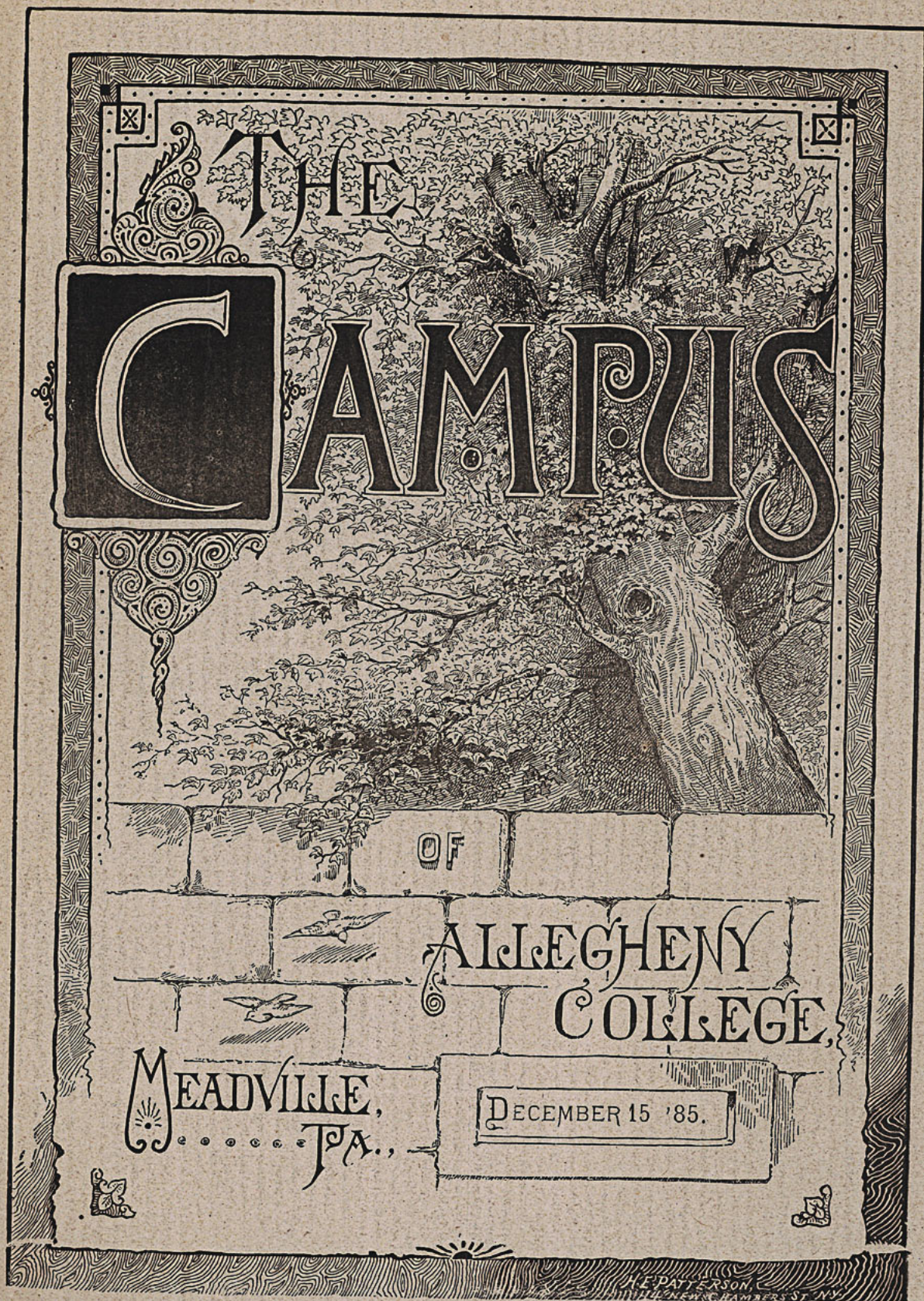




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TO-MORROW.

If we be glad or sad, or grave or gay,
If sobs or laughter fill our throats to day,
What will it matter when light fades to gray
To-morrow?

If we have now or love or bitter hate,
If scorn or pity on our pleadings wait,
The world will be the same whate'er our fate
To-morrow.

Fret we to-day with hearts hot to the core
With keenest anguish for what comes no more.
Idle as dust the trifles we deplore!
To-morrow.

The daisies nod above our head,
Insensate sleep we in our churchyard bed,
'Twill nothing count how we to-day have bled
To-morrow.

—S. M. Gray.

For the CAMPUS.

THE ABERRATIONS OF GENIUS.

EXTREMES are never desirable. From the
days of the classic lyrist of sunny Italy,
poets have not ceased to sing of the "golden
mean," and wise men still agree with that
stern old philosopher of antiquity who declared
that "every virtue is a mean between two
vices." Nature teaches the same truth in
manifold lessons. The tropics enervate the
body and enfeeble the mind; the land of the
midnight sun benumbs the intellect and stunts
physical growth: but the more favored region
between affords all the conditions which tend
to elevate and ennoble mankind. We view
with admiration the grandeur of a rugged
mountain, with its jutting peaks and narrow
passes, but leaving it to the dominion of the
birds and beasts we take up our abode in the
sunny meadow or fertile plain, whose harvests
bring comfort and blessing.

