails *to* and six *from* the building, daily. Our rooms are neat and cosy; furnished with everything necessary for comfort and convenience. The gymnasium is highly appreciated by many of the boys. This is sufficient for the home, now let us introduce you to the students and professors.

There is a fine class of boys here. There are college graduates from all the prominent schools of the country. Maine and California, Michigan and Alabama have their representatives.

It is good for the East and the West, the North and the South to thus come in contact. It is healthful and beneficial to the whole country. It widens the horizon of each man's mental vision, and gives him a view in perspective of the whole Union. It is an education in itself to mingle with such a vast variety of talent, culture, and character. But a school is not any *stronger* than its *weakest* man. And this leads us to the *Professors in the School of Theology.*

You will search the catalogues in vain for information that will enable you to form a just estimate of the strength of each man as a *teacher.* D.D., or LL.D., or both attached to a name, are not a sure indication of a great teacher, as many students know from sad experience. But some one may ask, who made you a judge of what constitutes a true teacher? We gladly answer your question. If one has a thinker and uses it judiciously in the class-room where the teacher's power is felt, he will come to some conclusion within a year in regard to the teaching ability of his professor. Of course, the man who is too lazy to think (there are not a few in this class) will not have deep convictions on any subject and will seldom express them for obvious reasons. Sitting at the feet of a teacher for a day, if the student is observing and thoughtful, will teach him more of that man as a teacher, than reading the best biography of his life. The living personality of the teacher is what makes impressions that nothing else ever can make, unless human nature be entirely reconstructed. All agree with Gen. Garfield's definition of a college, because it embodies this fundamental principle.

Permit us now to make a few calm, general statements respecting the strength of the Faculty as a unit. They are live, energetic men. They are fully abreast of the times. They not only *allow* the student to think, but *expect* him to think. They encourage personal investigation on all lines of study and do not ask you to take their word on any of them, as conclusive. To illustrate this, we have only to quote the words of one of our leading professors who recently said, "Every man ought to formulate his own system of theology." This simply means that a man ought to think for himself, and then his usefulness will not be impaired, (as it often is) by relying upon the brain product of another, for what his own mind, by its proper exercise, could produce.

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