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PROMETHEUS VINCTUS AESCHYLUS.

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At length, now, in deed, and no longer in word,
Earth rocks to and fro. Hard by may be heard
The thunder's deep roar, as crash upon crash
It rolls far along, 'mid the bickering flash
Of the lightning's mad curl; and wild-rushing by
The tempest is whirling the dust to the sky;
Front to front the rude gusts of all whirlwinds forth
bound

In one mighty discord of wind and of sound;
And the storm-wind is blending the sky with the sea.
Such the manifest which is hurled upon me
By him you call Zeus, from his throne far above,
Bringing fear in its train. O thou whom I love!
My mother! and aether, whose smile, beaming sweet,
All the world with one common daylight doth greet,
O gaze on my anguish, O gaze on the wrong
I suffer the slow-creeping ages along!

THE UNDERGRADUATE FUND.

Under this head we wish to call attention to a project which has long been occupying our minds. More than a year ago a Harvard graduate wrote an article for one of our leading periodicals, in which he broached the idea of what, for convenience, we will call a Graduating Association. The plan was this. Each member of the Senior Class, as the time of his graduation approached, was to subscribe a certain sum to a general fund; said fund being devoted to the defraying of such of the regular college expenses as might seem best to the trustees. Such, as near as we can remember, was the writer's idea.

Now why cannot we adopt a similar plan here at Trinity? Certainly no *Alma Mater* is

worthier of the devotion of her sons; and undoubtedly the college is in great need of such devotion. What we now desire is to afford the students a means of suitably and practically expressing their love, and sense of obligation, to the college.

Our idea is this. At the beginning of each year, let such members of the graduating class as are able and willing so to do, subscribe a certain sum toward a fund which, if no better name can be devised, might be called the Undergraduate Fund. This fund should be allowed to accumulate until it has reached a certain sum, and then should be handed over to the trustees of the college, with the proviso that it be devoted to such purpose, or purposes, as may be determined by the subscribers.

The question here arises, to what purpose would it be best to devote such a fund? In reply, we beg leave to suggest the following plan. It is well known to most of the undergraduates that the sum of twenty thousand dollars was bequeathed to the college several years ago by Dr. Wheaton, for the purpose of building a chapel. This sum has been put out at compound interest, and now amounts to about thirty thousand dollars. But in order to build a chapel of suitable size and architectural beauty, from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars will be required.

To what better purpose, then, could such a fund as that above alluded to be devoted, than this? Each dollar which is added to this sum is obviously of double value in consideration of the rate of interest, and the principal already invested. And it is evident that the comparatively small sums which would be pledged from

year to year, according to our plan, would go further if devoted to this object than would otherwise be possible; and we should all have the satisfaction of seeing our efforts productive of good fruits almost immediately, instead of having to wait long and patiently, living upon our hopes.

Furthermore, at present our aid could be given to no worthier object than this. Assuredly a church college should have as one of its central features a commodious and beautiful chapel, worthy of the hallowed associations which would cluster around its walls, and inviting the passer-by reverently to enter in. That our present place of worship is a sad contrast to any such ideal, we all know too well. That there are very many who would appreciate, and are now longing for, such a building, is also unquestionable. To this object, then, let our contributions be at present devoted. When this end is attained, we may turn our attention to some other object. Till then this should engross our undivided efforts.

In conclusion, we would request the members of the present Senior Class to take the initiatory steps with the requisite promptness and wisdom. On them, in great measure, will depend the success of the undertaking; for in any project of this kind, if a good beginning is made more than half the labor is accomplished.

A HISTORY OF THE PHI BETA KAPPA.

Though it may not fall strictly within the province of our editorial duties to treat of the Phi Beta Kappa, we may certainly be pardoned if, in giving expression to the views of many members of the society, we add the endorsement of ourself as an individual member of the same. There is perhaps no one thing which is more completely identified with our American colleges than the Phi Beta Kappa, and no one feature by which we are better known abroad. A history of the fraternity would be full of interest and information—embracing,

as it would, many of the most prominent names on our national record. Details could be readily procured from the different chapters, but there would still be room for great skill and originality in the compilation. As the original Alpha of Virginia is now extinct, Yale, we believe, comes next in order of precedence. We are confident that any initiatory steps which might be taken by the Connecticut Alpha, would meet with hearty endorsement from the fraternity at large. It is time, in this age when so-called self-made men are demi-gods in the eyes of the vulgar, and when the exceptional success of a few remarkable men, who yet lacked early education, is lauded to the skies and held up for the imitation all true democrats, it is time, we say, to show the people how large a debt they owe to our institutions of learning, and that educated talent is the most reliable wealth of a nation. For this reason, apart from the great interest it would possess for all members of the society, we would welcome any presage of a forthcoming history of the Phi Beta Kappa.

