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Trinity College
HARTFORD CONNECTICUT

Especially is this the opinion of members of the TABLET Board, who have had the pleasure of being present on one or other of these evenings. Too often the officers of our colleges are held, so to speak, at arms' length by the undergraduates, and only meeting in the class-room, where there is necessarily a certain restraint, appear as far removed from the student as if viewed through the wrong end of a telescope. There is a great need of mutual understanding and good-fellowship between professors and their classes, and a social evening together seems to supply this admirably. Therefore we hail anything of the kind with pleasure. Should such receptions be continued from time to time, we prophesy that the resulting good feeling will be of great use in this period of reconstruction.

NEVER have the alumni enjoyed so many pleasant gatherings as at the present time. The past few days have brought us news of the annual meeting of the New England Alumni, and we are now able to record a successful and enjoyable meeting of the New York Alumni, an account of which will be found elsewhere in our columns. The alumni perhaps do not quite realize the good influence—apart from the financial stimulus—which they thus exert over the college. They remind the undergraduates of their ever-present interest, and make them look forward to the time when they themselves will be able to share their delightful gatherings. What is more, the news of their doings reaches the different foster-children, in the far West or the sunny South, and stirs them up to do their best—however little—for the advancement of Trinity. We are confident that we echo the voice of the undergraduate world when we heartily thank the alumni for their efforts and assure them of our appreciation.

WE are glad to see the enthusiasm in athletics displayed by the Freshmen. Since the class has entered college, it has done good work both in the ball field and in the gymnasium. In the athletic line, '87 certainly possesses many advantages which the other classes do not, and on this account should do everything in their power to help support the athletics of the college.

In the spring the customary field meeting will take place, and we hope that the class will be well represented. There is no time to waste. We would advise each man to consider for what department he is best fitted, and to devote his time and attention to that particular one, without spreading his energies over too many. At this meeting the representatives of the college for the inter-collegiate games are chosen.

We must not forget the nine. Of course the time to begin training for spring work is now. If this present opportunity is neglected, a raw nine and poor work will be the result. We do not look for brilliant results, but for a fair record of interesting and hard working games, such as the class need not be ashamed of.

GREATLY to the satisfaction of those who are truly interested in Trinity, blind conservatism in our college customs is passing away, and there is evidently on all sides a tendency to change where change is manifestly desirable. The approach of the national holiday, Washington's Birthday, presents the Faculty with a new opportunity of showing a liberal spirit by abolishing a senseless and unpopular custom. We refer to the practice of never granting an entire holiday to the students. Through the college year there are a number of dates which are regarded as holidays. Upon every such occasion, however, the joy of the undergraduates, over a short relaxation from the monotony of term work, is tempered by the necessity of preparing and attending one recitation. Thus any plans for a long excursion, or other pleasant way of spending the day are rendered impracticable. We contend that if we are to have a holiday, it is only fair and just to make it an entire and unconditional holiday. It is, as we have said, a time when we may expect to see old and obnoxious customs swept away, and therefore we earnestly hope that the Faculty will give this matter their consideration.

THE Senior society system has been exciting Yale and its alumni for some time past. The first decisive action was taken at a class meeting not long ago, in which the following preamble and resolution were introduced:

"Whereas, The present Senior society system creates a social aristocracy, exercises an undue influence in college politics, fosters a truckling and cowering disposition among the lower classes, creates dissensions and enmities in every class, alienates the affections of the graduates from the college, stifles the full expression of college sentiment by its control of the college press,

"Resolved, That we believe this system detrimental to the best interests of Yale College and injurious to ourselves; that we request the college press to publish this resolution of the Senior Class; that the Chairman and two others, to be appointed by him, be a committee of three to lay this resolution before the President, Faculty, and the members of the corporation."

These resolutions were rejected, after some two hours' discussion; but now that the subject has come so prominently before the students, it is likely that the system will gradually yield and be abolished.

IN another column will be found the list of concerts given by the Glee Club. It is a noticeable fact that the club has been most successful where it has made some person or association—in the place in which the concert is to be given—financially interested in its success. This made the Newport concert such a success. We cannot urge the club too strongly to carry out this rule. The danger of neglecting it was fully shown in the cases of Portland, Middletown, and New Britain. The net receipts in one of these concerts was five cents. Our advice to the club is never to go "on its own hook," however promising the prospects may seem; always to demand something guaranteed beforehand, and to be content with small profits, for all it requires is to support itself.

