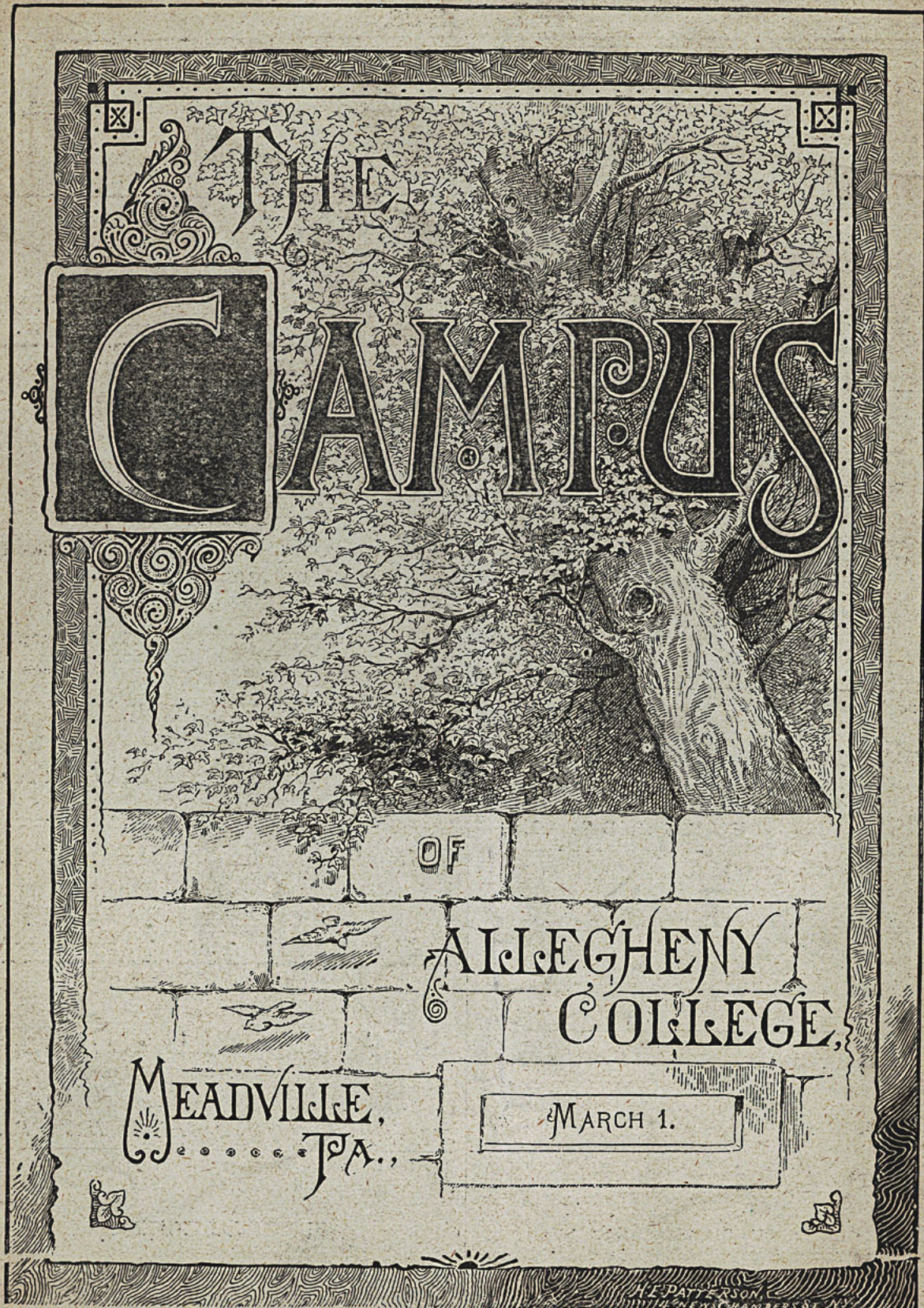


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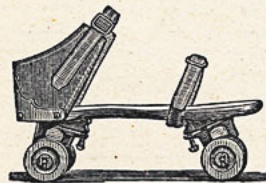
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Such as poets used to write,
(You may find the tale in Ovid,) That the Raven once was white.

White as yonder swan a sailing
At this moment in the moat,
'Till the bird, for misbehavior,
Lost, one day, his snowy coat.

"Raven-white" was once the saying,
Till an accident, alack!
Spoiled its meaning, and thereafter
It was changed to "Raven-black."

Shall I tell you how it happened
That the change was brought about?
List the story of Coronis,
And you'll find the secret out.

Young Coronis, fairest maiden
Of Thessalia's girlish train,
Whom Apollo loved and courted
Loved and courted not in vain,

Flirted with another lover
(So at least the story goes)
And was won't to meet him slyly
Underneath the blushing rose.

Whereupon the bird of Phoebus
Who their meetings chanced to view,
Went in haste unto his master,
Went and told him all he knew;

Told him how his dear Coronis,
False and faithless as could be,
Plainly loved another fellow,—
If he doubted, come and see!

