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

THE excitement which class elections always occasion has abated; the busy season for fraternity men is at an end; the usual amount of Freshman-Sophomore gore has been spilled, and other things, peculiar to a new year, and which tend to divert the student from his studies, have all been attended to, and now the regular routine work has been taken up. It is gratifying to see how earnestly the majority of the students have gotten to work, and the college has reason to congratulate herself upon this fact, as she has also upon the large addition of new students.

It is true, a few drones are still buzzing about, but we have always had them, so that they now seem almost essential constituents.

Indeed, everything points to the most successful year in the history of the institution. Thanks to the present Faculty, the standard of work required has gradually been raised, and the rules of government have been so enforced, that it is now a hard matter for a student to get through without doing good work. The work must be done or the student is compelled to drop out. Such a policy on the part of the college is certain to place her higher up in the rank of educational institutions.

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DR. WHEELER made the announcement in chapel last week that the first Sabbath in December was to be set aside as Allegheny College day in the Erie Conference.

He also expressed the hope that upon that day collections would be taken in the different churches of the Conference, and that the money resulting therefrom would be added to the gymnasium fund. This appears to us like a partial solution of the gymnasium problem, which is now so vividly before the college, and much good may come of it, if the idea is systematically carried out. It is not our intention to say much on this subject, but the thought came to us that in order to make this collection of much moment to the college, there should be a thorough advertisement of it among the churches, and its object should be clearly made known to the people. What is the best way of accomplishing this? This would be our plan: Nearly every student is acquainted with their home pastor, and by writing to him a personal letter, plainly stating the situation and showing our need of a gymnasium, you could do a great deal toward securing a large collection. Or, if you prefer, write to some friend who is influential in

the church. Let us keep agitating this matter until our dreams are turned into fruition. Mention the fact that the Y. M. C. A. is also to be quartered in the building.

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CLASS spirit, which has been buried for the last two years at Allegheny, was resurrected this fall, much to the amusement of those who were spectators.

The facts in regard to the matter are about as follows. The Sophomore class, having anticipated the appearance of the Freshmen in class caps, announced their belief by circulars, which were scattered over the campus. A flag bearing the figures '94 was placed on the dome of Bently Hall the same evening.

As a matter of course the Freshmen did not appear in caps, but as they came up the hill on the morning of September 26 and sighted the flag floating from old Bently, all the long pent-up fighting spirit instantly burst forth into action. Then the customary *modus operandi* was carried out. The flag was torn down and each Freshman wore a piece of it to chapel. After chapel the yell, "Rac a de cax, co-ax! co-ax! Rac a de cax, co-ax! co-ax! '90 and' 5, '90 and 5, Alleghe! Rah!" filled the air, and '94 was intimidated by the large number of men in '95. To precipitate matters, an attempt was made to "bounce" one of the '94 men, when the fun began. Ministerial students, C. E. and scientific men were alike obliged to bite the dust. In the tussle the Sophomores were outnumbered two or three to one, and, although those who fought for their flag showed much pluck, they were somewhat worsted.

We cannot forego the opportunity of remarking that '94 showed poor tact in putting up a flag which she was not prepared to defend. She should first have put on the war paint.

We are glad to see an exhibition of class spirit; it shows that the college is alive, but there is a question as to how this enthusiasm can best be given vent. It seems to us that the only proper way is to have a cane rush, where each class can have equal representation.

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A WORD to the alumni of the college: It is our desire and intention to make The CAMPUS a paper worthy of the perusal and patronage of every loyal alumnus. It is chiefly upon you that its success, from a financial point of view at least, will depend. The reason of this is obvious. The alumni constitute a body many times as large as the student body, and then there are causes that cut down the actual circulation in college to a fraction of the number of students. Hence, our main support must come from the alumni, and each one of you should be loyal enough and so interested in your *alma mater's* wellfare, as to be a lifetime subscriber of her representation paper. You owe it as a duty to the college. In this way you can keep informed as to the progress of the institution; you hear all the news of your fraternity; many choice literary articles are brought within your reach, and you live over again those happy days of your college life. Were they not your happiest days? Keep them fresh in your memory, and then when you have the pleasure of visiting your college you will feel that you are still one of the boys.

The thought comes to us that if the alumni would but take hold of this matter in earnest, The CAMPUS could be made more interesting and valuable. It could be enlarged. Enough literary matter could easily be procured, so that several pages might be added. But paper and ink cost money. Not only do we want your financial support, but there is another way in which you can help us. We have a column devoted to the interests of the alumni, and any information regarding their business, location, etc., is gladly received. We occasionally hear

of one of you, but with a little effort on your part our alumni column could be doubled and made of much interest to you all.

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BY consulting the college almanac, we find that it is about the proper time for the annual charge upon the literary societies in our midst. The task is a delicate one, and we would that we had the eloquence and logic to so present the matter that all could plainly see what is their proper attitude and duty in regard to these societies. Some may complain that the cry against the literary societies has been raised too high, but we believe that the actual state of affairs is not vivid *enough* in the minds of students. In fact, they do not take time to reflect seriously upon the matter. No, we think that the subject should be constantly agitated and held up to view, until the root of the evil is discovered and eradicated. Many reasons are given elsewhere in these columns for the necessity of literary work. We would but emphasize and call attention to them.

There cau be no doubt as to the benefits to be derived from society work, and this fact is confirmed by the testimony of every alumnus who has occasion to speak of it. Those whom we have heard express themselves on the subject, in society hall and elsewhere, count it their greatest mistake that they did not do better literary work, and urge all to profit by their mistakes. The society halls are attractive, and members spend some of their most pleasant hours therein. Why not join one of them?

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THERE is another element or two in this literary society question which we wish to investigate somewhat. What is the actual condition of affairs, and what the real cause of this condition?

Several complaints are raised—small membership, too few performances, fraternity influence, and a tendency to adjourn on the slightest provocation. As a member of Philo we can say that, while we have been in college, she has never suffered for the lack of members. The reverse has rather been true. Such, we presume, is the case in Allegheny and Ossoli.

There is more truth in the other charges. Although many excellent productions are given, there is seldom a full class, and fines for non-performance are too frequent. Too many excuses are offered the societies, excuses which a really conscientious person could not present. Then it is true that the societies are harmed to some extent by fraternities; not, however, as to the real literary work, but only in the line of elections.

While all these things should have their due consideration, we believe that there is another very potent eause for neglect of society work. Students have too much college work to do. We venture the assertion that members of the Faculty give little or no thought to the literary societies. For instance, lessons are assigned for Saturdays, as long and often longer, than for any other day. Three or four hours from the regular study period makes a difference on the next day's recitations. Again, many students are permitted to take so much work in college that they get only a smattering of what they study, society work being left entirely out of the question. A visit to the societies at the beginning of a term, when excuses for absence are offered and requests for optional attendance are presented, would convince doubtful persons that there is not much time for literary work. When this crowding of a four years' course into three is stopped, and the idea of having a student dig out as much Latin, German or mathematics as the time will possibly permit, is dropped, then good literary work may be done.

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Literary.

The Blushing Leaf.

One little scarlet leaflet upon a sea of green:
Oh! tell me, leaflet, do you blush at aught you've heard or seen?
What, blushing redder still, as now the sunbeams on you rest?
Ah! I have guessed the secret of your fluttering little breast!

Last night Jack Frost came riding upon a northern breeze,
And passed without arousing the sleeping forest trees;
But when he saw your pretty cheek upturned to catch the dew
I'msure he left a kiss thereon—the first you ever knew.

And when the other leaves looked up, awakened from their sleep,
You could not hide your blushes, growing deeper and more deep;
While they, in secret wishing that their lots had been the same,
Grew greener still with envy as they whispered of your shame.

Don't mind their whispers, leaflet, but be happy while you may;
You'll be sighing very sadly some chilly autumn day.
For your lover is not faithful, and I vow, within a week,
On full many a forest daughter he will leave a blushing cheek.

Then, poor fluttering scarlet leaflet, you will bow your head in grief,
And fall on earth's dark bosom, a seer and somber leaf,
For well you'll know old earth alone can shelter grief like this—
When bright young life is blighted by a faithless lover's kiss.

A. G. C.

Literary Societies.

What is the place of the literary societies in the college? Is it simply a scheming rendesvous? Is it but a stepping stone to some trivial honor, joined for the sake of becoming one of its officers? Is it the place for carrying on fraternity intrigue, for honoring some unworthy member of your fraternity, taking into consideration the fraternity, not the ability of the man or woman? Or, should those who do not become members of fraternities, use or rather abuse these societies in order to vent petty spite upon the Greeks, or, as they would term it, take their own part?

