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WE are greatly pleased to see the interest displayed in the department of Modern Languages this year. The elective classes are large and we wish especially to commend the desire exhibited among a considerable number to avail themselves of the advantages of the voluntary studies. A class in Spanish has been formed and another in Italian is contemplated for the next term. Of course for so short a time only an elementary knowledge of the languages can be attained, but this in itself is ample reward for undertaking the course. So little additional time beside that required for the regular work of the college is needed that it seems as if a large number might avail themselves with great profit of this opportunity of widening our knowledge. We hope that it will be so.

THE question of board has been a very unsettled one ever since our advent to this part of the town. Year by year there have been fresh complaints and endless troubles have arisen through the wretched manner in which our commons have been managed. This year at the outset there seemed to be some improvement, but we are sorry to chronicle the fact that there has been considerable retrogradation lately. One thing in particular we would like to see remedied and that is the necessity of ordering extras at supper. Our meals should be sufficient in themselves and extras should be luxuries merely, but for some time past in order to have enough to eat it has been necessary to order extras which are expensive and quite out of the reach of most students as regular articles of diet. This certainly must not be. Rather than be forced to increase the size of our board bills let us try the plan of boarding in the neighborhood which was followed so generally and so successfully by the college three years ago. This might not be as convenient as the present method, but it certainly would be cheaper.

IT is not too early to call to the minds of our undergraduate readers that practice and exercise for the gymnasium exhibition in the spring cannot be begun too soon. The last exhibition, which was also the first, called out a good attendance, but there was one notable feature that none present could help remarking—the small number of men taking part. All the events came off as per programme, but a few did all the work. There is plenty of material in college for a good exhibition, without confining the work to a few. If all the men who have any facility in gymnasium work would only begin now, and determine, all of them, to take a share in some event, we should find next spring a greater variety in the contestants. It is not necessary for a man to be good in

everything in order to take part; if there is only one thing that a man can do let him practice it and enter for that particular event. And so let as many as possible attempt something—"the more the merrier." It is evident that increased interest and better records will result from closely contested contests—let work begin now. And again let as many as possible take part. The interest of such an exhibition might almost be said to be directly proportional to the number of contestants.

WE have elsewhere noticed the reorganization of the Glee Club, and have expressed a hope that the members intend to work more conscientiously and make a better showing for the college than they did last year. There is nothing needed but assiduous practice; the material is good. It may be hard to let other things slip two or three times a week in order to attend rehearsals,—perhaps some one thinks "My absence will not make any difference, I will get excused to-night,"—so we understand it was last year. The result is natural. Individual weakness produces weakness of the whole. Even those who studied faithfully become disgusted. The result is failure. We are glad to have the assurance of those who know that the new organization propose strict attention to business; that they intend to surpass even the clubs of '83 and '84. We believe that they mean what they say—now. How it will be later, we cannot tell; but let the members remember that they are representatives of the college, and that this work is to fit them to appear before audiences who will in some measure form opinions, and from this success or failure. A glee club is a very effective advertisement. Let each man then remember this. It is perhaps too early to begin to plead for a concert here at college. We trust that when we do, we will not plead in vain. We have laid by a stack of editorials on this subject used last year, which we threaten to repeat and use once more, providing our first entreaty proves ineffectual.

THE article in a recent number of the *Living Church* with regard to expenses at Trinity, has called out several replies which need not be particularized here. It is concerning the treatment the last receives at the editor's hands that we wish to speak.

In a short editorial, attention is called to

the reply as printed in another column, and the writer is said to be known to the editors, and competent to speak on the subject. The editorial then proceeds in this strain: "We do not imagine that the discussion will injure Trinity, or any other college. If facts will injure them, let them suffer. The difficulty is to get at the facts without bias or partiality. General report is not always a safe guide. It was not intended to quote Trinity as the most expensive college in the country, but as illustrating the tendency to increase of expenses among students. We are glad to publish such a favorable account, as the letter above referred to." Now, as to the above it is not facts that Trinity has to fear, for they redound to her credit rather than otherwise; but Trinity does fear such absolute mis-statements as the one which appeared in the columns of the *Living Church*.

The clear distinct statement made in that number that it is the rule that it costs a young man a thousand dollars a year for his education at Trinity, taken in connection with the quite as clear statement of the correspondent, endorsed by themselves, that something over six hundred per year is ample, places the *Living Church* in a somewhat damaging position. As for the difficulty of arriving at the facts without bias, etc., the *Living Church* could have made no effort worth mentioning to ascertain what they were, or the statement would not have been made at all. In this case it has certainly demonstrated the principle laid down in the extract above, that "general report is not always a safe guide" to the satisfaction of all interested. Certainly it is not going too far to ask, either, some facts to prove the statement or a candid retraction without further evasion.

#### AMOR NON MORTUUS.

What though we thought that love lay dead,  
And went to weep beside his bier?  
At our approach the corse had bled  
With mute reproach well merited,  
From touch of each repentant tear.

