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EDITORIALS.

EXAMINATIONS have had their day, or to be more exact, their week and the college man no longer fearing a dread ordeal for the morrow, settles himself once more to take life in his usual philosophical and enjoyable way. Semi-annuals mark in a very decided and sometimes in an unpleasant manner the completion of half of the college year, and perhaps it would be well for us at this time of the meting out of rewards and punishments, to consider what progress Trinity has made the past few months, and the prospects for the future. To be sure college interests cannot be said to have the happy privilege of passing examinations, and the only condition a foot-ball team could have, for example, would be a bad defeat, but it seems to THE TABLET that these same organizations are examined, in a fashion, by the college, and are either considered as successful or relegated to the list of failures. In athletics more enthusiasm is certainly needed. To have a good base-ball season, to give a successful gymnasium exhibition and spring meet, and above all, to raise Trinity from her discreditable position at the foot of the list in intercollegiate athletics, work must be done, and done scientifically, and with earnestness. The season of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin club has certainly been successful so far and it is to be hoped that the Dramatic Association will give an entertainment after Easter. Good advice is never ill-timed, and

perhaps it would be well for us all to remember that it is only by a desire to benefit the college and honest and systematic work by its members, that any organization can achieve success, and that a man who allows minor and even trivial considerations to influence his work in any department of college interests, is probably doing much more harm than good.

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THE college has again been favored with a bequest for a generous fellowship, this time by the will of the late Henry E. Russell of New York. The amount given is \$10,000, the income from which is to be devoted to the maintaining of a fellowship. According to the common understanding of the term fellowship, in this country, the recipient of it should be a graduate, and he should be permitted to study where he sees fit, being bound to report at certain intervals to the college whose fellowship he is enjoying. The benefit of such a fellowship is incalculable to the man and to the college. The year after graduation is tided over and the man gets a fair start in his special studies in universities, and if very creditable work is done the first year, it is an easy matter to obtain scholarships or fellowships for the remainder of the course at the hands of the university. Thus, yearly, a man is given the start on a career, and once fairly started it is less difficult to continue. Only men of merit will hold these fellowships, and

great credit will be reflected upon the college which sends them out. It is to be sincerely hoped that the trustees by taking the Holland scholarships out of the hands of the faculty will not deprive the college of the benefit to be derived from making them graduate scholarships, a benefit much more extensive both to the college and to the men than that to be derived from undergraduate scholarships. The size itself of these scholarships points to an intention on the part of the donor to make them something exceptional. The aspect of a graduate scholarship is unquestionably more scholarly than that of an ordinary scholarship. It would be difficult to find anything which would inspire greater respect for the college in the eyes of the college world than four generous fellowships, yearly furnishing four Trinity men to the great universities. These several scholarships are a great credit to the college, and it is to be hoped that they will not be hidden under a bushel, but be laid open to the gaze of the outside world.

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THE appearance of so many solid looking volumes nearly 200 in number, in the show-window at the further end of the building has the effect of a chip on a man's shoulder, and entices THE TABLET to another bout with its good old enemy, the library. This is wrong. THE TABLET should be one of the library's best friends, and why is it not? The library is undoubtedly a valuable one. Those antediluvian books with their formidable bindings are excellent things to make it so. If the college were bankrupt, the sale of the library would go a long way toward paying its debts. But we are happy to say it has not reached that stage in its career and the library should be for the use of the average college man, who wants a certain amount of fiction and scientific works which have some reference to the present era of the world's history. The late purchase of somebody's mathematical works in fourteen volumes belonging to the last century and the gift of a manuscript copy of the Koran, written out by some old Mohammedan dervish, will not tend to interest the average student's intellect. It seems to us that our argument is reasonable. It is not advocating pure amusement. The college wants a practical working library, not a venerable pile of cob-

webbed volumes, before which we can prostrate ourselves in admiration, but which we cannot by any possibility understand. It is wrong to go on piling up the cobwebbed volumes. The pile is high enough now, and it is time to start something that shall be more comprehensible.

