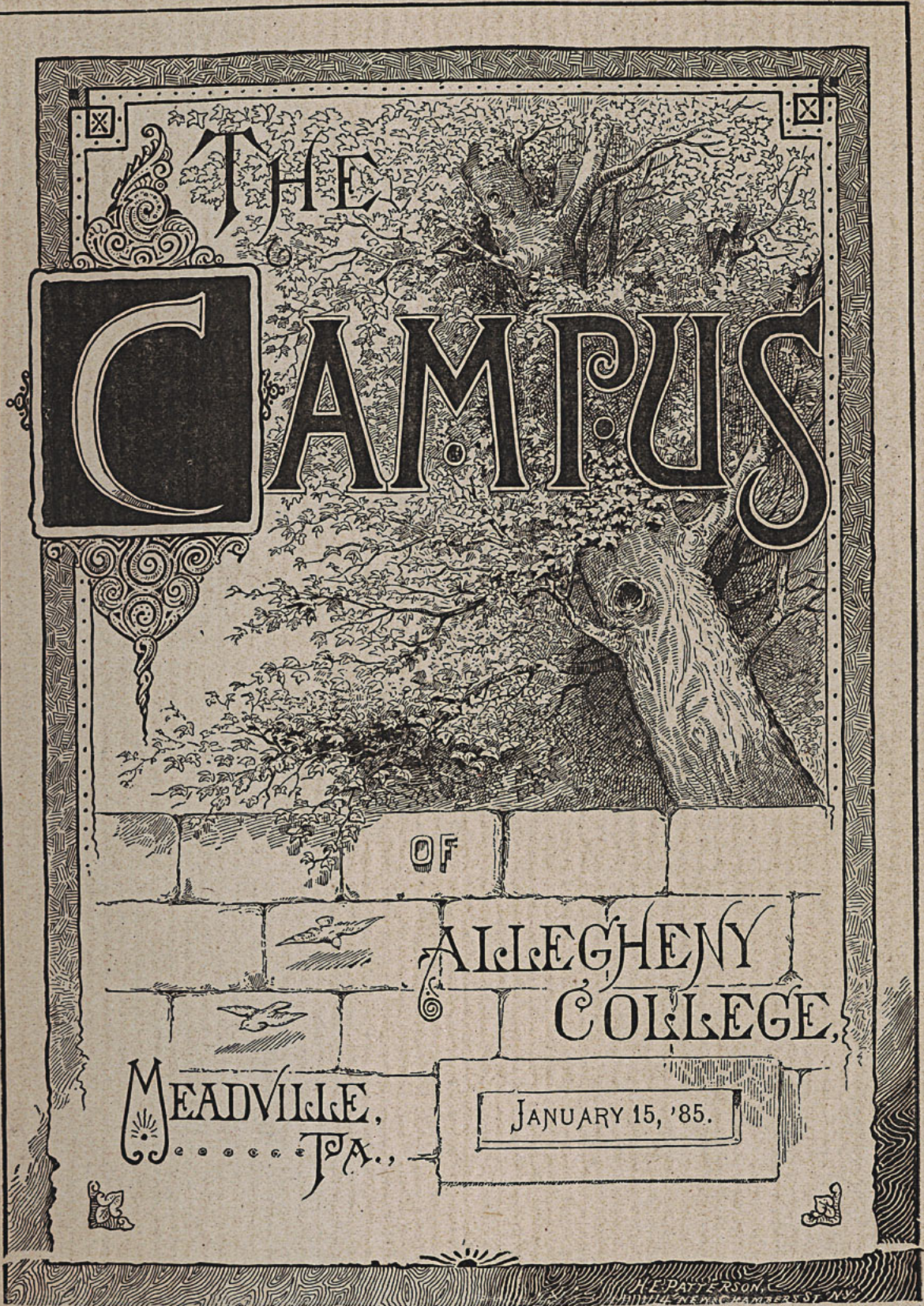




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Literary.

JANUARY.

JANUS I am; oldest of potentates!
Forward I look, and backward and below.
I count, as god of avenues and gates,
The years that through my portals come and go.
I block the roads and drift the fields with snow;
I chase the wild fowl from the frozen fen;
My frosts congeal the rivers in their flow;
My fires light up the hearths and hearts of men.

—Henry W. Longfellow.