It was in death-like sleep he lay,  
'Neath the pale frosts of cold neglect,  
But heart-hot tears can melt away  
Such icy fetters, and convey  
Their tide of fervent fire direct,

Through his pale lips soft breathed a sigh,  
Faint stirred his pulses deathly cold,  
Dear, did we leave him there to die?  
Nay! Rather watched him tenderly,  
Our own till time himself grows old.

## TO ———

What melody gentle and tender  
 Is worthy, dear love, of thee,  
 What words can fittingly render  
 Thy spirit harmony?  
 Thy thoughts with holiest feeling  
 Breathe as the quivering strings  
 Whose music heavenward stealing  
 In blended sweetness rings.

Thy pure soul's stainless whiteness  
 Shines in thine earnest eyes  
 As a cloud 'neath the noonday brightness  
 Shines white in the summer skies;  
 As the face of an innocent flower  
 Blooms white in the swaying grass,  
 With petals that bend and cower  
 While the forest-breezes pass.

Ah love, as I kneel before thee,  
 Though only a woman thou art,  
 For I may rightly adore thee  
 Who rulest queen of my heart;  
 O give me, Dear Queen, thy favour  
 And make me thy chosen knight,  
 And may God let me never waver  
 In the cause of Truth and Right.

## DEVIL-DRIVING.

This title, though not very high sounding, is appropriate as applied to the curious ceremonial observed by the California Chinamen. It may be well to state here that the California species is not Chinese at all but comes from the Tartar region to the northward and eastward of China. I do not intend this as a treatise on Chinese demonology, but a mere sketch of the thing as it exists in several of the larger towns of California. The theory as stated by several Chinamen is this: After a devil-driving, the devil is completely overcome and for some time does nothing more than mourn over his own troubles; after a time, however, he gains strength and goes about entrapping the unwary Mongolian until in the fall he holds a mortgage on the greater part of Chinatown and must again be knocked out.

When this sad state of affairs occurs a subscription paper is started. Thus does the influence of the college show itself. Several thousand dollars are raised and then the real work begins. A lot is selected and a long, barn-like structure is put up. The cheaper this is built the better, for it must come down again in about ten days. The interior is then

decorated in the most gorgeous manner and with the utmost disregard of expense. In different temples the arrangement doubtless varies; in the one erected in Los Angeles last fall it was somewhat as follows:

There was a main temple of considerable size with kitchens adjoining where delicacies were prepared to tempt the appetite of the various divinities, and coax the devil into compliance with their amiable intentions regarding him. At one end of the temple was a raised enclosure not unlike a chancel, with an altar at the rear on which were seated several gods before whom tapers were constantly burning. In various parts of the building were built smaller altars erected to gods of less power, and along the sides were arranged battle axes, banners and standards in the greatest number and variety. Hung high up were small roofed platforms with miniature figures in full costumes, representing various divinities, while here and there hung huge lanterns of exquisite workmanship and fine material. All the floor of the temple except the raised platform itself, which was reserved for the priests and acolytes, was open to the public. In one corner of the holy place was stationed a Chinese band, which kept up a constant strumming and clashing.

The ceremony consisted in bowing and genuflecting now to this divinity and now to that, and the setting forth of enough of food to feed an army, which was perhaps put to a better use after the departure of the crowd, and this with music by the band in quantities to suit. This hullabaloo was kept up almost without cessation for about a week. Each night the temple was thronged with visitors, and the sight of that really gorgeous temple, the gaudily arrayed priests, and the dense mass of human beings of many nations, taken with the strange falsetto chantings of the singers and the clashing and shrieking of the band formed a whole of bewildering impressiveness.

The method of praying was somewhat curious. The presiding priest took tissue paper on which a prayer was written, lighted it and slowly waved it to and fro above his head until almost consumed when he kept the remnant in the air by his breath until quite consumed.

But to return to the devil. Two or three

enormous figures are constructed entirely of paper and during the week the devil is gradually persuaded that nothing could be pleasanter than to occupy the interior of these effigies. Of course the gods lend their aid in the pious task and finally the devil is enticed within and confined there. When this is accomplished a grand procession is held in which every Chinaman in the neighborhood takes part as they can rely on the white man for an audience. A more pleased lot of faces is seldom seen than those in that procession when they saw the streets crowded with spectators. It was a most creditable exhibition, some had three bands, any number of standard bearers and spear men, and I should judge that all the properties of the Chinese Theater had been called into service and that the stock company had turned out en masse. The rear was brought up by a most amazing dragon of great length which pranced and cavorted, opened and shut its huge jaws when manoeuvred by several Chinamen concealed within. The tail rather overdid his part for he fainted away at the river when some ceremonies of ablution had to be performed. The procession over comparative quiet reigned until evening when the final ceremony was to take place. At midnight in an open square the funeral pyre was built, the effigies with the devil inside were thrown on and burnt while a howl of triumph went up from the band.

Chinatown is once more free from the power of his satanic majesty, and to say the truth it makes the most of its freedom. During this ceremony Chinese hospitality is at its height, two or three band stands are erected, the Chinese theatre is in full blast and Chinatown goes on a concentrated tear. Once over quiet sleep is again possible, and one can expect to find breakfast ready somewhere before noon.

