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TEAR DOWN THOSE IVIED WALLS!

[Reflections, upon seeing a portion of the College Buildings torn down to make way for the new State House.]

Tear down those ivied walls, whose every stone
Is hallowed by a halo round its throne,
Of memories dear, of half a hundred years,
At which a thousand hearts will mourn in tears.

Ay, tear the old walls down, and in their place
Erect great Halls of State, with dazzling face
Of marble, dome, and arches nobly spanned,
The rarest works of man's most cunning hand.

For those torn down, build massive courts and halls,
And for poor crumbling stone, rear granite walls;
And yet, no art, in man's far-stretching range,
Can reconcile us to the mournful change.

The steps, worn by a thousand hurrying feet,
Will echo ne'er again, and memory sweet
Will haunt us, as a ghostly spirit dream,
Of sunny hours, which never more will beam.

Then fare thee well, you hoary, sacred, stones
Moulder to dust—forgot, as dead men's bones,
But though like these, in dust, ye crumbling lie,
The lessons learned from you, still live for aye.

W.

THE NEW BUILDINGS.

The old French motto declaring the fact that "Man proposes, but God disposes," contains more than a grain of truth, and came painfully home to the heart of a TABLET reporter (if a reporter can be said to have a heart) when in the daily round of his duties, it behooved him to brush up his architectural knowledge, that he might adequately understand the situation of affairs respecting the drawings and plans for the new college buildings.

Having spent several leisure hours with copies of Fergusson and "ponied" up with Parker's glossary, and pillowed his head over

night upon Gwilt's mighty tome, the reporter ventured to invade the sanctum of the architect, which is now situated in the north-west corner of Seabury Hall, "two pair back" (having been removed from the more spacious quarters in the down town insurance building), and here day by day the architect, assisted by a corps of able draughtsmen, is at work carrying out the proposed changes in the plans, and adapting the designs to conform to the same. Upon the walls of the office are hung the colored bird's-eye views of the pile of buildings upon which future generations are to gaze with awe and reverence. This is what "Man proposed," but when the reporter came to understand to what extent the original design was to undergo changes, his architectural heart sank within him, and he smote upon his breast and said with the Poet:

"Shrine of the mighty, can it be
This is all remains of thee?"

Through the courtesy of the architect, the model of the buildings composing the four quadrangles, and said to cost \$150.00—the model, not the buildings—was exhibited, and from this even a superficial observer and one who had not pillowed his head upon Gwilt and ponied up on Parker, can obtain a clear and comprehensive idea of the arrangement of the several structures.

Those buildings which were more immediately needed, and which it was proposed to erect at once, were designated by the fuller carrying out of detail work, while the other parts were simply represented in block masses. Since the construction of the model, however, other changes have been discussed, and to learn what they were, a large drawing showing ground arrangement and disposition of

the buildings, was referred to. This drawing showed one large quadrangle bounded on its north side by a portion of the Chapel (with two "bays" and the tower omitted), and the Library, and on the west by a continuous block of lecture rooms to the extent of nearly 300 feet, and on the same line a block of dormitories with accommodation for a hundred or more students in apartments in the central portion of the building for the Junior Professors.

Upon this portion of the plan the eagle eye of the reporter rested with admiration and comfort, and he thought how many young men there were who would give up friends, home, country, to go away out to Rocky Hill from the social charms of Hartford society, simply to be a Junior Professor and live in those rooms. And such apartments, too; a sitting-room seventeen by twenty feet, lighted by four windows looking to the east, and provided with spacious seats upon which the imaginative eye pictured the most comfortable of cushions, and the imaginative mind thought of those words in the song which tell of the Junior year in which we "take our ease." Adjoining the "sitting-room" is a bed-room of goodly dimensions, with an alcove for the bed, and in the rear of the alcove a bath-room with every modern convenience. Ample closets both for fuel and for clothes are also provided.

Opposite to the line of the lecture rooms and dormitories and on the east of the quadrangle but one building (if we make exception to the gateway) was marked out, and that was the President's house, which was contiguous to the apse of the Chapel. The southern side of the quadrangle was simply marked off by a line indicating the place on which future buildings are to be erected, and the same was the case on the east, save where the house and the gateway (porter's lodge) stands.

