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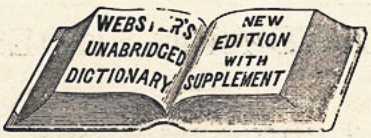

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TO BIRDS

THAT SING THROUGH THE MIST OF THE MORNING.

How from beyond my baffled gaze
Your songs come down to me,
With mystic charm I never feel
When your gay forms I see!

I walk abroad, all close and chill
The grey fog walls me round,
And spectral figures by my path
Rise dimly from the ground.

But through the gloom, now near, now far,
Your notes fall sweet and clear;
Ye hail some better morn than mine,
So heavy, damp and drear!

Ye tell me dawn is rising soft
And tints the upper sky,
And soon this mist in spangling dews
On sun-lit fields shall lie.

Sing on! For all I see you not,
It quickens me to hear!
I walk in shadow, but from you
I learn of brightness near.

O, Ye above all damps and glooms,
Sing in *your* morning high!
My heart, entranced, would leap to catch
Your music from the sky!

—*Contributed.*

MRS. J. HELEN FOSTER, OF IOWA.

AN EXTRACT OF HER ADDRESS TO THE STUDENTS IN COLLEGE CHAPEL, MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 14TH.

[*Reported by LeRoy Porter.*]

YOU may be sure I waited for no second invitation when your President invited me to come to you this morning. I seek every such opportunity.

The course of my life leads me to look into the faces of men and women the country over; and sometimes into the faces of those whose lives have been spoiled by drink; to look into the faces of men who are yet clean and pure and strong; to look into the faces of young ladies who have life before them and whose faces are not as the tomb-stone telling of the dead joys behind. It is such a delight that I feel as if I would like to stand here at this hour and look, and look, and look and not say one word. I have stood outside grated doors and said: "My brother, I am sorry for you; what brought you here?" Usually they begin by saying: "I was committed for such and such an offence. I was in a bad crowd of fellows though, and then it was the bad crowd that drank." How can I help but desire to hinder this dreadful line of life? So I hope to say one word to you in behalf of this cause of temperance. You may say you don't care for temperance; that will do for little boys and girls in Bands of hope, but for us we have not time for such insignificant affairs. Two weeks ago I stood at the grave of the father of our country, and after that was at the city of Washington where our greatest men have been. I walked through those great halls there; I sat in the Senate chamber, I saw those men that manipulate the affairs of the nation. I saw the house where Lincoln fell, the spot where Garfield was shot and then my thoughts went out to the great world of men that in a little while will be actors there. I went to the Union cemetery where our boys in blue lie. There are rows and rows of stones that mark the graves of those who fell in the strife. Some of the stones bear no names, others do. And I said, who are those that shall fall in the years to come? There will always be strife. Ever since the fall in the Garden there have been those contests of right and wrong. If you are men you will be in the battle and God grant that you may have possession of your own faculties that you may fight. I would have you sober men. You say you don't intend to become drunkards. Of course you don't. But what supreme arrogance and fool-hardiness it is to suppose that you can drink a little. It shows that your head is not quite level. Men, with just as good brain as you have, and perhaps a little better, have tried it and failed. Think well of your body in which your spirit lives. Think well of your tongue, it may speak God's promise. Think well of your eyes for they can look out on the earth's glory. Think well of your ears for through them may come such sounds as will ravish your soul. Think well of every function of your body and don't follow those who drink. I would not have you proud but I would have you stand in the dignity which God has given every man. It is a grand thing to be a man in America in this nineteenth century. Don't sell it out.

There are some other things beside alcohol that spoil the body. The principal one is tobacco. It defiles the body. Do any of you use it? I know some of you do for I saw a boy with a cigarrette in his mouth as I came up this morning. I don't know who he was. I saw the cigarette, I didn't see the thing behind it. [Applause.] Boys, how much do you know about tobacco, only that you smoke it and it gives a pleasant sensation of calmness, stupidity. I think, is a better word? Tobacco paralyzes, alcohol drives. It will spoil your eye-sight. Young men wear glasses more than they used to. I am sorry for you, boys, that your eye-sight is not what it ought to be. [Laughter.] Now don't make the inference that all boys who wear glasses use tobacco; but it is one, among many other things,

that dim the sight. Why do you think there can be two standards of cleanliness for men and women? What would you think of a girl that smoked? I know there are girls in this country that do it. Shame! that it is so. Such an one would be met with a scoff and sneer. Why should I think any better of the young man who smokes? It is a weakness whether in boy, or deacon, or senator, or bishop, or president.

Girls, I wish, when in school, I had studied harder. I am sorry I know so little. In every way you can, take care of your bodies. You must have physical strength. But study. The less you have by personal contact with the world the more you want in your soul. A woman's value is not so much what she does as what she is. I may say the same to you, young gentlemen. But, girls, I am so glad to know you have a temperance society in your midst. Boys, some of you scorn temperance organizations. Some of you won't even join the society to which the ladies belong. I want to ask such what the fraternities among men mean? What do the fraternities that exist among the colleges all over the country mean? They do not seem to have any grand purposes. They only state mutual admiration and mutual improvement, principally, I think, mutual admiration. [Laughter.] Is it not grander to help somebody that is down in the mire? Is not that more like the work the Lord Jesus Christ came to do? Girls, this society will do you good. It will lead you out of self. Don't be afraid to sign the pledge. There will a time come when you will be glad to sign a pledge. [Laughter.] I well remember when the ring was put on my finger. I am not frivolous in this matter This world is full of bonds which we put upon ourselves for our own good. It is a blessed work that such a company of college girls are teaching the children which I hear you are teaching. It may, possibly, save your own life from the scourge of strong drink. Sometimes when I think of my own daughters that are safe with the angels, this feeling comes to me: "Well, she is safe; she never will be the wife of a drunkard.',

Young gentlemen and ladies, you belong to yourselves. Having given yourselves to God you don't belong to anybody. The tendency in the heart of woman is to be lead, to follow. That is all right as God designed it, but don't allow anybody to lead your soul, your sense of right. Settle a standard of right and wrong and live up to that standard. Do a thing if you know it is right. Own yourselves and be your own men and women, only as you are God's. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." O, be students under the Great Teacher. [Applause].