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**BILDERBUCH OHNE BILDER VON HANS  
MOHAMMEDAN ANDERSEN.**

[A preparatory course for the benefit of students about to read this thrilling classic.]

Es ist sonderbar! When I am fullest\* then it is to me as were my elbows and

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\*Mit freude understood.

teeth feathered; so kann I nicht aussprechen what in me lies. But hush! The moon is full also. He speaks:—

ERSTER ABEND.

“Last night,” these were the Moon’s first words, “glitt ich through das clear Himmels Southernns. I spriggled mich in dem Island-Waters von dem caribeens. Dahin Kam eine Cannibale Madchen, lissome as a Kangaroo, schon als Eva. Lichtly hupfte sie across the shore. Dem Oyster und das Muscle yawpte at her feet; das Krokodile, who lay derbei, heeded she not. Knielte she down by a up-and-over-on-his-back-turned-turtle. ‘Er lebt, jubellified she ‘er lebt.’ For believed she, that if the over-turned-three-Days-ago-Turtle still breathed, then her lover still lived; but if das turtle was deceased, so war he todt. Then prayed she to Poo-pi-po, and ich—ich Kusste her Lips und Augen.”

ZWEITE ABEND.

“Gestern,” said the Moon, “looked ich onto eine Walk Universitats. Der war zwei Students. One from his neat-and-tied-with-a-string-Pouch, Papier und Toback took und eine Cigarette rolled. Then of him asked the other, ‘How that you do?’ ‘Mit die Fingern,’ erzählte the first, ‘und when it is gelickte, then goes it no more loose.’ So saying went he therefrom. And the other rolled he one so as the other. With the Stock von Holle he it lighted, und a long-und-with-powerful-Lungs-drawn-Breath drew he. So he back into his Throat all the fine Tabak drew. Layed he then him down bei the grass. Pale was he und he muttered. Sad und thoughtful were his Augen. Then thought ich, ‘Heimweh clouds his spirit’—Her die Wolke hid den Mond.”

DRITTE ABEND.

“Yestereen,” so said to me the Moon, “I gazed into a narrow-with-houses-built-around court. Da lag eine with-tail-feathers-proudly erect-Rooster. A sweet-pretty little Madchen after him ran, und out his lovely long tail-feathers pulled. Da Kam der Fater des Madchens. Her he scolded. And I glided on.

To-nacht looked I down again. Out from der House kam die Madchen. Then began she to chase das Cock-a-doodle-do. There-to kam again der Fater, and again he scolded.

'Fat vor you do dat? You leave das Rooster all bluggy.' Then of-the-maiden-with-silken-lashes-covered-und-like-the - heaven - azure - depths blue eyes with tears were full. 'That know I, papa,' said she, 'und kam to heal the sores I made, with das Extract des Pondes.'" The wept der Fater und kusste die holde Unschuld on die brow, ich aber kusste ihr die Augen und den Mund."

FIERTE ABEND.

"Er blickered I," the own words of the Moon, "into Chinatown. Do not mistake, Chinatown is not in China. My beams beschienen the small made-of-rough-boards house. There is certainly a door aber it gelockt war und here and there finds one well a window aber it geshut war with Shutters des boards. For what a Chinaman cares for the world, or also indeed the world for a Chinaman, und besides the Chinaman standen nicht in mit der Police. There is only a through the chinks shining, from a cheap lamp des kerosene light. Over the mentioned-formerly-door there is a sign. Hop Wo, Washing and Ironing, sagte es. Who is that with-the-slowly-moving-flat-iron youth? Das ist Hopeche Who's cousin. Hoperche Wo has hunderten cousinen. This one himself calls Sing. Daily makes he the fire and the tische gedeckts and ungedeckts in das Methoedestiches Preacher's haus. Also sing he das 'bye and bye sweet' in der schule am Sonntag. Aber this nacht sings he not. He ist glum. Why this is? Ich will tell you. There ist ein gut actor gecome zu das theatres Chinesen. Sing of his besten Madchen was promised then of it to gehen. And num er musste des shirts and collarer of the foreign devil to iron. Und Pu, thus heiste herself der Madchen Sings, will to gehen mit Hong der son des Docktor Chinesen. Poor Sing. I glidderte away.

A STROLL ON THE CLIFF.

Where is the land that can boast of fairer days than these October days of ours? Surely one might wander far and wide before meeting with heavens more serene, or an atmosphere laden with a more delicate stimulus than that which surrounds us here. As the afternoon shadows lengthen and the eastern hills lie bathed in the tranquil sunset light, let us follow the pleasant cliff-path for awhile

