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A SERMON DELIVERED BY REV. W. H. LEWIS, BEFORE THE CADETS
OF ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, EASTER, 1883."Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."
—II. TIMOTHY, ii: 3.

THERE is a great deal in these few words. They cover the position, the duties and the supports of one of the most precarious and also perhaps one of the most thankless and illy rewarded professions that a man can enter into. You will find, young men, if you look into the subject, that an army is considered in the popular mind, to be one of the necessary evils to which we must submit. In time of peace, men are ready to plan how they may best get rid of it altogether; and in time of war, they will try to rob it of its hard-won laurels, forgetting the discipline and patient endurance which gave them their leaders for the unorganized hosts, and claiming the great deeds for individual dash and courage. There are a great many things that go to make up the details of a campaign's success or failure, about which ordinary people know nothing, and which they therefore never take into account. You can frighten an old soldier quite as much by telling him that there is nothing to fill his haversack and canteen with, as you can by showing him a battery which he must help to take. You can demoralize a division by sending them an incompetent or unlucky general, as you can by exposing their flank to an enfilading fire. But people do not know much of these things as a rule. They watch the long glittering lines of bayonets, they hear the exhilarating blare of the trumpets and rattle of the drums, they think of the glory of the victory and the enthusiasm of the sweeping charge, but they do not see the miles upon miles of baggage wagons and supply trains; they do not count the waste of ammunition that must be made good; they do not know the discomforts and fatigue of the halt and the march, they do not follow the weary train of the wounded as they falter back to the ambulance and the field hospital. Yet all these things enter largely into the life of a soldier. He may be ever so true man and brave, and ready to do his duty, but he must feel that he has leadership, he must be able to count upon supplies of both food and ammunition with him, or he cannot and will not stand. I propose then, this evening, since you have gathered here in a body to listen to a few words from me as a minister of Christ, to look into a few of these things, not generally thought of, which yet enter so largely into the morale of true army life. And, as your military organization is not one of regular enlistment, but rather a part of your pastime and a voluntary addition to your education as well equipped men, I shall have no trouble in transferring the field of my thoughts to that army in which all true men are enlisted by virtue of their duty to God and each other, and from whose service death alone can give an honorable discharge.

"As good soldiers of Jesus Christ." What power there is in

some names to wake up all the honor and courage and strength that man has in him! Why even a raw recruit and a natural coward at that, will carry his musket lighter and step out more confidently when the sound of some tried captain's voice is heard along the ranks. I do not want to trouble you with any personal reminiscences, but I can well remember the thrill that ran through every regiment and brigade and division of the army of the Winchester Valley when Sheridan took command. Every leave was cut off, men that had thought themselves sick hastened back to their companies, camp followers were sent to the rear, baggage was reduced to the lightest possible marching weight, extra rounds were served out to every man, and all was ready for a move and desperate work even before a command had come from head-quarters—yes, before the general had arrived on the field. And you, young men, are soldiers every one in God's great army of brave and true *because redeemed* men. And Jesus Christ is the captain of your salvation, made perfect through suffering. Jesus Christ, I say again. Not that Jesus who died and was buried, as history tells us, nearly two thousand years ago. I am trying to awaken your enthusiasm and courage by no dead historic name. I would as soon call you soldiers of Julius Caesar or Hannibal, and expect you to stand up to the call, as to call you soldiers of Jesus Christ—if it were not for the truths of this Easter-Day. For Christ is risen and stands at the head of His fighting Hosts, where every man of us can see Him by faith and feel the power of His loving Presence. And He has proved Himself a leader worthy of the name, on all the great battle fields of God's campaign against Satan. And He does not tell you to go forward, *but* He calls you to *come* forward; The banner of the cross is in the forefront of the battle, and the man who knows what that name means—the anointed Savior—Jesus Christ, and does not feel his pulse quickened and his courage rise under such leadership—is something less than a man and nothing at all of a soldier. The question of leadership then, is settled forever. The Captain of our salvation *abideth* forever. He has told all His wounds, and is henceforth invincible. His name shall endure among the posterities that shall be blessed through Him, and all people shall look up to Him and find Him mighty to save in all future conflicts. And I take it for granted that you are all voluntarily enlisted in His cause; for what true man will care to be counted out in prospect of such a warfare? On one side are enlisted all the powers of evil, with the Prince of darkness at their head. Think of these evils, and the ugly works they are doing in the world, young men. Think of the dram-shops, the brothels, the prisons, the work-houses, the asylums which Christian charity has provided for manhood and womanhood broken down by self indulgence, and ruined by intemperance and vice. Think of the evil spirits of envy, hatred and malice, of impurity and godlessness, of selfish greed and wanton lust, that spur the miserable recruits in these unhallowed ranks to do their baleful deeds upon the world. Think of the devils that fear God and tremble, but laugh when

they can gain possession of a human soul and array it against its own eternal interests. And then think of the other side, which is the side of honor, and sobriety, and manliness and truth; the side of sound, healthful, vigorous bodies, and pure unsullied minds, and loyal truth-loving, God-fearing consciences, of which Jesus Christ the sinless Son of Man is the leader, and God and His Spirit the Protector and the Guide; and do not tell me to-night that you are not enlisted with these last; above all do not tell me that you are deserters from these holy ranks. I know how the world tries to belittle this spiritual warfare. I know what temptations it holds out to young men of these days to take up with its side, and what storms of blasphemous wit, and ridicule it can pour out upon the man, who owns to the possession of right principles, and will not be led into the surrender of his conscience and the sacrifice of his true manhood. But I know that you are thoughtful men, who have the whole outlook of the great future before you, and that you are not ready to sell yourselves to Satan for a few days of simple pleasures. Come with me then into your rightful camp, put on your uniform, and answer to the roll-call, and stand attentive while the Captain of your salvation lays out your God-given duty before you.