THE PARADOX OF TIME.

BY AUSTIN DOBSON.

TIME goes, you say? Ah, no!
Alas, Time stays, we go;
Or else, were this not so,
What need to chain the hours,
For Youth were always ours?
Time goes, you say? Ah, no!

Ours is the eyes' deceit
Of men whose lying feet
Lead through some landscape low;
We pass, and think we see
The earth's fixed surface flee—
Alas, Time stays—we go!

See, in what traversed ways,
What backward Fate delays
The hopes we used to know.
Where are our old desires?
Ah, where those vanished fires?
Time goes, you say? Ah, no!

How far, how far, O sweet,
The pass behind our feet
Lies in the even glow!
Now, on the forward way,
Let us fold hands, and pray;
Alas, Time stays, we go!

For the CAMPUS.

SOCIETY.

A. M. W.

EVIDENTLY man was designed for inter-
course with his fellow-beings, and not for
isolation and seclusion. Endowed at his

creation with intelligence and the social
instinct, "it was not good for him to be
alone." His beneficent Creator, therefore,
instituted the family relations; thus laying
broad and deep the foundations of human
society. As population increased, and new
and diverse interests were developed, the cir-
cle of society enlarged and its character
became very materially modified.

Unfortunately, sin, which has laid its blight-
ing hand on man's entire being, has corrupted
and disordered his social relations. Instead of
leaving him a harmonious member of the great
brotherhood of the race, each seeking his closer
associations as inclined by temperament and
taste, or by business and political interests, it
has sown discord, dissension, and division;
and yet so necessary is society to the highest
happiness and well-being of men, that they
are irresistibly drawn together into families,
and communities, and states. The diversities
of this indestructible social nature have, how-
ever, led to the division of people into classes
which have come to be called "society." And
such classification, made upon right principles
and ideas, is natural and altogether proper.

But the world has suffered sadly from dis-
torted and perverted views which have pre-
vailed as to what constitutes really good
society. Power, rank, and wealth have often
been substituted for virtue, intelligence, and
brotherhood, as the foundations upon which to
rear the superstructure of society. This folly
was amusingly illustrated and rebuked at a
dinner-party in New York City, where a sprig
of English nobility was giving very free ex-
pression to his opinion of America and its
people. Said he, "I do not altogether like
this country, for one reason, because you do
not have any gentry here."

"What do you mean by gentry?" asked one
of the company.

"Well—oh—gentry are—those who never

do any work themselves, and whose fathers before them never did any."

"Ah!" exclaimed his interlocutor, "then we have plenty of gentry in America; but we don't call them gentry; we call them tramps."

I suppose nowhere in the world is society based upon such just and correct principles as in our land. And yet even here there are not a few who presume to constitute themselves "society," *par excellence*—an aristocracy of "first families." To such "society" the easy passports are faultless kids, or flowing trains, or fashionable clothing, or glittering diamonds, or a "love of a mustache," or a "sentimental dra-wl-ah," or a "bewitching lithp," or a "foreign air," or high-sounding titles, or Beau Brummel manners. When these self-styled "society" people gather together, ostensibly for social culture, but really to show their fine clothes and to furnish designing "mamas" with opportunities for making eligible matches for their overgrown, doll-baby daughters, the time is spent in "small talk" and the "tripping of the light, fantastic toe"—is it because their toes are more worthy of cultivation than their brains?

But this class does not truly represent the American ideal of society. This is founded on the truth that "all men are created equal," and recognizes no distinctions except those growing out of differences in degree of intelligence and real worth, which are largely under the control of the individual.

The speedy realization of this ideal to its fullest extent lies in a very great measure, with us, the youth of the nation. And we should appreciate the force of the fact that all our school-room work has direct reference to fitting us to take our places soon in society, upon the purity and excellence of which not only our own happiness, but the well-being of our country, and of the world, so largely depends.

Let us see to it that our training is so thorough as to enable us to fill with honor the stations in life for which we are destined.

For the CAMPUS.

REFORMED AND ORTHODOX JUDAISM.

AARON I. GOODFRIEND.

THE Hebrew people are the greatest wonder in human history. Scattered among all nations, they maintain their identity as almost by a supernatural power. Upon the brow of every one are imprinted words with indelible letters, "Where is the Messiah?" Some having become disappointed in their expectation, have inaugurated a "reform," to abandon the dreams of fancy, the myths and fables of impossibilities, and to keep step with the culture of modern times.