The analogy holds in the realm of intellect.

That mysterious, indefinable agency which we
call genius is a form of intellectual extreme,
and is subjected to the universal rule. It is by
no means a gift to be coveted, for the man of
genius is usually unhappy and is almost in-
variably disqualified for every-day life. Genius
is visionary, not practical; it is sublime, but
it destroys the peace of its possessor; it is
strong, but it is also pitifully weak. It is
usually accompanied by that which mars its
beauty and impairs its usefulness. It is like a
great iceberg, dazzling with its brilliancy,
irresistible in its course, an object at once of
admiration and fear, possessing wonderful
beauty, but having in its very nature an in-
herent weakness, and when it strays beyond its
latitude it yields and breaks and is destroyed.

The aberrations and follies of men of genius
present a melancholy picture. From Goethe,
the greatest genius of German literature,
take away the spell of his mighty mind, pierce
through the veil of enthusiastic eulogy and
look at Goethe the man. A recent writer, whose
authority is unquestioned, affirms that "he was
a modern imitation of the pre-historic Greek,
who knew no worship but that of beauty, and
beauty in its lowest form, unallied with good
—a Sybarite whose God was himself, and who
did not hesitate to sacrifice to his supposed
artistic culture, manly honor, and womanly
happiness, for all his love affairs served him as
mere 'experiences.'" But because he was one
of the most gifted men of the eighteenth cen-
tury we are expected to excuse his hopeless
mingling of right and wrong as one of the pre-
rogatives of genius.

If we would completely enjoy the beautiful
poems of Robert Burns, so full of tender feel-
ing and touching pathos, we must forget for
the time the shameless life of their author.
How great a wound our admiration receives
when we remember that he who wrote "Bonnie
Jean" was a faithless husband, and that the

author of "The Cotter's Saturday Night" fills a drunkard's dishonored grave.

Look for a moment at Lord Byron, goaded by "the stings and darts of an outrageous fortune." With sufferings intense in proportion to the keenness of his intellect, he presents a sad picture of reckless desperation. Genius has been called a feverish infirmity of the soul, and never was the definition more literally exemplified than in the life of the unfortunate Byron. He drank deeply from the cup of human anguish, and died in early life full of bitterness and hate.

The genius of our own Edgar Allen Poe was accompanied by an abnormal sensibility which involved him in a "sea of troubles." His admirers find it a difficult task to allure popular gaze from his conspicuous follies. His genius is overshadowed by his sad and dishonored career. Jealous, proud, sensitive, suspicious of his friends, and relentless with his enemies, he met the inevitable results of his weak nature.

The author of "John Halifax, Gentleman", in speaking of the responsibilities of genius says: "Can any writings of the two greatest female novelists of the age—French and English—and one the Englishwoman, full of most noble qualities—atone for the lack of that crown of stainless matronhood which should have adorned either brow, making the life a consecration of the books, not the books a piteous apology for the life?" A great deal has been written in defence of Geo. Eliot's course, and very plausible excuses have been framed, but the simple fact that apologies are so frequently made clearly indicates that they are needed. Granting, as we must, that there were extenuating circumstances of an unusual nature, it is still a matter of regret that she had not the moral strength to resist the temptation of her life, and place her character beyond reproach. Furthermore, would her course have been excused had she been an humble woman? Would it be a safe or moral policy to extend to all the privilege to disregard social institutions, and to break laws because they seem to them unjust, or is this another of the so called "prerogatives of genius"? Moral and social laws are universal,

and it is a mischievous fallacy to suppose that intellect or wealth exempts anyone from them.

If one example of erring genius is to be mentioned above others, it is surely Thomas Carlyle. That gifted grumbler, not content with reproving the outside world, carried his snarling into his home-life. Wedded to a woman who was greatly his superior in culture and social standing, he appeared to have no regard for her finer sensibilities, and made her life so wretched that we have since been hearing repeated at every hand the warning, "never marry a genius."

The instances cited are not exceptional. A careful review of men of genius in all fields will show that they usually have possessed some glaring weakness either of character or of mind. There are exceptions to this rule, and notable ones, but they are few.

There is no such person as a universal genius. Nature seems to recognize a law of compensation in all her doings; if she gives one thing overmuch, she takes away something in its stead: if the scale rises here, it sinks to the ground there. Genius is abnormal. It has been called a delirium of the mind. Too often it controls and subverts the man, instead of aiding him to attain the great results of which he is capable. It produces startling effects, but the world's real work is done by men who never feel its power. We should carefully distinguish between talent and genius. Humanity is elevated, and culture disseminated, largely by men of talent who never "rise to heights sublime." Their light is more efficient when it does not dazzle, and their influence is more abiding if they are "fully rounded men."