This plan is one that was drawn out, or (as they say in the architectural world) "worked

up" to be laid before the building committee at its next session, and has not, it must be understood, been fully determined upon. The long blocks of dormitories and also the lecture rooms are not in each and every particular the same as those upon the original plan. They have been increased in length, and in the case of the dormitories the plan has been changed very materially. The central portion has been carried up higher, giving greater prominence to the double gables, with their rich and ornate "mullion windows," with tympani embellished by cinque-foil apertures (see glossary). Another story has also been added to this portion of the block, and the rooms although arranged similarly to those of the Junior Professors, will doubtless be assigned (in the event of a scarcity of "J. P.'s) to some lucky student. The wings of the dormitory block, or those parts of the building exclusively devoted to the occupancy of students, have not been increased to the height of a full story; the ground floor has simply been raised higher, thereby rendering the basement of more utility. Not until the next issue of the TABLET can it be definitely stated whether the arrangement of buildings now contemplated, and of which we have given a description, will be adopted. If the arrangement finds favor in the eyes of the committee and their final stamp is put upon it, then estimates having been obtained, and contracts signed, the work will be projected at once, and Spring will witness the upturning of the first sod. Great events are not always the result of a moment, and big things frequently move slowly; elephants are not agile; and certainly this college elephant will prove an ordinary type of its class.

The reporter had heard much, previous to this architectural visit and inspection of the London plans, of a college dining-hall which was to form a prominent feature of the design for the new buildings at Trinity, and at the mention of the words, visions of frothing tankards of ale, "home brewed," like those

at which Tom Brown quaffed while at Oxford, rose before his mind, and in imagination he saw before him a stately apartment with barred vaulted ceiling, and the walls hung around with portraits of distinguished college men (TABLET Editors and such), an apartment in which daily the groaning board appeased the cravings of hundreds of men, and before which the ghost of that other dining-hall which years ago flourished in Brownell Hall, ycleped in vulgar parlance the "grub dodge," would sink into the most utter insignificance. The dining-hall is nobly planned and is rich in design and exquisite in detail, but alas! the reporter learned that it was numbered among those buildings which were not needed immediately, or in other words, that it was not to be put up at present.

Painful indeed will be the picture of the uprising, as with mushroom growth, in the vicinity of the new Trinity College, of countless isolated boarding houses, mere dots on the surrounding landscape, like so many side shows about the greater one. But what alternative can suggest itself? "Mother Bacon's" and the "Clinton Lunch" and "Merrill's" can but hopelessly offer their services, and will but extend a beckoning and inviting hand from the far off city. Perhaps it is vulgar to think of eating and drinking; to the student they are generally of little moment, but then he cannot live upon mental pabulum alone, and he cannot forever refresh himself by drinking in the beauties of the Greek language. There is now offered a rare opportunity for benevolence to erect, as the Latin Poet hath it, "*Exegi monumentum perennius aere,*" and perpetuate its name at Trinity by the building of one of the most important structures contemplated in the original and beautiful design for the college, viz., a dining-hall. We presume that the opportunity will be open for some little time to come, so that the TABLET readers will have ample leisure to think the matter over. A

dining-hall is not a subject to be treated lightly; it would not be a thing deserving of a passing notice only; it would be a place of which it could be said truthfully,

"I've been there once, and oft would go."

It would call one back, it would be a place which would repay a daily visit. Such were but a few of the thoughts which passed through the mind of the reporter as he stood looking over the many drawings, the colored sections, elevations, etc., which were placed before him and discoursed with that rare intelligence of the subject, which alone is possessed by the man who has crammed up and pillowed his head on a tough architectural tome like Gwilt. Being reminded that the TABLET went to press shortly, and a cry would soon be raised for "copy," the reporter after thanking the architect for his kindness, crossed the threshold of his sanctum and breathed again the air of the world without.

B.

THE BOAT CLUB.

We suppose that there are few men in College, who know that the Boat Club is considerably in debt, and sadly in need of funds. This is to say the least, a bad prospect for the crew to have before them, at the beginning of their preparation for this year's Regatta, especially when we recollect that the crew were hampered for money, last year, while training. Let this not be the case this year; our crew have troubles and disadvantages enough to labor under, without being kept short of money which is a necessary evil in all human affairs.

We shall have to raise probably eight hundred (\$800) dollars before the first of July; but what we want at present, is, enough to pay our debts, and the current expenses of the crew. So let everyone settle up his accounts with the B. C., it is only a little for each one, but the total is considerable; and if there are any men in College not already members of the B. C., let them

one and all step forward and show their interest in their Alma Mater, by joining it, and paying the initiation fee at once.

H.

MINOR MATTERS.

The Freshmen have chosen Cherry as the class color. Their motto is *αὐτοζέση*.

Brownell Hall is in a bad way. The recent cold weather has frozen up the hydrant and the water cannot be induced to run.

The college architect, Mr. Kimball, is testing a new patent, fire-proof, ventilating partition wall, with a view to its adoption in the new buildings. A sample wall has been built and can be seen in No. 36 J. H., north section, lower floor.

Prof. Johnson has recovered from his recent indisposition and is now hearing his recitations regularly. He has the complaint that has been very common around college of late, viz., a bad cold, which settled on his chest. One of the students was threatened with pneumonia, but by taking good care of himself, came out all right.