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IT is tiresome to sing one song for many days, but if we can attract some little attention we shall feel well repaid for our warbling. It is the duty of all undergraduates, to support and help college organizations. Surely there is none more deserving of support in this little world of ours than the college paper. When athletics fall asleep during certain seasons, THE TABLET goes merrily on. Men who can write and will not must bear in mind that they are doing injustice, not only to themselves, but to the college as well. Old men go, and their places must be filled by others, and Freshmen soon become Seniors, for months fly quickly. THE TABLET holds an old and honorable position in the world of college journalism, and there must be no falling below that standard, to gain which so many men in the past have striven conscientiously and faithfully. We cannot urge too strongly nor present in too vivid colors to the undergraduates, particularly the Freshmen, the necessity of contributing. It has been, and still is the policy of THE TABLET to bring out the men who have ability in the field of letters, and encourage them in their work, and we sincerely hope our long labors will bear good fruit. The board in this issue offers prizes for the best efforts in prose and verse, and we hope the necessity for competing for these honors will be duly appreciated by every man in college.

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IT is undeniable that the code of college ethics is sadly defective, and the student's judgment of right and wrong is often much warped and twisted by his prejudices. And this is to be observed particularly in the attitude of the students at large toward "skinning" in examinations, and it may be well to say that not a few of these defections in moral sentiment among students are distinctly traceable to the absolutism in discipline of college faculties. It is beginning to be realized that college students are not to be treat-

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INTERPRETATIONS.

PROVERBS are defined to be the "wisdom of many condensed by the wit of one." But in how many cases they will not bear analysis, if considered as wisdom! The wit and brevity—the soul of wit—keeps them current, and one generation after another continues to repeat "Necessity is the mother of invention," "Honesty is the best policy," and such like "wise saws and modern instances," without giving a thought to the real meaning of the words, or reflecting that the maxims of the middle ages may possibly not be applicable to a time which has substituted indirect, legal swindling for the straightforward highway robbery of the sixteenth century, and business suits for steel armor. Consider for a moment the saying with which our youthful tendencies to adventure have been rebuked so often: "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

We will not call attention to the fact that the quality of the "birds" and the nature of the "bush" are the important points in determining the applicability of this proverb to any definite case. A turkey buzzard or a condor of the Andes in our grasp are evidently much less desirable than two of them in any "bush," however remote and inaccessible. The "birds" referred to are evidently desirable birds, like broiled chickens or roast quail, and the "bush," we take it for granted, is not conveniently low or near, but represents some place difficult of access. But even in this view there are many cases when freedom from liability to capture makes birds "worth more" even in the subjective sense, than birds in a secure cage. Who, with any sense of the fitness of things would value a squeaking panting Baltimore oriole of which he had a firm grasp, as highly as he would a pair, free in the bushy top of an apple-tree? He who would do so views nature solely from the standpoint of self. He has no sympathy with the "universal soul of things." He has not chipped the shell of his

little *ego*. There let him dwell till he is addled. It is impossible to argue with the frustrated inchoate.

However, the important point is not the literal meaning but the esoteric interpretation of the proverb. The significance is broadly, "Desirable things obtained are more valuable than when unattained in the ratio of two to one." Our short experience leads us to a different conclusion. The enjoyment of life lies in the pursuit of things, not in the possession of them. After you have caught your bird and examined it a moment, pleasure is found only in the chase of other wild songsters. Alexander sighed because there were no more worlds to conquer. The politician looks eagerly forward to the next campaign, for the excitement terminates with the inauguration. Indifference and lethargy are fatal to happiness, and they can be averted only by striving to catch the "bird in the bush." It is going through college, not the having gone through, that is delightful, and to most of us a degree will be simply a reminder of pleasant days. Two degrees in the hand are worth less than one in the bush. So the alumnus says when he takes his M. A., and he is presumably wiser than we.

