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Some traces of moral improvement may be recognized in the fact that, in their occasional recounters, the under classes do not indulge in quite so much blackguardism as formerly, and that the walls of the halls and other public places are not defaced or disgraced with inscriptions remarking, in no very complimentary terms, their wonted opinions of each other.

There are some members of this College who seem to spend much of their time in little else than "to hear and to tell some new thing." The latest rumor is, that the Faculty have voted to inflict, by the way of suspension and reduction of standing, a wholesale slaughter, upon all who engaged in the customary hat rush between the under classes. We will be at pains to state that this report

is quite unfounded, and that the Faculty have not yet an idea of taking any such action, though it would perhaps argue their wisdom if they did.

We noticed on the bulletin-board, the other day, a call for a meeting of the Athletic Association. We hope that this means a real revival of athletic interests among the students. It is not enough to hold a meeting now and then, and go into the gymnasium for a few minutes once in a great while. The Association should be established on a firm footing, an exhibition appointed to be held, prizes offered, and enthusiasm aroused in every possible way. We continually hear complaints because there are no gymnastic exhibitions or outdoor athletic contests, from the very ones who should take steps in the matter, those who are athletes and influential enough to start the project. The students should remember this: if they want athletic interests fostered, let them make an energetic beginning themselves, and they will soon see their labors crowned with success.

Another meeting of the trustees has been held, and still we have no professor of oratory. It has been a year now since Professor Russell resigned his charge of the department, and during that time we have not had a particle of instruction in that important branch. What is the cause of this neglect on the part of the trustees? Has some insane idea that instruction in oratory is unnecessarily taken possession of their brains, or are they unable to find a suitable man for the vacated position? Granting that the latter is

the case, they are still greatly at fault, for they might easily secure some one to supply the place temporarily.

It is needless to dilate here upon the importance of having a knowledge of oratory. We all appreciate it, and wish that we could have the proper advantages for the study of it. It is to be hoped that the trustees will soon take the matter in hand, and atone for their culpable neglect by appointing a good professor.

The object of most general interest, just at present, is the Freshman. During the first week or two of his appearance, he undergoes a rigorous scrutiny in all his phases; his chances of success or disaster, in the various rushes and contests of a like sort, are matters of eager speculation, and his peculiarities of character and disposition are carefully remarked, till he gradually becomes familiarized with prevailing manners and customs, and descends into a common place, as he is drawn into the current of common habits and employments.

It is a common saying among us that all Freshman classes are alike, and experience seems to have pretty well justified the saying. The present Freshman class, at any rate, differs not much from any that have come within the limit of our own observation; a little less nondescript than was '78, a little less rural than '79, and a little less conspicuous than '80, the class of '81 seem qualified to sustain, in all respects, a very favorable criticism.

Several reasons conspire to make the beginning of a new year the pleasantest and most interesting period of a college course. The Freshman is proud that he has at length achieved a place among the academical-ranks; the Sophomore is exalted with a sense of increased personal importance, as well as with a noble idea of making Freshmen fully conscious of it; the Junior is aware that, as an

upper classman, he merits more particular consideration; while the Senior, too often obliged to lament "time wasted or misspent," resolves to make the most of that which still remains to him, and looks forward with hope and anxiety to the world beyond.

Probably at no time since its foundation has this College been in a more hopeful and prosperous condition than at present. The number of students is yearly increasing, and, though the Freshman class is somewhat smaller than had been generally expected, the reduction of numbers is owing to the raising of the standard for admission and the increased rigor of the entrance examinations. The departments of study are being rapidly enlarged, and the new buildings are steadily approaching completion.

We still occupy the old College grounds and buildings, with the exception of Brownell Hall, which has been demolished during the summer—a lucky circumstance to many Freshmen, who have been provided with excellent quarters in the rooms of Jarvis Hall recently occupied by Prof. Johnson, who has removed to Asylum avenue. Much has also been done during the summer in the department of "current repairs," and, altogether, we settle quietly down in our old quarters, pretty well assured that we shall not be disturbed in our possession of them for another year, and glad in the belief that the old campus will witness the Class-day glories of '78.

