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NEW-YEAR GREETING.

ON the threshold of a New Year the mind naturally turns to view in retrospection the year just passed. With how much expectation 1881 was ushered in; the remarkable collocation of figures in it, the approaching conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, etc., made it full of ominous portent to those thousands of self-constituted seers, the boldness of whose conjectures is equaled only by the meagreness of their data. The public prints are full of the summings up of the remarkable events of the year in the several spheres they represent.

Our school year does not synchronise with the calendar year, and it would crowd our space to refer to a tithe of the many interesting events that have transpired since last the golden gates of a New Year stood open before us. We therefore confine ourselves to the past term. The faculty has remained unchanged, although attempts have been made to win Messrs. Reid, Williams and Montgomery from us. We are glad for the sake of the college these attempts have failed. The raising of the fee has, to some extent, hurt the attendance of first preps, but there has been such accession of third preps and freshmen, that our numbers are the same as in other years.

The work done all through the various departments has been more than usually satisfactory, and but few students, if any, have received their *mittimus*.

Hulings Hall has been much improved by the introduction of several radiators in the halls and parlors, and its temperance and missionary organizations have made themselves felt.

The boys' hall has been re-named and is now known as Cul——East; by continued effort this is to be pruned down to "East Hall." But what's in a name? The hash has been as good and the crackers as plentiful as of yore. The Literary Societies have been exceedingly active and are all in a flourishing condition. Ossoli Hall has been beautifully furnished and the society has given evidence of earnest, hearty work. The unusual sight of three and four ladies at a time claiming the floor at eleven o'clock at night has been more than once witnessed.

The male societies have endeavored to induce the other prominent colleges of Pennsylvania to organize a State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association, and though all the colleges written to have not been heard from, a sufficient number have responded to make the project feasible. Meanwhile the Allegheny Society has challenged the Philo-Franklin to a "friendly literary contest," and the challenge has been accepted.

The Y. M. C. A. of the college has been in good working order. It has had control of two mission Sunday Schools. two week-day prayer meetings, a jail service and a monthly Sabbath afternoon meeting. A Natural History Society has been organized with an enthusiastic botanist as President.

The CAMPUS has had a fair amount of success, and as it is now "entirely controlled by students," we have no doubt of its constant growth. The military branch is full of enthusiasm; considerable addition in the way of gold braid, etc., has been made to the martial happiness of our "soldier boys."

Sickness has been in our midst, and death, which has stricken many families in Meadville, has also taken one of our number.

Our faces are now turned, full of hope, to the fair promise land of 1882.

BY the kindness of our managing editor and the printers, we are permitted to indulge our readers with a "New Year Supplement." Terminal examinations, literary contests, and holiday engagements are all upon us in quick succession, but we have thought our slight extra labor would be repaid by the gratification of our readers. While the managing editor is doing all he can to push the interests of the paper, we would urge his subscribers to pay up. We know of nothing more annoying than to have to dun people time and again for trifling amounts. There should be a sense of honor about this thing.

A NEW YEAR'S REFLECTION.

Christmas! a pleasant dream, 'tis past
And sombre afterdays appear.
Pleasure the phantom, shadows past
As sadly fades the dying year.

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Another year! and life still full
Of sweet encouragement to me,
Visions of joy unutterable
Float through the maze of reverie.

Sometime, I feel these fancies warm
That flit so vaguely through my brain,
Will visibly glide into form,
And ease concealment of its pain.

Then as the new years falter on
And vanish in eternity,
When loving hearts are still,—and gone
To realize their destiny.

I'll watch alone, the trembling brood
Break from the shell, in life begun,
And all unheeded. See what good
Or what of evil I have done.

CHIT CHAT ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

"Glad to see you back."

Have you kept to those resolutions thus far?

Miss Grace Beebe is again in college this term.

There are several new faces seen in chapel this term.

One of the improvements of the term: a new stove in Prof. Tingley's recitation room.

Have you been vaccinated? If not, the city physicians will perform the delicate operation for the trifling sum of one dollar.

Mr. S. M. Decker, '81, visited old friends at the college, recently. He is at present travelling for the Astral Oil Company, Franklin, Pa.

Henceforth no more examinations in English Literature will be allowed; each student must take the study in class. This is by edict of Prof. Hyde.

A glee club is to be established in college. It is desirable that all the musical talent of the institution co operate in this worthy undertaking, and render it successful.

Cannot Oscar Wilde be prevailed upon to favor the class in Æsthetics with a lucid lecture on the "Utterly Beautiful?" If such an arrangement could be brought about, light might be thrown on some otherwise very abstruse questions.

The inter-collegiate oratorical contest does not materialize very rapidly. Several institutions seem loath to enter the contest for some reason. Can it be because of fear of defeat? Come up, brethren of the Keystone State, and help on a worthy enterprise. If you do not win you will have the satisfaction of knowing you tried for the honor.

Orange blossoms at the residence of Mrs. Hayden, on Dec. 27th, in the city of Baltimore. Mr. Frank W. Hess and Miss Rose Hayden were the interested parties. The CAMPUS extends its most cordial congratulations to our former major, and wishes for him and his fair bride a journey of happiness all along life's pathway.

One of the young gentlemen at East Hall has been suffering from an extraordinary freak of the "mumps." During his convalescence some of the young ladies sent him a beautiful bouquet of flowers, with a card bearing the words: 'He giveth his angels charge concerning thee.' The gentleman is of opinion that the angels in question did their work up pretty well.

At last the Philos have accepted the challenge of the Allegheny Society to a literary contest. It will occur some evening during Commencement week. From the Philo representatives have been chosen as follows: Debate, Oldham; essay, Vance; oration, Miller, declamation, Dean. The Allegheny competitors are: Debate, Richmond; essay, Snyder; oration, Taylor; declamation, Cubbison. All these gentlemen have established reputations in the various parts to which they have been assigned, and an exceedingly able contest may be looked for. This entertainment is designed to take the place of the usual Senior concert ordinarily held on Tuesday evening.

The inter-collegiate song book scheme seems to be popular at our institution. Committees from the classes have been appointed to drum up all the musical talent the college affords. The smooth proposition of the Chicago publisher, as set forth in his pamphlet of instructions, is to the effect that fifty first-class colleges of the country will be represented by four songs each, these to be original, and two set to original music to be furnished by students in the various institutions. The price of the book when complete will be $2.00. One omission was noticeable in the circular. It failed to state the names of the colleges; only the very general statement is made that fifty will be represented. If they are not of the highest standard Allegheny should do nothing in the matter. We cannot afford to be known as in company with all the high schools and seminaries of the western prairies.