And, to begin with—this camp-life—how trying it is sometimes. It is made up for the most part, of monotonous hours of drill, of irksome guard duty, of trying police work, and includes weeks and months of anxious expectancy in a wearing round that is more trying than illness. You say perhaps, as many another soldier has said before you, that if you could go out at once to battle; if God would bid you do some great thing, you would be ready. But this constant unvarying tour of watchfulness and prayerfulness and obedience is sometimes more than human nature can endure. "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"; and one of the hardest lessons for human nature to learn is the lesson of faith and patience. Little duties are the school of greater ones always; and the discipline and drill of the camp are the security of the battle-field. And besides, nothing is little in God's service. Your daily duty is as much a part of your perfect obedience and as great an educator of your character as are the activities and the trials of an open campaign; and he who serves Christ well in his school, and in his daily walk, and in his home—tent is laying up stores of virtue and knowledge and loyalty to holy rules of living that will serve him well when he is called to the front.

But the call to march will come for you soon, and this comparatively happy and care-free camp-life of your's will be broken up. You will go out into the broad world to meet the enemy; and then what will be required of you? I answer, you shall not have fairly entered upon your responsible manhood ere you will meet your enemies face to face. And the plunge in cold blood into the first open battle is something simply terrific in the way of a shock to human nature. You shall leave your homes and their warm influence, you shall put off guardianship and its healthful restraints, you shall stand out in all the responsibilities and burdensome armour of manhood, and be commanded to do battle for God and the right. On the other side you shall see, perhaps, that which takes to itself the name of intellect, and culture, and position, and wealth; you shall hear the roar of the great guns of science—falsely so-

called—and feel the wind of the dropping fire of keen sharp shooters that seek your life from behind the trenches and rifle-pits of the skirmish line of infidelity and godlessness. The ranks in which you stand shall be thinned by the retiring of the wounded and the dropping out of the fallen. "But thou, therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." It is His battle you are fighting; His exhaustless reserve is behind you; truth and honor and right are on your side, and you must win, if you stand fast. These are the old worn out brigades of Satan that are before you. They make a great show of fight, when they come out against raw recruits, but they have been beaten again and again, and they know their cause is hopeless. "Watch therefore, quit you like men, be strong." You will be glad when the news of this first battle comes to your homes, that your name was enrolled on the Lord's side, and that you helped the cause of truth in the world by your courage and honor and faithful service.

But there are other fields for your endurance and other tests of hardness to which you must submit. As men of growing intelligence and character, you may at some future day be detailed for picket duty on the foremost line of God's advance—and, believe me there is real hardness in this. You are taken out perhaps, and posted away by yourself where you can feel no answering touch of elbow on the right hand or on the left. There is the stillness of death all about you; every cracking twig and rustling leaf sends your heart into your mouth; an occasional puff of distant noiseless smoke is followed by the sharp *ping* of the bullet in the tree over your head. You feel lonely, deserted, home-sick, heart-sick, and almost ready to turn and creep away. But your old lessons of duty and patience and honor come up to you in all their majesty, and you stand fast, and watch, and send the answering bullet that tells of your vigilance and faithful defense of your dangerous post. God only knows, young men, whether you will ever be called to such defense of the truth of the right, but you may be; and you ought to get yourselves ready. It is the highest post of honor in the world, and worthy of any man's intelligence and courage. Look at such men as Gladstone or the Emperor William, or our own Garfield now relieved from duty, away off on the very outposts of duty—fighting single-handed almost in the ranks of the scattered picket-line of consecrated intellect; watchful, prayerful, courageous, manly, honorable, and honored of all true men. These are God's picket guards among men, and the hosts of His army rest in security behind them, as they nobly keep their places. Perhaps some bright mind from out your ranks may hereafter be called of God to march out alone, and endure hardness there as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Will the man be ready when the call shall come? Will he be found equal to the responsibilities and duties of his trying post? Yes, if he be laying up stores of faith and patience now, and exercising himself in that true courage which belongs alone to a conscience at peace with God, and a heart that holds its daily close communion with Him.

But, alas for poor humanity, whatever its strength and courage, it gets wounded sometimes; it falls in the ranks and is carried off to the rear, and lies there helpless and sorrowful, waiting for recovery. And is there no discipline to the true soldier in his hospital experience? Are not his faith and patience both tested and strengthened here? Since man must fall sometimes,

one of the most useful lessons he can learn, is to get benefit from his hurt. Humility and watchfulness, and carefulness, and patience are all strengthened by a fall well taken. The man comes back to the ranks, more determined than ever to do his duty, nursing a holy vengeance against the enemy that put him down, more ready to listen to command and counsel from his leader, more cautious about exposing himself unnecessarily. I wish you could only see some of the devices that veteran soldiers are put to to cover themselves and get the advantage of their enemy. It would teach you something in the Christian science of warfare. For most of our hurts and falls are gotten by needless exposure of our weaknesses to the sharp eyes of a watchful enemy, or presumptuous trusting in our own skill and strength of manhood. We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us, but Satan or the smallest of his devils is stronger than the strongest man that thinks he can stand and act alone.

But I have already taken you quite a tour, through camp and field, cadets, and perhaps have myself tested your patience. I only want to sum up what I have said in small compass so that you can carry it in your haversacks for spiritual food through life. Your leadership is perfect if Christ Jesus is your captain. Your enlistment is regular, if you have been received into the fellowship of His body; your arms are everything that God's wisdom and love could invent; your supplies of food and ammunition for your own life and for your warfare, are exhaustless. Your victory while you fight on this side is certain. It only remains to be asked whether you bring to this service an undivided heart, a consecrated intellect, a soul resolved to endure hardness—in all the campaigns and duties of life—as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. If to this you can answer, I do, God may have posts of honor and duty for you that will make you men whom history shall delight to honor; or He may call you to work and labor for Him, away from the eyes and applause of men. There are graves in all our cemeteries that are marked "To the memory of the unknown";—but are these unknown, the less heroes, and does this country bless them less? Either way your service may turn, it will end in glory and honor and immortality for you, when your Great Captain shall say—"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

EMIGRATION.