At the risk of seeming officious, we wish to make one further point. There is no doubt that the club injured its second concert in Hartford by singing too much in town beforehand. We are told that this was done against the express wishes and advice of Prof. Green, whose experience entitles him to a respectful hearing. If the club is to give concerts in Hartford every year, and they are to be successful, it must carefully guard against becoming a stale article in the market. No one will pay seventy-five cents to hear the

club when he can do so for nothing, or when he has heard the club several times before within a short time. There seems to be a tendency to do the same thing this year—to sing at every invitation without remuneration.

While we are fully aware that these considerations may seem selfish to some, we feel the importance of the club becoming a permanent, self-supporting institution, and our cordial interest in the club prompts us to point out this defect in the management.

GRADUALLY the improvements in and the additions to the different departments are being carried out. The authorities are slowly waking up to the necessity of appropriations, which are at once put to the most needed uses. We think that could they but once really appreciate the great advantages which but a small amount of money will furnish, they would not be so hesitating in the future. Notably in Astronomy and Physics have an almost complete transformation been effected. The Chemistry department has also been favored, but only in part, and it is in this quarter that we would suggest more liberality. The Cabinet is an adjunct of the department of Natural Physics, which includes Chemistry, Geology, Mineralogy, etc., and the contents there shown are not only kept for the purposes of exhibition, but are very valuable for class use as well. Consequently everything of this nature that the college possesses should be made available, and one of the first improvements should be in this direction. There were in the old buildings many valuable and precious minerals, which, at the time of the removal, were carefully packed away. Besides the minerals, there were many small and delicate shells, which were placed in cotton in several gross of pill boxes. This costly collection is now still packed away in the basement of Seabury Hall, where they are not only absolutely useless for exhibition or class purposes, but the more delicate of the specimens are receiving injury from the accumulation of rubbish, which has been piled upon them. The places for cases and cabinets have been long ago decided on and the plans for them drawn and approved, so that all that remains to be done is that a sufficient appropriation be made to cover the expense of their manufacture. They will not only add to the large and

interesting collection already contained in the cabinet, but will be of great importance in the lecture room.

THE last year has brought to light a political movement which promises soon to extend over the entire continent. This movement is headed by the association known as "The Indian Rights Association." Its center is in Philadelphia, and its branch organizations have spread within the wonderfully short period of a year over the greater part of the East. The simplest method of putting the objects of this association before the readers of the TABLET is to quote here the invitation sent by the Hon. John Welsh to some thirty or forty gentlemen:

"DEAR SIR:—Your presence is particularly requested on Friday next, 15th inst., at eight o'clock, precisely, at No. 1034 Spruce street, to take into consideration the best method of producing such public feeling and congressional action as shall secure to our Indian population civil rights and general education, assist the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in carrying out the wise and just measures recommended by them in their last report, and in time bring about the complete civilization of the Indians and their admission to citizenship.

"Yours, with respect,

"JOHN WELSH.

"December 22, 1882."

We have received a copy of the constitution of the organization, with some pamphlets bearing on the subject. They show the abominable treatment which the Indians have received better than we could possibly attempt to do in an editorial. We will therefore lend them to all who desire information on the subject. They will be found in the managing editor's room. It needs but a careless perusal to feel that this great political evil must be crushed before the country grows any older. To affect this the organization is especially anxious to have the nation informed of facts, for bare facts will accomplish more than rhetorical persuasiveness. The organization also keeps some one at Washington to watch and control the action of Congress. This has already led to some most desirable changes. In fact, the move-

ment grows from day to day; and as men who have an interest in the vital issues of the day, it is our duty to inform ourselves of this one—one of the most vital ones.

THE Senior class have decided to continue this year the jovial Friday night meetings, which proved of such great pleasure to the class of 'eighty-three. Now that the four years' course is nearly ended, and a few months will see classmates, who have been associated together in so many of the ups and downs of college life, separated only to meet occasionally in the future, and never perhaps as a body, it is quite fitting that these few months be used as eagerly as possible to become, as a class, better acquainted with each other. A college classmate is almost a synonym for a dear friend, and though many are better friends than others, though some of the friendships formed are destined to last longer than the rest, still that is no reason why every single man should not be on thoroughly intimate terms with his fellow-classmates. It is at college that life friendships are oftenest formed, and many are the blessings and comforts which, in after years, may accrue to the fortunate man who holds the true and hearty friendship of his entire class.

And this leads us to speak of another matter closely akin to that just mentioned, and that is—more sociability among the students, as a whole. If, during a college course, too little intimacy has resulted, and there is a feeling of coldness or hesitation about making acquaintances, then there is certainly room for reform. One of the most beneficial effects of the low condition of affairs for the last three or four years has been to bring the students more together, and to make them more intimate and sociable. The old society antagonism has been, to a large degree, broken up, and a much pleasanter feeling has taken its place. But the improvement can be carried farther, and to do so the society exclusiveness must be given up. Why is it that because one man belongs to one society and another man to another, there must, from principle, rise up between them a thick wall of, if not actual antagonism, at least a barrier to intimacy? The society system is a most excellent one, and we approve heartily of it; but we think that

none of the men are so narrow-minded that, while they entertain a most loyal love for the society of their choice, at the same time they are unwilling to include at least a thorough and lasting friendship for men of all classes and societies.

