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ENTERED AT THE POSTOFFICE, MEADVILLE, PA., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.

One of the most charming passages in *The Mill on the Floss* tells of little Maggie Tulliver's visit to her brother at school, and how by dint of her interested queries about his Latin lessons, Tom at last realized that there had been a people who spoke Latin without a previous introduction to it through the medium of a grammar.

The satire upon methods of teaching the dead languages has not lost all its force. There is still a hazy idea in the minds of some students that Cæsar and Cicero composed their works in much the same way as they themselves write their exercises in composi-

tion; and that if Virgil did not write for the express purpose of furnishing a text book in preparatory Latin, at least he must have used a dictionary and studied the rules of prosody. The recent admirable editions of the classics edited by such men as Kelsey, which tell about Roman life and action as well as unusual uses of the infinitive, have done much to correct such false ideas, but it must depend chiefly upon the instructor whether the student in after life will think of his Horace as a collection of poems or of grammatical forms.

In line with the needed broadening is the new departure in the teaching of college Latin which Professor Elliott has inaugurated. His plan is to devote an occasional recitation period to a talk on Latin literature. The course provides for about twenty brief lectures, beginning with an account of the language and the earliest fragments of the literature extant, continuing down through the Golden Age until after the fall of the Roman Empire. Even though the students may not retain much of the material of these lectures, yet they will have a far better idea of the wide sweep of Latin literature and of its most noted authors than can be gained by the usual superficial reading of a few text books.

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There are cases where there does seem to be something in a name; you realize that the man would not be properly labeled under any other title; he would be as out of place as syrup of squills in the camphor bottle. Such a one we find in Mr. Angell, President of the American Humane Education Society, the Massa-

chusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Parent American Band of Mercy.

This kindly spirit, although suffering from such a complication of dignities, sheds his blessings on man and beast, and even includes among his beneficiaries that third class which partakes of the nature of both—the college student. He has just sent out a circular setting forth a simple and easy way for students to win fame, acquire wealth, and benefit dumb animals. His plan explains itself:

I offer in behalf of the "American Humane Education Society," to all students in American Colleges, Universities and Theological Schools, in the United States of America, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, the sum of \$200 for the best essay on the importance of humane education in all our higher institutions of learning—the object being to prevent civil and international wars and crimes of violence, protect property and life, and promote peace on earth and good-will not only to our own race, but to the dumb races that toil and die in our service, minister to our comfort and happiness, and depend on our protection and care.

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The prize essays, with names of writers and of the colleges or schools to which they belong, I intend to send in pamphlet form to the editors of all newspapers and magazines in North America north of Mexico, in the same manner I am now sending them monthly the paper *Our Dumb Animals*, which it is my privilege to edit.

The committee or committees to decide upon the merits of the essays will be appointed by the Hon. Wm. T. Harris, National Commissioner of Public Education, Washington, D. C., the Right Reverend Phillips Brooks, D. D., Bishop of Massachusetts, and the Very Reverend William Byrne, D. D., Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Boston, and will be carefully selected and sufficiently large to give proper consideration to every essay. They will award prizes only to essays which they deem worthy of the wide publication it is proposed to give them. I shall send gratuitously condensed information on the subject to all who ask it, and hope that the students of every University, College and Theological School in the United States, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, will write for these prizes.

All manuscripts must be received at my offices, 19 Milk street, Boston, on or before March 1st, 1893; must be signed with fictitious names, and each accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the real name and post-office address of the writer, which will not be opened until the decisions are made.

It may be in the power of the successful contestants to win for themselves a national reputation, and do honor to the Universities, Colleges or Schools with which they are connected.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

But the gods do not send their blessings singly. Before we have had time to recover from the shock of this unexpected generosity, a circular comes from the familiar Ohio firm who furnish orations, essays, etc., for students, and upon examination we are thrilled with delight to find that the prices are almost half what they were last year. Truly we are a favored generation. When one can buy a good essay for five dollars, send it in competition and run the chance of bagging that two hundred dollar prize, he may congratulate himself that he lives in an age with all the modern improvements.