If genius itself is so questionable a blessing, that mortal is certainly unfortunate who, deluded with the idea that he is "born to greatness," takes on the idiocrasies of genius, without possessing an iota of its real merits. In the language of the prayer book, we devoutly say, from such persons "Good Lord deliver us." It is a safe and wise plan to be a man first, a genius afterward.

For the CAMPUS.

SOMETHING ABOUT SIGN-BOARDS.

MARY WILKENS.

THE reign of the old picturesque sign-board, so common one hundred years ago, is now almost over, as merchants are now content with the mere announcement of the name and business. But the present system of advertising being useless in the days when the art of reading was almost a royal accomplishment, some quick-witted head caught at the thought that though the people might not have the least idea of what *s-h-o-e*, meant, they would never mistake a picture of that article, be it never so rudely executed. And the idea developed into many curious and quaint forms.

One would be apt to think that "The Five Alls" was a very appropriate sign for the shoemaker. But tradition says that it was a public house that carried it. This very elaborate piece of work was divided into five compartments. In the first was pictured a clergyman who says, "I pray for all;" next is a lawyer, saying, "I plead for all;" third, the farmer declares, "I maintain all;" fourth, the soldier proclaims, "I fight for all;" while Sathanas brings up the rear with, "I take all."

We do not often find a tavern keeper preaching temperance. But Leicestershire seems to have possessed such an oddity. Under his coat of arms was

May he who has little to spend, spend nothing in drink;
May he who has more than enough, keep it for better uses;
May he who goes in to rest, never remain to riot;
And he who fears God elsewhere, never forget Him here.

The horse would naturally suggest itself as a suitable emblem for a tavern. One such sign bore beneath the pictured steed the announcement, "Good grass for horses—long-tails, 3s. 6d. per week." A traveller, seeking for the reason of the difference in charge for long and short-tailed horses, received the philosophic answer, "Because the long-tails can whisk off the flies and eat at their leisure; but the bob-tails have to shake their heads and run about from morning to night; and so do eat much less."

Many odd conceits are to be found on these antique sign-boards. "The Whistling Oyster;" "The Pig & Tinder-box;" "Help me through the World"—the head and shoulders of a man emerging from a globe, his feet just visible on the other side; "The Three Loggerheads"—two very silly-looking faces, with the inscription

"We three
Loggerheads be"—

the unsuspecting reader being, of course, the third. But possibly the most humorous of them all was "The Man Loaded with Mischiefs"—a poor fellow, with a woman holding a glass of gin seated on his back; on his left shoulder, a monkey; on his right, a magpie; about his neck a chain secured by a padlock inscribed "Wedlock;" behind him a pawnbroker's office, a pigpen, and two fighting cats. Beneath is written, "A monkey, a magpie, a wife, is the true emblem of strife." He, unhappy man, seems much distressed by his burden—as well he may be!

The remains of these curiosities are still among us in two or three of our most common signs. The colored lights of the druggist's window hint at times of no street lamps. The three balls of the pawnbroker were primarily the coat of arms of Lombardy, whence came the first bankers. The familiar red and white striped pole of the barber dates from the times when bleeding was the panacea for all human woes, and the barber was the professional surgeon. The patient was requested to grasp a pole, under the impression that the blood would then flow more freely. This, as it was apt to be stained, was painted red. The white bandages used in the operation were wrapped round this when not in use, and it was hung up, often outside the door. Whence we have our present barber's pole.

For the CAMPUS.

ADVICE TO A YOUNG MAN.

NOTHING is as free as advice, and nothing is so well received. The young men of to-day are just groaning for some kindly words, and when once "posted" on the proper

course to pursue are ready and anxious to enter therein. So I am deeply sensible of the impression my words will have on the boys of our college. You have often taken a glass filled with water, and thrust your finger in it, and withdrawing your hand gradually, have watched the hole you have made in the water. That hole represents the impression advice leaves on a young man.

But preliminaries are out of order; so let us bring the business of the day before the house.

First, don't live on your ancestors. Not simply dependent on them for your financial well-being, but for intellectual and moral life. We hear a good deal of the good old days of yore. Don't believe it. The best time for human beings in the history of the world is now; the opportunities for development were never so numerous; the means of making men were never more freely offered.

We're a good deal better than our ancestors, and when you see a young man continually parading the good qualities and traits of those who preceded him, depend on it, he has nothing worthy in himself to commend him to others. A person of meagre ability was telling how much had been left him, when the quick reply came, "but that's all." If he had given the boy more common sense and less money, it would have been better for the world.

Then your predecessors can leave to you nothing of practical value but experience. The only use we can make of history is to better ourselves by its teachings. Better come into the world unknown and unheralded, and rise by your own efforts from one round to another of the ladder of fame, till, like a Lincoln or a Garfield, you are at the head of your profession; for all things are possible, and since the late election, we have been convinced the Presidency is open to all young men.

Second. Be prompted by right motives.

Everything is in commencing properly; it has been said that "the start is half the battle;" if the foundation be well laid, broad and deep, then the building can be easily reared. And so behind the deed is the motive; back of our outward lives is the spirit that prompts

us to act. Let us contend not so much for the outward show as for inward worth. A young man should have real value, have the right ring, have the substance on which character can be reared.

