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WE think the proper authorities have made a great mistake in not setting out some trees upon the campus. This is something which does not admit of delay from season to season. The plans of how the grounds are to be laid out are all complete, and there is no reason why this important step should be put off any longer. To part with the venerable trees, which adorned our old campus, was one of our hardest trials, and the deficiency here should be remedied as soon as possible.

The next number of the TABLET will be issued Friday, April 23rd, 1880.

A burlesque is also to be given for the benefit of the Athletic Association. From present appearances we would judge that it will be a most enjoyable affair. We have not yet learned the date, but it certainly will be largely attended whenever given. Also the sweet strains from the band, which is to form part of the minstrel organization, can be heard every Saturday morning. Taking everything into consideration there is enough going on to keep every one busy.

THE coming field meeting bids fair to be the most successful that we have ever given. More general interest, we think, will be taken in it. The character of the prizes will also be changed for the better. We have the silver cup for the short dash, and for all the events valuable prizes will be given. In former meetings we have made some excellent records, while others have been poor. This, we think, will not occur again. One of the most interesting events will be the tug of war between the college team, and one chosen from the city.

WITH the coming of Spring there has been a general awaking, and many enterprises are on foot. Our ball nine never had brighter prospects, the fear that was expressed last fall that our weak point would be our pitcher has been removed and, judging from the number of men in training, there will be no difficulty in filling the other positions well. The nine have not fallen into the mistake of other years and put off settling down to work until the last moment, but they have begun in time and are working faithfully, and though it is true that "there is many a slip between the cup and the lip," we may reasonably expect that our nine will do us credit in the ensuing season. Certainly they will not make the record of last year's team.

THE spirit of mischief, which we mentioned in our last issue as being rife among the students, has taken, in the Sophomore Class, a very disagreeable form. We refer to the systematic way in which the Greek recitations have been disturbed. We always appreciate a joke, but, when it is carried so far that men forget to be gentlemen, it is time to raise our voice against it. The disturbance was systematically carried on for the express purpose of annoying the Professor in charge of the recitation. We do not believe that the whole class was implicated in the disturbance, but, for merely being passive, the responsibility rests upon them all, for it is absurd to say that a few men could have carried on in such a manner if the others had resolutely set their faces against it. Certainly it was an unmanly spirit that actuated them, and, as such, should not have been tolerated. It is to be hoped that it will never occur again.

WE are glad to state that Dr. Eccleston is to give two more of his interesting lectures, the proceeds of which are to be devoted towards helping the Sophomores to lay out the Athletic grounds. The completion, therefore, of the grounds in a thorough manner is thus assured. From the pleasure with which the former lecture on Westminster Abbey was listened to, there is no doubt but that those which have been arranged will be largely attended. Dr. Eccleston is one of the most pleasing lecturers which it has ever been our good fortune to listen to. His style is at once simple and pleasing, and after spending a couple of hours listening to him, you leave with the feeling that you have been both amused and instructed. Great credit is due to the gentlemen who have the arrangements in charge, that they have succeeded in making this second engagement with him. Thanks in great measure to them, the finances of our various organizations were never in a more flourishing condition than at present.

IN another column will be found a communication, giving the number of chapel services which students at Oxford are requir-

ed to attend weekly, which we hope will be read with the care and consideration which it deserves. This question has been thoroughly discussed in the columns of this paper, time and again, but the question is of such a nature that it does not permit us to be silent. We base our claim for the granting of the privilege of attending but one service a day, on the ground of the absurdity of forcing men to attend two services a day, against their will, and we claim also, that what has been found expedient in other colleges should be taken into consideration here.

To convince any unprejudiced person of the folly of forcing men to do that which is of no avail if it is not a voluntary action, it would be necessary only to attend one of our evening services. Its condemnation will appear instantly. With the exception of a few, who would probably attend whether it were voluntary or not, the service is gone through as a mere form, simply mechanical, the only desire seems to be to get through as quickly as possible with an unpleasant duty. As a consequence of this our chapel services are a failure. They not only do not do good but they work a positive injury. It is for this reason that they appear so listless, that the responses are so feeble, and men so restless. All this could not fail of attracting any one's notice who was here for the first time. But if what we ask for were granted, there would be a change. We would have *true worship* in our services instead of the lifeless spirit which is now manifested.

It has been found expedient to reduce the number of compulsory chapels in all the colleges in this country, and every where it has been found to produce good results. It will also be observed from the communication that in all the Colleges of Oxford no one is obliged to attend more than one service a day, and in many of them even more cuts are allowed. Surely all these examples should weigh with us.

Trinity has been styled the Oxford of America; let her resemble Oxford in this particular, at least. We do not ask for the abolition of evening chapel, but that it should be made voluntary, or else that we be allowed one cut a day to be taken indiscriminately, either from morning or evening prayers.

*REMINISCENCES OF ELLEN.*

A CHAMBERMAID OF LONG AGO.