The resignations of Messrs. Sartwelle and Smith as poet and orator for the 22d, were read at a college meeting on the 2d of this month. The difficulty has been finally adjusted by Messrs. Roberts and Buffington kindly volunteering their services as orator and poet respectively. The trouble seems to be lack of time. The election for these positions should have been held last term.

BOAT CLUB MEETING.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Latin recitation room a few days since. DuBois was elected Treasurer, and Buffington and Scudder, '77, appointed to solicit subscriptions for the crew.

DON MUNIO.

This cantata by Dudley Buck, a former member of the college, was presented to a Hartford audience for the first time, on Friday the 12th, by the Parepa-Rosa Society of Springfield.

MUTUAL SOCIABLE.

The Mutual Sociable Club, composed principally of students, gave another of their series of Germans in their hall No. 5 Charter Oak Life Insurance Building, on the evening of the 4th.

COLLEGE DANCE.

The college hop, mention of which was made in our last issue, has been postponed until after Lent, on account of the inability of the committee to raise the requisite funds.

BURNING OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, the oldest and largest Romish Church in Hartford, situated on Church street, was recently destroyed by fire. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The loss is estimated at \$125,000. Insurance \$75,000.

LECTURES.

There were no historical lectures on the 29th ult., and the 5th inst., Bishop Williams having gone to Canada to attend a Church convention. Dr. Wainwright commenced to deliver his lectures on Anatomy and Physiology to the Seniors, on the 4th inst.

THOMAS CONCERTS.

Theodore Thomas and his orchestra with Madame M. Schiller, the celebrated Pianiste, as soloist, are giving a series of Symphony Concerts in Roberts' Opera House. The first one took place on the 19th of January, the second on the 16th of this month, and the last will be given March 9th.

Φ. B. K.

The Φ. B. K. had one of their elaborate spreads in No. 24 J. H., on Tuesday evening the 9th.

The K. B. Φ. not to be outdone, held a meeting the same evening in one of the rooms in Brownell Hall.

ANOTHER LARGE FIRE.

Hartford, unwilling to be surpassed in anything, indulged in another extensive fire on Friday morning the 12th inst. All of the buildings on the east side of Main Street

between Temple Street, and the Jewish Synagogue, were burned to the ground. The loss will amount to considerably over \$200,000 and the insurance is \$160,000.

SLEIGH RIDE.

About a dozen of the students, accompanied by a like number of Hartford's fair daughters hired a four horse sleigh and started out for a "little time." After partaking of a bountiful supper at New Britain, the tables were cleared away and the "mazy" indulged in up to a late or rather an early hour. On the return the snow was so deep that the driver affirmed that he could only see the ears of the leaders all the way back.

SOPHOMORE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Sophomore Society, on the 28th ult. discussed the question: Resolved that an Established Church is a great advantage to a country. Aff. Chipman and Huske. Neg. Kurtz and Prout. Kurtz read a selection.

At the meeting held on the 4th inst. the subject for debate was: Resolved that Protective Tariff is preferable to Free Trade. Aff. Hooker and Prout. Neg. Hunter and Kurtz.

On the 11th, the question: "Resolved that the Execution of Mary Queen of Scots was justifiable," was ventilated by Messrs. Hunter and Scott on the affirmative and Moffett and Chipman on the negative. Mr. Hunter '78 was elected Janitor Aulae.

CLASS ELECTIONS.

At a meeting of the class of '76 held in 32 Jarvis Hall on the 1st. inst, the following officers were chosen:

H. G. Cameron, President; H. V. Rutherford, Vice-President; W. C. Skinner, Secretary; E. K. Tullidge, Treasurer. Cameron, Brigham, and McKennan were appointed a committee to select a class crew. They have since reported the following names; DuBois, stroke. Cameron, Erwin, Burke, Rutherford, Brigham, Skinner.

PRIZE ORATIONS.

The annual contest for the gold and silver medals, was held in the Cabinet, Friday even-

ing February 5th. The following is the order of exercises:

- I. The Progress of Society, Percival Padgett, '76, Md
- II. Jephthah's Vow, W. D. Sartwelle, '75, Texas.
- III. St. Bartholomew's Day, C. D. Scudder, '75, N. Y.
- IV. The Early Monks, H. O. DuBois, '76, Minn.
- V. Death of Capt. Hall, C. A. Van Nostrand, '77, Iowa.
- VI. The Destruction of Pompeii, John Huske, '77, N. C.

The committee of award consisting of Profs. Johnson, Holbrooke and Huntington, assigned the first prize to Charles Davies Scudder and the second to John Huske.

LENTEN SERVICES.

