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EDITORIALS

The Athletic Association has taken a radical step in assuming control of the basketball team. The advisability of such a step was warmly discussed recently, but when the association met to take action the opposition was very feeble. We are afraid that some men voted thoughtlessly, that other thrifty minds wished to extend the usefulness of their association tickets, but we think that those who voted on the merits of the case were in a good majority. Something is to be said on both sides, but the arguments in favor of the action of the Association in our minds far outweighed those of the opposition. If an athletic team is good enough to represent the college, it ought to be controlled by the

Athletic Association. The management is now deterred from private gain through a college team, and outfitters are guaranteed the payment of their bills. These considerations seem fully to justify the step taken by the Athletic Association.

“We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and done those things which we ought not to have done.” It is with the first part of this doctrine that we are concerned. Trinity is fortunate in the possession of its Library, but do we, the undergraduates, get our share of benefit from it? We go there when our courses include required reading, we occasionally appease our intellectual cravings by a hasty perusal of the “Literary Digest” or the “Spectator,” but do we ever go there for an hour or two of recreation? Of course we are thoroughly aware of the fact that you cannot button-hole any man on the walk and say to him, “Go into the library, revel among the old books, charm yourself with the delight of English literature or forget material things in the dreamland of poetry.” But we can’t help wishing some misguided youth would do just that. We do not ask the College body to perform an unpleasant duty, we ask them to enjoy to the utmost an offered pleasure. It is not a joy to us to recall the hackneyed and disagreeable episode relative to the distribution of jewels before swine. The mark of a great man is his ability to avail himself of his opportunities. What better opportunity can a student have than the one of a thoroughly equipped library?

THE PRAIRIE

A vast and rolling stretch of treeless plain,
Where heavy-headed grass nods as asleep,
Lulled by the humming insect's dull refrain,
While only diamond stars their vigils keep
Upon a silent kingdom free from man,
And from the noisy tumult of the mart;
Here Nature soothes, as Nature only can,
The pain and anguish of the human heart.

The sun long since withdrawn into the West,
With golden mantle lights the ev'ning skies;
Each denizen of day falls into rest;
The pure white moonlight o'er the landscape lies;
There now remains where man primeval trod
Only the boundless solitude of God.
Upon the highest ridge against the sky,
In darkened silhouette, the coyote wails,
A sentry of the night, whose mournful cry
Is echoed by the shallow hills and vales,
And rudely breaks the silence limitless
That reigned when all the universe began;
Which all-supreme serves only to impress
Upon the soul the nothingness of man.—*L. A. Ladd.*

MACKEREL FISHING.

We were all scattered in little rings here and there about the deck. The man at the wheel was holding the schooner to any wind she could find. On the foretop rigging the "Skipper" and "Jack Cardigan" sat and stood respectively. If one of them saw, or thought he saw, a mackerel school, the other was as sure to laugh and call him a "damned fool." The inborn satisfaction which those two men took in contradicting each other was a source of great amusement to the rest of us. Such contradictions the "Old Man" would not have taken for a minute from any other man, fore or aft. Then if "Cardigan" got a whack on the knuckles or the head, how the "Old Man" would chuckle. On the other hand I remember, on a rough, dirty night,—foggy too, the "Skipper" tumbled out alongside of me, thinking he was being run down, and sprawled head-first into the stove. No sooner had he put himself and his slipshods together and started up the companion-way, than down he tumbled, barking both his shins. Well, at intervals all through the next day, "Cardigan" broke forth into chuckles of suppressed mirth—he nearly choked on his plum duff at supper and the Skipper grew so mad, he immediately went up on deck and began cursing the man at the wheel for not keeping the vessel due north! She was going south!

