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WE regret to state that Mr. Henry Luccock has been obliged, on account of overwork, to resign his position as associate editor of this journal. Mr. Luccock is an enthusiastic supporter of the CAMPUS and all will regret the action which he has been compelled to take.

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THE base ball playing for this year has about ended, but the foot-ball season has now fairly opened. Teams have been formed in each of the college classes with a view to develop players for a college eleven. Cannot some arrangement be made by which we can have games with Thiel, Grove City, &c? They are colleges near by and could undoubtedly give our boys all they wanted to do in case they should play. Let the matter be promptly taken up as there is not much time remaining.

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IT is about time that the Athletic Association woke up and began to think of doing something. There is certainly enough to do. The ball grounds need smoothing, the back-stop wants repairing, and a stand suitable for ladies should be erected. As it is now, whenever a party of ladies wish to witness a game of any kind, chairs have to be carried from the chapel. There is plenty of room on the left of the home plate for such a stand, or, it could be built behind where the back-stop now is. Of course it is early, but these things should be done in ample time for next year's athletic season. There is plenty of good material among the

new men from whom players can be selected who will more than fill the place of those who left college last year. If a little energy and enterprise is shown, there is no reason why a series of games cannot be arranged with neighboring schools. Let us make the coming year the greatest one in athletics ever known at Allegheny.

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THE monitor system of recording church attendance, first put in operation here this term, works very satisfactorily. It saves time and is a great relief to the secretary of the Faculty. At first it was merely tried as an experiment, but in the light of present experience it will probably be permanently retained.

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SOME students seem to be possessed by what Poe called the "Spirit of Perverseness," and many times commit vile or silly actions for no other reason than because they know they should *not*. Innocent and harmless fun is all right, but the wanton destruction of property is poor fun. Recently one of the cannons was fired off in the middle of the night and so damaged as to be temporarily unfit for use. If the parties who did the damages had a grain of manhood or honor they would step up and pay the bill for repairs. It is just and right that those who destroy the property of the college, either out of a spirit of mirth or mischief, should pay for the same.

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WE wish to call the attention of our readers to the literary department of the CAMPUS. We are striving to fill it up with original student work. Of course our readers cannot look for articles as fine as those that appear in the *Century* or the *Atlantic*, for that is out of the range of possibility. We believe that every department of a college paper should represent college talent, and therefore will try to have the CAMPUS filled, as far as may be, with articles written either by students, recent graduates or

faculty. We have been promised assistance by some of the brightest of recent graduates and would solicit contributions from those now in college. We believe that bright, sprightly and original work is to be preferred to heavy writing on heavy subjects, such as may be found in the *North American* and other reviews. The main criticism to be offered upon the literary departments of perhaps the most of college papers is that philosophical discussions are attempted, making dry and profitless digging. Stories and articles that have more spice and sparkle than those usually published in college papers are what we want.

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AMONG the many attractions offered in Meadville for the next few weeks there is perhaps none worthier the patronage of the students than the series of lectures to be given by the Rev. Ralph E. Macduff, M. D. The subjects to be treated are "Skulls," "Faces," "Expressions," and "The People we Meet." Many colleges have regular lecture courses during the year, in which are represented the best platform talent. Here, if the students attend the best lectures they will be abundantly repaid for their time and money. Certainly time and money is expended to vastly better purpose in attending such lectures than in going to cheap variety shows and other such theatrical entertainments.

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ON another page we give a short sketch of the College Students' Summer School for bible study held at Northfield, Mass. Delegates from nearly every college in the country were present. Mr. Dobson, the delegate of the college Y. M. C. A., reports that the meetings were in every way stimulating and helpful. There will probably be made this year, as there is every year, some special religious effort on the part of the Y. M. C. A. The knowledge of methods and plans of work gained at Northfield can be utilized to advantage here in the college. We hope that the efforts of the Y. M.

C. A. may at least result in an increased amount of good-will and fellowship among the students and that some of them may be induced to live manlier and truer lives.

THE College Battalion is a subject of much interest and pride. It is larger than it has been for some time before and more interest is being taken in it. This state of affairs is largely due to the efficient and faithful work done by Major Kreps. The benefits to be derived from the battalion are too well known and have been set forth too often to need any repetition here. The exercise, knowledge, and manly carriage are abundant reasons why every able bodied young man in college should join. The institution is to be congratulated upon securing so gentlemanly and energetic an officer as Major Kreps. We hope to see the battalion, under his management, far surpass anything known here for years past.