and drink our fill of the beauty that lies everywhere about us. The path is a rough one, running up a steep bank abounding in stones which do not add to the comfort of the pedestrian, but in a moment we have reached the edge of the cliff and can stop and look at the prospect which stretches before us for many a mile. Beautiful as it is our attention is soon distracted by the wonders which lie at our very feet. We have been ascending a gentle slope which rises gradually towards the west and now we are standing on the brink of a steep precipice, which drops nearly perpendicularly for a considerable distance and then is broken by jutting ledges of a smooth, red rock which we can easily see lies in curious layers such as one sees in a clay-bank that has been freshly opened. The rock on which we are standing is of a brownish hue except where it has been recently broken. There we see that the fragments are of a dark grey or blue color. The surface of the cliff is seared with vertical cracks, a marked feature of this sort of rock which is commonly called "trap," and scientifically denominated "*diabase anamesyte*." The red ledges which jut out at the foot of the "dike," as these trap ridges are called by geologists, are of a different stone from the trap which composes the upper part of the cliff. They are composed of layers of sandstone, which, as its name implies, is a stone made of compacted sand, that varies in quality from a coarse mass of hardened gravel known as "conglomerate," to smooth, slaty layers of "shale," which were once beds of moist clay and fine sand forming the bottom of the shallow waters of a great estuary that stretched from New Haven up into Massachusetts. Although the estuary has ages since disappeared, yet these rock-tablets have preserved for us the records of those old days. On some parts of the ledges we can see the traces of tides which once ebbed and flowed here, traces as distinct and clear as if made but an hour ago, but which are now hard and unchangeable as the rocks themselves of which they are part. We pick up a fragment from the debris which covers the ground about the ledges and find it curiously marked with little depressions of regular shape and irregular distribution. They are but the records of a passing shower that just sprinkled the muddy bottom left bare by the retreating tide.

[To be Continued.]

### HONORARY DEGREES.

The *Amherst Student* states this question of honorary degrees in the following forcible terms:

"The subject of college honorary degrees is just now attracting considerable attention, and during the next few weeks, while the annual harvest of D. D.'s, LL. D.'s, etc., is being gathered, it will probably become still more prominent. In this country these titles have degenerated into empty forms with far less meaning than the Prof. we see prefixed to the names of sleight-of-hand performers, roller-skaters, tight-rope walkers, etc. As President Gilman says, they have become the 'sham and shame' of American colleges. Every so-called university and college, no matter what its standing, the 'University of Cohosh' as well as Johns Hopkins or Harvard, has the power of conferring these degrees. To the outside world, that received from one is as good as that from the other, and so both are regarded as worthless. They are given in accordance with no general plan and for no special proficiency in any particular branch, but each year an army of Doctors of Divinity, Doctors of Law, etc., is turned loose upon an unsuspecting community that had, up to that time, lived in blissful ignorance of the latent talent wasting in its midst, and destined to be lost forever to the world, had not some keen-sighted, discriminating institution rescued it from oblivion. Two years ago our 'reform governor' was the involuntary means of lopping off one branch of the abuse at Harvard, but even this moderate reform was repudiated by a sister college. The fact that a man eats a commencement dinner or makes himself the patron of a college is hardly sufficient evidence of his ability to entitle him to a degree. So long as colleges continue to confer degrees, they ought to consider them of sufficient importance to preserve their dignity, but unless the present 'happy-go-lucky' system is done away with, and some general system agreed upon, this will be impossible."—*Crimson*.

### A FIELD EXCURSION.

Last Saturday morning, four members of the senior class met the Professor of Chemistry and Geology, at the New York and New England station, and took the nine o'clock

train for Bolton Notch. It was the purpose of the party to make a personal examination of the formation uncovered by the railroad cutting at that point and to obtain a more intimate acquaintance with rocks and minerals in the field. On their arrival, two members of the party set inquiries on foot as to the size, condition, and peculiarities of the town of Bolton Notch. Many items of interest were gathered, and one fact was brought to light, quite by accident, which goes to show that although a high standard has prevailed in that region it has recently degenerated. Bolton Notch was a no license town but has voted license and will act on it after next month. Not even a private receptacle for spiritous or malt liquors could be detected, which shows the law-abiding nature of the people. After the discovery of a fine deposit of Bornite which some of the party persisted in pronouncing common coal, a force was dispatched to attack an apple orchard. After a bold advance the posse settled down to business and was just becoming interested when the growling of a presumably large and fierce dog put it to a rapid flight. The zoologist of the party noted as a peculiar phenomenon that the growling of the above dog bore a striking resemblance to the cooing of some domesticated pigeons (*Columba tama*) but the posse was commended for prudence.

After a careful investigation of a flagstone quarry the startling news was passed along that some staurolitic garnetiferous mica shist had been discovered. Convalescence soon set in and the squad moved on and after a walk which was estimated variously at from five to fifty miles Vernon was reached. The only adventures that occurred on the journey not already noted were an anxious search for a stone hammer which was finally found under the arm of the one most interested in its discovery, and the investigation of the contents of a cider mill. As there was to be a wait of some two hours at Vernon the committee on statistics concluded to collate interesting facts with regard to that place. In the course of their labor the committee stumbled on a curious coincidence. Vernon like Bolton had been a no-license town but had voted license and would act on it after next month. The committee wished to be discharged forthwith. Their prayer was granted. The party then took the train for Hart-

ford, tired but happy, with a greater addition to their knowledge of Geology than appears here.

#### COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

A nine picked from the probable college nine played with the Y. M. C. A. nine on the Ward Street grounds, 7th inst., and defeated the town nine 7 to 4.