"O West, young man," seems to have been a motto of very ancient origin, though possibly clothed in different words.

Looking back as far into the past as history permits, we see a few people occupying the land Mesopotamia, watered by the rivers Euphrates and Tigris. A few centuries later we see their numbers much increased and they are governed by a despot who is building a tower which promises to eclipse all before known both in height and grandeur. His purpose is to have a universal monarchy with the Tower of Babel its capitol and himself monarch. His plans are frustrated by the confusion of tongues which results in dividing the people in respect to language, into these three divisions—the Aryans or Indo-Europe-

ans who settle in the country lying between the Amoo River and Hindoo Koosh mountains; the Semites who remain in Mesopotamia; and the Turanians who inhabit Tartary. The first migration was made by Turanians, the ancestors of the Teutonic and Slavonic tribes, into northwestern Europe; the next was that which carried the Aryans, the ancestors of the Greeks, Italians and Celts, into southern and southwestern Europe. In like manner, wave after wave of emigration rolled over Europe, inundated the British Isles and are now rolling slowly but surely over our land.

Some ancient migrations were probably caused by such an increase in the number of people that they had to seek room elsewhere; others, by their being driven further west by strangers stronger than themselves; or led by the spirit of exploration or adventure, they would start out in great numbers without any fixed purpose or destination in their minds, settle in some place and remain until driven farther by others.

In modern times, it is the custom for emigrants to go silently and intelligently, knowing whither they are going and what they will do when they arrive at their destination. Take our own country in its infancy for an example: After its discovery, wonderful stories of gold mines to be found in Virginia and fortunes to be made allured gold diggers who, as they came for the purpose of remaining only until they had obtained a sufficiency of that glittering metal, did not make any permanent settlements. That was left for the poor persecuted and oppressed Puritans of England, who, vainly trying to find a haven of rest in Holland, finally found refuge on free America's shores; and there, unmolested, worshiped their God in accordance with their belief.

John Ponce de Leon, a brave old Spanish soldier, having heard of a marvellous fountain in an island to the northward, which would restore youth and make it perpetual, sailed in quest of it. Though disappointed in not being able to drink of its waters, he was compensated in part for his voyage in discovering a land covered with fragrant flowers which he called Florida.

Such and many other were the causes which led to the peopling of this great republic.

The advantages of transportation are so great, since steam has become the motive power, that the number of emigrants, compared with that of the Middle Ages, has increased an hundred fold. And though it may seem as though the land would be overflowed by such a continuous and ever increasing stream of foreigners, yet the Northwest can furnish homes for many more.

Thus we see how, when the land was ready to be occupied and cultivated, the people were moved by some impulse to migrate thither, generally to the westward, until all the known world has become peopled.

DEAR CAMPUS: That this is a vast and mighty nation is one of the first impressions a person gains in riding for over two days and nights in coming from Western New York to central

Kansas. There are many other impressions not so pleasant which I will omit.

Ohio, along the line of the N. Y., P. & O. R. R., is an exceedingly rich and beautiful state. Southern Indiana and Illinois appear dreary and desolate. Western Missouri is a fine rolling country.

It was late in August. The corn fields, the height of the corn and the great size of the fields along the A., T. & S. F. R. R. were something wonderful to me. The track of the R. R. was lined on either side with wild sun flowers affording a continual feast to an æsthetic (?) eye.

The prairies of Kansas are only slightly rolling; they stretch away in every direction farther than the eye can reach; they seem to be illimitable; in fact, one gains, in traversing them, a more vivid idea of infinity than in the whole college course of Mathematics. During one's first trip through Kansas he naturally thinks of grasshoppers, buffaloes and Indians, of John Brown and the Negroes, and is eagerly watching for them from the car window; but he is disappointed, for he doesn't see a single representative of the first four classes and only a few of the last class. But there are flocks of sheep, herds of cattle and ponies with the "cow-boys" watching them; there are many farm houses surrounded with orchards and groves; wind mills which are used to pump water for the stock are a frequent sight.

To my surprise, there was no place in riding two hundred and thirty-four miles west of Kansas City, where farm houses were not to be seen. Many farmers are cutting the short thick prairie grass and stacking it for winter. Then we pass the coal mines. Now we are farther west, there are fewer houses and trees, the towns are farther apart, the sun is far down in the west; and still we are upon the same dreary endless prairie. The eye longs for a hill upon which to rest its gaze and for the cool forest, the clear brook; the "passive vastness" has become nauseating and one's heart cries out for the "grand, varied, sparkling beauty" of his eastern home. Then weird fancies flit through the mind: the prairie seems to be heaving like a huge monster to destroy one. O where are they taking us! and yet we wouldn't stop here for a fortune.

At last we reach Hutchinson, the place of our destination. For once in my life I was more than half sorry that I had reached the end of my journey; and it was with a feeling of dread that I saw the train move away leaving me alone in this desolate land of drouths, grasshoppers and cyclones. But now after being here for seven months I like the country, the climate and the people so well that I have little or no desire to live in the east.

L. O. MEAD, '81.

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

ON the year 1879 there went out from this world the life of one who had been a light that could not be hid. Miss Frances Ridley Havergal was a woman of unusual gifts. From

childhood she manifested great brilliancy of mind and wonderful wealth of heart. The child of an earnest Episcopalian Rector, her early home surrounded her with sweet and holy influences, and many are the useful lessons parents may learn from the pleasant customs of the lovely English home. Her own account of her childhood is beautiful and touching. As a woman she presents a very attractive character. She was gifted in many ways. She gave a good degree of time and care to the study and composition of music, and her rich voice has stirred many a heart with its sweetness. She might have been famous either as a singer or as a composer had she given herself wholly to that work.