There were no recitations on Ash-Wednesday. Services were held in the Chapel both in the morning and afternoon. Dr. Pynchon preached the Sermon at the 4.30 P. M. service. The Litany is said every day at 12.30 P. M. There will be a short service with an address held in the chapel every Thursday evening during Lent.

In the absence of the Rector (Dr. Meier-Smith), Rev. Prof. Hart conducted the service in St. John's Church on Sunday morning Feb. 7th. Prof. Huntington is still in charge of Christ Church parish. He preached in chapel on the 31st. ult. Prof. E. E. Johnson on the 7th inst. and Prof. Hart on the 14th.

The regular Ember meeting was held in the Atheneum room on the 12th. Interesting addresses were delivered by Bp. Williams Dr. Pynchon, Prof. Johnson, Prof. Hart and Rev. Mr. Knight of the Church of the Incarnation.

MINOR MATTERS.

A good many of the undergraduates are, at the present time, taking lessons on the guitar, from a gentlemen of color ycleped Prof. Edwards, who, by the way, has promised to procure the services of two other good performers and give a concert, if the students will get him a hall. As a matter of course the Faculty would allow us the use of the Cabinet for such a purpose.

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OUR BOATING PROSPECTS.

The meeting of the Boat Club on Feb. 12th was so satisfactory in many respects that we cannot refrain from giving it more than the passing notice which it receives elsewhere. The spirit displayed by many of the members, and the seriousness with which the several speeches were made and treated, fills us with hopefulness. Our crew needs something

more than wind and muscle and training and endurance and even money to enable them to take a good position in the race, and that is the hearty sympathy and encouragement of every man in college. It is not enough that we sit idly by and refrain from criticisms. This passive disposition must be supplemented by active assistance and words of cheer. The crew must not be allowed to suppose that they are left alone, but they must be made to realize that all the rest of us are as fully interested as themselves, and as ready to bear a hand. And so we must heartily commend the enthusiasm which we have noticed on the part of men not on the crew, and congratulate ourselves on the welcome promises, (more welcome because they are reliable,) of alumni in this city who have assured us that if the crew works faithfully, and the students are in earnest, we shall not lack funds. Let us show the alumni that we are thoroughly aroused, and let the alumni in return, show us that they are ready to meet us half-way, and assist us to the extent of their power. And though we are small in numbers, thus united, we can accomplish all that we desire.

Moreover, we must not toil on hopelessly. We can truthfully say that our success is as probable as that of any other college, and that our prospects are as bright, not only for taking a good place, but even the *first place* at the finish. We are not novices; we do not enter the Regatta this year for the first time, and if we have not the prestige of victory, we have at least the dishonor of defeat to spur us on. The men who have the matter in charge are fully to be trusted. The President of the Boat Club has shown himself thoroughly in earnest, the Treasurer is most honest and judicious, the Captain is experienced and wide-awake, we have not heard a single doubt of the faithfulness of any man in the crew, the finance committee are determined to leave no stone unturned. Moreover, we are united in this matter, our old lethargy is passing away, and if a small college can ever hope to

win, as Columbia last year has amply demonstrated, there can be no reasonable doubt that our chances this year are as good as the best.

One thing more. Men must pay their dues, and must not be deterred by this slight expense from coming into the Boat Club. We are ready to admit that these dues were imposed at a time when the purposes of the Boat Club were different from its present object, and that fifty cents a month is no trifling sum for some men. Yet it is very small. A theatre, a few cigars, will be more than enough. And now that the Lenten season is on us, in no better way can you apply the results of a little self-denial, than by paying your honest debts, and fulfilling a hard, though necessary, obligation.

MARK TWAIN.

“Mark Twain!” This name calls up to our mind a host of thoughts; and few names besides this can call up thoughts so totally different, making us feel at one time admiration for the one who bears it, and then again, pity, indignation and disgust. Poor Mark is a Hartfordian; perhaps he may even take the TABLET, but this shall not prevent us from stating our opinion of him. We remember that not long ago, when Mark wrote for the *Galaxy*, and when that magazine used to show in a conspicuous place the following: “Mark Twain, the great humorist, writes for the *Galaxy* every month.” He used to wreath our faces in uncontrollable smiles. It was with pleasure that we used to watch how his hoaxes hoaxed poor foreign editors in the supposition that they had hoaxed him instead of he them; that we used to listen to his lightning rod stories and study out the famous map of Paris during the Franco-Prussian war. Yes, then we used to laugh and think him capital—as indeed he was. We hailed the first copies of “Innocents Abroad” and wept over Adam’s tomb. But as time wore on, we also welcomed “Rough-

