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COLLEGE ENDOWMENTS.

IT is a common remark, seldom challenged, that the establishment of small and weak colleges all over the country has been a great mistake; that we should have two or three centers of learning, like Oxford and Cambridge in England, and let all American youth who want more than a common school education gather there. This thoughtless declaration entirely overlooks the central purpose of our educational institutions. That purpose is, not to impart a high scholarly finish to the accompliments of a priviledged class, or furnish cloisters where a few life-long students may search out the very rootlets of written knowledge; but to diffuse the greatest possible amount of learning and intelligence through the entire mass of American citizenship. It is of comparatively little importance whether our country shall ever produce a scholar capable of deciphering the inscriptions at Palenque and Copan, or an astronomer who can discover useless comets on demand, or a mathematician who can invent an algebraic engine between which and the multiplication table quarternions shall be but a mean proportional. But it is of the highest importance that our three million square miles should be sprinkled all over with men and women who have a decent knowledge of the classics, with journalists who have read some history and can write good English, with parishioners who can detect logical fallacies even when offered to them from the pulpit, with youth who know the difference between genuine and spurious literature, with people in all sorts of worldly conditions who are alike in being pretty nearly abreast of current opinion and discussion, and able to receive new revelations without waiting for them to be filtered down through critics and authorities.

The United States have now, on an average, a college for every piece of territory a hundred miles square; and though many of these institutions are pitiably weak, they are none too numerous. A glance at their catalogues reveals the fact that the greater part of the students in each are drawn from its own vicinity. Many of these boys would never have attempted to acquire a college education at all, had there not been a college within a day's ride of their homes. Plant one in a far Western State, and in a little while it will have a hundred students, not more than one or two of whom would ever have found their way to Cambridge or New Haven. That the hundred should be tolerably well educated is of infinitely more advantage to the republic than that the one or two should have the facilities necessary for the highest scholarship. Incidentally, too, these small institutions are of service in breaking down sectarian prejudice. Nearly every one of our colleges is under the control of some religious denomination. If it drew its students only or mainly from that denomination throughout the country, both it and they might become bigotedly sectarian to any extent; but, when it draws them from families of all denominations within a radius of a hundred miles, it is powerfully driven toward liberalism in all its teachings, and the boys themselves acquire a breadth of mind which they would never get if they were assorted according to the catechisms. The authorities of most of the colleges are conscious of this. Experience shows that if a letter be addressed to them, asking, among other things, what is their religious bias, three out of four will answer half-apologetically that, though the institution nominally belongs to such a denomination, it is practically non-sectarian, and several denominations are represented in its faculty. The process of educating together youth who come from families holding different religious doctrines, begun in our district schools, cannot be carried too far. In some future day it may prove the salvation of the commonwealth.

One of the best features of college attendance to-day is the fact that so many students devote the four years to the mere purpose of general cultivation, broadening and strengthening their minds and characters for whatever calling they may ultimately choose. It used to be assumed that, if a boy was sent to college, he must be destined for a learned profession; and out of many families, one son was selected for this career, while the others were left to plod along on the farm, with only so much education as had been obtained in the little school-house at the cross roads. This state of things has gradually passed away, and every college class now contains a large number of young men who have no designs whatever on the learned professions, but receive their diplomas and go directly into mercantile, mechanical, or agricultural pursuits. The multiplicity of small colleges all over the country is largely to be credited with this state of affairs, which cannot but have the happiest effect upon the character of the community. As the intelligence and scholarship of clients, parishioners, patients, and readers are inereased, the lawyers, clergymen, physicians, and writers are necessarily driven to a higher standard of honesty and ability.

In the past five years we have enjoyed an epidemic of private liberality toward colleges. Hardly a newspaper can be taken up that does not contain a paragraph to the effect that Mr. or Mrs. Somebody has given money to this or that college, to endow a professorship, or build an observatory or a memorial chapel, or to create a library fund, or establish scholarships. The number and rapidity of these announcements have been marvelous, and the sums make an enormous aggregate.

It is a pity that the donors could not have been judicious, as well as liberal. Nearly all their gifts have the same vicious quality that has hampered the endowments of our colleges from the beginning: they are specific, instead of general. A struggling institution is hardly assisted in its struggle when a new chair is created, adding another to its half-dozen poorly paid professors; or when the wealthy Mrs. Smith builds for it the J. H. Smith memorial chapel in honor of her deceased husband, with his medallion cut in limestone over the door. These things are all good in themselves; but what our colleges stand in urgent need of is funds for general purposes—money which

the trustees can apply wherever it is most needed. This they find it exceedingly difficult to get. Brown, Jones and Robinson, who have amassed wealth as merchants, manufacturers, or speculators, will give money to help on the noble cause of education; but they always want an imperishable receipt in the form of a building, a library, or a professor's chair, that shall bear their name and carry it down the ages. They are ready to endow the Brown chair of philosophy, or the Jones gymnasium, or to erect a Robinson hall for lectures or dormitories; but show them that the six or eight professors, who are the real strength of the institution, are spending their lives and their brains for a fraction of the pay given to a skillful salesman of dry goods or hardware, and suggests that, instead of erecting some futile memorial of themselves, they give the money for a general fund, the income to be used for increasing the salaries of the professors: they would quietly button their pockets and turn away. "Poor professor" has long been a proverbial expression, until it seems to be assumed that, somehow, from the nature of things, it is necessary that the instructors of our young men shall be underpaid. But how greatly they are underpaid the public probably does not know. To give the idea of a tangible shape, I have obtained the figures from two dozen colleges, situated in various States and controlled by various denominations. Most of them are well known, and some are among our oldest. On the one hand, I have taken no account of president's salaries, which are often augmented by the use of a house and grounds; and on the other, I have excluded assistant professors. The table shows only average salaries paid to full professors:

	Average Salary.
Amherst, Mass., College (Congregationalist)	$2,500
Antioch College, Yellow Springs, O. (Unitarian)	1,100
Bates College, Lewston, Me., (Baptist)	1,200
Beloit, Wis., College (Congregationalist)	1,500
Bowdoin College Brunswick, Me. (Unitarian)	1,800
Brown University, Providence, R. I. (Baptist)	2,750
Butler University, Irvington, Ind. (Disciples)	1,250
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.	2,750
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. (Congregationalist)	2,000
Hamilton College, Clinton. N. Y. (Presbyterian)	1,600
Iowa University, Iowa City	1,800
Kenyon College, Gambier, O. (Protestant Episcopal)	1,700
McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill. (Methodist Episcopal)	900
Milton, Wis., College. (Seventh Day Baptist)	800
Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. (Lutheran)	1,100
Oberlin, O., College (Congregationalist)	1,500
Rochester, N. Y., University. (Baptist)	2,000
Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. (Reformed)	2,400
Syracuse, N. Y., University. (Methodist Episcopal)	2,150
Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.	2,000
University College of Michigan, Ann Arbor	2,200
University of Vermont, Burlington	1,700
University of Virginia, Charlottesville	3,000
Wheaton, Ill., College. (Congregationalist)	850
General average	$1,775

Full professors in Columbia College, New York City, receive seven thousand five hundred dollars; in John Hopkins University, Baltimore, two-thirds as much; while perhaps two or three other institutions pay almost respectably. But an average cast from all the colleges in the country would show a considerably smaller figure that that above. How a professor on such a salary can support a family, entertain as he must, buy the books and instruments that he needs, maintain the serenity of mind necessary to keep up his studies, and lay by something for his old age—each reader may compute for himself.

We are not even selfishly wise in this matter, and might take a useful hint from the progress in naval armament. We have no more seventy four-gun ships, with their long rows of carronades throwing balls not much larger than a man's fist; a modern war-vessel armed with a few guns of enormous caliber and long range. Instead of multiplying chairs, why not magnify professors? Would it not be better for an institution to have six or eight instructors, with pay enough ta secure them such libraries as they need, with opportunities for travel and freedom from care, that they might make the most and the best of themselves, than to give it twice that number and have them all crippled in their resources and dwarfed in their development?

There are many pitiful stories that might be told, to show how this state of things enforces economy upon the families of professors and meanness upon boards of trustees. Let one suffice. A certain professor gave the best years of his life, for a low salary, to one of our most reputable colleges. He was noted for his faithfulness, was as punctual as the sun, and was never known to be absent from his place. At the end of seventeen years of service, he fell ill, and the trustees voted him one year's leave of absence, with continuance of salary. In six months he died, and within a week the widow received official notification that payment of the salary would be stopped at once.

While I am writing, comes the news that a legacy left to the library of Cornell University proves to be worth more than two million dollars. As it was bequeathed to the library (which is already large and valuable), of course not a penny of the income from it can be used to increase salaries—except, possibly, the librarian's. The income of two million dollars would buy a library as large as the Astor every ten years.

From another flourishing institution comes the news that a kind friend is about to build it a chapel (presumably to be named for himself), of which it has not the slightest need, the main building containing a handsome room that has always been sufficient for chapel purposes, while the salaries of the instructors might be increased with great advantage and propriety. Still, it will ornament the campus; and as this is the same institution where the professor's widow received the pleasant little note just mentioned, the new chapel may not be erected in vain if the trustees will gather once a year within its sacred walls, and beseech the Almighty to give them some little sense of decency and justice. For still another institution an equally generous man has offered to erect a handsome gymnasium for the proper physical development of the students, while the professors can find bodily exercise enough in sawing their own wood and running on their own errands.

In truth, as an eminent college president not long since remarked to me, it is becoming the fashion to endow the students instead of the professors. The scholarships, monitorships, and indigent funds have increased rapidly; and, so far as I know, it has not occurred to anybody to raise a protest. One result is that every year hundreds of letters are sent about the country, written by boys who are ready to enter college, or who have completed their freshman year, inquiring what institution will do the best by them. They do not seek to know where they can find the best facilities for the special line of study they are about to pursue, but simply what college will offer the most money to place their names on its catalogue. Another result is that the officers of certain old and popular institutions, finding they have an overplus of rich young men and a dearth of studious young men, are on the lookout for promising students who can coach the wealthy young fellows and raise the grade of scholarship, and actually pursue them with their tempting offers to the very door of other institutions.

In view of such facts, it may almost be said that it would be better if all the scholorships and funds for the aid of indigent students were swept out of existence. The indigent funds are provided mainly for ministerial students. Now, the Christian ministry is, as it should be, not only a sacred trust, but a means of livelihood, and clergymen are quite as well paid as journalists or college professors. Why the young men who intend to become preachers should be so bountifully assisted, while those who are destined for the other professions are left to work their way, unless by hard study they can gain a scholarship, I have never heard anybody attempt to give the reason. If you want superior stuff in the pulpit, it would be better to withhold all assistance, and take none but those who have pluck and energy enough to earn their own education. If we want mediocrity or worse, the present system is well calculated to secure it. Any young man who is studying for the ministry can have all his college expenses paid, if he chooses to ask it. And the regular funds are frequently supplemented by the efforts of wealthy old ladies, who think they are doing the Lord a service by supplying money to some fine young fellow with clerical intentions. Good old souls! they mean well, but their eyes would be rudely opened if they could know how often the college-boys laugh at their choice of beneficiaries.

The best and most appropriate price to set before a student who really loves study and is ambitious to become a ripe scholar, would be, not a gold medal, nor a little money, but the hope of a college professorship with a comfortable salary. Then let us set before the professors in each institution the possibility of becoming its president, and the system of external inducements will be complete. As matters now stand, to accept a professorship is to shut one's self off from all promotion. As the President of the United States, when the chief-justiceship becomes vacant, instead of promoting one or the associate justices, takes a lantern and goes hunting up and down the frontier for an obscure lawyer to fill the place; so a board of trustees, instead of promoting a professor to the presidency of a college, generally consider it a smart trick, to avoid the responsibility of discriminating and the possibility of creating jealousy, to call in some worthy clergyman, whose chief merit lies in his ignorance of the institution and its peculiar needs. I know of nothing that can be so unjust or so cowardly, at times, as a board of trustees. Perhaps the wisest course would be, to have some man of executive ability in every faculty, and keep him in a sort of training for succession to the presidency. At all events, it may safely be assumed that promotion in his own line is the most legitimate incentive to place before any man, whatever his calling; while denial of merited advancement is the most palpable injustice and unwisdom.

ROSSITER JOHNSON.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

[The following article is condensed from a historical sketch, prepared by Rev. Dr. Hamnett in 1869, and contains much that will ever be interesting to the friends and supporters of the college.—ED.]