We suppose that just as long as the Faculty of this College give their consent to the graduation of a certain number of students, who have been under their charge for four years or even less, and just as long as they receive another set of school-boys to fill the places of those who have left, hoping so to drill the minds of the new comers in such a way as shall conduce to the end in view, so long there will be the annual rushes. The chief characteristic of the new arrivals being

“greenness,” they are led, unsuspectingly, by the “nasal appendage” to acts of folly and deeds of daring, which, were they “grave and reverend Seniors,” instead of “verdant Freshmen,” they would absolutely scorn to have anything to do with. The Freshmen are led into these scrapes, firstly, by their over-credulity in what the Juniors, who have them in charge, tell them; secondly, by the braggadocio which the self-important Soph, who has been through the mill himself, puts on; and, thirdly, by their own desolate condition and utter ignorance of what is expected from them. By the working together of these causes they are deceived as to the real state of the case, for, were they but aware that what they intend to do is not only discouraged, but even forbidden, by the Faculty, of course they would never do it. But alas! for their ignorance. Alas! for the cruel deception practised on their too confiding disposition by over-zealous upper classmen “on mischief bent.”

Year by year, as sure as the Freshmen enter, the “Rev. Professor of Pure Mathematics” (also “Secretary of the Faculty”) distributes the statutes, etc., of the College just after the term opens, and then and there delivers the lecture, *in course* (but not published in the catalogue), on the evils and sin of “Contests between Classes.” But his labor is in vain; rushes are not known by that name, so they do not come under that rule. The plan is as follows: the Freshmen meet and are organized, some wily Junior suggests that they challenge the Sophs to a push rush; half of them hardly know what it means and are willing to do anything that is proper, so the gage is thrown, and a joyous evening for the whole College is the result.

It is with feelings partially of pleasure, but more of pain, that we notice the fact that hazing has increased rapidly in this College during the past few weeks. The fault of this

lies entirely with a few men in the class of '80, who do not stop to think what they are doing, but are bent on what they term “a little fun.” Now, while we cannot discountenance the ancient custom of putting Freshmen to bed early in the evening once during the year, or of having a quiet smoke with a group of one's classmates in Sophomore year at the expense of a newly entered member of the College, whose stomach fails to relish the pungent fumes of tobacco, still, beyond this we should not go, and the more we overstep this boundary line, which has hitherto been so strongly marked among us, the more we descend to those species of insult and outrage which disgrace the Sophomore classes of many colleges, and to those actions which *gentlemen* would scorn to own as theirs.

On the opening of the present term the class of '80 formed the resolution of putting all the members of the class below them to bed. This was all well enough, and many an upper-classman would have given much to have seen the discomfited Fresh, as he undressed in the presence of, or was undressed by the Sophomores. Matters went on very peaceably for a time, until two or three Freshmen, becoming disgusted with being so pettily treated, resolved to try the same plan with the Sophomores. A Saturday evening was chosen for the adventure, and a courageous and weighty Soph was the victim.

Such audacious conduct could not be allowed, however, and '80 was again up in arms. Many a poor Freshman paid the penalty of the boldness of that handful of his classmates, and finally the leader of the party was taken off to a lonely wood and left to find his way back to College as best he might.

The action of the Freshmen may be praised for its mere pluck, but it cannot be commended or sanctioned in any way. Such a thing must not happen again on the part of those so lately admitted among us; let them wait for a year when their turn will come,

and other men can be made fun of beside members of higher classes than their own.

A word to the Sophomores, as well. Do not carry these matters beyond their proper limit. Let the conduct of gentlemen be always yours, and, while you take pleasure in these things, do nothing to detract from the respect that will be due you when you become upper-classmen. It was a very great surprise to us to learn that one or two Fresh-Sophomores entered into this kind of sport. They have no right to inflict what they were exempt from, by reason of their non-residence in College during their Freshman year. The coward alone would be guilty of such a thing, and we sincerely hope to hear no more of it.

VALENTINA.

Gray eyes, as bright and clear as ice ;
A snowy throat with crimson bound ;
 A forehead, where
 The soft brown hair,
In many a switching, quaint device,
Clings, twining curl with ringlet round.

There lurk a thousand coquetries,
And roguish tantalizing gleams,
 And darted looks,
 Like flashing brooks,
Within those twilight-tinted eyes
That mock affection with their beams.

A snowy throat, a wood bird's voice
That rings and echoes like a peal
 Of warbling wild,
 By bird beguiled
To sing the forest secrets choice,
And Nature's love-songs to unseal.