Of all the fair that graced of yore the shades of Trinity,  
None fairer, lovelier than our Ellen could be found,  
That form of matchless grace, like shape of some divinity,  
Was not more perfect than that head with fillet bound.

Those feet that trod so soft and quick, those hands so  
small and white,  
Were fit indeed a fay or houri to adorn;  
That shapely smiling mouth, those eyes that shone with  
tender light,  
Float back to me on flood of recollections borne.

And thou would'st come and with thy gently gliding step  
advance  
(All this in morning's prime, ere yet we were arrayed)  
Attack our door and enter with a timid, frightened glance,  
And start in terror at our forms, half dress displayed.

And what was that would follow thee with head and face  
concealed,  
And hide behind thy dress, thou sweetly gracious dame?  
Why, 'twas thy lovely daughter that would stand at length  
revealed,  
Whose beauty did all hearts with Cupid's fire inflame.

Together would they seek the bed, and having smoothed  
the sheet,  
Would draw the crumpled pillow to its rightful place;  
Then pulling up the counterpane, would think their work  
complete,  
And turn from this short task, with calm and placid face.

Fair Ellen, with her gliding step, would start toward the  
door,  
But I would seize her, and in stern command enquire,  
Why fill'st thou not my jar, O dame! with water from thy  
store?  
Dost think for liquid pure, we men have no desire?

She would as pale as death then grow, and beg me to  
forbear;  
Kind sir, when you have heard my tale so full of gloom,  
No longer will you wonder, that in grief and in despair,  
I hasten through my task, and rush from room to room.

Two cents is all I get for each and every bed I make,  
It sickens me to think the wrongs that I must stand;  
My butcher comes, and bids me pay his money for the  
steak,  
I bought to keep my child from cruel starvation's hand.

If any of you boys would like a neat and well swept  
floor,  
No cobwebs on your walls, a clean and dustless hall,  
Remember (here she makes a bow and glides towards the  
door),  
That I must do it for two cents, two cents and that is all.

And she is gone, alas! that charming, uncomplaining  
thing,

Another beauty fills her hard and ill-paid place;  
But future years nor ages can to our poor vision bring  
A form like Ellen's form, a heaven like her face.

STERNE.

*LEAVES FROM MY DIARY.*

CONTRIBUTED BY AN OLD TRINITY MAN.

On the first Monday evening of my college residence, we had the annual push-rush with the Sophomores. For days before the contest, the Juniors trotted us all over the Campus "practicing." They advised us to thoroughly pad ourselves, as, otherwise, we might be laid up because of the ill treatment which we should receive at the hands of the Sophomores. This advice was not calculated to enhance our courage. I began to wish that I was out of it. However, as I did not wish to back down, I put a bold face on the matter, and said that I was indifferent whether I escaped with one rib broken or two. At length, the eventful evening arrives. The Seniors have charge of the Sophomores, and the Juniors look after our interests. After a preliminary run, the command is given to advance and meet the foe. The opposing armies approach each other with steady march. They meet. The crush was great and I never experienced such a squeezing before, although the padding protected me somewhat. It was uncertain which side would conquer but we finally yielded, at first, imperceptibly, then more rapidly, and finally our ranks were broken up and scattered. The Sophomores did not cease their onward march until they had walked over some of our men. The enemy never forgot to crow over their victory, and afterwards called themselves The Weighty Sophomores. Many of our men, in the struggle, were almost stripped of their clothing. Most of us were lame and sore for days afterwards.

Allow me to tell you one of the accidents that happened during this rush. In the height of the encounter, some one hurled my head against the eye of Billy Brasse, who was directly behind me. The latter yelled and gave me such a ferocious kick,

that I felt it for days, especially when I sat down. But Billy's agony was painful to witness, and I am afraid he swore, but do not wish to say for certain. If he did not, it sounded very much like it. Next day, Billy did not put in an appearance at any of the college exercises, so I went to his room to see what was the matter. Poor Billy was in bed with one eye closed, so swollen and black was the surrounding region. He did not leave his room for three days. Billy may smile now, should he read these lines, but he did not smile then.

My parents were so pleased with my reception, that they sent me a hamper full of good things to entertain my newly-found friends. I entertained about twelve in my room, one evening. Billy was well enough to be present, although too sick to attend recitations or evening chapel. What a pleasant time we had! There was spread before us delicious cold poultry, fruit, confectionery—in fact everything that a student could wish for. We had also a good supply of old port and sherry. At a given signal, we twelve hungry and thirsty students began the repast. Little ceremony was observed, and the spread, or rather the eating, was proceeding smoothly. When we were about half way through, an ominous knock was heard at the door. There was immediate silence. You could have heard a pin drop. The knock was repeated. With a feeling of desperation, I yelled: Come in! The caller was a Professor. I remembered the rule of the College that no intoxicating liquors are allowed in the student's rooms. Here I had two dozen of old port and sherry, upon which anyone could easily and quickly get as stiff as a goat! Exposure, expulsion, and disgrace seemed to me inevitable. The Professor stood at the door and took in the whole situation. I faintly offered him a chair. He accepted. I then ventured to invite him to our repast. He likewise accepted with the remark: Thank you Sir; what a pleasant thing it is to entertain one's friends! These events emboldened me to ask: Professor, will you take a bottle of wine? If you please, Sir, and I would prefer a small tumbler to a wine glass. We all gradually recovered from our fright, and the Professor, who was really one of the