"Not what Allegheny College is, or what it has accomplished of good, so much as what it shall hereafter become, must fully vindicate the wisdom of those, who, relying on the blessing of God upon their endeavor, laid here the foundation of this seat of learning. The half century, which has since intervened, spans little more, we hope, than the infancy of its destined existence. True, we have gathered, that about five thousand of the youth of the land have here acquired mental and moral culture and power; that, of these, some have found their way to Europe, to Africa, and to other lands, on holy missions of good to mankind; many have occupied various places of public responsibility and trust; and not a few, have in their lives and by their deaths adorned the noblest sentiments of our common humanity. And of the masses, who have gone out bearing with them to their life's work the indispensable aid of a sound education, it may be safely inferred that the good fruits have been correspondingly abundant.

The insipient struggles of Allegheny College—so well known in this community—were not peculiar. Institutions of learning, here and everywhere but shared the common difficulties of the country and of the times. The energy and persistent efforts which were sufficient for such occasions and aims, were little less than heroic. Such endeavors in a good cause seconded, as they were with unanimity and even with enthusiasm, could not be unsuccessful. They were not. A liberal charter, a vast and valuable library, a commanding location, and a building spacious and beautiful, were the chief successors of the first President of the college, and of his honored colaborers. The following, which was published in the Crawford (weekly) *Messenger* will carry us back to the first steps that were taken towards founding the college.

"COMMUNICATION."

"At a meeting of a number of gentlemen inhabitants of Meadville, convened at the Court House in said town on Thursday evening, the 20th of June, 1815, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of systematizing a plan for the foundation of a Collegiate Institution in this part of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Major Roger Alden was called to the chair, and John Reynolds, Esq., was appointed Secretary of the meeting. * * * * * * * * *

Various resolves were then proposed and adopted, of which the following abstract will furnish the public with a general idea of the contemplated institution.

"From the circumstance that a great part of the region, for the benefit of which the Seminary is designed, is watered by numerous streams which in the aggregate make the Allegheny river, it was resolved that the institution be called Allegheny. It was also resolved that it be located at Meadville; that the instructors, in due time, consist of a President, Vice President, Professors and Tutors; the Rev. Timothy Alden, late of the city of New York, be the President of the college and professor of the Oriental languages, and of Ecclesiastical History, and the Rev. Robert Johnson be the Vice President of the College, and Professor of Logic, Metaphysics and Ethics; that the President and Vice President be the sole instructors for the present, in all departments of literature and science; * * * that a sub-

scription book be immediately opened by the Treasurer of the College, John Reynolds, Esq., for donation in any kind of property, which may be useful to the institution; that the Rev. Mr. Alden, President of the college, who, it is understood, is shortly to visit the Eastern and Middle States, be requested to solicit benefactions in aid of the object of this new institution."

One can see little here lacking in the way of resolves, on this June Tuesday evening. The Treasurer's books are opened. The finance committee are at work, and there are subscribed in Meadville alone about six thousand dollars. Hopes were entertained that legislative appropriations, liberal benefactions from a distance, and the avails of tuition, would be ample for all the purposes for the present and the immediate future.

Being thus far successful and assured, the next preliminary, is that of selecting a location for the rising institution, and of the number that were available, no site more eligible than the one secured, could have been desired. "Beautiful for situation," is Allegheny College, surrounded by distant hills; looking down upon a valley of unsurpassed loveliness; and commanding, from its northern height, a view of the Cussewago, the French Creek and of Meadville, together with its surroundings. The land was donated as a contribution to the object, by Samuel Lord, Esq., and in due time was conveyed to the Trustees in legal form by a deed bearing the name of himself and that of his lady. Upon the presentation of the parchments, in tokens of their grateful acceptance, the Board caused to be procured at an outlay of fifteen dollars, and to be presented to Mrs. Lord, a handsome Canton crape dress.

The act of incorporation of Allegheny College, bears date of March 17th, 1817. The fourth day of July following, the charter was formally accepted; under its provisions was effected a complete organization, and on the 28th, was held the first annual commencement of the college.

To the scholarly mind, such as Dr. Alden's the ideal of a great college, embraces the indispensable feature of a great library. To realize this were his most earnest exertions called forth, and in happily securing such a collection of books as had few superiors in the country at the time, he felt that the scheme of establishing a college, was thereby in some good degree, assured of success. The precedent of such unexampled liberality on the part of distant benefactors, was potent alike both at the seat of the college and at the capital of the State. The library established, elicited many commendations from distinguished men, who were well qualified to form an estimate of its intrinsic and comparative worth, among which we find the following letters, viz:

MONTICELLO, February 14th, 1824.

SIR:—I am very sensible of the kind attention of the Trustees of Allegheny College in sending me a copy of the catalogue of their library, and congratulate them on the good fortune of having become the recipient of donations so liberal. That of Dr. Bently is truly valuable for its classical riches, but Mr. Winthrop's is inappreciable for the variety of the branches of science to which it extends, and for the care and precious works it possesses in each branch. I had not expected there was such a private collection in the United States. We are just commencing the establishment of an University in Virginia, but cannot flatter ourselves with the hope of such donations as have been bestowed upon you. I avail myself of this occasion of tendering to yours from our institution, fraternal and cordial embraces, of assuring you that we wish it to prosper and become great, and that our only emulation in this honorable race shall be the virtuous one of trying which can do the most good. With these assurances be pleased to accept those of my highest respect.

TH. JEFFERSON.

"MONTPELIER, February 18, 1824.

SIR:—I have received the resolutions of the Trustees of Allegheny College, with the printed copy of its library, as forwarded by you. The Trustees were not mistaken in the belief that it would give me pleasure to know that a learned institution had been so promptly reared in so favorable a position, and under such happy auspices. No one who regards public liberty as essential to public happiness, can fail to rejoice at every new source of that intellectual and moral instruction, without which liberty can neither last long, nor be fruitful of its proper blessings while it does last. This college may be very justly congratulated on the number and value of the books so munificently contributed to its infant library. I cannot say as much of an institution which was connected with us a few years ago, under the name of the Central College, on the basis of private subscription, and which has since been adopted and endowed by the Legislature, as a State University. The present funds do but complete the buildings and provide for the introduction of professors and students. The indispensable furniture of a library, with that of an exemplifying apparatus exists only in our hopes, which rest on the wise policy and patriotic liberality, which have thus far patronized the institution. I pray you, sir, to present my thanks to the Trustees for their polite attentions, and my best wishes that their future exertions in the cause of useful science, may be distinguished by all the success which is promised by the smiles from above on their past.