Except for the occasional loud tones that came down to us from "Jack" and "Skipper McKay" and the ropes slapping against the mainsail, everything was still. We alone had left Gloucester the day before and now away to

the stern of us could be seen the forerunners of the rest of the fleet, the "gasoliners." They have a big advantage in quiet weather. Rufus McKay had no use for "auxiliaries" as they call the schooners equipped with a gasoline engine, and since we had as yet taken in no schools, our decks were clean and not even the exhaust of "tooter" bothered us with its nasty smell. The record-breaking trips of "Morgan" with his gasoliner made during this last summer, in which the crew shared two hundred and sixty dollars in three weeks' fishing, shows without a doubt that a schooner with a gasoline engine has a great advantage. Morgan was the only gasoliner who beat Rufus McKay, so it may be seen that we had a very able crew. At first reading the sequence of that sentence must appear hazy. The reason for this is that the best skippers, or the luckiest, naturally get the choice of the best men, as the "catch"—the result of sale of the fish—is divided up among the crew.

Besides our "Skipper" McKay, and his acting mate, "Jack Cardigan," there were eighteen men making up a full crew. The older men were from thirty to forty years of age, although one or two of the real salts were in the "Skipper's" class, bordering near to fifty years, having followed the fortunes of the sea since they could manage a single dory. There were five of us youngsters in the crew, all of them being Nova Scotia men or St. John's Islanders, low Didum and high Didum. These two dialects make a sort of a class distinction which is very much in evidence when the crews get ashore. With the exception of a few of the "Skippers" all the men are loyal Britishers. "Split" was the only American aboard. So you can see we had an average crew. Every one of these men had an endurance and a back hardened by many an icy troll—sitting in the

stormy winter seas off the Banks, or by the herring trips to the Bay of Fundy. Why, the mackerel seining comes like a summer vacation to these men, accustomed to "codding" and the herring fishing! The only reasons such experienced fishermen are needed on a seiner, are that while the work lasts, it is hard work, and the setting of the seine requires smart fishermen. A man must be able to work thirty-six steady hours, as fast and hard as a man *can* work, with time for perhaps one meal. Then he may not have a thing to do for three days, or even two weeks. Such is the nature of the work.

An outline of Bill Lamb's history—my dory-mate and "chummy"—may show you what these men live for. His well-made body, frank, open face and clear blue eyes, together with his true salt swagger, would have been splendid material for the ideal man-o'-war's-man. Brought up on a small farm, hardly worthy of the name,—as fishermen leave a potato patch for the winter's fishing—and being more or less engaged with their fishing in the summer, among such influences he could be nothing else than a fisherman. Almost before he could manage a dory he went with the skippers. Then, growing older and more confident, he shipped on one of those queer looking Nova Scotiamen which sail into Boston with a load of lumber, great spruce logs, perhaps bringing a dozen pair of hand-knit socks or a piece of homespun in his bag to sell and with the money to buy his mother "the latest style bonnet from Boston." He sent the hat home by the mate—these Nova Scotians always have a mate who sails the vessel, the captain usually being an "old-timer" and more of a trader or smuggler, a very innocent looking old chap with grey whiskers and ear rings, but oh, so shrewd! He ships on a "Pogie Boat" or

a "Haddock" and in a year comes forth a full-fledged fisherman. This was Bill's third year out of Gloucester and Boston, and now he was on the *George Parker*, "Skipper Rufus McKay, out of Gloucester."

Both the dories and the seine-boat were on deck. We sat beside the dory splicing a new dory-line for her. We were talking about home and the young sweetheart he hoped some day to marry—when he had a boat of his own. He had a very tender way of speaking of his sweetheart, sometimes you almost wished to be a real fisherman and have an Annie waiting for you to come back. At present the dory was the only boat Bill Lamb owned. He really did not own her but he felt as if he did and he had the absolute care of her. On a seiner there are usually two dories. One extra one for emergencies and one to follow the seine-boat. The emergency dory is usually the harder to manage. It's a strange thing that two dories or two vessels which have the same water-line, exactly the same dimensions throughout, act as different as two sisters who look and dress alike. Our dory was a little beauty; only once did we have any trouble with her and then we were trying to draw the seine together in a sea which would have made Davy Jones heave ship. A dory can live in any sea as long as you have strength to manage her.