most popular members of the Faculty, expressed his opinion, that stern old Cato went off on a drunk, once in a while, and that dear old Socrates could not get along without his occasional "batt." Under these pleasant circumstances, we all got merry. Many songs were sung, and the Professor kindly sang us one of his old College songs "How can I leave her?" We separated at a late hour, or, more accurately, at an early hour, and I have no hesitation in saying, that this was one of the most agreeable evenings that I ever spent at College.

(To be Continued.)

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TO ALICE.

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Oh Alice, maid of Hartford fair,  
With lovely eyes and nut-brown hair,  
Pray listen just a wee.  
A dream I had, which now I'll tell.  
Ah! memories dear my heart will swell  
With secret love for thee.

I dreamt I journeyed on my way  
Through lands of snow, one winter's day;  
So cold it was, so clear.  
The night came on, but still I sped,  
And many were the thoughts that fled  
To you, who were not near.

The stars shone down, those lights above  
Which shine so bright to those who love,  
And guard and guide us all.  
To them I sailed on snow-white clouds  
Where star-mist soon the night unshrouds  
And lights her sable pall.

'T was then one star shone—oh! so bright  
That day seemed born from out the night  
And darkness fled afar.  
And lo! I heard an angel's voice  
That sweetly said: "Be this thy choice,"  
And pointed to the star.

And lo! the star changed wondrous fair,  
A form I saw, dark eyes, the hair  
Was nut-brown, truly thine.  
Without one murmur from thy lips  
I took the nectar Cupid sips,  
And loving called thee mine.

L.

## A RETROSPECT.

About fifty years ago, the Trustees of Washington College, as our *Alma Mater* was then called, found that it would be advisable to circulate information about its condition, purpose, regulations, and other particulars. On the 2d of August, 1826, they informed the public that, "The College is situated on elevated ground, about half a mile from the city of Hartford. There are two handsome edifices of stone; the one for the residence of students, the other containing the Chapel, and all necessary publick rooms."

This elevated ground, about half a mile from the city, is now the site of the new State House, and is surrounded by a beautiful park. May we not hope that before many years, the vacant spaces around our present college grounds will become occupied; as were those around the "new campus" of 1826, the old farm lands, whose purchase was but a single instance of the wisdom of our venerable Founder, and first President?

Economical parents of the modern student might well sigh for a return of "the good old times," if they could see the schedule of the "proper collegiate expenses" of the student of half a century ago. The bill for Tuition was then eleven dollars a term; room-rent, three dollars and a half, use of the Library, one dollar; and for fuel, recitation-rooms, sweeping, printing and ringing the bells, there was a tax of two dollars a term. This latter our predecessors must have interpreted far differently from their instructors; for old "Professor Jim" used to think that they intended to get the worth of their money, by ringing the Chapel bell at midnight.

We should imagine that keeping students' boarding-houses, was not so great a source of revenue, as at the present day; for this same catalogue of 1826 announced that "Boarding may be had in private families, near the college, at one dollar and fifty cents per week, and no student is permitted to give more than that sum." The thrift of our progenitors is shown forth in a little note at the end of the small volume, which commands that "Each student shall be presented with a copy of this catalogue, for which he shall be charged the sum of twenty-five cents."

The student of the olden time did not spend

his substance in riotous living, as, perhaps, some do at the present day; for the far-seeing Faculty ordained that, "To prevent extravagant or improper expenditures of money by the students, all monies designed for their use, shall be placed by their parents or guardians, in the hands of the college Bursar, who shall have the control of the purchase of all articles necessary for the students' use, and who shall charge a duty of three per cent. on all money so expended, and if any student shall receive any money which does not pass through the hands of the Bursar, he shall be liable to dismissal from the institution."

These regulations seem rather severe, even for fifty years ago; but our forefathers appear to have endured them, and also many rules of a similar strictness relating to all the other matters of a life at college. They used to attend chapel at five and a half o'clock, each morning; besides which, there was evening service also. During the regular hours for study, which really must have occupied all their time not used up by Chapel and recitations, the poor students were forbidden, under severest penalty, to lie down upon their beds or couches. No cards, dice, or other articles for gaming, were allowed in the buildings. Attendance at any theatre, circus, or any other place of amusement, was strictly forbidden, as was also the purchase of meals at "any hotel, publick tavern or grocery."

Altogether, we should judge that, if the student of fifty years ago had any existence or identity, after his severe course of training, he must have had a pretty strong will of his own, and we rejoice in our life at college hampered by no such restrictions, thinking "what a jolly life we lead 'neath the elms of Trinity."

## COMMUNICATIONS.

[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.]