"Be God fearing." Some may jeer at christian principles, and laugh at christians; but yet the nature of every human being is religious; the very inmost nature yearns for a something beyond itself; and when a person is the most truly *religious* he is the most natural. If anything should be taught in the present day, it is that every man, woman and child should try to cultivate its own nature.

And above all, "be yourself." Imitation of others is a serious crime at the present; we strive so hard to be some one else, that we oft-times miss the mark and make a failure.

Our honesty should come from right motives. There is a mean, unnatural maxim cultivated in our being from infancy. We are told one of "the Patriarchs of our country used the words 'honesty is the best policy.'" Just think of it! Honesty! A policy! An instrument to make us better thought of, and give us a value among men. "If policy is your motive for honesty," Mr. Burdette says, "you should be a rascal, for it's what nature intended you for." So our motives should be considered as well as our acts. See that the motive is correct; see that the principle is right; then you will have a life which any person may well envy.

Then let me advise you to be men. Even in youth, may you show such a manhood as the Psalmist speaks of,—"he that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart." And also let me point you to that only perfect character in history, and let me exhort you to copy from Him.

H.

THE trustees of Cornell University have created another Fellowship, to be named after the Hon. Erastus Brooks. This makes eight Fellowships in all that are open yearly, and valued at \$400 each. E. D. Jackson, of the Penna. State College, has been elected to the new Fellowship and will pursue electrical engineering.

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THE two rival societies, Allegheny and Philo, have again arranged for a contest in June. Last year the Philo accepted a challenge from Allegheny, but on account of disability on the part of some of the performers, the contest was given up. This term, both societies passed the motion to challenge on the same evening, and the challenge was considered mutual. These struggles sometimes stir up ill-feeling, but as a rule, have a beneficial effect on the

societies. They cause the members to settle down to good solid work, and are always coming up as bug-bears when the societies are tempted to adjourn for frivolous reasons. The contest takes place during Commencement week, and will be of intense interest to all members and friends of the two societies.

WE must have a parting word concerning a lecture course. Since our last mention of the subject, we have learned that a course comprising some of the very best lecturers can be arranged, with season tickets costing not more than two dollars. At this price every student in college could afford to attend, and the financial success of the project would thus be assured. Why such a general apathy should exist, when other places are enjoying the benefits of instructive lectures, is inexplicable.

COLLEGE government is one of the most delicate and difficult tasks which college faculties have to perform; and they deserve the hearty co-operation of all order-loving students. When, however, college students, with ages varying from seventeen to twenty-five years, are treated like school children in knee-breeches, forbearance ceases to be a virtue and these strict disciplinarians (?) deservedly lose the support and regard of those whom they attempt to coerce. The faculty of a certain college in Ohio, with an evident longing to make themselves and the college notorious, recently suspended sixty-three students for attending a production of Richard III! In these latter days, when Shakespeare is studied in our schools and colleges as a text book, such action is beyond endurance. And the suspended students, who were compelled to sign a long and humiliating apology, in order to be reinstated, would have had the sympathy of the whole college world had they rebelled. It requires no discussion of the merits and demerits of the modern stage to condemn this treatment. Most faculties have learned, that

to treat students like men and women yields the best results. To imply that young men with votes in their hands, are still in leading strings, is, to say the least, slightly incongruous. We would like to inquire of what nationality are the members of this faculty. It seems hardly possible that they have lived long in free America.

WE wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; and have just one or two suggestions on the way to have these. We are about to separate to our various homes from which many of us have been absent for three long months. We have all this time been looking forward to a pleasant vacation at home. There is one prime element of enjoyment. That is, freedom from care. If we would enjoy our vacation, and get the good for which it has been devised, we must leave college work and college cares behind us. We must leave our books on the shelves and give ourselves up to the fullest, freest rest from work. The Winter term will be severe enough to demand fresh minds and bodies, and whoever comes back jaded and worn will soon find this out. Drive lessons out of thought; change the routine of daily life; no time will be lost which is spent in judicious recreation during this, the most delightful season of the year.

IT has been suggested that attendance on the Battallion Drill should be made compulsory for the first two years of each male student's course. As to the benefits of the drill there is no doubt. The only question is that of advisability. The only objections urged are, want of time, and the supposed extra expense. As to the first, it has been repeatedly shown in these columns, that the amount of time required is no more than every student should spend in healthful exercise; and every minute spent in drill is regained in renewed energy. In regard to expense, we need only say,

that no suit of clothes as neat or half as durable can be purchased for the same amount of money. So that, instead of being an extra expense it is a positive economy. Thus the only drawbacks vanish on inspection, and only the incalculable good remains. We earnestly favor the compulsory plan. It is due to the student, to the college and to the government, which generously furnishes accoutrements.