She leaps the forest aisles along,
Beneath the high o'er-arching swells
 Of moss-gray boughs,
 Where the light breeze sighs,
And trails the echoes of her song,
Like dewy chimes of silver bells.

Yet who will listen to the call
Of this sweet warbling ? None, oh, none.
 My pretty dear,
 From love's pangs clear,
Thy heart's not large enough for all,
Yet is, alas ! too large for one.

M. K. B.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

It may be a natural, perhaps a necessary consequence of an advanced stage of civilization, that the privileges of the poorer portion of a community should be fewer than those of the rich. In spite of the boasted absence of caste in our own country, such a state of things must follow, in some degree. And such a discrimination, though it may be a fit subject of complaint, cannot be successfully overcome. But that this distinction should be carried into our courts, that the penalties and punishments therein imposed for the correction of crime should depend at all upon the social or financial position of the criminal, is a matter that can reflect nothing but discredit and shame upon a community. The prevalence of such a custom in America, for custom it must unfortunately be called, is too well known to require any elucidation. Day by day, as we look over the columns of our newspapers, we read of scores of cases in which some poverty-stricken and abandoned wretch is sent into durance vile for a petty offence, while the wealthy defaulter, the fearless purloiner of the hard earnings of the poor, or the disturber of domestic peace and comfort, is let off with a punishment which is merely nominal, and with the reputation of a semi-martyr who deserves the sympathy and admiration of his fellow men. The people of any land should blush to acknowledge that such an abuse in the application of their laws is tolerated. And in this country, where, we regret to say, it has become too common, such a practice is at strict variance with our constitution and system of government. It is not only the general principle of so unequal a distribution of justice that calls for so much censure. But when we come to consider the circumstances attendant upon the two classes of cases, the different inducements which lead the rich and the poor man to commit a crime, when we remember that, in one case, theft and robbery are practised for the purpose of swelling an already comfortable

fortune, while, in the other, these means, reprehensible as they are, are perhaps, resorted to only to keep starvation and death from the home of a famishing household, there the injustice of our courts and judges becomes still more censurable.

The recent condemnation pronounced upon the defaulting President and Cashier of a bank in this city is an encouraging and praiseworthy step in the right direction. Overwhelming as the blow must be to the families of the criminals, the speedy punishment which followed the offence reflects honor upon the State and upon the man who, in the face of prayers and entreaties, and in spite of the precedent set by dozens of unjust decisions such as we have mentioned, was still firm in his conformance to the requirements of the law. Let other states and other courts follow the example here presented, and we shall soon see the time when such a punishment will no longer be an occurrence so unusual as to occasion surprise and admiration.

R.

TWO METHODS OF STUDY.

There are two methods of studying, as seen among the different classes of students. One man, in studying Chemistry for example, confines himself almost wholly to the text-book, while another studies the substances themselves, under a proficient teacher, who guides him in his search for truth. To the former class belongs a large majority of students of the present day; to the latter, almost all who have become the first in their profession, both in present and past time. These are the men who have made great discoveries and advancement in Science.

He who confines his research for knowledge to books, wastes time in hard and fruitless labor. He who studies objects and not their pictures, advances more rapidly and remembers longer what he acquires, becoming more and more interested as he advances. In order to be successful, a student must become interested in his work. By success, we

mean that the student retains some of this knowledge after examination.

How many there are who, after finishing a study, never think of it again and, in a few months, forget all they ever knew of it. This surely arises from lack of interest in the study. If, then, the study of objects and not of books exclusively, interests the student, ought not the objects to be presented, even though at considerable trouble and expense? What are our institutions of learning for; to accumulate money and property, or to advance the scholarship of the country, by interesting the student in the pursuit of knowledge?

Which men, in past ages and at the present time, have the broader and better developed minds; those who have spent their time over books, or those who have studied objects and not their descriptions? The amount of the whole matter is that, although there must be some fools in the world, the number of superficial scholars will be greatly diminished by interesting the student in his work. And this can be done by presenting to him objects, —not diagrams.

The time was when a boy was expected to learn a rule for a certain process, and to follow that rule without knowing any of the causes for the proceeding. We would laugh at that to-day, and yet, there are men in every college, doing this same thing or something similar, as, for example, learning rules for classifying animals. They know the rule by heart, but place an animal before them and they are at a loss to tell where it belongs. Is this knowledge? On the other hand, present the animal to a man who has had his attention called to the characteristics, and who has devised his own rule for classifying and he at once decides.