Whereupon Apollo, angry
Thus to find himself betrayed,
With his silver bow-and-arrow
Went and shot the wretched maid!

Now when he perceived her dying,
He was stricken to the heart,
And to stop her mortal bleeding,
Tried his famous healing art.

But in vain; the god of Physic
Had no antidote; alack!
He who took her off so deftly
Couldn't bring the maiden back.

Angry with himself, Apollo,
Yet more angry with his bird,
For a moment stood in silence,
Impotent to speak a word.

Then he turned upon the Raven,
"Wanton babbler! see thy fate!
Messenger of mine no longer,
Go to Hades with thy prate!"

"Weary Pluto with thy tattle!
Hither, monster, come not back;
And, to match this disposition,
Henceforth be thy plumage black!"

MORAL.

When you're tempted to make mischief,
It is wisest to refuse;
People are not apt to fancy
Bearers of unwelcome news.

SECOND MORAL.

Something of the pitch you handle
On your fingers will remain;
As the Raven's tale of darkness
Gave the bird a lasting stain.

—Saxe.

FEBRUARY—MARCH.

FEBRUARY! The day gains upon the night.
The strife of heat and cold is scarce begun.
The winds that come from the desolate north
wander through forests of frost-cracking boughs,
and shout in the air the weird cries of the northern bergs and ice-resounding oceans.

Yet, as the month wears on, the silent work begins, though storms rage. The earth is hidden yet, but not dead. The sun is drawing near. The storms cry out. But the sun is not heard in all the heavens. Yet he whispers words of deliverance into the ears of every sleeping seed and root that lie beneath the snow. The day opens, but the night shuts, the earth with its frost-lock. They strive together; but the darkness and the cold are growing weaker. On some nights they forget to work.

March! The conflict is more turbulent; but the victory is gained. The world awakens. There comes voices from long hidden birds. The smell of the soil is in the air. The sullen ice, retreating from open field and all sunny places, has slunk to the north of every fence and rock. The knolls and banks that face the east or south sigh for release, and begin to lift up a thousand tiny palms.

The Months.—Henry Ward Beecher.

COLLEGE POLITICS.

THE annual literary society elections approach and it is now in order for the lusty "Barb" to rail vigorously at his Greek cousin because forsooth the latter votes for his "Frat" brother. These non-fraters, whose intellects sharpened by the chilling atmosphere of "out in the cold" are ready to do battle on all occasions for the best man, consider, that those who wear a frat pin commit a flagrant offense against good morals, when in a closely contested society or class election they cast a ballot for one who wears the same pin. The Greek Letter fraternity in their eyes is only a political organization, whose members bent on gaining the spoils are ready to sacrifice every principle of honor, every notion of justice to further the election of a fellow.

Now, we must admit that non-fraternity men have some reason to make this charge against the fraternities. When a fraternity treats a "barb" to an interview with the Wm. Goat, simply because his vote may tide them over a hotly fought battle, making a man, who never of himself could gain admittance to their order, merely a tool to further their ends; the

inference is plain that that organization is one whose aim and object is spoils. When two or more fraternities agree to unite their interests, that other fraternity men or non-frat men may be kept from winning honors, surely there is ground for complaint.

Let us lay down this principle. So long as personal friendships and personal enmities exist, college elections are never sure to result in favor of the best man. College fraternities are only a form of college friendships. Rightly conducted, there must be the warmest, most sincere regard between the members of a fraternity. Each frater should know and esteem the rest, should feel their interest at heart, should be willing to do all in his power to advance each one of the members of his order. The true frat man is always partial. He can seldom inform himself as to the rights and wrongs of an election. He knows only one party. A is a friend whom he meets every day whose abilities he knows. B is almost a stranger whom he meets in the class-room, passes on the street, of whose general ability he knows almost nothing except from hearsay. Any one unless without a particle of feeling would cast a vote for A, B perhaps being after all the better fitted for the position. The non-frat has a circle of friends any one of whom he would support at any time, for any office, rather than any other man in college; yet he thinks it the height of wickedness on the part of a Greek to support a brother in election.

Let us be frank with each other and admit that a perfectly impartial college election is impossible. That in every election ever held or ever to be held, prejudice and personal feeling have and will play an important part. Grant that *usually* the best man gets the honor under the present system, grant that did the honor system of grades prevail the most able men (in some respects) in the class would *sometimes* get left; we must admit that a fair distribution of honors on the ground of scholarship would not only raise the character of our class-room work, but would give more often "honor to whom honor is due" and would quench to a great extent any bitterness of feeling between rival fraternities and the fraternity

and non-frat element. By the very act of entering college we give evidence that we approve the course of study laid down, then why pray this continual growling at those who make it their business, first, last, always, to recite well? Those who grumble most at the "digs" as they call them are the very ones who continually harp on the string of college being a place to gain discipline not information. How *can* discipline be gained unless by patient hard steady digging? The very man, who gains what you most highly praise, is the one whom you wish to shut out from college honors. College politics at Allegheny with the hard feeling, grumbling and endless scheming which they bring are a disgrace to the institution. The honor system may have its disadvantages, but it is far better than the substitute which we have. We believe nothing would give more pleasure to the majority of our students than a new order of things, which would take the fraternity out of politics, where it does not belong, which would put a stop to hotly contested elections and give us an honor system which would make our commencement exercises mean something.