The nine this year will probably be made up of Shannon, '87, pitcher, Barber, '87, catcher, Whitcombe, '87, 1st. base, McLemore, '89, 2d base, Carpenter, '88, 3d base, McConihe, '88, short, Beardsley, '87, left field, Kramer, '89, center, and G. Rodgers, '87, right.

#### TENNIS.

Following a custom that was instituted last year of having class tournaments, '88 had theirs last week. A. R. Stuart took first place in singles, and W. F. Morgan second. The first place in doubles was taken by Stuart and Eastman, the second place, by Downes and Scott.

#### GLEE CLUB.

At length it has been decided to start the Glee Club again this year, and last week it was reorganized with E. B. Hatch, '86, president; C. H. Tibbitts, '87, musical director; G. S. Waters, '87, and J. W. Shannon, '87, executive committee. It is to be hoped that the Glee Club will work more faithfully this year than last. Success means work, and doubtless the Glee Club have success in view.

#### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The executive committee of this association held their meeting for the nomination of the various captains, which resulted as follows: base ball captain, J. W. Shannon, '87; foot ball captain, W. Barber, '87; captain of crew, H. R. Heydecker, '86; cricket captain, E. B. Hatch, '86. It was decided to have no fall field meeting this year. The interest in foot ball is increasing, and the men who are trying for positions take daily practice on the campus and athletic field. The class foot ball captains are O. Applegate, '87, and F. Fitzgerald, '89.

The members of the executive committee of the Athletic Association this year are H. R. Heydecker, '86, *ex officio*; E. B. Hatch, '86; W. Barber, '87; G. M. Brinley, '88; J. McLemore, '89.

#### INTER-COLLEGIATE TENNIS.

The inter-collegiate tournament took place this week in New Haven, beginning on the 15th. Our representatives were G. M. Brinley, '88, and L. H. Paddock, '88. A number of men went down to watch the games and great interest is manifested. The places were not decided when we went to press, but great expectations are placed on our delegation.

#### GERMAN CLUB.

This renowned institution has not been reorganized as yet. It is expected that more germans will be given this year than in any year past.

#### LECTURES.

Bishop Williams has resumed his lectures to the seniors and juniors on English and American history. Dr. Bolton lectures twice a week to the seniors on Geology and once a week to the elective class in Mineralogy. Professor Ferguson is lecturing to the seniors on the period of European history embraced between the fall of the Western Roman Empire and the Reformation in Europe. Prof. Johnson has begun a course of lectures, on English Literature, to the seniors and juniors.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

Dr. Smith was in New York last Sunday.

The subject of the Prize Chemical Thesis for the Juniors this year is "Salt."

Numbers of Alumni have been seen around college lately, and also undergraduates from our sister college at Middletown.

Since the last issue the chapel preachers have been President Smith and Dr. Hart.

It is reported that a son of the Hon. John Bright, the noted English Free Trader and member of Parliament, was up here last week looking around the college.

#### DR. BOLTON'S NEW WORK.

Dr. Bolton has for some time past been cataloguing the scientific and technical periodicals published in various countries, and during the summer just past the Smithsonian Institute has published as a result of his labors "*A Catalogue of Scientific and Technical Periodicals (1865 to 1882), together with Chronological Tables and a Library Check List*, by Henry Carrington Bolton." The catalogue constitutes a large volume of nearly



800 pages, and must have involved an immense amount of work. Every page speaks the accuracy and careful attention, to every detail so characteristic of its distinguished author.

#### COMMUNICATION.

[Communications upon current topics are invited for this column. It is expected that they shall be written in a courteous tone. The writer's full name, as well as his *nom de plume*, must accompany the article. The editors do not necessarily approve the opinions expressed.]

*Dear Tablet:*

In one of your former issues I read of a projected plan for a building to contain both Chemical and Physical Laboratories. Everything seemed perfect, and the only element of concern was the uncertainty when such a building would be erected.

It seems to me that the building mentioned is needed now, and can not be put up too soon. Surely the interests of the college demand the speedy erection of these Laboratories. The room for students in the Chemical Laboratory is very scant, and from indications when the elective is thrown open next term to the Juniors, in Chemistry, there is every probability that some will have to change their elective from want of room. The present Seniors who took the elective Chemistry were so fascinated with their work that the majority intend to elect it again, so that after they have been assigned places there will be room for only two Juniors, one of whom has to take Practical Chemistry, being a science man. The remaining place for which a number of applications will be handed in, will, so I understand, be competitive. This will make it hard for all that fail, and all the applicants must fail except one. Now there should be room for all that desire to take the elective, and as Chemistry is becoming more popular year after year, why should not the trustees or those who have the matter in charge see to it that no one is hindered from pursuing any line of study he may be interested in, simply for lack of accommodation.

Again the work of the Physical Laboratory is done under great disadvantage, due to bad arrangement of rooms, &c., but chiefly to the miserable light of the rooms. The work done here requires some of the most

minute scale readings, &c., and how this can be done with poor light is a mystery to me.

The need of two Laboratories is pressing and should be attended to immediately.

Thanking you for your kindness in giving this want public expression.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

"URGENT NEED."

[We are thankful for the above communication, and can confirm what our correspondent remarks. We think that the Trustees meet some time in October, and if any one of them should see this communication, we hope they will attend to the needs it mentions.—EDS.]