TIME INFINITE.

"Labitur occulte, fallitque volubilis aetas
Ut celer admissis, labitur annis aquis."

—Ovid.

Seated in thought by the fire one day,
While stormy blasts without blew loud and fierce,
Carelessly I drew my watch to see
How time with speed rolled on.

With little interest, I noted the time;
My thoughts were of the sailors on the deep,
With elements battling for life 'gainst death
In grim-enduring strife.

When suddenly my thoughts received a check,
As tick, tick, tick, in measured beat, the hand
Marked second by second as time pressed on
In unseen, noiseless flight.

Seconds in quick succession flew by.
What is this time, thought I, that onward moves?
Whither doth it speed? whence is its source?
Has it an end or no?

Quickly my mind flew over the past,
Joined to the present by little links called seconds.
When ages were not, when man was not,
Was time then in the womb?

Ages have gone, and ages must pass
Away for others yet unborn to be;
But, like the eternal hills, firm fixed,
Time is—time infinite.

Races have lived in ages remote;
Oblivion is their lot; none heed them now.
But onward and forever onward
Rolls on the flood of time.

Time is eternity; time—who can
Conceive? It is, is not, and yet will be;
Tangible intangibility.
Time is infinity.

Second by second we move in that
Mysterious, silent, awful is called time;
Second by second we hasten to
The point, when is, is not.

Others will take our place, and then will
Pass away for others in their turn;
But onward, and forever onward,
Rolls on the flood of time.

A LOVER'S IMAGINATION.

I was just starting for home, after four months of jolly college life; my trunk was half full of books, which the faculty had advised me to look over during vacation, kindly proposing to hold some special examinations for me at the beginning of the next term. As usual my baggage arrived just five seconds before train time. I had considerable difficulty in finding a seat; but, at last I noticed a seat occupied by only one man and was about to ask him if the other half was engaged, when he suddenly jumped up, grasped my hand, and said: "Why, George, how are you? I haven't seen you in an age." I had not the slightest idea who he was, though his countenance did look somewhat familiar. He told me afterwards that my face wore the blankest expression he had ever seen. Perceiving that I failed to recognize him, he exclaimed: "Why! don't you remember George Roberts? I graduated at the S—— High School with you." "O, yes, now I do," said I, "but the whiskers make an enormous difference in your appearance." A pleased smile played about his lips: to tell the plain truth, I envied him because of those whiskers as many another college man would.

We sat down and began to talk over old times and affairs of mutual interest; finally, he asked me to stop over and spend the night with him. I was very glad to accept his invitation. During the evening his face suddenly brightened up and he asked: "Have you heard the story about your old chum yet?" "No," said I, "and I should hardly think there would be variety enough in the life of such a bookworm to make anything like a story." "O, well," laughed my friend, "it turns out that he is human after all. Perhaps you recollect that he went to our graduating reception and fairly monopolized Miss Jones, I remember you expressed some surprise at this proceeding on his part. He must have passed a pleasant evening, for he seemed anxious to see more of her. He soon became well acquainted with her habits and laid shrewd plans to meet her on the street. Strange! what satisfaction he got out of a bow from her! I believe he would walk around for an hour or so with no other object in view. He soon became thoroughly convinced, that the best thing a man could do

after tea, was to take a walk, and he acted on this principle, although it took away a great deal of time from his studies. But his walk always led him through about the same streets, on one of which, it is needless to mention, this Miss Jones lived.

"As I have not that gift of the novelist," continued my friend, "by which he becomes acquainted with the silent meditations of his hero, learns those secrets which not even his dearest friend may know, invades the inviolable sanctity of his heart and all that, and, especially, as I do not sleep with your chum, I can't tell whether he lies awake and dreams of his divinity or goes to sleep and dreams of her or passes the whole night without giving her a thought.

"He takes great delight in scribbling her initials over all his books, etc. The Latin professor caught him at it the other day: 'Are you writing those notes down in your book, Mr. Stone?' 'N-no, sir,' stammered he, this has nothing to do with the lesson.' 'I should think it would be advisable for you to give your attention to the lesson during the recitation,' continued the professor, not to be deprived of the pleasure of finding fault at something. You should have seen the poor fellow blush, not at the reprimand he had received, but, when asked if he was writing in his book. He look as if he had been detected in as mean an act as mortal could be guilty of."