Among five million Jews in Europe more than one half of that number belong to the orthodox party. They accordingly may be divided into two classes:

(1) They who are of an inquiring mind, and at the same time are indifferent to matters pertaining to true religion.

(2) They who are stubbornly resisting any advance which may have a tendency to do away with ancient laws and customs as was held by their forefathers. The first are called the "reformed," the second the "orthodox."

Moses Mendelssohn, in 1783, gave rise to a movement tending to liberal theology. His object was to weaken the influence of the teachings of the rabbis, and to strengthen obedience to the law of Moses. Mendelssohn saw the necessity of translating the Bible from the Hebrew into the "vernacular German," which by the orthodox Jews was considered a crime and sacrilege. This translation was a revival of great interest, and although the orthodox party believed that the whole fabric of Judaism would be overthrown, the rabbis, as well as the great mass of common people who but imperfectly understood the Hebrew, were greatly benefited.

The second great movement was inaugurated in the year 1860, in the city of Paris, France, called the "Alliance Israelite Universelle," the object of which was (1) "The promotion everywhere of the emancipation and moral progress of the Jewish people;" (2) "To ex-

tend aid to those who are suffering by reason of their being Jews."

Reformed Judaism was born in Germany. Its tendencies are to rationalism. It is more like a boasted intelligence. It is the next step to infidelity. They differ from the orthodox Jews more especially in synagogue worship.

The orthodox Hebrews lay great stress on the Talmud and its teachings, while the reformed Hebrews have nothing to do with it. The Talmud is a work of twelve volumes. It treats on the civil and canonical laws of the Jewish people. It contains parables, legends, and fables concerning this and the next world, God and angels. It is a monument of Hebrew history, theology, law, poetry and superstition. The first was compiled about A. D. 200 by Rabbi Jehudah; the second by Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Eliezer, about A. D. 600. Rabbi Eliezer wrote not less than three hundred treatises on the cultivation of the cucumber. In the Talmud and Mishnah are also prescribed laws concerning synagogue worship.

Pardon a brief description of synagogue worship. Every Saturday seven chapters are read in the Pentateuch. At the beginning of each chapter, one person is invited to give praise to God for having selected the Hebrew race a chosen people. It is considered a high honor to have the privilege of praising God on the Sabbath, while the Pentateuch is being read. The reading desk stands in the centre of the synagogue. The privileges of praising God are sold from the reading desk, by the leader, to the highest bidder. In the front of the synagogue, facing toward Jerusalem, is a chest, richly embroidered with silks and satins, silver and gold, in which are kept the scrolls of the law, or the Pentateuch.

The distinction between Priests and Levites and common people, are still kept up. All the descendants of Aaron, the High Priest, are priests, the descendants of Moses are Levites. The priests are always entitled to first honor, the Levites to second. The honors are accorded them in the synagogue. Prayers are offered in the Hebrew tongue, led by a

leader, and responded to by the whole congregation.

The prayer of eighteen blessings is the most solemn. Each, with his face turned toward Jerusalem, recites silently the sins he has committed against God, and smiting his breast, asks for pardon.

The women are in a separate gallery. Young ladies are exempt from praying. The "chief seats" are assigned to the rulers. Every pious Hebrew, during the time of worship, has to wear a shawl, made of pure wool, with black stripes. At the four corners of the shawl are fringes containing seven knots, which are used during the recitation of the commandments. This mode of worship owes its origin to a misconception of the Mosaic law.

When a boy becomes 6 years of age, Talmud enjoins upon him the study of the Bible, at the age of 10 the Mishnah, at the age of 13 the sacred and religious ceremony of keeping 613 commandments, and of becoming a member of the synagogue, at the age of 18 Talmud advises him to get married, and after that to go to "housekeeping." The rabbis preach once or twice every year, and that in an "unknown tongue."

The synagogues of the reformed Jews are modeled after the Christian churches. The preacher addresses his people in English, or German, on almost any topic from the Bible. He ventures religious and scientific discussions, and is not confined to creeds and dogmas. In the orthodox synagogue every one prays out loud for himself, and very often the man who can pray loudest is considered the best man, while in the reformed synagogue all are silent, paying the strictest attention to the sermon. The orthodox Jews are slaves, bound by superstition and tradition; reformed Jews are free bound by culture and refinement, which they substitute for true religion. The sympathy of the Christian people is allied more especially with the reformed Jews.