As a writer too, she has been equalled by few. Her pen was ready and both her prose and poetic writings stand among the gems of literature.

Early in life she consecrated herself to God and His work, and she affords a remarkable example of what the grace of God can do with the human heart if allowed to have its way. She stands out a shining light, a lovely character, an inspiration to all to become "true hearted, whole hearted" Christians. Although much of the time an invalid, she found many opportunities to do active work for the poor and for those who needed her help. She worked enthusiastically for the young.

Her voice and pen were fully consecrated to Christ, and by her songs and other writings she certainly has "turned many to righteousness." Her books for children "Little Pillows" and "Morning Bells" are not to be surpassed in the whole range of religious reading. They present the matter of trust in so simple a way, that it is impossible not to understand it and desire it. She wrote many beautiful poems that have become familiar hymns in our worship. "I gave my life for thee" being one of them.

Her book, "Kept for the Master's Use," is one that ought to go into the hands of every young person. "My King," "The Royal Bounty," "The Royal Commandments," "The Words of Jesus," and many others are among the most helpful religious reading that can be found. It is impossible to read them without great benefit. Their chief charm lies in the fact that they easily and naturally make us familiar with the most precious portions of the Bible, for she was a diligent student of God's Word. There is no intelligent young person who can afford to lose the good that may be obtained from Miss Havergal's writings. They are like a mine of rare and rich value. They will yield a bountiful reward to one who reads them. One of her books read will not fail to inspire a desire to read others. It is a greater honor to have been the author of such thoughts and words than to have received all the homage of the kings of earth. If these words shall introduce to the notice of any young person the writings of this gifted woman they will be helpful words and will answer the purpose for which they are written.

If you had as strong a dislike to being a bad man as you have to being thought one what a difference there would be in your life!

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PRESIDENT-ELECT WHEELER is the seventh in succession.

IN another column will be found a faulty and ill-prepared sketch of Dr. Wheeler, which our readers are asked to consider leniently, as the time, for seeking more information, before going to press was very limited.

THE attendance at the recent meeting of the Trustees and Board of Control, was the largest for many years. It showed that our officials had a deep interest in the important business at hand, and their unanimous choice of president is, in every way, most commendable.

THE neat and serviceable bulletin board, which has been procured by the faculty and three of the literary societies conjointly, supplies a want long felt. No words are needed to set forth its convenience and utility. The large frame with the four doors could have been easily arranged to accommodate the remaining society, which, however, deemed it for its best interest not to enter into the bulletin union.

THE societies are soliciting the presence of some orator of national reputation to grace the rostrum at Commencement. The effort has been tried yearly, heretofore, but unsuccessfully. It will do no harm to try again, but our present orators are not like the Clays and Websters of fifty years ago, who would travel from one end of the country to the other to speak at the great closing exercises of the college year; but are the most astute politicians of our country, whose constituents need much looking after. There are plenty of eloquent speakers to be found elsewhere, if one of the pillars of the nation cannot be procured.

OUR present Sophomore Class is either the most unprogressive one on record, or is trying to outrival the subtlety of the Sophs of '81. Their fertility of mind is certainly not great enough to devise anything new, and it would save incalculable labor, to change the tables and present to the elite of Meadville in the Opera House assembled, awaiting the usual performance, one of our most celebrated comic lecturers. It would be unheard of, but none the less enjoyed.

IF there is a law in this state, compelling property owners to pay damages for injuries, received from sidewalks, which run in front of their premises, and which are dangerous to life, limb and "the pursuit of happiness," especially on pleasant Spring evenings, our college corporation will soon have a case of that nature on its hands. The walk for some distance on North Main street is outrageously dilapidated, and needs to be fixed by a new one. The belated pedestrian, unacquainted with its frailty, is ever in imminent danger, and they who have been more or less thrown off their guard by its innocent appearance, no longer walk together by twos, but cautiously follow behind each other after the most approved manner of Poor Lo. This is a case of repairs that is urgent.

WE are bound to have a new hall erected on the "burnt district" by the opening of the next college year. The Trustees at their recent meeting took decided action on the matter and appointed a committee of most active and interested gentlemen, to procure plans and take other measures for early operations. The most serious question to settle is, "shall the new hall be one large building or a number of smaller ones, grouped around a refectory." There are excellent points in favor of each plan, and to discuss them here would be too extended for our space. The students are willing to trust the matter to the wisdom of the proper authorities, to make the new hall, as to convenience, pleasantness and healthfulness, all that could be desired. The insurance on the old hall has been obtained, and there are those who will generously loosen their purse strings and give liberally toward a handsome new structure.

ALL are glad to see the Athenians rousing up and infusing new life into their organization. The move they are now making, towards refitting their society hall, shows that they have hope for a brighter future and are determined to realize it by work and perseverance. They have had much to contend with and overcome to obtain their present standing, and a continued and strenuous effort will shortly place them on an equality with our older societies. The number of young men in attendance here will warrant the sustaining of three literary societies for them. The Athenian has been considered, heretofore, entirely a preparatory society, but the day is fast coming when such an opinion will be a totally erroneous one. Even now, it has many undergraduate members, who are resolved to put forth every effort to bring it up to the required standard, and we are pleased to see that they are rapidly doing this.

By the kind invitation of Major Webster, the battalion was present at a special service held for them on Sunday, March 25th, in Christ P. E. church. Besides its appropriateness as an Easter service, it was also a fitting conclusion of the religious meetings, in progress among the students for several weeks previous. The church on that evening was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the beautiful floral decorations of the chancels, fine music, and most excellent sermon by the rector, all combined, made it an inspiring occasion, long to be remembered. The battalion has since been highly complimented for the excellent decorum, in its every move, showing the superior military training under which Major Webster has brought it. The address delivered at that time by the Rev. W. H. Lewis, by request of many students and others, the literary editors have gladly reproduced in their department.