With friendly respects, JAMES MADISON."

The library augmented to eight thousand volumes, valued at $20,000, was the achievement of President Alden's administration. To his agency alone is the college indebted for it, and at this date, it is difficult to conceive how he could have better served the cause which he so zealously labored to promote. We doubt not the same beneficent Providence directed the planting of Allegheny College upon this soil, who in the remote ages, deposited beneath in

"Caverns measureless to man,"

these treasures of heretofore hidden wealth, to community wise and virtuous, a blessing; otherwise a curse.

As a sequel to this paper, a brief notice of the life and character of the chief agent employed in the founding of Allegheny College may not be unacceptable:

Timothy Alden was of Puritan ancestry. He was a descendant of John Alden, who came over in the "May Flower," John Alden, "The scholar, the friend of Miles Standish." Timothy Alden was born at Yarmouth, Mass., on the 28th day of August, 1771. His preparatory course of instruction, commenced when he was about fifteen, first with his father, and afterward at Philip's Academy at Andover. He entered Harvard in 1790, and graduated in 1794.

The probabilities are that he engaged somewhat in the study of theology during his college course and that he remained at Cambridge for a short time after graduating. We next find him teaching at Marblehead, Mass., and while there he was licensed to preach the gospel. In 1810, Mr. Alden resigned his position in Boston and in the beginning of the following year, took charge of the young ladies' department in the Academy at Newark, N. J. After continuing there some years, he opened a school for young ladies in the city of New York. The portion of his life next succeeding, and in so far as it was identified with the building up of the college, we have seen its results. Mr. Alden became a member of the Presbytery of Erie, on the 2nd of April, 1816. He delighted in the missionary work, and for many successive years labored for a time among the Seneca and Munsee Indians, who had reservations in Northwestern Pennsylvania and Southwestern New York. During his last illness, when the prospect of recovery seemed to fade away, a dark cloud for some time rested over his mind, and he looked forward with awful apprehension to the change that awaited him. That cloud, however, soon passed off, and those apprehensions yielded to an humble confidence in his Redeemer, which quickly became so strong as to cast out all fear, and even to fill his mind with most intense rapture. In this state he continued until the moment of his departure. He died on the 5th day of July, 1839, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, and the fifty-first of his ministry.

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It is rumored that another ladies' fraternity is closely scrutinizing this institution as to the feasibility of establishing here. We would bid them enter, as competition is the life of trade. The fraternity already here would float onward to greater prosperity, if it had some opposition from an organization of its own kind. If the musical department is soon to be started, and lighter courses arranged for young ladies, there will be such an abundance of material to select from that many similar societies could be amply sustained.

IT has been an old custom here that the Junior Class should trim the church appropriately for Commencement Day. It is best to mention the fact this early that the Junior's memories may be aroused to it. Last year the class glided on, oblivious to their duty, until the very afternoon preceeding that "important occasion" and when we believe, only two of its members remained to procure the materials which some interested ladies tastefully arranged. The Junior Class should, in their æsthetic way, do at least as much for the graduating class, as we now understand the Sophomores have resolved to do in their unique and wonted manner.

ON the opening of the next college year, the faculty will have changed considerably in its composition. Besides the accession of President Wheeler, the War Department has just detailed First Lieut. Pullman to this post, to succeed Major Webster, who has been Professor of Military Science for the past three years. It is also confidently expected that the college officials will elect a Prof. of Modern Language, which department has been without a head for the past year. It would be unjust to the students not to fill this chair at the next annual meeting of the Trustees, to say nothing of heaping all the labor of it upon professors already overworked.

THE inquiry "what kind of a suit are you going to graduate in?" is by no means entirely confined to the ladies of the Senior Class. The young gentlemen are debating the subject of coats quite as earnestly as the ladies are of trains. It is customary for a Senior, deeply impressed with the occasion, not only to appear in a long face, but also in a long tailed funeral hued frock coat. The one point greatly in its favor is, that it most completely hides the quaking knees. Yet, even with that in mind, it is a satisfaction to learn that more lively colors will be worn and the frock coat almost absolutely discarded. Now may the fossils shriek "precedent" but, in vain, for there will be no reconsideration of the decision.

WE feel somewhat timid about it, yet are willing to venture the following for the common good. The time is rapidly approaching, when the average student will carry a dozen or two of himself about in his pocket for distribution among admiring friends. That is proper, and may he find a sufficient number to take them off his hands. It is with the faculty, however, that we would speak in this connection. It is quite as natural that students should like to have in their possession photographs of them as of fellow students. We can procure excellent likenesses of several professors, but some have not made a very recent visit to the photographers and our collections of them cannot be made complete. To have in one's album the familiar faces of teachers under whose instruction one has been for four years is very desirable, and hereafter those very pictures will be pleasant mementos of our college days. We would suggest then that our instructors severally catch the picture fever, soon to prevail, and resort to some one of our excellent galleries for treatment, where we may go afterwards and satisfy our wants.

THE time, decided upon for the battalion to go into encampment, is the best that could be made. In other years, it has been about the first of June which breaks up the whole month, as far as study is concerned. Now, not beginning until the 14th, it will permit the cadets to put in some good work and round off their year's duties close to Commencement week. We hope fair weather may attend them. Without it camp life is at the best but a wretched experience. The State having supplied the necessary camp equipage, the cost of living should amount to little more at Conneaut Lake than here. Former encampments have revealed the fact, that the guard house should be no imaginary thing, but a most stern and uncomfortable reality, and that "going into camp" does not mean that those who have for past months been publicly acting as gentlemen should throw off every restraint and enter on a course of living which would bring a blush to an honest cheek. Unless the strict military rules of the regular service are enforced, the real benefit of such an undertaking is lost. Obedience is the first law in a soldier's code, and having consented to a week of camp life, the cadets should be held down to soldiers' work, and be made to realize that to obey is at least compelled in one of our college departments.