It is a fact, patent to an observer, that the number of students this year is materially decreased. The chapel seats are further apart, many classes are smaller, and several are talking of leaving at the end of the year. There is a quite noticeable inclination, among the numbers of the lower classes, of going into business and severing their college connections. This is unfortunate, for the boys little imagine the regrets which will be experienced in subsequent life, because of quitting college before graduation. We will at present only state the fact to our Faculty of a gradual but sure falling off during the past two years. The causes which we think have brought about this result will not now be pointed out, but in a subsequent issue we hope to show wherein rests a part of the difficulty. Our only aim in this notice is to place the subject before the Faculty in hopes that they will give their attention to the matter, and then perhaps devise some means whereby the attendance may be increased, and Allegheny know greater prosperity and success.

Each College year we are called to mourn the death of at least one student. This time it is our dear sister, Mary H. Pierce. Two years ago she came to us from Mount Union College, and immediately took a high place in her class, in the Ossoli society, in the esteem of her teachers and the affections of her school-fellows. She was a young lady of rare ability and great promise. Strong, earnest, high souled, her life was pure and its influence ennobling. We shall miss her much, yet we give thanks to God for the inspiration her memory will ever be to all who knew her. After a painful and protracted illness, in which the sick room of the Christian sufferer was radiant with the presence of her Lord, she died on the night of Tuesday, Jan. 10th.

'So He giveth His beloved sleep.'

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JANUARY 1, 1882.

O, morn of New Year! rising slow
And late upon our northern clime,
We hail thee gladly, sore we need
Some lengthening of the round of time.

Tears told by thousands come and go
Since on the earth's fresh green began
In restless, ever changing course
The doings and designs of man.

Yet nothing to completion comes,
All darkness is not yet made light,
The broken still unmended lies,
The wrong is not transformed to right.

What brows are throbbing, forward bent,
With plans the future should fulfil!
What hearts are pulsing warm with hope
Of good triumphant over ill!

All is unfinished. Well may be
The achievement unto this young morn.
Sweet may some fir and myrtle grow
Where grew the thistle and the thorn.

Yet wide the untamed wilderness!
And long the task before us set!
Task for ourselves and for our kind,
Unfinished, hardly entered yet!

Then, New Year, crave we not from thee
Some boon of hours for laugh and song,
Or self-indulgent ease. One prayer is ours,—
Our working-time prolong!

MODERATE DRINKING.

E. M. N. '85.

YOU say "it is harmless?" Satan had method when he gave his most valuable servant an appearance so guileless. Is that harmless which deprives men of their greatest intellectual strength and of their reason for the time being? That which fosters and encourages every species of immorality, and bars the progress of civilization and religion, and brings misery to thousands of homes, and costs the nation nearly a billion dollars a year, and fills the land with paupers, criminals and taxes; and destroys the mind, soul and body? And will you call us fanatics? Will you call us unreasonable, when we stand before these appalling facts, if we say, "Moderate Drinking is a curse that must be removed from the land." Have you not time and again told the story of Samson to little children, and have you not seen their little faces grow pale at the thought of such terrible power, that one man could slay thousands? Yet, if Samson slew thousands, Moderate Drinking has slain its thousands of thousands. And he is yet alive. Why do you let him live? Is it because of ignorance, selfishness or cowardice? I think it is some of all and much of the latter. The women of the nation are thoroughly aroused. They have done a great, good work. With pledges, with lectures and with temperance schools. Betty has worked valiantly. She has stunned the bear and now she calls for you men to come down out of the chimney holes and kill him. One well-aimed blow from your legislative bodies will do more than a dozen determined, but not so effectual, strokes from Betty. Come down, gentlemen, and we will all join ourselves in one great royal family, and we will take hold of hands and rally round this monster until we completely annihilate him. You say that this is not your business, but you quietly look on and see your neighbors, your friends and your own children consumed by this monster. It is your business! It is our business, and if you will not attend to it, we shall. How are we going to do this? Have you lived on the earth with us four thousand years and still ask such a question? True to our nature, we have more ways than one. We can do it by our vote. Or, there are placed in our keeping many thousand tender little minds, in which we are planting a deep-rooted horror of all that pertains to this evil. These little minds will be the next generation. Think you they will tolerate it? But think of the misery and woe in the meantime, and remember that you will be responsible for it; for you can, if you will, put a stop to it, not in a few years, but now. You remember when you said, "I will shake off England's chains;" you shook, and the fetters fell. Again, you said, "My colored brother shall be free," and he was free. Then you said, "he shall vote," and he voted. Gentlemen, we beseech you once more to unlock your ponderous jaws and let the edict go forth "we will have Total Prohibition," and in the same breath say, "and Betty shall vote." You may just as well say this first, as last. We are not selfish. It is not for my home, my boys and my country that we are working; but for our home, our boys and our country. We cannot rest quietly, while we see this monster cooly locking those we hold dearest, in dungeon cells, and fitting hangmen's ropes about their necks. But you say, "We must have it for medicinal purposes!" It may be that there are exceptional cases, now in these times when the world is so thoroughly poisoned by alcohol and its effects, that it might be used with good effect. But this remedy has been well likened to the water-cure system in Noah's time; it kills thousands and saves—one. Again, you say, with whisky brewers, that without the revenue from whisky and tobacco public administration could not possibly be carried on; we could never pay our national debt

Listen, will you, to what the Queen of Madagascar has said in a recent proclamation forbidding her subjects to either drink or sell that which intoxicates, "I dare not take a revenue from anything that will debase or degrade my people." And yet this woman is called a heathen. Has our country sunk so low in the scale of morality that she is willing to purchase her liberty by the degradation of her people? It is said that "a nation which derives its revenues from the vices of its people and lives on its vices will ultimately perish by its vices." But the debt can be paid. If the millions expended on the effects of alcohol, in the shape of paupers, criminals, lunatics and idiots, were tried in the balance, how much do you think it would be found wanting? You have tried Local Option and it failed. You have tried License Laws and they failed, and we thank heaven that they did; for what right has one man to put into the hands of another such terrible power? There is one way left that cannot fail, Total Prohibition. We are standing at the foot of a huge mountain. For years we have been trying to reach its crest, but we have needed some one for a guide, some one to go ahead and break down the briars and brambles. Kansas has gone; she has reached the summit; she has unfurled her pure white banner to the world; she beckons to us, and as we see her so proudly, so defiantly standing on her firm foundation of right, our hearts glow within us as we look into the future. A few short months and we seem to see the proud banner of the old Quaker State placed beside that of her western sister waving to all mankind, Total Prohibition.

[The above is an abridgment of a prize essay read in the chapel before The Womans' Temperance Associations of the city and college. The prize was Hawthorne's complete works.]—Ed.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

H. A. W., '83.

We dare to tread upon the dangerous ground of this much discussed question of the right and wrong of college fraternities, because we feel it to be so important, especially at this present time when all,—even the girls, are brought to the necessity of having an opinion on the subject, and because we firmly believe that there is a right and wrong side to the question.

What we say, is said conscientiously, with no intent to displease or harm any individual, but to lend our influence on what we believe to be the side of right, and to present to those who are accustomed to hear nothing said of the question except in praise, some arguments against it.