Literary.

For the CAMPUS.

Count Leo Tolstoi.

"EVERYTHING that once seemed to me important, such as honors, glory, civilization, wealth, the complications and refinements of existence, luxury, rich food, fine clothing, etiquette, have become for me wrong and despicable. Everything that once seemed to me wrong and despicable, such as rusticity, obscurity, poverty, simplicity of surroundings, of food, of clothing, manners, all have now become right and important to me. I cannot, as I once did, recognize in myself or others, titles, or ranks, or qualities, aside from the quality of manhood. * * * I can no longer pursue amusements which are oil to the fire of amorous sensuality, the reading of romances and most of poetry, listening to music, attendance at balls and theatres. * * * I am obliged to consider as sacred the sole and unique union by which man is once for all in-

indissolubly bound to the first woman with whom he has been united." These are the words of Count Leo Tolstoi, a novelist of the realistic school, a scholar, a soldier, a brilliant man, nobly born, and rich, whose writings are now meeting with so much attention throughout the reading world. He was born in Russia about sixty years ago, in a rich and noble family. He was educated at the University of Kuzan, where he devoted two years to law, and two to the study of Oriental languages. He served in the Army of the Danube during the siege of Sebastopol, of which he treated in his famous account.

One feels curious to know more of this great, good man, in reading his novels, and the high testimonials and criticisms with which they are met by men whose opinion is of value, throughout the civilized world.

Howells pronounces him one of the greatest of novelists, and a true realist. In his reviews and criticisms of Tolstoi's novels, he dwells particularly upon the truth, sincerity and faithfulness of the writer; that it is of life and real people that he writes, and that in his development of plot and character, he carries them truly, faithfully and consistently to the end. Nor, for all this reality, do his writings lack warmth, passion and intense interest. Take the sad story, "Anna Karenina." In reading it, we feel all the more saddened and impressed because it is so real, so true. The erring woman, the guilty love, her good traits—for every one has some, her struggles and yet her powerlessness against herself, the lover's faithfulness and her husband's patience and pardon, all impress one so vividly, so keenly. The reader lives in the story while reading it, and long after he has finished it, carries a vivid memory in his heart. In this, as in all his novels, Tolstoi does not moralize nor comment; his characters speak for themselves and stand out from the background of moving, changing, real life, as real people whom we might meet—indeed, whom we feel as if we had met.

His "Sebastopol" is written by a soldier, as a soldier, and in it he pictures the siege in all

its terrors and horrors. His heroes are not simply brave men, they are men with brave yet human heart. In the pages of "Sebastopol" one sees and shudders at the thought of war. It is pictured in all its reality—the hunger, the cold, even the fear and terror that sometimes comes to the bravest of hearts. It is the writing of a man who has been there has seen and felt all the enthusiasm, all the agony of the conflict, and is not afraid to picture it, or his fears and tremblings.

To read these wonderful books is to desire to know more of the man whose heart and hand penned the lines.

During the time of his workings among the serfs and his labors for their emancipation, he became interested in and accepted literally the teachings of the New Testament.

This meant to him not to read Christ's teachings, and to apply them in a measure, to his every-day life; it meant to live and do as Christ did.

It was in respect to this that he wrote the words quoted in the first part of this article. When Tolstoi was laboring to set the serfs free, he labored *with* them. He left his rich, luxurious home, his social position, which he filled so brilliantly, and went to live among the people. Even in his peasant dress, his face and neck bronzed with the sun, his hair cut in peasant fashion, and his hands roughened by manual labor, his dignity, the pure brow and searching eyes revealed the greatness of the man. His children he sent among the peasants to work with them, and he himself cobbled the shoes of serfs born to his manor. When he read Christ's teachings of meekness, humility, forgiveness, charity, and self-denial, he thought he meant them. They were not meant to form the teachings of missionaries or savages, but that we should live in common and in love, with our fellow-man. It indeed impresses men who profess to be good Christians, to see the rich, talented, world-renowned man living his life of humble, lowly poverty and equality with those around him.