Certainly, if the above queries be answered affirmatively the literary societies belie their names. We all agree that it should not be so; that reform is necessary. Long have the societies been subject to ridicule, especially Ossoli, which has barely survived in name.

One great misfortune for the societies is that it is not compulsory to be a member of one of them. A student very naturally says to himself, "What's the use of doing what you don't have to; you have enough to do when you get your lessons." Hence the very small membership. However, millenium shall have probably arrived when disagreeable duties are performed for love of them. But it is not the quantity alone which is at fault, quality is also implicated. One who is a member in name only, who appears only when elections are at issue, who considers his ballot his most important power, who is absent whenever his presence involves taking part in a literary programme, is detrimental to his society. If members would make the societies as attractive and interesting as they do their various fraternities there would be no scarcity of candidates for membership.

At present there is no pride taken in the societies; they are regarded as disagreeable necessities, to be avoided if possible. What we need is more society feeling, an earnest desire and endeavor to raise the standard of these societies. Improve them for the sake of the benefits to be derived from them, not make them the welfare of some other institution. In Allegheny these literary societies are especially important, for

in the college curriculum there is nothing to take their place. It is vastly important that men and women be able to express themselves in writing, but more important still to do so orally, and what better means is furnished in our college life than the literary societies? So let every member do his part toward raising the literary societies to their proper dignity and surely the size of the societies will not be subject to complaint.

SARA D. ALLEN, '92.

Literary Work in College Life.

When the youthful aspirant for literary work enters a college of which our own is an example, he finds that during the whole course of the college proper there is no opportunity for original literary work. He is taught philology, rhetoric, logic, listens to lectures on literature, and is well versed in all the technicalities of the art, but has no chance to put his theories into practice. If, in his former school life, his compositions had been the admiration of his friends and relations, and he had come to college burning with a desire to distinguish himself along this line, he is grieviously disappointed.

This state of affairs seems inevitable under the present system of college curriculum, where in the art course so much time is taken from the classics and devoted to the sciences and mathematics, which last really belong to a technical course.

The college-bred man has his taste formed by familiarity with the best literature of the world. In his study of Latin and Greek he comes into contact with the purest style of all time. In his study of French and German he familiarizes himself with the modern classsics of the old world, and every loyal American or Englishman deeply deplores his lack of thorough acquaintance with the literature of his own tongue and time. And yet it cannot be otherwise, for the popular demand upon the small colleges as it now stands is not for exhaustive research along special lines, but for a general comprehensive and liberal education, and this is as it should be, for the greatest need of our country now is not for specialists, but for citizens with a certain amount of rounded culture, capable of understanding and taking their part in the machinery of our Republic.

But still original literary work is too valuable an aid in life to be neglected and should come in somewhere. This can be accomplished without interfering with the college course, or with popular demand only by the literary societies. On this account, and for this purpose they were first organized and should be compulsory.

Tradition brings down marvelous tales of their former valor and glory, but for the last decade they have been in a state which reminds one of the chivalry and knight-errantry of Don Quixote. They have the customs and the ghost of their former spirit, but the real vitalizing principle is wanting. Perhaps one reason of their failure to fulfil their mission is that they have fallen into ruts, which, though time-honored, are not fitted for the present needs. As for instance selecting an author for each evening and having one of the impromptu speeches, and an *original* essay, invariably taken from the encyclopedia or biography of the author. This course has not fostered original thought or writing, but has unconsciously and steadily produced a habit of plagiarism, and this, if persisted in, is fatal to original work.

Perhaps they have been left too much to their own devices, and they have sorely needed the controlling force of skillful and experience leaders to show them how best they may obtain what they are striving for.

GERTRUDE PIERCE, '92.

Some Sights at Oxford.

BY ERNEST A. BELL.

Hundreds of Americans visit Oxford every year. But sixty millions stay at home; and that is why I write.

Oxford is an extremely beautiful city, unique and exquisite. There is nothing to compare with it, except Cambridge, "England's other eye" as Scott calls it in *Woodstock*. Cambridge has one building more beautiful than anything in Oxford, the Chapel of King's College; but Oxford as a whole is far fairer than her sister. Wordsworth, himself a Cambridge man, exclaimed in an oft-quoted sennet:

"I slight my own beloved Cam to range,
Where silver Isis leads my stripling feet;
Pace the long avenue or glide adown
The stream-like windings of that glorious street,
An eager novice robed in fluttering gown."

The Isis is the Thames, locally called by the poetical name of Isis. The Cherwell, a pretty, winding stream, like the veins on the back of one's hand, joins the Thames at Oxford. The street to which the poet refers is the High Street, which Scott acknowledged as the peer of the High Street of Edinburgh. In the classic half-mile of this street are four colleges, the splendid new examination hall of the University, the University Church of Saint Mary (just back of which rises the dome of the Radcliffe library in connection with the Bodleian), the church of All Saints and that of Saint Martin, which Canute the Dane gave to the Monks of Abingdon. At this church the mayor, aldermen and councillors of the city attend every Sunday morning, preceded by a mace bearer and arrayed in a scarlet robe of office.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

Christ Church college is the most splendid. It was founded by Wolsey and was at first known as Cardinal's College. Its chapel is also the cathedral of the diocese. Merton is the oldest; Keble the newest. Balliol is the most progressive and the most scholarly, with New College (new in the time of Richard II) in close pursuit.. But Magdalen is the most picturesque. It stands upon the bank of the Cherwell, at the foot of High Street. It has one of the finest towers in the world, dating from the year that Columbus discovered America. The college is built, like all the others, on a quadrangle, with a grassy court in the centre in this case not even crossed by a foot-path. Of the more than twenty Oxford colleges all are of stone, except Keble which is of brick. At Cambridge brick is quite frequent. The style of Magdalen is the perpendicular variety of Gothic, which variety was just reaching its climax, when the college was founded. The water walks adjactent to the college and belonging to it are a pleasant adjunct. One fine avenue in these shades is callen Addison's walk; the poet studied at the college. In the park is a fine herd of fallow deer.

An arbitrary attempt of James II to catholicize this college was one of the precursors of that foolish monarch's downfall.

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH.

This is the University church and was founded more than six centuries ago. It was rebuilt about 1490, of course in the perpendicular style. The porch was added in 1637; it bears a statue of the Virgin and Child and is the most exquisite piece of work in Oxford. It was thought too Romish and was made one of the items of impeachment against Archbishop Land, whose chaplain had borne its cost.

University sermons are preached here every Sunday in term, among them the famous Bampton lectures. Officers and students attend in costume. Nothing could be more un-American. Yet even an American cannot deny that the service is picturesque and perhaps fitting to this ancient place.

Oxford is nothing if not the mother of religious movements. Here Wycliffe thought and taught. Here Tyndale studied and prayed. Here the Wesleys and Whitefield were trained. Here arose Newman; he was for fifteen years vicar of this very church. But to Oxford's everlasting shame she moved too slowly at the reformation. Wolsey along with his dying words about his unfaithfulness to God, besought Henry VIII to suppress the pernicious sect of Lutherans. Macaulay, who studied at Trinity

College, Cambridge, unbraids Oxford for her slowness to accept new ideas and adds that Cambridge had the honor of educating those distinguised English bishops, whom Oxford had the honor of burning—Latimer, Ridley and Cranmer. Their trials here before the university authorities gives a solemn interest to Saint Mary's Church.

The College World.

Exchanges.

"Up in the parlor the young folks,
With each hour their words grew sweeter,
While her father grim with a lantern dim,
Sat down in the cellar and swore with vim,
As he watched every skip of the meter."

—*Northwestern World.*

We are glad to welcome to our Exchange List the Denver University *Hesperus*. Denver University is comparatively young in years, and is rapidly rising to a prominent place among American colleges. In justice to the *Hesperus*, we must say it is an honor to the University.

A recent number of the *Washington Jeffersonian*, contains an oration entitled "International Arbitration." It was written by Harry M. Chalfant, and won the first honor in the Inter-Society contest and second in the Inter-Collegiate, held at Beaver Falls, Pa., May 29, 1891. The fact that Mr. Chalfant is a former student of Allegheny, renders it especially interesting to students of Allegheny.

The organization of the American University was effected Thursday, May 28th, in the parlors of the Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C. Mark Hoyt was elected president of the board of trustees, and Bishop Hurst, Chancellor of University. Among the trustees are, Bishops Newman, Bowman and Vincent, Secretary Redfield Proctor, C. C. McCabe and Dr. C. H. Payne. The President of the United States, the Vice-President, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, were elected trustees *ex-officio*.