What is the object of secret fraternities? The formation of friendships,—strong, abiding friendships; and what bond of union is better, holier, sweeter than true friendship? It is the purpose of fraternity members to help one another whenever occasion demands, and 'tis truly a comforting thought that we have friends indeed who will prove themselves friends in need. It is a source of strength to us to feel in this race of life that there are a few earthly friends who are ready and willing to encourage us if we falter,—to aid us if we fall.

And another object is, as we heard from the chapel rostrum a few days ago, the promotion of *mutual admiration.* This aim in itself is not so laudable, but is by no means worthy of censure and is a source of pleasure to those sharing it.

Social meetings are a part of these institutions, and although we outsiders know nothing of what is done at these meetings, they must indeed be pleasant, as our own experience teaches us that an assemblage of a few congenial friends is always a pleasurble affair, and if the fraternity is composed of ladies or gentlemen of intelligence, culture and high moral character, the influence of these meetings will be elevating.

Considering fraternities as we know of them here, there seems to be no other object, though in some colleges, they are the only literary societies in existence.

Then it behooves us all, does it not, to organize and become members of these delightful associations? Let us see:—Are we non-fraternity students without friends,—friends who are faithful and true? Are there not strong abiding friendships existing between those who are bound by no such secret alliance? In the years to come, will they be any less dear than those existing between fraternity members? And can we, and do we not help each other as much as those who are bound to do so? Perhaps we cannot in all cases, rely so confidently upon our friends, but it cannot be a pleasure to receive assistance from those who render it only because they are under oath to do so. We have all enjoyed social meetings,—they are not confined to secret societies, but are a pleasure free to all the world.

Then in order to be agreeable to our friends and to mingle with them socially, one does not need to "promise never to tell." But one way of enjoying life and getting good out of it, is as well as the other if nothing unfavorable can be said of these societies. Unfortunately, something of this character can and must be said of them. They are selfish,—thoroughly and purely selfish,—the right kind of selfishness one has said; we don't believe, nor does the one who said it, that there is such a thing as the right kind of selfishness.

If their meetings and exercises are so profitable, why do they wish to monopolize the good that may be derived from them; for what are we sent into this world but to do good to others, and does this mean that we are to honor by our kindly actions and right influence only a chosen few? What is the church but a mutual aid society? and yet, is our field for action confined within the limits of the church? Did Christ by his teachings and by his example encourage this spirit? No! He made no difference between Jew and Gentile and preached to the multitudes. He and the disciples,—his chosen companions,—formed a distinct circle of friends, but their object was not a selfish one,—not to aid each other by means which they would not employ to aid the world. They gave the best of their influence their support,—not to each other but to the world. Many of our students are with reason, proud of their fraternities, proud of the work they are doing, proud of the characters

who form them. To the young boys, deprived of the refining and restraining influences of home-life, the fraternity is a home, where the influence of the older and wiser men cannot but keep them in the right paths; but think of the greater number of boys who, not having older and better brothers to mold their characters and guide their actions, are not, at the end of the year what they were when they left their homes for the freedom of college life! No responsibility, in regard to these, is felt by the men who consider that they are doing their duty well if they benefit and aid in every possible way their select circle of friends.

In these societies, false friendships are formed; no one dares deny it! But uniting yourself with them, you declare to the world and to the brother—, or sister-hood, that however dearly you may love other friends,—these inseparable few you prefer above all the world, and this is not true; in this union there are some who are your dearest friends, but there are others for whom you can feel no affection,—'tis contrary to nature; and by swearing eternal love and friendship to these, you take upon yourself false vows. Is it not better then, to be able to choose our friends without, at the same time being obliged to live a falsehood in regard to those with whom we are joined by the holy bonds of—secrecy? Few men coming into such a college as this feel able to work themselves up into any sort of position, they cannot stand alone, but must turn for assistance to a band of fraters who will help them up to the position which they wish to attain without any effort on their part. All honor, we say, to those who do stand alone; they come out stronger, better men in the end.

It is admitted that secret fraternities are selfish, and are not intended to benefit any but the members, but do they wrong those without the limits of their kindly protection? The fact that they do, is patent, to all. Whoever heard of a man in Allegheny College receiving an honor *simply* because he deserved it? Fortunate is he who belongs to the strongest fraternity! and to bring about the desired end, the basest, vilest means are employed by some; is this right? Is it just? What are our college men making of themselves but petty politicians, such as are overflowing America. Our system of politics is so corrupt that it would seem a blessing indeed if our colleges were sending more men out into the world who are ignorant of all the arts of "wire-pulling," and who had a firm determination that right and justice shall prevail as far as in them lies, to help the matter. Then would our country be in deed and in truth a pride and delight to the heart of every citizen; shame for the men who guide our public affairs, would less often be so keenly felt. We do not assert that all who are in these unions, work and vote against their conscience, but they are few who are not drawn into the vortex of trickery and dishonorable measures. The temptation is great, and 'twere better to avoid it.

Again, he who naturally conceives an attachment for a fraternity member and is not able to take upon himself false vows to love and cherish all these brothers, cannot but feel that there is a barrier between himself and this friend, and this feeling, as well as injuring the outsider lessens the influence of the fraternity-member. This impression extends to all; new students coming into college will feel that they cannot find friends among the exclusive few who build about themselves a wall beyond which none may penetrate, and upon which is written in bold type, "We, a select company of brothers, or sisters, as the case may be, do declare to the world that we love one another better than all else; we prefer one another's companionship to that of the remainder of our fellow-students, and happy is the man, or woman, who is so fortunate as to find favor in our eyes and to be received within the confines of our charmed circle."

And should we wish this danger of narrowing our field of labor? Is the world so pure and good that we do not need to improve every opportunity to make it better? Have we, as Christians, any right to place ourselves in such a position that we lesson our opportunities for doing good? Your thought may be, that when you leave the halls of your Alma Mater, your connection with a secret society will be but a memory, though one which will leave its imperishable impress on your life, your actual and active relations with such a union will have ceased, and in your life-work, you will not be impeded by any such hinderance.

But our work is well begun in college; now, in the vigor and strength of youth, we are told, is the time when our possibilities for doing good are greatest; and let us not forget that what we do can never be undone and "what only might have been is as though it could not be."

A DESCRIPTION OF THE TAJ MAHAL.

BY M. A. O.