This proverb runs directly counter to a much deeper and truer one, and that is: "Nothing ventured, nothing had." Life is a taking of chances, and he who does not risk the perils of the sea will never reach any port. Better to be shipwrecked than to rot in the dock-yard. The Pilgrim Fathers left home and comfort and found the American eagle in the wilderness. 'Ninety-three must soon plunge into the bush—the world's great hunting ground. Let us hope that none of us will mistake stuffed birds for live ones, still more that none will hunt "birds of ill omen" or be successfully hunted by birds of prey.

VERSE.

A BALLADE OF PLAY AND WORK.

YOU hear the soft, sweet strains entrancing
And the ball-room is blazing with light,
Your favorite waltz you are dancing,
Ah! the world seems a heaven to-night!
But alas! when the hours in their flight
Usher in the dawn dull, cold and gray,
Somehow life is not one half as bright
When you go to your work the next day!

Dark eyes into your eyes are glancing,
Tender words your responses invite,
Do you heed how time is advancing?
Ah! the world seems a heaven to-night!
But the pleasure must end at its height
For such hours are too precious to stay.
And your good humor turns into spite,
When you go to your work the next day!

What care you what else may be chancing?
For here is not everything right?
In life's race—pardon this—you are prancing,
Ah! the world seems a heaven to-night!
But woe's me! the old saying is trite,
That a man cannot race all the way
And the treadmill affords not delight
When you go to your work the next day!

L' ENVOY.

Ah! the world seems a heaven to-night!
And the grave is quite lost in the gay,
But alas! for the pitiful sight
When you go to your work the next day!

B.

M. A.

SHE can dance, she can sing, she can play the guitar,
Her wiles entrap masculine hearts,
She may take her degree, for most surely is she
A mistress of feminine arts!

ORTHODOX DEVOTION.

THREE silken cords of finest art,
Pendant anchor, 'cross, and heart
Keep for Phyllis when she prays
Place of Saints' and festal days.

In my heart no mark I need,
There to find my prayer and creed,
Collect, Gospel, Psalter, Prayer,
All is love of Phyllis there.

H.

DISPELLED ILLUSIONS.

I THOUGHT that Madge perfection was, of beauty and of
grace,
A tinge as of a bright red rose e'er lighted up her face,
But once while we were walking out, the snow began to
fall,
Her cheeks did blanch, I thought her faint, but now I
know it all.
That all her grace Delsartean is, was proved me by the
way,
It did desert her when she slipped upon some ice that
day.

S.

A WISH.

Tune, "Listen to the Cricket's Song."

OH, listen to the steampipes click and clock the whole
night long,
I wish they'd take a little rest or start another song.
But in the land of lasting warmth I only hope there'll be,
No "blasted" water in the pipes, and hence some sleep
for me.

S.

WOMEN'S VOWS.

"Women's vows are traced in sand"
Ah the rhymers never knew,
Your sweet face or held your hand
In his own. In eyes so blue,
Never read the message true
Never saw the lovelight there
Beaming bright, to thus forswear
Women's vows!

WE ALL COME TO IT.

(For Seniors Only.)

YES, I didn't pass it, so I am told,
Yet what may I ask is my crime
In being conditioned, when we behold
E'en existence conditioned in time?

TRUE.

WHAT's past is past. These few words bring
Joy to my troubled heart at last,
Even conditions have no sting,
What's passed is passed!

MAGNETISM.

WHY does South repel?
Why does North attract?
Sir, explain the fact!
My poor brain, ransacked
Does not answer tell,
Alas! 'tis bound in spell!
Why do I repel?
Why does she attract?
Tongue, why don't you act?
Love, explain the fact!
Yet love dares not tell
Alas! 'tis bound in spell!

Von Hagen.

A PROPOSITION.

LEND to me just three chips my friend,
Only two whites and a blue,
To stay in the pot to its very end
With the four little Jacks I drew.

A PHYSICAL CONUNDRUM.

IF a dainty glove compresses her hand
From a five to a number four,
Under like conditions how much could I
Compress her hand the more?

"Apples."