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Following the custom which immemorial precedent has sanctioned as the proper one for a college journal to pursue, *i. e.*, that of giving gratuitous advice upon all subjects with all the wisdom of ignorance, we have given vent to our criticisms upon the students, the faculty and the library, and now turn reluctantly to the fourth time-honored topic for editorial remark, the literary societies.

The subject is too vast to be handled within the modest limits of a single issue, so for the present we propose to confine our remarks to a single line of literary work, the writing of essays. An essay is certainly as important and demands as careful preparation as a declamation or a debate, and nearly as much as an oration, yet it is generally the most neglected. Students consider themselves fortunate when in the assigning of performances they are put on to read essays, and it must be admitted that owing to the way in which this work is shirked, it is the easiest part on the program. It will be readily admitted that there is room

for improvement here, and we intend simply to offer a few suggestions which have stood the test of experience.

As to the choice of subject and general treatment, we can do no better than to repeat the words of an alumnus of one of our societies:

"You can't draw water from an empty well, nor you can't expect much originality from college boys. Take some subject like the career of a great man, or an epoch in history. Study it, try and get the inner meaning of it, see where your hero succeeded, and why he succeeded, and write about it as best you can."

Remember this is not advising you to sit down and abridge a biography from the pages of an encyclopedia. Go to the encyclopedia if you will, but go to other places as well, get yourself full of your subject, talk it over with people, then sit down to write about it. You will find that if you read with attention the fewer notes you take the better. The salient points, the ones you need, will unconsciously fix themselves in your mind; notes are apt to burden you with irrelevant matter.

If personal experience is of any use, the writer would say that the only subject to write upon is the one that suggests itself. Beguiled by the smooth persuasiveness of a fellow-student, a book was once purchased which bore the seductive title of *1001 Essay Subjects*. It has never been used, and is at the service of any one who desires it. The subject that comes to you naturally is one of which you know something and in which you feel an interest—two indispensable conditions—while the essay written on a given subject has somewhat the air of a ready-made suit of clothes: it seems all right and looks all right, yet you cannot escape a haunting consciousness that it is not what it should be.

When you first sit down to write an essay, don't be over-nice about your choice of phrases and their arrangement. When a shower of thoughts come up, we must take refuge under the first word-umbrellas we can find. After it is finished, put it away for a week, then take it out and see how bare, ugly, and misshapen a thing it is. Correct the mistakes as well as you can, then go through it carefully and see if you cannot better the arrangement of clauses and paragraphs. Few of us think logically, and fewer express their thoughts in writing in a logical manner. Look over your work and see that every part is where it belongs, that conclusions do not precede proofs, and that your battalions of argument are marshalled in the order of their strength. Then give it a final revision in respect to style. See that you do not repeat your thoughts in other words merely as a rhetorical juggle; be careful of using stereotyped phrases; look to it that your similes are accurate and your figures of speech not mere lay figures, and be sure that your telling phrases are telling the truth, for it is easy to ride to exaggeration on the back of an epigram. Finally, do not make every statement in the superlative, even though you are quite sure of its truth. Sometimes the strongest way of saying a thing is to hint at it.

It may prove harder to follow this advice than to read it, but the student who adopts these methods will find that he gains much in ability to think coherently and to clothe his thoughts in fit words.

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Literary.

A Fragment.

* * * Black swayed the boughs above me,
And mournfully the fingers of the wind
Played on the harp the twisted branches made
A wild and melancholy tune—or so it seemed to
me,

For deep within were thoughts that could distort
The outward semblance of each simple thing,
And make it seem to mourn along with me.
The very flowers seemed to hang their heads,
And the brook's song ran on in slower measure
As I approached its banks. Then a bird
Flung from him a quick song. I listened close,
And as the rare notes sparkled in the air,
I linked words to their coming, joining so
A meaning to the music. Thus it ran:

"Though troubles press now,
"Brighter skies are preparing;
"Though deep be thy fall,
"The rebound is as high.
"Through suffering's gate
"The poet must enter
"His kingly domain,
"His only, his ever."

With Slippers On.

"Put on thy slippers, then I'll talk to thee."

NUMBER FOUR.