THE LIBRARIAN desires us to give notice that anyone who is able and willing to present the Library with Vols. 2 and 3 of the TABLET will confer a great kindness, as only those volumes are needed to complete the set.

DEAR TABLET:

With your kind permission, I should like to give, through your friendly auspices, a few suggestions to the class of '87, respecting the management of the *Ivy* for the ensuing year.

Having worked to the best of my ability for the welfare of the *Ivy*, as one of Trinity's institutions, and having learned wisdom in that hardest of schools—experience—I hope I may not be accused of arrogance, if I endeavor to point out a few of the instances of which the *Ivy* boards of the past have fallen short, and suggest some means of rectifying these short-comings. As a subject of great importance, let me strongly advise, in the first-place, the necessity of publishing the *Ivy* as soon after the Christmas recess as possible. It should not under any consideration, appear later than the middle of February. Heretofore, in spite of the earnest endeavors of previous boards, the *Ivy* has always been among the last of the college annuals to make its appearance. As far as I can remember, it has never been published before the last of April or the first of May. A few of my reasons for so strongly advising a reform in this particular are as follows:)

The *Ivy* contains much that is of actual service to the student, and of interest to the

friends of the college. Now it is evident that it would fulfill its mission far better if produced in the middle of the college year than at its end. Again a most important point to be gained by its early publication would be in the increased facilities of obtaining advertisements. Tradesmen are unwilling to patronize a college publication which appears so late in the college year. I grant, that by this early publication, some few subjects of interest, such as class-day appointments, etc., would have to be omitted, but the advantage arising from having the *Ivy* two or three months earlier, would more than compensate for this deficiency. In order to obtain this early publication, a few of the advantages of which I have tried to point out, it is absolutely necessary that the *Ivy* board should be elected at once, and commence active work at soon as organized.

I should also strongly advise that in the selection of the *Ivy* board, the class of '87 should take great care to elect only those men who are known to be workers. In previous years the work has all devolved upon one or two men, while the rest of the board has merely acted as a figure head. The work of the publication of the *Ivy* should be so apportioned that each member of the board should have his own duties to perform. One should take charge of the printing, another of the compilation, another of the illustrations and wood cuts, and another or even two should have the entire charge of the advertisements. By this division of labor the work would go on with more dispatch and would be done in a far more satisfactory manner. With regard to the finances, the board should select one of its members to have sole charge of the pecuniary part of the business, and upon him should devolve all responsibilities and to him should accrue all profits. In conclusion, I should like to suggest that the business management of the *Ivy* and TABLET should be carried on as far as possible in unison. That is, that in procuring advertisements and subscriptions for their respective publications the editors should assist rather than oppose each other. I sincerely hope that some of these suggestions may find favor with the class of '87 and that they may be of profit to them.

Thanking you cordially for the space you have kindly allowed me, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

"AN OLD MEMBER OF THE IVY BOARD."

#### PERSONALS.

BOSTWICK, '51. The Rev. W. S. Bostwick has removed to Fair Haven, Conn.

NORTON, '68. Rev. F. L. Norton, D. D., has received an urgent call to St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn, Mass.

HYDE, '73. E. M. Hyde, Ph. D., is teaching at the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn.

DUBOISE, '74. The Rev. G. M. DuBoise has accepted the rectorship of St. Matthew's Church, Laramie City, Wyoming Ter.

ELMER, '81. W. T. Elmer has resigned his position in the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, and entered upon his studies at the Berkeley Divinity School.

LINSLEY, '82. Married, at Media, Pa., on the 12th inst., A. B. Linsley and Miss Eastman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Eastman.

REINEMAN, '83. R. T. Reineman, who has been studying law in Pittsburgh, Pa., the past two years, has been admitted to the bar.

FORBES. The Rev. John Murray Forbes, D. D., who was tutor in the college in 1830, died at Elizabeth, N. J., on the 11th of October, aged 78.

#### EXCHANGES.

Now that the majority of our sister colleges have opened their doors again, and the tide of student life is once more awash in its accustomed channels, the arrivals at the Exchange editor's office are more numerous than before our previous issue this term. We bid them all a hearty welcome and begin the business of hand-shaking immediately.

First comes a new arrival with a very suggestive cover, adorned with various scientific and metallurgical apparatus. The stranger is the *W. T. I.* from the Worcester Technical Institute. The pages contain the usual college news, squibs, etc., and are printed very neatly in good clear type. The number before us contain some verses of a high order of merit, notably those entitled "Parted," which are greatly above the usual flights of the student muse. The prose articles are also excellent. We congratulate the *W. T. I.* on the good beginning which it has made.

Our old friend the *Courant* comes to time smiling and full of bright, readable articles. Of course the usual advice to Freshmen appears this time and very interesting reading it is too.

When we open the *Nassau Lit.* we wish we had time to peruse its treasure-laden

pages, but unfortunately our editorial duties call us away before we have half explored its leaves. We notice with pleasure the high character of its articles, so much in advance of the customary productions with which our college papers are stuffed as a rule. The essay, "Puritanism in Literature," is of very great merit not only from a literary point of view, but from the lofty impulses which breathe from every line. It is well worth reading. The "Poetry of William Morris" is another able article that deserves special notice. It is an introduction to American readers of a poet too little known to them, and through the medium of this essay one can gain a very pleasing impression of this

"Idle singer of an empty day."