If a student is trained to think for himself he will be independent through life; otherwise he will be second fiddle to one who is independent. *

The singing in chapel continues h(e)arty.

A SLEEP SONG.

[From the German.]

Dost thou hear the crickets' chirping,
Or the streamlet's soothing sound?
Peace! be still! and let us listen;
Blest be all in slumbers bound.

Far above, the clouds move softly,
And the moon a sleep-song sings;
Which to wearied, tired mortals,
Sleep most blessed gently brings.

Soon, all consciousness departing,
Borne on fancy's wings, they soar;
Plucking golden stars like flowers,
Even up to heaven's door.

But hark! the chanticler, the herald
Of the morning, bids us rise.
Sleep and dreams, away! I waken,
While Aurora gilds the skies.

W. R. W.

PROSPECTS OF THE BOAT CLUB.

So little is known of the proceedings of the Boat Club that it would add greatly to its prospects if the College should be enlightened on the subject. Few are conscious of the advancement lately made towards the attainment of the object in view, namely, the rebuilding of the boat-house, and the general reorganization of the club. Last spring a finance committee was appointed, with instructions to raise money sufficient to build a suitable boat-house. This committee has succeeded in getting the matter well under way. Several contractors have offered estimates for the house, whose dimensions shall be 60 by 25 feet, built of substantial material, with a dock in front.

The committee have already raised a large sum, and nearly enough more has been promised to pay for the cost of building. All that now remains is for those who have subscribed to pay, and for others to contribute the small amount still needed. It must not be supposed that, because a boat house is to be built, the College must at once go to the additional expense of training a crew for racing. The great object to be attained is, that there shall be some place where those who

desire to have boats and shells can keep them. Then, if, at any time, it is thought desirable to organize a crew, there will be a house ready for them.

The proposed building will be amply large, and so situated on the river's bank as to be out of the reach of the spring freshets.

E. D. A.

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

THE GERMANS.

From present appearances there will be no regular College Germans this winter, unless something new turns up. There will, however, be some given from time to time as opportunity offers.

SOPHOMORE LITERARY SOCIETY.

This organization held its first meeting on the 27th. ult., quite a number of members being present. There was no debate, the object of the meeting being to elect officers from the class of '80. The following were chosen: *President*, W. L. Crosby; *1st. Vice-President*, F. R. Curtis; *2nd. Vice-President*, S. Stone; *Secretary*, L. H. Merrill; *Treasurer*, Robert Barclay. The election of Janitor Aulæ was postponed.

CLASS ELECTIONS.

The Juniors have elected their class officers as follows: *President*, Mr. Winkley; *Vice-President*, Mr. Carpenter; *Secretary*, Mr. Willson; *Treasurer*, Mr. Webster. Mr. Hagar has been elected captain of the class nine.

The Freshman election resulted as follows. *President*, Mr. White; *Vice-President*, Mr. Wilmerding; *Secretary*, Mr. Freeland; *Treasurer*, Mr. Curtiss; *Chronicler*, Mr. Newton.

THE COLLEGE.

There are forty new students in College this year; one Junior, seven Sophomores, and thirty-two Freshmen.

Soon after Commencement, the south section of what was once Brownell Hall was torn down, thus completing the demolition of that building. To make room for as many

of the students as possible, Professor Johnson has moved his residence from the south section of Jarvis Hall, to Asylum avenue. The north building of the block on Trinity street has also been set apart for students, thus furnishing accommodations for nearly all.

THE FACULTY.

Professor H. Carrington Bolton, of the Columbia School of Mines, has been elected to the Scovill Professorship of Chemistry and Natural Science, but he has not yet put in an appearance, and it seems doubtful whether he will do so before the end of the year. Since his appointment he has been traveling through various portions of the Southern and Western States, collecting specimens.

President Pyncheon, who has been appointed to the chair of Metaphysics and Moral Science, still continues in his old place, and at present there will be no change of instructors in his department.

Mr. Smyth has been made assistant professor of Greek.

ATHLETICS.

Boating seems to be looking up again and the Boat Club are busy devising plans to support a crew and have some kind of a race this year.