## A SUGGESTION.

*To the Editor of the Tablet:*

Why cannot we have a billiard tournament for the college championship? There are

many good players in college, and I think a great deal of interest would be shown. I make this suggestion, to the players, hoping they will move in the matter.

A LOVER OF THE GAME.

CHAPEL ATTENDANCE AT OXFORD.

OXFORD, ENGLAND, }  
Feb. 23d, 1880. }

To the Editors of the Tablet :

I have seen the first January number of the TABLET and was very glad to see a good TABLET, and also the good changes which appear to have lately been made in certain college matters—especially chapel attendance.

It occurred to me, when I first came here, that it would be interesting to find out what were the rules of the different colleges about chapel attendance, and to see if that question vexed them as much as it does Trinity. Seeing by your columns that the subject seems to be still under discussion, I have concluded to send you the result of my inquiries.

All the colleges of Oxford are given, except All Souls, which, being intended only for Fellows and not for undergraduates, has nothing to do with our case.

*Christ Church.* Morning obligatory, afternoon voluntary.

*Keble.* Two cuts a week allowed from morning, afternoon voluntary.

*St. John's.* Nine cuts a week allowed, taken from either morning or afternoon.

*Balliol.* Both morning and afternoon voluntary.

*Brasenose.* Two cuts a week from morning, afternoon voluntary.

*New College.* Afternoon voluntary, Junior students have one cut a week from morning chapel; Senior students more.

*Queen's College.* Nine cuts a week taken from either morning or afternoon.

*Magdalen.* Two cuts a week from morning. Afternoon voluntary.

*University College.* Same as Magdalen.

*Lincoln.* Junior students attend every morning; Senior students allowed two cuts a week from morning chapel. Afternoon voluntary for both.

*Jesus.* Morning chapel obligatory. Afternoon voluntary.

*Trinity.* Two cuts a week from morning. Afternoon voluntary.

*Exeter.* Same as Trinity.

*Merion.* Same as Trinity.

*Corpus Christi.* Both morning and afternoon voluntary. But roll call in the morning to be attended.

*Oriel.* Eight cuts a week, taken from either morning or afternoon.

*Wadham.* Both morning and afternoon voluntary.

*Worcester.* Expected to attend one a day, either morning or afternoon.

*Pembroke.* Same as Worcester.

*Hereford.* Three chapels or three roll calls must be attended every week.

At some of the colleges, University College for example, where I have put down that two cuts a week are allowed from morning chapel, the rule actually is that a certain number of chapels are to be kept each term. In such instances I have stated what the average per week would be. In all cases I have considered six days as making a week, since I am not writing to you about the rules of Sunday attendance.

It is hardly necessary, I think, for me to take up your space by further comment on this list. I have long felt convinced, both by experience and theory, that it is worse than useless to drive a man into chapel twice a day against his will. On the other hand, I do not wish to be understood, as wanting to see the chapel services at Trinity done away with, or even made entirely voluntary. I therefore send this list merely to contribute some facts, which I hope may help to a just and successful settlement of the matter.

I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servant,

SYDNEY G. FISHER.

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

PRIZE ORATORICAL.

The Prize Oratorical contest is to take place at Seminary Hall on May 6th.

THE COLLEGE LANTERN.

Owing to erroneous information, we stated in our last number that our magnificent new

lantern had been presented by the class of '79. We have since learned that this is not the case; the lantern is a gift from two friends of the college, who are residents of this city. The great value of this gift can be appreciated by those who have had the pleasure of observing its use during the late lectures.

#### GYMNASTIC EXHIBITION.

It is feared that the gymnastic exhibitions, for which a number of our best athletes have been practising, may fall through. Several of the athletes, who have entered, refuse to take part unless mattresses are provided, and this the association cannot afford. The President of the College has been asked to supply these needed articles and, at first, promised to do so, but has delayed it and now seems to be inclined to refuse. We hope this exhibition will take place, for, from the interest shown in it, we believe that a very interesting performance could be arranged.

#### DR. ECCLESTON'S LECTURES.

The lecture on Westminster Abbey, recently delivered by Rev. Dr. J. C. Eccleston, was so well received that the class of '82. have resolved to engage him to deliver others for the benefit of their athletic field. On the 12th and 16th of April, therefore, he is to lecture at Allyn Hall on Canterbury Cathedral and the Tower of London. Those who were so fortunate as to hear his first able discourse will need no urging to attend these, which are even said to surpass in interest that on the Abbey.

#### TOO PREVIOUS.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult. several of the students were so much encouraged by the warm mild air as to appear in summer garb, light clothing and straw hats, so that, in a brief time, the asphalt walk presented quite a summery appearance. One Sophomore, in a fit of abstraction probably, wore his straw hat into the city, and attracted no little attention. Towards evening, however, as the breezes freshened, there was a summary disappearance of all summer wear, and the hats were put away to wait for another bright day.