ECHO.

ECHO, according to some traditions was a wood nymph, cherishing a passion for the beautiful Narcissus, which unfortunately was unrequited, she pined away until nothing remained but her voice. According to another myth, she was banished from the presence of the gods for having occasioned trouble between Zeus and Hera; she was never afterward able to speak until she had been addressed, and even then could only repeat what had been said to her.

Echo, to the children, is a mysterious "something" which repeats what is said, and by them is often regarded as an animate being. A little boy while out playing, became angry and cried out in very harsh tones; to his astonishment, his words were repeated and with the same loud, angry voice. Naturally thinking that some one was "making fun" of him, he became still angrier; after searching in vain for

the offending one, he ran to the house and told his mother that some one was calling him names. She explained it to him as best she could; told him if he would speak gently, he would hear kind words in reply. Highly delighted at this he ran back and made friends with the "boy" at whom he had been so angry only a short time before.

Echo, properly speaking, is the reflection of sound from a distant surface. Several conditions must be fulfilled before an echo can be produced. The ear must be situated in the line of reflection, and in order that one may himself hear the echo, this line must be perpendicular to the reflecting surface. Sound passes through the air at the rate of about 1125 feet per second; hence, a person placed at half that distance would hear the echo just one second after the sound has been emitted by him. The least distance of the reflecting surface from the point where the sound is emitted, is about fifty feet.

On the Rhine, it is customary for the boatmen when passing a certain rock, to call out for the entertainment of the travellers "Who is burgomaster of Oberwesel?" to their amusement, echo answers "Esel," the German for donkey.

The faintest sound is conveyed from one side of the "whispering gallery" of St. Paul's, London, to the other, but is not heard at any intermediate point. An echo in Woodstock Park, England, repeats seventeen syllables by day, and twenty by night. An echo in the Simonetta Palace near Milan is said to repeat the report of a pistol sixty times.

Many other instances of a physical nature might be cited, but there are echoes which are much more interesting and of vaster importance than these simple repetitions of words. All our actions, good or evil, though forgotten by us will have a reflex influence upon others as well as upon ourselves.

Our National Holiday is but a kind of echo which has repeated itself annually, since the Declaration of Independence was signed, more than a century ago. In the sounds which we hear reflected down these years we can dis-

tinguish, Liberty, Justice, Independence, all things which tend to make a prosperous nation and a blessed people.

The words of Arnold Winkelried, "Give me liberty or give me death," and his daring will ever be cited as examples of undaunted bravery and heroism.

To the scientist, such men as Hugh Miller, and Louis Agassiz will ever live in the truths which they discovered. The name of John Howard Payne may be forgotten after a time, but "Home, Sweet Home," will be sung by many a weary wanderer.

Very many soldiers can testify to the kind, watchful care of a Florence Nightingale, when lying sick and wounded in a hospital; or, having fallen on the field of battle, the hands of an Emma Edmonds dress their wounds, or those Sisters of Mercy, so beautifully called "The Angels of Buena Vista" by the Quaker poet, cool their parched lips and aching brows with drops of water from the canteen at their side.

Tennyson in the May Queen; Enoch Arden, In Memoriam; Longfellow in The Bridge, Evangeline; Mrs. Browning in Aurora Leigh, The Cry of the Children; these and many others, show us that we do not live for ourselves alone; that our influence, whether good or evil, will mould the lives of those with whom we come in contact. If then, it be true, that "The evil that men do lives after them," we cannot be too careful in regard to our words and deeds, alike, that the influence exerted by us may not lead others astray.

The words of one who lived over eighteen hundred years ago, are far more enduring than those of any one else can be; his life, so pure, so simple, so divine, has exerted an influence that will endure throughout eternity. So long as Time shall last, tired mortals will listen to his words as they echo and re-echo throughout the ages, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest;" they bring the same comfort to us now, which they brought to others years ago, for he is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever."

Before the throne are angels in their robes of snowy whiteness, with "palms of victory" in

their hands, singing, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb." Heaven's high arches ring and resound with the echoes of that mighty host as they sing, "Worthy, worthy the Lamb that was slain."

WUHU, China, Jan. 3rd, 1885.