THE OSSOLI SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The Ossoli Society during the ten years of its existence has been bordering on a state of hopeless poverty and unable to lift itself from the ancient chairs of its Biblical ancestors to a more modern stage of civilization, and

WHEREAS, The dark and sombre walls have thrown a chilling gloom over our otherwise exuberant spirits and tinged our Literary efforts with something of their own dull hue, and

WHEREAS, The curtainless windows disclosed all too plainly, the charms of the outer world often luring us from duty's path and wisdom's ways, and

WHEREAS, In view of this lamentable state of affairs, the faculty and students of Allegheny College have shown their sympathy, not in useless words, but by most generous and welcome assistance, thereby enabling us to make our Hall most beautiful and attractive, therefore

Resolved, That we, the Ossoli Society, do tender our most grateful and sincere thanks for this unexpected and undeserved kindness.

Resolved, That to them our doors be always open, and that they ever receive our most cordial hospitality and be entertained by our most brilliant Literary productions.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the CAMPUS.

COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DENNISON COLLEGIAN.

CORRECT PRONUNCIATION.

NONE but small men take note of small mistakes, it has been said, but generally said by those persons who need such a mantle to hide their own pecadilloes. Then rather be it said, the smaller the mistake the greater the man to find it and bring it to account.

In the matter of correct pronunciation we are all lost sinners, willfully breaking the law a hundred times over every day that we live. Few persons are good orthœpists, none are perfect, the reason being that few care to be, and of these few, fewer still are ambitious enough to try to be. The good orthœpist who is so careful about his long *u* in literature, mature and minute (an adjective), and never slights the *h* in exhaust, exhibit, and exhale, and emphasizes with care the final syllables in detail and romance, and plays so delicately with that truant little letter *a*, is not only not envied by the majority of persons but is more often looked upon as an object of pity, as upon one who either has lost his mental balance or had no mental balance to lose. The reason, as has been stated, lies in the fact that we are either too lazy to learn how to pronounce correctly or too modest to apply our knowledge when it has been gained. When the dictionary, with the perfection to which it has been brought, has become a house-hold book, what other excuse can there be? The excuse that the reader has no time while reading, to notice pronunciation is an excuse unworthy of attention. Certainly, no student can urge it. The man that reads

"Words, words, words."

will gain more enjoyment and profit from his reading than will the man that reads pages. To the speaker, correct pronunciation is a necessity, for a mispronunciation not only draws away the attention of the hearer from the subject in hand to the mistake, but often it becomes a stumbling block to the speaker's own thoughts. The chances are that a good orthœpist is a man of culture in other respects, and yet the most woeful instances of careless pronunciation may be gathered from the lips of educated men on the rostrum, in the pulpit and in the professor's chair at college. We invariably discount our good opinions of men who make the claim of being learned, when they tell us, unconsciously, by their speech that they can not speak their own language correctly. An ex*em*plary preacher reads a sam, appoints another meeting for Toosday, the second of Febuary, and then tells his brethren of Gaud and of Chr*i*st-i-an-i-ty; the teacher hears the gography and gives his pupils a *re*cess; some professors teach Zoo-ology, and as a consequence the stoodents visit the Zoo-ological garden; others are familiar with the whole range of literatoor, but know nothing of Frauwd's history, Beckonsfield's Edymion, Byern's Gi-our, Go-ethe's works and many of the plays of the Bard of Av-on. The speaker begins his *ad*dre·s by telling us he is the only one of the ke-ind ex-*stant*, (Would that he were!) Polished society people talk of Dant's Be*a*trice, of the deebu or da-boo of this and that one, of the opening of the *mu*seum of Ray phael and the beauties of the boudor. Pat-riotic statesmen say legis*l*ature and Goverment; musicians play ex*quis*itely from *Bee*-tuven and *Men*dellsun, and the great majority of us say skwoler, A-rab, *in*quiry, co*ad*jutor, proteege, irre*voc*able, broncheetis, pre*emp*tory, do*lor*ous, con*cave*, la*ment*able, extra-ordinary (quite), suggested, *con*tents and so on till we might fill this copy of the "*Collegan*" with words commonly mispronounced, not by the ignorant alone, but by people who make pretentions to refinement and education. This defect (not *de*-fect) in our education. is not so unimportant as it may seem at first thought, nor is it so hard to remedy as many suppose. The habit of turning to the dictionary, (and a copy should be at the student's elbow) is one not difficult to acquire, and the habit of noting mispronunciations in the speech of others is productive of as great benefit. It is surprising how soon, with a little effort of attention, an approximation to correct pronunciation is reached. It is a matter of congratulation that the subject of pronunciation is daily receiving additional attention; newspapers, printing lists of words commonly mispronounced; common school teachers at their institutes, discussing the importance of the art, and the best methods of teaching it; the approximate completeness of dictionaries and their circulation in immense numbers among the people; these forces are awakening no little interest in the subject. Preachers, teachers and lecturers find themselves forced to the study of orthœpy and to the consequent right use of words by the growing number of critics about them ready to pronounce judgment according as the man does or does not show a recommendation from—the dictionary. It is often said that the two greatest books in the world's library are the Bible and Shakespeare's plays, but I should say, not to breathe aught against Shakespeare nor to contradict those who have made this statement, and are better able to judge, the three greatest books in the world's library to-day, are the Bible, the Dictionary and Shakespeare. We could not afford to lose any one of the three, certainly not the Bible, and almost as certainly, not the Dictionary.

MR. EDITOR:

We sometimes visit the Literary Societies of the college. Perhaps the enthusiastic society man smiles, thinking it an erroneous statement. Certainly, he may do so, and more, he has much right to do it; for seldom does he see within those pleasant halls any of his honored instructors or the intellectual or curious at the foot of the hill: and, undoubtedly, they admire the zeal which has furnished and equipped the college with such facilities for instruction in public speaking and the like. But we do not wish to arraign the public or, indeed, anyone for their lack of publicly recognizing the societies. We only desire to make a few observations and to do what we think is justice to these hard-working students. We start out by making the broad assertion, that the societies are not visited enough by college authorities and college friends down town. Every member can honestly say that except on some particular occasion or when the halls are shown off to admiring visitors and sight-seers, no professor is seen in them from the beginning of the Fall to the end of the Spring Term. It is conceded that the college instructors are faithful in their curriculum work; perhaps the student thinks too much so, and let it be said here,—boys, it is a good thing for you and you will think so, too, after you leave your college. Now, as the societies are depended on mainly for giving instruction in public speaking, except what is done in the department of rhetoric and by outside instructors, they should be carefully fostered and encouraged, not so much by praise and commendation, but more personally by visiting and timely direction. We do not wish to be understood as saying they should be run by other than the boys themselves, far from it. Perhaps none, but members alone know what an incentive and inspiration it is to feel that the outer world remembers those halls in old Bently and has a mind to come in, not once in a while, but often and visit them. We once belonged to a literary society and therefore know whereof we speak. More good is done by unexpected visitors coming in than is known of. The members would be glad to hear much and often from their older and wiser friends, the professors, of how to proceed most profitably in their work and how to get the most good out of it. These men have been through the mill, to speak plainly, and have learned by experience the best methods to pursue to gain the desired end, and moreover, would be glad to be called upon for such a purpose. And even the thoughtless and curious from town, bent only on their own enjoyment, would do more good than they dreamed of. If the boys once understood and could fix it as an invariable thing that an evening would not pass without strangers being present, why, you would notice in a very short time an increased interest taken in society matters, a better and more careful preparation of essays and orations, and more logical and finished debates. Another thing, although they have, perhaps, a half-formed and misty idea of the great importance of the art of public speaking, they would become firmly convinced of it when they saw the public noticing them and it, by its presence and encouragement. The members are too much inclined to wander to society, reluctantly leaving pleasanter and more important pursuits, as they think, to spend a hum-drum, prosy evening in their respective halls. They thought it was the thing to do, of course, to become a society man, but now think little of its responsibility. They should be made sensible of its great importance and that what they learn there is not only for college life but of greater consequence in active life. As it now is they are becoming accustomed to speak to the same set of persons night after night. It will be quite different when they get out into the world and begin to address mixed assemblies of people of every shade and type. Then they will be very apt to become dazed and dashed, and will have to set to work to learn to do what their societies are intended to do for them now. We say give them your presence and encouragement, college authorities and down town friends. Visit them not once a year in the Stone Church, but informally on the hill. And ladies, have no fears, the most punctillious and exacting of you about the manners and etiquette of the boys. You will find them polite and gentlemanly, and for the charm and pleasure of your presence they will fully re-

quite you by their hearty and jovial music and agreeable and instructive literary productions. We have spoken perhaps as an old Alumnus, who has seen the same fault in his day as it is to-day, and who if by putting his pen to paper has done any good will only ask you to bless the boys, not him, with your presence at their Society meetings. ALUMNUS.

CAMPUS FILINGS.

Copper wires become brittle and iron tough by the passage of electric currents.

"By blood," says Mr. Gladstone, I am a Scotchman, by birth a Lancashireman, by residence a Londoner, and by marriage a Welshman.

The average age of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court is sixty-one years. Justices Waite, Field and Miller were all born in 1816.

The charges of plagiarism are again revived in connection with Owen Meredith's "Lucile," which is in fact nothing but a rhyming translation of a novel of George Sand's.

Elihu Burritt, "the learned blacksmith," found time during his work at the forge to master several languages, and surprised cultured Europe by addressing its chief learned body in Sanskrit.

Two-thirds of our Presidents have been college men. Jefferson, probably, had the most liberal education and broadest culture. It is said that his range of knowledge would compare favorably with that of Burke.

Two hundred and fifty thousand years ago the winters of our hemisphere were thirty-two days longer and the sun 14,000,000 miles farther away than now. Our long winters were twenty-eight degrees colder than now.

Why is our hour divided into sixty minutes? We have sixty divisions on the dials of our clocks and watches, because the old Greek astronomer Hipparchus accepted the Babylonian system of reckoning time, that system being sexigesimal.

The surface of our bodies is covered with scales like a fish. A single grain of sand would cover 150 of these scales, and yet a single scale covers 500 pores. Through these narrow openings the sweat forces itself out like water through a sieve.

The little old "gold wagon," which for years has done duty in transporting gold from the New York Custom House to the Sub-Treasury, has been laid aside. It is estimated that it has carried at least 4,500 tons of gold in its numerous trips, with a value of not less than $500,000,000.

Each day of the week corresponds with our Sunday among some of the nations and races of people into which the human family is divided. Sunday is the Christian Sabbath; Monday, the Greek; Tuesday, the Persian; Wednesday, the Assyrian; Thursday, the Egyptian; Friday, the Turkish, Arabic and Mehommedan; Saturday, the Seventh day, Baptist and Jewish.

Milton received $25 for "Paradise Lost;" Pope $40,000 for his "Translation of Homer;" Edgar Allen Poe $10 for "The Raven;" Dr. Holland $12,000 for "Bitter Sweet." $8,000 for "Katrina" and $5,000 for the "Mistress of the Manse;" Mr. Bonner, of the *Ledger*, paid Tennyson $5,000 for a single poem; Augusta Evans Wilson, author of "Beulah," has made $100,000 in eight years out of her novels; Sir Walter Scott made $259,000 out of his; Bret Harte received $10,000 for "Gabriel Conroy;" Dickens $15,000 for the copy-right on "Barnaby Rudge" for six months; Stanley has already received $50,000 for his "Through the Dark Continent;" Shakespeare got $25 for "Hamlet;" Boucicault $250,000 for "The Shaughran."

PERSONALS.

C. H. Bruce, '79, is a minister in Kansas.

W. L. McClurg, 79, is in business at Chicago.

L. L. Davis, '78, has a law office in Pittsburgh.

John A. Bolard, '78, is a practicing dentist in New Jersey.

D. B. Heiner, '79, has been admitted to the bar at Kittanning, Pa.

Wm. M. Beyer, is laying in a stock of law knowledge, at Tyrone, Pa.

A. J. Maxwell is a student of Divinity at Boston Theological Seminary.

J. Doughty, '78, is practicing law in the office of Mr. Blackmarr, Meadville.

Chas. A. Boush has been appointed Commission Agent for the U. S., in Canada.

Hyre Dee Clark is a successful preacher of the Gospel in the West Virginia Conference.

E. A. Nelson, '79, the last we heard of him, was seeking admission into the Erie Presbytery.

Andrew C. Ellis, '78, the redoubtable "Andy," is a successful preacher of the East Ohio Conference.