The Poet laid down his newspaper and began to rhapsodize:

"There was once a puissant monarch who ruled on the other side of the world. Every morning when he waked, a slave came to him and told him what other sultans and princes were doing. He had gone from land to land with magic swiftness, he had stood at the elbows of grand viziers, and each day he came and told his master how a caliph had taken the treasures from his father's tomb to pay his army; or how an emir had freed a powerful genii from enchantment and had been rewarded with all the wealth of the sea. All the doings of rulers, even the gossip of the divan and the harem, he told the king.

"Then came a second who told a sparkling tale of princely banquets and rejoicings where were brave warriors and veiled beauties, jewels flashing from slender hands and crested turbans. He told of those who were bidden to eat salt with the great, and well set forth their garments of rich stuffs, and spoke even of their courtly customs and nice-picked words.

"When he had finished, another came and told the deeds of men in his own land. One had been given the bowstring yesterday, a second had made a curious scimitar which would cut through stone and iron, a third had returned from a perilous journey to the Mountain of Fire and had brought back many wonderful things to show the king.

"The third who came had a silver tongue. If any man had written a tale of life or death, this slave told it to the king so sweetly that the ear heard no other sound until it was finished. And if any man had felt sorrow, and had listened to the winds and the seas until he caught some of their meaning and wrote it in a song, this slave sung the song to his master so that the sun forgot and stopped to listen.

"And others came and told him of strange things seen in distant lands, and of what took

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Rev. A. C. Ellis, '78, occupies the pulpit of the Smithfield street church, Pittsburgh.

Miss Jessie Smith, '89, and Frank McGill, of Harmonsburg, were married the first of the month.

D. B. Heininger, '79, of Kittanning, was elected to congress at the recent election, on the Republican ticket.

Rev. M. C. Harris, '73, superintendent of the Japanese Missions in San Francisco, led the devotional exercises in chapel Wednesday.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

We have not chosen
 Me, but I have
 Chosen you
 And ordained you.

—*John 15:16.*

"It is hard to reconcile the two facts that the Lord made man and that the Lord never made a mistake."

It is a very good work to fetch a candle from under a bushel and to set it in a candlestick.—*Henry.*

"Either change your name or honor it" said Alexander to an undutiful soldier who bore his name. Do we honor Him whose name we bear?

Missionary Meeting next Sunday evening, December 4th. Subject: "Come over into Macedonia and help us." To be conducted by the Missionary Committee.

Bucknell University is to have a chair in the English Bible. \$40,000 will be raised for that purpose. Why should not Allegheny have the English Bible in her curriculum?

"He went about doing good" is what Peter said of Christ. Can this be said of us? Are we improving our opportunities which are means of doing good to our fellow students?

We should have a dozen new members yet this term. Those who join now will have no dues to pay until next term. Ask any member of the Membership Committee for an application card.

Another Bible Training Class will be organized, to meet Saturday immediately after dinner, if there are enough who desire to meet at that time to join. Those who could not meet on Monday, and desire to meet at that time, will please hand their names to Prof. Thomas, chairman of committee.

The College World.

Exchanges.

"What a shrill, falsetto voice Miss X. has."

"Yes, perhaps it's due to her false set o' teeth."

—*Ye Humbugge.*

Johns Hopkins, the founder of the University that bears his name, entered Baltimore nineteen years of age with sixty-two cents in his pocket; and died worth seven millions of dollars. He worked harder to make the first thousand than he did to make all the rest.—*Ex.*

A university student was spending his vacation very profitably in the country driving a yoke of oxen, and educating them in English classics. For example, instead of yelling "gee buck!" he elocuted the ejaculation: "Abandon the direct progression to the straight thitherward and deviate by inclinatory and aberrant dextrogyration into a dextral incidence."—*Ex.*

A committee of three men from the University of Pennsylvania have undertaken the task of collecting and preserving some of the best things that have been written by college men. It is then proposed to publish a volume entitled "College Verses and Sketches," and for this purpose they have solicited contributions from Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell, Amherst, Brown, Lehigh, Vassar and Wellesley.—*Collegiate Herald.*

Prof. T.—“Miss K., give me an example of heat produced by mechanical energy.” Miss K.—“Strike a match!”

