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CONSIDERING the fact that the publication of the TABLET has been delayed a week beyond the usual time on account of the intervention of the Easter recess, we present to our readers, with this issue, a supplement of four pages. We were unable to compress the matter for publication into the usual compass without omitting several valuable articles and communications, which have been handed to us. Inasmuch as the time between the closing of the recess, and the date at which we were obliged to place the manuscript in the hands of the printer, has been very short, we trust our readers and constituents will excuse any marks of haste visible in the present number.

AT a meeting of the Trustees held on the 23d of April, a most generous gift was made to the College by Col. Northam, President of the Mercantile National Bank, of

Hartford. Col. Northam gives to the College the sum of \$40,000 to build the Gateway and Tower between Seabury and Jarvis Halls. The only condition attached to this munificent offer was that work should commence upon the Building by the first day of July. This condition the Trustees are ready to comply with, and the building is to be begun immediately after Commencement. It will be altogether unnecessary, to those who are acquainted with the present appearance of the College, to call attention to the great addition in architectural beauty and finish which the completion of this building will give to the College, but besides its architectural advantages it will supply a want which must soon be felt for new dormitories; for if the College should increase any in number, a result to be hoped for if not to be expected, the present accommodations would soon prove altogether insufficient. The rooms of the new edifice will provide any want which the College may experience in that line for many years. Col. Northam's gift is the second largest amount of money which Trinity has ever received from any individual, the bequest of Mr. Adams, some \$60,000, being the only greater one. The following extract from an article published in Scribner's Monthly for March, 1876, gives a description of the plan of the Gateway and Tower, which we presume is to be followed out: "The Gateway between the two blocks (Jarvis and Seabury Halls) will be the middle front of the entire line of buildings. It will be marked by four corner towers, and will contain an entrance-way for carriages, with smaller ones on either side for pedestrians. The several stories above are admirably planned for students' apartments, and will furnish some of the finest rooms in the whole range of buildings."

The thanks of the whole College, Officers, Alumni and Students are due, and should be publicly expressed to Col. Northam for his most generous action. It is expected that

all the stone work, at least, will be completed by next Fall, and before long the building will be ready for use.

OF late years, since the development of American Colleges into their present importance, an increase in the cultivation of the histrionic art by amateur performers has been palpably evident. In the case of Trinity, we have had a succession of plays, operas, and burlesques since 1878, and now we are just recovering from the Frog Opera. The spirit of acting in one sense or another is one which influences the whole world, and the perfection of acting, which is art in its highest form, goes hand in hand with that of literary development. The portraying of human thoughts like the painting of noble pictures, or the composition of harmonies, is impossible unless the mind is untrammelled by the prejudices of ignorance. The cultivation of dramatic instinct, so rife among the college men of to-day, is a sign of the progressive, elevating tendency of the age. The collegiate training of past generations is at last having its legitimate effect in producing an increasing interest in the highest of all arts, the reproduction of the emotions of the human mind.

WE do not wish to complain, yet we must enter a protest against the shabby way in which the students treat the Cabinet. Where we have such a vast collection of rare and unheard-of extinct Geological specimens, the students ought to show some interest in them, and encourage the purchase of more. As it is, the sombre stillness of the Cabinet is scarcely ever disturbed by the echoes of foot-falls, and when it is, it is generally by those of the janitor or the curator. It is easy to see that this is not as it should be. While passing by, the other day, we heard one of the animals complaining bitterly because the students preferred to patronize an itinerant museum, rather than home talents. The giant frog also was in great dudgeon because it had not been invited to take part in the Frog Opera. We must confess that these complaints are no more than just. The only excuse the students have for thus neglecting their duty is that the door leading into the library is kept locked. Were this unbarred we have no doubt that the students would,

after having filled their minds with literary knowledge, and vainly endeavored to *talk off* their fines, go still further, and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with these poor lonely animals, which, we trust, have seen better times.

WE acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present at the annual meeting of the INTER-STATE COLLEGIATE ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION, held in Jacksonville, Ill., May 3d to 5th. The programme presents a curious jumble of oratory and baseball sugared with receptions and banquets. The idea is a novel one, and although the practicability or expediency of mingling the physical and the intellectual in such wild chaos as the I. C. O. A., has done, may be questioned, yet it brings before our minds the great and culpable neglect of oratory as a fine art in our American Colleges. As such, men among the ancient Greeks and Romans, devoted their lives and labors to its successful cultivation. College men as a rule become professional men, and two of the great professions, Theology and the Law, are dependent in great measure upon oratory. The cultivation of such an art cannot be labor misapplied. The great preachers and lawyers of the world are most of them orators; were this not the case, the vividness of the moral truth expounded, or the potency of the argument propounded would be impaired by the deficiencies in the delivery of the speaker. Where so large a portion of college graduates depend in a great measure upon oratory for their daily bread it is a glaring inconsistency in our Collegiate training that more attention is not paid to it.

WE are very sorry to note the manifest decline of singing among the students during the past few weeks. Now that the long evenings are approaching, and the weather is conducive to our gathering on the campus, while the shades of night are closing around, we would naturally expect a sudden revival in the musical propensities of the college. But alas! thus far our expectations in this direction have not been realized. Perhaps this may be accounted for by the supposition that those who are usually most prominent in leading the choruses, have been heretofore sparing their voices for the great

outburst of musical talent displayed at the presentation of the "Frog Opera." However this may be, or whatever the excuse, the deplorable fact remains, that our æsthetic ears are not regaled by the sprightly and amusing college songs which we fondly remember in days of yore. Now that the public have been sufficiently delighted with the great "Opera," see to it, our musical friends, that in obliging the outside world you do not forget the greater claims of the College.

OUR College Base Ball Nine has, as we all know, been disbanded, disorganized, scattered abroad. Not a vestige remains. Now we don't propose to enter on any encomiums upon our nine. It needs none. There is its history, the college world knows it by heart. And while we have carved a pretty large niche in the Temple of Notoriety, if not of Fame, we have had enough discretion to call in the shattered forces who marched so bravely forth, ready to offer themselves, if necessary, on the shrine of their *Alma Mater's* good.