"But, how about his love affair," interrupted I, "is he getting on prosperously, or is that girl nothing but a coquette?" "That is a question that can't be answered," said he, "imagine the sequel to suit yourself. If you are desirous of seeing your old chum's suit favorably received by her, picture him at her feet, looking lovingly at her face and pressing her hands in his, or imagine him embracing her in his long awkward arms. Imagine her in company with her dearest friend, of the gentler sex, of course, selecting the material for her bridal dress, etc., Or, if you take especial delight in considering her a coquette, think of him as refused and disconsolate and of her as rejoiced over one new name added to her list of conquests. He must either be refused or accepted, you know, so the chances of your guessing right are about even." "By the way," said I, "as I am to take the early train to-morrow, it seems to

me that it is about time for us to be getting to bed.

I left early the next morning and saw no more of Roberts for over a year. At last we met again. I laughingly asked him how my chum's love affair was progressing. "Well," replied he, "he has had rather poor success; to make a long story short, I had quite a liking for that Miss Jones myself and managed to cut him out. But he seems to stand it pretty well." Yes, my old chum did stand it well; to everybody's surprise, he had been engaged, all the while, to another. And this was merely the imagination of one, who was greatly afraid that some one besides himself was seeking the hand of pretty Miss Jones. Her initials were to be found in one or two places in my chum's books, but they were invariably coupled with the letters F. L. R., which, without the slightest stretch of imagination, could stand for Frank L. Roberts himself. And those walks were taken by my chum because an oculist had forbidden the studious old boy to read after dusk.

THE GREEK QUESTION.

Never since the "Revival of Learning"—and what was this revival but chiefly the increased attention given to Greek Literature?—has the world of letters been so disquieted as to the value of the Classics. While the waters are being stirred, and every one is hurrying to step in first, we wish to make a few remarks upon the study of the classics, and especially Greek, which seems to be assailed with a vehemence that is almost malignant.

The severity of the training seems to be a great source of discontent, but would we care for the training if different? Does an athlete train by doing what he pleases, what he thinks is best for himself, or does he submit to the directions of his trainer and follow his instructions? The scanty acquaintance with the literature after a long period of study is brought forward as an objection. But can students expect to hurry through the masterpieces of Greek literature that have not been surpassed by writers of any age, as quickly as they would read the latest railway literature? Would one rather be well read in his

own tongue in a few masterpieces, familiar say with Shakespeare and Milton or with the host of petty, insignificant writers of the present age who glut the reading public with productions that disappear from sight as quickly as they appear? But, says the opponent of classics, you can get your classic masterpieces in translations. Yes, we reply, and so you can obtain copies of the masterpieces of Raphael, of Michael Angelo, of Titian; but who would not prefer the originals to the copies? Every college student, we affirm, has potentially the power to possess not copies but masterpieces. Would a foreigner studying English devote his time to the evanescent literature or to what we call classic English prose and poetry? Do we, when studying a modern language, study at first any but classical writers? Why is the term "classical" applied to the renowned writers of modern languages if it were not that this term can alone express our idea of the highest excellence? Who would for a moment decry the patient, continued study of the remains of classic Grecian art, unsurpassed by modern artists? yet these magnificent remains must, in time, crumble away. But the highest reach of Greek civilization, the literature of classic Greece—surpassing the matchless works of her own sculptors and painters, imperishable through the invention of printing—is abused, scorned, and rejected as unworthy of patient study.

The productions of the orators, poets, and sweet singers of old, the fountain and source of our literature, are deemed dead and useless by a generation remarkable for its grasping, avaricious, and material spirit. The student, therefore, who has the opportunities presented to him at college of becoming acquainted with works that have influenced and moulded thought through all the past ages is told that the study of these works is useless, that the result of such study—refinement, true culture, genuine appreciation of the noblest achievements of man in letters, and personal communion with the dead heroes, poets, statesmen, and philosophers—can be dispensed with, and that training for material objects is to be sought.

We venture to predict, if the apostles of the new school of education shall succeed in abolishing from the colleges and universities of our land the study of the ancient classics, that future generations—they may be remote

from the present—will rise and condemn the intrusive innovation, and there will sweep throughout the land a popular clamor for the restoration of the old classical training of by-gone ages. Revolutions in thought will be evolved from generation to generation, new customs and habits will supersede the old, kingdoms and republics shall rise and fall, but the classic literature of Greece, imperishable, immortalized by its unapproachable beauty and perfection, will survive all the changes of time.