THE OTHER SIDE.

MESSRS. EDITORS: After perusing the article in your last number entitled "Boating at Trinity," we were forced to the irresistible conclusion that the writer of the piece had been occupying the leisure hours of his summer vacation in reading *Man and Wife*. The opinions advanced are but a reflex of the theories which Mr. Wilkie Collins in his recent novel has striven hard to prove, and if the writer of the article referred to has not feasted his intellectual appetite upon the literary cake of Mr. C's baking, the similarity of ideas advanced is, to say the least, singular.

But seriously, what is there to prevent our sending a boat to the annual college regatta? We are not among those who believe that the affair cannot be accomplished, nor do we consider it a blessing that there are perhaps some few hindrances to overcome before the matter

shall become a fixed fact. The glittering generalities of argument which were hurled against aquatics in the article alluded to, are such as to try our patience and force us to speak. We admit in the outset, that boat races are made the subject of bets, that in our colleges there are two distinct classes of students, the boating and base ball men, and the studious men, and furthermore that athletic sports are productive of evil results. As concerns the matter of betting, the fault, if fault there be, is not with the regatta itself; there is nothing morally wrong in an aquatic contest, the trouble is with the immorality of the lookers on. If betting is immoral—a fact which has yet to be proved—the regatta is surely not to be made the scapegoat of this immorality. Any matter can be made the subject of a wager, and, for consistency's sake, let us not object or even hint at an objection to boat-races on the ground that they are in one sense the primal cause of bets. It is no news to be told that there are always two sets of students in every college, but we think the writer errs in his classification, and that they should have been more properly placed as studious and non-studious collegians. Some men go to college to study, others to have a good time; hence our distinction. That it is a proper one, we think is due to the fact that quite as many boating and base-ball men are found among the studious as among the non-studious class. The lazy men will always be lazy, and if we can stir them up even as regards their physical natures, we are doing at least some good. And if we can also induce the hard students to give up books for awhile, systematically, so much the better for their bodies and their souls. We are aware also that the close pursuit of athletics has often been the cause of bad results, that young men have met with accidents thereby, and that in some cases permanent injuries have been effected. But all these evils are the result of excess—the exercise has been carried too far. But has our writer ever stopped to think with what an army of literary

dyspeptics this world is peopled, that of the hard students in college but few are long-lived, and this mainly from a neglect to properly attend to their physical wants while preparing for their various professions?

We acknowledge that a proper physical cultivation is the object advanced in the writer's article, but is he setting forth views which will tend to bring his theory into practice? We think not. It is all well enough to have a boat club, to have it properly supplied with boats, to have a boat-house fitted up with all the needed appliances which aquatics can suggest, but if the organization is lacking in the one element of enthusiasm the association will amount to nothing. And here then we come to the vital point of the whole matter. If it is announced that the college boat club is for purposes of occasional exercise only, that there are to be no friendly aquatic contests with any of our collegiate neighbors, that we are merely to go down to the river of a Saturday afternoon and pull round in a barge until we get tired and then come home, how many will be likely to join the club, and how much physical benefit will it be to the students at large? On the contrary, let it only be whispered that there is a chance that we may soon measure oars with some collegiate brethren, that our boat club means to be a wide-a-wake concern, that a crew is soon to be picked out for this or that regatta, and our word for it the organization will spring into new life, those who had never thought of boating will join the club, and the many doubtful men who have long halted between two opinions will become members of the association and thus obtain the physical exercise they so much need.

Therefore we say send a boat to Worcester by all means. Let us be represented in the next regatta. Prepare for that event by friendly races with our boating brethren, at Yale or Wesleyan. Arouse the boating spirit that lies dormant. Let the Green and White become prominent in collegiate aquatics.

GIVE 'WAY ALL!

OUR COMMENCEMENTS.

In a notice of the recent Oxford Commemoration, an English paper, after noticing "the anxiety of the University to surround her new Chancellor with a galaxy of the most brilliant names," says: "Each one of these was presented in a separate Latin speech by the new Professor of Civil Law. It was a severe trial of his qualifications on his first accession to office; but he acquitted himself excellently. In a very few neatly balanced sentences he managed to convey in very intelligible Latin the peculiar merits of each candidate; and in this he was most ably seconded by the Chancellor himself, who, not contented with the formal phrase of honour usual on these occasions, contrived to vary his epithets in almost every case, most felicitously adapting them to the person addressed."

Such is the high standard of scholarship required of those who obtain positions of honor in the universities of our mother country. Well may such an account make the hearts of our undergraduates burn to emulate a like pre-eminence in scholastic accomplishments. The ways and means are ample. All that is wanting is singleness of aim, and diligent application. If we only hold fast to these we shall send forth men worthy of their *Alma Mater*, and such as will do her honor in any position in life.