We suppose it is almost too soon to expect that anything definite in the way of athletics should be decided on. There are quite a number of men in College, from whom some might be picked to go into training for a public exhibition during the winter or early in the spring. Some years ago, there was a live athletic club which gave exhibitions and thereby netted a considerable sum of money for the boat club. The Athletic Club recently held a meeting and will soon decide on a course of action.

The Base Ball Nine are busy practising in the gymnasium every day, and have played some practice games since the term opened. Efforts are being made to have several games with other colleges while the weather permits.

The Freshmen have several good men for base ball.

The following men are now training in the gymnasium, and from them a nine will be selected: Carpenter, '79, Campbell, '78, Wilcox, F. L., '80, Stark, '79, Russell, '80, Elbert, '79, White, '79, Hardee, '81, Rodgers, '80, Miller, '80, Cook, '81, Martindale, '79, Washburn, '81. White, '79, is captain.

ADMISSIONS TO THE COLLEGE, 1877.

JUNIOR.

James Stratton Carpenter, 5 J. H.

SOPHOMORES.

Charles Samuel Marvin Belden,
Henry Campbell Black 16 Trinity street.
William Stanley Emery,
Carlyle Graves French, 29 J. H.
Orlando Holway, 13 T. H.
Edward Ingersoll Warren, 6 T. H.
Byron Fenn Willcox, 357 Capitol avenue.

FRESHMEN.

Walter Davidson Bidwell, 38 Chestnut street.
Charles Smith Cook, 23 J. H.
Harlow Clarke Curtiss, 43 J. H.
William Timothy Elmer, 8 J. H.
Charles Wright Freeland, 7 J. H.
Simeon Lord Gilbertson, 32 J. H.
Fred Holbrook Greene, 13 T. H.
Alfred Poole Grint, 14 Trinity street.
Charles Henry Hardee, 7 T. H.
George Sumner Huntington, 21 J. H.
Charles Waring Jones, 25 J. H.
Ernest August Kempe, 41 J. H.
Nicholas Williams McIvor, 6 J. H.
Frank Ebenezer Miller, 28 J. H.
William Beebee Nelson, 28 J. H.
William Meade Nelson, 43 J. H.
Edward Pearson Newton, 21 J. H.
James Buchanan Nies, 19 Central row.
James Russell Parsons, Jr., 14 Trinity street.
George Bradley Pattison, 14 Trinity street.
George Endicott Perkins, 44 J. H.
Frederic Herbert Rowse, 31 J. H.
Sven Albin Swenson, 152 Washington street.
Louis Cope Washburn, 22 J. H.
Richard Allyn White, 105 Washington street.
James Edward Wilkinson, 19 Central row.
George Herbert Williams, 13 J. H.
Herbert Wilmerding, 123 Main street.

STUDENTS IN SPECIAL COURSES.

Richard Howell Carpenter, 5 J. H.
Arthur Woodruff Cowles, 152 Wethersfield ave.
Adolphus William Reineman, 41 J. H.
John Baker Seward, Jr., 14 Trinity street.

THE PUSH RUSH.

The evening of the 17th of September was clear and the moon shone out at times from behind the clouds, which seemed to threaten rain. The weather, however, did not frighten those who were bent on rushing. Soon after nine o'clock all the sections seemed alive with under-classmen, although the time was still far off. The Sophomores met on Washington Street a little after ten. Each one knew his position and what was expected of him. The Freshmen arrived on the grounds, out at the New College, sometime before the Sophomores, and, under the management of '79, were quickly arranged and practised in the necessary steps. Soon the Sophomores arrived and in a few minutes were ready. Mr. Burgwin, '77, was appointed referee; Chipman and Moffett, '78, Hagar and Webster, '79, being the judges. The two swaying masses stood ready for the sport; when the referee said "go", they both started, at first slowly, then faster until they met. At first they stood still, neither giving away, then the superior weight of '80 was felt, and '81 began slowly and stubbornly to yield. At the first break the referee called "time," and awarded the victory to the class of '80. Then all formed, with the victorious class in front, the others in order of classes, and marched down Washington Street, singing and otherwise disturbing the midnight stillness, to the College, where the Professor of Latin received them on behalf of the Faculty, and, in a short speech, requested "all to disperse to their rooms", which *some* did.

So ended one of the best push rushes that has taken place for years. There was no ill-feeling, everything was done with speed, and the appointment of a referee was very satisfactory and a great improvement on the old plan of having the upper classes act as judges. The experience and superior weight of '80 told after the first meeting, so they had the advantage. '81 is a lightly-built class and it caused great surprise that it carried its

own so well, the only advantage it had being in the choice of the ground.