A QUESTION not old, but important, will soon present itself to the friends of '83. "How shall we show our appreciation of a college course, completed, whether by flowers or books or in what other way?" is the question. Flowers from their fragrance, beauty, purity are fit symbols of the reward which awaits the faithful, honest worker. Flowers fade and perish and with them all sensible objects which awaken pleasant memories. The custom embodies a beautiful sentiment, and it is only the intense, work-day life of the present which has the presumption to question it. We so often hear our companions exclaim that precedents are the chains, restraining us from the glorious fields, open to independent, unhampered exertions. Such blowing off can be allowed to these ardent young fellows within certain limits and on the accustomed occasions, and we would have no objection to their denunciation of this old college usage. If the friends of graduates will persist in investing so largely in flowers, as they have heretofore done, we can testify that many of our Seniors would desire the most of their gifts to be what could be kept and used. They, in fact, adopt the old theory that the beautiful consists in the useful. Books or any other substantial tokens would be most appropriate and acceptable; nor can we escape the idea, that exquisite bouquets, skillfully arranged to breathe forth the language of flowers, would be entirely wanting.

THE Pittsburgh Alumni Association will hold its annual session on the 11th inst., and the college will be represented by Dr. Hamnett and, perhaps, others from the faculty. We wish Meadville had such an organization, since it would then directly enthuse the whole body of students with more college love and spirit. President Wheeler is to be in attendance and will deliver an address before the association. A most interesting program of exercises has been prepared and will be closed by a grand banquet in the evening, at the Seventh Ave. Hotel. This college should have a score of these alumni associations in different cities and sections. Erie Conference should have one, and also, West Virginia. East Ohio has organized one, but it wants to wake up and stir around, if it is still living. The Pittsburgh Association has done nothing for its Alma Mater yet, and certainly could do much. Washington-Jefferson College has a similar organization in the same city and they have raised or are now raising enough money to endow the President's chair. Why cannot our Pittsburgh Alumni do as much? We are in the greatest need of a Chair of Belles Lettres, and a Chair of Social Science is one of the requirements of a well-rounded college course of to-day. The college demands and will obtain support for other necessary additions; but first let us have an able faculty, teaching those practical subjects which the educational interests of the day require, and all those other improvements are bound to follow.

SOME of the gentlemen (?) attending this college seem to have a great propensity for thieving. If they intend to make this noble profession their life's work, it would have been well to have passed by Allegheny College, for it is but a poor living they will get by stealing bulletin boards. There is one thing which they overlooked, however, and it is this, that previous to this theft they did not try the buttons on their clothes, to find out whether one would unluckily drop off just where it was not desirable that it should; and then too, there is always some impolite nail that would forcibly detain you, and only consents to your departure by your giving some memento of your visit; then boys always carry so many little articles in their pockets which, when the possessor leans away from the perpendicular, will slyly slip out; even a hair has been known to convict a man of some misdeed, but in this case, if they curried themselves by squeezing and wriggling into Bently Hall, the "breezes of the night" floated them away long before daylight. There are unfortunately for them, argus-eyed people whom nothing escapes. Our local Pinkertons' are quietly at work, and with a a good clue the result can well be foreseen. The act is petty larceny, so say our legal lights, and a commodious structure in the Smoky City, awaits the perpetrators. We certainly would have committed a breach of trust, if our informers had sealed our lips, and yet since we have mentioned no names the persuers and persued can quietly go their way until the *denouement* discloses all.

THE challenge sent by the Allegheny Society to the Philo Franklins for an Inter-Society contest again this year, the latter has decreed it untimely to accept. This action is questioned by some and is said to have been received with disappointment by the challengers. Whatever motive may have caused it to be rejected, the candid mind will surely not attribute to cowardice. It is most natural, that after the sweeping victory of the Philos last year, the defeated side should wish to pluck the palm from their grasp; nor is it in accord with the spirit of that society to rest easily with the result. Early last Fall term this very matter came up in the Philo-Franklin Society for discussion and settlement, and it was then and there decided to be incumbent on the Allegheny Society to throw down the gauntlet, and that if such a challenge were made, it would be refused. Although it has been said, that this decision had not been made known, it is most strange that such an important matter as this had not been freely talked of by members of both societies, when it so vitally concerned the honor and reputation of both. It would seem that if the Allegheny Society earnestly desired to contest the matter again this year and really wished to regain publicly at the coming Commencement the position she held previous to the one of '82, that the very first meeting of the college year would not have passed without such a challenge being issued. It was neither a lack of "sand or sense" that urged a rejection of the challenge. As for the literary ability of the respective societies, those who care to do it can make the comparison for themselves. Another objection is that to attempt to prepare for a contest now, when but eight weeks intervene until Commencement, when some of those who would be elected to perform have already had important duties laid upon them and have work in hand that cannot be shirked, to undertake the preparation of literary production befitting the occasion and also the societies represented would be impossible. A contest this year, following so closely on the one of last, would be a more serious affair than any preceding one we know of and would require more serious efforts than the short time permits. It has been customary to let two or three years elapse between two successive contests, that those who had taken part in past ones should have graduated and a new set of members come in. On the whole we think it has been just as well to postpone this contest a year or two, and then when the two societies are again well-matched let the Philos do the challenging.

EXCHANGES.

The rule of three—for the third person to clear out.

Oberlin Glee Club cleared five hundred dollars on their vacation tour.—*Badger.*

Prof: "How does light get through a prism?" Junior: "It hues its way through." Time to smile.

Resident Graduate—"What comes after a post-graduate course?" Thoughtful senior—"A *post mortem* course."

Student to chum: "When I get done eating I always leave the table." Chum: "Yes, and that is all you do leave."

We acknowledge the copy of the laws passed by the last Wisconsin Legislature which came with the *University Press.*

Dartmouth has withdrawn from the I. B. B. A. Her resignation was accepted at the recent meeting in Springfield.—*Argus.*

Over the recitation room of the astronomy class might be posted the following notice: "*Das Flunken wird hier nicht erlaubt.*"—*Ex.*

The Vassar girls have an athletic club and the members take a quarter of a mile run every day. Up to the present no record of the time has been published.