A. M. Shellito, '79, is engaged in the dairy business, and when last heard from was at Postville, Ia.

Chas. W. Kugler, '79, is employed in connection with some Western mines, with headquarters at Sharon, Pa.

E. M. Wood, '79, is principal of a high school at St. Clairsville, Pa., which has just concluded a prosperous term.

Miss Ellen M. Pierce, 83, has been constrained by ill health to take a trip to Florida. Her recovery is earnestly hoped for.

O. B. Moss, '79, occupies the chair of physiology, in the Homœopathic College, Cleveland. He has, besides, a large private practice.

H. L. Campbell, '79, after roaming through the West, looking for a suitable location, has at length settled down and opened a law office at St. Paul, Minn.

Senator Lee, of Venango county, an old student of Allegheny and an active Φ Γ Δ, was president of the Independent Republican Convention, held in Philadelphia on the 16th of Nov.

G. H. Mosier, '79, who, after graduation, became a divinity student at the New York Theological institution, was the first of the class of '79, to cease the earthly warfare. He died in Meadville a year ago.

C. B. Mitchell, '79, is a methodist preacher in Kansas Conference. He lately lost his father, the Rev. D. P. Mitchell, one of the first preachers of the West, who died of apoplexy, on the cars, near Hutchison, Kansas.

Wellington Bowser, '79, was transferred from the Cawnpore School (India,) of which he was principal for a year, is now preaching in the delightful hill station of Roorkee. His wife has joined him in India, and they both greatly enjoy their mission work.

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WE hear something of a challenge about to be offered the crack shots of the battalion, by Messrs. Reid, Williams and Montgomery. We know that the Profs. in Greek and German have the reputation of being first rate *marks*men, but trust the boys will not let them score an easy victory.

THE lecture of Mrs. Foster on "Is Prohibition Constitutional," was one of the finest pleas on any subject Meadville has ever listened to. The lady's agreeable presence and fine voice would have given interest to anything she might have said, but apart from these the lecture was very excellent. The lady's earnestness, relieved by refined humor, make her very effective on the platform. The thanks of all Meadville and of the college in particular, is due to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for bringing such a lecturer to us.

DIPHTHERIA, says a recent copy of the *Scientific American*, has been proved by Dr. Formad, in some late experiments, to be the result of blood poisoning by the growth of an infinitesmal plant that feeds on the white corspuscles of the blood. This little plant is the same as that always found upon a coated tongue, with this difference, in the cases of diphtheria the plant multiplies rapidly and so extends itself into the spleen, etc., and chokes the blood vessels. Prof. Wood, of Philadelphia, thinks that diphtheria may be prevented by artificial vaccination, as the plant by exposure to air loses its virulent character, and then when introduced into the system is no longer fatal.

WE congratulate Michigan University on the brilliant debut made by her foot-ball club among the leading clubs of the Eastern Universities. We know of nothing so likely to startle the Eastern College men out of their affectation of ignoring all institutions West of the Alleghenies as to whip them at some popular game, and trust it will not be long before Michigan accomplishes what she has already not come far from doing. Such an event would do towards breaking down Eastern arrogance what Lorillard's winning the Derby did towards undeceiving our self-centered English cousins with regard to their little island holding all the horses worth talking about.

CHAPEL speeches are not generally the most interesting. The speakers usually begin with an apology for speaking at all, followed by regrets that they did not use their time better when students at college; then comes the exhortation to avoid their mistakes, and finally another apology (not altogether uncalled for) for having taken up valuable time. A very agreeable exception to such was the address of Mrs. Foster, who visited us on the morning of the 15th of November. A lady of good presence, a shrewd and ready talker, with such a keen sense of humor as made her a favorite as soon as she commenced to speak, her speech of twenty-five minutes was entertaining and we believe more than ordinarily helpful to the "boys" and "girls" she addressed.

WHY should so many of the Literary Society contests, select performances, etc., be put off to the end of the College year? In consequence of the number of such exhibitions following each other in rapid succession in the spring term, it is almost impossible to get more than a handful of visitors to walk up the hill, except to the Ossoli contest? Why should not the Societies put their select performances, or more of their oration contests, on some evenings of the Winter terms and so distribute these public occasions through the year? Would it not be advisable, also, to have some of these performances at the Library Hall, for the benefit of the townspeople? Let the mountain go half-way to Mahomet.

HULINGS HALL is "solid" on the temperance and tobacco questions,—and the influence of its thirty-odd young ladies cannot but be wholesome on their susceptible fraters.

The Young Woman's Temperance Union, an organization embracing almost all the college girls, has something more than a name to live. It has in operation a school in which the children of the neighborhood to the number of 35 are taught temperance lessons once a week. A public meeting is held once a quarter in the college chapel, as the fruits of which 40 young men have enrolled themselves honorary members of the society, and a general temperance sentiment is in the air, shielding, restraining, helping scores.

WE heartily congratulate our sisters of Ossoli on their handsome hall, which has been beautifully "fixed," and on the increased interest in their literary performances shown by the

whole society. While it has always been conceded that the ladies are the equals, if not the superiors, of their brother students in declamation and essay writing, there was, somehow, an impression abroad that they were no match for us in debate, but this theory has been knocked to pieces by the recent inter-society performances, in which it became apparent that if the ladies could do anything well it was to beat their male antagonists in a prepared debate.

We have heard some rumors of the failure of the American Publishing Co., and fervently hope they are not true. The work of this house has been beneficent and has done more to popularize healthy literature than any other single agency. As to the aesthetic objections against poor paper, binding, and type, so often made, they have always seemed to us nonsensical. Those who can afford to, always have the privilege of buying handsome editions of the books they want, but it is a great boon to the poor student to get the works of the best writers in the English language at from three to twenty-five cents. per volume. We may be perfectly sure it will soon be resuscitated. Such a public benefaction cannot possibly die so easy. Perhaps the prices were dropped too low.

It was said last year that the wall separating the Library room from that which contains the Prescott cabinet, was to be removed, and the library was thus to be much enlarged. It would then be possible to place a few more tables in the room, and the papers on them would not need to be so piled on top of each other as to make it difficult to find any particular one. It would prove a further convenience, if a few of the leading weeklies could be put on files for future reference. Now that the matriculation fee has been raised, there is no reason why such grant should not be made for the improvement of the library as will make it a greater boon than ever to the many that use it.