I want to tell you how we spent Christmas eve here in Wuhu. There was a magic lantern entertainment in the chapel in the city for our Sunday school scholars. Mr. Jackson, our neighbor, who has charge of the work here, gave the entertainment, and they had tea and Chinese bon-bons after it. I did not go but sent both my servants and they told me it was "ting han," which means very good indeed. Mr. Jackson has been here only a little over a year. He superintended the building of two mission houses and opened a day school, and has a preaching place. He has in all about thirty who have come under his influence. There are perhaps ten or twelve boys in the day school. He is teaching them English as well as Chinese. Mrs. Jackson has charge of a day school for girls. She visits it once a week and employs a native woman, who is a Christian, as teacher. She has only three pupils as yet, but she hopes to start a boarding school soon and these three will be a start for that. I tell you these things to show you that the beginnings of work in this land are very small. It requires years of patient labor to bring about even moderate results sometimes. The people do not crowd around, eager to hear the Gospel, as the stories we some times hear would lead us to suppose. These day schools will be foundations for boarding schools for both boys and girls and if successful, will in several years have a good number of pupils. I visited the school the other day; they study aloud but do not yell it off as the Japanese children do. When they recite, they weave back and forth and close their eyes, and they do look too funny. It was the girl school I visited; there is one who is very bright and as yet unbetrothed, and Mrs. Jackson hopes to have her in the future.

We are only staying at Wuhu until we can build at Nankin. Our work will be the building and establishing of a hospital. Mr. Beebe and Mr. Hart, our superintendent, are already drawing the plans, and if the war does not disturb us, the work will begin in March. We are

very hopeful about our work, Nankin is a very good place to make such a work telling, as it is an important literary centre. There are at present only two missionaries in the whole city and there are nearly half a million Chinese. Although they are not favorable to foreigners in that city as preachers, they have given us encouragement, that they will gladly assist in medical work, and one of the officials at the arsenal has already asked the privilege of placing a young man under Mr. Beebe's instruction in medicine, and he will pay his expenses. It seems strange to think how widely scattered we who used to be together, are becoming. Sam in India, Edith in Denver, Martha in Georgia, and I in China. Well, the ends of the earth will feel the influence of Allegheny College, and I earnestly hope that many more of her sons and daughters may become missionaries. Why, you have no idea what a field is open before you to do good. Several life-times at home might be lived, and not afford one half the opportunity of real usefulness that is given here, and I want to tell you that you will have all the comforts you can have at home except the society of your friends. We need teachers and doctors as well as preachers, and trained nurses too are greatly needed. A physician who begins practice at home usually is obliged to sit and wait for patients a year or two before he can even pay his expenses. We have been here only two months, and Mr. Beebe has taken no pains to become known, has rather avoided it so he could study, but they have found out that he is a foreign doctor and come in such numbers to the house with their sick that he is obliged to open a dispensary in the city. If any of the boys and girls are thinking of missionary work tell them not all to go to India, but do some of them come to China.

MRS. HARRIET LINN BEEBE.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Feb. 6, '85.

I cannot imagine you all shivering with the cold, and I have been making an effort to keep cool for a week past. Yesterday it was so warm that I did not venture out until after sundown, and then Miss Rooney and I went to gather water cresses. When we came back dinner was ready and we had new potatoes, cauliflower, lettuce and strawberries. I think that is more than you can boast of in this season of the year. A few days ago I went for a drive to Riverside, a place about twelve miles from here, and the largest orange growing country in California. The day was as warm as any in July, and the dust was a foot or more

deep; but the scenery was beautiful when you could occasionally catch glimpses of it through a cloud of dust. The place itself is small and unimportant, but long avenues lead from it toward the mountains, and these avenues are lined with orange groves stretching back as far as the eye can reach. One of these, called Magnolia avenue, has a double drive, hard as pavements, bordered on one side by Encalyp-tus trees, and on the other by fan palms and magnolias alternately. The drives are divided by a row of pepper trees which resemble our willows, but are not as mournful looking. The leaves are a half yard or more in length and are as graceful as ferns. The berries are small, and magenta in color, hanging in long racemes and making a pretty contrast with the light-green foliage. The grounds are beautifully laid out and I think a home in such a place would be all one could desire. We drove into an orchard containing forty acres, and it was a sight worth seeing, the trees were so heavily loaded that it was found necessary to prop them and even then they are breaking under their precious burden. An orange here is quite another thing from the fruit as you get it. The flavor is very much impaired by standing and a great many are picked before they are thoroughly ripe which is an advantage only in the packing.

Miss Rooney is very much better, her cough is almost gone and in time I think it will leave her entirely. We are both deriving full benefit from this climate and enjoying it very much.
L. H. W. Ex-'85.

THE death of Hon. H. L. Richmond, a resident of Meadville, occurred Friday morning, Feb. 20th. Mr. Richmond had for a number of years been a very firm friend to the college and had done all within his power to further its interests. And better than all else the Christian Church received at all times his first care and attention. He was a man who carried religion into his daily life, and made better and purer all around him by his Christian charity and noble example. As a citizen he enjoyed the fullest confidence of his fellows; as a friend he was ever true and faithful; as a man he was honest, upright, and respected. But he is no more, and his place in the hearts of his many friends will not soon be filled. Hiram L. Richmond, Sr., is gone, but his good deeds live after him. The noble example of his active life, will long remain as a shining mark for the young and rising generation. The funeral took place on Sabbath afternoon. The college battalion showed their last respect to his remains in accompanying the procession to the cemetery.