Little Jack Horner sat in the corner eating concentrated lye; his mother came in—he had emptied the tin. They will meet in the sweet bye-and-bye.—*Ex.*

The Princeton boys run election matters in their town to suit themselves. Recently they defeated a candidate for mayor because he was disagreeable to them.—*Index.*

The Twenty-fifth Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and Dominion of Canada will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 16–20, 1883.

Two students inspecting the Laocoon. First student: "Did he drink?" Second student: "No, why?" First student: "Well, he's got the worst case of snakes I ever saw, anyway."

Princeton has a good deal on its hands. President McCosh's place is to be filled, while the death of Prof. Atwater necessitates the appointment of two new professors.—*Targum.*

The *University Herald* suggests that those professors who give instruction by lectures should have them printed with alternate blank pages. They would then be in a desirable form, and could be supplemented at will.

At the marriage of an Alabama widower one of the servants was asked if his master would take a bridal tour. "Dunno, sah; when old missus's alive he took a paddle to her; dunno if he take a bridle to de new one or not."—*Ex.*

They are introducing the Roman pronunciation of Latin at a number of the young ladies' schools. The other day one of the fair pupils characteristically read *jubet vicissem* "you bet we kiss 'em," to the confusion of the youthful professor.—*Ex.*

Columbia having decided against co education has appointed a committee to make arrangements for a separate department similar to the Harvard Annex, but somewhat broader. It will give University instruction and grant the customary college honor.

A chair in the Scandinavian languages and literature has during this session been established by the Minnesota legislature at the State University, in Minneapolis, on an equal footing, as regards salary, with the other professorships.—*University Press.*

A fond mother on visiting her son at the university, and looking around his room with an anxious eye, asked: "My son, do you ever sweep under the bed?" "Oh, yes, mother," was the earnest reply, "it is so much easier than to use a dust pan."—*Volante.*

Each member of the Senior class of Illinois College, at his graduation, will give his note for ten dollars, payable to the first member of the class who commits matrimony. Any good looking young lady who wishes to marry a fortune, should look out for this oportunity.—*Rambler.*

A Frenchman learning the English language, complained of the irregularity of the verb "to go," the present tense of which some wag had written out for him as follows: "I go; thou startest; he departs; we lay tracks; you cut sticks, they absquatulate or skedaddle."—*Volante.*

Seniors have no difficulty now in explaining the "Hereness of the There," and the "Wherefore of the Thusness," or showing why the "Hencity of the Henceforthlessness of the Heretofore," and they find it perfectly easy to explain the "Incommensurability of the Dicotyledonous Popocatipetelness."

The *Badger* of Wisconsin University is a live paper. Whatever faults it may have, it has a pleasing way of presenting the local events and questions of the University so that they are interesting even to a stranger. The weeklies have the advantage over monthlies in the fact that the locals have not all become stale before they appear.

The Greek classes of Notre Dame will produce the "Antigone" of the Sophocles at the June commencement. Harvard and Toronto Universities have presented Greek dramas, and Ann Arbor has favored the public with French and Latin plays. The students of the last named place will produce two farces this year, one in French and the other in English.

Out of 303 colleges in this country, 155 now use the Roman, 114 the English, and 34 the Continental pronunciation. Among those using the Roman pronunciation are Harvard University, Boston University, Yale College, Columbia College, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton College, Cornell University, John Hopkins University, and the University of Michigan.

With what a high ideal in view we undertook the work of this department! We at first freely criticised our friends and offered suggestions, as we found everybody else was doing. Then we proposed to discuss the ideas of our exchange friends and to reprint their wise and wity remarks. Now we propose to drop the first syllable of discuss, but to keep up our reprint if possible a little more extended.

Salutatories of new editors are now the order of exercises in many instances. The following is a sample: "We propose to make our paper a true exponent of college life, controlled in the interest of no faction, honest and fearless in the expression of opinion, and interesting, if it is in our power to make so." We feel like giving them our blessing, but we fear that many will retire, as the boy who was not the successful candidate in society election, disappointed.

The Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association applied for admission into the National Amateur Athletic Association, and, after much discussion, it was voted to admit it, and give it one vote. In other words, the seventeen colleges composing the I. A. A. were to have no more to say than each one of the eleven clubs composing the N. A. A. A., for they each have one vote. Better have none of it.—*Targum.*

The class of '83, of Vassar, has sent to the faculty a statement that their principles will not permit them to accept the honors based on the present marking system, and a request that such honors be abolished. This paper has been endorsed by the unanimous vote of '84 and '85 and by an overwhelming majority of '86. The faculty has appointed a committee to consider the matter.—*University Press.*

The relations between the students and their respective faculties in a number of the New York Colleges are not happy. The students complain that the professors unduly interfere with their personal liberties, and the professors complain that the big boys "nag" them in their college publications. As the boys grow older they may appreciate the importance of being on the best terms with all the faculties.—*Badger.*

The trustees of Columbia College, New York City, received through Hamilton Fish, a petition from the association for promoting the higher education of women, begging them to extend the benefits of the college course to women by admitting them to lectures and examinations. That is all the women asked. Not to become students in the full sense, but to attend lectures and submit their acquirements to examinations.—*Press.*

A young man who was invited by his mother to lug up a hod of coal from the cellar, offered an amendment, striking out himself and substituting therefor his father, stating as his reason that he had just returned from a seven days' vacation, and that it was a well known proposition, laid down by Greenleaf's arithmetic, that seven days make one week. The amendment was overwhelmingly voted down, and the original motion prevailed by a solid vote on both sides of the house.

One Junior brought down the Rhetorical class by asking the professor "if it does not require more brains to cook well than to teach school." He did not receive a very satisfactory answer. While another member of the class showed a suspicious knowledge of the wages hired girls are now receiving and the difficulties of procuring a good one. The question under consideration was the weighty one of what shall we do for servants? being propounded by one of the young ladies in an essay.—*Badger.*

The *College Record* comes to us from Wheaton, Illinois. Like so many others, it is too heavy to be interesting. The literary work seems to have been done either by professors or alumni, and is not as pleasant to read as a lighter style would be. The editorials treat upon subjects which might appear to advantage in the *North American Review* or *Atlantic Monthly*, but which are not especially appropriate for a representative of college life. The locals are used to put in between the spaces and advertsements of hats, boots, etc.