Nearly two years ago, in December, one of our pleasantest months in India, I went sight-seeing with a party of friends. One of the places of interest which we visited was Agra, an old Mohammedan city, situated on the banks of the Jumna, a confluent of the Ganges, the sacred river of the Hindoos. Agra was once a city of wealth and oriental magnificence, but now lies almost in desolation and ruins and would be of little account were it not for the world-renowned Taj which stands an imperishable monument of that royal race of Moguls, who, with lavish hand, built the once beautiful city. As shadows serve to make the fair parts of a picture fairer, so the desolation of Agra brings out the beauties of the Taj. The Taj is a mansoleum and was built over his empress by Shah Jehan, one of the Mogul Kings. It is built of marble and inlaid with precious stones, the materials for its construction having been collected from all parts of India, the marble having been carried a distance of 300 miles. About six miles from Agra a traveller gets his first glimpse of the Taj with its lofty dome and graceful minarets. Viewed from the North side it is seen as the centre of three buildings, the one on the right a Mosque for religious services, the one on the left a rest house for the accommodation of travellers. From another point of view the gate-way or entrance is seen, 60 feet high, of red sand stone and itself magnificent. From the gate-way a central avenue runs to the

building, ornamented with fountains and a marble reservoir, surrounded by tall, dark Italian cypresses so significant of the object of the shrine.

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Beyond rises the Taj upon an elevated terrace of white and yellow marble, the mausoleum and minarets formed of the finest white marble inlaid with precious stones. It is said the entire Koran (the Mohammedan Bible) is inlaid on the walls of the Taj, on the outside in letters of black marble, on the inside in letters of inlaid precious stones. Surmounting the structure is a dome 70 feet in diameter, shining in the sun like a polished silver globe.

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It is difficult to determine whether the inside or outside of the Taj is more beautiful? The best light to see the outside by is that of the moon or rising sun. We made the most of our visit and looked at it from every point of view, by the early light of dawn,the full glare of the sun and the mellow glory of an early moon. At early dawn we climbed up on to the gate-way and seated ourselves almost directly opposite to the building. At first it was hardly perceptible, but as the sun rose and tinted the clouds with the rosy flush of morn, the dome gradually grew before us and soon seemed so full of exquisite grace and beauty, we forgot it was cold, hard stone we were gazing at and could easily have been persuaded that it was some lovely apparition from Mount Meru the abode of the Gods.

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In the evening, under the softened light of the moon, the tomb develops fresh beauty, shadows relieve the dazzling splendor of the prominent parts and the entire pile is radiant with the beauty of a creation of fairyland. Let us now enter the shrine; in the centre are two tombs, one of the empress, the other of her husband, both surrounded by a handsome octagonal screen. This screen is fashioned in marble, so delicately that it looks like lace, the borders are inlaid with precious stones representing flowers so life-like they seem to move. Several of these flowers have as many as 80 different stones in their composition, so cunningly worked in the marble they seem to have grown there. On the tombs, according to Mohammedan usages, are different symbols; on the queen's a tablet, on the king's a pen-holder,—the facts symbolized are, that the woman's heart is a tablet on which her lordly spouse may write whatever pleases him best. The Empress' tomb, let me say again, is beautiful, the inlaid mosaic work being executed in Cornelian blood-stones. In the Arabic language, written in gems is found her name and the date of her death. Here, also, are her amiable qualities recorded. The emperor's tomb is plainer, just having his name and date of death engraved in a similar manner to hers. Above these tombs rises the dome which is so built as to have, as far as is known, the sweetest and most perfect echo in the world. Chaste and gracefully beautiful as is the monument, and illustrious as are the names it perpetuates, it has a sentimental value beyond its associations with any names whatever, for when we remember that eastern kings generally have several hundred wives to dissipate their affections upon, it is refreshing to see this majestic tomb,—the tribute of a Moslem king to his only wife,—"Love was its author, beauty its design."

Campus Filings.

No President of the United States, from Washington to Garfield, was born in a city.

Upon the death of Carlyle, Wm. Black became the greatest literary smoker in England.

Mr. A. B. Alcott, is said to seldom pass a day without composing a sonnet or a stanza. He is 82 years old.

Seventy-two winters and summers have passed over the head of Tennyson, but the poet in him has eternal youth.

The assertion is made that at Harvard University, in the last fifty years no smoking student has graduated at the head of his class.

Mrs. Garfield, has been elected the first honorary member of London Shakespeare Society, of which her husband was a member.

Luther said; "If a man is not handsome at 20, strong at 30, learded at 40, and rich at 60, he will never be handsome, strong, learned or rich, in this world."

Ten cities and fifty populous villages are properly included within New York City; at present, including the suburbs named it reaches very nearly three million souls.

The seven wonders of the world in modern times are the printing press,the steam engine, the telegraph,the daguerreotype, the telephone, the phonograph, and the electric light.

Gen. J. W. Keifer, successful candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives, is about forty-five years of age, an Ohio man, and a graduate of Antioch College, Horace Mann's institution.

Hugh Miller learned the secrets of the old Red Sandstone, in capacity of a day laborer; while his fellow workmen idled during their mornings, he was actively at work finding out the why of the specimens disclosed by his hammer.

Preaching in first-class churches in New York, pays almost as well as banking or the law. Rev. Dr. Dix, rector of Trinity, gets $12,000 a year and a house worth $4,000 a year, and Dr. Morgan gets $8,000 a year and a handsome house.

President Garfield's favorite poet was Tennyson, and his favorite poem was "In Memoriam." The favorite poem of President Lincoln, was "Why should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud," by Wm. Knox, and he was fond of quoting from it.

The father of Aristotle was a doctor; of Virgil, a banker; of Horace, a denizen; of Voltaire, a tax collector; of Moliere, an upholster; of Rouseau, a watch maker; of Ben Jonson, a mason; of Shakespeare, a butcher; of Gray, a notary; of Franklin a chandler.

Lotta and Edwin Booth are said to be the richest representatives of the dramatic profession. The former is worth a half a million, and the latter $450,000. Jos. Jefferson comes third on the list, and John McCullough has made $140,000 in the past three years.

It is almost a pity to spoil the fine story that General Lytle wrote his "Antony and Cleopatra," the night before he fell at Chickomauga, and that it was found in his pocket, saturated with blood, but the poem was published in 1860, three years before Chickomauga, and was not new then.

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THE pros and cons of Greek Letter Societies are being more warmly discussed now than ever before, owing, we think, to the strong feeling excited by the introduction of a fraternity among the young ladies. The CAMPUS is open for a temperate discussion of the subject.

LAST year a writer in the CAMPUS advised that the critics in the Literary societies should divide their work. One making a specialty of criticizing gestures, another the thought, and the third pronunciation and accent of the performers. We are sure were this done we would be saved the repetitions of criticism which are often wearisome and would secure more careful work than is now done.

WE were pleased to see the large number of contestants at the Declamation contest of the Allegheny Society, and trust the Philos will manifest equal interest in their contest early next term. If there is any one department of literary work that the Philos need to give special attention to, and in which they can profitably learn from their neighbors, it is in the matter of elocution. It may be said that the manner of speaking is of much less moment than the matter. This may be true in theory, but when one actually addresses an audience he will find his power depends largely on *how* he speaks, and in this country where "a few remarks" are always in order, no one can afford to be indifferent to this sense of power.