THE time has come to call out our athletes. The stalwart fellows of the brawn and muscle want to be stirring themselves. The weather now is open enough for practicing out doors, and our Athletic Association should be vivified for active operations. We believe in field sports and manly games of every kind. Rightly used they are the best medicine for mind and body. They are worthy the encouragement of faculty and students. If colleges knew it, they are the best means for infusing into collegians that love, which as alumni they should ever have for their *alma mater*, and which is most necessary for her success. We have had Field Day now for several years past, and the boys know just what is to be done and how best to do it. Then there is the college nine, for which we have some splendid men; regular, scientific foot ball clubs should be started, and the battalion surely can organize an excellent rifle team and compete with other colleges as formerly. Athletic sports should in *lieu* of a gymnasium, be given full countenance, and let the moving spirits start the ball rolling.

THE criticism, on the style of pieces selected, pronounced by one of the judges at the recent Ossolian contest, met with the hearty approbation of many of like mind. Certainly, we are sorry that the criticism, which we feel justified in commending, is upon the fair Ossolians; but the truth at no time hurts any one. Upon candid reflection, we know, they will fully acquiesce to it. As was said, as a general thing the selections are all of the highest dramatic nature, some, indeed, quite heart rending. Many require the exquisite gifts of a Charlotte Cushman or Mrs. Scott Siddons for their best rendition. Such talent of course, we say it gently but firmly, is out of the question, and thus many of these recitations fall flat on a pitying audience. Unless given with a perfect naturalness, anything less makes a ludicrous and laughable impression on the hearer. What is intended to arouse serious and affecting emotions drops into a whine, or "a weepinn and wailin" after the most approved and stilted fashion. As was aptly said, the simple selections are after all the best test of good declaiming and the most difficult

to render. It would be well to try it, at least, and make the experiment.

IN sixty-six years Allegheny College has had but six presidents. We now are pleased to add one more name to this short list of chief executives of our college, whom we will be proud to welcome as the honored head of the institution. By the action of the Board of Control on the 4th inst., and the subsequent unanimous confirmation of the same by the Board of Trustees. Rev. D. H. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D., of New York, was chosen president. For the information of alumni and other interested persons, we have undertaken a short and very imperfect biography of our president-elect. He was born at Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1829. Removing early to the west, he entered in 1848 the Rock River Seminary, where he completed a college course. From 1851 to 1853 he was tutor in the seminary, when he accepted the position of instructor in Cornell College, Iowa. In 1855-56 he was editor of a paper in Illinois, and at the same time discharging the duties of a public trust. He returned to Cornell College in 1857 as Professor of Greek, and in 1861 was appointed United States Consul General for Genoa, Italy, by President Lincoln. After holding this position five years, he became a correspondent from Italy to the *New York* and *Chicago Tribunes*, and organized in that year, in London, the European Commission-ship, or general correspondence of the *New York Tribune*. In 1867 he accepted the chair of English Literature and History in the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., which position he held for eight years, and until he became editor of *The Methodist* in 1875, which was published in New York. He was a member of the Upper Iowa Conference before and since his residence abroad. In addition to various articles which he has written as an editor and correspondent, he published in London "Brigandage in South Italy" in two volumes. He also published in 1866 a translation of Prof. Celesias' "Conspiracy of Giov. Luigi Fieschi," and was afterward editor of *The Lakeside Monthly* at Chicago, in 1872. In 1881 the degree of LL. D. was conferred on him by Northwestern University. At present Dr. Wheeler is engaged in some important literary work, the nature of which, in our haste, we have been unable to learn. From the foregoing crude sketch, it can be readily seen that he has had a wide experience of men and affairs, and will bring its rich results to his new and important trust. He is favorably known as an able and eloquent preacher and efficient educator. The testimonials which our college authorities, for their own information, readily procured from the bishops and divines of the church, and from prominent educators of the country, were more than satisfactory, and testified in the highest degree to his pre-eminent fitness for the presidency. This most able selection by the authorities is auspicious for the institution, and like wisdom and harmony in their remaining work will be fruitful in grand results. There is a broad field of usefulness open to Allegheny College, and let her alumni and well wishers rally around her now and equip her most fully to enter upon it.

EXCHANGES.

A short time ago a writer in the *Transcript* gave a little sketch of old Kenyon with its ancient appearance and its honored halls filled with the sons of the wealthy, instead of the awkward farm boys of so many western colleges. The weekly papers have printed and reprinted the story of the desolate condition of William and Mary college.

Often as we glance over the exchanges, which have now come to be like old friends, we wish that we might know more of the colleges from which they come. Though much can be gleaned from the editorials and locals, and some estimate of the character of work done may be formed from an examination of the literary department, yet descriptions of other institutions from the pen of some visitor gifted with the faculty of happy description are often rare treats. The Illinois papers have adopted the plan of publishing letters from sister colleges, that their readers might know of the work and progress of other institutions besides their own.

The March number of the *Wabash* has, in addition to its copious locals and editorials of local character, a description of the University of Toronto, the first institution of learning of Canada. We insert the article entire, as all of it seems to be quite interesting:

In 1827 George IV. granted a Royal Charter for the establishment of what was then called King's College. It was afterwards endowed with a part of the land set apart for the purpose of higher education. This college was modeled after Oxford as a Church of England school. This met with so much opposition from the other denominations that the Presbyterians and Methodists each established one of their own.

The original charter has since been somewhat modified.

The University is on the north side of Queen's Park, the entrance to which is made through two avenues about a mile in length, and bordered on either side by lofty forest trees whose overlapping branches completely shut out the rays of the sun, thus affording a welcome retreat from the dust and heat of the street beyond.