We have transferred our energies from base-ball to cricket, and in doing this no doubt we have done wisely. But it is not necessary on this account that we should give up base-ball altogether. When it was proposed last winter, to disband the nine, the great, and, in fact, only objection that was urged against it, was that by taking this step we would destroy all hopes of our ever having a nine. We do not believe there is a man in college who desires this. For the present we have decided to turn our attention to Cricket and devote all our energies toward winning a fair record for our college in that game. Now we believe that, inasmuch as we hope some day to place a nine in the field that will do us honor, the best way to provide for this state of affairs is by encouraging class-games. A game between each of the classes,—six games in all, would keep alive an interest in our national game, and prevent us from drifting into a position where recovery would be impossible. Nor need this interfere in the slightest degree with cricket. And then, besides, these games will certainly tend to increase class feeling, which, when it is kept within proper limits, is certainly a good thing. Class feeling gives us sun-dials, it furnishes our nine with uniforms, builds athletic fields,

and it is created we believe by no other thing,—the statutes of Trinity College to the contrary,—so much as by the various contests between classes.

Now this is not written to fill up a prescribed amount of space, it is not written at the urgent call of the printer for more material, it is written solely because we feel that the interests of Trinity and her Athletic prospects will be greatly aided by what we have suggested. We sincerely hope something will be done. We must provide for the future.

THE Class of '81, following the example of '79, design to present a cup on Class-Day to the most popular man in the class, as a token of their esteem and regard. Now this custom, if it were rightly carried out, could not fail to be productive of a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure, both to the recipient and also to the class. It would, of course, be a source of extreme gratification to the man who should receive this, the most honorable testimonial which is in the power of his brother classmates to bestow. What man would not be elated and raised to the highest pitch of self satisfaction, to be thus singled out and declaratively marked as the most popular man in the class!

This would be esteemed, undoubtedly, the greatest honor which one could possibly receive during his college course. Honors won by scholarship and hard study would be nothing compared with that which is won by a preponderance of those genial and social traits which make a man beloved by all about him, which make him a leader among his companions, a man to whom they look whenever any measure is to be carried through, or any weight of influence needed. A custom of this kind could not fail to infuse into each member of the class a desire to excel in these laudable and commendable qualities.

On the other hand, the class would feel great inward satisfaction in thus being able to reward one whom they all respected and esteemed, one whom they looked upon with pride, and with whom they considered it the highest honor to associate. How useful it would be to have this custom, thus carried out, continued through succeeding classes, and, by publishing a record of these men each year in the college annual, thus have a list of

two years ago," she said as they were returning. "I am afraid that I was rude to you, I have rued it ever since." With that she fell into his arms. He supported her both then and for the rest of her life, and there never was a happier pair than Egerton Waldo and Mabel Richardson. He had fallen from the top of the ladder into early and happy matrimony. She had received her reward for being the sweetest, loveliest and best of our FOUR HEROINES.

MY LADY BOUNTIFUL.

PART I,

The day had wakened. Clear the summer morn
As though the elements, no longer torn
By passion, had assembled for some feast.
A chastened halo round the sun increased
The stillness, spreading out a hazy veil—
A curtain that did scarce the light assail.
So round myself there hung uncertainty
Of what my future in this place might be
To which I now had come, alone, in fear
That they perchance would not receive me there.
Such was the morn then, when I met the one
Whom I was destined fond to love, as none
I here on earth expect to love again.
Much had I heard of her and of the pain
She did allay among the striving men
Who sought the comfort of her power, when
Of higher knowledge and of peace in quest.
And I myself from far away had pressed
To seek her bounty, feeling my sore need,
Yet scarcely hoping that I should succeed.
Ah how that first glad morn she seemed to me
So stately, grand! And yet so lovingly
She spoke when I approached her near
That, spite her haughty mien, I lost all fear.
Kindly she welcomed me, her dazzling brow
Did straightway a benignant beauty show.
"I bid thee enter in my home a son,
"And with my family indeed be one,
"Thine be no lot of sorrow or of pain,
"But if cruel troubles come and longings vain,
"Then look to me and I will strive to aid,
"Or weep with thee. Thus grief may be allayed.
"Now, in return not much I care to ask:
"Be strong and brave and try to do each task
"That lies before thee in thy onward way.
"No other laws than these thou need'st obey."
She ceased, this glorious lady all arrayed
In raiment that by votive hands was made,
And, overcome, I promised then and there,
By her great goodness and her stately air,
That I would never vex her by my wrong.
A vow sincere, yet kept, alas, not long!

Then she, the lady, gracious bending down
Like some bright angel, save her laurel crown,
Kissed my young brow as at her feet I kneeled,
And pressed my hand. Thus was our compact sealed.

PART II,

'Twas noon. Rebellious feelings held my heart,
And thrust my better self far, far apart.
"What right had she to place a task so stern
"On me who tried to serve her and to learn?
"When I my promise made I never dreamed
"Allegiance such a burden could have seemed.
"I will not keep my vow, I'll burst the bands
"That make me but the slave of her demands!"
And then there came to me to tempt me more
One whom I loved, whose eyes unceasing wore
A merry look that came from deep within.
He meant no harm, mine was the only sin,
Yet thoughtless men have often worked more woe
Than villains, who their natures plainer show.
Enough, I fell, I did in anger scorn
The vow I made upon that hazy morn,
I was not good, I was not true nor brave,
And such return for all her love I gave.
But oh! the moment that the die was cast
I felt a chill as from a deadly blast.
I felt my soul was in a dungeon drear;
The dark low walls did frown upon my fear,
And sent a mocking echo to the cries
That from my burdened conscience would arise.
The door was barred and chained with awful chain
That showed all maddened struggles to be vain.
The faint sad light that shone the window through
Seemed ghastly; and e'en worse my terror grew.
A deep black pit, I think 'twas called despair,
Did for my heart a yawning gulf prepare.
And must it end like this? But hark! oh hark!
Along the distant hallway I could mark
A something, first indeed so soft and brief
I thought 'twas Fancy sporting with my grief.
A footstep was it? Or perchance the wind
Did some admittance to the hall-way find.
But on it came, it neared my dreary cell,
And down the hallway floated. I could tell
The rustle of a garment on the stone,
So keen with agony my ear had grown.
And one by one the bars were drawn away.
The chain was parted and the light of day
Streamed in with blinding flood; while there did
stand
My Lady Bountiful with outstretched hand!
Was anger on her brow? Ah no, 'twas naught
But pity and forgiveness that she brought.
"Come back unto my loving heart," she said,
"And all thy errors shall be counted dead."