Culver Hall, in its relation to Allegheny, might aptly be termed the "Heart of Mid Lothian." Here dwells an "imperium in imperio," and we are inclined to pity the student who goes through his college course without having lived a few terms in the "Hall." It is impossible for one to be familiar with the distinctive peculiarities of the college character without living at the headquarters, where largely its lines are fixed. When a subject is before the school at large, given the sentiments of Culver Hall, and the final outcome may at any time be predicted. All projects, good, bad, or indifferent that agitate the college mind or bring surprise to the college authorities, find their rise in some C. Hallites fecund brain. It is the headquarters alike of Hallow E'en marauders and the Y. M. C. A.; of the most diligent students and the most fervent followers of Base Ball, &c., and by this mixing together of various elements, there comes to be a certain readiness to "give and take" among the individuals which makes their corporate opinion, or rather the general sentiment of the house, as near the standard of the school as possible.

As to the material comforts of the hall, they are such as cannot be secured for the same price anywhere in the city. Indeed, the existence of its co operative club has affected the price of boarding all throughthe town. In every way, it is our belief, Culver Hall has more influence over the college and its surroundings, than any other house on the hill or down town.

In his report to the Trustees of Princeton college a few weeks ago, President McCosh calls attention to two facts, which are, we know, regretted by more Presidents and faculties than one. These are the extravagant amount of time and attention given to physical culture and the falling off in the number of graduates entering the ministry. That the first of these is a growing evil is apparent from a glance at most Eastern college papers. Judging from these, one would suppose that boat racing and base ball were the chief ends of college life. So markedly is this feature developing that the best newspapers of the land are raising a warning cry against prostituting our great American colleges to the purposes of mere Athletic associations. The hackneyed "Sana mens in sano corpore" does not surely call for the prominence into which foot-ball matches and boat races are being elevated while literary pursuits are in danger of being relegated to a sort of side-show. The growing prosperity of the country has, we believe, a good deal to do with the second of President McCosh's regrets. While the demand for strong young men is so great in the more lucrative callings the ill, and in many cases meanly paid ministry, is not likely to induce any save those with most powerful convictions of duty. The remedy for this is largely in the hands of the churches,—a fact that the churches are by no means forward in seeing.

The College Press.

We want to ask the pardon of some of our exchanges for the non-appearance of our paper last month. For some reason the usual number of papers was not printed, and the forms were taken down before we knew of the mistake. After supplying our subscribers and a part of the exchanges, our papers gave out. We beg your pardon, and hope to be on hand hereafter.

We welcome the *Gazette*, from Westminster, Md., among our exchanges. Although it is a little out of the usual form, for a monthly, it looks quite business like and will, undoubtedly, meet with success.

The Ariel, hailing from Minnesota University, is a sensible and well-balanced paper. It does not portray as much life as some, but seems rather on the substantial order. Lighten up just a little and your paper will be more readable.

The Phi Gamma Delta, published at Delaware, O.,came out in a new and improved dress last month. It contains a full account of the convention held at Chautauqua during the summer, and many other articles of interest to its readers.

We would extend greeting to the *College Journal*, of Montreal, Can., which has found its way to us. It seems rather religious in its contents, but we suppose that is the nature of the institution it represents. We were not a little surprised to find an advertisement of a glove store placed in the midst of the literary articles.

The Dickinsonian, from Carlisle, Pa., was not dead, but merely sleeping. It must have acquired considerable force during its short suspension, for this year, at least, it shows up well. The last issue says: "Established now upon a firmer basis than it has ever been before there is no reason why *The Dickinsonian* shall not be all that its friends can hope for it; and if properly supported by the Alumni second to no College paper in the country." Success.

We are always pleased to receive the *University Quarterly*, of New York University; but there is such a long time between the publications, we almost forget it. The November number gives, in a well written article, an account of the trip of the University Lacrosse team to Louisville and the contest with the Louisvillers. Although the score stood in both games, three to one in favor of the Louisville club, the team report a very pleasant and enjoyable journey.

The Varsity, from Toronto, comes regularly, but for some reason it is not very attractive. Were it not for the frequency of the publication, we would be tempted to criticise severely the general make-up of the paper; as it is, we believe it could be greatly improved. If the pages were divided into three columns instead of two, it would be by no means so trying to the eyes to wade through some of its long and heavy articles. Its columns generally contain the latest college and university news.

The Knox Student appeared last month in an enlarged form, which it proposes to maintain. We are well pleased with the general make-up of the paper. The last number says: "The *Student* is not a reservoir for old chapel orations and essays. The space given in the past years to such literary efforts will be occupied by short articles on current topics." A good resolution which all papers will do well to follow. The last issue contained many good articles, beside devoting considerable space to the oratorical contest, about which all the Illinois college journals have been lately quite loquacious.

The College Rambler, of Illinois College, seems abundantly able to maintain its rights. We find the following among its editorials: "The Wesleyan representative through the columns of the Bloomington *Leader* accuses the *Rambler* of cannonading. In self-defense we would much prefer such artillery to the lighter implements of war. We would be very far from giving offense to any one. We have no malicious designs. But want it distinctly understood, that the students of Illinois College are not to be insulted, and their good nature trampled on in silence." It is all about the inter-collegiate contest. The contests are all right, but the blood of our Western brothers runs a little high at times. Keep cool, friend *Rambler*, keep cool! That would have been rather hard to do awhile ago, but the cold blasts of winter are come now. However, if our ideas are correct, Wesleyan did not do herself much credit in this affair.

Yesterday [Nov. 16,] at a meeting of the board of trustees of Washington and Jefferson College, of Washington, Pa., Rev. James D. Moffat, of the Second Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, W. Va., was elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Geo. P. Hays.—*Pittsburgh Leader.*

Educational.

Columbia begins to talk co-education.

A Latin play is talked of at Harvard for next year.

"Josh Billings" is a graduate of Hamilton, class of '37.—*Ex.*

Bells for recitation are rung by electricity at Amherst.—*Ex.*

A young lady took the mathematical prize in the University of London.

A new library building costing $250,000 will soon be erected at Columbia college.

About four per cent. of the students at Harvard, class themselves as agnostics or atheists.

Washington University, St. Louis, has in its various departments 1,285 students and eighty professors.

About fifty per cent. of the required re-building fund of Swathmore college has been contributed.—*Ex.*

The Oxford cap seems to be the rage. Six of the leading institutions in this country have adopted it this year.