Two of the men follow up the seine-boat in the dory, usually two of the young men, as their work is very hard. Not only does it take a spry sailor to leave and board the schooner in bad weather, but it takes a goodly supply of muscle to keep abreast or close astern of the seine boat. You know the seine boat is what they carry the seine-net in. She is rowed by nine men, besides a steering oar—that was Split's post—two men stand by to heave the seine and the

skipper goes with them. She is a long boat, built like an immense dory but with two bows in order that the men can reverse her without turning around, a precarious operation in a cross sea as you can easily imagine. Between the oars and the steering oar the net is folded into layers, making a great black square of twine and corks. The two seine-heavers usually sit on the top of the twine and as the boat leaves the schooner they present a very odd appearance in their yellow oilskins as they go bobbing down the great watery troughs of the waves. This net is wide mesh and stretches out two hundred feet deep and fifteen hundred feet long! Placed at suitable intervals on the top of the seine are corks. Attached to the bottom of the seine are lead purse-rings, sinkers, through which the purse line is led. The purse line enables the men to draw the bottom of the seine together after it has been cast and make one great bag inside of which should be the mackerel. I say "should be" because very often the school will dive straight down under the seine and the whole seine has been heaved to no purpose. Then the vessel has to come up alongside, the net is pulled back onto the boat, over a large roller onto the vessel, where it is salted, mended and pulled back into the boat in regular folds. The labor of pulling and heaving six thousand feet of this wet twine, besides the mending and salting—to prevent decay—means hard work, and think of the time lost. Perhaps another school has appeared in the meanwhile. It is true a few schooners carry two seine-boats and seines but there being room for but one boat on deck, the other one, which is being towed astern, is very liable to be torn away or swamped during the August storms. A seine is worth from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars. The boat costs from

four to eight hundred dollars. Then the presses—on which there is a royalty—these are no more than mechanical arrangements of gears to aid the men in drawing the purse line together, are worth another three hundred. Twenty-five hundred dollars count some when deducted from the shares.

I spoke of the men sharing the catch. Half the catch goes to the crew, captain included. The other half is the vessel's share and belongs to the owner. If the owner is the skipper then of course he has his own share and also the vessel's share to his account. Most of the schooners are owned by companies, whose fleets vary from six to twenty vessels in number. Just here I might speak of the independence of the skippers in connection with the vessels. A skipper is a despot and the way he dictates to the owner or owners is amusing. I have known "Rufe" to send a seine back twice to the factory loft to have it re-set, and then it was returned set exactly the same way as when it left the vessel the first time.

Here he comes scrambling down the ropes, "Jack Cardigan" tumbling after him cursing a blue streak of happiness.

"She's red, boys, you never saw such a school, they're everywhere."

"Hard up," yells "Rufe."

Over goes the seine boat with a gentle splash as they ease her into the water, in tumble the men, running with their oil skins. Up rushes "de cook" his little Spanish features all full of excitement and importance, and away up aloft he scrambles to watch the fish and guide the seine boat to the school, and shout directions to the helmsman. At the same moment we swing our dory over the side, nine sturdy backs are pulling in a regular rhythmic fast stroke

towards the school; guided by the cook's directions. "Split" keeps the boat up as only the best steersman in the fleet can. In a whiff we are a mile away from the vessel, as she tacks back and forth around the school and the seine boat. We in the dory can see plainly the shadow and the whirls of the thousand mackerel tails in this enormous school. Fish enough for the whole fleet here. Rufe can see them plainly from the top of the seine; even he yells and jumps and chews tobacco like a coffee grinder, for all that he is cool-headed and knows what he is about. It takes no little skill and much experience with fish to pick out the bunch of fish you are likely to catch. Some are wild and will stampede like a herd of Shetland ponies, leading you a merry and a hopeless chase. Around the chosen school in a great circle they heave out the twine. This is the moment of breathless anxiety. It is with wonderful dexterity that the seine boat is made to finish the circle while the men heave the twine. Around they come where Bill and I are waiting to hand them the first end of the net. As we begin to purse the line, the fish are seen to rise against the net, but it's too late for them to go down now, the mackerel are in the poke.