PART III,

The day was ending; soon for me
Another different day would ended be.
The sky was fair, save deep in the far west

A coming cloud did rear its snowy crest,
 Showing that in the future of my life
 I might expect a time of storm and strife.
 We stood and watched there with a troubled pain
 For when that sun should set alas ! we twain
 Must severed be from ties that firm had bound
 Our hearts together in a love profound.
 I turned, and her illumined by the rays
 That shot from out the sun's declining blaze
 In streams of ruddy fire, did warm embrace
 And long did gaze upon her wondrous face.
 "Be brave, be true, she said. "Keep pure thy heart,
 "And grieve not now. 'Tis better that we part."
 "We will not part!" I cried, and siezed her hand
 She drew away; "Forget not my command!
 "Behold the path that now before thee lies,
 "Take it! remember that yon sun will rise—
 "Will shine again though with another day,
 "And still will light thee on thy onward way!
 "Through death to life. The darkness then the
 light,
 "The law stands fixed by God's eternal might."
 Already she had motioned me farewell.
 The sun's last ray in ling'ring sadness fell,
 My *Alma Mater* thus I left thee there.
 Ah well my every action, and each prayer
 Of thy advice shall ever mindful be;
 And that the world may fitly honor thee,
 I and my sons throughout all future time
 Shall tell thy noble deeds in every clime.
 My Lady Bountiful to whom I owe
 More than to any mortal here below,
 The parent who with Genius for a spouse
 The world of thought with champions endows!

COMMUNICATIONS.

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

THE OXFORD CAP.

To the Editors of the Tablet:

Having seen an editorial in your last number on the adoption of the Oxford Cap at Trinity, and being rather displeased at the sarcastic manner in which the subject was treated, I have taken the liberty of offering a few reasons why this college should adopt the Oxford Cap.

Firstly, because Trinity is supposed to be, and undoubtedly is, the most "English," so to speak, of all American colleges.

Secondly, because there is a general tendency among the students here to adopt a college hat of some kind.

Thirdly, because students could be always recognized by those about College.

There are other, and perhaps much better reasons, for the introduction of the Oxford Cap at Trinity, which the writer is unable to enumerate, but hopes that these three are sufficient to make the subject of at least the importance of consideration in the minds of undergraduates, and that before long, under the shade (?) of our elms, can be seen the sons of our *Alma Mater* decked with the Oxford Cap.

V. G.

CRICKET.

To the Editors of the Tablet:

Sirs: A Cricket Association is, at last, established at Trinity; a professional has been secured temporarily; some of the necessary cricket gear has been provided; an eleven is actually at work practicing, and certain matches have been arranged with clubs outside the College. These things certainly show that the game has been taken hold of with some degree of earnestness, and that there is a desire to fix it permanently here. There are many grounds in the country far superior to our own, but there are likewise many considerably worse, and it is by no means necessary to the success of cricket here that we should take measures at once to secure a finer ground—as some men doubtless think. But the one thing which is necessary, and which has called forth this communication, is the importance and absolute necessary of securing that which must be had in order that cricket at Trinity may have a longer life than while the Class of '81 remains in College. This essential is *men*; men thoroughly interested in the game, and determined to learn it, and to make it a success. Secure these and arouse such an interest in them in the College generally, and money, with those luxuries which add so greatly to the pleasures of the game, will follow.

Having suggested what ought to be to all an evident want, how is it to be supplied? It seems to me that at Trinity it can be done in no way than by at once starting a series of matches between the different classes, between elevens taken from the upper and lower classes, and between the College eleven and a twenty-two taken from the rest of the College. Games should be played

every afternoon, as it is only in this way that men unacquainted with the game can learn the many points which are involved in it, and real work is done then by all, which is not done always in our usual practicing. In addition to this, individuals, or small parties of men, can at other times receive special instruction from the professional and from those more familiar with the game. In conclusion, we repeat that if cricket at Trinity College is to amount to anything at all, there must be a general interest in the game throughout the College, and under-classmen must take hold of the game with determination.

Remember that we have joined the Inter-Collegiate Association, and we must not become an insignificant member.

Yours respectfully,
ISTHMIAN.

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

PRIZE EXAMINATION.

The Junior Latin Prize Examination, on Crutwell's History of Roman Literature, took place in Prof. Hart's room, Tuesday, 3d inst. The Freshman Geometry Prize Examination was held on Saturday, 7th inst. The examination for the French Prize, which was to take place on the 10th, was postponed to the 11th. The successful competitors will be declared on Class-day.

LECTURES.

Prof. Hart began, on Saturday, 7th ult., a course of five lectures before the Junior Class, on Roman Literature. The subject of the first was The Sources and Early Remains of the Latin Language. Prof. Richardson will shortly commence his lectures on German Literature. There are to be three lectures, the subjects of which are, respectively, Goethe, Heine, and general German Literature. It is hoped that these lectures will be thrown open to the public.

LAWN TENNIS.

Another Tennis Club was organized lately, with Mr. Burgwin as President, and Mr. Gould as Secretary and Treasurer.

A court has been laid out on the further campus, near the spring, and on line with the court that was built last fall. With three

clubs here, tennis at Trinity may be said to be flourishing. A tournament between the best players of each club would no doubt tend to keep up a lively interest in the game, and we hope some such arrangement will be shortly made.

BOAT CLUB MEETING.