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THE *refined* habit of smoking is becoming quite prevalent among the students. When such a habit affects none but its victim, it may not be a question for public discussion; but when it is taken into the presence or rooms of those to whom it is very offensive, some one ought to expostulate, even at the risk of being called a Y. M. C. A. crank. There is a rule on the college records which forbids smoking anywhere in the vicinity of the buildings, but it

is so grossly violated that cigars and cigarettes are carried to the very recitation room doors. If some fond parents could see the old clay pipes that decorate some rooms, what a falling off of paternal confidence there would be!

OUR duty is not always easy to perform, and the tendency is either to accomplish the easy task and allow the difficult ones to go undone, or to work hard for a time and then relax our efforts entirely. This is evident in the pretty general desire to substitute for higher mathematics, or to avoid calculations in Physics; and in the religious life to make a course of prayer-meetings do for the work of the whole year. We need more workers who are not afraid of a little self-sacrifice; who are bold enough to ask a fellow-student to attend the meeting, who can go to a mission school if the thermometer should indicate a freezing temperature, and who can yet be good students.

SOME people are more critical than shrewd. Any fool can criticise, but it is a wise man who can criticise and not reveal his own ignorance.

"Conceal yourself as weel's ye can,
Frae critical dessection;
But peep thro' every other man
Wi' sharpened, sly inspection,"

is the advice of Burns, but "as weel's ye can" means much; and it is rather amusing to hear a person criticise that of which he hasn't wit enough to understand the spirit. It is more than amusing, it is disgusting when the would be critic descends to the use of slang and abusive terms. But allowance must be made for a blunted perception, just as for creatures who can not see in the full light of day, for it is Nature's gift, and the individuals are rather to be pitied than censured.

THE reading room of the city Y. M. C. A. is now one of the most pleasant in Meadville. All the leading daily newspapers are there, besides some of the very best weeklies and month-

lies, and new tables make everything as convenient as is possible. The gymnasium is well equipped, and is patronized by many of the students of Allegheny College, as well as of the Commercial and other schools.

The question of some kind of a consolidation will soon be proposed in the college association, by which students may have access to the gymnasium on the strength of membership in college. Possibly other advantages may be added by such a change. Think about it.

ON the tenth of February a radical change was made in the requirements for admission to Harvard College. Of course the old path is still open, but it is now possible to enter without having studied Greek, and the widest range is given to the student's choice. Latin was reduced a little, while English and Science were increased. Examinations in laboratory work will now be held, the examiners requiring the original note books of the student, with the indorsement of the teacher that it is a correct record of work actually done. A slight addition was made to the French, but the greatest advantage of the change must certainly be in the increase of English and Science. Few students appreciate the value of science as a mental discipline, for the reason, perhaps, that they are too impatient to master the details, or to make any original investigations.

AT a recent meeting of the Nineteenth Century Club a most interesting discussion was held between the advocates of the elective system with self-government and the old system of education in this country. Drs. Eliot, of Harvard, and McCosh, of Princeton, were the parties interested, and the discussion was decidedly pointed. The arguments of Dr. McCosh concerning the methods of allowing students to attend lectures or not, as they choose, coincide with the views of at least a majority of educators in this country, while Dr. Eliot's views have the force of a departure from old ideas and the attractiveness of a fuller liberty. But the fullest liberty is not always desirable, especially in the choice of work by young men, and we doubt if Harvard can carry

out successfully the extreme position she has taken, especially in the government of the institution. Dr. McCosh spoke of the German system and wherein a similar course could not be pursued here.

A YEAR ago a summer school of language and science was proposed by some of the friends of Allegheny College, but a lack of support compelled the abandonment of the plan. Every teacher in a public school,—a graded school especially—should be sufficiently familiar with apparatus and the nature of chemicals to show by actual experiment the properties of elements in the various combinations in which we find them in nature. A summer school of a limited number would have the advantage of a more personal supervision of the instructor and the individual use of apparatus. Besides, a careful study of minerals, fossils and natural history specimens could be made in the museum, which Prof. Montgomery is arranging so perfectly. Prof. Tingley is willing to devote his summer to this work for a very reasonable compensation, and his long experience as a teacher, together with his extensive information on all scientific subjects, would be of the greatest value to earnest students. These words are said not at the request of any member of the faculty, but because from a limited observation of schools and teaching, and a feeling of regret at our inability to obtain a satisfactory knowledge of the magnificent apparatus and cabinet of the college during the prescribed course, we think that some such a plan is needed. Possibly such a course may at some future time be added to our curriculum as an elective; indeed, the addition of microscopy seems to be a step in that direction, but we can only suppose as much, for the powers of the faculty are now overtaxed and the funds are limited. The summer school is entirely practicable if there are those who desire it, and we should like to hear some words upon the subject from the teachers. Our columns are open to any discussion of the plan, indeed we invite contributions to our Alumni Department that may enable us to form an idea of the favor and support that might be expected. We may at some future time be able to publish an outline of such a course.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

Were half the power, that fills the world with
terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and
courts,
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of arsenals or forts.

—LONGFELLOW.

NOTES.

Princeton is to have a daily paper.
Girard is to have a school of Technology.
A university will be opened in Iceland next year.