The plan of instruction in the new University of Chicago is very unique. There will be no vacation and the year will be divided into four terms of twelve weeks each. A "lower college" will consist of the Freshman and Sophomore classes and a "higher college" of the Senior and Junior.—*Ex.*

Harvard sent, on the 20th of January, its second astronomical expedition to Peru to join the first which was sent out about a year and a half ago. The party expects to stay about three years and will make special preparations to observe an eclipse of the sun which takes place in the early spring of the year 1893. The object of the expedition is to make a more extensive study of the northern stars than has been done here.—*Ex.*

The faculty of Wooster has passed a resolution prohibiting the students from taking part in any intercollegiate games. The students are greatly stirred up over the decision.

The Czar has sent to the Stanford University in California, a magnificent collection of rare minerals valued at $35,000. There are more than 800 specimens in the collection. In return for this liberal gift Mrs. Stanford intends to present a collection of California precious stones and minerals to the St. Petersburg National Museum.—*Ex.*

The faculty of the University of Wisconsin have inaugurated a radical innovation in college government by the abolition of examinations and excuses for absences, except when the class standing is below 85 per cent., or the absences more than 10 per cent.—*Ex.*

University extension in the United States has so far flourished most in and around Philadelphia. At the close of the present season the board of directors has reason to congratulate itself that so many permanent centres have been organized, and that the people have shown themselves so willing to embrace the opportunity put

before them. The professors are with the work done in their classes, and look forward hopefully to a more encouraging season next year. The courses for this year have practically been brought to a close, and most of the centres have arranged their next year's courses. At New York, however, this season's work has just begun, and at present there is an attempt being made to get an appropriation through the legislature, to insure against financial loss.—*Ex.*

A girl was overheard saying to another: "Well, I would really like to take a post mortem course here after I graduate."

Scene on Broadway: Conceited Sophomore sporting a cane and mustache. First small boy on opposite corner: "What is it, Bob?"

Second small boy: "Give it up; gimme a stick till I kill it."

There has been much interest manifested over the oratorical contest held at Monmouth, Ill., between the University of Ill., Knox, Lake Forest, Ill. Wesleyan, Blackburn, Monmouth and Illinois College. The contest was won by Illinois College. We clip the following from an editorial in the *College Rambler:*

The Monmouth victory is a happy culmination of the steady rise in literary lines to which Illinois College has been advancing for the last four or five years, but particularly within the last two. The style in which "The School and the State" is written is remarkably devoid of all attempts at the oratorical effect that is the death of many otherwise good orations. There are no references to the old saws of Greece, Rome or Bunker Hill; no far-fetched metaphors; no soaring heights. Simple, thoughtful, but expressive, it is, indeed, a victory for the opponents of artificial college oratory. The lack of grandiloquent utterances marked the truest delivery we have heard at inter-collegiates for a number of years. Dramatic effect was entirely disregarded. The stage appearance, straightforward, strong and emphatic, was as natural as if the orator were speaking to a friend.

The Ovid Musin Concert Co. will be here Nov. 23rd. It is the big attraction of the lecture course.

Local.

Beware of "White Caps!"

Joy cometh with a holiday.

"*I'll vote for Chauncey Bell.*"

Ask Mowry where he stayed, in Franklin.

Dr. Wheeler was sick several days last week.

Who says the Freshmen stole their class yell?

D. L. Yoder is the latest arrival among new students.

T. A. Douthitt was at his home near Beaver Falls over Sunday.

Miss Fenno visited her home in Millvillage, a short time ago.

Miss Langley recently spent Sunday with her parents in Edinboro.

Miss Beyers was at home last week to attend the wedding of a friend.

For sale—Fifty or more ft. of good stout twine. Inquire of Douthitt.

Miss Maude Johnson of Hulings Hall went home Friday for two or three days.

Prof. Dutton is thinking seriously of elevating Salisbury to chief instructor in algebra.

Douthitt, Darragh and ladies drove to Saegertown for supper last Saturday evening.

Prof. Dutton was at Cochranton Monday and Wednesday superintending the survey of a new road.

At the opening session of Philo the very appropriate hymn, "Rescue the Perishing." was sung.

The Y. M. C. A. of the college was well represented at the convention recently held at Franklin.

Miss Eula Mannett, after an extended visit in the East, returned to her labors in college on Saturday.

A number of the students attended the races, but of course they did not buy pools or bet on "sure tips."

R. W. Plummer, who was delayed from returning to college on account of his father's illness, got back Sunday.

Messrs. Peffer, Black and Bell and Misses ——— were registered at the Hotel Riverside, Cambridge, Oct. 10.

The Kaldron Board of Control has been organized, with C. A. Peffer, Pres., and W. R. Murphy, Treas.

Sam. Findley, ex-'93, who is now with the First National Bank ot Delta, Col., recently spent a few days in this city:

Miss Anna Murphy spent several days with her school friends, the Misses Mannett, at Wilcox, Pa., returning last Monday.

One of the Hulings Hall young ladies appeared in chapel the other morning wearing a *Camel's* hair wrap and a *White* cap.

While it is fresh in your mind sit down and write to your minister, asking him to push the collection scheme for Allegheny Coll. Day.

Prof. Motgomery in Physics class—"McBride, what is work?" Snyder on back seat, in a whisper—"Something I don't like to do."

Since the case of horse-thieving on Highland Avenue last week, many of the students have been very solicitous for the safety of their valuable steeds.

The college has shown her loyalty to American institutions by granting a half holiday in honor of the Junior Order demonstration held here on Saturday.

On Tuesday last the young ladies of the freshman class surprised the other classes, by marching into chapel, wearing beautiful caps of the '95 colors, which are white and lavender.

French Class, Prof. T. to Miss Cruttenden—"Are there any nouns in English which are the same in plural as in the singular? Miss C.—"Sheep, deer." Prof. T.—"Yes, dear!" (Blushes).

One of the most exciting incidents connected with the recent class fight was the foot race in which Miss Mills attempted to catch Miss Laffer. The remarkable speed exhibited called forth the wonder and admiration of all beholders.

A vote was taken at the hall recently to decide who the best looking man in college might be. The vote is as follows: Donthitt, 6; Black, 5; Hatch, 5; Dan Darragh, 1; Peffer, 1; "Chauncey Bell," 1; Ben Porter, ½; Cumings, ½; R. W. Darragh, ⅓; W. Merchant, ⅓; Austin, ⅓; White, ⅞; Campbell, ⅛.

Prof. Thomas presented his German class with a bit of very interesting philological history, the other day, giving the highly probable way in which we came to pronounce the Latin v as w. He says "ladies ever since the classical times have preferred to begin with the sound of w rather than v the Latin word *vi-ciss-im*, (by turns) as it is much more in accordance with their taste, and from that it was easily extended to other words, and thus we pronounce it to-day."

An examination in Military Tactics was held last week, and as a result we have our new battalion officers. They are: Captain and quartermaster, C. H. Luse; Captain Co. A, F. J. Trumper; Captain Co. B, R. F. Fox; 1st lieuteuant and adjutant, H. A. Cotton; 1st lieutenant Co. A, H. R. Patchin; Co. B, J. L. Danforth; 2d lieutenant Co. A, C. J. Carew; Co. B, H. P. Johnson; 1st sergeant Co. A., R W. Darragh; Co. B, W. C. Berlin; 2d sergeants Co. A, Lewis and R. T Hatch; Co. B, Bates;

Corporals Co. A, Swearer, Bowman, Bell and Koen; Co. B, Crary, Austin, Pickard and Blackmarr.

Owing to the lack of room in last issue, the result of class elections was not published. It is as follows: Senior class: Pres., H. W. Rand; Vice Pres., W. C. Pickett; Sec., J. L. McBride; orator, W. C. Leffingwell; essayist Miss Bertha Pierce; poet, Miss Allen; historian Miss Florence Harper: prophet, C. S. Luce; ladder orator, J. H. Dunn; valdictorian, E. S. Nickerson. Junior class: Pres., H. R. Patchin; vice Pres., Miss L. M. Gelvin; treas., R. M. Kurtz; sec., Miss Vernice Gelvin; orator, W. J. Merchant; essayist, Miss Watson; replier, J. W. Campbell; historian, R. W. Darragh; poet, Miss Anna Dunn. Sophmores: Pres., F. H. Blackmar; vice Pres., Miss Mount; Sec., Miss Johnson; Treas., Miss Dickson; essayst, Arthur Staples; declaimer, W. H. Gibson; orator, H. H. Cumings; poet, B. B. Gamble; prophet, Miss Wilkenson; historian, E. W. Jaynes. Freshmen: Pres., W. C. Swearer; Sec., Miss Foster; Treas., G. C. Heller; Historian, S. Austin; orator, C. J. Carew; poet, Miss Davis; essayist, W. R. Murphy.