ing It,” and would have it read to us as we lay sick in bed. But it did not seem to cure us. Indeed, though we tried to laugh at the “Stage Coach,” yet oftener we caught ourselves laughing because we couldn’t find anything to laugh at. Mark Twain seemed stale then, perhaps not because he was stale, as that we expected everything new to be an improvement. You may grant him that much if you please; and yet, after all, if a humorist is only such that he may amuse the rest of us, why should we not think him stale, when he ceases to amuse us, even though he may be intrinsically funny? Well, we tried to sell our “Roughing It” for 25 cents, perhaps—and wished Mark had died when he cracked the last joke in his first book. He would have been at the zenith of all his glory then, and we would have passed around the hat and furnished him with a comfortable coffin and an ivy crown. But Mark was not dead. No. He built himself a something. Not able to get married, he tried to be as near the hen-pecked state as possible, and built a hen-house to live in. Then he inflicted the “Gilded Age” on the world, and tried to sell it by subscription. It would not work, though he thought there must be “millions in it,” and forced it on the stage. This was somewhat better; but every one knows that it was Raymond and not Mark Twain that caused the noise of the shouting. But, ah! we refrain from wishing that we had died before we had seen Miss Kate Field make her debut as Laura, with “beauty in her face and a demon in her heart,” or before we had heard Mark’s letter read from the stage. Oh, dignity! Let us be entertained by a man, and not by a buffoon; once of seeming worth, and consequently pre-eminently entertaining in his humor; but now he has become silly and consequently pitiful.

THE READING ROOM.

The Reading Room is supported by the students for their own use and advantage.

This is a well-known but seldom recognized fact. We seem to be divided into two parties in regard to it; those who are on the committee, and those who are not. The first have labored under many disadvantages and difficulties this year, both while getting the room in working order and since. The last committee did not give it into their hands until the time was far advanced, and this delay was unjustly imputed to them. They applied to the Faculty for aid; but they, thoroughly disgusted with the previous management of affairs, waited to see what the students would do for themselves. The committee then turned to the students, most of whom philosophically wished to see the room comfortably arranged and neatly fitted up with papers and magazines, before they contributed anything to bring about this desired result. Notwithstanding these aggravating and discouraging circumstances, the committee persevered and worked with untiring zeal, expending their small means to the best possible advantage. The Faculty seeing their strenuous endeavors, kindly came to their assistance.

The Reading Room was filled with the most important papers and magazines, seats were provided for the convenience, fire and light for the comfort of the students. When the papers were mutilated it was passed by in silence; when the chairs were recklessly and purposely smashed, they were quietly replaced. But the most irksome, inconvenient task is the daily, almost hourly attention which the room requires. Four or five times every day, they must stop in the midst of their engagements, whether of duty or pleasure, and facing the cold, many times the driving wind and rain, must hurry away to see that the gas and fire are in order, and the papers properly filed. This is what the committee has done; now let us glance at the other party and see what their connection with the Reading Room has been.

A few have responded liberally to the com-

mittee's call for aid. May God and the committee bless them; no one else ever will. Others have contributed a little, and some have given no more than could be safely deposited in a mosquito's eye. All have received benefit, comfort and pleasure from the Reading Room, and have been more than doubly repaid for whatever help they may have given. Week after week they have been instructed or amused by its papers; day after day they have entered, chilled by the driving storm without, and leisurely warmed themselves before its glowing fire; night after night they have clustered around that cheerful stove in cosy groups and unconscious of the piercing wind that drove the rain and sleet in gusts against the rattling windows, have whiled away the hours in pleasant chat, or drowned the howling tempest with their merry songs, and although the Reading Room has afforded so much enjoyment, I regret to say that there are students whose meanness and ingratitude are indescribable, almost inconceivable; who not only contribute nothing for institutions established and sustained for their profit and pleasure, but who actually take delight in destroying what others have kindly supplied for them.

A few nights ago I entered the room and was astonished to see what utter havoc some contemptible wretches had made. The files of papers were torn to threads, and their fragments scattered around the room; the magazines were thrown upon the floor, there trampled, crushed and crumpled until too soiled and filthy for further use; the chairs had been hurled about and left lying in utter confusion, the door and top of the stove wrenched off, the isinglass shattered and strewn in all directions; one gas jet broken completely off, another twisted out of place, and the gas streaming from both, filling the room with a sickly, nauseous stench. Never have I seen such willful, ruthless destruction, such exquisite meanness, such entire disregard for the rights of others. I pity the fellows

who did this from the bottom of my inmost heart; for if it is true that when one man dies, another is born who instantly receives his soul, you will find after careful investigation, that just before these men (?) were born—no one died. Fellow-students, I don't ask your gratitude in behalf of the committee, nor do they ask or expect it, and it is no disappointment to them that they have never received it; but I do beg you to respect the rights, to consult the convenience of each other. If you are not willing to contribute toward the instruction and general entertainment of your fellow-students, in the name of Justice, don't willfully destroy what their generosity and sacrificing labor has already furnished.