The *University Magazine* contains matters of interest to its readers in the University of Pennsylvania, and we notice with especial pleasure a little translation of Heine in which the author has vied with Longfellow, and we must say has produced some very creditable verses. Our readers will recall at once Longfellow's poem from the first two lines of this new translation:

The heaven is rich with stars above,  
The sea with pearls beneath is strewn."

The *Yale Record* is the same typical Yaleite as ever and is worthy of no particular mention, so we pass it by with a glance at the array of comic effusions with which the present number is filled for the most part.

To close the Exchange column this issue we clip a pretty little sonnet from the *Nassau Lit.* bearing the title "Endymion." It is as follows:

In some green nook upon Mount Latmos, lies  
In endless sleep the youth Endymion,  
Ruddy and shapely as a dreaming faun  
Whom roguish wood-nymphs deck in merry guise.  
But ah, for him comes no such glad surprise  
As that the wakened satyr looks upon.  
And oh, for her, the Night Queen, watcher wan  
Beside him till the beckoning stars arise,  
Who, with a thousand kisses and sweet sighs,  
Storms his unyielding eye-lids, comes no dawn  
Of waking love to greet her pleading cries.  
Alas for lovers all, who ne'er surmise  
The veil betwixt them is of thinnest lawn,  
And die in doubt. Love, open thou our eyes!

#### COLLEGE NOTES.

##### HARVARD.

Harvard College and the University of

Pennsylvania are following the example set by Cornell in introducing special lectures in social and sanitary science.

A New York paper had lately quite an account of past and present methods of hazing at Harvard. The present method, it says, simply consists of punches given voluntarily (?) by the Freshmen to the upper class men.

Below is reprinted the plan of the Conference Committee as agreed on by students and faculty early last spring. The plan goes into operation immediately upon the election of the student members. According to the provisions of the scheme, this election must be held sometime during the present week.

I. The committee of conference shall have the powers of a committee of the faculty. By this, it is meant that, whenever the committee sees fit, it can, as the result of a conference, adopt, by a majority vote of the student members, a resolution which the faculty members shall report,—like the report of a committee,—as soon as possible to the faculty; and the faculty members shall, as soon as possible, report back to the student members the action of the faculty in regard to the report, and the grounds of this action.

II. In the order of business, subjects for discussion that are brought up before the committee by the faculty members as a body shall have precedence over all other subjects.

III. The committee shall have power to summon witnesses especially familiar with, or interested in the subject of discussion for that conference.

IV. (a) The student members of the committee shall be elected by secret ballots at polls kept open not less than one day. The votes of each class shall be counted by the president and secretary of the class, assisted by a member or members of the faculty appointed by the chairman of the committee.

(b) Each senior shall deposit a paper bearing over his signature, the names of five members of his class; each junior in like manner, a paper with the names of four members of his class; each sophomore, in like manner, a paper with the names of three members of his class; each freshman, in like manner, a paper with the names of two members of his class.

(c) The five members of the senior class who receive the greatest number of votes

from their class, together with the four juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen who receive the greatest number of votes from their respective classes, shall become members of the committee. They, together with the faculty members, shall, at the first meeting of the year, elect two members at large from the college.

V. The student members shall be elected for one year, during the second week of the college year,—except the freshman members, who shall be elected during the second week after the Christmas recess.—*Harvard Crim-son*.

## YALE.

One of the old-time regulations at Yale directs that "A student shall raise his hat at a distance of ten rods from the President, at eight rods from a professor, and at five rods from a tutor."

Pres. Porter will read a paper on "How can the preparatory schools co-operate more effectually with the colleges," before delegates representing New England colleges and preparatory schools in Boston, on Oct. 16.

The most romantic commencement story from Yale this year is one of a Southerner, who left college to enter the Confederate army, and was thrown over by his lady love in consequence. He returned to New Haven this year found the love of his youth still true, and there will be a wedding at Christmas.—*Ex*.

## PRINCETON.

PRINCETON has the honor of possessing the identical electrical machine that Dr. Franklin used.

Princeton upperclassmen have organized a "law and order league" to enforce the better sentiment of the college regarding hazing and rushes at the sophomore-freshman base-ball game.

The Princeton faculty have expelled four Sophomores for recent hazing of Freshmen. The cases of several others are still under consideration. Eight or ten Freshmen have been questioned by the faculty, and may be suspended, but it is likely that no further action will be taken.

## IN GENERAL.

President Seeley, of Amherst College is writing a short life of Napoleon I.

The Amherst Freshman class has signed a pledge to abstain from all rushing.

Columbia college has graduated 85,000 men.

During the last nine years France has spent nearly \$500,000,000 per annum in increasing and organizing her University institutions.

Mr. Ruskin resigned from the Slade Professorship at Oxford because a vote was passed endowing vivisection in that institution.