A small note book belonging to some student of the college was recently found on the campus. Not bearing any name, its contents were made public property. In it were found some things rather expressive of that student's turn of mind, especially under one part headed, "Notes from Chapel Bible Readings," some of which were the following:

"Of books there is no end and much study is a weariness of flesh." Eccl. 12.

"He that increaseth his knowledge increaseth his sorrow." See Law Eccl.

"Then had all the church-goers rest throughout Judea and Galilee and Samaria and they were edified." Act. 9.

"There was disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannius."

"He did thresh the heathen in his anger."

"And there was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

We would advise that student hereafter to be more careful in quoting, and not pervert the scriptures to satisfy his own feelings.

Alumni.

Fred. Russel, '89, is in business in Cleveland.

M. O. Brown, '91, visited his friends in this city last week.

S. H. Wood, '91, was here over Sunday visiting college friends.

Chas. C. Freeman, '91, visited chapel the first part of last week.

J. L. Porter, '90, of Oil City, came to Meadville last Tuesday to see friends.

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Rev. J. M. Thoburn, pastor of the Trinity Church, Oil City, preached at the Stone Church last Sunday morning and evening. He is an Allegheny graduate.

It is with the deepest sorrow that we announce the death of Mrs. Case, wife of W. W. Case, '84. Mr. Case was married in the early part of the summer.

Fraternity.

Kephart, '96, is a Phi Gam.

Miss Marion Howe is the latest *K. K. Γ.*

V. L. Johnson, '93, has been initiated by the Sigs.

The Kappa Kappa Gammas have taken Miss Kerr into full membership.

Miss Langley now wears the black and gold, having been initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta.

On Saturday night, Oct. 17th, Swearer, '95, became a Phi Delta Theta and Moore a pledged member.

Miss Thrasher visited her *K. A. Θ.* sisters last Tuesday. She is spending a few weeks at the Hotel Riverside, Cambridge, Pa.

Gen H. V. Boynton, the journalist, who has contributed "The Press and Public Men" to the October Century, is a Phi Delta Theta.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 13, the Kappa Kappa Gammas celebrated the Twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the general fraternity.

The membership of the different fraternities is as follows, including new iniations and pledged members: *K. A. Θ.*, 15; *K. K. Γ.*, 12; *Φ. Δ. Θ.*, 17; *Φ. Γ. Δ.*, 14; *Σ. A. E*, 14; *Φ. K. Ψ.*, 10; *Δ. T. Δ*, 3.

The fraternity men at Chautauqua held a Panhellenic banquet this summer. Allegheny was represented on the toast list by W. P. Murray, *Φ. Δ. Θ*; H. M. Barrett, *Φ. K. Ψ.*, and W. C. Deming, *Δ T. Δ.*

The *K. A. Θ. Journal* is now published by the University of Vermont chapter, at Burlington. It has changed from three to four issues a volume, and instead of two-thirds, all the active membership is required to subscribe for it.

Mr. F. W. Black is attending the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, which is in session at Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Black is representing Pennsylvania Delta Chapter. A large number ber of Phis prominent in public life are in attendance and on the program of exercises.

The number of active chapters of the different fraternities represented at Allegheny, is as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, 35; Phi Gamma Delta, 40; Delta Tau Delta, 39; Phi Delta Theta, 66; Kappa Alpha Theta, 20; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 32; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 22.

The circulation of some of the Greek letter magazines is, *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, 2,000; *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*, 1,600; *Beta Theta Pi*, 1,000; *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, 1,000; *Chi Phi Quarterly*, 750; *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, 500; *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, 500.

"He writeth best who stealeth best,
Ideas great and small;
For the great soul who wrote them first
From nature stole them all.—*Ex.*

Summer Belle—That Mr. Spry out there in that rowboat is one of the most learned men I ever met. I wonder what college he graduated from.

College Graduate (contemptuously)—Huh! He's no college man. Look at his stroke—Ex.

He was an Irishman, a husband and about to be a parent. Intensely interested as to the sex of his first born, he heard the doctor's footsteps descending the stairs, and rushed to meet him with "Sure dochtor, am I a father or a mother."—Ex.

Phi Gammi Delta Entertains.

The Phi Gamma Deltas entertained their lady friends on Monday evening, Oct. 5.

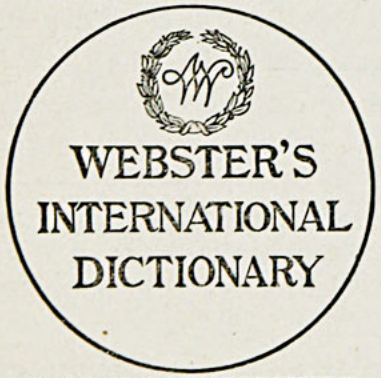
The guests were received by Messrs. George S. Ray, Harry P. Johnson and Robert Fox, members of the Senior class of the college; and the time, spent in the usual games and amusements, passed only too quickly.

Some of those present were the Misses Edson, Crittendon, Foote, Gertrude and Bertha Pierce, Kerr, Mills, Foster, Weber, Veith, Heydrick, Trumper, Lockart, Howe, Morris, Krick, Tinker, Watson, Laffer, Byers, Margurite and Cora Davis, Koen, Fenno, Howells and Johnson.

The enjoyment was greatly increased by a rich program of music, which was delightfully rendered by Miller's Orchestra. At a suitable hour light refreshments were served in the dining room by Butler.

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Miss Eula Mannett, after an extended visit in the East, returned to her labors in college on Saturday.

A number of the students attended the races, but of course they did not buy pools or bet on "sure tips."

R. W. Plummer, who was delayed from returning to college on account of his father's illness, got back Sunday.

Messrs. Peffer, Black and Bell and Misses ——— were registered at the Hotel Riverside, Cambridge, Oct. 10.

The Kaldron Board of Control has been organized, with C. A. Peffer, Pres., and W. R. Murphy, Treas.

Sam. Findley, ex-'93, who is now with the First National Bank ot Delta, Col., recently spent a few days in this city:

Miss Anna Murphy spent several days with her school friends, the Misses Mannett, at Wilcox, Pa., returning last Monday.

One of the Hulings Hall young ladies appeared in chapel the other morning wearing a *Camel's* hair wrap and a *White* cap.

While it is fresh in your mind sit down and write to your minister, asking him to push the collection scheme for Allegheny Coll. Day.

Prof. Motgomery in Physics class—"McBride, what is work?" Snyder on back seat, in a whisper—"Something I don't like to do."

Since the case of horse-thieving on Highland Avenue last week, many of the students have been very solicitous for the safety of their valuable steeds.

The college has shown her loyalty to American institutions by granting a half holiday in honor of the Junior Order demonstration held here on Saturday.

On Tuesday last the young ladies of the freshman class surprised the other classes, by marching into chapel, wearing beautiful caps of the '95 colors, which are white and lavender.

French Class, Prof. T. to Miss Cruttenden—"Are there any nouns in English which are the same in plural as in the singular? Miss C.—"Sheep, deer." Prof. T.—"Yes, dear!" (Blushes).

One of the most exciting incidents connected with the recent class fight was the foot race in which Miss Mills attempted to catch Miss Laffer. The remarkable speed exhibited called forth the wonder and admiration of all beholders.

A vote was taken at the hall recently to decide who the best looking man in college might be. The vote is as follows: Donthitt, 6; Black, 5; Hatch, 5; Dan Darragh, 1; Peffer, 1; "Chauncey Bell," 1; Ben Porter, $\frac{1}{2}$; Cumings, $\frac{1}{2}$; R. W. Darragh, $\frac{1}{3}$; W. Merchant, $\frac{1}{3}$; Austin, $\frac{1}{3}$; White, $\frac{7}{8}$; Campbell, $\frac{1}{8}$.

Prof. Thomas presented his German class with a bit of very interesting philological history, the other day, giving the highly probable way in which we came to pronounce the Latin v as w. He says "ladies ever since the classical times have preferred to begin with the sound of w rather than v the Latin word *vi-ciss-im*, (by turns) as it is much more in accordance with their taste, and from that it was easily extended to other words, and thus we pronounce it to-day."