But aside from this, why may not Trinity also have some such exercises. We all know how uninteresting for the most part all college commencements, as at present conducted, are. Why not remodel the order of exercises, perhaps confining the speeches of the undergraduates to a valedictory and a salutatory oration, and making the conferring of degrees, awarding of prizes, etc., the principal feature. Class Day is properly the undergraduates' day, while Commencement Day belongs chiefly to the *Alumni*; and we would thus more nearly fulfil the design of the day, and at the same time give opportunity for the display of a higher and more dignified scholarship.

INVENTORY OF GOODS FOR SALE

BY A STUDENT.

(AFTER ARISTOPHANES.)

Βλάκητοι, κύβητοι, δύο βολιστερες, ἤδὲ πιλωβήρ
 Καὶ ἔν ματρέσσον, καὶ λεῦκον καλικο κίρτον,
 Καὶ μιὰ καρπεττή, καὶ χεστον μαογαοῖον
 Ὁ εἰς κουντεφταννος, καὶ γρατὸν καστο σιδηρον
 Ἦδε δύο βοῦροι, δυο τάβλοι, καὶ δύο διττώ.
 Τουέλλοι δῶσεν, δῶσεν φανκί τε, νιφοί τε
 Σάυσπαν καὶ στεῦπαν, σπιτιον, καὶ σιμῶκον ἴακον
 Γριδίρον, φεῖρπαν, τόγγοι, φενδήρ τε, ποκίρ τε
 Κοππὴρ καὶ βολληρ καὶ κίλληρ ἤδε σιέλιτοβ.
 Καὶ ἔν βασκητόν κατὰ [φιφτει] καὶ δύο ποττυξ,
 Καὶ ἔν δριππινπαν, κυλερες δύο, καὶ σαλαμανδηρ
 Καὶ δύο [τη] ποττοι, σπιτινπαν, πείπ τε το βακχῶ.

PORSON.

"POPULUS BELLUA MULTORUM
CAPITUM."

Few things grate more harshly on my sense of the logical and the reasonable than to hear one of these unquestioning, accept-everything individuals utter, with a Pecksniffian smile, the would-be aphorism "Contentment is the true source of all happiness." Why! there is no sense in it! Happiness may bring contentment but contentment never can bring happiness. You doubt that, sir? Well don't say so, if you do. Don't contradict me, I know what I'm talking about. I say contentment doesn't necessarily bring happiness. Why, did you ever watch the piston in a good steam engine as it played smoothly in and out of the cylinder? How exactly is the one calculated for the other! The piston is just about two hair-breadths less in diameter than the cylinder, the circle of each is as exactly true as mathematics can make it and their surfaces are as smoothly polished as skill and perseverance can render it possible for them to be. See how noiselessly and evenly the piston works inside the cylinder. Well, that is happiness.

Now take a nutmeg-grater, turn it inside out and run a corn-cob through it. It goes hard I know, but push vigorously. Keep on. Stick to it. It will get worn off somewhat after a

while, and be adjusted to the cylinder in which it moves. There is contentment when it is not accompanied by happiness.

What do I mean? Well, I will explain a little. Happiness is the perfect agreement and exact fitting of our natures to our circumstances and surroundings.

One man loves pictures and statuary, and has a talent as an artist. Another, from his earliest hours, takes to song as naturally as a duck to water. One has a bent for business and feels most at home in the counting-room and stock exchange. Another draws life and health from the smell of musty old books; is by nature an antiquarian. Now let the first be a painter, the second a musician, the third a broker and the fourth librarian of some immense collection. Then the actions, friends, surroundings of each will be in complete harmony with his particular tastes. These actions, friends, and surroundings, in a word his circumstances and he, brought in connection with them, is the piston going smoothly through. The perfect adaptation of the one to the other and the consequent harmony of movement constitute happiness. Contentment may be, in this case, a concomitant and a consequence, but it cannot be any cause of happiness.

For suppose, on the other hand, the painter and the musician to have become brokers, the librarian a musician and the business man an artist. Their circumstances would be as wretchedly adapted to their several natures as a corn-cob to a reversed nutmeg-grater. Suppose them, fondly believing and trusting that contentment was happiness or would bring it, to have resolutely and by strong will resigned and contented themselves to their positions. Suppose them by sheer force of determination to have satisfied themselves with their conditions. Then you will readily see, at least I hope you will see, that contentment need not mean happiness. No sir, no, I don't care if it is the general opinion; it's wrong. It only shows the mass are always in the wrong.

THE SON OF VENUS.

"Alas! The love of woman.—"

The patient, the enthusiastic, and the fickle lover: we would discuss student-lovers under these heads, not sketching them too vividly, yet with character enough for recognition.