#### THE FIELD OF THE CLOTH OF GOLD.

This amusing burlesque is now in course of rehearsal by a number of the students, who

expect to put it on the stage during the second week of this month. The chorus, noted for their musical and dramatic ability, several of them having already appeared on the stage here in the city, are practising almost daily, and from all reports, we expect a very good representation. The play itself, even with poor acting, can make a pleasant evening, and when acted and sung as it will be by the Trinity company, it will be well worth one's time to attend.

#### CHIMES OF NORMANDY.

The Hartford Amateur Opera Company is again rehearsing this bright opera, and expect to give one performance in this city on the 5th of May, and one in New Haven later.

The part of *Germaine*, which was so admirably taken by Mrs. Goddard and which she gave up at her father's death, is to be filled by Miss. Emma Gehring, of this city, a young lady of some reputation as an amateur actress and singer. The rest of the cast will remain as before. The proceeds of the entertainment in this city will be given to the same purpose as before, viz., the Union for Home Work and Church Home.

#### P. V. D.

The Prize Version Declamations will be held on the 27th of May. The order and assignments are as follows:

A. T. Mason.—Demosthenes, 1st Philippic, chapters 30 and 35-47 inclusive.

J. R. Parsons.—Tyrtaeus Elegiacs.

W. L. Crosby.—Demosthenes, DeCorona, chapters 12-20 and 22-24 inclusive.

H. C. Black.—Iliad, Book VI, lines 369-502.

R. T. Reineman.—Lysias against Erasthenes, chapters 26-36.

J. H. McCrackan.—Herodotus, Book VII, chapter 9, and Æschylus' Persæ, 530-600.

#### 82'S FIELD FOR ATHLETICS.

The work on the new field is progressing rapidly. The contract has been awarded to Mr. McClunie, of this city, and no effort will be spared to make it ready for use this season. The present intention is to have a plain, but substantial fence put up (the Faculty have refused permission to erect a high board fence, as was originally proposed,) to build a pavilion, and to lay out a ball field and running track.



Designs for a pavilion to seat 300, have been drawn by Mr. Young, the college carpenter, and will probably be accepted. In our next issue, we hope to be able to give the plans, dimensions, etc. of the field, but have not been able to learn them yet.

#### AMHERST COLLEGE GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

On Monday evening, March 29th, the Amherst Glee Club gave a very enjoyable concert at Roberts Opera House. The selections were well chosen, though there was a predominance of light pieces, and admirably sustained throughout. The great exactness of rendering, which showed the most careful training, is one of the Club's strongest points. Mr. Hilton, the first-tenor soloist, has a very clear, sweet voice of good, though not powerful, volume. The '81 quartette received three well merited encores. Altogether the entertainment was superior to most concerts of the kind; and the audience, which was remarkably large, appreciated it fully.

Many of the musically inclined students were prevented from attending, on account of a rehearsal of the Burlesque.

#### COLLEGE LECTURE.

Soon after the close of Daniel Pratt's lecture, another of a very different nature was delivered by Prof. Holbrooke, in the Chemistry room. This lecture, the second of the series, was on "Campania." and was illustrated by views of Naples, Puteoli, Vesuvius, Pompeii, Sorrento, Caprae, Salerno, Paestum, and by photographs of various pieces of statuary. The audience, which was composed principally of ladies and gentlemen from the city, with only a few of the students, heartily enjoyed the lecture, and applauded generously.

The next lecture in this course was delivered on Thursday, April 1st, by Dr. Bolton, on the subject "Alchemy in Chemistry." In the course of this lecture, reference was made to the works on Alchemy and what we owe to the Alchemists. "Elixir of Life," "Philosopher's Stone," and other such delusions were referred to in an entertaining manner. Portraits, with sketches of their lives, were given of Roger Bacon, Sir Robert Boyle, Basil Valentine, and others. We

also learned that Abou Moussah Dschafar Al Soli was the first Chemist. There was a very large audience present.

We hope that the Professors, who are giving this series, may be induced to repeat them, at some early date, for the benefit of the students alone. At present so many attend from the city, that almost no room is left for the students.

#### DANIEL PRATT, G. G. T.

On Wednesday, the 18th ult., Trinity was again favored with a visit from this celebrated man. He came in solitary dignity, on foot, as Rustemeyer's Tally-ho was, unfortunately, unavailable. Immediately on his arrival, he was met by a large body of the students and escorted to number 14, J. H., where he partially washed his face and hands. He was prevented from finishing this process, which was very pleasing to him on account of its novelty, only by the fear that it might render him unrecognizable, and also by the fact that he was rather limited in time, having only about an hour to spend in preparation.