THE CAMPUS is the organ of no party, and while most of its editors belong to fraternities, they realize that the paper belongs to the whole school. Our literary editors have therefore pleasure in publishing the essay headed "College Fraternities," an essay calling at least for thoughtful attention from all, whether frat. or anti-frat. We are in hopes some well-posted fraternity man or woman will show up the other side of the question with as much courtesy and good feeling as are manifest in the essay now printed.

THE Fisk declamation prize has helped to attract many of the younger students into the Athenian society, and we are sure Mr. Fisk is proud of the earnest competition he has been the means of making in this youngest literary society. Why should not two or three of our Meadville tradesmen institute, in the same society, an oration prize of, say, thirty dollars. It would pay them better than any advertisement and would supply a needed stimulus to the society that holds the greatest number of boys beginning college and literary work.

WHILE we heartily welcome back the old boys we would even more cordially extend the hand of fellowship to the new ones. We have all been where you are now and know the distressing loneliness of being amid a crowd of new faces. But cheer up, in a fortnight you will have made many acquaintances and you will soon lay the foundations of friendships that will last all your life. Among 250 students you are sure to find some who will exactly suit you, and while the old "home" will ever be, we trust, the bright spot to which you will often turn with longing, college work and ambitions and friendships will soon begin to make the days glide by almost too quickly.

THE Yale *News* ventures the opinion that the editing of a college paper should count for an optional study, and that such credit should accordingly be given. We heartily endorse this opinion. Any one that has tried it knows that even this would be no compensation for the amount of time consumed, not only in actual writing but in planning improvements, reading exchanges, etc. The discipline of their work may be serviceable to the editors, so is the drill to the members of the battalion, and against any honor that there may be in the one we offset the glory of the gilt buttons and braid so plentifully dispensed by the other. The men of the sword are credited with a term's recitation, why not the men of the quill?

COLLEGE papers, like all others, need money to live. To secure money, subscribers are needed, especially subscribers that pay. There is no reason why the hundreds of our Alumni should not take the CAMPUS and *pay* for it. To the students in attendance we would say it is not fair to the college paper for a dozen to read some one man's copy; and further, a file of CAMPUSES covering the period of one's college life, will be in future years a never-failing source of gratification and interest, reminding him of forgotten incidents and bringing back to his mind the thousand one trifles that made his school life a time with which his fondest memories are linked.

About the middle of December we received a notice signed by Mr. Alden, of the resuscitation of the American Publishing Co. We have since heard many men say that the firm is not on a sound footing. This, however, remains to be seen; meanwhile it does not prevent their selling nor our buying good books at low prices. Since this is the case we are content to let the firm manage its own way, while impecunious *we* continue to rejoice in the accessibility of excellent English works.

The Temperance women of Meadville, and the college, are certainly to be complimented on their selection of the lecturers they invite to this town. Miss Frances E. Willard their last lecturer, well deserves the title, "Queen of the platform." She has in perfection that "excellent thing in woman," a voice "ever soft, gentle and low," and yet so distinct is her utterance that speaking 200 words per minute, she was heard distinctly by her whole audience. Her address in the college chapel was excellent, its sentiment true and tender, its language lucid and chaste. She has more of the oratorical style than any lady we have ever listened to. A cause with such advocates, and advocates with such a cause must surely win a widening triumph.

Among our locals will be found the names of the gentlemen who will represent their respective societies in the coming literary contest. This contest is entered into simply as a friendly literary tournament. Of course it will by no means decide the status of the respective societies. The one that happens to have the best three or four men need not necessarily be the better society. If these contests continue for a dozen years and one of the societies is always ahead, then there would be data for a just comparison. To our mind there is very little to choose between the two societies. They have somewhat different ideas, but each is excellent in its way. If these contests could be confined to those in both societies, who are inclined to slur their literary work, the benefit would be much more apparent. As it is, they are likely to be extra burdens to the men who are already sufficiently weighted. It would be an excellent thing if these inter-society contests and the inter-society oration exhibition, at Commencement, could be merged into an inter-society oratorical contest to be held during Commencement week. The people of the town would enjoy it, the ladies would learn to speak without manuscripts, and (not least) the male societies would elect thei representatives solely for their literary merit, and would thus simplify politics. Since the writing of the above lines the Allegheny and Philo societies have determined to let their contest come off on the evening usually given to the Senior concert. Our only regret is that this is likely to overshadow the inter-society exhibition and will thus be unfair to the Athenian-Ossoli societies. Why should not the ladies have a contest with the Athenians this year and let this take the place of the inter-society spouting.

CONTESTS OF THE NEXT TWO TERMS.

Chamber's Declamation Contest of Philo-Franklin Literary Society takes place the third week of the Winter term.

The Plummer Oration Contest in connection with the Allegheny Literary Society, will be held on the fourth Tuesday evening of the Winter term.

The Resident Alumni Essay Contest of Allegheny Society, will take place during the sixth week of the Spring term.

The Recitation Contest of the Ossoli Society, will be held on the last Tuesday evening of the Winter term.

Philo Franklin Society will contest for the Kalamathean Essay prize, during the second week of the Spring term.

The Essay Prize of the Ossoli Society will be competed for on the last Tuesday afternoon of the Spring term.

The Dessertation Prize competed for by the members of the Senior class, occurs during the Winter term.

Allegheny Literary Society will give a contest for the Beth Gimel Lamed Oration Prize, during the third week of the Spring term.

The Inter-society Contest, between Allegheny and Philo-Franklin Societies, witl take place at the Stone Church, Tuesday evening, June 27th.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Wednesday morning of this week, the sad news came of the death of Mary H. Pierce, of Titusville, a member of the junior class, and for two years a student of Allegheny College. Although it had been too evident fou a number of weeks that her life here was rapidly drawing to a close, yet the reality came at last with a shock to every one, and seldom has death entered our circle when it has caused deeper or more universal sorrow than is felt to-day. For the sake of her many college friends we give a brief account of her illness. Less than a year ago she contracted a severe cold and this, together with overwork and hard study, resulted at last in consumption. Although in failing health, she left college at the end of the spring term with the full expectation of returning at the opening of the ensuing year, and only relinquished the thought three weeks before the commencement of the term, hopeful that winter would find her well again.

Continuing to grow weaker, about the middle of October, at the advice of her physicians, she went to Florida, but only to learn, after the long wearisome journey, that there was no help for her there. After a stay of two weeks she returned home, and in spite of her belief that she would rally again, rapidly failed from that time. She bore the most intense pain with hardly a complaint, fearing that the knowledge of her suffering might grieve her friends, and so, in sickness as in health, was thoughtful of every one before herself. Those who saw her joy and rapture when told that she had at most but a few days to live, must rejoice that there may be a belief so strong and a faith so abiding that death, which, in the distance is a dread, may, on a near approach become a desire; that whereas we now long to live because we fear the great unknown, we may some day only dread to die because we grieve to leave our friends. It is said, "Of the dead nothing but good," and blessed it is to speak good of whom, when alive, only good was spoken.