The present building was erected in 1858 at a cost of \$336,000. It is a massive stone structure in the Norman and Romanesque style and is of great architectural beauty. One feels repaid for the long walk to see even the exterior of the building, with its latticed windows, the carved brackets supporting the roof, no two of which are alike, and the main entrance composed of receding arches resting upon columns of various devices, while the floor of the vestibule, into which this opens, is a fine specimen of Mosaic.

On entering, visitors are requested to register their names and residence in a book kept for that purpose. The three places of interest in the main building are the cabinet, where one finds much that is interesting and instructive, the library containing about 25,000 volumes, and a winding staircase, which allures one on and on, till all out of breath and weary with climbing, he sees himself at the top of a tower from which a fine view of the city and its surroundings is obtained. The Dormitory and recitation rooms are in an extension at the rear of the main building. The Faculty is composed of fourteen teachers and professors, and at present there are about 450 students in attendance.

The course of study is about the same as that pursued in other colleges. Prizes are awarded to the one who excels in any one branch.

The gates close at 9:30 P. M., after which no student is allowed to enter or leave unless by special permission of the Dean, nor is he allowed to invite a friend to a meal without first paying the Purser for the privilege. Unless excused on account of the objections of parent or guardian, he must attend morning and evening prayers, these prayers have a certain form, the following extract from the one read in the morning is quite suggestive: "Bless, we beseech Thee, our labors and studies in this college. Preserve us from indolence, carelessness and self-conceit, vouchsafe unto us diligence, patience and a love of truth."

Many quaint customs still cling to the college, in which respect, it resembles Oxford.

Students are obliged to wear a gown and cap, both in and outside the college; in the names applied to the officers, such as Dean, Purser and Beadle, and in calling the terms Michaelmas and Easter, instead of Autumn and Spring.

The work is so thoroughly done that those who complete the course are fully entitled to all the honors they receive.

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THE COLLEGE WORLD.

An attempt was recently made to burn the college buildings at Crawfordsville, Ind., but a Professor discovered and extinguished the flames before they were beyond control.

The *Kansas Review* is indignant over the fact that the Legislature has cut down the library appropriation for the University of Kansas from one thousand to five hundred dollars.

The eastern colleges are preparing in earnest for the summer's work. Corcoran, of the Chicagos, has been training the Dartmouth nine, and Richmond, of Providence, the Brown nine.

The third meeting of the Harvard Athletic Association was attended by a large number of spectators. The exercises were interesting and the different contests were close and showed practice, so says an exchange.

The course of the Ann Arbor law school has been lengthened from six months in the year, to nine. It is hoped that other steps will be taken to increase the thoroughness and efficiency of this department of the University.

It is rumored that if the Yale crew is victorious in a coming race, it will go to England and row with the Oxford crew. Some one remarks that it must be anxious to be snubbed, or else it has forgotten the treatments of the Cornell crew and the Hillsdales.

The Ohio State contest was held at Marietta, March 1st. The judges gave the first place to Charles Krichbaum of Wooster, and the second place to Mr. Dyar, of Marietta. There were four contestants, one of whom was a lady, and all the orations were said to be excellent productions well delivered.

The Chicago Alumni of Knox College held a banquet at the Grand Pacific hotel, March 16th. In the course of some remarks Dr. Bateman said that there were now 450 students in the institution, the Freshman class numbering sixty; that the institution was out of debt, and that about \$30,000 had been added to the permanent fund since 1875.

The *Herald* says: "The Western College League held its annual meeting in Chicago, March 16. The University of Michigan, which won the championship last year without suffering a single defeat, withdrew on account of legislation which ruled out five of its players as professionals. The colleges now in the league are the Northwestern of Evanston, Racine, Beloit and the University of Wisconsin."

We are in receipt of the April number of *The Electrician*. In its columns new discoveries and inventions in electricity are described and illustrated in a way to interest, not only the scientific, but also the general reader. Among its many articles of merit, we find those on "Domestic Electricity," and "Electricity Applied to Balloons," (both illustrated), to be the most interesting. It is published by Williams & Co., 115 Nassau St., New York, at \$1 per year.

SCISSORINKTUMS.

Butler's analogy. Prof.:—"Mr. T., you may pass on to the next life." Mr. T.:—"Not prepared, sir."

Rutgers was awarded the one hundred dollars for having the best college songs, by the American College song book publishers.

The oldest acting college professor in the United States, is A. S. Packard, of Bowdoin College. He is eighty-four years old.

The Faculty of Amherst College, Massachusetts, has forbidden its students to take part hereafter in inter-collegiate athletic contests.

Use well the moment; what the hour
Brings for thy use is in thy power;
And what thou best canst understand,
Is just the thing lies nearest to thy hand.

They are now telling a story about a Chicago girl who insisted on throwing her shoes after a newly married couple. The carriage is a total wreck, a doctor has the bride and horse under treatment, and large numbers of men are searching the ruins for the groom.

A National Catholic University is about to be established in the vicinity of New York, which the founders intend to make the equal of Yale or Harvard.—*Harvard Herald*.

"And what do you call that?" asked the inquisitive visitor, pointing to a mutilated statue. "That is a torso," replied the sculptor. "H'm," muttered the I. V.: "but how did it become to be torso?" He was tenderly kicked out.

From the *Ariel* we learn that the Inter-State contest will be held in the Grand Opera House, Minneapolis, Wednesday evening, May 2d. Three state contests have been held—Ohio, Illinois and Iowa. Hon. Sam. S. Clark, of the Keokuk Gate City, has been selected as one of the judges.—*Ex*.

Scene in a student boarding house—First student: "This butter is as strong as Samson!" Second student: "Yes, and as old as Methuselah." Third student, pulling out a long Auburn hair from the oleomargarine: "It is evidently red headitary in the family."