An examination in Military Tactics was held last week, and as a result we have our new battalion officers. They are: Captain and quartermaster, C. H. Luse; Captain Co. A, F. J. Trumper; Captain Co. B, R. F. Fox; 1st lieuteuant and adjutant, H. A. Cotton; 1st lieutenant Co. A, H. R. Patchin; Co. B, J. L. Danforth; 2d lieutenant Co. A, C. J. Carew; Co. B, H. P. Johnson; 1st sergeant Co. A., R W. Darragh; Co. B, W. C. Berlin; 2d sergeants Co. A, Lewis and R. T Hatch; Co. B, Bates;

Corporals Co. A, Swearer, Bowman, Bell and Koen; Co. B, Crary, Austin, Pickard and Blackmarr.

Owing to the lack of room in last issue, the result of class elections was not published. It is as follows: Senior class: Pres., H. W. Rand; Vice Pres., W. C. Pickett; Sec., J. L. McBride; orator, W. C. Leffingwell; essayist Miss Bertha Pierce; poet, Miss Allen; historian Miss Florence Harper: prophet, C. S. Luce; ladder orator, J. H. Dunn; valdictorian, E. S. Nickerson. Junior class: Pres., H. R. Patchin; vice Pres., Miss L. M. Gelvin; treas., R. M. Kurtz; sec., Miss Vernice Gelvin; orator, W. J. Merchant; essayist, Miss Watson; replier, J. W. Campbell; historian, R. W. Darragh; poet, Miss Anna Dunn. Sophmores: Pres., F. H. Blackmar; vice Pres., Miss Mount; Sec., Miss Johnson; Treas., Miss Dickson; essayst, Arthur Staples; declaimer, W. H. Gibson; orator, H. H. Cumings; poet, B. B. Gamble; prophet, Miss Wilkenson; historian, E. W. Jaynes. Freshmen: Pres., W. C. Swearer; Sec., Miss Foster; Treas., G. C. Heller; Historian, S. Austin; orator, C. J. Carew; poet, Miss Davis; essayist, W. R. Murphy.

A small note book belonging to some student of the college was recently found on the campus. Not bearing any name, its contents were made public property. In it were found some things rather expressive of that student's turn of mind, especially under one part headed, "Notes from Chapel Bible Readings," some of which were the following:

"Of books there is no end and much study is a weariness of flesh." Eccl. 12.

"He that increaseth his knowledge increaseth his sorrow." See Law Eccl.

"Then had all the church-goers rest throughout Judea and Galilee and Samaria and they were edified." Act. 9.

"There was disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannius."

"He did thresh the heathen in his anger."

"And there was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

We would advise that student hereafter to be more careful in quoting, and not pervert the scriptures to satisfy his own feelings.

Alumni.

Fred. Russel, '89, is in business in Cleveland.

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

THE excitement which class elections always occasion has abated; the busy season for fraternity men is at an end; the usual amount of Freshman-Sophomore gore has been spilled, and other things, peculiar to a new year, and which tend to divert the student from his studies, have all been attended to, and now the regular routine work has been taken up. It is gratifying to see how earnestly the majority of the students have gotten to work, and the college has reason to congratulate herself upon this fact, as she has also upon the large addition of new students.

It is true, a few drones are still buzzing about, but we have always had them, so that they now seem almost essential constituents.

Indeed, everything points to the most successful year in the history of the institution. Thanks to the present Faculty, the standard of work required has gradually been raised, and the rules of government have been so enforced, that it is now a hard matter for a student to get through without doing good work. The work must be done or the student is compelled to drop out. Such a policy on the part of the college is certain to place her higher up in the rank of educational institutions.

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DR. WHEELER made the announcement in chapel last week that the first Sabbath in December was to be set aside as Allegheny College day in the Erie Conference.

He also expressed the hope that upon that day collections would be taken in the different churches of the Conference, and that the money resulting therefrom would be added to the gymnasium fund. This appears to us like a partial solution of the gymnasium problem, which is now so vividly before the college, and much good may come of it, if the idea is systematically carried out. It is not our intention to say much on this subject, but the thought came to us that in order to make this collection of much moment to the college, there should be a thorough advertisement of it among the churches, and its object should be clearly made known to the people. What is the best way of accomplishing this? This would be our plan: Nearly every student is acquainted with their home pastor, and by writing to him a personal letter, plainly stating the situation and showing our need of a gymnasium, you could do a great deal toward securing a large collection. Or, if you prefer, write to some friend who is influential in

the church. Let us keep agitating this matter until our dreams are turned into fruition. Mention the fact that the Y. M. C. A. is also to be quartered in the building.

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CLASS spirit, which has been buried for the last two years at Allegheny, was resurrected this fall, much to the amusement of those who were spectators.

The facts in regard to the matter are about as follows. The Sophomore class, having anticipated the appearance of the Freshmen in class caps, announced their belief by circulars, which were scattered over the campus. A flag bearing the figures '94 was placed on the dome of Bently Hall the same evening.

As a matter of course the Freshmen did not appear in caps, but as they came up the hill on the morning of September 26 and sighted the flag floating from old Bently, all the long pent-up fighting spirit instantly burst forth into action. Then the customary *modus operandi* was carried out. The flag was torn down and each Freshman wore a piece of it to chapel. After chapel the yell, "Rac a de cax, co-ax! co-ax! Rac a de cax, co-ax! co-ax! '90 and' 5, '90 and 5, Alleghe! Rah!" filled the air, and '94 was intimidated by the large number of men in '95. To precipitate matters, an attempt was made to "bounce" one of the '94 men, when the fun began. Ministerial students, C. E. and scientific men were alike obliged to bite the dust. In the tussle the Sophomores were outnumbered two or three to one, and, although those who fought for their flag showed much pluck, they were somewhat worsted.

We cannot forego the opportunity of remarking that '94 showed poor tact in putting up a flag which she was not prepared to defend. She should first have put on the war paint.

We are glad to see an exhibition of class spirit; it shows that the college is alive, but there is a question as to how this enthusiasm can best be given vent. It seems to us that the only proper way is to have a cane rush, where each class can have equal representation.

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A WORD to the alumni of the college: It is our desire and intention to make The CAMPUS a paper worthy of the perusal and patronage of every loyal alumnus. It is chiefly upon you that its success, from a financial point of view at least, will depend. The reason of this is obvious. The alumni constitute a body many times as large as the student body, and then there are causes that cut down the actual circulation in college to a fraction of the number of students. Hence, our main support must come from the alumni, and each one of you should be loyal enough and so interested in your *alma mater's* wellfare, as to be a lifetime subscriber of her representation paper. You owe it as a duty to the college. In this way you can keep informed as to the progress of the institution; you hear all the news of your fraternity; many choice literary articles are brought within your reach, and you live over again those happy days of your college life. Were they not your happiest days? Keep them fresh in your memory, and then when you have the pleasure of visiting your college you will feel that you are still one of the boys.

The thought comes to us that if the alumni would but take hold of this matter in earnest, The CAMPUS could be made more interesting and valuable. It could be enlarged. Enough literary matter could easily be procured, so that several pages might be added. But paper and ink cost money. Not only do we want your financial support, but there is another way in which you can help us. We have a column devoted to the interests of the alumni, and any information regarding their business, location, etc., is gladly received. We occasionally hear

of one of you, but with a little effort on your part our alumni column could be doubled and made of much interest to you all.

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BY consulting the college almanac, we find that it is about the proper time for the annual charge upon the literary societies in our midst. The task is a delicate one, and we would that we had the eloquence and logic to so present the matter that all could plainly see what is their proper attitude and duty in regard to these societies. Some may complain that the cry against the literary societies has been raised too high, but we believe that the actual state of affairs is not vivid *enough* in the minds of students. In fact, they do not take time to reflect seriously upon the matter. No, we think that the subject should be constantly agitated and held up to view, until the root of the evil is discovered and eradicated. Many reasons are given elsewhere in these columns for the necessity of literary work. We would but emphasize and call attention to them.

There cau be no doubt as to the benefits to be derived from society work, and this fact is confirmed by the testimony of every alumnus who has occasion to speak of it. Those whom we have heard express themselves on the subject, in society hall and elsewhere, count it their greatest mistake that they did not do better literary work, and urge all to profit by their mistakes. The society halls are attractive, and members spend some of their most pleasant hours therein. Why not join one of them?

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THERE is another element or two in this literary society question which we wish to investigate somewhat. What is the actual condition of affairs, and what the real cause of this condition?

Several complaints are raised—small membership, too few performances, fraternity influence, and a tendency to adjourn on the slightest provocation. As a member of Philo we can say that, while we have been in college, she has never suffered for the lack of members. The reverse has rather been true. Such, we presume, is the case in Allegheny and Ossoli.