Blessed it is to live a life so unselfish that every one may take it for an example so self-sacrificing that it shall be an inspiration to all. Gladly would we say a comforting word to those who were so near and dear to her, but although we know she is where she has so long and earnestly wished to be, yet "common is the common place and vacant chaff well meant for grain," and these touching words of Lowell come ever ringing in our ears with a realization that only those can know who have lost a friend:

Immortal; I feel it and know it,
Who doubts it of such as she,
But that is the pangs' very secret
Immortal away from me.

Your logic, my friend, is perfect,
Your morals most drearily true,
But since the earth clashed on her coffin,
I keep hearing that and not you.

PECULIAR.

"Lads of Culver, we love you so,
Can we cease to love you? No."

Little Sisters, do not fear,
We doubt not hat you're sincere.

Come again, and sing your love,
We will listen from above.

An old lady who sells eggs has over her door, "New laid eggs every morning by Betty Briggs."—*Echo.*

A Senior wants to know why a certain young lady is like a hinge? Because she is something to *a dore.*—*Tuptoman.*

The batter takes his stand,
The pitcher with a leer
Projects a curve,
With an inward swerve,
That takes him in the ear.

—*North Western.*

The most thorough hypocrite in existence is the Junior who can successfully assume to love the younger brother of his sweetheart.

A recipe for making lemon pie vaguely adds: "Then sit on a stove and stir constantly." Just as if any one could sit on a stove without stirring constantly.

A girl was asked by her beau if she admired Longfellow, to which she replied: I don't particularly long for that fellow, but I think Tennyson just too lovely for anything. Beau fainted.—*Cornell Sun.*

Virgil informs us, Æneid IV, 235, that Æneas called on Dido one summer night and inquired tenderly: "Ibis ne in festivitatum hoc vespertino?" "Non hoc vespertino." "Forsitan in alio vespertino?" "Bonum vespertinum!" And he lit out.—*The Southern Collegian.*

The growing custom of wearing mourning for a deceased sweetheart should be discouraged. When half a dozen different girls suddenly appear in black at a young man's funeral the situation is embarrassing.

In the room of a railroad depot in Iowa is the following placard over the clock behind the counter: "This is a clock; it is running; it is Chicago time; it is right; it is set every day at 12 o'clock; now keep your mouth shut."

"I think," said a farmer, "I should make a good Congressman, for I use their language. I received two bills the other day, with requests for immediate payment; the one I ordered to be laid on the table, the other to be read that day six months."

Dashing beauty to verdant Freshman:—"What is the difference between an apple and a young lady?" Freshie, (diffidently)—"Don't know." Dashing beauty (blushingly)—"Why, you see, you must squeeze the apple to get cider, but as to the young lady, you must get cider to squeeze her." Freshie sides up.—*Ex.*

A lady named Mary Magui-ah
Had trouble in lighting her fi-ah;
The wood being green,
She used kerosene—
———ssz—!!!!—? !!!!—tzssz—!!!
* * * * *
She has gone where the fuel is dry-ah!

—*Transcript.*

PERSONALS.

F. C. Pifer, '78, Buchannon, W. V.
A. S. Morrison, '77, is in Ebonsville, Pa.
W. G. McClintock, '78, is in Clintonville.
Lewis Walker, '77, is in business in Meadville.
J. N. White, '78, is an attorney in Pittsbugh, Pa.
E. S. White, '78, is preaching at Waynesburg, Pa.
C. W. Reis, '78, is in Col. Address Rose's Cabin.
A. J. Hovis, '78, is preaching at Rimersburgh, Pa.
J. H. Montgomery, '77, is teaching in Allegheny college.
Wm. C. Bear, '77, has his Att'y shingle out in Meadville, Pa.
C. A. Miller, '78, attorney at law, St. Paul, Minn., tells his story.

T. B. Mackey, '78, is Prof. of Latin and Greek, at Gouverneur, N. V.

J. P. Strayer, '78, is engaged in dealing out pills, etc., at Geneva, Pa.

Ella A. Kinder, '78, is teaching at Pine Grove, Pa., in a normal school.

Miss Louise McClintock, '77, is teaching in the Meadville public school.

G. H. Hoffman, 77, is a minister in the Pittsburgh conference. His address is Independence.

Mrs. Carrie Wythe Williams, '77, is busily engaged in amusing Prof. Williams, jr., Meadville, Pa.

P. A. Reno, '77, Erie, Pa., is the pastor of a flourishing society of the M. E. Church. Perry is doing much good in his chosen work.

150 and 152 State street, Chicago, Ill., is the address of Wayne Whipple, '77. Wayne is engaged in the firm of Pelton, Pomeroy & Cross.

T. D. Sensor, '77, is principal of the public school, at Conneautville. His work has been very gratifying to all, and his school is in excellent condition.

W. E. McDowell, '77, is the editor of the *Independent*, a temperance paper, published in Conneautville, Pa. Mac. makes war on intemperance in all its forms.

W. H. Swartz, '77, has again taken work in the ministry. His rest of many months has given him bodily strength to carry on his plans. His address is Petersburg, Pa.

EDUCATIONAL.

Williams College has 253 undergraduates.

Cornell has a Senior class of 59 members.

Middlebury College has only seven Freshmen.

Harvard scholarships amount to $25,000 annually.

Harvard has 164 elective studies open to undergraduates.

The Freshman class at Cambridge numbers 875, the largest she has ever known.

Ann Arbor talks of having a Greek play similar to the one at Harvard last year.

The College of the City of New York has enrolled 1,160 students during the present year.

The most beautiful engineering college in the world is the Imperial College at Tokio, Japan.

Prof. Dunbar, dean of Harvard College, has handed in his resignation, to take effect July 2, 1882.

By the will of the late Stephen W. Phœnix, of New York, Columbia College receives $600,000 and his valuable library.

The American disease of hazing seems to be spreading to Europe. Nineteen students have been expelled from Pontypool, one of the best colleges in Wales, for that miserable practice.

FINALE.

On the last evening of last term, after many of the students had departed to the scenes of their childhood, those remaining in Hulings Hall, urged by kindly feelings, resolved to make the evening a pleasant one to all yet in college. So the doors of Hulings Hall grated on their ponderous hinges and swung open; we entered. It was not a taffy pull nor a formal stand-around party, but a parlor theatrical had been hastily prepared for our entertainment. The performance was opened with music by the orchestra, which we would like to describe, but "no tongue can tell." Then followed a number of shadowy pantomimes, which were admirably rendered. One of Mother Goose's tales was then presented in a manner highly applaudable. This was followed by a scene in the old Snow Flake in 1880, which was warmly received. Then we were quickly transferred into the future and two scenes of 1890, one nocturnal, the other diurnal, were presented. Following this was a scene in 1900, in which Hulings Hall gradually growing from good to better, had become a nunnery. And all was concluded by a most laughable scene, representing the girls serenading the slumbering lads of Culver Hall. One couplet of their song comes to my mind now many long days since that memorable night:

"Lads of Culver, we love you so,
Can we cease to love you? No."