The P. L. digs out his Latin verbs with a constant reference to *amo* in the first person singular. A *dulcinea*, impatient of college work, tantalizes him with hope for happiness in the end, and worries him to distraction by attending concerts with a fellow he hates desperately. He dreams of a "cottage by the sea;" of a dozen children, and trains them, in his imagination, in the way they should go. He straightens himself with paternal dignity if a class-mate speaks to him, and pats the freshmen—metaphorically—on the head with alarming condescension. The P. L. is patient and hopeful, and conceals his jealousy whenever it rises. He always wins and wears the "philosopher's key," to maintain his dignity, and for the benefit that it must convey to his family, especially the babies. He never shows himself a lover, and if disappointed in his ambition lets the "worm i' the bud" etc., with the same placidity that ever distinguishes him.

The E. L. scarcely ever completes a college course. He meets his fate at some party and loses his heart in the first *galop*; feels his loss; rushes pell-mell to make it up; raves madly over the *nez retroussé* of the *peri*; worships her teeth, eyebrows, and hair; treasures up all her stray hair-pins, and old gloves, and would hang himself with her shoe-strings if he could get them.

In his vain endeavors to make a graceful bow, invariably tumbles over some quiet old gent or surprised old lady, when he meets the fair one in the street: looks sweet at her out of his eyes, and scowls if she chances to look at any one else; and when he has persuaded her that he will shortly enter a lunatic asylum, she promises to be his, and the final crack is made in his cranium.

He never thinks of his future; he never thinks of a home, children, family cares, or anything of the sort.

He never "counts his chickens before they're hatched," but gives up all study to the wind, and always wants to shake hands with you, to hug you, to go through a series of gymnastics for your benefit, at unseasonable times, and cuts you dead if you breathe a thought against his conduct or his choice; finally at the end of the Junior year, 'midst satin, orange-flowers, and champagne, the E. L. is supremely happy and passes off the stage.

The F. L. is more a man of the world, and regards all fair-faced beauty as only made for his enjoyment. Is *blasé* in his appearance and of course admired. The walls of his room are ornamented with photos of his female acquaintances, and he jokes with you by the hour upon this one and that. He does the agreeable for a month to a blonde, and then tires of fair complexions, and walks by moonlight with some dark brunette. He has no patience to wait for love, no enthusiasm to preserve hairpins; and if he can win a heart enjoys it as a joke. Fickle to others he injures himself, and though he leaves college heart-whole is hardly contented. Patience annoys him, and sentiment amuses; yet fickleness dissatisfies, and he repents at leisure.

Cupid plays fantastic tricks with student men, and places characteristic studies before the quiet observer.

FROM THE GERMAN.

If only the waters of ocean
Should turn into sparkling champagne,
Great Jove! how I'd envy the fishes
That sip the nectarean main.
If only the waters of ocean
Should all to Johannisburg turn,
How blessèd were every big schooner
That sinks with a hole through the stern.
We'd plunge to the depths of the billow,
And up again gurgle the foam;

And love, through the frolic of ages,
That pure gleaming wave as our home.
Amherst Student.

MINOR MATTERS.

Our subscribers will please notice that with the present number we have made an improvement in the TABLET by the stitching and trimming of its leaves. It is perhaps needless for us to add that it is and always will be the aim of the EDITORS of the TABLET to make it in all respects a first-class collegiate journal, and it is with a view to this end, that we have made the recent small but convenient change. Any suggestions as to further improvements, which our subscribers or well-wishers may choose to offer us, will be thankfully received and considered, and, if feasible and advantageous, willingly adopted.

It has been proposed that the Athenæum Society should present its hall to the college to be used as a sort of assembly room. In return the faculty have agreed to appraise the room at a fair value, say \$300.00; and this sum will be credited to the society as a fund, the interest of which shall yearly be devoted to the purchasing of books for some particular department of the library. Thus the memory of the society will be perpetuated in a most fitting manner, and a want which the college has long felt will be supplied. We heartily approve the plan, and hope it will soon be carried out.

The undergraduates are looking with eyes of admiring wonder at the experiments in landscape gardening which are now making in the college campus. Terraces are neatly sodded, and anon the turf is all taken up again, and devoted to the elimination of paths which have been dug only a few days before. Heaps of dirt are dumped wildly in different parts of the campus; and then quietly removed no one knows where. Would that we had an agricultural department! for the improvements which are now progress-

ing give a practical example of the necessity of a thorough knowledge of the subject.

Scurrilous abuse is never difficult to write ; it requires very little brain. Rank weeds mature quickly : they need no depth of soil. [This figure will be readily appreciated by our Agricultural friends at Cornell.] Our readers will not therefore be very much surprised at the puerile display of blackguardism in which the editors of the *Cornell Era* have in their last issue disported themselves. They have devoted a column and a half, in the most prominent part of the paper, to a reply to half a column in the last TABLET, in which we called attention to the condition of affairs at Cornell. Now if things were not as represented by us, if we did not drag out any family skeleton, not hit any tender point, why expend a column and a half in replying to it ? What general plies artillery and musketry, brings up horse and foot, to capture a point which has no strength ? We suspect our article was one of those "*stingless insults.*" If the *Era* has ought to say of Trinity, and will restrict its language to the usages of respectable journalism, we will be rejoiced to answer. But in such witty fabrications and personal slander we will *not* indulge.