There is more truth in the other charges. Although many excellent productions are given, there is seldom a full class, and fines for non-performance are too frequent. Too many excuses are offered the societies, excuses which a really conscientious person could not present. Then it is true that the societies are harmed to some extent by fraternities; not, however, as to the real literary work, but only in the line of elections.

While all these things should have their due consideration, we believe that there is another very potent eause for neglect of society work. Students have too much college work to do. We venture the assertion that members of the Faculty give little or no thought to the literary societies. For instance, lessons are assigned for Saturdays, as long and often longer, than for any other day. Three or four hours from the regular study period makes a difference on the next day's recitations. Again, many students are permitted to take so much work in college that they get only a smattering of what they study, society work being left entirely out of the question. A visit to the societies at the beginning of a term, when excuses for absence are offered and requests for optional attendance are presented, would convince doubtful persons that there is not much time for literary work. When this crowding of a four years' course into three is stopped, and the idea of having a student dig out as much Latin, German or mathematics as the time will possibly permit, is dropped, then good literary work may be done.

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Literary.

The Blushing Leaf.

One little scarlet leaflet upon a sea of green:
Oh! tell me, leaflet, do you blush at aught you've heard or seen?
What, blushing redder still, as now the sunbeams on you rest?
Ah! I have guessed the secret of your fluttering little breast!

Last night Jack Frost came riding upon a northern breeze,
And passed without arousing the sleeping forest trees;
But when he saw your pretty cheek upturned to catch the dew
I'msure he left a kiss thereon—the first you ever knew.

And when the other leaves looked up, awakened from their sleep,
You could not hide your blushes, growing deeper and more deep;
While they, in secret wishing that their lots had been the same,
Grew greener still with envy as they whispered of your shame.

Don't mind their whispers, leaflet, but be happy while you may;
You'll be sighing very sadly some chilly autumn day.
For your lover is not faithful, and I vow, within a week,
On full many a forest daughter he will leave a blushing cheek.

Then, poor fluttering scarlet leaflet, you will bow your head in grief,
And fall on earth's dark bosom, a seer and somber leaf,
For well you'll know old earth alone can shelter grief like this—
When bright young life is blighted by a faithless lover's kiss.

A. G. C.

Literary Societies.

What is the place of the literary societies in the college? Is it simply a scheming rendesvous? Is it but a stepping stone to some trivial honor, joined for the sake of becoming one of its officers? Is it the place for carrying on fraternity intrigue, for honoring some unworthy member of your fraternity, taking into consideration the fraternity, not the ability of the man or woman? Or, should those who do not become members of fraternities, use or rather abuse these societies in order to vent petty spite upon the Greeks, or, as they would term it, take their own part?

Certainly, if the above queries be answered affirmatively the literary societies belie their names. We all agree that it should not be so; that reform is necessary. Long have the societies been subject to ridicule, especially Ossoli, which has barely survived in name.

One great misfortune for the societies is that it is not compulsory to be a member of one of them. A student very naturally says to himself, "What's the use of doing what you don't have to; you have enough to do when you get your lessons." Hence the very small membership. However, millenium shall have probably arrived when disagreeable duties are performed for love of them. But it is not the quantity alone which is at fault, quality is also implicated. One who is a member in name only, who appears only when elections are at issue, who considers his ballot his most important power, who is absent whenever his presence involves taking part in a literary programme, is detrimental to his society. If members would make the societies as attractive and interesting as they do their various fraternities there would be no scarcity of candidates for membership.

At present there is no pride taken in the societies; they are regarded as disagreeable necessities, to be avoided if possible. What we need is more society feeling, an earnest desire and endeavor to raise the standard of these societies. Improve them for the sake of the benefits to be derived from them, not make them the welfare of some other institution. In Allegheny these literary societies are especially important, for

in the college curriculum there is nothing to take their place. It is vastly important that men and women be able to express themselves in writing, but more important still to do so orally, and what better means is furnished in our college life than the literary societies? So let every member do his part toward raising the literary societies to their proper dignity and surely the size of the societies will not be subject to complaint.

SARA D. ALLEN, '92.

Literary Work in College Life.

When the youthful aspirant for literary work enters a college of which our own is an example, he finds that during the whole course of the college proper there is no opportunity for original literary work. He is taught philology, rhetoric, logic, listens to lectures on literature, and is well versed in all the technicalities of the art, but has no chance to put his theories into practice. If, in his former school life, his compositions had been the admiration of his friends and relations, and he had come to college burning with a desire to distinguish himself along this line, he is grieviously disappointed.

This state of affairs seems inevitable under the present system of college curriculum, where in the art course so much time is taken from the classics and devoted to the sciences and mathematics, which last really belong to a technical course.

The college-bred man has his taste formed by familiarity with the best literature of the world. In his study of Latin and Greek he comes into contact with the purest style of all time. In his study of French and German he familiarizes himself with the modern classsics of the old world, and every loyal American or Englishman deeply deplores his lack of thorough acquaintance with the literature of his own tongue and time. And yet it cannot be otherwise, for the popular demand upon the small colleges as it now stands is not for exhaustive research along special lines, but for a general comprehensive and liberal education, and this is as it should be, for the greatest need of our country now is not for specialists, but for citizens with a certain amount of rounded culture, capable of understanding and taking their part in the machinery of our Republic.

But still original literary work is too valuable an aid in life to be neglected and should come in somewhere. This can be accomplished without interfering with the college course, or with popular demand only by the literary societies. On this account, and for this purpose they were first organized and should be compulsory.

Tradition brings down marvelous tales of their former valor and glory, but for the last decade they have been in a state which reminds one of the chivalry and knight-errantry of Don Quixote. They have the customs and the ghost of their former spirit, but the real vitalizing principle is wanting. Perhaps one reason of their failure to fulfil their mission is that they have fallen into ruts, which, though time-honored, are not fitted for the present needs. As for instance selecting an author for each evening and having one of the impromptu speeches, and an *original* essay, invariably taken from the encyclopedia or biography of the author. This course has not fostered original thought or writing, but has unconsciously and steadily produced a habit of plagiarism, and this, if persisted in, is fatal to original work.

Perhaps they have been left too much to their own devices, and they have sorely needed the controlling force of skillful and experience leaders to show them how best they may obtain what they are striving for.

GERTRUDE PIERCE, '92.

Some Sights at Oxford.

BY ERNEST A. BELL.

Hundreds of Americans visit Oxford every year. But sixty millions stay at home; and that is why I write.

Oxford is an extremely beautiful city, unique and exquisite. There is nothing to compare with it, except Cambridge, "England's other eye" as Scott calls it in *Woodstock*. Cambridge has one building more beautiful than anything in Oxford, the Chapel of King's College; but Oxford as a whole is far fairer than her sister. Wordsworth, himself a Cambridge man, exclaimed in an oft-quoted sennet:

"I slight my own beloved Cam to range,
Where silver Isis leads my stripling feet;
Pace the long avenue or glide adown
The stream-like windings of that glorious street,
An eager novice robed in fluttering gown."

The Isis is the Thames, locally called by the poetical name of Isis. The Cherwell, a pretty, winding stream, like the veins on the back of one's hand, joins the Thames at Oxford. The street to which the poet refers is the High Street, which Scott acknowledged as the peer of the High Street of Edinburgh. In the classic half-mile of this street are four colleges, the splendid new examination hall of the University, the University Church of Saint Mary (just back of which rises the dome of the Radcliffe library in connection with the Bodleian), the church of All Saints and that of Saint Martin, which Canute the Dane gave to the Monks of Abingdon. At this church the mayor, aldermen and councillors of the city attend every Sunday morning, preceded by a mace bearer and arrayed in a scarlet robe of office.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

Christ Church college is the most splendid. It was founded by Wolsey and was at first known as Cardinal's College. Its chapel is also the cathedral of the diocese. Merton is the oldest; Keble the newest. Balliol is the most progressive and the most scholarly, with New College (new in the time of Richard II) in close pursuit.. But Magdalen is the most picturesque. It stands upon the bank of the Cherwell, at the foot of High Street. It has one of the finest towers in the world, dating from the year that Columbus discovered America. The college is built, like all the others, on a quadrangle, with a grassy court in the centre in this case not even crossed by a foot-path. Of the more than twenty Oxford colleges all are of stone, except Keble which is of brick. At Cambridge brick is quite frequent. The style of Magdalen is the perpendicular variety of Gothic, which variety was just reaching its climax, when the college was founded. The water walks adjactent to the college and belonging to it are a pleasant adjunct. One fine avenue in these shades is callen Addison's walk; the poet studied at the college. In the park is a fine herd of fallow deer.