PARTICLES.

Look out for "No. 48"; he is "a bold, bad man;" is not afraid of fires, nor of jolly Sophomores, and wears a blue government coat.—The latest rule of the Faculty is that no student can obtain his degree before paying his TABLET dues.—What is the derivation of squirrel?—A postal card, lately seen in the reading room, addressed to one of the members of the Freshman class, read as follows; "My dear sir: You are respectfully requested to remove those obnoxious 'siders.' If you do not do so by next Tuesday, we will be under the disagreeable necessity of doing it for you. '80."—The next TABLET will be issued Oct. 27.—So far, under the management of '79, the reading-room contains a fine table and a coal closet.—The College Glee Club is being reorganized.—The Sophs had a bonfire the other night, at which, not heeding sundry warnings, one of the "sturdy conservators of the public peace" took one or two of them in charge, but let them go when he had taken them part of the way through the park.—Professor Edwards, the colored musician, has been declared insane, and committed to the insane asylum.—A Sophomore was heard inquiring for an *Animal Zoology*.—The Freshmen favored us with a bonfire and a poor attempt at a hat-rush, at midnight, on Monday last. Professor Hart and "No. 48" soon put a stop to all the fun, however.—During Professor Johnson's stay at the General Convention, in Boston, the classes will have recitations in other departments instead of English; the Seniors having Mr. Andrews, the Juniors, Professor Richardson, and the Sophomores and Freshmen, Professor Smyth.—Pay your TABLET bills at 42 J. H. No more unpaid copies of the paper will be sent out.—The Seniors have a choice between three works as the subject of their critique. These are the poetry of Matthew Arnold,

"That Lass o' Lowrie's," by George Macdonald, and "Rocks Ahead," by Matthew Gregg.—The subject of the first Senior theme is Personal Responsibility.—The match game of base-ball between '80 and '81, on Wednesday last, resulted in a victory for the Sophomores, by a score of 24 to 17. Only seven innings were played.—The local Beta of Phi Beta Kappa held its first regular meeting of the year on Thursday afternoon last.—The finance committee of the Boat Club consists of Chapin, Chipman, Appleton, and Nelson, '80.

DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES.

PRINCETON.

A gun club has been organized.

Princeton has furnished forty-two presidents for other colleges.

A board of examiners sat in Louisville to examine candidates for admission from the West.

AMHERST.

Amherst has 92 Freshmen, including two negroes, and 18 members in the upper classes.

The College has purchased a base-ball field of four acres, which will also contain a quarter-mile track to be laid out by the Athletic Association.

HARVARD.

Applicants for admission in July numbered 250, of whom about one-fifth was rejected.

Phillips Brooks, who graduated in '55, received the degree of D. D. from Harvard.

Harvard is to have a new dormitory building, costing one hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

WESLEYAN.

The students have been called upon to mourn the loss of Charles O. Judd, the son of Orange Judd, who died from injuries sustained in the gymnasium, having entered into the performance at the solicitation of his friends, and, it is said, against his own inclinations.

WILLIAMS.

The boat-house at Williams has been broken into and its contents damaged to the extent of one hundred dollars.

The Freshmen distinguished themselves during the latter part of last term by plugging up all the key-holes of the Sophomores' doors, and subsequently in secreting all the chairs belonging to one of the recitation rooms.

COLUMBIA.

The *Acta* speaks favorably of the new *Columbia Spectator*, but hopes for improvement.

Harvard has been challenged to row next summer, upon the same conditions, and over the same course, as this year.

A building costing four hundred thousand dollars is to be erected, containing a library, and a hall capable of accommodating five hundred persons.

DARTMOUTH.

The Freshmen and Sophomores cannot have the usual hat rush.

It is proposed to convert the gymnasium into a library building, although the change will, in all probability, not be made till next year.

"The refusal of the Dartmouth authorities," says the *New York World*, "to allow their Seniors to visit Montreal on the sixth of June, was revenged in this wise: The skeleton of Evans, the North murderer, was taken from the Medical Museum one Sunday night, adorned with a linen duster, tall hat, umbrella, and carpet bag marked "Montreal," and then suspended, thirty feet from the ground, between the two flag-staffs of the college yard, so that the janitor was obliged to work for a long time on the following day, in the presence of an appreciative and critical crowd, before he could dislodge it."