At a meeting of the Boat Club, held shortly before the recess, it was determined to sell the four-oared shell purchased last year. Owing to the lack of boating ability in the College, and the evident inexpediency of organizing a crew for several years, it was thought better to sell the boat and apply the money in a way more advantageous to the College. Negotiations were entered upon with the Nassau Club, of New York, and with the boating club of St. Paul's School, but both eventually fell through without accomplishing anything. The officers of the club are at present corresponding with several New York boating associations, and also with the builders, from whom the boat was originally purchased. This practically puts a stop to boating at Trinity for some years, but, under the circumstances, it seemed the most advisable course to follow.

FIELD MEETING.

The date decided upon for the Field Meeting is Thursday, the 26th of May. The intervening time is none too long for those who intend entering for any of the events, to get themselves into training. There is no reason why this meeting should not be as successful as those of past years, and if our athletic men will only make the effort, success will be sure to follow. The track, although not at present in the best condition, can, nevertheless, be made serviceable with little labor or expense. The Field Marshals, Messrs. Perkins, Newton and Mason, have decided that in addition to the regular events, others can be added at the request of any three men. It is hoped that the entries will be more numerous than formerly, which will add much to the spirit and interest of the contests.

GEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION.

On Saturday the 9th ult., the Seniors went out to Tariffville on a geological expedition with Dr. Bolton. Despite the lateness of the hour at which they set out, several of them

were left behind on account of taking a roundabout road to the depot. When they arrived on the grounds, the weather being favorable, they succeeded in discovering a great many interesting and valuable specimens. Some most remarkable specimens, never before found in those regions, were brought to light by this enterprising and scientific class. Of these last mentioned rarities, (not the class, but the minerals,) the most sought after were those well-known minerals "beer-ite" and "bottle-ite." We also understand that some of the class, by venturing in the most dangerous and inaccessible places, discovered a few specimens of that much-prized mineral "frumentite." They returned home late in the afternoon, weary, indeed, but much pleased with the success of their expedition.

THE NEW HORSE RAILWAY.

A meeting of the College was called on Wednesday, the 4th of May, in order to appoint a committee to represent the College at a meeting to be shortly convened by the citizens of this part of Hartford to bring about the construction of the proposed new horse railway. Messrs. Nelson, Jones and Burgwin were appointed on the committee. Two proposed plans of the route of the railway were discussed. According to the first, the road was to run out Broad to Vernon. The second plan, and that which the committee were instructed to favor, was to run a line of omnibusses from the foot of the board walk down to the South Green, and there to make connection with the cars. It is greatly to be hoped that something definite will come of this movement, as it will add greatly to the convenience of all living at the College to have more frequent means of communication with the city than we at present possess.

CAMPUS.

The spirit of improvement is evidently abroad, and has entered in a mild state the College authorities. To the students, on returning from the spring recess, and upon casting their eyes over the campus, the first thought suggested was that the burning of the grass had proved so advantageous, in spite of the opinion of our Agricultural Professor, to the growth of vegetation that the campus had assumed the strange appearance

it presented, but upon calmer thought the conclusion arrived at was that the Faculty, finding no other use for the campus, had decided to use it for a nursery, and the plants were just arriving; it was only upon inquiry that the true state of the case was learned, namely, that the campus was being beautified, and trees were being planted. We congratulate the Class of 1925 upon the delightful shade they will enjoy, and meanwhile, as the scorching days of June approach, we must endeavor to keep cool by thinking of what it will be some fifty years hence. "Everything will come in time."

DR. BOLTON'S RECEPTION.

H. Carrington Bolton, Ph. D., Scovill Professor of Chemistry and Natural Science, and Class Officer of the Senior Class, gave, on the evening of May 10th, a reception to this last mentioned class. It has been the Doctor's custom, for some years past, thus to *fete* those who are about to graduate,—to speed the parting, so to speak. The affair on Tuesday night fully rewarded the expectations that had previously been aroused. The parlors of the residence on Elm Street were comfortably but not excessively filled. A number of Hartford belles were present. Abundant refreshments were served, the conversation was general and entertaining, and the party broke up shortly before midnight. Such social gatherings in the homes of members of a Faculty tend to abolish the feeling that Professors are hard hearted administrators of Justice, whose only ideas are the text-book and the disciplinarian's record. On such occasions students can regard in the light of genial, merry hosts, those whom they are accustomed to view with awful reverence.

CLASS DAY.

Some time ago the Seniors sent in a petition to the Faculty, asking that Class Day should be placed on the Tuesday before Commencement. The reasons for this petition were that it would be a great convenience to the alumni, and to the families of the graduating students, who should desire to attend the exercises on both days, and that it would do away with the necessity of remaining here during lazy week, which most visitors are unable to do. In spite of these reasons, which are plain to every one, and the expressed desire on the part of many of the

alumni in favor of the proposed change, the Faculty, for some deeply hidden reason, refused to grant the petition, and therefore Class Day, as usual, will be upon the Thursday before Commencement. At the same time the Faculty decided that the examinations which, according to the catalogue, were to have occurred on the Friday and Saturday following Class Day shall take place, as formerly, in the week preceding that day. It was also decided that all chapels during Lazy Week should be voluntary. It is to be much deplored that the Senior petition was unsuccessful. It is only natural that the friends of the graduating class should desire to be here on Class Day, but the action of the Faculty has rendered this almost impossible in a great number of cases.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment for the purpose of adding to the Athletic Fund took place on the evening of May 9th, at Allyn Hall. It was purposed originally to accept Mrs. Chas. H. Brainard's offer of her parlors for the evening, but, on consideration, Allyn Hall was chosen for the representation. Mrs. Brainard very kindly bore the expense of the change, and supplied the deficiencies of stage furniture from her own house. The audience was fair and very select. The programme was to consist of a play entitled "Old Love Letters," and the operetta, "Cox and Box." On account of the illness of one of the performers in this latter piece, at the last moment the programme was changed. The services of Miss Maud Morgan, the distinguished harpist, and Miss Cowell, from the Union Square Theatre, were secured. Miss Morgan played in good form. Her runs and trills were especially remarkable. The skill with which she performed, and her own pleasing appearance and graceful movements called forth continued applause.