VERILY, it is a burdensome and dangerous honor to be President of the United States, or to belong to his cabinet. A few days ago Vice President Hendricks died. His funeral was held at his home in Indianapolis. To attend this funeral, this cautious cabinet must needs have a special train, run secretly through on the B. & O. road, changing engines between stations, in order to preserve their lives from the assaults of imaginary assassins. The President did not even dare to go at all. Indeed, their sins must hang heavy on their consciences. The Jeffersonian simplicity of Democracy is a thing of the past. It is our opinion that such extreme precautions show an excessive fear. Cranks are numerous, it is true; but it is an unheard of thing for a train load of cabinet officers to be made the object of misdirected enthusiasm.

A COLLEGE education is becoming every day more and more necessary. The world is constantly advancing in the various professions and arts, and the man who hopes to take high rank must have his natural talents reinforced by every possible means. Yet, while the necessity is continually growing, the cost of such an education does not seem to diminish. In fact, in the larger colleges of the country it is said to be on the increase. This, and the increased excellence of Western colleges, has caused a falling off in the attendance of the large Eastern institutions. After considerable inspection of catalogues, we are prepared to state that Allegheny presents a stronger

course and better facilities for the same amount expended, than the majority of colleges either east or west. The lowest estimate is presented by Valparaiso N. J. N. S., which college places the average cost at \$117. Next comes Michigan Agricultural with an estimate of \$250. Allegheny ranks about with the last. Next is Boston University whose average is \$300. Columbia and Harvard place their average at \$800. These are all taken on the basis of ordinary expenditures. Of course in all the institutions above named many students go far above the amounts given. In the last two, wealthy young men often expend as much as \$3,000 per year. Thus, it is seen, that the only hope of young men blessed with an abundance of nothing but poverty, is in the cheap western colleges.

The College World.

OUR EXCHANGES.

THE *Spartan*, of Sparta, Wis., and the *Emporia Collegian*, Emporia, Kan., two bright little monthlies, are the latest ventures in college journalism.

FOR the benefit of some of our exchanges, who are still addressing their valuable papers to the *Owl* at this institution, we will say that the *Owl* is a thing of the past. It is to the credit of the college that the birds of night have taken their departure.

THE *Hesperian* is a daisy from Flowerville, Bloom Co., Neb. It sheds fragrance wherever its yellow cover goes, with its pictures of the bare-foot boy and a rattlesnake climbing up a cat-tail. The *Hesperian* is a good paper, even if it does not give its readers a myriameter of literary articles.

WE have received the *Crescent* of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Heretofore the *Crescent* has been published by the Alpha Chapter at this college. It is now published by the fraternity at Chicago, with H. W. Plummer, class of '84, as editor-in-chief. The *Crescent*

has always taken high rank among fraternity journals. "Plum" is keeping up the standard of the *Crescent* in admirable shape.

THE *Epoch* from the University of the Pacific is a regular and welcome visitor at our sanctum. It is a very well filled, and readable journal. The exchange column is all right, and we warn the editor against any proposed changes. College news will never be complete without some news about college papers. Long live the exchange department of the *Epoch*.

THE great newspapers and magazines of this country have a very beautiful custom of heralding the approach of Christmas and the Holidays, with increased literary and artistic attractions. The midwinter number of *Harper's Magazine* and the Christmas number of *Harper's Weekly* are notable instances. The numerous juvenile publications have no small part in making Christmas the happiest time of the year for the little ones. Of late years the leading dailies have also commenced to get out special numbers, which are a pleasure and a wonder to behold. The enormous increase in advertising makes this not only possible but profitable. The *Evening Call*, of Philadelphia, on Dec. 9th, came out with a magnificent edition of twenty pages which certainly "speaks eloquently" for itself. On Dec. 24th, the *Call* will issue another magnificent edition. James Russell Lowell, E. P. Roe, Henry Ward Beecher, Julian Hawthorn, and other eminent authors will be among the contributors.

NOTES.

THERE is a Senior at Yale, who is over fifty years of age.

LAFAYETTE and LEHIGH kicked a draw game of football at Easton, November 21st.

OBERLIN College is to have a \$10,000 gymnasium. The students have contributed \$2,500.

PROFESSOR JOHNSTON, of Princeton, is writing a number of articles for the new edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, of which those upon William H. Seward and Winfield Scott will appear in the forthcoming volume. Pro-

fessor Cameron also contributes to the same work the article on Princeton.

NINE Seniors at Ohio Wesleyan are under discipline for attending a playhouse to hear "Richard III."

GEN. G. W. LEE, oldest son of Gen. Robert E. Lee, is still president of Washington and Lee University.

ROBERT WINSTON, the professional English athlete, trained the Yale football team for several weeks before their recent game with Princeton.

OBERLIN was the first college to adopt co-education, which she did in 1854. Now two hundred chartered institutions in this country educate the sexes together.

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER has been sued by some students of the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield for twice failing to fulfil an engagement to lecture.

FIRES have been very frequent in college buildings of late. The Presbyterian Educational Institute at York is the latest sufferer. At midnight, Dec. 7th, one of the buildings which originally cost \$60,000 was completely destroyed.

VASSAR, Wellesly, Smith and Mawr are the only colleges giving instruction to ladies alone, but there are in the United States over one hundred and fifty colleges for young men which also admit them. The great English Universities, Oxford, and Cambridge, have made arrangements by which ladies can attend a large number of lectures.