We notice that the Nonconformists of England are endeavoring to remove some of the many restrictions which have for years hedged in the system and government of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. At a recent meeting of Dissenters, there was adopted a resolution to the effect that "No settlement of the question of tests in the national universities will be completed or permanent which does not include, in addition to the provisions of the bill introduced last session, the abolition of the necessity of taking orders as a condition of acquiring or holding any office or emolument in the universities of Oxford or Cambridge, and that the resolution be embodied

in memorial to the crown." At present there is in all probability no doubt but that such a resolution when addressed to the government of England will receive the attention which is properly its due. The question of change is one which is meeting with the attention of Englishmen in general ; and not only in political affairs, but also in educational matters is this spirit of reform gathering to itself a strength which as the days advance is likely to become more influential, and more extreme.

Just as we were sending our last number to the press we received "An Appeal" from a graduate who is apparently suffering from a very weak stomach and a very strong temper. We are not sure that we did not make a mistake in allowing the article to keep out other and more important matter ; but we did so from a desire to stand by our principle of strict impartiality in throwing open our columns to writers of all phases of opinion. We now feel bound to say a few words in reply. Had we not heard from other sources of the success of the dinner, and of the brilliant speeches which graced the occasion, our correspondent would certainly have led us to suppose the whole thing was a failure. But what surprised us most was the childish pique which characterized his remarks upon the dinner. It is hinted that his very love and enthusiasm for his *Alma Mater* depend upon the ability of college to satisfy his exceedingly irritable digestive organs, and he would even have us devote the interest of the Library Fund to his especial service. This and similar remarks, in addition to a description of the entertainment which rivals that of the banquet of Nassidienus by Horace, are so evidently absurd as merely to excite ridicule. Add to this the fact that the proprietor of the Allyn House *has actually refused to serve the Commencement dinner*, and we are sure our correspondent cannot fail to see the folly of his "appeal."

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COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

The date of our present number reminds us that Compensation Day is drawing nigh. Perhaps, however, to the class of '74 for whom these remarks are intended, the term Compensation Day may be about as intelligible as the letters

at the head of each chapter in the Koran. So we will offer them a brief explanation. In times past it was the custom each year to test the mettle of Fresh and Soph in a game of foot-ball, on or about the 1st of November. But in the fall of 1867, the faculty, not being like the ancient Romans who

"Spared neither life nor limb,"

abolished the game on account of the various injuries received by students. But, in return for the privilege of which they had been deprived, the students were allowed the first of November as a holiday. The most proper way of observing a holiday which came from the decease of foot-ball was, of course, that adopted by the class of '73. The ceremonies they instituted consisted of a procession of the class in fantastic costume marching from the college to West Campus, where a foot-ball was interred, and a poem and funeral oration delivered. Now to the class of '74 we say, it behooves you to look about and see if you have the material among you to produce a witty poem, and a good humorous oration. Don't be outdone. Remember your predecessors labored under all the disadvantage of instituting a new custom, and consequently of having no experience to guide them; whilst you have the benefit of any mistakes of theirs as a warning to you.

While mentioning the first of November we are reminded of Natal Day. At a college meeting on the 11th inst, a committee was appointed to petition the faculty that the 16th of May be numbered among college holidays. At the same time a committee was also appointed to draw up a petition for the continuance of the present arrangement of recitations on Wednesday by which the entire afternoon is at our disposal, and evening chapel voluntary. We wish them success and confidently expect it, for it is said there is no better time to ask a man for a hundred dollars than after he has given two or three tens, and surely the faculty have made changes enough to be ready for this one.

Among these changes is the new regulation by which extemporaneous debating is made a part of the course in the English Department. The matter is not fully made known as yet, but as at present understood it is thus. On alternate Monday evenings the Seniors and Juniors will meet at half past seven, and six speakers will discuss a question previously appointed. The disputants for each evening will be excused from the first recitation of the next morning. Such is the scheme as rumored, and it is our intention when it shall be fully published, to give a complete account of this replacement of the old Athenæum and Parthenon, together with the reasons for, and advantages of, so doing.

Another change is the division of the Sophomore class in Mathematics. A part, who succeed most easily in this study, recite at one hour, and the remainder of the class come in at another hour, and have more time given to their recitation.

Accompanying these changes within, are changes taking place outside the buildings. The improvement of the campus still goes on briskly. The walks on the south end are now the scene of action, and are changed for the better.