As a whole, the affair was informal and very enjoyable. We were, however, sorely afflicted at one time to see the head of the CAMPUS sitting on the floor, pumping a pair of old bellows, and a Senior brother beside him whistling "Yankee Doodle"

THE COLLEGE PRESS.

Among our best exchanges is *The Chronicle* from Michigan University. It is in no way a light or frivolous affair, but a journal that takes a deep interest in all educational topics and discusses them with understanding. The paper is of commendable size, the typography is good and the locals are plenty. The general college news, however, seems quite neglected except Harvard and Yale items. The University of Michigan now stands on an equal footing with any of the eastern colleges, and we were in hopes that it, representing one portion of the great west, would be inclined to take a little of the "self-sufficiency" out of our far eastern institutions, instead of joining their union, pent-up from the rest of the world. We do not say, friend *Chronicle*, that you have joined any haughty league, but have a care that you do not. One thing we could not fail to notice in connection with this paper, and which can not but make the paper popular with the mass of its supporters, (the Alumni of the University), is its numerous personals. One of the editorials of the last issue discussed the work of college professors, which it says "is little undersood or appreciated by most of us." There is material enough in this subject for a lengthy production, had we time and space. It is easy enough to find fault with professors, but a very different thing to undertake or even understand their whole work. In another article *The Chronicle* says: "There is no position on earth harder to sustain than that of professor. He has to deal with beings that are wiser, more capricious and carping, and more unruly, than gods, men or devils."

The November number of the *Washington-Jeffersonian* commented considerably on the proposed inter-collegiate contest among some of the colleges of Pennsylvania. The writer, besides displaying great ignorance in regard to the contest, seemed to think that Washington and Jefferson College was a *perfect* little world all by itself; it is, however, a good thing that this opinion prevails at Washington. Small institutions, and especially those that refuse to come in contact with other colleges, like small men, sometimes have a great opinion of self, which vanishes upon outside research, as air-castles when touched by the realities of life. Allegheny, recognizing the fact that our best literary men often come from small colleges, is neither ashamed nor afraid to come in contact, in the way of a literary contest, with smaller institutions.

The *Lasell Leaves* from a ladies' seminary, of Mass., is a lively journal, and it is with pleasure we glance through its columns. An account of Thanksgiving at Lasell appeared in the last number, giving the bill-of-fare for dinner in full, "which was just too good for anything." We suppose the girls delighted in inflicting us poor boarding hall mortals with that *menu;* but we managed to live through it.

The editors of the *Campus*, from Wis., think it strange and not very complimentary to us, that they never heard of Allegheny CAMPUS. Not so, friend *Campus*, we doubt not but there are many in your western wilds, who have never even heard of the New York *Times*, *Tribune*, or the *Inter-Ocean*.

The *College Cabinet*, of Geneva, is a wide-awake college journal and certainly does honor to its institution. The editorials are well-timed and the locals are spicy. We noticed a commendable article in the last number on "Sleep."

The Transcript, after refering to the new fraternity among the ladies at Allegheny, which was compelled to seek the land of the wood-bine, at Delaware this year, on account of the rules adopted by the faculty, quotes the following:

How dear to this heart is the goat of my chapter,
That raised me so high the night I was swung.
How he kicked and he reared when they first slapt he(r),*
And badly he "lammed" me in the north lung.
And how I remember the howl of the fellows
Who shrieked with delight at the shock I received,
How then I collapsed like a pair of old bellows,
And bitterly pondered that me they'd deceived.

The high-kicking billy! rambunctious old billy!
That infernal old billy in whom I'd believed.
Poetic license. It was a genuine Billy.

The January number of the *Century Magazine* opens up with an engraving of Louis A. Thiers, accompanying a paper of personal recollections of the first President of the French Republic. Mrs. Mary H. Foote's second paper on Mexico follows, and deals with "A Provincial Capital," viz., Morelia, and particularly with the home life of the place. It also contains Col. Rockwell's paper of reminiscences of Garfield, entitled "From Mentor to Elberton," and Lucy Mitchell's account of "Oriental and Early Greek Skulpture." The unillustrated material is not less interesting in topic. Some of the articles are as follows: "Through one Administration;" "The Increase of Divorce;" "The Legal Aspects of the Mormon Problem," Etc.

St. Nicholas for January, has eighty pages and more than sixty illustrations. Its frontispiece is a beautiful picture by Robert Blum, illustrating a fairy story of the Rhineland. There is the conclusion of "The Poor Count's Christmas," Mr. Frank R. Stockton's story, begun in the December number, and a curious tale of Modern Greek Folk-lore, told by Hon. Jeremiah Curtin, and illustrated with spirited pictures by Alfred Brennan. Other short stories are: "The Cow that Considered," by Sophie Swett, with illustrations by W. T. Smedley; "The Porter's Iron Collar," an anecdote of a gigantic nobleman of Russia, by David Ker, with a fine picture by Nehlig; and a comical story, "Bones and Bow-wows," written and illustrated by Frank Bellows.

We have received a number of books, pamphlets, etc., for review, but for want of space, they will have to be postponed until next month.

CHIT-CHAT ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

1882.

Don't forget to write it eighteen eighty-two.

According to regulation, we must say "Happy New Year."

Willis Huffman is now convalescent and in attendance at college.

Mr. E. K. Foster has left college to engage in journalism at Oil City.

J. C. White "did the elegant" among the ladies of Allegheny City, during vacation.

John Locke, ex-'84, of Youngstown, Ohio, circulated around among Meadville friends recently.

The girls at Hulings Hall think "it's just horrid to have that proposed oil lamp so near the building."

Dr. Bugbee lectured last term at New Wilmington, Pa., on the subject, "Temperance Education."

Let the new students, on their first term at college, begin by good works. Subscribe for the CAMPUS.

Miss Ida J. Henderson, of Titusville, class of '81, was the guest of friends at Hulings Hall last term.

We trust the editors are truly grateful for complimentary notices received regarding the CAMPUS' prosperity.

"In the winter a young man's fancy lightly turns to"—a contemplation of the size of his pocket-book when in the vicinity of Tony Barcky's oyster parlors.

Frank Barr was cordially welcomed by his numerous friends on the occasion of his recent visit to the city. He is now engaged in business at Derrick City, this State.

Under the very careful and painstaking supervision of Major Webster, the college battalion now exhibits marked skill in the manual of arms and all the various maneuvers executed.

Can anyone give a good and lawful reason why our Faculty does not properly classify Seniors who are fully entitled to that rank? We confess our inability to grapple with this problem.

Our old instructor in military tactics, Major Frank Hess, spent two or three days in the city visiting friends during December. He has been ordered to join his battery at Tampa, Florida.

The treacherous roller skates were essayed by some of the students. In this interesting sport Senior and "preps," male and female, old and young alike, succumb to those inevitable tumbles.