PRESIDENT MCCOSH, of Princeton, has a curious habit, when disturbed in any way, of chewing the knuckle of his thumb. On one occasion when he had been lecturing on the relations of good and evil in the world, he was asked by some inquisitive divinity student to explain the origin of evil. Replied the president, with a strong Doric accent:—"Well, ye have asked me a vera deeficult question. All the feelosophers of antiquity have tried their hand at it. Sookrates tried it and failed; Plato did no better. Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibnitz were obliged to confess it was too much

for them. Kant tried it and made a mess of it, and to tell you the truth, gentlemen, (chewing his thumb-knuckle very vigorously) I canna make much of it myself."

PROFESSOR EATON, of Yale College, in a recent lecture to the students, told them it was not certain Eve tempted Adam with an apple in the Garden of Eden. He thinks probably it was a quince, "because the apple of the present day was propagated from the crabapple, and it is not at all likely Adam would have been taken in by such a puckery little bait."

GREEK and Latin are among the noblest instruments of thought ever elaborated by the human race, and we cannot possibly, without great damage to ourselves, neglect any system of education so fraught with the best possessions Providence has preserved to mankind from the wrecks of barbarism and decay."—*Canon Farrar at Johns Hopkins, Oct. 1, 1885.*

THE Vassar girls have consumed within the past year 94,485 pounds of fresh meat, 2380 pounds of turkey, 3395 pounds of fresh fish, 7 pounds of mackerel, 30,000 clams, about 100,000 quarts of milk, 14,000 pounds of butter, 22,000 pounds of sugar, 15,000 bananas, 16,000 oranges, 576 boxes of caramels, 400 boxes of sardines, 692 pounds of confections, 1,000 dozen ears of corn, 8,000 lemons, 2,000 pounds of lard, 3,000 pounds of coffee, 91 pounds of maple sugar, 40 bushels of onions, 12 gallons of horse radish, 71 bushels of salt, 100,000 boxes of chewing gum.

DAVID PRYDE gives the following rules for beneficial reading:

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- (2) Read the preface carefully.
- (3) Take a comprehensive survey of the table of contents.
- (4) Give your whole attention to what you read.
- (5) Be sure to note the most valuable passages as you read.
- (6) Write out in your own language, a summary of the facts you have noted.
- (7) Apply the results of your reading to your every-day duties.

Local.

The series of religious meetings in college closed December 3d.

What are the chances of being made better by arguing foreordination?

Skating on the ice is now very popular. A few, however, sit down on it.

The height of a certain Senior's ambition—to write a letter to his best girl.

Ask Sim why he thinks Franklin was a better bred man than Washington.

Was it "Bonus" who stayed up all night one night till one o'clock studying Zoology? Guess so.

A most wholesome saying, "You have the power to go around the icy places" on the sidewalk of life.

Philo society unanimously refused to accept the resignation of the two members mentioned in last issue.

Alarming state of affairs! A certain Senior does not know the difference between poker and shovel (shuffle).

The penny discussion in logic was close and sharp. It is questionable whether you can get as much elsewhere for a cent.

The CAMPUS wishes all the students a good time generally during vacation, and hopes to see them all back next term.

Sleigh-bells sounded very natural last week. We wish, for the sake of all interested, good sleighing during the vacation.

Philo literary society revoked her decision in reference to the Declamation contest and concluded to have it this term.

"All gall is divided into three parts," is the latest and best rendering for that term. Space forbids giving the divisions here.

Buy the Freshman paper and have something good and spicy to read during the winter vacation. Price only fifteen cents.

The last "at home" was given by the ladies of Hullings hall Monday evening last. It was very largely attended. It being the last re-

ception of the term, all seemed to realize this, and, therefore, fully appreciated the occasion. It is very manifest that the boys are not at all tired of these "at homes."

There is an art which is better than painting, poetry, or music,—yes better than Zoology, Botany, or any science; namely, the Culinary art.

A boy makes his exit from the Latin room singing heartily those profoundly significant words: "Free from the law, O! happy condition."

Unparalleled case of modern bravery! The Professor walking right up with both eyes wide open to face the situation of a big piece of mince pie.

The study of Astronomy is one of intense interest. A new planet has been discovered on North Main street. Observations are still being taken. No references.

One of the boys in Hullings Hall is making an enviable reputation for himself by telling amusing stories at the table. He might properly be termed a second-hand Lincoln.

Dr. H. is almost persuaded to go to house-keeping in the college library, since it looks so home-like with the new carpet. Vacation will furnish him an ample opportunity to flit.

What student is it who calls at the hall and being afraid that the Preceptress will see him, keeps his overcoat on ready to escape through the window or wall (if need be) at any moment?

In order to secure the regular attendance of the Faculty at chapel, a rule somewhat like the following should be in force; "Three unexcused absences from chapel will suspend any professor from hearing his respective classes." Example is better than precept.