CURATOR.

Trinity College, Feb. 13, 1875.

(Communicated.)

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In your last number of the TABLET, we noticed a communication signed by "Alpha," in regard to the dance which was to have been held in place of the one usually given on the 22d. As the sentiments expressed in it do not agree with our own, we wish to make a few remarks upon it.

The writer speaks first of the dance in question, and then goes off into the consideration of dances in general, and alludes to the feeling existing between the society men and the boating men in Trinity. It is of dances in general, and of this so-called "feeling," that we wish to say a word. We will attempt no comparison between boating and going into society, though we admit that as far as our own taste is concerned, we incline to the more manly amusement of the two. In the first place, "Alpha" makes the assertion that there is considerable feeling in College, over the declaration of prominent boating men that they will not assist in giving dances, etc. Now with all regard for the writer's judgment, we must say, we think he is laboring under an hallucination, both in regard to the

declaration and to the existing "feeling." It is an easy and common thing to hear men make sweeping statements, like this, upon the authority of some rumor. We circulate pretty generally among the students, and certain we are that no such declaration has ever come to our ears. On the contrary, we *have* heard such an one from two or three upon the other side of the house.

We think, rather, that the report of this "declaration" arose from the mistaken idea in regard to the "feeling," and that the occasion of this idea is as follows. Owing to the death of our lamented President, the usual dances were not held last year. This, naturally, was a disappointment to the society men, though, of course, no complaint could be found. But this year, when the class of '77 conceived the laudable idea of making a change in the order of proceedings, and appropriated the money, which, by the way, was their own, to purchase two shells, thus advancing the interests of the boating element, then the society men bubble over; the bright anticipations, which fifteen men have entertained, of tripping the "light fantastic," at the expense of sixty-five others, are shattered; their annual treat is taken away from them, *not* by the boating men, remember, but by the class of '77, and they immediately imagine that war is declared. This, in our opinion, and in the opinion of many others, is all the feeling amounts to.

But now suppose that such a feeling did exist, how would it appear? The chief idea in giving dances is, as the writer asserts, to repay the people of Hartford for the hospitalities shown to *us*. Well, the "*us*" he refers to as incurring this debt, comprises about fifteen men out of eighty. These fifteen men call upon the young ladies, and otherwise mingle with them. While, on the other hand, the ladies extend their hospitalities by inviting these men to their houses; getting up, with their aid, private sociables, etc., and in other ways enjoy their society;

and with all respect for the kindness of these ladies, but with still more for their good taste, we must say we think their side of the bargain is as good as the other. Not that we would for a moment, say anything against the young ladies of Hartford, for if "seeing is believing," we think they are worthy of any attention which can be shown them. But such payment as a College dance is not necessary for such hospitalities, and enjoyed by so small a part of the College. If payment were needed, would this be the way of making it? Are four-fifths of the students to pay out their money, two or three times a year, for the enjoyment of the other one-fifth? The society men may say we think in this way, because we have never "been out," but if "going out" is to inculcate such ideas in our heads, we shall devote ourselves entirely to rowing. Now in relation to boating, we will say, first, that though "Alpha's" allusion to a comparison between Trinity men, as boating and as society men, may not be odious, at least to those who have so pluckily fought our battles for us at the oar for two years, it is still an acknowledgment, on his part, of the scanty support which the crews have received from the students. It is an established conclusion, that, had our crews for the past two years been decently supplied with money, Trinity's record to-day would be much better. *But* the honor of the society men has suffered no loss from such a cause during that time. *They* stand in as good repute as ever, while, in boating circles, Trinity is regarded almost as a nonentity. Does not this warrant a man in giving his money to the crew? "A." again speaks of the society men, in their turn, refusing to support boating. Now society and boating are just as different, considered in relation to the College, as two things could possibly be. When a man gives money to the crew, he must remember he is not giving it to any particular part of the College. He is not contributing to the enjoyment of the "six," or the boat-club. If any one thinks it

fun to row a race we say simply, "try it." There is not a man on the crew, who is not willing to give way for a better one. It is not for their own pleasure that the "unlucky" six row, but for the honor of the College and the remaining seventy-five men. And if this honor has not, thus far, been much, lay it not to the crews, but to ourselves; let us change our tactics, and insure some honor for the Green and White this year. Remember that "charity begins at home." We believe that the enjoyment of ladies' society is one of the best things for a student, and we are not directly against College dances, except as far as they interfere with what are more strictly College affairs. R.

PERSONALS.

MORGAN, '27.—The Rev. John Morgan died at Rossville, Staten Island, Jan. 22d. He delivered an oration at the first Junior Exhibition of the college, and another at its first Commencement. He was ordained Deacon in Hartford, Oct. 2d, 1830, and Priest in Saybrook, Aug. 16th, 1831. For a number of years, Mr. Morgan has had no parochial charge. The fine set of Delphine classics in the college library was originally in his possession.