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

THE six fraternities in college were further increased by one on Saturday evening, February 10th, when the Tau Alpha Chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity was established at the Allyn House. M. B. Bordley, '95, of Maryland, and a former Lehigh man, where he joined this fraternity was instrumental in its establishment at Trinity. The charter members are: Charles Judd, '93, of Connecticut; W. E. Conklin, '93, of Connecticut; L. I. Belden, '94, of Connecticut; F. R. Young, '95, of Pennsylvania; A. H. Wedge, '95, of New Hampshire; A. F. Miller, '95, of Massachusetts; S. N. Maguire, '95, of Connecticut; C. H. Street, '96, of New York; G. F. Langdon, '96, of New York; and M. B. Bordley. After the initiation ceremonies a banquet was served at which speeches were made by members of the fraternity who were present from the New England and eastern colleges.

JUNIOR-FRESHMAN THEATRE PARTY.

The class of '96 tendered '94 the usual Junior-Freshman theatre party and punch on Tuesday evening when the two classes attended "The Isle of Champagne." Probably the incidents connected with this event have furnished more amusement than any college affair which has occurred in some years. Urged on by a laudable class spirit the sophomores determined to help the freshmen out; so on Monday evening they quietly kidnapped H. G. Barbour, president of '96, and the supposed toastmaster of the supper. By doing this they hoped to enjoy the play in the freshmen's seats, as it was reported that the president had given orders that the seats be given to no one but himself, and now that he was out of the way the sophomores thought that by using a little strategem they might obtain them; but they were doomed to disappointment and the play was carried through without any eventful incidents with the right people in the right seats. A huge bunch of violets was passed over the foot lights to the leading lady by '96, and between the two acts, some singing was indulged in as well as in support of some of the choruses in the play. After the play the two classes adjourned to Hanson's where they found their supper but the punch was wanting, for the sophomores had secured it and were making merry with the seniors. However another one was shortly secured and under Robinson as chairman, the feast proceeded and toasts were replied to by C. F. Weed, '94; W. W. Vibbert, '94; F. M. Goddard, '96; W. S. Schütz, '94; and other impromptu speakers. Mr. Barbour with his faithful guardians returned to college about three o'clock Wednesday morning in the best of spirits.

NEW ENGLAND INTERCOLLEGIATE A. A. MEETING

The annual meeting of the delegates from the colleges which belong to the N. E. I. A. A. was held at the Quincy House, Boston, on Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 11 o'clock. C. A. Horne of Trinity was chosen chairman of the meeting. Delegates were present from all the eight colleges. Bowdoin was admitted to the association. The standing high and long jumps, and the tug-of-war were stricken from the list of events and the bicycle race changed to safety bicycles. A new constitution was adopted. No decision was reached concerning the place of holding the spring field meeting. The delegates were not satisfied with the way they were treated last year at Springfield and resolved to postpone action in the matter until it could be learned what inducements Worcester would offer. The matter was left in the hands of the executive committee but at the time of going to press no results have been made public. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Beekman, of Amherst; 1st vice-president, Bacon of Williams; 2nd vice president, Ross of Bowdoin; secretary, Greenley, of Trinity; treasurer Dorrance of Brown.

NOTES OF THE MUSICAL CLUBS.

The Glee and Banjo clubs gave a concert in Wethersfield on Monday Feb. 13th, and on Tuesday evening Feb. 21st, the three clubs appeared at the Academy of Music, Northampton, before the largest audience of the year. The concert was in every way satisfactory and was greatly appreciated by the Smith girls and Amherst men who formed a large part of the audience. Many of the men stayed over for the Smith College reception on Wednesday evening.

Owing to the uncertainty as to where the spring meeting of the N. E. I. A. A. will be held, Manager Lockwood is experiencing some difficulty concerning the concert which will be given on the evening of the games. He has a refusal of the Springfield Opera House, but the Worcester theatre has been engaged by John L. Sullivan for that evening. The Williams Glee Club wish to give a joint concert with Trinity at Worcester, and a return concert at Troy, but nothing definite has as yet been arranged.

Hereafter only seventeen men will be taken on the Glee Club.