The millennium is near. Allegheny and Philo meet on mutual grounds in reference to an inter-society contest to occur Commencement week. The Allegheny team: Orator, C. W. Fuller; Debator, Mr. Jason; Essayist, J. A. Wood, Jr.; Declaimer not yet chosen. Their Declamation contest is to decide who

shall fill the position. Philo team: Orator, W. P. Murray; Debator, A. L. Chase; Essayist, C. P. Lynch; Declaimer, I. J. Dunn. Any comment on the teams is useless. Both societies are sure of victory.

The Librarian complimented a young man the other day for being in the room a few minutes without his attention being called to the fact. Verily some strange things happen in the world.

There is some talk of the Ossoli society challenging the Athenians to a literary contest to take place the week of commencement. Meadville will soon be the second Athens of America.

The exhibition drill given by the Battalion last Saturday evening at the Casino was very creditable to all concerned. The marching was good, the silent drill, better, the bayonet exercise, best.

The Ladies of Hulings Hall have Missionary meetings on the first Sabbath afternoon of each month. We understand they are full of interest and profit. Miss Ruth Laubender presided at the last meeting.

Mail train running from North to South at all moments during the hour in logic. Cleveland should be apprised of the fact and appoint at once a twentieth rate postmaster at the terminus of this line.

Dominick, downed John L. Sullivan, eleven times out of sixteen. As an eye witness describes it, "both came up the first round smiling." It was hotly contested but Dominick proved to be the champion.

Silence now reigns supreme in the library. Dr. Hamnett has had new and beautiful matting put on the floor, which adds dignity to the room, subtracts noise, multiplies comforts, and divides the attention of none when you move about.

The Philo Franklin Declamation contest occurred in the college chapel on Tuesday evening. The house was comfortably filled with attentive auditors. The contest was creditably sustained. W. P. Murray was the successful competitor.

The celebration of Miss Mae Goff's forty-first birth day, beg pardon, the figures should be reversed, was thoroughly relished by all present. Toasts were responded to by several members of the table. "That occasion now forms another golden link in the pleasant chain of past recollections."

A Freshman was soliloquizing the other day, when he unconsciously gave full vent to the following beautiful sentiments:—

"Dear little darling that sings by the stream,
Bright are your eyes as the silvery beam;
Rosy your cheeks as the blush on the peach
Tempting the taste when 'tis almost in reach.

"Flowing your hair as the waves on the lea,
Sweet are your smiles in your innocent glee,
Graceful your form as the fawn in the wood
Sporting in search of the daintiest food.

"Pure are your thoughts as the flakes flying high
Coming just out of the clouds in the sky;
Gentle your speech as the voice of a dove
Telling her mate the first strains of her love.

"Happy are you on the dreariest day
Working and singing the hours away,
Leaving some sunshine with all whom you meet,
Bringing some gladness to all whom you greet.

"Sit by me, darling, and tell me so true
One little secret—I crave it from you—
What could it be that so troubles your heart?
Why does it rise every time that we part?"

PERSONAL.

M. A. Rigg will remain here for his vacation. Mr. Graff will not go home for the holidays. It is too far.

S. M. Gordon, '86, preached twice at Jamestown, Pa., on last Sabbath.

Messrs. Adams, F. C. and B. O., will remain in the city during vacation.

T. C. Allison, not being well, left for his home on Tuesday of this week.

H. F. Foster, ex-'88, was out of town recently for several days recreation.

Misses Young and Van Petten expect to spend the coming vacation in Meadville.

Lafayette Perkins, '86, was the guest of his friends at home from the 5th to the 7th inst.

C. T. Scofield, '86, was at Union City on a few days' visit to Prof. Edwards. He has fully

recovered from his recent illness and has been in college since the 8th.

Miss Hollister went home a few days before the close of the term on account of sickness.

J. M. Ward, 'ex-'88, will teach during the winter term, and return to college in the spring.

C. W. Fuller, '86, took a short trip to the country about ten days ago. He reports a good time.

Miss Virginia Miller was suddenly called home on Tuesday, on account of a death in the family.

Prof. N. Luckock occupied the pulpit in the Second M. E. church for Rev. M. Miller, last Sabbath morning.

Dr. D. H. Wheeler preached a short but very interesting sermon to the students on the evening of Dec. 3rd.

Alumni Notes.

Miss Mammie Wood, ex-'87, is attending Leasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass.

Mr. Herrick, '85, hopes to be in Meadville again at our next Commencement exercises.

Miss Helen Hayes, '84, expects to spend the holidays at Kirksville, Mo., where Miss Heath, '84, is teaching.

C. W. Proctor, '85, has been elected Vice President of the college where he is teaching, at St. Charles, Mo.

Mr. Pond, '84, has been chosen Vice President of his class. He is attending the Medical School at Ann Arbor.

Prof. W. W. Thoburn, '81, has gone south on account of his health. He will spend the next four months at San Antonio, Texas, and then return to his old position at Bloomington Wesleyan University, Ill.