While noting these items for the benefit of our *Alumni*, we must be allowed to ask something in return. And this is only that they will send us items of interest in regard to former members of the college. For we regard the personals of our paper as one of its most important features, and indeed as one of the strongest things we can advance to a graduate as a *raison d'être*. For a person who is long away from his *Alma Mater*, and is separated by great distance as well as time cannot, except through the college representative, be kept informed of his old college friends. And indeed it is impossible for us to give this information unless all will unite in sending personal items to us as a common source from which all can in turn draw far more than they have contributed. So let us have the personals.

PROF. SIMONSON'S LECTURE.

After our return to college as Seniors we began to realize that some familiar face was missing, and soon ascertained it to be that of our late instructor in German. And since we were destined to hear him no more in the recitation room, it was with pleasure that we received an invitation to attend a lecture on Prussia, Germany, King William and Bismark, to be delivered by Professor Simonson. We took our seats at the appointed hour, and listened with pleasure to the familiar voice. He began by explaining an original diagram of Prussia and Austria, after which he drew an outline of Prussia's history, showing wherein her strength lay, and to what her prosperity was due. Then he gave us brief biographical sketches of the prominent men in the present struggle, and closed with an earnest protest against Americans transferring their sympathy to the Frenchmen because they have declared a temporary republic.

The subject was discussed in a generous and candid spirit, although the speaker showed that his sympathies were with his fellow-countrymen; and the warm applause with which he was greeted gave proof that the sympathies of his hearers were with the "Nation of Progress."

COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS.

The following regulations have been adopted by the faculty, to go into operation with the class of 1872.

1. All the students in any class, the aggregate of whose marks shall be the maximum attainable in at least the ratio of $7\frac{3}{4}$ to 10, shall receive appointments for Commencement, and their names shall be printed as receiving such appointments on the Commencement programme.
2. The number of undergraduate speakers at Commencement shall not be more than ten.
3. The first seven appointments to speak at Commencement shall be given according to the

aggregate of marks in the whole College course; provided that no student shall receive any such appointment, the aggregate of whose marks shall not be to the maximum attainable in at least the ratio of $7\frac{3}{4}$ to 10.

4. The Faculty may appoint three other speakers for Commencement; provided that no student shall receive any such appointment unless his standing in Mental Philosophy, Butler's Analogy, and Theme Writing, shall be at least $7\frac{3}{4}$ on a scale of 10, and unless the mark of his graduating oration shall be at least 9 on a scale of 10.

THE MUSIC ROOM.

In the general rape of musical instruments which occurred when the "Heavenly maid was young," I think Despair must have seized on the Melodeon. For in my wakeful slumbers and slumberous wakefulness, the sounds come floating through my wearied brain savoring strongly of that "mingled air" which "was sad, by fits, by starts was wild." To have one's waking raptures hailed with the sweet accompaniment of Gregorian chants, to lie supinely on one's back and hear the cheerful strains of Pleyel's Hymn, to reason out the law of Parcimony amid whole diapasons of mournful sounds, is a glimpse of Utopia which might make a happy sequel to "Gates Ajar." But when to this source of soothing harmony is added a quartette of violinists and choristers in training, one begins to fear lest his whole being should be merged into the grand ocean of melody. In fact, as I closed my eyes last night, whilst each post of my bed was quivering with musical reverberations and the springs beat a responsive echo to Auld Lang Syne, I dreamed that the not-self melted away from the conscious ego, and that in space I kept bobbing up and down to the music of the Spheres. There all night long, metamorphosed into a C flat, I exercised myself in all the intricacies of the gamut. Passing all the little stars, I kept up my song *la ! si mi.*

In truth I am afraid of these Euterpean votaries, and I am solicitous for the well being of my neighbors.

In my distress, I have often wished that, as Mme. de Stael became immortal by calling architecture "frozen music," so some genius would win a nobler immortality of fame by discovering some patent charm for the congelation of all music. Better a mass of shapeless marbles than floating discords of jarring sounds.

I have thought at times to follow the example of my worthy friend Mr. Bouncer, and take lessons on the bass drum as an antidote. But it has seemed to me much more reasonable in this age of suggestions, to advance one which may at least have some claims to originality. Why can't we have a Music Room? On the banks of the Meandering Swine let it be built, where the noise of the hammer and the clatter of the armory may blend in sweet unison with the dulcet strains of the unfledged musicians. Or let the room be built on sound acoustic principles. Let a Mason plan it and a Son of Malta test its properties. Let the walls be built so thick that the waves of sound may dash idly against the confines of their prison, and let them perish ere they penetrate to the wholesome atmosphere beyond.

THE ORATORICAL PRIZE.