It is hard for us in this country to realize the

life and real state of things in Russia and then to realize all that the patience and moderation of Tolstoi's life, mean. We can read in the papers of the perpetual intrigues and treachery, the insults, the death of innocent persons, and worse, the banishment to Siberia, but even in our heartfelt indignation we cannot feel the intensity of outrage and agony suffered by those living in it.

Surrounded by all this, Tolstoi believes in the reign of peace in this world, and when asked if, under such oppression as suffered in Russia, he did not think resistance a duty, he answered that it depended upon what was meant by resistance, and that he did not believe in ever having recourse to cruelty. At one time the story was told him of a young girl, intelligent, well-born and honest, who was condemned, together with several hundred young people, for political conspiracy, and brought to eastern Siberia. There the local Governor gave orders that she should exchange her dress for that of the convicts. The girl, thinking political prisoners exempt from that, refused to obey. A horrible scene followed. She was seized, knocked down and held by five men whom she resisted to the end, and finally was deprived of her clothing and forced into the convict's dress. Though Count Tolstoi heard this with tears in his eyes and was shocked and unnerved by the tale, nevertheless he did not believe the using of force even then justifiable, thinking it would but be descending to the level of the brutes who maltreated the girl, and that it was not the way to establish the reign of peace on earth.

For the CAMPUS.

Our Society Contests.

LITERARY contests, as we have them, are certainly conducive to high literary merit. The student finds in them a healthy stimulus to earnest effort and the development of his best powers. In view of the fact that our contests are so essential to our thorough literary training, we, standing on the threshold of the contest season, take this opportunity to offer a few needed suggestions.

There is among us a misconception of the true object of a prize contest. A literary society contest should be the exponent of the best literary merit of the society in the special department in which the prize is offered. Thus a declamation contest should show forth the best declamatory ability, an oration contest the best oratorical ability of the society holding the contest.

A prize contest offers an opportunity for the best speaker or writer in the society to obtain proper recognition as such. The struggle for a prize, therefore, must be between the best speakers, although the winner of the prize may not have been previously recognized as the best speaker by his fellows, for oftentimes the powers of an individual are unknown to his associates, having never been exhibited to advantage in their presence.

It is also true that prejudice and favoritism are too seldom guarded against in our own estimate of the ability of our fellows. So much so, indeed, in our opinion, that were it not for our contests much of our best talent would not only be unrecognized as such, but mediocrity would in many instances stand first.

The idea which exists in the minds of many that a contest furnishes a good opportunity for poor speakers to obtain practice, is absurd. The literary society is the place for practice, and almost unlimited opportunities are there granted, opportunities which we are sorry to say are often sadly neglected by these very persons. We repeat it—the literary society is the place for practice, and when by faithful work a member of a society becomes proficient as an orator, essayist, or declaimer; when he has gained a high place among his fellows so that he has at least a chance of winning the prize, then and not till then, should he enter the contest.

It is indeed folly for untrained and poor speakers to compete for a prize. Such boldly thrust themselves forward, urged by ambition and a sublime conceit, imagining themselves second Ciceros; or, perhaps, vainly trusting that luck will, in some mysterious manner, favor them.

They are by no means a credit to the society they represent, and are decidedly in the way. They prolong the contest, making it tedious and tiresome, invariably detracting from its interest. Their productions are usually long, and their delivery is often execrable. If any such, through any influence they may have with the judges, or by any species of plagiarism, should succeed in wresting the palm from a deserving competitor, he is entitled to contempt.

The question now naturally arises: Is there any way to debar poor speakers from a contest, or to limit the number of contestants?

All methods based on classification, length of membership in society, or choice by lot, are unfair and impracticable. The only feasible plan we know of, is the holding of a preliminary contest. This could be held in the society hall a week previous to the contest. It might take the place of the regular society session, and if the contestants were *exceedingly numerous*, the afternoon also might be used. Judges, perhaps three of the faculty, could choose the six best as competitors in the final contest. This plan, if carried into operation, would increase the interest, and bring up the standard of many of our contests.

A word might here be said concerning the management of our contests. It is apparent to all who attend them, that steps should be taken to secure better order. Many of the students are quite disorderly, while the disturbance caused by the mischievousness of small boys is not a little annoying, both to the performers and audience. The plan of securing the services of a policeman is a good one, especially for quieting all disturbances in the entrance hall and without the building.