While this was going on, the students, headed by a band of fog-horns and tub-drum, marched to the Latin room and seated themselves, in preparation for the lecture. After a few minutes' patient waiting, however, Prof. Holbrooke suddenly entered, and announced that he was reluctantly compelled to request the students not to use his room for the lecture, but to adjourn, after arranging the benches. The students, however, left so hurriedly, that the benches were left disarranged. The assembly then adjourned to the Gym. and arranged themselves in very picturesque groups on the apparatus, forming a striking resemblance to Barnum's Happy Family. Mr. Burgwin then read the following list of Vice-Presidents, which was greeted with tumultuous applause:

Rutherford B. Hayes,	Sidney George Fisher,
George F. Heublein,	Mr. Charley Ross,
Henry Ward Beecher,	Adams,
Winfield Scott Moody,	His Honor Gov. Andrews,
Dr. Geo. B. Hawley,	Dennis Kearney,
Robert Ingersoll,	Rev. Herbert H. Hayden,
Susan B. Anthony,	James Gordon Herald,
Samuel Twain,	T. DeWitt Talmage,
Mark Clemens,	Chas. Sumner, (deceased,)
Peter Cooper,	Covey and Smith.

Mr. Loveridge, the President of the day, then introduced Daniel Pratt, speaking in warm, nay, red-hot terms of his fame and talents. And then came Daniel's great effort, "The Criterion of Government," worthy of its author, and in his best style. We will not attempt to reproduce it, for fear of failing to do it justice. During the lecture, hats for contributions were passed around, but the audience were so entranced by the words of wisdom, as to be unable to see the collectors. The amount collected was, therefore, rather small, so small in fact, that Daniel, after a song, descended from his platform and declined to remain longer. By this sudden move he just escaped a smart shock, as, within a minute after he had left the stage, a cannon-cracker was exploded beneath it. And so he left us, disappointed, and returned to the city, shaking off some of the dust of Trinity from his gondolas, and we shall never see him more. W—n—? W—h—e—.

IT is with great sorrow that we chronicle the loss which President Pynchon sustained in the sudden death of his mother, on Thursday, April 1st, and in behalf of the students whom we represent, would extend to him our most heart-felt sympathy in his bereavement.

Mrs. Mary Pynchon was the daughter of James Murdock, of Schenectady, N. Y., and wife of the late H. R. Pynchon, of New Haven, Ct. The funeral services will be held at Trinity Church, New Haven, on Saturday, April 3d, at 3 P. M.

### DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES.

#### COLUMBIA.

It is probable that a large number of men will elect Anglo-Saxon next year. Of course, all the Gemot will take it in.

The trick of hitting the electric annunciators before the right time, was successful a short time ago. The first division of '82 were the gainers.

#### HARVARD.

The supper of the Sophomore Class took place at Young's, on Wednesday evening,

about eighty members of the class being present.

About 1,000 persons witnessed the exhibition in the Harvard Gymnasium last Saturday. The 20th and 27th are the dates of the other two exhibitions.

#### RACINE.

Sophomores drop their studies for something more satisfying, for instance, marbles.

The Freshmen are in despair, after all had procured cribs to Herodotus, for their unfeeling Professor suddenly decided to have them read "Timon" of Lucian, instead. Cribs for this are said to be unknown. Several of the class have bought Shakespeare's "Timon of Athens," supposing it to be a translation.

#### VASSAR.

The Faculty Table rejoices in a new bell. Its silvery tones are a great improvement on its sharp-voiced predecessor.

The musical library is increasing in size. It now contains all Beethoven's Symphonies, and representative works of all the best composers.

#### WILLIAMS.

An ambitious Freshman feels much aggrieved because he has not received a position on the glee club. He says his voice has a compass of *five octaves*.

At a recent election in one of the literary societies, a Sophomore of renown called for the reading of the names of the persons *illegible* to the office of President.

There has not been a birth, death, accident, or crime, committed in town since the last *Athenæum*. If some one, will please commit suicide, we will write a long obituary of him. —*Athenæum*.

#### YALE.

The Senior mathematical prize will not be awarded this year as no one competed for it.

Several enterprising juniors are going to walk from here to New York during vacation. Dwellers by the wayside please take notice.

The candidates for the freshmen crew are working well together, and the indications are that their boat will do the class justice in the spring.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

An addition is to be made to Wellesley College to cost \$37,000 and will require two years for completing.

Boating is picking up at Wesleyan, shells are seen upon the river, notwithstanding the swift and high water.

Allegheny College has had a communication from Catskill similar to the one received by Trinity students. It was published, or rather a paraphrase of it, in the *Campus*.

The Freshmen, at the *Univ. of Chicago*, are not receiving much attention of late, notwithstanding the large quantity of ladies among them. It will be different when they grow a little older.

The *Haverfordian* says:—"Already we begin to hear encouraging prospects for the incoming class of next year. We trust the most sanguine hopes of the Managers may be realized. Their efforts to improve the institution have been by no means small. We have long believed that Haverford needed only to be known to be appreciated, and the present prospects attest the fact."

The Oxford crew had an average weight of 171½ pounds, while the Cambridge crew weighed only 169 pounds. The number of undergraduates at Oxford is steadily increasing. This year it reaches 2,814. Last year 291 took the degree of M. A.—*Ex.*

## PERSONALS.

[It is particularly desired that the Alumni furnish us with all items of interest that may come to their knowledge, concerning every one who has been connected with the College.]