As the time draws near for appointing the contestants for the Oratorical Prize, the question arises how will this be arranged now that the two literary societies have united. As there is to be but one society in future, perhaps the best way will be to appoint two speakers from each of the three upper classes by vote of the society. The money for the prize will have to be arranged according to a similar plan.

The plan succeeded so well last year, and the exercises passed off so pleasantly, that we hope the custom will be continued. It supplies a want which was felt for years, and it is certainly for the interest of the college to have it continued.

PERSONALS.

KENNET, '70. L. M. Kennet is travelling in Europe.

'70. R. F. Bixby, G. L. Cooke, Jr., and G. McC. Fiske will study law.

ELWELL, '70. G. E. Elwell, is teaching at Bloomsburg, Pa.

BRYANT, '70, P. S. Bryant has charge of a high school at Thompsonville.

JOHNSON, '65. E. P. Johnson has charge of Trinity Church Mission School, New York.

WHITLOCK, '70. F. W. Whitlock has turned his attention to farming in his native town.

MOWE, '70. W. R. Mowe is engaged in business in New York. His address is 23 West 18th street.

'70. B. E. Backus, and H. M. Torbert, have entered the General Theological Seminary, New York.

'70. F. S. Luther, W. F. Nichols, and H. R. Whitlock have entered the Divinity School, Middletown.

GWINN, '72. F. W. Gwinn, for a short time connected with the present Junior Class, was married on the 20th ult., to Miss C. B. Kellogg, of this city.

WEBSTER, '61. W. H. Webster, after having spent several years in the army, is now residing in Washington, and occupies a position in the Pension Office.

CORNWALL, '39. N. O. Cornwall is now residing at Portland, Connecticut. He has but recently returned from Buenos Ayres, where he has been practising medicine for some twenty years past.

NILES, '57. Rev. W. W. Niles, D. D. was consecrated Bishop of New Hampshire on the 21st of September. The service was held at Concord, and attended by the Bishop of Quebec, and other prelates.

PARTICLES.

"There are objections against a plenum and a vacuum" said Dr. Johnson. Boarding-house keepers have accepted *part* of this statement. —Why don't the B. C. C. give us some evidence of its vitality?—Don't indulge in any such vulgarism as "*Arctic Ocean*"; say "*Locus Sigilii*."—"Logic is logic." $70=7$ T. $7=7$. Therefore $0=T$. Therefore we should not be charged anything for tea.—Prof. Brocklesby has been publishing a new edition of his school text book on Astronomy. The work is revised in accordance with all the recent discoveries, up to June 1870.—You had better write off four or five thousand of your autographs. Then, when the demand for them comes, you won't have to waste any of your then valuable time.—Says a distinguished chemist, "No human agency can create a single particle more". Had he been connected with the TABLET for a short time, the fallacy of this statement would have been apparent to him.—Messrs. Whaley and Co. (e) may be found at No. 25, Jarvis.—When does our trusty Franklin become an Arab? Why of course in the morning when he's a bed-doin'.—Five Sophomores have been suspended until after Thanksgiving. "*Fiat justitia, ruat coelum*."—As we look at the campus in its present condition we are reminded that "there is a pleasure in the pathless woods."—At a *late* meeting of the Grand Tribunal great *activity* was manifested by all the members. The *subjects* for the evening were all duly *agitated* but the most interesting literary exercise was the "Tale of the Tub."—The college library has been presented with the entire collection of pamphlets contained in the library of the late Bishop Chase of New Hampshire.—Prize fighters have their ears pierced so as to be ready for the ring.—At the Commencement of '71 the annual oration before the Connecticut Beta of the *Phi. B. K.* will be delivered by Prof. Porter of Yale, and the poem by Arthur Dyer, '70 Trinity.

COLLEGE CLIPPINGS.

ALBION.

The privilege of selecting studies from the course, has been abolished.

It is hoped that a new chapel will be completed before cold weather comes on.

CORNELL.

The foundations for the Sibley building are already commenced.

About thirty-five students have entered upon the study of Chinese under Prof. Roehrig.

Prof. Blake has been heard from. He is doing finely at Brown and though his resignation of his post at Cornell severed many close ties, yet he feels that on the whole he is benefited by the change.

DARTMOUTH.

The late Miss S. Lue Lawrence gave \$1,000 to form the "Lue Lawrence Scholarship."

The following gentlemen have been elected to the board of Trustees: William P. Haines, George W. Burleigh, Edmund R. Peaslee, Alonzo H. Quint, and Henry Fairbank.

Prof. Young a few days ago photographed one of the protuberances of the sun—a scientific triumph never before accomplished. He did it with a telescope, assisted by a spectroscope.

Prof. C. A. Young, has been appointed on the government expedition for observing the total eclipse of the sun on the 22d of December next. He goes to Malaga, Spain, in Prof. Winlock's party, and is to have charge of the spectroscopic work.