Agnes hence, when the present assailers of Greek literature shall be no more, when their diatribes shall have mouldered away with the paper upon which they were printed, when the present modern languages shall be dead, when new realms of thought shall influence men, the Greek classics will still be a perennial fountain of supply to the civilized literature. The tree of literature planted by the Greeks is immortal. Watered by the study of ages, tilled by the keen criticism of scholars, guarded by the devotion of all true-lovers of literature, it will bloom with flowers of unsurpassed beauty, and will grace with its noble grafts all other trees of literature.

[The above remarks are by an undergraduate, who would be sorry to see the study of Greek decline and become as little studied as Sanscrit or Hebrew.]

NEW YORK ALUMNI.

The New York Association of Alumni held its annual meeting on January 30th at Delmonico's. The president, the Hon. Henry J. Scudder, being sick, the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet occupied the chair and had the pleasure of presiding over the largest and most enthusiastic reunion Trinity's graduates ever held. The faculty was represented by the president Dr. Smith, Dr. Cheeseman, and professors Ferguson and Luther. Upon the adjournment of the business meeting Dr. Gallaudet announced that an entertainment awaited their attention in an adjoining room, and introduced Mr. W. G. Davies as the *magister bibendi*. The first toast of the evening was "The College," and was responded to by Dr. Smith, who gave a full and interesting statement of the condition of the college. In speaking of the great classical

question he expressed himself as in favor of "a sound and thorough classical instruction." In regard to electives, he stated that the curriculum would be continued, as at present, until the end of Sophomore year, but for the last two years of the course one quarter of the studies would be elective. His remarks were received with great applause and entire approbation. Then followed numerous other toasts, responded to by the prominent alumni present and interspersed through the evening were college songs, which were sung with great spirit. The evening slipped quickly and pleasantly away, and all departed feeling that a new day was dawning for Trinity. The officers of the Association for the next year are, president, the Hon. Henry J. Scudder; vice-presidents, the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, W. G. Davies, Fordham Morris, and others; secretary, Franklin H. Fowler; treasurer, T. G. Fisher; executive committee, John S. Smith, chairman, the Rev. C. F. Olmsted, Ambrose S. Murray, Edward M. Scudder, and Thomas McLean.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The library has received from Europe, among its most recent purchases, the fourth and fifth series of the *Annales de Chimie et de Physique* from 1862 to 1882 inclusive, in 58 volumes, thus completing the set of this valuable publication from the time of its establishment in 1789, the whole number of volumes being 304 bound in 256. A handsome copy of Littre's dictionary of the French language, with supplement, has also been purchased. Among the books received as an installment from the Alumni Fund are the *Compte de Paris' History of the Civil War*, Sprague's *Annals of the American Pulpit*, Smith and Wace's *Dictionary of Christian Biography*, etc., and Bum's *Rome and the Campagna*. The Athenæum Fund has procured Freeman's *Historical Geography and Smith's Carthage and the Carthaginians*. The library is indebted to Mr. Donald G. Mitchell (Ik Marvel) for a copy of his privately printed *Life of General Daniel Tyler*, and to the Hon. R. A. Wheeler for a copy of his *History of the First Congregational Church in Stonington, Conn.* The Governor of Pennsylvania has presented eight recent

volumes of the report on the *Geology of that State*, thus completing the set to date, and the clerk of the city of Hartford has given thirteen volumes of municipal documents. The Rev. Dr. W. R. Huntington, secretary of the Joint Committee of the General Convention on Liturgical Enrichment, has presented a handsomely bound large-paper copy of the report of the committee with the "Book Annexed," and has also, by direction of the committee, deposited in the library its records and other archives.

A large number of duplicates have been removed to the room in the rear of the president's study, thus making shelf-room for public documents, &c., in the English recitation room.

REPORT OF READING ROOM COMMITTEE.

This committee, thinking that the students who contribute towards the reading room may like to know something about the affairs of the room and the cost of running it, presents the following informal report:

The amount contributed by the students for the present college year amounts to \$68.55, while the outlay has been \$85.66. This leaves a deficit, but as the reading room subscribes for periodicals that are of permanent value, these periodicals are taken by the college library for a compensation which has usually been sufficient to cover the deficit in past years, and without doubt will do so this year.

The reading matter is substantially the same as last year, the committee thinking it undesirable to make any change. The committee desires to thank the Hartford press for its courtesy in contributing the local papers, and also the publishers of the religious papers, which are on file in the reading room, for their kindness in sending their journals gratis.

GLEE CLUB CONCERTS.

WINDSOR.

On Friday the 1st inst. the Glee Club gave a concert in Windsor, Conn. When the club came upon the stage they were greeted by a

large and appreciative audience. The spirits of the members rose accordingly and the programme was rendered with marked success. At the conclusion of the concert the club repaired to the residence of Dr. Bill who had kindly prepared an elaborate supper. A pleasant hour slipped quickly away and the hall was again sought where a party of Hartford friends were found. They had been disappointed in securing a sleigh and hence belated for the concert; but not to be baffled by circumstances they had taken the first train and brought along a generous lunch. Dancing was enjoyed until 1 A. M., the viands were then quickly disposed of and the whole party returned to Hartford. In the opinion of the club the Windsor concert was a grand success and the afterpiece, a "delightful sequel."