Brown and Trinity will give a joint concert in Foot Guard Armory, on Friday evening, April 7.

The Mandolin Club played at a "smoker" given by the Columbia Cycle Club on Friday evening, February 17th.

MINOR NOTES.

The annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association was held at the Hotel de Logerot, on Tuesday evening, February 7th, at which over a hundred covers were laid. President Smith was the guest of honor, and spoke in reply to the toast of Trinity College. He treated at length upon the advisability of debarring graduates from college athletic teams. Owing to the press of examinations the college quartette was unable to be present. Dr. Smith also spoke at the dinner of the Hartford Yale Alumni given in Foot Guard Armory the next evening.

At a meeting of the Athletic association held Saturday, February 4th, Charles Frederick Weed, '94, of Claremont, N. H., was elected manager of next year's foot-ball team; C. D. Broughton, '95, treasurer, and G. F. Langford, '96, Sophomore director. H. G. Barbour was elected Freshman member of the executive committee.

Bishop Talbot, of Wyoming and Idaho delivered one of his characteristic addresses on missions, in the chapel on Sunday afternoon, February 5th.

S. K. Zook, of Philadelphia, formerly of the U. of P., has entered the Freshman class.

The sanitary repairs on the buildings are nearing completion. Jarvis Hall has been completely re-plumbed, and the workmen are now in Northam Towers.

President Smith is absent on a six weeks' trip through New York and Pennsylvania.

The Sophomore class officers for Trinity term are: President, Willard; vice-presidents, Welch and Dyett; secretary, Smart; treasurer, Broughton; chronicler, C. Gallagher.

The following candidates for the base-ball nine are at work in the gymnasium under Captain G. D. Hartley: Conklin, W. Bowie, Monaghan, Young, McGuire, Strawbridge, Churchman, Dingwall, Peck, W. Gage, Broughton, Penrose, and Williams.

Professor J. J. McCook appeared before a committee of the legislature last week, and spoke on the Corrupt Practices bill.

F. B. Cole, '93, is lay reader at St. John's church, and E. C. Cammann, '96, at St. James'.

The Freshman class officers for Trinity term are: President, Cammann; vice-presidents, Langford and Holcomb; secretary, Goddard; treasurer, Olcott; chronicler, Custer.

James Cullen, '93, has been chosen delegate to represent Trinity in the Intercollegiate Athletic Association to be held in New York, February 25.

PRIZES FOR PROSE AND VERSE.

THE TABLET offers two prizes, one of six and another of three dollars, for the best and second best short story, and one prize of four dollars for the best piece of verse. Contributions must be handed to the managing editor on or before April 4th, and the stories and verse will be published in the Easter Recess number. All students may compete, TABLET editors excepted. Articles must be legibly written and properly punctuated and paragraphed, and stories must not exceed 2000 words in length.

SUBJECTS FOR THEMES, TRINITY TERM, '93.

No. 1, Due March 15th.

- Freshmen.* a—The Americanism of Whittier.
b—George Eliot's "Middlemarch," or "Daniel Deronda."
c—How would the plot of "Edwin Drood" have been carried out?
- Sophomores.* a—Burke's attitude toward the American Revolution and towards the French Revolution. Was he consistent?
b—Dean Swift.
- Juniors.* a—Browning's "Blot on the 'Scutcheon," or "Colombe's Birthday."
b—The independent voter vs. the slavish voter.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON,
Professor of English Literature.

Senior Class elections for Trinity term resulted as follows: President, Pearce; Vice-Presidents, G. Wilson and Bates; Secretary, Pelton; Treasurer, Gilbert; and Chronicler, Collins.

PERSONALS.

A sermon by the Rev. DEW. C. LOOP, '46, on the Transfiguration of Christ has been recently published.

The Hon. WM. HAMERSLEY, '58, has been nominated by the Governor of Connecticut as a Judge of the Superior Court, and the nomination has been approved by a unanimous vote in the Senate, and a nearly unanimous vote in the House of Representatives.

Trinity College was represented by the Hon.