Socrates: “Have you heard the latest news from the gods!” A citizen: “No, by Zeus.” Socrates: “Owing to the late cold spell at Olympia, Mercury has fallen.”—*Ex.*

The University of Minnesota has adopted a plan of electing speakers for Commencement. There will be a series of oratorical contests during the Senior year, and the ten having the highest standings in these represent the class on Commencement Day.

It is said they have a newly invented machine at Yale for measuring how tired a student is. This will cause a great revolution in college affairs, for the professors can now feel the mental pulse of the student and determine what pressure of lessons and examinations he can stand. How would it be for the faculty of our college to order a couple of the machines.

President Andrews, of Brown University, has recently refused to accept the presidency of the University of Wisconsin.—*Ex.*

There is a scheme proposed that a convention be held of the American College Fraternities, also of the members of the class of '93 of all American Colleges, at Chicago during the World's Fair.

There are ninety-two full courses and fifty-two half courses at Harvard this year. In order to complete the courses now offered in the Graduate School, a man would work twenty-nine and one-half years, taking the regular four courses a year.—*Harverfordian.*

It is amusing, as well as disgusting in many cases, to note the Hallow-e'en depredations reported in our recent exchanges; also to observe with what vigor the editorial columns attempt to depict the future of the perpetrators of such “barbarous customs,” as one of the most illustrious editors calls them.

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Miami University has conferred the degree of LL. D., upon Governor McKinley, one of her distinguished sons. She is justly proud of the fact that both Harrison and Whitelaw Reid are among her alumni.—*Syracusan*.

Syracuse University *News* of November 14th contains an editorial on the subject of college spirit, setting forth in very clear and forcible language the position which it holds in regard to the faculty’s hostility toward athletics. It points out in no uncertain tone the advantages to be gained by the faculty’s hearty support of athletic sports of every nature. It appears that the faculty of Syracuse is very much opposed to any recognition of athletics.

One of our graduates who has been attending Drew for the purpose of securing that which is supposed to be essential to the education of every minister, had a singular accident befall him. In the far east it was, on one of those beautiful Sunday mornings in October when nature seems at her best, that our theolog entered the pulpit of a church which he was then supplying. He mounted higher and higher the steps of oratory while he wondered at the grins on the faces of the people. Looking down he beheld the cause of their amusement, he had not turned down his trousers after blacking his shoes.

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The subject of the admission of College Fraternities into the new University of Chicago is still held under discussion by its faculty, which is divided in its opinion upon the subject. President Harper, it is said, is greatly opposed to their admission.

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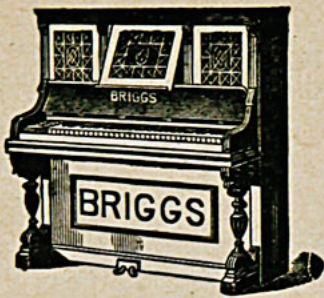
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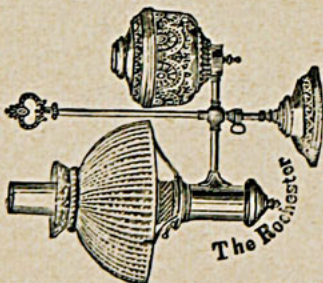
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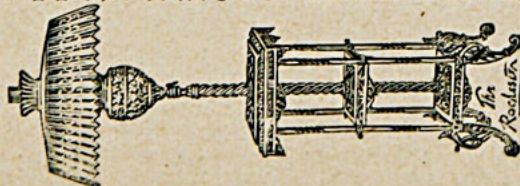
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West Vernon...	9 45	4 58		7 10	2 56
Conneaut Lake	9 50	5 04		7 30	3 10
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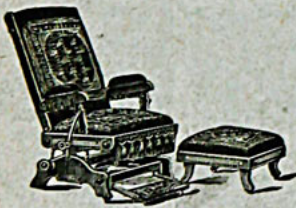
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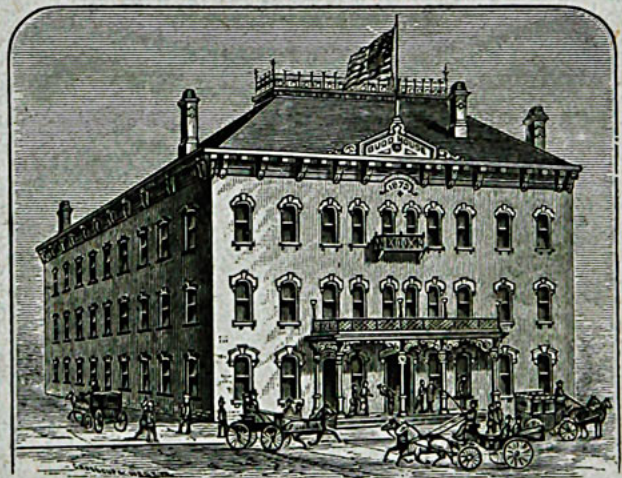
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"Well, come down to earth," said the Unhappy One, and the Poet continued:

"The fable is a fable of modern science. What was impossible to the mightiest potentate in Christendom or heathenness is possible to every school-boy to-day. It is a wonderful thing, but it has been rubbing against our noses so long that we forget to admire it. What is the daily paper but the work of an army of trained servants, scattered from Iceland to Tierra del Fuego, who glean every event of importance in every land, give us the latest intelligence from the worlds of fact, fiction, poetry and science, and lay down the history of the world for a day beside your breakfast coffee?"

"True," said the Dictionary Man. "It is the modern miracle, giving us the services of an army at the price of a postage stamp."

The Unhappy One had borne it as long as he could, and he fairly threw himself upon them:

"Yes, you are a fine pair. The Poet takes five minutes to say what might be said in a single sentence, and the Dictionary Man takes ten to think of the right sentence to say it in. And when you are both through, when the one has made his Eastern mosaic of colored glass and the other wrapped up his thought like a paper parcel, what does it amount to? You are miles and miles from the truth—and you don't get any nearer by calling the miles parasangs and saying that truth is at the bottom of a well.

"Do you really mean to say that you point with pride to the daily paper as a worthy product of our civilization? If so, you must have a sorry opinion of our civilization. Your fable may pass as a fable, but when you say the modern newspaper is its realization, you are wide of the mark.

"The newspaper brings you details of every happening in every land—that is, it pretends to. Any one who has had any experience in the business knows that newspaper reports are nearly as untrustworthy as the idle gossip of the street. Incidents are made up out of whole cloth; real occurrences are exaggerated or passed over without mention; names, dates and places are often hopelessly muddled, and from political or personal motives events are so misrepresented as to make the greater part of the matter more or less unreliable. This sounds like a sweeping condemnation, but the facts will bear it out. Think for a moment of the times you have heard a lecture, seen a parade or got wind of an ugly bit of scandal, and afterwards read about it in the newspapers: how many times have you seen a report of it that you regarded as really fair, not over-praising nor over-blaming, but giving an impartial statement of the facts and noting merits and demerits alike? Not many, unless your experience has been an exceptional one. Your slaves go everywhere to seek the news, but when they bring back false reports, you are not much wiser than before. A veteran in journalistic work, acquainted with all the ins and outs of the business, said recently: 'I consider a newspaper report as merely a suggestion of what might have happened,' and he was not far wrong.

"Consider how the most of the news is obtained. Here is a correspondent in a distant city. He hears of a newsy item. It may be true or not—often there is no time to investigate. He sits down and dashes off a dispatch. Writing hurriedly, mistakes creep in. Knowing he is paid in proportion as his matter is spicy—for then it will not be cut—he exaggerates facts and hints at things untrue. Thus a careless, overdrawn, possibly wholly unreliable story finds its way to the newspaper office. Does the managing editor look it

over, try to verify improbable statements, and tone down lurid paragraphs? Not he. If he did, a rival would come out with the news ahead of him or would have a fuller account. So in it goes, and the next morning it is read on the cars, in the hotels, and in a thousand homes. It may be that the item is such as to call the blush to a woman's cheek, it may be that it destroys the credit of an honest man or brings suspicion upon an innocent one: it makes no difference, the *Scavenger* had the first report, and the correspondent is paid so much per column.