The following plan to keep out certain disorderly elements might be followed. Those wishing admittance to the contest could procure from a committee at a table in the entrance hall, printed programmes, which might serve as admission tickets by simply exhibiting them as they passed in. Proper discrimination could be used in dispensing these programmes, thus debarring the disturbing element. The police-

man could be retained, if necessary, to preserve order outside.

There has always been more or less dissatisfaction with the practice of allowing the judges to confer together before rendering their decision. No way of remedying this has as yet been found. A system of marking cards might be adopted, and the judges be not allowed to confer, yet with the best of marking systems there is always a liability that a decision will not be reached.

This article would be incomplete if it did not refer to the inter-society contest, and the election of contestants, which is at present writing occupying the attention of the two leading societies of the college, and which will have taken place ere this article comes from the press. The teams chosen for this contest should represent the best talent of the societies in their several departments of literary work. The representatives should be the ablest men in their classes, chosen, not because they belong to any clique or faction, but solely on their fitness to fill the positions, and to exhibit to the Alumni and outside world the highest ability of the college. The contestants, we repeat, should be chosen on their merits, nor should the fact that an individual has battled successfully for his society in similar contests in the past, debar him, if he be the best man, from a place on the team.

Let there be the same discretion and judgment in this matter as in the selection of men for athletic contests. The most practiced and skilled are always chosen. The ball player who has helped to win many a hotly-contested game, is not thrown aside when an important game is to be played, but his skill and experience secures for him a place in the nine. Let our societies use their judgment, and choose carefully and discriminatingly.

There has been some discussion among those interested in the success of the inter-society contest concerning the place to hold the contest, many insisting that it should be held in the stone church, admission free, and expenses to be shared equally by the two societies. The church would be filled to its

utmost capacity, excitement would run high, and the excitement of the contest would be assured.

Let us consider. The Academy of Music is vastly superior to the stone church in many respects, and is the proper place to hold the contest. Yet the audiences there, owing to the necessary admission, are small. So small, in fact, that the expenses at the contest last June were not covered. Thus many naturally argue, that since a levy in either case must be made on the treasuries of the societies, it were better to have the larger audience, even if the expenses are a little more and the disadvantages a little greater, evidently oblivious of the fact that the audiences we have in the Academy of Music, although small are very orderly and attentive, much more so indeed than the restless throng which would fill the house, were the contest free. If means could be adopted to secure a larger audience in the Academy of Music, there could be but one opinion as to the place of holding the contest.

The following may serve as a suggestion. The orchestra at our last contest cost twenty-five dollars. Could not this expense be saved by having our own music consist of college song, by a quartette of college boys, belonging to the societies, or by the Glee Club? People delight to hear this kind of music.

The expense of the orchestra would be saved, and the receipts multiplied by the increased attendance which would result from the advertising of college music and songs.

This arrangement would be a delightful variation to the programme, and add much to the enjoyment and success of the contest.

A. C. L.

Of the seventeen Presidents of the United States eleven were College graduates; of twenty Vice-Presidents, ten; of twenty-nine Secretaries of State, nineteen; of forty-one Associate Judges of the Supreme Court, thirty.

The youngest college professor in the country is Willis H. Bocock, of Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia. He is only 20 years old.

For the CAMPUS.

The Moody Summer Training School for Y. M. C. A. Workers,

HELD AT NORTHFIELD, MASS., JUNE 30—JULY 12, 1887.

NORTHFIELD is beautifully situated on the banks of the Connecticut River, about three miles from Mt. Hermon. At these two places are located what are known as the Moody Schools. The school buildings at both Northfield and Mt. Hermon are very fine and on the most modern plan, and afford splendid accomodation for such a convention as was held there within the above dates. At 11 o'clock Thursday morning, June 30, about 400 young men assembled in the large audience room of Marquand Hall for the opening session of the convention.

Mr. Moody presided at all the meetings. The first meeting was entirely for consecration, in which was manifest a deep feeling of interest. The full number in attendance was nearly 600, there being representatives from *all* the leading and nearly all of the smaller colleges of the United States, as well as delegates from almost every part of the globe. England, Scotland, Canada, Alaska, India, China, Japan, Africa and Sandwich Islands were all represented and with the exception of the last named country, by natives.