Miss Sarah Cowell was then introduced to the audience and at once gained their good will. She announced a short programme to consist of five or six recitations. The first one, "The Engineer's Story," was very pathetic, and very well rendered, as, indeed, were all of this accomplished lady's selections. Her voice is strong and sweet, and her gestures graceful and expressive. Too great praise can not be given to Miss Cowell considering that she came to Hartford at an hour's notice.

The curtain then went up for "Old Love Letters." The parts were taken by Miss Ingersoll, of New Haven, Ex-Mayor Bedlow, of Newport, and A. Murray Young, '82, of New York.

The plot of the play is as follows: A young girl and her lover quarrel. Each weds an uncongenial spirit—they become widow and widower, and after thirteen years meet again in the room where they parted. They talk of by-gone times: outwardly they ridicule what they call "that old flirtation," but inwardly each is wounded to the quick by the apparent indifference of the other. It was in this part of the play that Miss Ingersoll and Mr. Bedlow were seen at their best. The affected merriment and the real feeling were contrasted in a touching manner. Miss Ingersoll's varying expression was particularly pleasing.

At the end of the play all is made up and the curtain falls on the loving pair. In this case the curtain was a long time in falling and the loving pair were informed by a voice from above that they were standing beyond the curtain. They accordingly gracefully retreated midst hearty applause. The entertainment was in every way a success, and four or five hundred dollars will accrue to the Athletic Association.

DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES.

DARTMOUTH.

"It appears that there is great dissatisfaction with President Bartlett. Half of the Faculty, it is said, will resign if he does not. Another report says all but three will. He is accused of securing the recent election of a Greek professor by saying he was the choice of the Faculty when they did not really want him. The college is said to have incurred since 1876 a deficit of \$117,000. Part has been made up by gift, but much is still out. The students number 429 against 479 in 1876. Undergraduates to-day are advising boy friends to go to some other college. The general dissatisfaction is attributed to the President and his policy. He, on the other hand, declines to resign, desires investigation, and is confident his policy is the best."

The Senior Class has abolished class day, because "class day elections are a never failing source of contention."

HARVARD.

A lecture was given May 5th, under the auspices of the Harvard Union, by Mr. Chas. P. Parker,—Subject: "Student Life at Oxford."

Harvard has recently received a gift of \$115,000 for the erection of a physical laboratory, provided a fund of \$75,000 be raised to defray the running expenses. As in the case of the Law School, the name of the benefactor is not to be made public.

The Yale and Harvard press is giving us an immense amount of riff-raff touching the "misunderstanding concerning the New London boat race." The statement of the case is as follows: Harvard challenges Yale; Yale accepts, and names New London as the place; Harvard asks for better accommodations; Yale accedes to her request; when, lo! each college journal takes an imaginary affront and begins to throw out insinuations; whereas the management of the respective crews seem to be in perfect unanimity.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The "hat-fever" prevails at Ann Arbor. One class indulges in black "plugs;" another one gets white ones with broad black bands; another thinks the "Derby" is the thing, while the Freshmen "will wear *hammock* hats; (grass green is the favorite color.)"

In connexion with athletics a "Fencing Club" has been organized with "extraordinary success."

"The new library building is to be a fire proof building with capacity for 100,000 volumes, with shelving for 50,000. It will also contain a reading room to accommodate 200 readers; a lecture room to accommodate 250 auditors; a librarian's room with 400 square feet of floor surface, and a room for cataloguing and administration, of not less than 800 square feet of floor surface."

MISCELLANEOUS.

The college has just acquired by purchase from Berlin a very fine terrestrial globe, the largest ever brought to this country, and one of the eleven largest ever made. It is four feet in diameter, and cost, unmounted, \$350: It is to be used in the history department to illustrate lectures in Physical Geography, its surface being very carefully arranged in relief to show the different elevations on the earth.—*Columbia Spectator*.

The Freshmen at Amherst intend to wear Oxford Caps.

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.]

MORGAN, '35. OLMSTED, '65. The Rev. W. F. Morgan is Vice President, and the Rev. C. T. Olmsted is Secretary of the Church German Society, in New York City.

STEDMAN, '74. Thomas L. Stedman, M. D., is a physician in the Orthopædic Hospital, East 59th St., New York.

STODDARD, '74. Married, in New York City, April 27th, the Rev. James Stoddard to Miss Alice Kent, daughter of George L. Kent, of New York.

KANE, '75. Married, in New York City, April 28th, Grenville Kane to Miss Margaret Adelaide Wolfe, only daughter of John Wolfe, of New York.

PADDOCK, '45. The temporary address of the Rt. Rev. J. A. Paddock, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Washington Territory, is care of Bishop Morris, Portland, Oregon. Almost immediately after his arrival at Portland, Bishop Paddock was deeply afflicted in the sudden death of his wife.

JOHNSON, '59. The Rev. Prof. Johnson delivered an address on "The Relation of the Bible to Science," at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Bible Society, in the Center Church, Hartford, on the 3d of May.

COOKE, '44. O. D. Cooke is practising law in Wheeling, W. Va.

WAINWRIGHT, '64. Dr. W. A. M. Wainwright has sailed for Europe.

WATERMAN, '71. The Rev. Lucius Waterman has leave of absence from his parish, and is spending a few months in England.

SMITH, '63. The address of John S. Smith has been changed to 45 William St., New York.

CURTIS, '75. The law office of W. E. Curtis has been removed to Nos. 45, 47 and 49 William Street, New York.

BATES, '72. The Rev. John M. Bates has taken charge of St. Mark's Mission, Waterville, Me.

WILLIAMS, '35. PYNCHON, '41. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Williams and the Rev. President Pynchon have been elected Vice Presidents of the Connecticut Humane Society.

EDMUNDS, '77. The Rev. C. C. Edmunds, Jr., has become rector of St. James' Church, Fort Edward, N. Y.