An arbitrary attempt of James II to catholicize this college was one of the precursors of that foolish monarch's downfall.

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH.

This is the University church and was founded more than six centuries ago. It was rebuilt about 1490, of course in the perpendicular style. The porch was added in 1637; it bears a statue of the Virgin and Child and is the most exquisite piece of work in Oxford. It was thought too Romish and was made one of the items of impeachment against Archbishop Land, whose chaplain had borne its cost.

University sermons are preached here every Sunday in term, among them the famous Bampton lectures. Officers and students attend in costume. Nothing could be more un-American. Yet even an American cannot deny that the service is picturesque and perhaps fitting to this ancient place.

Oxford is nothing if not the mother of religious movements. Here Wycliffe thought and taught. Here Tyndale studied and prayed. Here the Wesleys and Whitefield were trained. Here arose Newman; he was for fifteen years vicar of this very church. But to Oxford's everlasting shame she moved too slowly at the reformation. Wolsey along with his dying words about his unfaithfulness to God, besought Henry VIII to suppress the pernicious sect of Lutherans. Macaulay, who studied at Trinity

College, Cambridge, unbraids Oxford for her slowness to accept new ideas and adds that Cambridge had the honor of educating those distinguised English bishops, whom Oxford had the honor of burning—Latimer, Ridley and Cranmer. Their trials here before the university authorities gives a solemn interest to Saint Mary's Church.

The College World.

Exchanges.

"Up in the parlor the young folks,
With each hour their words grew sweeter,
While her father grim with a lantern dim,
Sat down in the cellar and swore with vim,
As he watched every skip of the meter."

—*Northwestern World.*

We are glad to welcome to our Exchange List the Denver University *Hesperus*. Denver University is comparatively young in years, and is rapidly rising to a prominent place among American colleges. In justice to the *Hesperus*, we must say it is an honor to the University.

A recent number of the *Washington Jeffersonian*, contains an oration entitled "International Arbitration." It was written by Harry M. Chalfant, and won the first honor in the Inter-Society contest and second in the Inter-Collegiate, held at Beaver Falls, Pa., May 29, 1891. The fact that Mr. Chalfant is a former student of Allegheny, renders it especially interesting to students of Allegheny.

The organization of the American University was effected Thursday, May 28th, in the parlors of the Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C. Mark Hoyt was elected president of the board of trustees, and Bishop Hurst, Chancellor of University. Among the trustees are, Bishops Newman, Bowman and Vincent, Secretary Redfield Proctor, C. C. McCabe and Dr. C. H. Payne. The President of the United States, the Vice-President, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, were elected trustees *ex-officio*.

The plan of instruction in the new University of Chicago is very unique. There will be no vacation and the year will be divided into four terms of twelve weeks each. A "lower college" will consist of the Freshman and Sophomore classes and a "higher college" of the Senior and Junior.—*Ex.*

Harvard sent, on the 20th of January, its second astronomical expedition to Peru to join the first which was sent out about a year and a half ago. The party expects to stay about three years and will make special preparations to observe an eclipse of the sun which takes place in the early spring of the year 1893. The object of the expedition is to make a more extensive study of the northern stars than has been done here.—*Ex.*

The faculty of Wooster has passed a resolution prohibiting the students from taking part in any intercollegiate games. The students are greatly stirred up over the decision.

The Czar has sent to the Stanford University in California, a magnificent collection of rare minerals valued at $35,000. There are more than 800 specimens in the collection. In return for this liberal gift Mrs. Stanford intends to present a collection of California precious stones and minerals to the St. Petersburg National Museum.—*Ex.*

The faculty of the University of Wisconsin have inaugurated a radical innovation in college government by the abolition of examinations and excuses for absences, except when the class standing is below 85 per cent., or the absences more than 10 per cent.—*Ex.*

University extension in the United States has so far flourished most in and around Philadelphia. At the close of the present season the board of directors has reason to congratulate itself that so many permanent centres have been organized, and that the people have shown themselves so willing to embrace the opportunity put

before them. The professors are with the work done in their classes, and look forward hopefully to a more encouraging season next year. The courses for this year have practically been brought to a close, and most of the centres have arranged their next year's courses. At New York, however, this season's work has just begun, and at present there is an attempt being made to get an appropriation through the legislature, to insure against financial loss.—*Ex.*

A girl was overheard saying to another: "Well, I would really like to take a post mortem course here after I graduate."

Scene on Broadway: Conceited Sophomore sporting a cane and mustache. First small boy on opposite corner: "What is it, Bob?"

Second small boy: "Give it up; gimme a stick till I kill it."

There has been much interest manifested over the oratorical contest held at Monmouth, Ill., between the University of Ill., Knox, Lake Forest, Ill. Wesleyan, Blackburn, Monmouth and Illinois College. The contest was won by Illinois College. We clip the following from an editorial in the *College Rambler:*

The Monmouth victory is a happy culmination of the steady rise in literary lines to which Illinois College has been advancing for the last four or five years, but particularly within the last two. The style in which "The School and the State" is written is remarkably devoid of all attempts at the oratorical effect that is the death of many otherwise good orations. There are no references to the old saws of Greece, Rome or Bunker Hill; no far-fetched metaphors; no soaring heights. Simple, thoughtful, but expressive, it is, indeed, a victory for the opponents of artificial college oratory. The lack of grandiloquent utterances marked the truest delivery we have heard at inter-collegiates for a number of years. Dramatic effect was entirely disregarded. The stage appearance, straightforward, strong and emphatic, was as natural as if the orator were speaking to a friend.

The Ovid Musin Concert Co. will be here Nov. 23rd. It is the big attraction of the lecture course.

Local.

Beware of "White Caps!"

Joy cometh with a holiday.

"*I'll vote for Chauncey Bell.*"

Ask Mowry where he stayed, in Franklin.

Dr. Wheeler was sick several days last week.

Who says the Freshmen stole their class yell?

D. L. Yoder is the latest arrival among new students.

T. A. Douthitt was at his home near Beaver Falls over Sunday.

Miss Fenno visited her home in Millvillage, a short time ago.

Miss Langley recently spent Sunday with her parents in Edinboro.

Miss Beyers was at home last week to attend the wedding of a friend.

For sale—Fifty or more ft. of good stout twine. Inquire of Douthitt.

Miss Maude Johnson of Hulings Hall went home Friday for two or three days.

Prof. Dutton is thinking seriously of elevating Salisbury to chief instructor in algebra.

Douthitt, Darragh and ladies drove to Saegertown for supper last Saturday evening.

Prof. Dutton was at Cochranton Monday and Wednesday superintending the survey of a new road.

At the opening session of Philo the very appropriate hymn, "Rescue the Perishing." was sung.

The Y. M. C. A. of the college was well represented at the convention recently held at Franklin.

Miss Eula Mannett, after an extended visit in the East, returned to her labors in college on Saturday.

A number of the students attended the races, but of course they did not buy pools or bet on "sure tips."

R. W. Plummer, who was delayed from returning to college on account of his father's illness, got back Sunday.

Messrs. Peffer, Black and Bell and Misses ——— were registered at the Hotel Riverside, Cambridge, Oct. 10.

The Kaldron Board of Control has been organized, with C. A. Peffer, Pres., and W. R. Murphy, Treas.

Sam. Findley, ex-'93, who is now with the First National Bank ot Delta, Col., recently spent a few days in this city:

Miss Anna Murphy spent several days with her school friends, the Misses Mannett, at Wilcox, Pa., returning last Monday.

One of the Hulings Hall young ladies appeared in chapel the other morning wearing a *Camel's* hair wrap and a *White* cap.

While it is fresh in your mind sit down and write to your minister, asking him to push the collection scheme for Allegheny Coll. Day.

Prof. Motgomery in Physics class—"McBride, what is work?" Snyder on back seat, in a whisper—"Something I don't like to do."

Since the case of horse-thieving on Highland Avenue last week, many of the students have been very solicitous for the safety of their valuable steeds.

The college has shown her loyalty to American institutions by granting a half holiday in honor of the Junior Order demonstration held here on Saturday.

On Tuesday last the young ladies of the freshman class surprised the other classes, by marching into chapel, wearing beautiful caps of the '95 colors, which are white and lavender.

French Class, Prof. T. to Miss Cruttenden—"Are there any nouns in English which are the same in plural as in the singular? Miss C.—"Sheep, deer." Prof. T.—"Yes, dear!" (Blushes).