Among the many instructors, the following were among the leading ones: Joseph Cook, Boston; Prof. Drummond of Edinburg, Scotland; Dr. Broadus, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Townsend of Boston University; Dr. Chamberlin of India; Dr. Pierson of Phila.; Dr. Trumbull of the *S. S. Times*, and many others. Mr. Hastings of Boston, answered Ingersoll's lecture on the "Mistakes of Moses." The music was conducted by Prof. Towner and wife, which part of the work was greatly helped by the presence of Mr. Sankey. These men, taken altogether, formed one of the most desirable corps of instructors the world could produce, especially when headed by the "World's Evangelist," one of whom Spurgeon said: "He is the greatest preacher in the world," and had in

it the bright "Star of Scotland" and America's greatest philosopher.

The daily programme was something like the following:

6:00 a. m. Bible Study in the Glen, conducted by Mr. Moody.

8:30 a. m. Informal Meeting.

10:00 a. m. The Regular Lecture Course.

7:00 p. m. Y. M. C. A. and Missionary Meetings.

8:00 p. m. Regular Lecture Course.

During the afternoon, many times, from four to six of the instructors were assigned places, such as Dr. Broadus, in the Glen, Prof. Drummond, on the "Hill," Dr. Townsend in Dr. Moody's door-yard, Dr. Pierson, under a certain tree, etc., and for the purpose of answering such questions as we desired to ask.

The work done was of the very deepest interest and made a lasting impression on the minds of the boys in attendance. One morning we went into session at 8 o'clock and remained, without any uneasiness or shifting, until 1 o'clock p. m. The morning sessions were regularly from three to four hours in length.

The absorbing problem of the day, "Our young men and how to reach them" was seriously considered and ably discussed. On the evening of the closing day, the boys about 500 strong met in front of Mr. Moody's home, and headed by the "Hero" himself marched around the street, stopped in front of his mother's house, sang for her, offered a prayer, and at the request of Mr. Moody, gave three hearty cheers followed by the Y. M. C. A. yell. The column then marched into the Mountain and held a service in memory of the Great Sermon on the Mount. The spirit of the whole convention ran at a high tide. The influence of the meeting has gone to the ends of the earth and eternity only can measure its scope.

"God's work is the great work of life."

J. M. DOBSON.

Edinburgh University students are building, at a cost of \$75,000, a students' union, like the unions of the English Universities. It is to contain a library, gymnasium, reading, dining and club rooms.—*Ex.*

Koral.

A Swell—Wilkins.

Budding genius—Oswalt.

Look out for the Freshman hats!

How do you like the college yell?

Original—Newcomb's base ball suit.

Alleghes! Alleghes! Rah! Boom! Alleghes-ny!

Strange—Prof. Twining was seen in Chapel last week.

The college walks have been much improved (?)

Something new—Buckwheat cakes at Hulings's Hall.

Varner: Hydrogen gas! Explosion! Doctor bill, two dollars.

Quite a number of the boys were excused from college to go home and vote.

Economy—Jewell's scheme of skipping three meals out of four to get a reduction.

Dr. Luccock's lectures to his Latin and Greek classes are becoming very popular.

During the temporary absence of Dr. Hamnett, the library was in charge of T. C. Blaisdell.

Hallow E'en, with all its customary accompaniments, was celebrated by the students this year.

Extravagance—A Senior was seen recently in Chemistry dissolving a cent, by way of experiment.

Our translators are now busy on the Freshman yell. When deciphered, we will try and produce it on paper for the benefit of our readers.

The challenge of the Prohibition Club to a joint debate on the question, "High License versus Prohibition," has been accepted by the college, and the debate is expected to come off some time in the near future.

The familiar faces of *Puck* and *Judge* again adorn the Library tables, thanks to the generosity of some of the students.

Quite a number of the students attended the performance of the Bostonians at the Academy of Music recently, and were very much pleased with the company.

Varner, in discussion concerning adoption of college colors—"I am in favor of them." Chorus of voices—"That settles it!" "Let's adopt them," etc., etc.

At a meeting of CAMPUS stockholders, held recently, the resignation of Mr. H. H. Luccock from the corps of associate editors was accepted, and Mr. W. P. Varner was selected to fill the vacancy left open by Mr. Luccock's resignation.

In honor of her recent birthday, Miss Mary Christy was presented with an original poem by W. T. Noss, in which was a very pretty love song, purported to be spoken by herself. It was a novel and very much appreciated souvenir of the occasion.