The editors of the *Aileghenian*, from the different fraternities, have been appointed, and they are now offering large rewards for any literary article savoring in the least of originality, wit or wisdom.

It is absurd in the "preps" to think they can in any manner cope with the class of '82, when that distinguished body desires to make its exit from Prof. Tingley's recitation room. Boys, as "rushers," you are not a success.

All oration jobbers expecting to have dealings with the Senior class, "of a strictly confidential nature," will please seal their communications. These one cent circulars often fall into the grasp of a cold and unsympathizing world.

A mock trial was held in the Allegheny Society one evening last term. One of their members was tried for murder! (Deliver us from an organization which harbors criminals among its membership). The legal lights engaged were Richmond, Cullum, Brown and Cubbison.

"Oh, to think of it; oh, to dream of it." This refers to the pleasure which would be experienced by some of us if certain college mates, names not mentioned, would go to the luxury of clean collar, cuffs, stockings, etc., occasionally. It is not expected that collegians should wear cuffs too black for a hod carrier.

We hereby give notice that any student found guilty of furnishing a local or personal for the CAMPUS, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. It is altogether too much fun for the local editor to evolve three columns of solid matter out of his inner consciousness, to admit of any assistance of this kind.

The grief of the CAMPUS poet, on hearing of the departure of one of our students from the institution, is thus tenderly touchingly portrayed. The verse is secured by copy-right:—

Yates is gone, but not forgotten,
Settled now 'neath Buchtel's cheer;
And of him we will think often,
Though on Allegheny he gained a year.

Miss. Frances Willard, of Chicago, whose fame is national as one of the leading temperance lecturers in this country, appeared in Meadville on the evenings of Dec. 19th and 20th. She occupied the pulpit of the Stone Church, which was filled to repletion by a vast and highly entertained audience. The efforts of Miss Willard were listened to with close and thoughtful attention, and she succeeded in charming all by her excellence of style and felicitous, graceful mode of speaking. The inroads of intemperance, the evils to which it necessarily tends, and existing laws in opposition to prohibition, are all combatted with vigor and force. Miss Willard pleads earnestly for reformation, and it cannot be questioned but that she is accomplishing great good in her noble warfare for the cause of humanity wherever she goes. On the morning of the 21st she spoke to the students from the chapel rostrum, and it is quite needless to say that her remarks were well received. Should this lady again favor Meadville with a visit, she may be assured of a most cordial greeting.

CONTESTS OF THE FALL TERM.

FISK DECLAMATION CONTEST.

On the evening of Dec. 13th, the college chapel was well filled with an intelligent and appreciative audience, gathered there to witness the fourth annual contest, for the Fisk Prize of the Athenian Literary Society.

This being the only contest of the above organization during the year, more than usual interest attached to it, from the fact that the Athenian's present their strongest talent. In the past this prize has been competed for with notable efficiency, the declaimers doing admirable credit both to themselves and their society. This year was no exception in the estimation of those present, for the selections were well made, the renditions easy and grace-

ful, and characterized by watchful attention to the little details so essential to successful declamation.

Mr. E. S. Carroll, carried off the palm.

The programme carried out was as follows: "Rum's Maniac," W. R. Graves; "Extract from Emmet's Speech," J. C. Kepler; "Paul Revere's Ride," F. E. Linn; "The Raven," C. W. Loveland; "The Polish Boy," E. S. Carroll; "The March of Mind," M. C. Cameron.

TEMPERANCE ESSAY CONTEST.

On the 15th of last month there occurred a somewhat novel literary entertainment at the chapel, signified by the name of "Temperence Essay Contest." It is well known that the young ladies of the college, and some of the young men, have formed a temperance society of their own. By this movement the cause of the W. C. T. U., is greatly aided, and our college is placed on record as being eminently a temperance institution. Enthusiasm in this direction is the order of the day. The students are awakened to the necessities of the hour, and anyone bearing the black banner of intemperance is forced to beat a retreat, ignominiously defeated. All honor to the glorious work, and may the fair occupants of beautiful Hulings never give up the struggle in which they are so valiantly laboring, until this greatest curse of Allegheny College is completely blotted out.

Space will only permit of the programme which we append below:

"The Liquor Laws of Penn'a," - - - - - Hattie Woods
"The Children and Future of Temperance," - - D. W Thayer
"Moderate Drinking," - - - - - - - - - Vena Newman

MUSIC.

"Cider and its Relations to the TemperanceCause" Marie Oldham
"Should the Liquor Traffic be Prohibited by Law," Mary Darrow
"Tobacco," - - - - - - - - - - - - - W. F. Oldham

Miss Newman was adjudged the prize.

KEYSTONE DECLAMATION CONTEST.

This entertainment takes place annually in connection with the Allegheny Society. It always calls out a large number of the ablest declaimers of the society, who furnish an evening of rare literary merit to those present.

This year the performance occurred at Library Hall, on the evening of Dec. 17. A large audience was in attendance, and as the numbers were recited frequent and enthusiastic marks of approbation were given. Mr. J. W. Kinnear, President of the society, occupied the rostrum and presided with much acceptance. Though the general excellence of all the efforts was almost beyond criticism, we can hardly forbear mentioning as specially meritorious, Messrs. Richmond, Cubbison and Guthrie, who in their several renditions achieved decided success.

The judges, W. S. McGunnegle, J. J. Henderson, and G. W. Delamater, awarded the prize to Mr. Richmond.

The programme as complete, was as follows:

"The Tramp's Story," - - - - - - - - C. E. Richmond
"Mary, Queen of Scotts," - - - - - - - - R. B. Black
"Absalom," - - - - - - - - - - - - C. R. Thoburn
"The Battle," - - - - - - - - - - - W. J. Guthrie

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"The Gladiator," - - - - - - - - - - W. J. Hoover
"Claude Melnot's Apology" - - - - - - - C. P. Robinson
"Over the Hills from the Poor House," - - - H. C. Bodley

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Meet every Saturday evening during the collegiate year, in their various halls.

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Delta Tau Delta, meets in Luce's Hall, corner Park avenue and Chestnut street.

Phi Delta Theta, in hall third floor of Magaw's block, Water street.

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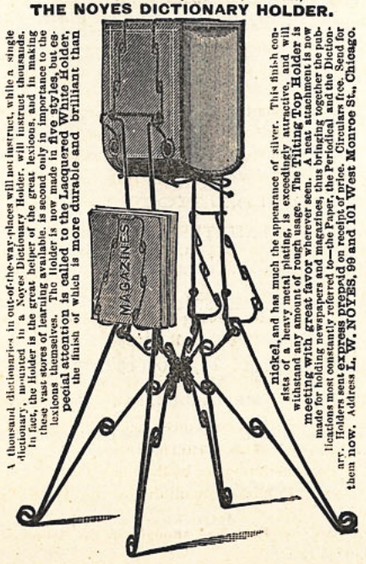
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