P. T. Barnum has given \$50,000 to Tuft's College.

The Boston *Herald* says lawlessness is on the increase at Harvard.

Maine University, after being closed for twenty years, is to be reopened soon.

School property in the South is valued at \$6,000,000, against \$188,000,000 in the North.

Lafayette has a well equipped gymnasium, and physical culture is added to the regular curriculum.

Students at Amherst and Kenyon who receive a grade of 75 per cent. are released from examinations.

The Inter-collegiate foot-ball association is now composed of Yale, Princeton, Wesleyan and Pennsylvania.

Harvard has repealed the rule requiring members of the three lower classes to attend church once on Sabbath.

It is not probable that President Arthur will accept the presidency of Union College, notwithstanding the rumor to the contrary.

There are at present 6,404 persons connected as students with the University of Berlin, of whom 5,006 are regular university students.

The University of Toronto by a recent statute of the senate has made French and German an equivalent for Greek all the way through the course.

It is rumored that "the understanding is that

the railroad king, Mr. Mitchell, will give \$250,000 toward rebuilding Science Hall for the University of Wisconsin."

Hon. Thos. A. Hendricks of Indiana, Vice-President elect, has consented to deliver the annual address before the Alumni and graduating classes at commencement, June 23, 1885.

The petition to abolish morning chapel at Harvard received over 900 signatures and was referred by the faculty to a committee of three of which Philips Brooks is a member.

The Indiana Asbury University, at Greencastle, Ind., after a career of nearly a half century, has entered upon a new career as De Pauw University, having adopted the name of its chief patron.

Sixty Harvard Freshman have dropped their Latin, eighty their Greek, and one hundred their mathematics. None of them have dropped their baseball or boating, however, and college culture is still safe.

Dakota is to have two new colleges—Dakota University at Mitchell, and Tower University at Tower City. The latter, which is under the control of the Baptists, has received a donation of \$100,000 from Mr. Tower, of Philadelphia.

Among great Americans who have expended their youthful talents in editing college papers, are the poets Holmes and Willis, the statesmen Everett and Evarts, the eloquent divine Philips Brooks, and the pleasing author, Donald G. Mitchell.

Cornell University has secured a mummy from the necropolis of Upper Egypt, which is estimated to be nearly three thousand years old. It was in existence, then, before Rome or Carthage were founded, and nearly one thousand years before the time of Christ.

The history of college journalism begins with the Dartmouth *Gazette*, which was first issued in the year 1810; and it is a noteworthy fact that Daniel Webster lent his first literary efforts to this college journal. To-day there are fully two hundred college papers regularly published.

A. G. Greenlee, of Wooster, and P. P. Safford, of Oberlin, carried off first and second

prizes at the recent Ohio Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest. Six of the best institutions of the state were represented: Wooster, Denison, Marietta State University, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Oberlin.

The Regents of the University of Wisconsin have decided to replace Science Hall, recently destroyed by fire, by a somewhat similar building, and to construct a separate building for the chemical laboratories and machine shop, which structures will require an appropriation of \$300,000. In addition to this the Legislature will be asked to appropriate \$45,000 for a gymnasium and arsenal.

AMHERST.—Prof. Emerson is in Europe for six months. The undergraduate students number 334 of whom 21 are from Conn. Over \$150,000 were added to the college funds during the last year. This college always known in the past for the good character of its students keeps high the moral sentiment. Feb. 26 the alumni had a dinner at the Parker House, Boston, at which they formed an "Amherst Club" for regular monthly meetings.

EXCHANGES.

The February number of *The Collegian* is on our table. It bids fair to become an important factor in college journalism. Trust that it may be eminently successful.

The *Vidette-Reporter*, a spicy exchange from Iowa City, is a welcome weekly visitor.

The *Lantern* makes its first appearance in our sanctum, in an attractive attire, and with a stately bearing well becoming the dignity of the institution which it represents.

"No one is so blind as he who will not see." If the *Hesperian Student* is suffering from that kind of hallucination we trust it is not chronic; but if from natural deficiency, we offer it our condolence. We cannot perform a surgical operation.

The *Syracusan* of Feb. 12 is a bright newsy issue. "An Unknown Song" is a sweet little poem, and "Opposition to the Law of Nature" a comprehensive, thorough going essay. Come to see us regularly.

A copy of Smith's Diagram, published by *Review and Herald*, Battle Creek, Mich., is on our table. The "Diagram" is unique in design and admirable in execution; while the "Key" is sufficiently comprehensive for any ordinary deliberative assembly. We bespeak for it a large patronage.

GLEANINGS.

Advice to a Freshman: Honor thy Professor in the days of thy youth, that thou mayest be solid before thy Senior year.

At an agricultural college: "What is the best time to gather apples?"

"When the farmer has his back turned, sir, and the big dog is not in the orchard."

Beneath the bright leaved mistletoe
I kissed my Mary Ann;
We spoke of love in accents low—
When suddenly away I ran,
Propelled upon the missile-toe
Of Mary Ann's old man.

A Senior's "International Law" bears the following inscription:

If there should be another flood,
For safety hither fly;
Though all the world should be submerged,
This book will still be dry.