"As to the news which is gathered by the city reporters, it is often little better. Partisan spirit, personal feeling, ignorance of the matter in question and a general carelessness characterize their reports. If a political gathering is written up, it depends chiefly upon the standpoint of the paper whether the 'magnificent flights of oratory evoked the plaudits of the crowd' or whether the 'feeble attempts at buncombe were coldly received.' At receptions, lectures, theaters, etc., the criticism is largely dependent upon the liberality of the host with his champagne, the amiability of the reporter, or the amount of advertising given to the paper. Such events are sometimes written up before they occur, and the reporter never goes near the scene he describes.

"It is not only that newspaper stories—in technical phrase every item is a story—are unreliable, sometimes wholly false, but they are often positively indecent. Sensationalism is a word much in vogue nowadays, and from being much on people's lips it seems to have eaten its way into their hearts. The paper which claims the largest circulation is usually the one which goes the furthest in this respect, printing the most revolting details of vulgarity or crime. In S. Weir Mitchell's *Characteristics*, a spruce young reporter calls upon a doctor to learn some news, excusing himself on the plea that he must make a living.

'Make a living!' replied the doctor, 'I wish there were such a phrase as making a dying, for that is what you are doing.'

"It is a fine thing, no doubt, to have an army at

your service, but when it is an army of scavengers, who nose out the filth of all the garbage piles of creation, a postage stamp is all too dear a price to pay for their services.

"Would you like to be a soldier in this army? If you were, you would be under men whose sole aim seemed to be to grow rich by catering to the lowest tastes of humanity. You would be required to associate with criminals and the fallen, and to write of things you would not talk of. You would be sent to invade the privacy of a house of mourning and force yourself in upon a sorrowing family to learn how much life insurance the deceased carried. You would be led to betray confidence, to resort to dishonorable methods of gaining news, to put morality and self respect behind you and dabble day and night in misery and crime until your nature became 'subdued to what it worked in,' and you were fit for nothing else.

"Does this prospect please you? Do you think it requires an Act of Congress to keep people from enlisting in this army of yours? I do not say that all newspaper men do these things; I do say that a reporter cannot make money without adopting such methods.

"So much for the men who make the news. Can the stream rise higher than its source? Do you expect that the reports that these men write—men trained in the School of Carelessness and having taken post-graduate courses in Exaggeration and Misrepresentation, to whom scandal is as the breath of their nostrils, while innocence and truth are passed by unnoticed—do you think that their screeds will, by the mighty magic of the printing press be changed into law and gospel? And yet when a man hears a rumor on the street he regards it as nothing more than a rumor; when it occupies a place in his paper with a scare head over it, he takes it for the very truth. There is an occasional glimmer of sense in this matter. Many persons have learned to distrust the thrilling accounts of railroad wrecks which conclude with the statement that all the injured recovered by using Pullet's Pills, and some doubting Thomases even cast discredit upon the veracious accounts of the sea ser-

pent; but the general concourse of humanity, however careless of other doctrinal points, when they read a newspaper hold strictly to the dogma of verbal inspiration.

"Of course poets and all such visionary fellows can't be expected to get at the truth of things, but even if you do keep on spinning out fancies about newspapers, just be careful to keep them separate from the facts. Remember that when you read of an unusual occurrence, the fact that you saw it in a newspaper justifies you in doubting that it ever occurred."

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At last everyone has had a good square meal.

Creal spent Thanksgiving at his home in Cambridge.

How about that extra work you were going to make up?

The cold weather seems to have stopped the work on the new building.

Whist is getting very popular among some of the students. Why not organize a club?

There is soon to be given a very swell party by some of the town boys. A number of students will attend.

We wish to correct a mistake made in the last issue, under class elections. Instead of reading, Miss Watson essayist, Miss Harper, poet, it should read, Miss Harper essayist and Miss Watson poet.

At last some of our men have awakened to the fact that Allegheny ought to have a foot-ball team. And by the little work that was done last week, it was proven without doubt that we have the proper material here for a very strong team.

Bird spent Thanksgiving in Vallonia.

J. R. Mills spent the vacation at Corry.

Douds spent the holidays at Cochran.