Dr. H. B. Ridgaway, of Cincinnati Conference, has been elected to the Chair of Historical Theology in Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ills.

Alexander Bain, LL. D., has been elected Lord Rector of Aberdeen University. Sir James Paget, F. R. S., D. C. L., was the unsuccessful candidate.

Prof. Carl F. Kolbe, of Buchtel college, has recently purchased the *Germania*, a paper published at Akron, Ohio, and will continue its publication in connection with his College duties.

About 100 students of Lansing Agricultural college were suspended a short time ago for melon stealing, and the remainder rebelled and withdrew in a body, until the suspended should be reinstated.

The Harvard Musical Association is to give its coming series of concerts, five in number, at Boston Museum. The dates fixed upon are Thursday afternoons, Dec. 8, 1881, and Jan. 5, 26, Feb. 16, and March 9, 1882.

It is said that there is a movement afoot among the Germans in the United States, for the erection of a native university, on the model of that at Berlin. Milwaukee is mentioned as the proposed seat of such university.—*Ex.*

Prof. O. N. Rood, of Columbia college, says he has been able to obtain a vacuum of one three-hundred and ninety millionths by means of a modification of the Sprengel pump, "without finding that the limit of its action had been reached."

Persia is making considerable progress in the direction of education. She is now beginning the nucleus of a university at Ispaham; colleges being in the course of erection there for the teaching of languages, arts and sciences, mostly under European supervision.

Charles Crocker, President of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, has given to the California Academy of Sciences, $20,000 in Southern Pacific six per cent. bonds, the interest to be devoted to original scientific investigations on the Pacific slope.

PECULIAR.

Fish are never found napping, though rocked "in the cradle of the deep."

Prof. in logic, discussing terms: "Does *man* properly embrace *woman?*".

"A prudent man," says a witty Frenchman, "is like a pin. His head prevents him from going too far."

It was a Vassar girl, who, when asked if she liked codfish balls, replied: "I really don't know, I never attended any.—*Ex.*

"What makes you look so deathly sick, Tommy?" "Well, the fact of the matter is, I've been taking my first chew, and I'm only ama-chewer."

Sophomore to sleepy room-mate: "Come, S——, why don't you get up with the lark, as I do?" S——, grimly: "Been up with him all night!"—*Ex.*

"There are two boating associations here," wrote a Japanese student home, "called Yale and Harvard. When it rains the members read books."—*Ex.*

"If a Sophomore undertakes to pull my ears," said a loud mouthed Freshman, "he will have his hands full?" The crowd looked at Freshie's ears and smiled.

This is the latest: Do you wear a pad? No, but my cousin's dad, whose health was bad, ever since he was a lad, he wears a pad. Isn't it sad? Yes, it is, egad.—*Ex.*

Prof. (*to Senior in electricity*)—"Are sparks of long duration?" Senior (with knowing look)—"It depends on whether the old folks have gone to bed or not."—*Berkleyan.*

Adolphus had just folded his arms about her. "Why," asked she, "am I like a well-made book?" He gave it up. "Because I am bound in calf!" The "binding" was hastily torn off.—*Ex.*

"Is any one waiting on you?" said a polite dry goods clerk to a young lady from the country. "Yes, sir," replied the blushing damsel, "that's my fellow outside; he wouldn't come in the store."—*Cabinet.*

A bridal couple from Lost Cove, at breakfast in Monteagle Hotel, conversed as follows: He—"Shall I skin you a pertater, honey?" She—"No, thank you, deary, I have one already skun."—*Ex.*

He had just returned from the Baptist sociable. "O, chum! got introduced to her; she's immense. Oh—h! I'm up in the third heavens: nothing short of a dead flunk to-morrow morning, will bring me down. O, I'm happy! Chum, let's sing the doxology, Oh—h!"

The tight trousers now fashionable require shapely limbs for a full effect. An acquaintance of ours with legs on the pipe-stem order, was the other day advised not to wear close-fitting garments. "For," said the counselor, "you may be taken up for vagrancy, as having no visible means of support."—*Ex.*

While an Idaho girl was sitting under a tree waiting for her lover, a grizzly bear came along and approaching from behind began to hug her. But she thought it was Tom and so leaned back and enjoyed it heartily and murmured "tighter" and it broke the bear all up; and he went away and hid in the forest for three days to get over his shame.—*Ex.*

When the swallows homeward fly,
And the bloom is on the rye,
When the corn is waving gently, Katie, dear,
I will meet you at the gate,
Though it may be rather late;
And the hundredth time pour taffy in your ear.

Flunk, students, without care.
An angular zero for the gay flunkaire;
A zero also for the poor diggaire,
While the Prof. in agony sits in his chair,
And at Monday morning doth mentally swear,
And around the class doth wildly glare,
And sees "flunk" writ in the vacant stare
That the class throws back at the professaire.—*Brunonian.*

An intelligent young man, a promising student, just back from Brown University, was met at the Union depot by an elderly man who made a grasp at the young man's hands and even essayed to clasp him in his arms. The young man shook hands with the enthusiastic native in a non-commital sort of a way, and said, in not unfriendly tones; "Well, indeed, my dear fellah—I really—your face is rather familiar; it seems to me I have met you somewhere, and yet I can't exactly place you." The father gazed at his distinguished son and went back to his office with an unalterable determination to bind out his other sons to shoemakers and blacksmiths.—*Burdette Hawkeye.*

OUR B. B. CLUB.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that the base ball club in connection with the college, last season, was the best club Allegheny has had for many years, if she ever had a better one. Every position was ably filled and the club ranked among the very best in Western Pennsylvania. With no great degree of practice, the boys seemed to sweep everything with which they came in contact; and, in fact, during the whole series of games played last season, the club was not once worsted. Of such a record we can not but feel proud, and the members of the club are to be congratulated. Some changes are to be made in the club for next season, but we hope to give the membership as arranged for the coming season soon, probably in our next issue. We understand that Messrs. Babcock and Day, pitcher and catcher, will practice somewhat during the winter, as their college duties permit, that they may not be completely out of trim at the opening of the season. It is expected next season to play a series of college games, which will be arranged for, early in the year. We can only hope that the boys will meet with as great success next season as they did last. We want, on some future occasion, to give our ideas in regard to the proper relation of the College B. B. Club and the Athletic Association. We say proper, because the two organizations in this college have been separate and distinct.