The orthodox Jews still look for a golden era to take place in the near future in Palestine. The reformed Jews say "America is a good enough country for us, and Washington a good enough Messiah."

young American evidently became enthused with the thought that he could produce an invincible argument against the idea of the importance of observation in teaching this branch. He said; "Once in my experience I described to the best of my powers and ability an animal of the feline persuasion to my class, and upon the question, 'What?' the whole class answered, 'an elephant.'" He sat down amidst the applause of all, leaving most of the minds of those present in doubt whether his own powers were at fault or the comprehension of his class. This is one of the many instances of the ridiculous there presented.

Taken all in all the meeting of the association of 1885, as expressed over and over again, was a "grand success." About one thousand educators were present. Here the National Convention of 1886 will be held in July next, and from the telegrams received from all portions of the United States that, too, will be a grand success.

On Tuesday evening the writer decided "to take a vacation." Laying aside all compunctions of conscience, or fears that his presence might elsewhere be missed, he wended his way to the —, where he heard that wonderful warbler, Emma Nevada. Although the question was not laid before the assembly the next morning for its approval, yet the said writer was of the unanimous opinion that this last was the next to the best thing he heard during the whole time.

To paint the beauties of the capital city, as seen, in rose hued colors, would be a pleasing operation, but the fact is, it was seen under exceedingly adverse circumstances. During much of the time it was drizzle and rain, rain and drizzle, mud and water, water and mud. The city comprises about 30,000 inhabitants. For regular "out western" push, enterprise, and business energy it surpasses all other towns of Kansas, although there are some large places. There's one good thing to be said of it, and that is, while rather the converse of compactness and regularity, yet it has left room, in laying out the natural trend and direction of streets, for large growth and expansion.

The capitol building, when the main portion shall have been completed, will be one to do credit to an older and wealthier state.

The senate chamber and hall of representatives are models of beauty, and ought certainly to afford inspiration to the coming generations of the legislators of Kansas.

Want of space forbids a further description of the place which watches for the success of the motto of the state, "*Ad astra per aspera*."

The writer, deserting his party late on Wednesday afternoon, took the train for Atchison, arriving there in time to hear the celebrated Thomas Keene personate that most wonderful of all characters, Hamlet.

It was our good fortune to be seated on the homeward bound train directly in front of the Kansas Senator, Ingalls, and to be able, by virtue of a slight acquaintance, to have the benefit of quite a conversation with "the orator of the United States Senate." He is a perfect gentleman, and his conversational powers, as a private personage, by no means belie the national reputation he has acquired as a speaker and a statesman.

R. H., '85.

THE following little poem was written for the CAMPUS by Mr. Wm. B. Smyth, poet of the class of '84:

By the fire-light I am dreaming,
Ever dreaming—fondly dreaming,
And the shadows, wierd, are flitting, all around,
Now the rain is slowly falling,
And a gentle voice is calling,
And my heart is wildly beating at the sound;
But, alas! 'tis only seeming,
Conjured by my fitful dreaming,
And the fire-light still is gleaming, on the floor;
But the embers now are dying,
And the weary wind is sighing,
And that voice's gentle greeting silent now is—evermore.

A Bay State girl frightened her lover entirely out of his matrimonial notions by working and presenting him with the motto, "I need thee every hour." He says he would be perfectly willing to give her the greater portion of his time, but that his health demanded an hour or two out of doors every day for exercise.

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WE wish to call attention to the letter in this issue, written by Mr. Herrick, '85, giving a description of a trip to the capital of his state. These letters are always welcome, and are gladly published in the CAMPUS. If more of our alumni would let us know of their whereabouts and doings, the alumni department of the paper would be far more interesting. Those who sit down and in a few moments run over the "Notes," little realize the amount of trouble and labor that is required to get even the few that are published. It is a small thing to drop a postal into the office, giving some bit of information concerning yourself or friends, but it always gives pleasure to the readers of the CAMPUS, and would otherwise often never be learned by the alumni editor.