R. F. Pickard spent the vacation at his home in Jamestown.

Miss Maude Johnson was called home last week by the illness of her father.

Norris White visited (?) in Corry and surrounding towns about a week.

Philo Franklin Society elected the following inter society contestants: Orator, A. O. Davis; essayist, W. R. Murphy; debator, James Campbell; declaimer, E. C. Chesbro.

It has been found through investigation that the comet, which some wise men were going to have collide with the earth, has changed its mind and gone in search of a more congenial companion.

Too well known: Swearer knocks at a door and as the lady comes, he commences,—“Madam, I am just from New York and introducing—” Lady, interrupting,—“You look like an Allegheny College student,” and the door is closed.

We are comparatively sure now that a College Annual will be published this year. And why not? Very likely enough copies can be sold our students and interested alumni to make its success assured. Orders are being taken from the students now, and we are informed that they are selling well. The book will be smaller, more attractive and less expensive than our previous annuals.

Under the present management the advertising list of the CAMPUS has increased very materially. All we want now is a good large subscription list to make the paper a success in every way. There certainly is a lack of interest among the students along this line, which sadly needs remedying. As we said in the exchange column of the last issue, “Don't be a sponger.” Subscribe for the CAMPUS and then pay up your subscription.

M. D. Crary ate turkey with his people at Sheffield.

W. E. Stilson spent last week at his home near Jamestown.

Messrs. Crane and Virtue spent last week at their homes.

If any student begins to tell you how many rabbits he shot during the vacation, don't consider yourself obliged to believe him.

We have not heard of any attempts being made to steal the turkey from Hulings Hall last week. There certainly must be something wrong.

The Chapel has been too cold for comfort for several mornings. It would be a good thing if some of the students would form a gas plant.

Dr. Wheeler, in Political Economy Class—"Now, Mr. Douthitt, you wouldn't want a little piece of land to raise your own potatoes on, would you?" Mr. Douthitt—"Yes." Doctor Wheeler—"Is raising potatoes your highest ambition in life?" Mr. Douthitt—"Yes." Dr. Wheeler—"Well, I had always thought that."

The officers and non-commissioned officers of the battalion are as followed: Captains, Patchin and Danforth; Captain and Quarter Master, M. Gamble; 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant, Staples; 1st Lieutenants, Darragh and Swearer; 2d Lieutenants, Crary and Pickard; Quarter-master Sergeant, W. R. Murphy; Drum Major, Hatch; Sergeants, Homer, Chamberlain and Read.

Fraternity.

Earl Bush is now a Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Phi Psis recently initiated Mr. Arthur and pledged Mr. McLaughlin.

Phi Delta Theta entertained some of their town friends very pleasantly a short time since.

Among the most enjoyable social events of our

college year, are the receptions by the ladies' fraternities, and the one given at Phoenix Hall last Friday night, by the ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta, was (if such a thing were possible,) even more enjoyable than those in the past. The young ladies are well versed in the art of entertaining, so it goes without saying that everyone had an enjoyable time and it is unanimously voted the event of the year. The Northwestern Orchestra furnished music. The reception committee was Mrs. Dr. Wheeler, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Smith, Miss Cruttenden and Miss Howard. Refreshments were served by Trowbridge. The hall was very tastefully decorated and the platform occupied by the music was a mass of ferns and palms. Quite a number of guests from out of town were present, and the young ladies received congratulations on all sides upon the success of their reception.

Alumni.

Rev. W. P. Murray, '86, is preaching in Omaha, Neb.

Fred Bullock, '90, married a Panama lady recently.

Chas. Smith, '87, was married, at McKeesport, not long since.

Virgil Johnson, '92, spent a few days last week with friends here.

James K. Cubbison, '82, has been elected to the state senate of Kansas.

Rev. C. E. Locke, '80, is pastor of the First M. E. church of Portland, Oregon.

Rev. N. H. Holmes, '70, is pastor of the Wesley chapel, Columbus, Ohio.

R. W. Elliot, '90, is teaching mathematics in Little Rock College, Little Rock, Ark.

F. B. Miner, '89, and Miss Winifred Wilkinson were married in Pittsburgh, Nov. 10th.