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Mr. Wishard, Secretary of the National Y. M. C. A., who is well known as an earnest and thorough worker in the cause, spent a few days in our midst. He reported the work in a very favorable condition. His special object was to organize a Y. W. C. A. among the ladies of the University, and met with good success. A Y. M. C. A., with twenty charter members, has been organized.—*Wooster Collegian*.

The legislature of Indiana has increased the appropriation for Perdue University from \$12,000 to \$20,000 per annum, with the proviso that no part of the money is to be drawn until the rule against Greek societies has been rescinded. Indiana's supreme court has also decided that her State University has no authority to exclude a man from her walks on account of race, color, religion or membership in a Greek letter society.

At a recent fire in the Cambridge (Mass.) carshops one of the engineers wanted help in raising a ladder and, seeing a man standing on the sidewalk, near by, he called to him: "Here, you give us a lift." The man responded with alacrity; and a moment later, when the engineer took a better look at him, he discovered that his assistant was President Eliot, of Harvard University. An apology was begun, but the President graciously declared it was all right and he was only too glad to be of any assistance.—*N. Y. Independent*.

EUROPEAN PARTY.—It is expected that the Beaver College party that is to spend the vacation in Europe, will probably sail from New York, Saturday, the 16th day of June, and return the 5th of September, thus enabling those engaged in teaching to return in time for the opening of school in the fall. The tour will embrace in addition to Scotland and England, Paris, the Rhine, Switzerland and Italy including Rome, Naples and Vesuvius. These dates will be quite likely to insure a smooth passage over the Atlantic, both going and returning. An opportunity will thus be given of visiting the chief art treasures of Europe, and the magnificent scenery of the old world. Any information can be obtained by writing to Dr. Taylor.—*College Messenger*.

COLLEGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

Pay up!
PAY UP!!
PAY UP!!!
Keep off the grass.
The last term for '83.
The boys now hold the turf regularly.
The prospects for the coming term are bright.
The new president will be inaugurated in June.
There are several new recruits for the battalion.
McClurg is now the proud possessor of a bicycle.
Moonlight rides to the lake will soon be in order.
There are quite a number of new students this term.
One of the Seniors rejoices in having only one study.
Seniors send in your bids for Commencement orations.
The bouncing blanket has again been called into service.
Frank Shippen is attending the academy at Randolph, N. Y.
Repairs on the Athenian society hall are progressing rapidly.
Dr. Hamnett will hear Ethics and Mental Philosophy this term.
This season of the year the Campus is a pleasant place for loiterers.

Many of the boys report a glorious time during their last vacation.

The class in geology should make an excursion to the Falls this year.

The Soph's will give the performance and the Freshies the dance this year.

Ford has left the Business College and will attend Allegheny the coming term.

The fate of the battalion as regards an encampment hangs trembling in the balance.

Lovelyn was chosen as President of the Athenian Literary Society at their last election.

The business managers of the Alleghenian are succeeding well in getting advertisements.

Pond will soon have a boat with which he will buffet the raging waters of the old canal.

Who will give the Senior reception this year? Or will the pleasant occasion be done away with?

Class feeling does not appear to have attained the same spirit that was exhibited at this time last year.

Tha new president and the two who preceded him have been representatives of the Empire State.

The railroad company have offered free transportation to the battalion if they encamp at Conneaut Lake.

The Profs. are on to the telephone racket which has been carried on rather successfully for a year or more.

The next meeting of the board of control should result in the selection of a Professor of Modern Languages.

The meeting of the Sophomores held a few mornings ago after chapel, was an ominous warning to the Seniors.

This is a trying season of the year to study, the bright sunny days have power to charm most any student from his studies.

Some of the new boys are now suffering the pangs of homesickness. It is a malady that soon passes away at Allegheny.

There should an effort be made this year to have our annual published earlier in the year. Hitherto it has always been issued to late.

There should be a new sidewalk constructed in front of the college campus. The one there now is a disgrace to any civilized community.

Newspaper comments on the Athenian Oration contest: Laughlin's the most logical, Proctor's the most prizical, Doane's the most vocal.

The orchestra comprising Messrs. Fredericks, Burkhalter and Ferree, has acquired quite an enviable reputation for discoursing sweet strains of music.

Allegheny and Philo societies did not hold sessions the last week of the term, at which the festive Prep rejoiceth and the Seniors mourneth disconsolately.

The class in geology are despondent because each member will be required to write two essays this term. The prospect is not pleasant to the average student.

The hallway between Allegheny and Philo society halls is undergoing repairs. It is a much needed improvement and will add much to the general improvement.

Some of the Juniors seem to think that all the brains in college are confined to the narrow limits of their class. About a year from now, they will begin to have a little of the conceit knocked out of them.

The Seniors are growling because '86 does not seem disposed to make their commencement hop Complimentary to '83. The courtesy established by last year's Sophomore class should not be so hastily overthrown.

There are only nine general agents for publishing houses in college at the present writing. If other colleges have as many representatives as our own, we pity the people of the country during the coming summer.

Our cornet player seems disposed to resign his position in the college choir, which seeming disposition is regretted by all. There will, hereafter, be a void in the harmony of sound coming from the rostrum, which his instrument only can fill.

In the Garfield Prize Oration contest held in the chapel the last week of last term, Mr. C. W. Procter was awarded the prize. The competitors were Messrs. Laughlin, Procter and Doane. The decision of the judges was satisfactory to the audience.

The Sophs after holding their meeting in the chapel the other morning are endeavoring to make the rest of the innocent college boys believe that they will have no performance. The scheme is getting a little old, boys, try and invent something new.

The Athenian's are now refurnishing their room in fine style, they are being assisted in their work by the Young Men's Christian Associan of the college. When completed it will place it in a position of rivalry with the other societies. We all heartily rejoice at the prosperity of our "baby" society.