OUR local editor has doubtless told you that it has been snowing. If he has not, it is possible that it has occurred to you without his suggestion. This snow looks pure, beautiful, innocent and harmless, and so it is if taken with due allowance and proper precaution.

But no one element of nature has more danger to human life in it, than this same white, fleecy substance, if not rightly considered. It is a mistaken idea that winter and its attendant cold weather is invigorating and healthy. It is quite the contrary. All the extra vitality of the body is needed to keep up the warmth stolen by the piercing winds; it is then most susceptible to diseases of all sorts and less able to repel them. We don't wish to play the role of physician to the college, but would fail in our duty did we not urge the necessity of keeping the feet warm and *dry*, and the body protected in this snowy weather. Lung diseases are too often fatal and the sudden changes from heat to cold, which the body undergoes in this season, are entirely too favorable aids to them.

PEOPLE generally have to pay the penalty of their actions, be they good or bad. Our worthy Librarian is no exception to this rule. Having by his energy made the library the most attractive place about the college, he has thereby created a universal demand for its use in the afternoon. Few students find time to spend more than one bell there during the forenoon, and too often that is encroached upon by a half-learned lesson, consequently we hear on every side the question: "Why is not the library open during a part of each afternoon?" The Librarian has an assistant, who might take charge on most occasions, and if not he, there are plenty who would be glad to assume the responsibility, for the privilege of keeping the library open. We feel that the only reason why it is not done, is that the desire is not known to be so general; and we would present this as the voice and wish of the majority, of reading students. Let it have a trial, at least.

IT is fair to suppose that there were millions and millions of good resolutions made by college students everywhere on January 1, 1886.

Local.

ASK Scofield about his little bell(e).

THERE are about a dozen new students.

AMUSING—Prof. W—s taking off his feet.

MOST of the students returned promptly this term.

"How long! O," etc., will it be before the Library is kept open all day?

"WHAT are you going to do after you graduate?" "Teach a year or two," they mildly reply.

"How did you enjoy your vacation?" usually received the laconic and emphatic answer, "first-rate."

THE snow receives a comparatively cool reception from the students. They wanted it during vacation.

THE only boarding club open during vacation was the Johnson House, under the control of W. R. Graves.

THE two inter-society contest debaters have decided on a question for debate. They evidently mean business.

ALLEGHENY literary society will give her annual declamation contest in the chapel on the evening of January 19, '86.

THE Missionary Institute meets at Prof. A. W. Newlin's on next Sabbath evening. The subject for discussion is "Bulgaria."

QUERY—Which of the boys was it, who stood in the Erie station and saw his train bound for "Papa" pull out and leave him?

THE S. M. S. met last Monday at 7 p. m. in Dr. Wheeler's office. The program was short, but, taken in all, was interesting and instructive.

WE observe a number of old and familiar countenances missing this term. Were there not two hundred and thirty-three last term; where are the thirty-three?

VERILY the world advances! Political economy takes on a higher meaning with the broad and liberal definition given by one of the seniors, viz: "Political economy is the satisfying of the human desires." Dr. Wheeler

looks up and gently asks, "Does that include the relations between Mary and John?" (Class roars.)

THE Athenian declamation contest will occur in the college chapel next Monday evening, January 18th. Who will be the Demosthenes?

ATHENIAN SOCIETY hall looks neat and cozy since they have in their new furniture. Their president's chair is a model of beauty and comfort.

THE Major is becoming more and more popular with the boys, if we may judge from the applause he received from them one morning in chapel.

THE Preps will doubtless thrill Dr. Wheeler with their eloquence when they come to read their essays which they were to write on some phase of vacation.

A FEW minutes more and Bentley Hall would have been in ashes. But by the presence of mind and timely assistance of a Philo horn the fire was extinguished.

THOSE who bought their geologies at Fisk's lost several oyster stews by the transaction. Whereas, by walking across the street to Anderson's they would have saved \$1.25 on the book.

WORDS of commendation are due Mr. C. T. Fox, '85, who so kindly entertained several of the students who were obliged to stop over at Linesville for an hour or so in order to get a train. Kindness is its own reward.

THE Y. M. C. A. elected officers for the term on January 6th. Lafayette Perkins was elected general secretary of the association last fall but resigned at the beginning of this term, in his stead A. L. Chase was elected.