WETHERSFIELD.

On Monday, the 11th inst., the Glee Club sang in Wethersfield for the benefit of the Village Improvement Society. After the concert the club were entertained by the society at the residence of Rev. Mr. Andrews.

SPRINGFIELD.

Upon the invitation of the Oddfellows Association, the Glee Club took part in an entertainment given in the beautiful Opera House of Springfield, Wednesday night. The club scored a brilliant success, receiving a great many encores, and being recalled three times in one of their songs.

HARTFORD.

Friday evening last the Glee Club again appeared in connection with another entertainment given at Roberts' Opera House in this city. The club members were in fine voice and made their part of the programme the leading feature of the evening.

At the present the Glee Club has on hand the following engagements: February 15th and 18th, at Hartford, in connection with other organizations; February 19th, at South Manchester; February 22d, at New Hartford.

The next number of THE TABLET will be issued Saturday, March 8, 1884.

TO HUNGER.

Sad goddess! Thou with hollow cheek and eye,
And faltering step, and famished air and mien,
Thy presence brings a chill breath like a sigh;
Long, lank thou art, lugubrious and lean.
What dost thou here?

Thy skeleton hand thou layest on the page;
Thou holdest me with thy fierce, wolfish eye;
Thy voice from famine pipes like that of age,
And imps attendant wait their mistress by.
What wouldst thou say?

"Three shekels only lingered in thy purse
This Monday morn. Thou couldst not pay thy board.
Three weeks' full board thou owest—aye or worse!
With me *this* week thou'lt spend that petty hoard,
Those shekels three!"

I feel a coldness gather at my heart;
I see the fever flicker in her eye.
Soon shall her talons to my vitals dart,
Tear me, Prometheus-like, while Death stands by,
Longing to clutch.

Avaunt, foul fiend! Thy hopes I'll overtip;
A lighter mistress, Debt, than thee I had.
Come, get thee gone. Oh, I can *make* thee skip.
I'll go get supper down at Heub's, begad!
And have it charged.

D. U. G.

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

The Juniors are to have a class punch next week.

The Prize Version appointments will be published February 22d.

The *Ivy* is partly in print.

The Junior standing will be posted March 4th.

Dr. Smith returned to college last Wednesday. Since the meeting of the New York association he has been attending alumni meetings in Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and other cities.

The instruments in the new observatory are now adjusted and ready for use, and Professor Luther will begin Astronomy with the Juniors in a week or so. Much to the satisfaction of the class, the course is to be conducted largely by lectures.

The Sophomores take up Mechanics with Dr. Cheesman very soon.

The Seniors have continued the custom of '83 in having social gatherings of the class every two weeks at Heublein's.

The business meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association will be held on Saturday, February 23. It has not yet been decided whether Trinity will send a delegate.

'87 SUPPER.

The Freshmen held their first class supper at Habenstein's last Tuesday evening, and enjoyed it hugely, according to all accounts.

GERMAN.

On Monday evening, February 4th, the German Club added one more delightful entertainment to its record. The leaders on this occasion were Messrs. Thorne, Welch, and Vermilye, and the matrons Mrs F. W. Russell and Mrs. A. B. Bull. There will be one more German before Lent, probably on the evening of Shrove Tuesday. It is to be led by Mr. Heydecker, of the Sophomore class. Two new town members have lately been elected into the club.

RECEPTION.

Mrs. Henry Ferguson has sent out cards for three evening receptions, Thursdays, February 7th, 14th, and 21st. Those upon the last two Thursdays were greatly enjoyed by the students present, and it is a source of much pleasure to all that there is still another to look forward to.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The entire amount of the Scholarship Fund has at last been made up and the money forwarded by the Treasurer of the society to St. John's College, Shanghai.

POLO.

A Roller Polo Club has been organized in town, with a membership partly of city and partly of college men. The Trinity members are Messrs. W. B. Nelson, Van Zile, Miller, Thorne, Heydecker, H. Nelson, Jr., Welch, Waters, and Vermilye. Mr. W. B. Nelson is Treasurer of the club, Mr. Heydecker Secretary, and Messrs. Miller and Vermilye on the Executive Committee. Regular practice matches are held Wednesday evenings, and as soon as the club can bring forward a strong team matches will be arranged with neighboring clubs.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The preliminary competitions have been

held in the three upper classes, and appointments made as follows: From the Senior Class—C. M. Andrews, Wethersfield, Conn., and E. S. Van Zile, Troy, N. Y. From the Junior Class—H. B. Loomis, Hartford, Conn., and Robert Thorne, Brooklyn, N. Y. From the Sophomore Class—Geo. E. Beers, Natick, Mass., and H. Lilienthal, Newport, R. I. The final contest will be held in Seminary Hall on Monday, February 25th. The date has been so arranged that the Glee Club can be present to enliven the entertainment with songs. Music will be secured for dancing after the speaking, and altogether it bids fair to be the most successful and enjoyable oratorical contest held for some years.