CHURCH, '31. The address of Thomas Brownell Church is Grand Rapids, Mich.

BAYLY, '34. Alexander Hamilton Bayly, M. D., is still living at Cambridge, where he is a prominent physician.

MINEK, '46. The Rev. Noyes G. Miner, D. D., has become pastor of the Clinton Ave. Baptist Church, Trenton, N. J.

PENDLETON, '46. The Rev. Geo. W. Pendleton, D. D., is in charge of the Baptist Church at Perth Amboy, N. J.

JACOBS, '47. The Rev. Jacob Jacobs, D. D., is now residing in New Haven, Conn.

HASELL, '50. L. C. Hasell, M. D., is now

living on a plantation near Georgetown, S. C. He is no longer engaged in the practice of medicine.

TOWNER, '52. Theron G. Towner is still in Europe where he has now spent several years.

HARRIS, '58. The Rev. W. R. Harris, D. D., is now residing at Marblehead, Mass.

BROWN, '64. The address of the Rev. Thomas McKee Brown is 224 West 45th St., New York.

HUDSON, '71. Rev. R. Hudson has been called to Trinity Church, Pittsburg, in the capacity of Assistant Rector.

PARSONS, '71. The Rev. A. F. Parsons, D. D., has accepted the rectorship of a church in Central Falls, R. I.

CHASE, '72. Horace R. Chase is practicing law in Peoria, Ill.

HARRIMAN, '72. The Rev. F. W. Harriman, has accepted the rectorship of Trinity Church, Portland, Conn.

SARTWELLE, '75. The Rev. W. D. Sartwelle, has resigned the rectorship of the church in Waco, Texas. His present address is Comanche, Texas.

SCUDDER, '75. The engagement of Charles M. Scudder to Miss Louise W. Evarts, the youngest daughter of Secretary Evarts, has been announced. Mr. Scudder is at present house-surgeon at Bellevue Hospital, but intends to go abroad, near the end of April, to complete his studies.

SHERMAN, '77. Harry M. Sherman recently took the third Harsen prize, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was also one of the honor men of the graduating class, taking the rank of second in a class of 117.

LYMAN, '78. A. Julian Lyman was in town last week.

STEWART, '78. George T. Stewart sails for Europe on April 7th.

SCOTT, '78. Horace B. Scott was in town for a few days this week.

FISHER, '79. On Monday evening, March 15, a few of the classmates of Mr. S. G. Fisher, '79, assembled at Delmonico's, to express their pleasure at his safe return from "foreign parts," and to bid him welcome to his native land. Since graduating, Mr. Fisher has been traveling in England and on the continent, and has passed considerable time in Egypt. He brings back an immense collection of relics, among which is a piece of the sphinx. A very pleasant evening was spent at the festal board, and many recollections of college days were brought up and laughed over with a heartiness which would have shaken the "dim religious" arches and pillars of Jarvis or Seabury, had it happened within

their walls, and have attracted the attention of old Diogenes, prowling about with his infernal lantern. Toasts were proposed to absent ones, and it was regretted that more of the class could not be present, to join in this courtesy to their president. There will be a reunion of the class next Commencement,

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### OBITUARY.

STETSON, '29. James A. Stetson, M. D., died at Quincy, Mass., March 15th, at the age of 74. Mr. Stetson pursued his professional studies at the Harvard Medical School, and was at the time of his death the oldest physician in Norfolk County.

IVES, '56. The Rev. Angus Morison Ives died at Tuckahoe, N. Y., March 21st, aged 45 years. He was the son of the Rev. Caleb Smith Ives, of the class of '30.

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### EXCHANGES.

Among the many exchanges, which have reached us since the last issue of the TABLET, we find a new *College Mercury*. It is to be published monthly by the College of the City of New York, and supported by the students in a body, with pens as well as purses. *Mercury*, we wish you the success which seems to attend our other acquaintance of the same name. Your extract from the *Acta*, entitled "The Parable of the Grind," is rather blasphemous; indeed we were somewhat surprised to see it in the columns of that paper. Though not wishing to find fault with a newborn babe, we must confess our inability to discover anything in this article worthy of a reprint.

The *Vassar Miscellany*, for March, is a number of which the Students' Association of Vassar College may feel proud. The story in five chapters, "The Dance to Death," is well written. A need often felt in our college publications, is an article that can form a mean between the two extremes, College-gossip and deep literary productions. In addition to its other merits, the *Miscellany* gives us a very good account of what has taken place in the institution of which it is the organ.

In the *Yale Record* for March 13th, the Senior Editors utter their valedictory. It is always interesting to compare the first and last efforts of a board of editors. One who

does this is generally impressed with the benefits which attend College Journalism, at least so far as the editors are concerned.

The *Beacon*, of Boston University has several long literary articles, which are well written, but appear to us rather heavy. This impression is strengthened by the perusal of the college-gossip, which is unusually bright and interesting. We regretted to find so short a space devoted to it.