A BIG choke! A most capital banquet was enjoyed the other evening by a lively band of young men at a very moderate expense. It was a very frosty evening in some respects, but the weather would not compare favorably with the proportion of frost. It gives us extreme pleasure when we think of the almost infinite pains and sacrifice which were put forth in

order to gratify the fastidious taste of that select company. We feel our utter incompetency to express in the slightest degree the deep feelings of gratitude which must ever well up when we think of that memorable occasion.

THE seating of the tables for the term in H. H. occurred on the 11th of January. The smiles which played upon the faces of the ladies and gentlemen at that time gave evidence that they were well satisfied with their respective positions.

NEW departure in literature! The faculty table at Hulings will write a novel. Heavy villain—dashing hero—blushing heroine—pater—mater, etc., etc., will all be portrayed from the lives of the members of the table. Look out for book agents!

THE joy of getting home completely overcame one of our students when making preparation for departure, and that accounts for throwing pocket-book and ticket into the trunk, locking it and sending it down to station. As of old, conductors still insist on seeing a person's ticket.

THE first reception of this term was given by the ladies of Hulings Monday evening last. Notwithstanding the fact that a good many were inevitably kept from attending, yet it was a very pleasurable affair to all present. It is the intention to have "at home" every two weeks on Monday evening.

WE call the attention of the College Musical Association to the collection of "American and Foreign Student Songs," published by Oliver Ditson & Co. This company also publish "Student Life in Song" (\$1.50) and "College Songs" (mailed free for fifty cents). These books contain songs that it would be a pleasure to hear resounding through the College halls. "College Songs," in addition to the regular college music, has "Paddy Duffy's Cart," "Clementine," "McSorley's Twins," "Spanish Cavalier," "Carve dat Possum," and many other choice gems. One of the best features of the books first mentioned is that all of the solos have piano accompaniments.

AN unprecedented example of pluck and perseverance was exhibited by two room-mates one cold night this week. They debate the significant question as to who shall go to bed first (for these nights are fearfully cold) and they study a while and discuss a while until the town-clock strikes twelve, yet there is no apparent diminution of zeal on the part of either. At two a. m. the one yields and the first scene and act are over. *Would* not deem it wise to give *fuller* details this time.

PERSONAL.

H. J. Muse has returned to college this term. H. W. Smith is getting along finely with his school.

Charles B. Kistler, ex-'87, was married during the holidays.

Charles Leech went home on Saturday and returned on Monday.

F. C. and B. O. Adams, '89, canvassed during vacation. They did well financially.

Frank Thomas, '85, is reported to have been married recently. We do not vouch for the report.

N. W. Ridge; '82, was recently joined in the "Holy Bonds of," to Miss Grace Beebe, of Burg Hill.

J. B. Wood, '89, has been confined to his room for a week with a sprained ankle. He is now in college.

W. J. Mead, who attended college in '82, is now preaching at Natrona, Pa. He expects to be married soon.

E. B. Heckel came up through Mercer County and stopped off at Sandy Lake to visit his friend McElwain.

Mr. Van Petten, of Drew Seminary, was in Meadville, visiting his sister (?) during the intermission of college.

J. B. Ford, Jr., on his way to college, stopped at Oil City to spend a few days with his friends McNaire and Leech.

Blanche McGough, '85, paid a visit to Allegheny City during the holidays. She was the guest of Misses Ella and Mae Goff.

M. R. Stevenson has again returned to college, after an absence of four terms.

J. A. Wood, Jr., '86, spent part of his vacation with his sister at Garrettsville, O.

Misses Young and Van Petten visited their "Union" friends during the winter vacation.

W. P. McElwain, '85, is at his home in New Lebanon, but expects to return to Chicago in February, to resume the study of law.

S. S. Marquis was seriously ill during the vacation, and consequently did not enjoy it as well as if he had been in good health.

Charles Quick has had a very successful revival meeting at his charge in Hydetsown, there being about fifty professed conversions.

The College World.

Chicago University has been sold for debt.

Harvard is considering a proposition to shorten the length of the course to three years.

Down at New Wilmington the students can not leave town without the permission of the President.

THE students of the University of Pennsylvania will give a Greek play some time during the coming spring.

Michigan University has been presented with all the exhibits of the Chinese Government in the New Orleans exposition.

The Freshmen of Columbia will read Quintus Curtius. It has never before been included in the curriculum of an American college.