The selection of Rev. D. W. H. Wheeler as President seems to give universal satisfaction on all sides. Probably no other man could have been chosen who would have bound together in unison all parties most intimately concerned. With the spirit shown among all we cannot bespeak otherwise than a prosperous career to the college, while he remains in the president's chair.

There is strong talk of establishing a veteran corps if the battalion goes into camp in June. The idea is a very popular one among the boys, as there are several of the old vets residing in the near vicinity, whose presence would be a pleasure to their hosts of friends. Whether the plan is in strict accordance with a military encampment, or would receive the approval of Major Webster, we cannot say.

It is now definitely settled that there will be an encampment of the battalion and the date fixed for the 14th of June, at which time the boys will bivouac at Conneaut Lake. The M. & L. road have offered free transportation and everything now points toward a grand success, going into camp the 14th and remaining 'till the 24th, during which time the strictest army regulations will be adhered to. This step will do more towards increasing the popularity of the military department than any other that could have been taken.

An interesting social was held in the college chapel on the evening of the 12th of April, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Excellent music was rendered during the evening by a quartette composed of Misses Woods and Hayes and Messrs. Stephenson and Miller. J. J. Guignon, the president made the opening address which was followed by a declamation entitled "The Leper" by Mr. John Remier, which was delivered in his usual excellent style. Mr. W. H. Gallup read a paper entitled "Association Work." The next performance on the program was a humorous declamation by Mr. Wolf, a German story, which delivered in that gentleman's own inimitable style excited much laughter. Interesting remarks were made by Dr. Hyde, and the social part of the entertainment which followed was not the least pleasant part of the performance. Taken all in all, the meeting was a decided success and it is only to be regretted that there was not a larger attendance to enjoy it.

As the soft balmy air proclaims the arrival of spring we naturally turn our thoughts to the out-door sports and recreations, which now form an interesting feature of college life. Allegheny has always had a fair base ball nine and there seems to be no reason why there should not be one this year equally as good as in former years. Although we do not believe that athletic sports should be run to the extreme that they are in some of our eastern colleges, still, some out-door recreation from study is necessary for the health of the average student. Let our base ballists get together and we venture the assertion that from the material now in college we will be able to have a club which will average well with others we have had. Then, too, our field day is not far distant and there are boys in college who if they will take hold of this matter, can make all the contests exceedingly interesting. This day, for some reason or other, bad management probably, was passed by last year. Let some of the live boys now in college agitate these questions and we can predict successful results.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

S. S. Ford, '81, is studying law in Cleveland.
A. J. Newell, '80, visited in the city last week.
Cris Miller is practicing law in Valley City, Dakota.
Jim Andrews is now studying law in the office of J. B. Brawley, this city.

Charles Papenhagen was down from Cleveland for a short visit last week.

Frank Warner, one of the last year's students made a short visit in the city recently.

Miss Mary Darrow, '82, is engaged as a teacher in the Normal School at Canfield, Ohio.

Will Hammond is in the United States signal corps department, at Charleston, S. C.

Herman Ray made his numerous friends in the city and college a pleasant visit a few days ago.

Dr. Frank Nodine is in the city. He is now engaged in a lucrative practice in the Forest City.

Frank Byers has recently been elected city solicitor of Altoona, Pa., where he is engaged in the practice of law.

Harry Flood will graduate at the Albany Law School in May, and will then pursue his law studies in this city.

Tom McFarland, one of our old alumni, paid a brief visit to our city last month, combining business with pleasure.

We enjoyed a short visit from Will Hoover last month. He is the same old boy, as when he waived the wand at the head of Allegheny's veteran corps.

Cubbison again passed through the city on his return from Bradford, and of course stopped off to see the boys. Cub's popularity remains as of yore.

Mr. Frank P. Burroughs, of Columbus, Pa., a former student of Allegheny, was married to Miss Julia B. Clark, of the same place, on Thursday, the 12th inst.

Alvin B. Caldwell, class '63, recently visited his friends in this city. He resides in Texas, where he has successfully engaged in the cattle business for the past ten years.

W. G. Warner has received a call to the pastorate of Christy Chapel, Cincinnati. Warner was a graduate of '81 and is achieving marked success in his chosen profession.

King, who was in attendance at college a couple of years ago, but who has been attending medical lectures at Cleveland during the last session, is present again at Allegheny for this term.

C. W. Wilson, one of Cleveland's rising young attorneys paid a short visit to his college friends a short time ago. His visit was made the occasion of a reception and supper by the Phi Cappa Psi fraternity, of which he is a member, at which a fine social time was reported.

It is reported that W. W. Tarbell, class '80, was recently married to Miss Ella Scott, of Chicago. As the report comes from an authentic source the CAMPUS heartily extends congratulations. "Big" was "one of the boys" while in college and we all wish him abundant happiness and prosperity in the new departure he has taken.

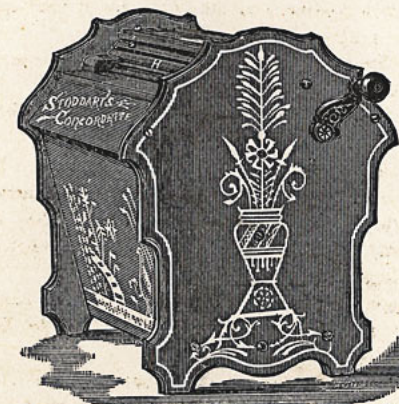
Frank Ritzel, the Warren *Chronicle's* peripatetic pencil-pusher, paid a pleasant pilgrimage to the city of his Alma Mater last month. Frank is the genial social kind of a boy it does your heart good to meet, and lapse of years' does not dampen his interests in college days and college associations. Come again, always welcome.

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