HARE AND HOUNDS.

The Hare and Hounds Club held a meeting on Wednesday last for the purpose of electing officers for 1884. The ballots resulted as follows: President, S. T. Miller, '85; Secretary and Treasurer, H. R. Heydecker, '86; Master of Hounds, Robert Thorne, '85; Whipper-in, L. E. Welch, Jr., '86.

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.]

To the Editor of the Tablet:

DEAR SIR:—In answer to the card addressed to the Alumni of the College asking for subscriptions towards the portrait of the late Professor Johnson, and which appeared in the TABLET a few weeks ago, only twenty-eight dollars has been received, more than half of which came from his brother professors. Sixty dollars has been received through the Secretary of the New York Alumni Association, making a total of eighty-eight dollars. If the portrait is to be ordered, and finished by Commencement, it is time that the artist should be at work upon it. The committee asks for further subscriptions to make up the sum required, viz., one hundred and eighty dollars. They may be sent to the undersigned.

I remain very truly yours,

W. A. M. WAINWRIGHT.

To the Editor of the Tablet :

It is time that attention should be called to one of the rules of the Faculty which, for some time past, has been grossly neglected. The rules regarding absences, recitations, and order have always been rigidly carried out, so far as they concerned the action of the students; indeed, in some departments if a student enters the class-room just as a lecture is beginning, he is dismissed and loses all the benefits of the lecture, for which he comes to college and pays the Treasurer, simply because he is a few seconds late. If things are to be carried so far on one side, they should be just as strictly observed on the other.

The rule to which I refer is I. Absences, 8, which begins: "When a student has had *eight* unexcused absences in any term, he will be warned by his class officer."

I know of a case where a man's cuts ran up to seventeen *without any warning*, and a letter was immediately sent to his father saying that if his son took any more cuts he was subject to suspension. Was this fair? Why should the first clause be overlooked and the second enforced? Others complain that when they receive their reports they are credited with more than eight absences, but never received any warning. If this sort of thing is to go on, the clause above mentioned should be struck out or some explanation given. In point of fact, it seems to me we ought to have an explanation anyway.

ERGO.

PERSONALS.

RUSSELL, '34. G. W. Russell, M. D., has been elected examining physician for the Ætna Life Insurance Company.

PAYNE, '34, and COOKSON, '61. The Rev. William Payne, D. D., and the Rev. F. M. Cookson, have been elected members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Albany.

PYNCHON, '41. The Rev. Prof. T. R. Pynchon, D. D., LL. D., has been re-elected a vice-president of the Connecticut Humane Society.

BACON, '46. The Hon. John Bacon has been renominated by the Governor of Connecticut as a member of the board of Railroad Commissioners, and the nomination has been unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

BENEDICT, '47. The Rev. Samuel Benedict, D. D., contributed an article to the January number of the American Church Review on "Fasting Communion."

BELDEN, '48. Nathan M. Belden has been elected by the General Assembly of Connecticut a Commissioner for Fairfield County.

WITHERSPOON, '56. The Rev. O. Witherspoon is compiling a series of "Sunday School Instruction Books." He has also recently prepared a "Hymnal," "Improved Class Book," and "Registers" and "Records" for the use of teachers and superintendents.

BUTLER, '58. The present address of Wharton Butler is 302 West 24th Street, New York City.

OLMSTED, '65. The Rev. C. T. Olmsted has been elected by the New York Hospital Association a member of the Committee of Admission.

NORTON, '68. The Rev. F. L. Norton preached an ordination sermon in All Saints Cathedral, Albany, on January 20.

TOTTEN, '69. Lieutenant C. A. L. Totten, of the class of '69, an officer who took part in the storming of the Korean fort, and is now executive officer of the training ship *Minnesota*, is preparing for publication an account of the Korean Expedition of '72.

RAFTERY, '73. The Rev. O. H. Raftery made an address at the recent re-opening of the Chapel at the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut.

MORRISON, '74. Two sermons on "Gambling," delivered on board the U. S. Flagship, *Lancaster*, by the Rev. W. S. Morrison, chaplain, have been printed in pamphlet form at Nice, Italy.