TAYLOR, '43.—Rev. J. P. Taylor's address is 462 Royden St., Camden, N. J.

MATTHEWS, '47.—Dr. H. W. E. Matthews, a prominent and highly esteemed physician of New Haven, died on Jan. 29th. He prepared for college at Cheshire, and after graduation, attended the Yale Medical School. He was a brother-in-law of Dr. Beardsley, '32, of New Haven.

JONES, '52.—A memorial window, destined for St. Mark's Church, San Antonio, Texas, commemorative of the virtues of its first rector, has recently been completed at the rooms of W. J. McPherson & Co., Tremont St., Boston, and is pronounced by those competent to judge of it, a work of rare merit.

and appropriate significance. The central figure is that of a Roman Soldier bearing the palm of victory, worked in mosaic or English antique, richly colored, and below it is inscribed, "In memory of Rev. Lucius Henry Jones, M. A., first rector of this parish. Entered into life Oct. 10th 1863."

McCORMACK, '53.—Rev. J. McCormack is at Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

SCARBOROUGH, '54.—The Rev. John Scarborough was consecrated Bishop of New Jersey on Feb. 2d, at Burlington. President Pyncheon was present. Bishop Paddock '48, presented the candidate and Bishop Kerfoot, formerly President of the college, preached the consecration sermon.

HITCHCOCK, '54.—Rev. Wm. A. Hitchcock of Binghamton, N. Y. has succeeded his classmate (Bishop Scarborough) in the rectorship of Trinity Church, Pittsburg.

DEVENDORF, '55.—Geo. S. Devendorf is at Amsterdam, N. Y.

STARR, '56.—Jared W. Starr is one of the Republican electors of the first Congressional District of Connecticut.

DUNHAM, '66.—Rev. F. B. Dunham is rector of St. John's, Mount Morris, W. N. Y.

CLEMENT, '68.—Percival W. Clement was in town on Jan. 29th.

BARNWELL, '71.—The Rev. Stephen E. Barnwell has become rector of St. James' parish Marietta, Ga.

MORGAN, '72.—W. D. Morgan is traveling in Europe.

MORRISON, '74.—W. F. Morrison was admitted to the order of Deacons, on Sunday, Jan. 31st., at Grace Church, Baltimore.

BIBB, '76.—W. A. Bibb is in the hardware business in New York City.

ERVIN, '76.—It has been a painful surprise to his many friends in college to learn that J. B. Erwin has accepted an appointment to West Point. The loss of no other man could have affected his classmates more deeply, and they tender him their heartiest wishes for his future welfare.

SCUDDER, '77.—We are glad to welcome back to college, E. M. Scudder, after a long illness.

PARTICLES.

Strained wit, particles; but we have heard that strained, or studied wit is no wit at all. Correct.—Coasting parties are getting fashionable.—A Junior charmed with the expressiveness of Craik's diction was heard rapturously ranting about "the gushing tenderness of Desmonia." Treacherous memory.—Those who preserve files of the Tablet, can be supplied with back numbers by calling upon the managing Editor.—"A good word, we'll take two plates" is now the current expression around college.—The Ember-meeting on Friday evening, the 12th inst., was largely attended. Those present had the pleasure of listening to very interesting addresses from the Bishop, clerical members of the Faculty and Mr. Knight of the city.—Adolphus Hall drew a ham at Zera's entertainment.—Bishop Williams finished his course of lectures on English History to the Juniors on Friday, the 12th inst., and has now taken up that of U. S.—A Junior in illustrating on the board "the times of beginning, middle and end of lunar eclipse, by projection." wrote under his figure, "this is no run-away smash-up.—The students should remember that ball-playing of any kind in the gymnasium is strictly forbidden.—A student recently dropped a number of suspicious leaves upon the class-room floor. He should recollect that if one carries Bohns in his pocket they will rattle.—If tumultuous applause is any indication, we think all will agree with us in saying that the "oratoricals" were highly appreciated.—Io died of potassium.—The proposed dance met with little encouragement, and consequently, has been given up.—Riding on a rail, using a horse that is all skin and Bohn.—What is a man to do, when a friend goes through all his private