Among the telephone stories floating about is the following: An old man would not believe he could hear his wife talk a distance of five miles by telephone. His better half was in a country store several miles away, where there was a telephone, and the skeptic was also in a place where there was a similar instrument, and on being told how to operate it, he walked boldly up and shouted: "Hello, Sarah!" At that instant lightning struck the telephone wire and knocked the man down. "That's Sarah, every time!"—*Chronicle.*

The *Illini* favors us with some of its usually forcible remarks. We acknowledge everything, and will in due time make our bow and hand over the scissors to our successor. A new idea is a rare thing in a college paper, and the *Illini* is not an exception. Some time since one of our exchanges proposed a plan that had the semblance of novelty, and we eagerly seized upon it and proceeded to discuss it. The next month forty nine exchanges had discussed it and the fiftieth made an allusion to it; it was then ascertained that it was a question that had afforded amusement for new editors for three years.

The Wisconsin University nine is making active preparations to play a series of games with the other members of the Northwestern League. While athletic sports are occupying considerable attention the last sounds of the oratorical "boom" have not yet entirely died away. The *Ariel* contains an account of the Minnesota contest, and also of the active preparations for the Inter-State contest, which is to take place in Minneapolis, May 30. Allegheny is most entirely cut off from these contests of physical and intellectual strength, and consequently from the benefits of association with students of other colleges, but she has the military department instead, which seems to absorb all surplus enthusiasm.

A year ago a co-operative society was inaugurated at Harvard through which fuel, books, stationery, and in fact about everything else a student needs, are furnished at reduced rates. Five per cent. is charged above the original cost, to defray expenses, and the capital is furnished by an annual fee of $2.00 on each member. Being a new venture it had to meet the indifference of the college and the active opposition of retail dealers. Yet, the present membership amounts to 714, and the business transacted last year amounts to about $30,000, with a surplus of $300. The running expenses were $1,463, most of which was paid in salaries to students. It is estimated that the total saving to the students was $4,500. The plan has met with so great success that other large colleges are considering its adoption.—*Argus.*

Orville Brewer & Co., send us the following: The second edition of the American College Song Book is now in preparation. In response to a large demand for a cheap edition, bound in handsome manilla covers, and to contain: The old familiar college songs, many of which on accont of space were crowded out of our first edition. A selection of the best songs from the American College Song Book, and the most popular of new college songs. The price of this edition will be $1.00 in manilla covers, and $1.25 in flexible covers. * * * To any one who will send us the names of thirty or more songs, which he considers the best and most popular, (from the American College Song Book or other sources) we will mail a copy of the edition as soon as issued for 40 cts. in manilla covers and in cloth for 50 cts. If songs are named which are not in the American College Song Book, the name of the book they are in should be given, and the name of the publishers.

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COLLEGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

Sunshine.

How about Brown's Park Ave. girl?

The *Alleghenian* will be issued soon.

The motto of the Senior class is *esse quam videri.*

Plummer has loomed into prominence as a jumper.

Dan Heianer visited his friends in the city last week.

All wishing to exchange photographs please call at the office.

Kistler paid a short vist to his home at Warren, O., last week.

The Second Preps have challenged the Third Prep class to a game of foot-ball.

Dave Osborn visited the college last week. He is now engaged in business at Franklin.

The Senior class reception will be held at the residence of Dr. Hamnett on next Tuesday evening.

Blair and Robinson have become desperate and will soon make their appearance in plug hats.

Prof. Hamnett will give the reception to the Senior class. Not less welcome because unexpected.

Several members of the faculty are expected to be present at the Alumni banquet to be given soon at Pittsburg.

C. M. Blair, '82, one of the editors of the *Morning News* attended the dramatic festival at Cincinnati last week.

One more CAMPUS to be issued by the present editorial corps and then the new men for the coming year will be appointed.

Percy Cullum, '82, in addition to his work on the *Morning News*, has assumed charge of the books in Sennett's foundry.

Several of the boys took in a party at Conneaut Lake last week, and from all reports had all the sport the occasion could present.

The game of base ball between the boys of the Douglass House and the Hullings Hallites resulted in an easy victory for the former.

Numerous threats have been heard that "the Seniors would not eat ice cream at the Senior reception." To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

No Senior plugs, no Second Prep canes, no Freshman hats, no Sophomore-Freshman fight, verily this term glides along in peaceful tranquility.

We would suggest that Bryan write a book on "Sights by Lamplight." It could be made very interesting to all who would peruse its pages.

The Y. M. C. A. of the college conducted the meeting at the Stone Church last Sunday evening, Messrs. Miller, Wolff and Long were the speakers.

Excursions up the old canal are becoming frequent. What an interesting volume could be presented to the world, if its silent banks could only speak.

"Rocks" Foster has passed the preliminary examination and will enter upon the dusty of law soon, in the office of Hon. C. W. Mackey, Franklin, Pa.

We had expected a jingling poem from the versatile pen of "Brutus Smith, for this number of the CAMPUS, and are sorry to disappoint an expectant and impatient public; but "Brutus" desires us to wait 'till he receives an inspiration and can give it hot from the brain.

The essays for the city Alumni prize of Allegheny Society have been handed in. Wallace Delamater, Esq., Prof. Haskins and Dr. Livermore are the judges.

The task of the local editor of the CAMPUS is not the most pleasant one in the world. The boys are like so many boxes of dynamite; they must be handled very carefully or they will blow up.

"Chip" Richmond, '82, has assumed charge of his father's publications, "Leaves from the Diary of an Old Lawyer," and "Intemperance, the Great Source of Crime," which will be sold by subscription.

The Athenian society hall, which has been refurnished and thoroughly repaired, was rededicated on last Friday evening. It was a very entertaining and instructive occasion, the other societies adjourning out of respect to their sister society.

The class in geology are at present reading their essays. Any one meditating entering the field of geological research, should not fail to be in attendance, they will be put in possession of information which will make them shining lights.

Henry Blatz, who attended Allegheny College a year ago was recently married to a young lady residing in an eastern town. Our young friend has the congratulations of the editorial corps of the CAMPUS and their most hearty well-wishes for future prosperity in the voyage of life.

The next amusement on the tapis is the game of ball to be played between the Douglas House and Beech House. The Douglas House boys are justly proud of the hard earned laurels they have achieved, while the Beech House boys are loud in boasting that they will wrest from them the honors already won.