D. W. PARDEE, '40, on the bench of the Superior Court for ten years and on that of the Supreme Court for seven years, ending in 1890. After an interval of three years we have again a graduate and trustee as a judge of one of the higher courts of the State.

The Rev. Professor J. J. McCook, '63, delivered an address on "Practical Politics" before the ministers' meeting in Hartford, on Saturday, February 18th.

The Rev. F. B. DUNHAM, '66, should be addressed at 5737 Madison Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. Professor LUTHER, '70, is instructing a Bible-class for men, on Sunday afternoons, at St. John's Church in this city, his subject being the Life of Christ.

The address of J. B. BUXTON, '72, is Wilkesborough, N. C.

The Rev. B. E. WARNER, '76, has resigned the Chaplaincy of the 4th Connecticut Regiment.

WALTER D. BIDWELL, M. D., '81, has his office at 1155 Broadway, Oakland, Cal.

The Rev. W. D. WALKER, '82, is Rector of St. Serf's Church, Bumtisland, Scotland.

C. A. APPLETON, '82, was recently unanimously elected 2nd Lieut. of Company F, 7th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y. He will parade with the 7th at the Inauguration, March 4th.

RICHARD E. BURTON, Ph. D., '83, in addition to his other literary labors is to give in this city, a course of eight lectures on Browning.

Prof. C. M. ANDREWS, '84, has contributed to the *Yale Review* a paper on "Some Recent Aspects of Institutional Study."

It is announced that E. S. VAN ZILE, '84, has been engaged in the writing of two comedies which are soon to be published.

The Rev. H. LILIENTHAL, '86, has been elected rector of Trinity Church, Wethersfield, Conn.

The Rev. W. J. TATE, '86, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Brightwood, near Springfield, Mass.

The Rev. HOWARD A. PINNEY, '87, has removed to Suffield, Conn.

The engagement is announced of A. M. VANDERPOEL, '89, and MISS ELIZABETH MORGAN of Hartford.

The Rev. W. N. JONES, '88, should be addressed at Virginia City, Mont.

S. F. JARVIS, Jr., '89, is practising law in the office of Messrs. SIMPSON, THATCHER & BARNUM, 10 Wall street, New York.

SAMSON ALMY, '92, is engaged in the lumber business at No. 1 South Water street, Providence, R. I.

M. S. MCCONIHE, '92, is in business at 207 River street, Troy, N. Y.

W. O. ORTON, '92, is with the BERRY & ORTON Company. Address 23d and Arch streets, Philadelphia.

F. B. FULLER, '92, is studying law in the office of J. H. S. QUICK, '58, at "The Temple," 1,119 La Salle street, corner Monroe street, Chicago.

The address of GORDON HALL, '92, is 46 North avenue, Cambridge.

The College Library was represented at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Library Association on the 22nd of February by F. B. COLE, '93.

ON THE WALK.

IT is an old proverb that the more the rules the less easy the government, and the Stroller would like to apply this to the present state of affairs as they exist here at Trinity. When the verdant Freshman knocks, and is admitted within these classic halls, he is immediately provided with a large green covered book, which he sees by a glance are "The Rules and Regulations of Trinity College." He is earnestly advised to peruse them, and if he has plenty of spare time he may finish at the end of his first term by rapid reading. But haste makes waste, and we mustn't expect the poor youth to remember them. Then, when he throws a snow-ball or stands on the campus with a foot-ball in his hand, he discovers by consulting, page 357 of the book, that these heinous crimes are forbidden. If his eyes do not give out before he reaches page 526, he may, however, discover an amendment by which standing on the campus with a foot-ball is allowed, provided one does not run with the ball. But seriously, this is no trifling matter. Additions are being made continually to the rules in

such rapid succession, that neither officers nor students can keep track of them. Previous to last year, the head of a department could shut a man out of examination if his term mark fell below five, but at that time a new rule was made, whereby everybody was eligible for examination, and yet at the last examinations, at least three professors informed men that they were excluded from examinations, and would not reverse their opinion until shown the latest rule in print. This shows a lamentable ignorance of the existing rules, to say nothing of the propriety of many which are in force, and which are better suited to a preparatory school than a college of some sixty odd years' existence.