One of the most exciting incidents connected with the recent class fight was the foot race in which Miss Mills attempted to catch Miss Laffer. The remarkable speed exhibited called forth the wonder and admiration of all beholders.

A vote was taken at the hall recently to decide who the best looking man in college might be. The vote is as follows: Donthitt, 6; Black, 5; Hatch, 5; Dan Darragh, 1; Peffer, 1; "Chauncey Bell," 1; Ben Porter, ½; Cumings, ½; R. W. Darragh, ⅓; W. Merchant, ⅓; Austin, ⅓; White, ⅞; Campbell, ⅛.

Prof. Thomas presented his German class with a bit of very interesting philological history, the other day, giving the highly probable way in which we came to pronounce the Latin v as w. He says "ladies ever since the classical times have preferred to begin with the sound of w rather than v the Latin word *vi-ciss-im*, (by turns) as it is much more in accordance with their taste, and from that it was easily extended to other words, and thus we pronounce it to-day."

An examination in Military Tactics was held last week, and as a result we have our new battalion officers. They are: Captain and quartermaster, C. H. Luse; Captain Co. A, F. J. Trumper; Captain Co. B, R. F. Fox; 1st lieuteuant and adjutant, H. A. Cotton; 1st lieutenant Co. A, H. R. Patchin; Co. B, J. L. Danforth; 2d lieutenant Co. A, C. J. Carew; Co. B, H. P. Johnson; 1st sergeant Co. A., R W. Darragh; Co. B, W. C. Berlin; 2d sergeants Co. A, Lewis and R. T Hatch; Co. B, Bates;

Corporals Co. A, Swearer, Bowman, Bell and Koen; Co. B, Crary, Austin, Pickard and Blackmarr.

Owing to the lack of room in last issue, the result of class elections was not published. It is as follows: Senior class: Pres., H. W. Rand; Vice Pres., W. C. Pickett; Sec., J. L. McBride; orator, W. C. Leffingwell; essayist Miss Bertha Pierce; poet, Miss Allen; historian Miss Florence Harper: prophet, C. S. Luce; ladder orator, J. H. Dunn; valdictorian, E. S. Nickerson. Junior class: Pres., H. R. Patchin; vice Pres., Miss L. M. Gelvin; treas., R. M. Kurtz; sec., Miss Vernice Gelvin; orator, W. J. Merchant; essayist, Miss Watson; replier, J. W. Campbell; historian, R. W. Darragh; poet, Miss Anna Dunn. Sophmores: Pres., F. H. Blackmar; vice Pres., Miss Mount; Sec., Miss Johnson; Treas., Miss Dickson; essayst, Arthur Staples; declaimer, W. H. Gibson; orator, H. H. Cumings; poet, B. B. Gamble; prophet, Miss Wilkenson; historian, E. W. Jaynes. Freshmen: Pres., W. C. Swearer; Sec., Miss Foster; Treas., G. C. Heller; Historian, S. Austin; orator, C. J. Carew; poet, Miss Davis; essayist, W. R. Murphy.

A small note book belonging to some student of the college was recently found on the campus. Not bearing any name, its contents were made public property. In it were found some things rather expressive of that student's turn of mind, especially under one part headed, "Notes from Chapel Bible Readings," some of which were the following:

"Of books there is no end and much study is a weariness of flesh." Eccl. 12.

"He that increaseth his knowledge increaseth his sorrow." See Law Eccl.

"Then had all the church-goers rest throughout Judea and Galilee and Samaria and they were edified." Act. 9.

"There was disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannius."

"He did thresh the heathen in his anger."

"And there was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

We would advise that student hereafter to be more careful in quoting, and not pervert the scriptures to satisfy his own feelings.

Alumni.

Fred. Russel, '89, is in business in Cleveland.

M. O. Brown, '91, visited his friends in this city last week.

S. H. Wood, '91, was here over Sunday visiting college friends.

Chas. C. Freeman, '91, visited chapel the first part of last week.

J. L. Porter, '90, of Oil City, came to Meadville last Tuesday to see friends.

W. H. Gallup, '85, is Superintendent of the schools in New Cumberland, W. Va.

W. W. Johnson, '90, is with the Huntingdon Mackentosh Hardware Co., Cleveland, O.

Dr. W. J. Bell, '88, is Prof. of natural science in Bellevue College, Bellevue, Nebraska.

Homer D. Whitfield, '91, has been appointed pastor of the M. E. Church of Fayette City, Pa.

T. M. Morrison, '90, Supt. of the Union City schools, made a visit to his college friends last Saturday.

J. E. Hood, '90, is engineering in Montana. Although he did not like the C. E. course in college he has concluded that it is a profitable occupation.

Rev. J. M. Thoburn, pastor of the Trinity Church, Oil City, preached at the Stone Church last Sunday morning and evening. He is an Allegheny graduate.

It is with the deepest sorrow that we announce the death of Mrs. Case, wife of W. W. Case, '84. Mr. Case was married in the early part of the summer.

Fraternity.

Kephart, '96, is a Phi Gam.

Miss Marion Howe is the latest *K. K. Γ.*

V. L. Johnson, '93, has been initiated by the Sigs.

The Kappa Kappa Gammas have taken Miss Kerr into full membership.

Miss Langley now wears the black and gold, having been initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta.

On Saturday night, Oct. 17th, Swearer, '95, became a Phi Delta Theta and Moore a pledged member.

Miss Thrasher visited her *K. A. Θ.* sisters last Tuesday. She is spending a few weeks at the Hotel Riverside, Cambridge, Pa.

Gen H. V. Boynton, the journalist, who has contributed "The Press and Public Men" to the October Century, is a Phi Delta Theta.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 13, the Kappa Kappa Gammas celebrated the Twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the general fraternity.

The membership of the different fraternities is as follows, including new iniations and pledged members: *K. A. Θ.*, 15; *K. K. Γ.*, 12; *Φ. Δ. Θ.*, 17; *Φ. Γ. Δ.*, 14; *Σ. A. E*, 14; *Φ. K. Ψ.*, 10; *Δ. T. Δ*, 3.

The fraternity men at Chautauqua held a Panhellenic banquet this summer. Allegheny was represented on the toast list by W. P. Murray, *Φ. Δ. Θ*; H. M. Barrett, *Φ. K. Ψ.*, and W. C. Deming, *Δ T. Δ.*

The *K. A. Θ. Journal* is now published by the University of Vermont chapter, at Burlington. It has changed from three to four issues a volume, and instead of two-thirds, all the active membership is required to subscribe for it.

Mr. F. W. Black is attending the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta, which is in session at Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Black is representing Pennsylvania Delta Chapter. A large number ber of Phis prominent in public life are in attendance and on the program of exercises.

The number of active chapters of the different fraternities represented at Allegheny, is as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, 35; Phi Gamma Delta, 40; Delta Tau Delta, 39; Phi Delta Theta, 66; Kappa Alpha Theta, 20; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 32; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 22.

The circulation of some of the Greek letter magazines is, *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, 2,000; *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*, 1,600; *Beta Theta Pi*, 1,000; *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, 1,000; *Chi Phi Quarterly*, 750; *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, 500; *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, 500.

"He writeth best who stealeth best,
Ideas great and small;
For the great soul who wrote them first
From nature stole them all.—*Ex.*

Summer Belle—That Mr. Spry out there in that rowboat is one of the most learned men I ever met. I wonder what college he graduated from.

College Graduate (contemptuously)—Huh! He's no college man. Look at his stroke—Ex.

He was an Irishman, a husband and about to be a parent. Intensely interested as to the sex of his first born, he heard the doctor's footsteps descending the stairs, and rushed to meet him with "Sure dochtor, am I a father or a mother."—Ex.

Phi Gammi Delta Entertains.

The Phi Gamma Deltas entertained their lady friends on Monday evening, Oct. 5.

The guests were received by Messrs. George S. Ray, Harry P. Johnson and Robert Fox, members of the Senior class of the college; and the time, spent in the usual games and amusements, passed only too quickly.

Some of those present were the Misses Edson, Crittendon, Foote, Gertrude and Bertha Pierce, Kerr, Mills, Foster, Weber, Veith, Heydrick, Trumper, Lockart, Howe, Morris, Krick, Tinker, Watson, Laffer, Byers, Margurite and Cora Davis, Koen, Fenno, Howells and Johnson.

The enjoyment was greatly increased by a rich program of music, which was delightfully rendered by Miller's Orchestra. At a suitable hour light refreshments were served in the dining room by Butler.

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