The last news from our Missionaries,—C. M. Miller, his wife, and C. R. Thoburn comes from Gibraltar. They encountered a very severe storm while on the bay of Biscay, which lasted forty-eight hours. All the passengers were very sick. Mrs. Burnham Miller says she is sure now that she only had sick headache while on

the "City of Rome." They lay in their berths perfectly weak and helpless, making no inquiry about any of the other passengers. They could hear the waves roll over the deck and as they would come against the port hole of their stateroom, the glass of which was an inch thick. The waves came with such force that it seemed every time that the next would break through. When the storm had abated and they heard Crawford (whose stateroom was directly opposite theirs) calling to know if he might come, they replied yes, when he managed to get into the room but sank upon the first upholstered seat, looking very pale and was too much exhausted to talk, but said there was a satisfaction in being able to look on each others faces and know that they were still in the land of the living.

Fraternity.

NOTES.

John Clark Ridpath, the historian, is a Phi Gamma Delta.

Alfred P. Burbank, the elocutionist, is a Beta Theta Pi.

Delta Tau Delta has withdrawn its charters from Kenyon and Lehigh.

Phi Delta Theta has entered Central University, Richmond, Ky.

Phi Gamma Delta refused a charter to a local fraternity at Buchtel College, Akron, O.

William F. Vilas, Postmaster General, and A. E. Stevenson, First Ass't Postmaster General, are Phi Delta Thetas.

Phi Kappa Psi's new initiates are Messrs. Twining, Anderson and McCreary. Delta Tau Delta's, Mr. Bumgarner. Phi Delta Theta's, Mr. Couse. Phi Gamma Delta's, Mr. Leach.

SOCIETIES AT HARVARD.

There are four societies in Harvard which are entitled to special mention, both from the size of their membership and from the lapse of years since they were founded. These four societies are the Hasty Pudding Club, the Pi

Eta Society, the Institute of 1770, and the Everett Athenæum. The two former are Senior societies, the two latter are Sophomore societies. The Sophomore societies are regarded as stepping stones to the societies of the Senior year—the institute of 1770 to the Hasty Pudding, and the Athenæum to the Pi Eta.

Within the institute, as in all controlling inner circles in the ΔΚΕ, familiarly known at Harvard as the "Dickey," the members are elected in squads of ten men at a time. The first ten is chosen by the society at the close of the Freshman year, and great is the honor to be one of these ten men, as the start then afforded them makes them prominent for the rest of the college course. When the "first ten" is elected from the Freshman class the election of the rest of the society from their class passes into their hands. At the beginning of the Sophomore year more tens are elected until membership of the society reaches nearly a hundred. The first four or five tens, by virtue of their election into the institute, become members of the ΔΚΕ.

The initiation which these men have to undergo is more curious than any other at Harvard. For five days the members of each ten are dressed up in fancy costumes of the most absurd variety, and are made subject to the beck and call of all members of the "Dickey," past or present. The trials and tribulations which befall them during this brief period of time can well be imagined. A son of a prominent Boston clergyman recently might have been seen slowly wending his way across the athletic field toward the college yard, dressed as an old and decrepit soldier, who, from his appearance, might have been mistaken for a veteran who had gone with Napoleon from Toulon to Waterloo, and lived to the present day to boast of the exploits of his "Little Corporal." His left arm was in a sling; his right side was supported by a crutch; a huge piece of court plaster adorned his face; his right leg was wound up in innumerable folds of red flannel; his clothes were in tatters, and his whole appearance was sufficient to terrify a small child. Another neophyte was seen a

few days ago running through Harvard square followed by a howling mob of children. On his back were imitation wings, which flapped and waved as he sped through the crowded streets. A third neophyte was crossing the yard dressed as a lady, with long skirts and flowing hair, surrounded by an admiring crowd of youngsters. A fourth was dressed to represent a coachman; a fifth to represent an old clothes man, and so on as the ingenuity of the members of the society suggested.

Besides this open initiation there is a still more severe secret initiation, in which, among other things, each neophyte is branded a certain number of times on his left arm. The scar of this branding remains for years, and often for a lifetime. It is no uncommon sight to see a number of the oarsmen when stripped for work marked with the six little scars of this lasting memorial of their initiation into the ΔΚΕ—*N. Y. Times.*

COLLEGE FUN.

The dairy-maid pensively milked the goat,
And pouting, she paused to mutter,
"I wish, you brute, you would turn to milk,"
And the animal turned to butther.

THERE was a young lady from Vassar,
Who allowed no young fellow to sassar.
When she met any beaux,
She would turn up her neaux,
And thereby allow them to passar.—*Cadet.*
I met the girl of the .
And gently took her .
I thought I'd pop the ?
But I didn't have the S&.—*Ex.*

"Was Rome founded by Romeo?" inquired a pupil of the teacher. "No, my son," replied the wise man. "it was Juliet who was found dead by Romeo."

SOME of "Mark Queucher's" philosophy:—"It's a long lane vat's got no silfer lining." "A rolling shtone is often darker before dawn." "After the sdorm comes a clam. Dherefore *Nil Desperado.*" "Honi soi qui mal who dinks about it." "Always try to be nefer too late to mend."—*Ex.*

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