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A late number of the *University Magazine* contains an article on the Kappa Beta Phi, and speaking of the recent establishment of a chapter at Amherst, mentions the fact that Trinity had the honor (?) of starting the august society. Although the Stroller is not a member of the entail-ed body, he is nevertheless deeply interested

in its welfare, and has been asked to inquire where the Amherst chapter found its charter. Not having received any application for a charter, the Trinity men feel that the new chapter has been illegally started. Not wishing, however, to stand in the way of propagating the society of flunks and athletes, they would even at this late date be pleased to initiate Amherst with all due pomp and ceremony. As for the place of initiation, that matters little, provided there be a bar, not necessarily of iron, and the Stroller would suggest Northampton as a suitable place. If he remember rightly there is a resort a few doors above the Mansion House which is much frequented by Amherst men, and which would seem to be as good as any. It is needless to say that this society is not co-educational.

The choir, the choir the Trinity choir,
They strike C all right, but they can't get up higher.

Yes, the poor chapel choir. Year in and year out, they have been the butt of ridicule and complaint and yet have struggled painfully on. But at last the dawn has broken, and one has been found who appreciates them. The Stroller is informed that at a recent supper a eulogistic and rattled Freshman informed the thunder-struck assemblage that the chapel choir was better than any other college choir which he had heard, and that he had been informed by friends that it even compared favorably with the St. Paul's choir in London. Although the cabinet is crowded to overflowing the Stroller would suggest that for the benefit of future generations, this sentence be struck on a brass medallion, and given a prominent place among the walruses and ichthyosauri.

The Stroller.

AMONG THE EXCHANGES.

THE exchange editor has a mission peculiarly his own. It is he that ministers to our love of approbation, who metes out praise according to desert by clipping the praiseworthy verse of contemporary publications, or otherwise approving the labors of others. We admit that our heart warms to the exchange editor who sees fit to hold up for approbation some TABLET verse, and we admit moreover, that THE TABLET has hitherto been woefully remiss in its duty of reciprocally acknowledging the merits of its esteemed contemporaries. We promise more attention in the future.

Of all the exchanges since our last issue, not one is equal to the *Vassar Miscellany*. Its "De Temporibus et Moribus" is delightfully refreshing, and one is sure of something bright in its "At Random" column of verse. Several publications outdid themselves with whole pages of timely verse dedicated to Cupid and St. Valentine. Noticeable in this connection is the *Cornell Era*.

We are glad to acknowledge the *Columbia Literary Monthly*, which bids fair to sustain for Columbia the high reputation attained by the *Spectator*. We clip:—

LIFE.

AROUND vast plains of tawny, blistering sand,
O'erhead vast curves of cloudless, scorching sky,
The last survivor of a traveler's band
Lies down to die.

While just below the desert's yellow rim
A spring leaps 'neath the palms, then, tired of play,
Sinks in the sand outside its grassy brim
And wastes away.

—Unit.

THE NEW STAMP.

SHE has sealed her tiny missive,
To discover in distress,
That the postage stamp obliterates
Altogether the address.

So unique is her dilemma.
The ingenious little scamp
Doesn't hesitate to calmly
Readdress it on the stamp.

—Princeton Tiger.

TRIOLET.

SHE smiled as she passed,
And the dark world was brighter.
The sky was o'ercast—
She smiled as she passed,
The clouds scattered fast,
And my heart straight grew lighter.
She smiled as she passed,
And the dark world was brighter.

—Vassar Miscellany.

PINNING HIS FAITH.

"My Valentine, you'll find within
This billet doux a Cornell pin."
"But do not think," remarked the wag,
"My love for you shall never flag."

—Cornell Era.

WAIT FOR THE LOST.

"Umbrellas re-covered while you wait."
In the window read the sign;
From all my friends who have borrowed them,
O, pray, recover mine.

—Brunonian.