GRISWOLD.

Griswold has received very generous offers, from two cities of the state, for the removal of the college. The trustees have deferred their decision.

HAMILTON.

Stewart S. Ellsworth has been elected a trustee.

Mrs. Roxanna Childs, widow of S. D. Childs, has bequeathed \$30,000 to Hamilton College.

The Freshman class numbers forty-five. An addition of seven has been made to the Junior and Sophomore classes.

The college authorities have made arrangements to furnish the students with coal at cost prices; \$7.75 per ton.

A religious interest unusual at the beginning of the year, is manifesting itself. The noonday prayer meetings are well attended.

HARVARD.

The corner stone of Memorial Hall was laid on the 6th inst.

Mr. Thomas Hughes addressed the undergraduates on the evening of Oct. 10th. The *Advocate* publishes his address in full.

The custom of tossing Freshmen was not observed this year as in times past. The change was due to the unexpected appearance on the scene of a professor.

There are to be thirty-five courses of university lectures at Cambridge the coming year. Among the lecturers will be Prof. Lowell, Wm. Everett, Prof. Sophocles, Prof. Shaler and Mr. J. M. Pierce.

KANSAS.

"Eight intelligent red men have entered and are fast learning to play poker and tear up sidewalks."

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

"The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution at its last meeting in June. (1820?)

Whereas: The organization by students in college of secret fraternities is believed to be unfavorable to morality, harmony and economy; therefore—

Resolved, That every student matriculating after this date shall pledge himself not to become a member of any secret college fraternity during his connection with the university."

PRINCETON.

Donald G. Mitchell is to lay out the campus.

During the past year the college has received \$175,000.

VASSAR.

Vassar College has received \$30,000 to found a professorship of Natural History.

WESLEYAN.

The campus is being graded.

Freshmen are not allowed to speak in college meetings.

Elocution is made an elective study in Junior year. Prof. Hibbard will have charge of the department.

A statue of Sophocles, a plaster cast taken from the original in the Lateran Church, at Rome, has been presented to the university.

It is proposed that on every fourth Friday the meetings of the secret societies be given up, and that instead there be meetings of open societies for debate.

The *Argus* states that there are two hundred and eighty-seven incorporated colleges in the United States, and that there are one hundred college papers.

WILLIAMS.

Number of students in college, 140; Seniors 43, Juniors 39, Sophomores 26, and Freshmen 32.

During the past year about \$2,000 has been expended upon the Library. Of this amount about \$1,200 was devoted to the purchase of new books.

For the past two years the library has been satisfactorily kept accessible to students five days of the week.

The lower classes have no cane rush this year. This is a step in the right direction. Very little hazing has been done this year. It is fast getting out or vogue.

YALE.

Typhoid fever is hanging round.

The college bell is rung eleven times a day. It is manipulated this year by W. E. Davidson, '71.

One of the semi-occasional resuscitations of Brothers and Linonia is in progress.

The class of '71 have decided on Messrs. Prescott and White of this city as class photographers.

The fall races will be at Lake Saltonstall on the 26th inst. Walter Brown will be present to pick out the university crew.

The faculty allow ball playing anywhere on the campus except in front of Farnham College, and in side the first row of trees in front and rear of the row of college buildings.

The Yale Courant for Oct. 12th gives an account of a match between Yale and the Mansfield club in which the outs were, Yale 40, Mansfield 11, and the runs 27 on each side!

"And when they play again may we be there to see."

The prices at the Westville cider mill are reported to be five cents a drink, or eight cents a gallon. It is said that the proprietors prefer to sell it by the gallon.

The College Courant ventilates some guesses as to President Woolsey's successor. Among the possibilities are Prof's Porter, Thacher, Dwight, Gilman, Rev. Dr. Thompson, N. Y., and President White of Cornell.

EXCHANGES.

The September number of the *Griswold Collegian*, which comes to us considerably enlarged, reflects credit upon the new editors.

The *Yale Lit.* for October contains a full account,

ten pages, of the Commencement, boat race, and other events of July.

Our exchange list has been increased by the *Oracle*, published by F. B. Carpenter & Co., Monson, Mass. Although a school paper, it would bear comparison with some of our exchanges.

The *Williams Review* is soon to publish the Commencement "parts" of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Franklin Pierce, the poet Longfellow, Senator Fessenden and others. The series will be called the "Overland Papers."

The *Era* of the 14th inst. contains one literary effort (by Prof. Wilder,) two columns of complaint on base ball, two pieces of scissoring, Editorial, Cornell News, and Foot Ball. As a literary production this surpasses the *Spectator*.

The first number of the *Lafayette Monthly*, is a desirable addition to the community of college journals. Give us more of the Wardlike productions and the purely literary efforts, but spare us the "articles on religion, politics, science and art." They are hardly in place in a college publication.

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