papers, and upon being remonstrated with, simply says: "Oh, but we are such good friends, you know.—Recitation in English—Student reading from black-board: "Ben Johnson's conception of character was not good. Style, very good, but coarse. General effect, very good.—A Fresh. translates "Nunquam animus," "never mind."—A cer-Junior intends buying a microscope for astronomical purposes.—A new version of an old proberb, "Shakspeare never repeats." "Shakspeare and Freshmen never repeat," said a Fresh., when asked for his last remark.—A festive soph. once remarked to his friends at dinner that that was a recitation he never "cut." Yes, said Soph. No. 2, and you always make an "X" strike at it.—That Junior, who has just returned was detained by *pressing* courting business.—The passages have not been lighted as yet nor have stoves been placed in rooms No. 50 of B. H. and J. H.—Particle thinks that the President ought to have given us a reception in honor of his election. "It is never too late to do good," however.—Prof. to student in recitation room—"arrange that board parallel to my vision." Student reflects.—A Fresh. calls a N. Y. Soph. "an elongated watermelon." Why?—Junior remarks, "Oh, I suppose I am one of the strongest men in college."—Prof. to Freshman—What is the meaning of "pupilla?" Freshman—It means a little girl, so called from the fact that we usually have them in our eyes.—The Professor of Latin teaches the Infant class of Christ Church Sunday School. He takes off one for every mistake.—The Professors in the recitation-rooms are never satisfied with "'76." They are always calling Moore. That may be all right, but it does look suspicious, when they cannot get along without calling for "Jugs" and Porter.—The next Tablet will be published March 13th.—Soph. to waiter—"Waiter, what's this? Waiter. Its been soup, Sir." Soph. "I don't care what it's been, what is it now? you dog."—"Why did you call us chicken-hearted

in the Fall Race!" exclaimed a wrathful Boating-man. "Because the Boat crew all the way down the river. This is a joke.—One of our editors recently Hurd Jones Norton out. "What's the Mather?—A Junior the other night, mistook some following "peelers" for the procession of the equinoxes, and cried out, "Blast you, k-k-keep your mean distances." They made him see stars soon in earnest.—One of the alumni is making dough-nuts in Waterbury. We hope he makes good ones.—A Junior wants to know if lying is allowed by poetic license—A Senior, being told that the mercury was 60° F. said that's a fair height.—A certain Fresh. has a sort of mania for standing on a bridge and seeing the cars run under.—Professor: "Nero used to station men in various parts of the theatre to applaud him. The noise of the clapping of twenty-five hundred pairs of hands was enormous—" Class experiments. Professor continuing, "and when any one clapped at the wrong time he was put out of the theatre!" Class subsides.—The seating capacity of the Opera House, 1,900; Allyn Hall, 1,300.—A Freshman says that the Gospel of St. John was written 97. B. C. Another said that the mother of Julius Cæsar was Rhea Silvia.—President Pynchon is now on a visit to St. Paul's School and Harvard College.—We are sorry not to have space to mention our Exchanges.—Prof. Hart reports progress on his forthcoming edition of Persius.—We congratulate ourselves upon the hearty response to our appeal for communications.—See the difference in the synonyms "Cork up" and "Dry up." The latter stops up permanently, but "Cork up" gives hope of another flow of nonsense.

COLLEGE CLIPPINGS.

Scene, Laboratory.—Assistant bustling among a multitude of glass jars accidentally knocks one to the floor, dashing it into a thousand fragments. Prof. E—— surveys the wreck mourn-

fully, but cheerfully remarks, "Blessed are the peace-makers."—*Packer Quarterly.*

A Junior in sending home an itemized account of expenses to *pater familias*, had inserted among other things: "Ponies, \$10.00;" to which the old gent responds, "I hardly think you needed a pony, but seeing they are so cheap, you might bring home a span, as they would be mighty handy to do chores with."—*Reporter.*

Pres.—"Self-reserve is the ticket that will win any woman's heart."

Senior, (wildly—"Give me two tickets."—*Transcript.*

Tutor.—"What is the meaning of *cæcus*?"

Cheeky Student—"A bad sailor, I presume, sir."

Tutor—"No, sir, that would be *nauticus*."—*Brunonian.*

Prof. in Constitutional Law—"Does the constitution require any moral qualifications of Congressmen?"

Student—"No Sir, if it did we should have a pretty small Congress!"—*Dartmouth.*

TRIGONOMETRY CLASS.—*Prof.*—"Well, sir, have you written out those formulas?"
Pupil.—"No, sir; couldn't. You see, I have a sore foot, and the tangent thereof, divided by the casine of the angle of my digitate computers, left a negative quantity, which this blank sheet shows. Couldn't write; stands to reason I couldn't."—*Index.*

JUNIOR CLASS.—*Prof.*—"Mr. P——, translate!"

Student.—"I pass, Professor."

Prof.—"I order you up, Mr. P——."

Another Student (well versed in the art.)—"You can't order a man up after he's passed. (Professor promises to think it over).—*Collegian.*

OLEOPATRA.

She took a little poison snake,
And hid it in her gown.

He gave his tail a little shake,
And did the job up brown.

She laid herself upon the bed,
Where she was wont to lie;

Undid her chignon from her head,
And followed Antony.

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