YALE.

The Freshman class numbers over two hundred.

Rev. R. W. Dale, of Birmingham, England, has arrived to deliver a course of lectures before the Theological seminary.

The name of S. J. Tilden appears in the triennial catalogue of the college. The *Philadelphia Times* thus comments upon the insertion: "Samuel Jones Tilden entered Yale College in 1833, but soon after left, and was graduated at Columbia. His name never appeared in the Yale triennial catalogue of alumni until this year, when it is brought out as that of a regular member of the Yale class of 1837, the same in which William M. Evarts, Chief Justice Waite, and many other eminent gentlemen graduated. There is now a lively inquiry for the causes of this innovation."

The *New Haven Register* thus explains: "Mr. Tilden was compelled to leave on account of ill health, during the latter part of Senior year. In 1875 he received the degree of LL. D. from Yale, and the insertion of his name with those of his class, instead of among the "*Honorarii et alibi instituti*," was eminently proper, and has been done before in similar cases. The name appears in the catalogue issued this year for the first time, because it is the first triennial published since the honorary degree was conferred."

PERSONAL.

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. We would ask their co-operation in making this department what it ought to be—a medium between graduates and their Alma Mater.

HOPSON, '27. The Rev. O. Hopson is living at Madalin-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.

HITCHCOCK, '34. The Rev. S. G. Hitchcock died at Pierpont, N. Y., Sept. 16th.

WILLIAMS and VAN DEUSEN, '35. Bishop Williams and Dr. Van Deusen were delegates

to the late meeting of the Church Senate of Canada.

MORGAN, '35. The Rev. Dr. Morgan preached the university sermon at Lehigh University, June 17th.

WATSON, '38. Dr. Watson has returned from Europe.

CLERC, '43. The Rev. Dr. F. J. Clerc is rector of St. Paul's Church, Phillipsburg, Pa.

BATES, '46. The Rev. J. M. Bates has parish work at West Hartford and Newington.

GRAVES, '50. The treasurer of the College has been elected trustee of St. Margaret's School, Waterbury, Conn.

BEACH, '51. The address of Dr. Amos B. Beach is Ithaca, N. Y.

ALLYN, '62. M. I. Allyn's address is Fort Sill.

RICHEY, '66. The Rev. Joseph Richey died at London on the 21st of September.

MACKAY, '67. The Rev. Wm. R. Mackay preached the opening sermon at the convention of Colorado.

BRYANT, '70. P. S. Bryant has been admitted to the bar.

DOUGLAS, '71. The Rev. G. W. Douglas' address is 106 E. 35th street, N. Y.

SHAW, '71. J. P. C. Shaw's address is Box 446, Newport, R. I.

PECK, '71. W. E. Peck was married on the 8th of June.

TAYLOR, '73. The Rev. E. B. Taylor was ordained priest at Middle Haddam, July 3d.

CHAPIN, '74. The Rev. William M. Chapin is in charge of the parish at Wilmington, Ill.

COTTON, '74. H. E. Cotton was ordained deacon at St. John's Church, Hartford, June 24th.

BURGWIN, '77. J. H. K. Burgwin will study law prior to entering on his theological course.

GEORGE, '77. J. F. George is at the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown.

HEWITT, '77. S. G. Hewitt is expected at Berkeley.

HOOKE, '77. S. D. Hooker is at Berkeley.

HUSKE, '77. John Huske delivered the presentation address to the Fayetteville (N. C.) infantry, on the occasion of their anniversary and target shooting this summer. He is now at the seminary in Middletown.

KURTZ, '77. J. E. Kurtz is studying medicine in Reading, Pa.

PROUT, '77. John Prout is at the General Theological Seminary, New York.

VAN NOSTRAND, '77. C. A. Van Nostrand received the degree of B. A., *ad eundem*, from Griswold College.

BRUNDAGE, '78. R. B. Brundage has left College.

CAMERON, '79. J. I. H. Cameron has been suffering from ill health, and has not yet sufficiently recovered to return to his studies here.

SNOW, '79. A. H. Snow has entered '79 at Yale.

TRUBY, '79. J. M. Truby has returned to College after an absence of one year.

WILLIAMS, '81. G. H. Williams, for a few weeks last year a member of the class of '80, has entered '81.