Progressive Euchre's such a lovely game
That everybody likes it, so we claim;
But played too oft in Purgatory's cell
We wish to change for Paradise or —.

Senior recitation in Evidences of Christianity: Dr.—"Sir, do you believe in a literal lake of fire? Senior emphatically—"Yes, sir," "I wouldn't like to dwell on that; what do you think of the next point?"

Nan and I were partners,
(Don't you wish 'twere you?)
Nan with sunny tresses,
Eyes of tender blue.

When the cards were shuffled,
Dealt out one by one;
"Hearts are trumps," are phispered,
"Shall I go alone?"

If life awake and will never cease
On the future's distant shore,
And the rose of love and the lily of peace
Shall bloom there forevermore.

Let the world go round and round,
And the sun sink into the sea;
For whether I'm on or under the ground,
Oh, what will it matter to me.

The last literary work of Dr. Holland.

VASSAR GIRLS PLAYING MAN.

A Vassar College girl tells this story. We had a theatre with a stage fixed up with a drop curtain and scenery and there we gave famous theatrical performances. One of our favorite pieces I remember, was "She Stoops to Conquer." The actors were all girls and so was the audience. But a portion of the audience wore handkerchiefs tied around their right arms and the girls composing it were understood to be gentlemen. Of course they escorted the ladies to the play and stamped their feet on the floor to express their approbation at anything particularly fine.

When the curtain fell at the close of an act the "gentlemen" all grabbed their hats from under their seats and rushed into the hall. There they paraded up and down in front of the theatre shouting to each other: "Well, fellers, what'll yer take?" and "Reckon it's my turn, come up to the bar an' order pizen," and "Sa-ay, Jim, got any good eatin tobaccer in your clothes?"

FRATERNITY NOTES.

A scheme is being agitated for establishing a *Pan-Hellenic Magazine*.

The Grand Arch Council of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity was convened at Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, February 18th, and was busily engaged with the affairs of the fraternity for three days. There was a large and enthusiastic representation of the sub-chapters, delegates being present from all but two chapters—one of these was California Alpha. The headquarters of the fraternity were at the Neil House, and the sessions of the council were

held at the Odd-Fellows' Temple. The previous convention of the fraternity was held at Pittsburgh two years ago. Since that time many matters of great moment to the fraternity have arisen, which occupied the attention of the Columbus convention.

Phi Kappa Psi is still governed by the antiquated grand chapter system, one chapter being selected to attend to the general affairs of the fraternity when the G. A. C. is not in session. This system was not in any way changed, but a committee was appointed to prepare a new governmental system and present it to the next G. A. C. In a few years Phi Psi will catch up to the times and have a modern plan of government.

Among other things it was decided to prohibit the initiation of honorary members.

The *Shield* will hereafter be published at Lawrence, Kan., by the Kansas Alpha chapter.

A petition for a chapter at Fulton, Mo., Westminster college, was refused.

The next G. A. C. will be held at Indianapolis on the first Tuesday of May, 1886. The location of the grand chapter was not changed, but remains at Gettysburg, Pa., with the Pennsylvania Epsilon.

Minister John W. Foster, of Spanish treaty fame, is a Phi Delta Theta.

The present undergraduate membership of Phi Delta Theta is about 725.

Jefferson Davis, ex-President of the Confederate States, is a member of Kappa Sigma.

Phi Delta Theta is represented in Washington by two Senators and five members of the House.

J. E. Bruce, editor of the college news of the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, is a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Rumor says that the Sigma Chi fraternity will be re-admitted into the Delaware next term. The indications are that an excellent set of men will be chosen. The fraternity has a strong alumni in the city, a fine hall, and everything necessary for a first-class fraternity, so we hope the report will prove true.

The First Division Conference of Delta Tau Delta meet the 23rd of this month at New York.

LOCAL.

Did you pass in orthography?

Ask Bodley for his squirrel story.

Philo elected officers last Friday night.

Why didn't Ed. and Dougal want to wear their overcoats?

Co. D has the best record of the battalion in target practice.

Why doesn't Terwilliger occupy the Parsonage Saturday nights.

They have a new bouncing machine down at Orris'. Ask Hayes about it.

Philo-Franklin is taking measures toward converting their hall into a dormitory.

The Choctaws celebrated their annual Pow-wow Saturday night at the Commercial.

The Major gave a lecture before the battalion Wednesday, on the habits of the Indians.

The Greek club have finished the Symposium and will spend the remainder of the year on the Odyssey.

Proctor goes round with his classic features veiled in court-plaster. Its another case of "bob-riding."

Dr. Carnachan's lectures, Sunday evenings on English Reformers are being well attended by the students.

A class in Italian has been formed, composed of students from the three upper classes. They recite to Dr. Wheeler.

The advanced class in Greek will recite to Prof. Reid the remainder of the year instead of Dr. Wheeler as heretofore.

M. W. Smith met with a very painful accident while fencing at drill last week. He narrowly escaped losing an eye.

Wanted—Higby wants a house-keeper who can sweep with a blacking brush, none of the Sioux tribe will be satisfactory.