CHIT-CHAT ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

Huffman is ill at his home at the Beach.

Prof. Reid has nearly recovered from his severe illness.

"Ed." Hughes, ex-'84, is lassoing wild cattle in the far West.

"Cacks,'" raving about "those green tights," is agonizing in the extreme.

Messrs. Stephenson, Blair and Lynch, spent Thanksgiving at Cochranton, Pa.

Mr. J. B. Stewart, '85, enjoyed the Thanksgiving vacation at his home in Pleasantville, Pa.

'Tis said that S. S. made the fastest time on record, down Park avenue hill, one autumn night.

Quite a mooted question at present: Who will preside at the proposed Senior class supper?

Miss Hattie Woods will not be in college next term. She is contemplating a tour through the South.

"Oh, the long and dreary winter with coal at $5.00 per ton," moans the average East Hall sufferer.

A query: Is it profitable for an entire bell to be taken up in discussing some small point in Theism or Logic.

Miss Pierce, formerly of the class of '83, is sojourning in the South the present winter, owing to poor health.

Mr. W. J. Hoover was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. A. J. Waters, Cleveland, during the thanksgiving vacation.

Prof. Haskins succeeded in quieting all trepidation and alarm, by his very reassuring remark, that "there are *only* twenty-one cases of diphtheria in the city."

Who was that billing and cooing so beautifully in the dark hall, on the evening of the Philo–Ossoli entertainment? The sight was admirable for weak eyes.

A somewhat hasty affirmation which was heard in society, recently, during a heated discussion: "I am able to supply Mr. K. with arguments, *but not brains.*"

It would materially vary the usual monotony, if there would be even one chapel orator *prepared.* "Did'nt expect to be called on," is becoming rather antiquated.

The Y. W. C. T. U., held its initial social at the residence of Mr. John McClintock, Randolph street, on the evening of Nov. 22d. Those present enjoyed themselves greatly.

The number of intense, rock-ribbed, and deep dyed "mashes" at Hulings Hall this year, is materially decreased. What can be the cause of this abnormal state of affairs?

A specimen of some of the rules adopted by one of the Ohio colleges: "Students are not allowed to use tobacco, and Seniors may smoke an occasional cigar only at the request of their parents." Who says that Seniors are not privileged?

Nothing new has been developed regarding the inter-collegiate oratorical contest. Letters have been forwarded from Allegheny to the various colleges who are expected to be represented, and they will probably elicit replies within a short time.

Mr. W. V. N. Yates, who would graduate with the class of '83, has concluded to bid farewell to Allegheny. He will enter Buchtel College, Akron, O., at the opening of the winter term. His corpulent, as well as classic, frame will adorn our recitation rooms no more forever.

Would'nt it be better for those who expect to achieve an immortality of fame by writing literary articles for the CAMPUS, to descend a little from the high arched dome and azure blue signified by "The Total Depravity of Inanimate Objects," and other somewhat abstruse themes?

An old student writes, regarding this journal, under recent date, as follows: "The CAMPUS is coming up wonderfully well this year. I never was given to praise of that paper, and when I say that it is 90 per cent. better than it was, I must mean it." Only occasionally do such oases appear in the desert-like barrenness of editorial life.

"The drug store of Mr. W. S. Shepler, of Monongahela City, was broken into the other night by thieves, but fortunately the losses were not great."—*Pittsburgh Leader.* The above name will be familiar to many of our readers. Mr. Shepler was formerly a student of the college, but is now engaged in a very prosperous business at Monongahela City.

Phillip A. Dix, '80, is now the editor of the Lowrie, Iowa, *Bulletin.* From a recent issue received, it is shown beyond a doubt, that the long, lean, high-jumper of our college has found his calling. The *Bulletin* has the true western ring, its articles are crisp, spicy and readable; the arrangement is good and the general tone of the paper progressive. We wish the editor the prosperity he deserves, and when in the future the Great West pushes its claims to the front, we shall confidently expect to see among Iowa's roll of greatest and most honored sons the name of P. A. Dix.

Mrs. J. Helen Foster, of Iowa, the eminent temperance lecturer, recently spent a few days in Meadville. She gave two lectures in the city and spoke one morning in chapel, before the students. Her efforts were highly appreciated and listened to with close attention. Mrs. Foster is gracious, entertaining and charming, pleasing all by the happy, delightful manner in which she advocates the great cause to which she has dedicated her life. She speaks fluently and most convincingly, does not rant nor agonize her auditors by harrowing portrayals of scenes, and by such demeanor leaves a favorable impression.

The "taffy" pull at Hulings Hall, on Halloween, proved to be an occurrence of great enjoyment to the participators. The young ladies endeavored, and with eminent success, to render the evening pleasant for their guests, who assembled in quite large numbers. The trouble began at 7:30 p. m., and for one hour and thirty minutes, precisely, (we have abundant reason for being so accurate), Pandemonium reigned supreme. Faces, dresses and tables immediately received a coat of flour, our æsthetic and highly cultured sensibilities were trampled under foot, and the taffy *would* stick to hands and clothes with a tenacity which was irresistible. Flour fights added eclat to the occasion; seniors and "prep" mingled together. Embryo theologues could not withstand the immense enthusiasm of the occasion, but joined in the struggle with noticeable spirit, and invincible determination to do or perish in the conflict. Quiet and peace could only be obtained when nine o'clock arrived. For obvious reasons, at that hour the visitors, in imitation of the Arabs, folded their tents and vanished, and the Halloween of 1881, was a memory.

The officers of the battalion, excepting corporals, were announced by Major Webster some time ago. The exhibit is as follows: Geo. O. Webster, Major and Commandant; Cadet Captain Co. A., Chas. E. Richmond; Cadet Captain Co. D., Jas. K. Cubbison; Cadet Captain Co. B., E. P. Cullum; Cadet Captain Co. C., M. J. Hovis.

STAFF AND NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF.

Adjutant, Cadet Lieut., W. A. Jackson; Quartermaster, Cadet Lieut., T. H. Taylor; Sergeant-Major, Cadet, E. W. Day; Quartermaster-Sergeant, Cadet, S. E. Ferree.

COMPANY A.