WEBB, '78. The Rev. W. R. Webb has become assistant minister of St. John's parish, of Hagerstown, Md. His address is Williamsport, Md.

WILLIAMS, '80. George H. Williams has received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, after examination, from the Royal College of Surgeons, England.

WHITE, '81. Married, in St. John's Church, Jersey City, N. J., February 7, Richard Allyn White and Miss Florence Hewetson.

BREWER, '82. S. D. Brewer is in the employ of the Donaldson Heating Company, 18 Broadway, N. Y.

OWEN, '85. F. W. Owen, of the class of '85, is the leading member of the firm F. W. Owen & Company, Grain and Oil Brokers, Utica, N. Y.

BOARDMAN, '85. W. H. Boardman, of the class of '85, is at present in the Commercial National Bank, Cleveland, Ohio.

The following alumni have visited the college recently :

The Rt. Rev. W. W. Niles, D. D., '57; the Rev. J. Stoddard, '71; H. C. Curtis, '81; E. P. Newton, '81; J. R. Parsons, Jr., '81; E. F. Henderson, '82; H. Hoff, '82; G. P. Ingersoll, '83, and J. F. Sexton, '83.

EXCHANGES.

We note with pleasure the first appearance of *The Stevens Indicator*. The shell is good, but the kernel disappointing—too much athletics. The verses are poor, especially "Skating with the Girls." We appreciate the difficulties of first numbers, and therefore look for something better in No. 2.

The Dartmouth's literary part we highly commend. Sound editorials, some good verses, and plenty of locals. Now a little improvement on the cover and type. The same is the trouble with *The Bowdoin Orient*. The outside does not correspond with the inside, which is quite newsy and bright.

Chaff presents in its first sketch about as good a one as any college paper, with the exception of *The Spectator*, has ever brought out. The rest of the sketches, however, fall much below mediocrity.

The Tech cover seems to us the prettiest of all; we will not say the best, for it may have cost them too much. It possesses real artistic merit, and stops just short of becoming too much for the interior. A little more and the paper could be turned inside out with advantage, and the cover carefully guarded by the literary part.

The Princetonian is a strong independent sort of paper. To be sure, athletics rather monopolize it, but then Princeton has great athletic tendencies. We agree with the writer of "Fiction in College Papers," but regret that he has not suggested a substitute for "the short story."

The Polytechnic is as bright as ever, and seems to avoid the sentimental wish-wash which spoils so many college papers.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

HARVARD.—\$173,000 was received from term bills last year.—Wendell Phillips graduated in 1831.—University nine will be strong in every position except behind the bat.—Harvard has not made arrangements for games with professional nines, all other col-

leges in the Inter-collegiate Association have.—Class flags will be offered for prizes at the winter sports.—Officers of the Advocate from '85 are: Pres., George R. Nutter, Sec., S. S. Bartlet.—Prof. J. K. Paine is making efforts to have Bach's organ music brought before the college.—There will be four winter ath-meetings.

YALE.—The glee club is to receive \$1,200 damages from the Ohio and Mississippi R. R. \$450 for expenses, \$750 for losses. Mr. Bowen will receive \$1,000, Messrs. Cutler and Sanford \$200 apiece. The suit is therefore discontinued.—President Porter's second reception Feb. 18.—Mr. Seaver does the measuring of physical development.—Commencement committees have been elected.—At a meeting of the senior class the society system was hotly discussed but finally laid on the table.—In Yale the number of professing Christians in the ratio of two to five.—About twenty graduates intend entering the ministry.

PRINCETON.—Boating question is the bone of contention.—The nine will have regular coaching twice a week from Ward of New York.

BROWN.—The nine will have a professional trainer, Matthews, formerly of the New York team.

AMUSEMENTS.

[The following is as complete a list as could be obtained at this date:]

ROBERTS' OPERA HOUSE.

Monday, Feb. 18th, Hartford Canoe Club and Trinity Glee Club.

Tuesday, Feb. 19th, Salisbury Troubadours.

Wednesday, Feb. 20th, Stoddard Lecture.

Thursday, Feb. 21st, Madison Square Theater Co.

Friday, Feb. 22d, Southern.

Saturday, Feb. 23d, Confusion.

Monday, Feb. 25th, Adams' Humpty Dumpty.

Tuesday, Feb. 26th, Margaret Mather.

Friday, Feb. 29th, and Saturday, March 1st, Sherlock's Opera Co.

Wednesday, March 5th, Neil Burgess.

Friday, March 7th, Emerson's Opera Co.

Tuesday, March 11th, Two Johns Comedy Co.

Wednesday, March 12th, Peck's Bad Boy.

Thursday, March 13th, Henry Irving.