PERRY, '72. The Rev. J. B. Perry is rector of St. Andrew's Church, Washington, D. C.

WALKER, '82. The special verse prize open to the Greek classes, in the University of Edinburgh, has been gained by Mr. W. Dundas Walker.

NOTICE.—CLASS '61.

At a meeting of Class of '61, T. C., held (pursuant to the call of the Secretary) at New York, April 9th, 1881, it was "Resolved, To celebrate by appropriate exercises and festivities, at the coming Commencement Season, the *Vigintennial Anniversary* of our graduation."

Members of the class, directly upon arrival at the Allyn House, will record their name and address (while in the city) with the Secretary, Perkins, at the Allyn House, and report in person at the Preliminary Meeting to be held there at 5 P. M., on Wednesday, June 29.

Class supper and exercises thereafter.

FRANKLIN H. FOWLER,

Chairman Ex. Com. Class '61.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM BERRIAM DAYTON, a graduate in the Class of 1856, died' after a protracted illness, on the 30th day of March, in the 43d year of his age. He was an attorney-at-law, and had practised in Philadelphia, but his home had been of late in New Milford, Conn.

PROF. RICHARD OSWILD COWLING, M. D., a graduate in the Class of 1861, died suddenly at his home in Louisville, Ky., April 2d, aged 42 years. He received his degree in medicine from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in Philadelphia, in 1867, and soon became demonstrator of anatomy in the University of Louisville. In 1871 he became Assistant Professor, and in 1873 Professor of Surgery in that institution. He was also founder and editor of the Louisville Medical News, and published, besides lectures on various subjects, a volume entitled "Aphorisms of Surgery."

The Rev. ALEXANDER HAMILTON VINTON, D. D., who died suddenly in Philadelphia, on the 29th of April, aged 74, was a Trustee of the College from 1858 to 1863.

EXCHANGES.

THE accumulations of six weeks' exchanges which now lie upon the editorial table, to be reviewed in due course of time, are sufficient to daunt the boldest, and to cause even the most voracious reader of periodicals to tremble with fear. And this is most especially the case with the editorial mind at present, due consideration being given to the fact that an Exchange Editor's position is "not a happy one," when he is obliged to give all merited consideration to over two thousand pages of printed matter,

containing, or purporting to contain, outbursts of genius sufficient to dazzle the uninitiated, and mazes of stupidity capable of bewildering a Beaconsfield. Several new publications have sprung up of late, early developments of the influence of spring. Among others we notice the *Argo* of Williams College.

The *Illustrated Scientific News* lies before us. It is profusely illustrated, and contains an elaborate article on Bee Culture.

The *College Mercury* far excels the other papers of the C. C. N. Y., both in its typographical appearance and in its literary capacity. It has been taking steps of late towards still further improvement. We notice that they have dropped the advertisement of *The Only Lung Pad Co.* It contains a remarkably well written article on Plagiarism.

The *Amherst Student* is characterized by the same sprightly tone as of yore, and contains an excellent selection of short articles on current topics.

The three papers, the *Ulula*, the *Reptonian*, and the *Wellingtonian*, give us an admirable idea of the English Grammar School. They are of the heavy John Bull style, much too prosaic for an American school paper.

The *Yale Lit.* has had an accession of new editorial talent, and under its present management promises to be very successful. The April number is replete with a fund of essay and anecdote far superior to the average.

A disdainful notice from the *Nassau Lit.* of our pretensions to be called "the Oxford of America," has reached us. There was a grin upon our editorial visages when we wrote of our College in such terms; this attack on our phraseology still further extended our editorial mouths. The attack was unmerited as we were only making use of an appellation given to Trinity years and years ago, and revived when an "Oxford Squint" was placed in the partition between the vestry and the chapel. We will inform the *Nassau Lit.* that we will not defend our claims to this title, should that periodical—which, by the way, in its April show, has given a creditable performance—care to formally dispute them.

THE next number of the TABLET will be issued, Saturday, June 4th, 1881.

Supplement to the Tablet.

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BOATING SONG.

O pull with a will my gallant gay boys,
We're skimming the waters blue,
And our hearts beat together as well as our oars,
For we're all of us comrades true.

We'll think not of snags and we'll heed not the tide,
Another is guiding us now;
And all we need do is to stand by our oars,
And to sing as we swiftly go.

But a day will soon come when afar in the world
We'll serve in separate craft;
When one may be guiding the vessel of state,
Another, a mendicant's raft.

Then pull with a will my gallant gay boys,
Sing gaily my merry crew!
O happy's the time when we're youthful and strong
And our hearts are friendly and true.

COLLEGE FRIENDSHIPS.

"Nil ego contulerim jucundo sanus amico."

One of the greatest charms in college life is the opportunity which our sojourn within these classic halls of learning affords us for forming sincere and true friendships. At no other time of life does a man meet with such congenial spirits as he does during his college course. We are gathered here from every point of the compass, and are all united in striving for the attainment of one object,—the pursuit of knowledge. To be sure one may delve deeper than another in the mines of wisdom and erudition, but, nevertheless, all delve some,—more or less, according to the desires and inclinations of the delver. This unanimity of labor forms a sort of fellow-feeling among us.

Students are everywhere characterized by a certain geniality and cheerfulness of disposition, and there seems to exist a sympathetic bond, which unites and binds them together. With what genuine joy and gladness do they meet once more after the long separation of the summer vacation, and what sincere sorrow and unfeigned grief is evident, when, on Class Day, they meet as college students for the last time!

Again, there are friendships formed here, which are nearer and dearer even than this tie of college or class, which is common to all of us. We find in college every grade of student, from the toiling and aspiring grind, who works day and night in an endeavor to beat the "best time on record," to the remorseless cribber, who does not care what happens, provided only he attains the required minimum and is admitted to examinations. Besides these, we have the athlete, mighty man of muscle, the base-ball enthusiast, the society man, and, alas! the bummer. Among all this variety of character and diversity of propensities, one cannot fail to find a friend "after his own heart," a *fidus Achates*, in whom he can confide all his joys and his sorrows. These friendships continue through life. These are the friends to whom we go when we get into any little scrapes, or when we rest under the heavy cloud of the Faculty's displeasure, and we are always sure that they are to be relied on.