First Lieut., W. V. N. Yates; Second Lieut., W. J. Guthrie; First Sergeant, Frank Koester.

COMPANY D.

First Lieut., E. W. Peck; Second Lieut., W. B. Best; First Sergeant, J. B. Stull.

COMPANY B.

First Lieut., G. McQueen; Second Lieut., E. H. Pond; First Sergeant, E. S. Blair.

COMPANY C.

First Lieut., J. C. White; Second Lieut., E. M. Robinson; First Sergeant, W. W. Case. The Second Sergeants are: W. B. Smythe, H. M. Hyde, C. P. Robinson, J. M. Scoville, C. W. Hollister, C. M. Snyder, H. W. Plummer and A. L. Smith.

It has been a source of deep grief and regret that the class of '82, in the past was hampered by having so many unmustached members. Those possessing these desirable appendages, these *sine qua non* of Senior life. have talked over this matter among themselves, have resolved and re-resolved upon various expedients whereby our delinquent class-mates might reach the required standard in this regard, but thus far with only indifferent success. We have hinted to them wherein they are lacking, how they are not as the other Seniors are, and we have even explained to them the secret of our brilliant and satisfactory growth, but they heeded not. Determined to know at once and for all, the cause, the true inwardness of so many smooth, girlish, upper lips, one of the CAMPUS' numerous reporters was detailed to interview the refractory '82's. For obvious reasons the ladies of the class were not called on. It was with fluttering heart that the quill-driver, in that peculiar touchful way of his, solicited answers to the two questions appended below:

Have you a mustache? If not, why not?

Cubbison, the blonde orator, was approached first. After responding in the negative to the first query, the second was put with emphasis. He stopped, gazed askance, made a gesture and said: "Mustaches have no charm for me. I burdened the mail bags at Harrisville, with letters of inquiry as to how I might obtain one, but every thing done failed, and I at last firmly reached the conclusion that what my hands find to do in this life, must be performed *sans* mustache."

The short member of the class, Cullum by name, was interrogated next. His reply was: "I have no time for frivolous and trifling things; my every moment is occupied with increasing the subscription list of the Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*." The member who ministers to our spiritual necessities, J. A. Ballantyne, being caught in the hurry of the recitation room, merely shook his head and murmured, "'Tis my inevitable destiny and I humbly bow to 'cold despair and gnawing pensiveness.'" To the inquisitive demand written above, Kinnear, our worthy colleague, with a half defiant, withal a desperate look, that plainly belied the self-sacrifice he feigned towards us, answered, "If I should raise one the entire class would be so envious that they would cut theirs off at once." Mr. Marlatt, he who had aspirations to reach immortality in poetry, with a candor which did him credit, replied to our second question thus: "I *will* raise one if I can; bear with me for a season and I am assured that success will eventually crown my efforts."

We did not dare to ask the stated question of Miller, for fear he would take it as a slander on that alleged mustache which he is so tenderly nurturing. For pure, unadulterated honesty of reply, commend us to Richmond. To the insinuating inquiry of our reporter, he elevated his eyes, those truthful orbs, and said, "I can't raise one. 'Twere vain to try more. My best efforts have been put forth, but alas! the bitter disappointment of failure has been the only result." In his despondent condition sympathy must be welcome and it is hereby tendered. Stöner, with a far off look, softly echoed the refrain by plaintively wailing: "I would if I could,—

Alas, I have not words to tell my grief,
To vent my sorrow would be some relief."

The last member was found in the person of Taylor. In appreciation of his commendable efforts of late to obtain the desired article, we spare our readers the description by which our blood was made to curdle, (this has no reference to skim milk), when he told how he was enabled to make even the little progress which is perceptible by microscopic instruments.

REVIEWS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We are always glad to receive the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, and it never fails to present itself on Thursday of each week. It invariably contains readable and instructive matter upon all the current topics. The notes on the S. S. Lessons, as given by the *Advocate*, are prepared by our worthy professor, Dr. Hyde, a sufficient recommendation.

The Musical Herald, published monthly at Music Hall, Boston, is one of the few journals devoted to musical culture. Each number contains eight pages of music, reviews of concerts, questions and answers, a review of new music, etc., it certainly is a worthy journal.

With pleasure we glance through the columns of the *Bradford Sunday Star*. It comes from the heart of the oil regions and always brings the latest news of the day.

A new song entitled *Bury Me Near the Old Home*, by Will L. Thompson, author of *Gathering Shells by the Sea shore*, *Come Where the Lillies Bloom*, &c., is just out. The sentiment is appropriate and the melody very pretty.

The Method of Teaching the Elements of the Latin Language, a little book published by J. W. Sanborn, at Perry, N. Y., shows precisely what to teach and in what order, and would be valuable to one inexperienced in teaching elementary latin or to one undertaking its study alone.

We are in receipt of a *Juvenile Speaker and Songst* which seems just the thing for primary schools. It contains forty pages of songs, including an exercise song for little folks, and numerous declamations and dialogues. It is published by F. W. Helmick, 180 Elm Street, Cincinnati, O.

The Humbolt Library of Popular Science, issued for November *The Evolutionist at Large*, consisting of essays by Grant Allen. The essays originally appeared in the columns of the *St. James Gazette*, and are simple and attractive in style. We will probably have more to say of this, after further research.

The Teacher, an educational journal published monthly at No. 17 North-Seventh St., Philadelphia, is one of the best papers for teachers issued. Its articles are very select and instructive, and apply especially to imparting instruction. It comes at the remarkably low price of 50c per annum.

The management of the *Pennsylvania School Journal* passes, with the December number, from the hands of J. P. Wickersham, who has edited it, and well, for the past eleven years, to J. P. McCaskey, who has long been connected with it as assistant editor. The *Journal* is issued in the educational interests of the State, and we bespeak for it, under the new management, the success it has had of old. It is published monthly at Lancaster, Pa., and comes at $1.60 a year.

The St. Nicholas sends out a very pleasing number for December, and cannot but be attractive to the little folks, and to the old folks highly entertaining. Besides its usual stories and poems, among which we might mention, *Donala and Dorothy*, by Mary M. Dodge, and *An Angel in an Ulster*, by Washington Gladden, it contains *The Sistine Madonna* as painted by Raphael and *Raphael's Portrait of Himself*, specially reproduced for *St. Nicholas*. It is also very beautifully illustrated throughout.

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