One of the most pleasant social events of this term was a Hallow E'en party given by Miss Gertrude Douglass, at her home on High street. The evening was most enjoyably spent by those present in playing "hide and seek," and other games appropriate to the evening.

Thanksgiving is the next holiday. College will be dismissed on Wednesday, in order to allow those students who wish, to go home and stay over Sunday. As was done last year, classes will be heard on the preceding Monday, so that by this plan but one day will be lost.

The ladies of Hulings Hall have secured the services of the celebrated elocutionist, Prof. Will Cummock, of Northwestern University, to give a reading in the Chapel, next Friday evening, for the purpose of raising funds to refurnish the parlors of the Hall. Prof. Cummock, as an elocutionist, needs no recommendation, as he has few equals in the country. All the students are specially invited, as a good entertainment is anticipated.

A much-needed bulletin board has been secured and placed in the lower corridor of Bentley Hall, much to the satisfaction of the students, as such a place has long been needed where announcements could be posted. The board is a very nice one, and should be left unmolested.

We are sorry to announce that the lecture course, so successful last year, has fallen through for the coming winter, through lack of necessary encouragement. In its place a course of lectures by Rev. R. E. Macduff, M. D., of Cleveland, O., will be given in Library Hall. The first of the series was given Tuesday evening, the subject being, "Skulls."

The Junior class have at last taken hold of the Annual in earnest, and have determined to publish one which will be both a credit to the class and an honor to the college. McNair has been chosen editor-in-chief, with the following corps of assistants: Howell, Proper, Nash, Lindsey, Jason, Elliot, Cattern and Smith; with Luccock, Laffer and Howe as business managers.

The college is evidently waking up and showing unmistakable signs of life. At a meeting of four college classes, called some time ago, the following yell was adopted: Alleghe! Alleghe! Rah! Boom! Alle-ghe-ny! And after considerable discussion on the question of colors, the ones formerly used by the College, cadet-blue and gold, which form a very pretty combination, were again adopted.

Personal.

Mr. York has again returned to college.

C. L. Walton spent Sunday at Conneautville, Pa.

Prof. Montgomery took a flying trip to Oil City last week.

Newcomb, as a designer of fashions takes the whole "bakery."

J. R. Anderson spent last week at his home in Randolph, N. Y.

Mr. Dobson is reported to be on the sick list.

The father of W. L. Askue visited chapel last Thursday morning.

H. H. Foster, after a severe illness, occupies a seat in the Senior row.

E. E. Proper went home to vote and spent Sunday at home in Titusville, Pa.

Will Davis was called home suddenly last week to attend the wedding of a friend.

Charles Kistler of Warren, O., spent a few days recently with Delta Tau Delta friends.

Dr. Luccock occupied the pulpit of the First M. E. Church at Warren, Pa., Sunday, Nov. 6th.

"Clip" Fuller, who is at present teaching the young idea in the Coshocton, O., High School, circulated among his old college friends, last week.

W. W. Ellsworth who has been confined for some time, on account of sore eyes, has returned to college.

Fraternity.

There are in the United States thirty-five chartered fraternities, six of which are ladies'.

Delta Tau Delta has so legislated that it can never again "lift" a man from another fraternity.

Kappa Alpha Theta has never elected an honorary member, although it is not forbidden by their constitution.

Hersperger, Cattern, Bray, Barrett and Porter, of Phi Kappa Psi, have blossomed out in very fine new badges.

Kappa Alpha Theta has crossed the Great Lakes, gone to Canada, and lifted the "balck and gold" in the University of Toronto.

Last Saturday evening, Messrs. Frank H. Sisley and Fred L. Bullock were initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta. Both gentlemen are of '91. The other goats quietly chewed their clothes-lines and did not come forth on that evening.

In the University of the South last year, there were 140 students and of this number 100 were frat. men. Surely an unusually large percentage.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., J. W. Silliman donned the Phi Kappa Psi shield. On the same evening, C. Densmore became a Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

A very excellent article, favoring college fraternities, is printed in the last issue of the *Kappa Alpha Theta*. It is from the pen of ex-President White, of Cornell and is copied from the *Forum*.

There is a report afloat that there have been some men initiated this year who have not been badged when initiated. It is certainly to be hoped that such is not the case. For a chapter to do such a thing lowers the dignity of all the chapters in a college and must necessarily bring discredit on the chapter doing it. If it has been done, let the future see no more of it; if not, let all the chapters take heed that it may never occur.