EXCHANGES.

The *Amherst Student* of Sept. 15th contains some prize essays, and a list of the new Freshmen, a few editorials and locals, and the rest personals. We threw it into the waste basket.

The *Courant* seems to have been decidedly short of matter this time. It is glad to see the announcement in the *Berkeleyan* that Yale won in the last race at Springfield, and

remarks on the wonderful facilities for obtaining news possessed by that paper.

The *Vassar Miscellany* comes to hand as interesting and spicy as ever, but we are sorry to see the criticism on the *Nation's* political discussions. That the gentle inmates of our sister college are turning their attention to such stern subjects as politics, is dreadful to think of.

Both of the Yale papers are severe in their criticisms of the way in which Professor Agassiz conducted himself as referee in the race at Springfield; and justly so, if all the accusations are true.

The *Record* contains an ambitious attempt at wit under the title of the American Renaissance, which in our opinion falls decidedly flat.

The *Era* editor has read the paper on bow-shooting in the July Scribner, and advocates starting an archery club at Cornell.

We should like to know where the *Dartmouth*, the *Cornell Era*, and about half a dozen other papers obtain the news that Trinity has adopted the cap and gown. To our knowledge, the question of wearing them has never even been seriously proposed, much less decided in the affirmative, and from present indications we should say that there will be no foundation for such a statement for some time to come.

The *Dartmouth* is to have a series of letters from prominent ladies' colleges this year, and they will appear at the rate of one every two weeks. If the letter from Wellesley is a fair sample, we should say that the new feature will not improve the paper much. It is written well enough, and in rather a sprightly style, but what it tells about the college might be contained in half a column.

The *Dartmouth* also announces, at the same time moralizing on the munificence of the offer, that a cabinet-sized photograph of some distinguished alumnus will be given away with the paper every month. And all for two dollars!

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.—*Policeman*: “Now then, move on! there’s nothing the matter.”
Boy in Crowd: “Yer needn’t tell us that; you wouldn’t be here if there was!”—*Yale Courant*.

“Are you there, my love?” he whispered through a hole in the fence of his beloved’s back yard. “Yes, darling,” was the reply, “jump right over.” He did so, and alighted in the presence of her mother, a broomstick, and a policeman.—*Ex.*

It was very muddy weather when President Hayes visited Rhode Island, and when he went away he carried about three fourths of the State on his boots, and had to sit down in Connecticut and let his feet hang over the line while the despoiled inhabitants scraped off their estates.—*Ex.*

Soph to Fresh:—“Take your feet out of the way.”

Fresh:—“Where shall I put them; in my mouth?”

Soph:—“Yes,”

Fresh:—“But they wont go in.”

Soph:—“Fault of the feet, my dear boy, not of the mouth.”—*Berkeleyan*.

Sub-Freshman to Senior, whom he meets in the yard:—“Excuse me, sir, have you five minutes to spare?” Senior (who has a boat to sell, and thinks he has found a customer): “Yes, what can I do for you?” Sub-Freshman—“I intend to enter college next year, and I would like to have you go around with me and point out the objects of interest. Will you begin by telling me the names of the buildings?” (Fact.)—*Lampoon*.

A widow of my acquaintance, at the Ocean, was emphatic on the horrible figure that the loveliest woman must cut while bathing. I remarked that the queen of love and beauty was fabled to have sprung from the foam of the sea, and that she must have been charming. “Oh yes; but she had nothing on. I should look—” Here her speech came to a sudden halt; and, observing roses blooming

all over her face, I said, “I’ve no doubt of it,” and walked away.—*Long Branch Letter*.

The Socratic method is thus irreverently explained by the *N. Y. Times*: S. “They tell me, O Alcibiades, that you have cut off your dog’s tail.” A. “It is true, O Socrates; I did it with my little battle-axe.” S. “What is a dog? Is it not an animal with four legs and a tail?” A. “You say truly.” S. “Then your dog is not a dog, for it is an animal with four legs, yet without a tail.” A. “I see that I must admit it.” S. “But you will also admit that neither among Greeks, nor yet among barbarians, is there any animal which, having four legs, has no tail.” A. “Again thou sayest what nobody denies of.” S. “How, then, can you claim that you have the very animal which does not exist?” A. “By Zeus, I make no such claim.” S. “Then you see you have no dog.”

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