The statue of Ezra Cornell, executed for Cornell University, by the sculptor W. W. Story, of Rome, has arrived. It represents Mr. Cornell in a recumbent position, and will be placed upon a beautiful base in the founder's chapel.

The new Bryn Mawr College, built by the Society of Friends near Philadelphia, will be opened this month. The total cost of buildings is \$200,000, and the endowment fund \$800,000. The course of study will be modeled after that at Johns Hopkins.

Smith College, Northampton, is to have a new building, which it has long needed for the accommodation of all departments of scientific study. The best modern facilities will be afforded for the prosecution of scientific studies by women. Work is to begin at once, and it is said that plans submitted by W. C. Brocklesby, of Hartford, will probably be accepted.

## CLIPPINGS.

A man in Rochester calls his stomach "Hades," because it is the place of departed spirits.—*Ex*.

"I was only footing one of your late bills," remarked a fond father to his daughter, after kicking her sweet William out of the door.—*Ex*.

*Sober Passenger (angrily)*. "Look where you step man."

*Tipsy Passenger (apologetically)*. "Y-yes, I do; the tr-trouble is to—hic—step where I look."—*Ex*.

A young lady asked her lover the other day to help her press some autumn leaves, and he replied, "Put them in your belt, darling, and I'll see what I can do with them."—*Ex*.

*Clerk*—The Metropolitan Clothing Company across the street has just put up the "damaged goods" sign, sir.

*Proprietor*—They think they can run me out by that trick! It's a chestnut. Order a sign "All goods reduced 125 per cent."—*Ex*.

Two bright youths before a picture at the Exhibition labelled "Jetsam."

*First Youth*—Jetsam! Jetsam! I've heard that name, don't you know. Who was she?

*Second Youth*—Sister of Flotsam, my dear boy. Those ancients always hunted in pairs.—*Ex.*

"LITTLE BOY, do you understand what is meant by energy and enterprise?" "No, pa, I don't think I do." "Well, I will tell you; one of the richest men came here without a shirt to his back, and now he has got millions." "Millions! how many does he put on at a time, pa,?"—*Ex.*

"WHAT do you think of Biffkins, the pianist, who is making such an extended reputation, Brown?" *Brown*—"He strikes me as being very egotistical and mulish." *Smith*—"I should think the latter trait would be rather an advantage than otherwise." *Brown*—"Why so?" *Smith*—"He plays principally by ear, you know."—*Ex.*

AHEAD OF THE SCIENTISTS.—"They can talk all they please about their great scientists," said the brakeman, as he stepped from between two freight cars and made his arms go up in the air, "but I did something the other day that Darwin, Haeckel, Huxley and all them evolutionists fellers never could do, with all their larnin. We were running along with about thirty cars, when our train broke in two sections. We stopped 'em, an' were goin' to couple up again, when we found we couldn't do it. Something was gone. 'Wait a minute,' says I to the conductor, and then I skipped out and run back along the track. It was then I did what the crack scientists have never been able to do."

"What was that?"

"I found the missing link,"—*Ex.*

ARMA VIRUMQUE CANO.

They were driving in the moonlight,  
While the moon was new,  
In a little village wagon,  
Just for two.

But, alas, the horse was restive,  
So, in fear of harm  
Neither of his hands was idle,  
Neither arm.

Was it that the back was awkward,  
That she, by his side,  
Softly touched his left arm near her,—  
Softly sighed.

Then, with bashful glance, but roguish,  
Knowing he'd connive,  
Whispered low amid her blushes,  
"I can drive."—*Courant.*

Pass the butter gently, Mabel,  
Shove it lightly through the air;  
In the corner of the dish, love,  
You will find a nut brown hair.

What fond mem'ries it awakens,  
Of the days ere we were wed,  
When upon my good coat collar,  
Oft was laid your little head.

Lovingly I stroked those tresses,  
In the happy days gone by;  
Now I strike them every meal time,  
In the butter or the pie.

THE SEA NYMPH.

Tripping gaily along the sands,  
She reaches the water and there she stands,  
With jaunty costume and laughing eyes,  
Shunning the many crests with startled cries.  
Would that such a grace were mine,  
Sea nymph divine.

Shivering, dripping, bedraggled and wet,  
Scarcely a more wretched creature I've met,  
Lips blue with coldness, wet clinging dress,  
Rivulets flow from each loosened tress.

Would that such a grace were mine?  
I will decline.—*Yale Record.*

BOOK REVIEWS.

*The Churchman* for this week is a fine representative number of this excellent church and family paper. The editorials are as scholarly and practical as ever, and the various departments up to the usual standard. The news from the various dioceses is especially interesting and valuable. There are also among others articles by Canon Farrar and the Bishop of Long Island, both of which will be read with attention and interest.

The October *Century*, as usual, presents a varied treat. It is pre-eminently a Grant number, containing eight articles that have to do with the illustrious general. Brander Matthews has a story in his characteristic style, with an ingenious and amusing plot. Howells contributes a finely illustrated paper on "Tuscan Cities;" James continues his satire on "Culchaw and the Hub." Bunner, Fawcett, and Frank Dempster Sherman (the Harvard songster), are among the verse contributors.