It is chiefly on account of these congenial companionships, and this friendly feeling which characterizes our associates, that college life is regarded as the happiest period of a man's existence.

And then our quarrels—our righteous wrath against our dearest friend if he has done something of which we disapproved. At no other time in our lives are the feelings so strong as in these four years. And these quarrels are bitter and earnest while they last. What an excitement there is in the holding aloof—in treading the path of cool and gentlemanly behaviour, with the danger constantly threatening us of falling off into the old loving habits! And sometimes we succumb to the awful peril. When we have fallen, like many other depraved mortals who revel in their fall, we feel happier than we did before. That friendship is the strongest which has undergone the severest tests. That elastic cord which has been stretched the most rushes together with the greatest force. Those friends who have been thrust the farthest apart, when the time of reconciliation comes, are more firmly and lastingly joined together, than if they had spent their

lives with nothing to drive them asunder, attached to each other through habit, having no separation to make their union the more precious.

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

CRICKET.

SHORTLY before the recess, at a meeting of the Cricket Club, it was voted to engage the services of Mr. Charles Russel, professional cricketer, in order to coach the eleven. Mr. Russel has formerly been acting on the Merion C. C., of Philadelphia, and the Staten Island, New York. During the recess the old base ball grounds were fixed up as well as possible, it being found impossible to make use of the new athletic field this season, and upon these grounds, such as they are, the men have been practising. At a meeting of the club held after the recess the following officers were elected for the new cricket year: President, A. P. Burgwin; Secretary and Treasurer, J. C. Gowen; Captain, D. M. Bohlen. The Ground Committee, consisting of the three officers of the club, have selected the following men for the eleven: Mason, Perkins, Emery, Grint, Nelson, Washburne, Bohlen, Gowen, Trowbridge, Purdy and the eleventh man yet to be selected. But one match has as yet been arranged—with Princeton, on the 21st., at New York—but it is hoped that a game with Columbia will be played shortly, following the Princeton game, at Hartford. The eleven have improved greatly since the Harvard game last fall, and there is no reason why they should not play a very successful season.

FROG OPERA.

THE Frog Opera which has been prepared under the direction of Mr. Brown, from Providence, has at last been brought before the public. The first performance took place Thursday evening, May 12th. A thunderstorm was raging at the hour for commencing, nevertheless a large number of people were present. Space will not permit of a very extended notice of the representation. Queen Frog (Mrs. Geo. Day) was suffering from a very severe cold, and an apology was read for her before the curtain went up. Notwithstanding her cold, however, Mrs. Day

sang very sweetly and gained much applause. Miss Mouse (Miss Willard) can not be too highly praised for her acting, and her voice was very sympathetic. Miss Ely did well in the thankless part of Baroness Rat. Young, '82, as Prince Frog, and Appleton, '82, as the Gipsy Chief, were much applauded. Burgwin, '82, was the "funny man," and Mason, '81, did remarkably well as the Baron. The Cats made much of the amusement of the piece. They were filled (literally) by Washburn, '81, and Trowbridge, '83. Perkins, '81, as the Cow, elicited roars of laughter, and was presented with a basket of hay instead of flowers.

The floral tributes to the ladies were very plentiful. We must not omit to mention the fact that the choruses were excellently rendered by the forty or fifty voices of Hartford's belles and Trinity's beaux. The performance altogether surpassed the expectations of the TABLET reporter, who went from a sense of duty, and came away with full consciousness of having been well entertained.

A SYMPOSIUM AND A FIRE.

ON Tuesday evening, May 10th, Mr. Seabury Doane Brewer, '82, entertained a number of the Juniors at Mrs. Talbot's restaurant. The evening was spent in conviviality. The party ascended the cliff about 11 o'clock, and, as if to greet them, a mammoth bon-fire sprang into existence. This fire was on the very edge of the cliff, so near in fact that the individual who ignited the pile disappeared from view, and picked himself up many feet below. The TABLET suffered a loss on this occasion. The fire was some time in getting under way, and something was needed to assist the flames. Accordingly a brilliant individual suggested "TABLET exchanges," and despite the remonstrances of the managing editor, the ruthless incendiaries seized on these treasures. It is estimated that several hundred pamphlets perished at this time. Of course this is a great blow to the TABLET board, but as the exchanges were old ones, the loss is not so disheartening. In fact some one was heard to remark that they made more of a display in their death than they had ever done in life.

As the fire continued, a professor made his appearance, also a policeman and a night-watchman. It was long past midnight when the flames were extinguished.

PRIZES OPEN TO STUDENTS.

THE AMERICAN offers \$1,500 in prizes for the best editorials, the best essays, and the best poems written by college men.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

(From the Prospectus.)

All articles not awarded prizes, but of sufficient merit, will be printed in THE AMERICAN, and paid for at regular column rates.

All articles rejected will be destroyed. No manuscript will be returned in any event.

All articles must reach the office of THE AMERICAN by July 25th, at the latest. After that date none will be received. As soon as an article is received, its receipt will be acknowledged in THE AMERICAN.

All articles must be written upon one side of the paper only, and be originally written for this contest.

Each contributor will be required to send to this office \$3.00 [by draft, registered letter or P. O. order], for which sum THE AMERICAN will be sent him for one year.

On receipt of the \$3.00, a receipt will be sent, together with a registration number, which will be the number of the competitor in the contest.

This number must be placed upon the upper left-hand corner of each sheet of manuscript sent by the competitor.

Each competitor must send with his \$3.00 the name of his college, and the year when he was graduated or expects to be graduated, together with his address.

Only one poem, one editorial and one special article can be received with any one registration number. For each \$3.00 additional sent by any one person, with subscriber's address, an additional registration number will be issued.

The names of competitors will not be known to the judges; only the registration numbers.