Brown University joins the ranks of the colleges which "elective" studies are to have predominance in the last two years of the course.

THE only young lady student at the Boston University Law School is called appropriately by the men law students their sister-in-law.—*N. Y. Post.*

THOMAS A. HENDRICKS, the late deceased Vice-President of the United States, was at the time of his death under engagement to speak at several college commencements during the coming year.

WANTED—by a large number of American colleges—a curriculum the chief features of which are not draw poker, cane rushes, football and pony examinations.—*Philada. Times.*

A Freshman wrote to his father: "Dear Par,—I want a little change." The paternal parent replies: "Dear Charlie,—Just wait for it. Time brings *change* to everybody."—*Ex.*

TWO Harvard students, on December 29th, fought a fierce battle of six rounds with hard gloves, and in that way decided who was the better man, and also who should possess a beautiful Boston blonde for a sweetheart.

ONLY eight of New York's thirty-six Representatives in Congress enjoyed college training. Mr. Belmont is a Harvard man, Mr. Hewitt is a graduate of Columbia, Mr. Merriam of Hobart, Mr. Viele of West Point, Mr. Adams of the College of the City of New York, Mr. Spriggs of Union, Mr. Millard of Williams, Mr. Payne of Rochester University. The proportion of college men in the New York delegation is as large as in any other state delegation.

A SERIES of remarkable articles on "Religion in Art," from the pen of Professor W. T. Harris, editor of the *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, is running in *The Chautauquan*. The article in the present impression (February), and the following article make some special studies on great art works, Greek and Christian, taking note of the various features that make them works of art, and paying especial heed to the religious ideas that lie at the basis. The Apollo Belvedere and Van Eyck's Altar Piece at Ghent are the studies in the February impression of the magazine.

PROFESSOR FRENCH, of the University of Cincinnati, in a recent article on the subject of "College Electives an essential feature of the New Education" says: "That the question before American Colleges at this time, is as to what manner the elective principle may be adopted most wisely. The ultimate answer to this question can be given only after the collation of the results of prolonged and varied experiments. Two main systems are now on

Fraternity.

AN UNANSWERED QUESTION.

"WHAT is your notion, Joe, now, five years after we have graduated, about the fraternity feeling we used to hold so strongly?" said I to my old friend, Joe D—, one evening when we were seated by a smouldering fire in my room.

Joe had been the most intimate friend of my college days, although we attended different institutions, and were never members of the same chapter. Our colleges were not far apart, however, and our meetings had been frequent after the beginning of our acquaintance, which was sometime in the freshman year. We were drawn together, perhaps, by what one of the boys used to call "affinity of spirit."

We were contemporary in tastes and feelings. In our sophomore year we both imitated Macaulay, and in our senior year, Carlyle. We graduated at the same time. Both had been enthusiastic fraternity workers. Joe, however, had been a member of a chapter that was very unfortunate at times, while mine was always in an excellent condition. Joe's enthusiasm had been characterized by an accompaniment of works to a much greater extent than mine. Many a time had we met in the old days, I to recount some complete rout of our foes, he to tell how his band had held out, brave-hearted, against defeat. In our last year, our enthusiasm, as is usual, had seemed to decline, and after leaving college we had fallen entirely out of the way, as it appeared, of fraternity work and feeling. Joe went to his home in Ohio, and I to mine in the West. Our correspondence died a natural death, after a few months. The old ties of fraternity feeling became gradually less binding. I felt that this was natural. I fell into thinking what I had heard the alumni of other colleges express: "It may be all very well for a boy in college, but a man grows out of that sort of thing."

One Christmas eve, "the date at which my narrative begins," to use the happy expression of story writers, I met old Joe on an evening train as I was returning home, and made him stop over night with me. And by the evening

trial. In one a certain nucleus of studies is prescribed for one or more years of the course, the full complement being filled up by the student from a large number of possible electives, according to his individual wisdom or caprice—this is the system in vogue at Harvard and at Yale—the other system offers to the student at the beginning of his academical career his option between several courses of study, each course leading to a specific degree and being in the main a prescribed course—this is the system adopted by Cornell and a number of other colleges."