The Latin club has been organized, and held its first meeting last week. They are reading the last six books of the Aeneid.

The number of broken heads and disfigured features is increasing at an alarming rate since the coasting began on North Main.

Billy Hope says he is going to resign his position as janitor if some of the boys don't stop cleaning their finger nails in Dr. Wheeler's room.

Republican equality: Two Juniors with plugs and canes going to an entertainment in a cab, and the President coming behind on foot.

The students taking the Engineering Course are making commendable progress in mechanical drawing and designing, under the efficient supervision of Prof. Newlin.

The report that the "Parsonage" is for rent is a mistake. The Parson wishes us to state that it is closed from Saturday to Monday every week for reasons unnecessary to mention.

The college catalogue is coming out in March this year, instead of May, the usual time of printing it. Last year's supply was not large enough to meet the demand.

Ed. Bodley has purchased from Hurst and Wood their contract to decorate the college walls and recitation rooms, but, strange to say, doesn't seem to be giving satisfaction.

The special meetings conducted by the Y. M. C. A. are still being kept up, and though not meeting with the success of some previous years, still are resulting in a great deal of good to the students.

Allegheny Society waxed eloquent in their debate Friday night on the relative influence of Love and Fear in human affairs. Most of the debaters had evidently more experience in the former subject, judging by the result of the debate.

Washington's birthday coming on Sunday this year, did not give the students their accustomed holiday. However, the last three bells were excused on Friday in honor of the occasion, and in the evening most of the societies adjourned.

There was a young Junior called —
Who made a most wonderful slip,

When he sent to Miss D.

A letter which he

Had written to Dad for a ship.

The editor-in-chief of the *Owl* was recently seen ruminating among a lot of back numbers of THE CAMPUS while the remainder of his class was looking at the different pieces of ancient sculpture contained in the cabinet. It is to be hoped that this will materially improve the editorials of the *Owl*.

Mr. Byron King, assisted by his wife, gave an entertainment in Library Hall Tuesday evening, which was well attended by both citizens and students. Mr. King has been giving unbounded satisfaction as a teacher of elocution, and his entertainment was one of the finest of its kind ever given in Meadville.

The class in Art Criticism are preparing papers on different subjects in Art, and studying the collections of the city and college museums. A very pleasant evening was spent recently by the class at Prof. Tingley's examining his fine collection of engravings and photographs of famous statues. Mrs. Tingley will shortly read before the class a paper on Michael Angelo.

Tracy Hawley, ex-'86, paid his old friends at Allegheny a visit last week. The remnant of the old "Preacher's Table" at Culver Hall had a reunion at Huling's Saturday evening, in honor of the occasion. Nine of the original sixteen were present, and a very enjoyable time was had, recalling old associations and cracking old jokes which had been forgotten since that memorable night when "Culver" ceased to be. Since leaving college Mr. Hawley has been in the ticket office of the Union Depot at Chicago.

Ossoli Hall was crowded with visitors on the evening of the 20th, that being the occasion of their annual "comic contest." This is a feature of the Ladies' Society of which the other three societies can not boast, and during the few years since its institution, it has gained a well-deserved reputation of being one of our best contests. This one was no exception to the rule. The selections, the costumes of the performers, and especially the "orchestra" were all unusually fine. Miss Smith was the successful contestant.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Bracken spent a few days at Hulings with her sister, Miss Page.

Mr. Ed. Hughes, one of our former students, was in town a few days last week.

D. L. Terwilliger, '85, is home for a few days of recreation.

Mr. Harry Miller is spending a few days with his brother C. M. Miller, '85.

Miss May Plummer, of Franklin, is visiting with Mrs. Prof. Montgomery.

E. P. Fenno, '84, at present teaching in Linesville, Pa., was in Meadville Saturday.

Harry Muse, '87, has been taking a two weeks vacation at his home in Westmoreland.

Harry L. Grimes, '88, intends to leave college in a few days to accept a position in Iowa.

Thos. Hamilton, '85, has returned to college after a short absence to attend the funeral of a sister.

Miss Clara Snyder, '85, has been taking a short vacation at her home in North Bloomington, O.

Prof. M. B. Goff, at present Chancellor of the Western University, spent a few days among us last week.

Jesse Carry, '88, will not be in college the remainder of the term, having gone home for a rest after his long illness.

M. E. Blystone, ex-'87, made a short visit to the boys recently. Mr. Blystone is at present clerking in Jamestown.

Miss Ruth Laubender, ex-'86, at present a student at the Wesleyan University, is attending the World's Exposition at New Orleans.

John Remer, '86, met with an accident while coasting Wednesday night, and has been confined to his room for a few days in consequence.

T. E. McGranahan talks of going to Wooster University. He hopes to secure a more satisfactory arrangement of work in special studies than he can here at present.

W. M. Wilson, ex-'87, was in Meadville a few days last week shaking hands with his college friends. Mr. Wilson has been teaching school near Espyville, this winter, and expects to return to college next year.

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