The poem should be shorter than 33 lines, subject, ANY. An American subject preferred. The editorial must not be shorter than 1,000 words, nor longer than 1,200 words. Subject, any American, except party politics.

The special article must not be shorter than 1,700 words, nor longer than 1,900 words. Subject, any American.

W. R. BALCH,
Box 1690, Philadelphia, Pa.

COMMUNICATIONS.**A REFUTATION.**

To the Editors of the Tablet:

In the last edition of the TABLET the class of '84 was honored by a lecture a column long from a citizen who, for a quarter

of a century, has been a "kind and careful observer" of Trinity men.

Now, after duly thanking him for his interest in our Alma Mater, and trusting he found something else to observe, and with which he could amuse his kind gossipy soul during our recess, we would like to utter a respectful protest against his arraignment of our class. He begins by saying that it is only "with the kindest feelings" he "ventures to offer a word of counsel" to those whom he considers, of all people, the least susceptible of advice. Mark the modesty and kind-heartedness of the writer before he begins his statements, as unjust as they are unfounded, concerning a body of students about whom he can know but little. As his worldly wisdom has taught him we are little susceptible of advice from one who seems to have believed all the ill-natured gossip that has been circulated about us.

The worst charges he brings against us are ill-behavior in public places and the annoyance of an invalid lady. The first we deny; and, as to the second, would like to state that far from being a class affair, there were not one-fourth of us concerned in it; and the feeling of the class, as a whole, is deep sorrow and regret that any such accident ever occurred.

But the most ludicrous of all the charges made by this venerable and kindly "local statesman" is that we have interfered with him at the polls. Surely his "observations" of twenty five years have injured his eyes, for our only voter is a quiet and peaceable student of theology, "harmless as a dove." This quiet lamb, by his ferocity, creating a disturbance among the wolves gathered around the ballot box, is a laughable and absurd picture.

Hoping, therefore, our friend will do us justice in this matter, we will close.

FRESHMAN.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

The *Acta Columbiana* is yet to be found at the old stand. No Yale men need apply. — *Crimson*.

Professor, in calling the Senior roll, runs by mistake into the Junior class. Senior correcting: "You are not calling our roll now, Professor." Prof. absently-mindedly, "Oh, yes! this will be yours next year." •

Professor in Physiology: "Can we conceive of anything as being out of time and still occupying space!" Musical student, thoughtfully: "Yes, sir, a poor singer in a chorus.

Harvard has the best dressed men of any college; Yale the hardest workers; Princeton and Cornell the stoutest men; Columbia the greatest talkers; the University of Pennsylvania the most active men and Trinity the best big boy-hoys.—*News*.

BASE BALL.

March 26, Detroit League 7 vs. Princeton 2.
 April 9, New York 5 vs. Yale 7.
 April 11, Metropolitans 14 vs. Yale 7.
 April 19, Worcester 19 vs. Yale 14.
 April 20, " 14 vs. " 3.
 April 23, Boston 6 vs. Yale 0.
 Yale 5 vs. New York 5.
 Brown 33 vs. Woonsocket 5.
 April 30, Yale 9 vs. Providence 6.
 April 27, Detroit 23 vs. University of Mich. 0.
 April 28, " 18 vs. " 4.
 May 2, Harvard 18 vs. Bowdoin 5.
 Boston 4 vs. Providence 2.
 Clevelands 3 vs. Chicagos 1.
 Buffalos 6 vs. Detroit 5.
 Worcesters 8 vs. Troy 5.

The following changes have been made in the schedule of games published in the last TABLET:

May 9, Brown vs. Harvard, at Cambridge instead of Providence; May 18, Brown vs. Yale, at Providence; June 15, Brown vs. Harvard, at Providence.

PARTICLES.

There are but three men in college who do not subscribe to the TABLET.

A lady wishes to know if it was animal and not vegetable spirits which animated the Freshmen on a recent occasion.

Part of the trees lately planted on the Campus are English walnuts, the gift of Eli Whitney, Esq., of New Haven.

A mistake was made in speaking of a college "German" in the last TABLET. The leaders were A. T. Mason and J. R. Parsons, and not Parsons *solus*.

The number of copies of the TABLET printed at each issue has averaged, under the present management, considerably over five hundred.

Professor (to satanic student reproving sinful class-mate): "Mr. H., you are not one who can justly admonish Mr. R."

H. "O, professor, I have lately turned over a new leaf."

Prof. (severely). "You seem to have failed in keeping it down."

Mr. William Burges, A. R. A., the original architect of the new College buildings, died at his residence in Kensington, London, on the 20th of last month, in his 54th year.

Mr. C. J. Hoadly (class leader of '51), an executor of the will of the late Mr. Daniel Goodwin of Hartford, has founded at the Hartford Hospital a free bed, the nomination to which is given to the President of the College. It is intended for the use of officers, alumni and students of the college, as it shall be needed, and is a gift of permanent value, for which we feel grateful to those who have shown a thoughtful interest in us.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE TRINITY IVY, published by the Junior class 1881-82. The long-expected IVY is before us, as beautiful as ever in binding and typographical appearance. As to the interior of the publication we would say a few words. The cut of the "board of editors" is not as good as usual, and the closing cut, we notice, has been omitted. Perhaps the board were not equal to the task of sitting for their portrait after the completion of their arduous labors. Some of the principal additions in this issue, especially worthy of mention, are the cuts of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, the Athletic Association, Coaching and Lawn-Tennis Clubs. The caricature on '83's class cut, inserted by '84, is very good. The Sophmores, perhaps, in pity for the Freshmen, have omitted the usual grind on that class. While we cannot say that the present issue of the IVY is an evident improvement on that of last year, nevertheless we feel that great credit and thanks are due to the editors for the care and labor bestowed upon it.

THE Faculty have decided to break up the College for three weeks, on account of a very light case of varioloid which has lately occurred in our midst. It seemed better to give up work than to run the risk of infection. The buildings will be thoroughly fumigated and put in order during this time.

The time for publishing the TABLET will necessarily be postponed.