OHIO is rich in State universities that are poor in endowment. Governor Hoadly, in his message to the legislature, graphically pictures their poverty-stricken condition and makes some very practical suggestions for their improvement. Among other things the Governor says that the combined endowment and tuition fees of all would not support one real university. It is probably impracticable to consolidate them, except to the extent of distributing the work of education. No one of them occupies the whole field of higher instruction. None are sufficiently endowed. Each contends with poverty and pays its most competent teachers salaries not adequate to secure their permanent stay.

VERY FUNNY.

"Ah, good morning; nice morning," was the salutation of a Hartford gentleman to his friend. "How are all the folks?" "Oh, nicely. As well as could be expected." "Why, what is the matter?" "Oh, nothing much, I've been boycotted, that's all." "Boycotted?" "Yes. My third girl was born yesterday."

The young celibate now president of Magdalena is somewhat shy. Recently he kindly asked a number of Freshmen to lunch. Of necessity, the conversation turned on the weather. Quoth the president: "I am very glad we have got a little sun this morning." The "Fresher" addressed replied with alacrity: "Oh, indeed, sir! I was not aware. I trust Mrs. Warren is doing well." Tableau.

firelight while the snow was softly falling outside,

"We spoke of many a vanished scene,
Of what we once had thought and said,
Of what had been and might have been,
And who was changed and who was dead."

We talked of some ideas which I had stumbled upon, and which I fancied were new. We had compared our readings, our ambitions, and our shortcomings at the end of this long, yet short, five years. We had laughed at the ideas we used to have in regard to a settled "system" of philosophy. We had agreed that things which seemed very certain long ago, were by no means so certain now. We had been the rounds, both of us, and had come back to our quiet, old homes, with their old-fashioned ideas, for sympathy.

And when I put the question that I have written at the beginning, it was in the half jocular manner of one who laughs at some old folly which he for the moment has raked up out of one of memory's dusty cells. But Joe did not smile as I expected, but looked dreamily into the fire, and one experienced in such things would probably have said that his heart had gone far away into the past, in search of something.

"I don't know what my opinion would be," he finally said, "but I do know that I am not now in a position to give an opinion on the question. It has been years since I talked to you about it. When I was in college I was able to talk of its benefits, socially and intellectually, in a very glib way. Somehow or other, I could not do that now, if I were called on. I have taken the fraternity question out of any nearness to debatable ground—I believe I think too much of it to leave it there."

"Why, I thought you had lost all interest," said I.

"Interest? Well, perhaps so," he said, looking into the firelight again, and pausing.

"I have lost what we used to call interest, I suppose. The boys in the chapter now at C—, know me only as a correspondent member, whom they look up in the catalogue occasionally, in order to ask a contribution. You know I used to work hard. Now I am virtually

dead to the active membership. If I were to go back to the old hall I should feel like begging pardon for the intrusion. But, old fellow," and here he leaned toward me, and by the struggling firelight I saw the old boyish look of enthusiasm, bringing with it a thousand recollections, "do you know that the old fraternity grows higher and nobler to me every year. My fraternity experience grows richer and richer to me though it be dead to all outward show. How the touch of time has softened even the irregularities of those days into a quiet beauty. And my little allegiance, George, at a time when there was a crisis in our chapter, has become a matter of pride to me. Ah, how noble those comrades of mine, who stood up so bravely amid the discouragements which hung over our little world, now seem to me. What heroes are some of these boys to me now, and not unworthily. Cannot I now trust him to the uttermost who was faithful there? For have I not tried him and do I not know that in him there is a rock which the storm cannot shake? There were some too, as you may know, who in the hour of our old chapter's misfortune sold their birthright of honor for the pottage mess of social advancement. I never see one of these to the present day that he does not seem, to me, a man unfit to trust."

He paused, but I knew he had not finished, and partly through surprise, and partly through a desire to hear him out, I remained silent. He seemed to be seeing the days long gone by, in the flickering flames of the dying fire.

[To be concluded in next issue.]

NOTE.

Phi Delta Theta's new initiates are E. P. Couse and Ralph B. Reitz.

"Father," said a young son of Deacon Squibbs, "what is the difference between a man that dies wool on lambs and an editor?" "Well, now, really, my son," beaming benignly on his offspring, "I am not prepared to state. What is the difference?" "Why, pa, one is a lamb dyer and the other is a—." "What? What? my son?" "An editor," continued the youth, rolling his tongue around in his cheek.—*Beacon.*

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