The *Herald* of the Syracuse University gives a very interesting editorial upon the development of College Journalism. It says: "Of the four hundred so-called colleges in the United States, it is safe to assert, there is an average of one regular published journal for each. They are issued annually, quarterly, monthly, semi-monthly, weekly, semi-weekly, and Harvard is now demonstrating the fact that a daily can be well sustained."

The solution of puzzles, judging from the title of an article in the *Spectator*, seems to be a very popular amusement at Columbia. Since it appeared in this paper, all of which generally merits a careful perusal, we were at first disposed to read it, notwithstanding a very decided antipathy to the subject. Alas, we overrated our strength! In a moment we were obliged to thrust the paper aside. At the mysterious numbers 13-15-14, the same feeling of sickness crept upon us, which we have often experienced on hearing a quotation from a certain opera.

The *Brunonian* for March 13th has culled some interesting statistics from the report of the *Statistical Society*. This report was styled "An Inquiry into Students' Books," and disclosed most curious facts in regard to their libraries. One student had only four books. They were as follows: *Anthon's Juvenal*, *Anthon's Homer*, *Chaucer*, and the "Meditations" of Des Cartes. *Webster's Dictionary* was the most common possession, and that which showed most use was *Tennyson's Poems*. There were 7,249 books altogether, and of these 1,621 were Ponies, or translations of classical authors.

The number of exchanges before us is unusually large, and among them we are glad to find the *Under-graduates Journal of Oxford and Cambridge*, also the *Rugby Meteor*.

## PARTICLES.

Hum.  
 Is it alive?  
 Fireworks.  
 Straw hats.  
 Has it a name?  
 The Ball Field is being laid out.  
 Easter eggs for the Soph's—Goose eggs.  
 The Tug of War team is practicing daily.  
 Why haven't the Seniors brought out their tops?  
 Festivities are renewed. Fourth German last night.  
 It is whispered that we are going to have a Rifle Club.  
 Daniel Pratt G. A. T. is about to issue the *Gridiron*, (so he says).  
 The Seniors paraded last Thursday. The Sophomores started an opposition company.  
*Ad duos feretra hunc tulerunt* was translated: They bore him away after two beers.  
 The Gym. has been made more convenient for the ball nine, the windows being properly attended to.  
 Sophomore, translating *Suetonius. Tres sexus feminini totidem mares*. Three of the female sex all married.  
 Two Lectures are to be given by Dr. Eccleston, at which the Glee Club will probably sing. The dates are April 12th and 16th.  
 It was a curious Senior who gazed at a pretty Miss, standing at the front door; thinking she had retired, he went up and perused the door plate.  
 Prof.:—"Mr. A, what does Labienus say of Brutus, sir?"  
 Student, (prompting):—"Last of the Romans."  
 Mr. A.:—"Lacedemonian."  
 Prof.:—"No, sir, you didn't quite catch the sound, sir."  
 (Great uproar.)  
 The two students who drove to New Britain, hoping to find South Britain within a few miles of it, and learned that it was in New Haven County, were taught a lesson in practical geography. What are we to infer from the fact that these same students, on their return, frantically reined in their steed before a R. R. crossing, at the crowing of a rooster?

## BOOK REVIEWS.

*The Atlantic Monthly*. The April number of this popular magazine contains the first installment of Mr. Aldrich's serial story, "The Stillwater Tragedy." Anything from this able writer is interesting, and this promises to be doubly so. In "Clary's Trial," Miss Cooke gives the reader a graphic sketch of New England, in its early days, when women were publicly whipped at the whipping post. Mr. R. G. White contributes a paper entitled, "A Canterbury Pilgrimage," which is very pleasant reading. This is, by far, the best article that Mr. Grant has written, resulting from his recent visit to England. The admirers of Coleridge will not be pleased with Mr. Lathrop's essay. There are many striking passages in it, but, on the whole, it is weak. The writer of "Reminiscences of Washington," treats of the Jackson Administration, 1829-1835. The presidential voter will be interested in the article "The Republican Candidates for the Presidency," written by an anonymous author. Mr. W. D. Howells continues his serial story "The Undiscovered Country." J. G. Whittier's "The Lost Occasion," fully sustains the poet's reputation. Other eminent authors assist in making this number one of the best that has been issued.

*Thoughts and Events*. The sixteenth number of the first volume of a new periodical, published in New York by Wm. O. McDowell under the editorship of C. N. Bovee, has come to our notice. It is very aptly styled *Thoughts and Events*, for its articles are chiefly on problems which are agitating the best intellect of the country, and events of great interest to every citizen of the land. In this issue, we note a very able editorial on "Too Large Cities," articles on "Municipal Rings," "Labor Troubles," and "Our Financial History." It contains a very interesting account of the Woman's Hotel in Boston, and a discussion of the prospect in the coming Academy Exhibition. Mr. Josiah Quincy's recollections of "A Puritan Academy," Andover, are very entertaining. The poetry is quite ordinary. Taken all in all, it is a very bright and instructive weekly.