Beta Theta Pi, for June, does up the Fraternity magazines in great shape. We give the ones concerning fraternities represented here: The *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, after cutting a few fine flings and then subsiding into windy dreariness, has lately been born again into beauty and culture under the care of an old and accomplished editor. The *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, which spread its wings last year for so splendid a flight into the inane, struck the earth again last fall with something of a thud, and now crawls along quite painfully in its good clothes. The *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* has fulfilled its flaunting promise of one issue for each and every month, and that issue squarely on time; but the ship, when it comes in, proves only to be a freighter, rather lightly laden and poorly disciplined. The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, published at Chicago, is good at making fair starts, but never getting anywhere. The *S. A. E. Record* has sailed along fairly and calmly under its new captain, and its wings are still "white wings." The *Kappa Alpha Theta* also favors us with an occasional call,

but as we have not often read it, we shall be excused from delivering an opinion, if only a curt one, upon it.

The rumors concerning the establishment of a chapter of the sorority of Kappa Kappa Gamma are again wafted about the college on every breeze. If charters have been granted for such a chapter every time Dame Rumor has reported it to be the case, there have at least a dozen parchments been left at Hulings Hall during the last three or four years. Never before, however, has there been such material for a rival to Kappa Alpha Theta, as is now in college and it is certainly to be hoped that rumor may now turn out truth and give to the college one more ladies' chapter. Let the good work go on and may the "light and dark blue" appear at Hulings Hall before many weeks roll around.

Blank Cartridges.

Cadet-Major Kerr after a severe illness is again on deck.

Frank McFate has been promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant.

Advantage was taken of the recent fine weather to drill the recruits out of doors.

Through the kindness of Major Kreps, a bulletin board has been placed in Bentley Hall.

Major Kreps is to be commended on the order forbidding the use of tobacco in the armory.

A class in fencing is to be formed in the near future, as soon as the masks and foils can be procured.

At the last drill, Miller and Wilkins indulged in quite a "scrap," much to the edification of the other recruits.

The guns which were stored in the museum during the summer, have been issued to the cadets and as soon as they become proficient in the exercises, they will be put at the manual of arms.

Societies.

ALLEGHENY.

The regular teams for the inter-society contest, to be held next Commencement, were elected last Friday evening. Places on the teams, when secured on merit, are perhaps the most desirable and honorable of all college honors, and considerable interest is naturally taken in the election. Each society is expected to put on its four strongest men—strongest in their respective positions. The usual amount of scheming, wire-pulling and bartering for votes, characteristic of some parties in college politics, was not lacking in this case, with the following result: Debator, E. E. Proper. There was quite a warm contest for this place. Mr. Jason, the defeated candidate, will be remembered as the gentleman who won such a decisive victory for Allegheny last year, and whose marks aggregated higher than any other contestant from either society. Mr. Proper is, however, a pleasing speaker, and will undoubtedly do the society credit. Mr. F. A. Cattern, as Orator, and F. C. Bray, as Essayist, were elected without opposition, a combination of the secret societies making any opposition useless. They are both gentlemen of ability and well qualified for the positions which they hold. Mr. Ned A. Flood was unanimously chosen Declaimer. Mr. Flood was elected strictly on his merits, having won the Allegheny Declamation Prize last winter in a most emphatic manner. Mr. Flood has few, if any, equals, as a declaimer, in college.

PHILO-FRANKLIN.

In Philo a warm time was had electing the contest team. Some of the brethren really got excited and delivered themselves of many eloquent exhortations. A very strong team has been put into the field, and which stands an excellent chance of winning back the laurels Philo lost last year. The team is as follows: Debator, Parsons; Orator, D. W. Howell; Essayist, S. S. Marquis; Declaimer, A. C. Lindsey. Each of the above named

gentlemen were elected by very strong majorities, and are undoubtedly Philo's ablest men. Philo-Franklin proposes the question for debate this year, and Allegheny has the choice of sides.

The discussion of the temperance question in Allegheny called forth much enthusiasm, as it did not long since in Philo-Franklin.

The societies should remember that the talked of "more literary work in Allegheny College" can be brought about by faithful work on their part. So keep alive the zeal, that has characterized the work of the past few weeks, throughout the year.