By referring to the preceding nuumber of this year's CAMPUS, you will note with astonishment the large number of our alumni that have been married during the current year. Every number presents at least one and some two or more. Allegheny College boys must be at a premium among the girls of this country.

Prof, Russell, a graduate of the School of Oratory, Philadelphia, is in the city and has formed a class in elocution among the students. Mr. Russell is a splendid speaker, easy and graceful in gesticulation and presenting an elegant appearance on the rostrum. The students are to be congratulated on having such a good opportunity for the study of elocution.

The work of clearing off the debris of the ruins of old Culver has been commenced, and it is propheiced that work on the new building will be commenced in the near future. This step will inspire confidence in the patrons of the institution and if the work could be hastened and the corner stone laid at the coming Commencement it would give the college such a boom as it has not experienced for years.

A few days ago intelligence was received in our city that Chas. W. Rees, a graduate of Allegheny, class '78, had committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. Rees, while in college was a bright student and commanded the respect of all his associates. No reason has been ascertained for the committing of the rash act and the news fell heavily upon all his friends. He was residing at Friend, Nebraska, and many of the older boys now in college were personally acquainted with him. The CAMPUS extends sympathy to all his friends in their unexpected bereavement.

Some of the boys possessed with a requisite amount of the "Old Harry" tore up half of the sidewalk in front of the college campus a few nights ago. No one can blame them as it had been in a horribly dilapidated condition for a long time and it was as much as a person's life was worth to walk over it. Although it was afterwards learned that a new one had been decided upon, this action will possibly expedite matters.

The long contemplated and much talked of game of base ball between the Sophomore and Freshman classes came off last Friday afternoon. Much interest was manifested in the game and consequently a large crowd was present, and all were greatly surprised at the result of the game. Up till the end of the fifth innings when the score stood 3 to 5 in favor of the Sophomores, the game was very interesting, but at the beginning of the sixth the Sophs made a spurt and the Freshmen becoming rattled the rest of the game was a mere walk-away. Score, 19 to 5 in favor of the Sophomores.

We would like to know: which one of the Seniors will get the worst racket in the Sophomore show; how Bryan got so much mud on his clothes that night; if Baldwins is lonely; who Jim Thompson's "widow" is; if Merrick don't get tired talking books; why some of the boys must have two homes; if Guthrie would't make a good base ball captain; why young Fellows goes home every Friday night; who jumped the high picket fence in the rear of the Douglas house one night; how "Epley" got struck on the nose when his back was turned; if Dunn was born sleep; if Mitchell has learned how to catch a ball yet under the instruction of "our league player"; if Bert Blair is the prettiest boy in the Senior class; if Silver ain't a "masher"; who, of all the boys in college comes the nearest being a "dude?"

The ladies of the Phi Alpha Psi, a local fraternity of this city, tendered a reception to the different fraternities of the college on Tuesday evening of last week. The reception was given at the home of Miss Gertrude Douglas, and was throughout the finest affair of the kind that has been given in this city for years. All the fraternities turned out nearly en masse, and through the efforts of the fair members of the fraternity there was no lack of entertainments for the guests. During the evening a handsome column of flowers with the letters Φ A Ψ inscribed upon it, the tribute of the members of Delta Tau Delta, was presented. Elegant refreshments were served late in the evening and the guests departed feeling that it was well to have been there and leaving behind them the most heartfelt wishes for the future success and prosperity of Phi Alpha Psi.

Ex-Governor St. John, of Kansas, the champion of prohibition of the West, lectured at the Stone Church on Tuesday evening of last week. The fact that he was a man of national reputation as well as a great temperance orator was sufficient to draw a large attendance from the students of the college. On the morning following the lecture Gov. St. John was present at the chapel exercises and at the close spoke a few words of advice to the students concerning the formation of a character which could be depended upon to bring success and prosperity in life. Mr. St. John is a man who commands attention, with firmness and determination depicted in every outline of his countenance, and his arguments are delivered in a sledge hammer like manner, which admit of no dispute, and which produce a telling effect. If he should again return to Meadville, he would stretch to its utmost capacity the largest building in our city.

Allegheny Society has challenged the Philos for another contest. The Philo's have flatly refused, and give as their reasons for so doing, that they do not think it best to have such contests occurring so frequently; and that they do not wish to subject Allegheny to another crushing defeat such as was experienced last year. The compassion manifested toward their sister society is truly magnanimous, and one would naturally think, to hear them talk, that they held victory or defeat in the palm of their hand. Such, however, is not the case, the men in both societies are continually changing, and the society which presents the largest galaxy of brilliant men one year may have men of much smaller caliber the next. The Philos claim that they are as strong this year as last, if not stronger; we think that they are stronger in one sense, a little conceit having been added, the result of last year's contest; but believe that they are content to rest upon their hard earned honors, not wishing to run the risk of having them transferred across the hall. At least deal a little less compassionately with your puny antagonists, and remember, that "pride goeth before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

MILITARY MELANGE.

The drum corps is steadily improving in the rat-tat-tat, under the able instruction of John Ross.

We understand that only one study will be substituted this year, for service in the battalion, instead of two as was the case last year. We believe that this is sufficient for the time necessarily spent at drills.

Expectation of a grand time in camp, founded upon past experience, fills the heart of every veteran cadet.

The cannon will be taken along, and "Baldy" will have a little picnie, all to himself, firing the gun every morning at sun rise.

There should be a drum major chosen before we go into camp.

Major Webster will join his regiment as soon as he leaves the college in June.

A more pleasant place for a camp than Conneaut Lake could not have been chosen.

Already, the plans for "what we will do when we get there" are being discussed by every man from corporal to captain.

The awkward squad this term is the awkward of awkwards.

We wonder if it will rain as much as it did during our last camp?

Our adjutant has come out in a brand new suit, looking as bright as a gold dollar.

No place in the world improves a soldier so much as in camp. We venture the assertion that at the end of the first week, the friends of the battalion would hardly recognize them by the drill.

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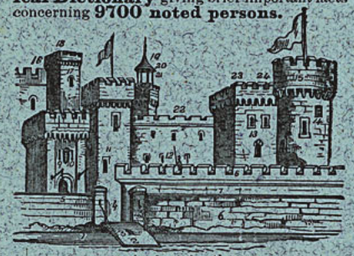
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