No doubt more students are now connected with the literary societies than ever before in Allegheny College. And why should not such be the fact? As her class-rooms fill, so should the society halls. Let the new students consider the importance of literary training.

Allegheny society has voted to purchase the following new books this term: Stedman's Poems, "Poets of America," "Victorian Poets" by Stedman, five volumes American Statesmen Series; "Idea of God" and Destiny of Man, by Fiske.

The following have made known their purpose of becoming literary workers by uniting with the societies:

Allegheny—Barnes, John Gibson, Ritchie, Smith, Mattern, Fradenburg, Proper, Russell, Campbell, Sanderson, Lockard, Tones, Jewell, Rudkin, Odell, Booth, Knox, Morrison, Wheldon, Adams, Singley, Higley, Taylor and Phillips.

Ossoli—Misses Bell, Chesbro, Clark, Crittenden, Minnie Foote, Perry, Mobray, Pickett, Swartz, Shadle and Wood.

Philo-Franklin—Bell, E. A. Christy, Crowthers, Cramer, Fell, G. W., McClelland, Mills, Spencer. Hopkins, Deets, Lanham, Correy, Fetch, Nutt, Miller, Kirk, Parsons, Tate, Luse, Stubbs, Elliott, R. W. Stenger and Bullock.

Athenian—Finley, Cogley and Cooper.

The number of members in each society are as follows: Allegheny 57; Ossoli 23; Philo-Franklin 60; Athenian 25. Total 164.

The following were the programmes of the literary societies for the evening of November 4th.

ALLEGHENY.

Declamations—Wakefield, Jewel and C. G. Lindsey.

Essays—Trumper, Hood and Pond.

Orations—Sackett, Jason and Fuller.

Debate—Affirm, Porter and Ritchee; negative, Grove and Deming.

Question—Resolved, That high license is the best way to govern the liquor traffic.

OSSOLI.

Essay—Miss Swartz.

Poem—Miss Cruttenden.

Music—Miss Perry.

News Summary—Miss Hoskin.

Debate—Affirm, Miss Robinson; deny, Miss Stella Foote.

Question—Resolved, That the reading of fiction is detrimental to the mind.

PHILO-FRANKLIN.

Declamations—Whitfield and Newcomb, H.

Essays—Farrell and Blaisdell.

Oration—Christly.

Debate—Affirm, Foster and Dobson; negative, Newcomb, F. O. and Fenton.

Question—Resolved, That the use of translations is advantageous to the student in college.

ATHENIAN.

Declamations—Armstrong and McQuisten.

Essays—Carr, C. W. and L. E. White.

Oration—Liebendorfer.

Debate—Affirm, Freeman; negative, Walton.

Question—Resolved, That the United States should have full commercial intercourse with Canada.

“Aim high,” is the *Savannah News*' advice to young men. This is the same old chestnut that the girl sprung on the fellow who kissed her on the chin.

What is advice? A superfluous article which all are eager to give, but no one cares to receive.

The College World.

Exchanges.

In one or two of our best exchanges we have noticed articles both calling on the exchange editors to give their Ideas of a college paper and some of them giving their ideas as to how a college paper should be conducted among these “College chips” gives as their idea “that a college paper should have as its prime object to furnish the students with a medium to improve themselves, to learn how to express themselves forcibly and clearly to form a good style, and not make to them skilled in the use of slang, although we notice that many papers do not come up to this we would add that a college paper should give to the students some idea of how other colleges are getting along by the editors noticing all notes of interest and in setting them in their columns.

We Greet the Laffayette as one of our best exchanges as she furnishes us with both good reading matter and notes of interest concerning the Eastern Colleges.

The College Transit again bedecks our table, and comes not a little wished for, as she is in a little better shape, and has many notes of interest within her coverings.

Among our exchanges are a great many good college papers. But for want of space we cannot mention them; nevertheless, we are glad to have them on our tables.

Said a Midland girl to a Latin school girl, “What do you usually take in Latin for a lesson?” L. S. girl—“We usually take the lesson over we had yesterday.”

Young Graduate—“Will you give assent to my marriage with your daughter, sir?” Old Man (firmly)—“No, sir, not a cent.”

A bald-headed man who has heard that the hairs of his head are numbered, wants to know where he can obtain the back numbers.