"Split" sticks his oar up into the air, the signal for the vessel to come alongside. "Joe" the cook, who is awaiting the signal, yells aft to the helmsman. The vessel is brought about and in thirty minutes, or perhaps fifteen, she is alongside the boat. Now the fun begins.

If there are many sharks about, and this is usually the case, the school is driven into an immense heavy twine bag which these bothersome white-bellied gentlemen cannot cut with their sharp little teeth. Back and forth the whole school swim and turn in one solid mass of brilliant green

and black. Torches are brought up from below, it is beginning to grow dusk, which the cook lights and hangs on the rigging and on the rail. A bailing net is rigged up above the shark bag with a single pulley arrangement overhead. Twelve men all crowd together on the fore-hatch and catch hold of the pulley-rope. The skipper stands by to dip the net into the great solid mass of fish in the bag as they swim back and forth. Two men stand by to dump the live glistening mackerel on the deck. On and on they come with a terrible clatter, until you can hardly hear the "Hoiy" of the clumpers—their signal for you to let go the pulley-rope. Bailful aftet bailful come clattering on the deck, covering your yellow oil skins from head to foot with small, shining silver scales, as they leap about your feet. The cook hustles up from his stove,—where he is cooking a supper for the crew—with a pail full of lime juice. Sweeter than any musty ale is this lime juice to your parched mouth. At last, when you know you could not follow another "Hoiy" your fish are all on deck. While one gang goes down for supper the other stays on deck and opens the aft hatch preparatory to icing the mackerel.

Bill and myself are in the first gang so down we go, to a great plateful of hot beans, potatoes, string beans, ginger cookies and a cup of hot tea. By the clock we see it is just two, that is half an hour before the usual breakfast hour when on the fishing grounds. Three more hours' work at least, and we have been at work, or ready for work, for twenty-three hours and a half, with one meal in the meantime! I have worked forty-eight hours and then slept twenty.

As fast as the basket squad can put the mackerel into the baskets, they slide the baskets along to the main hatch,

where they are passed down to be iced. Down in the hold three men are picking ice and shoveling it into the "refrigerator men," who are placing the still jumping fish into cold storage! Down go the full baskets, up come the empties. The last "empty" is sent up, the decks are washed down and by this time the sun is well up, on a rather foggy morning.

It is my watch and after finishing a weary hour on the lookout, just as I come down I can see the topsails of the "Priscilla" away in the fog, the forerunner of the fleet. Then Rufe comes up and decides to run home for the early market. Hard up and once more the fleet is astern of us and Sunday night we run up the flag for a tow from Minot's Light in, which means fifteen dollars. Monday morning we get to dock with the first load of fresh mackerel of the season. A hundred dollars per man and three days' fishing; fair wind out and a fair wind back.

—*John B. Shearer.*

A SONNET.

N o time is given to ponder with slow eye
O ver dead records. They but point the way,
W hich he who would achieve must seek, ere fly

T he precious moments of a life's short day.
H aste, lest while standing in debating doubt
E ach prize thou shouldst have won another seize,
N or when the voice of Fortune seek thee out

T he summons ponder in thy questioning ease.
R each for the gifts of God. Wait not a sign.
I deals too soon will fade without a nearer view.
N ow act. This is the spirit of our time.
I nscribe thy own name high. Ask not, but do.
T he lightning flash will show which way is right
Y et if thou wait there comes a blacker night.

—*Ralph R. Wolfe.*

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

AT the fall election of the Athletic Association the following officers were elected: Manager of football, Bryant; assistant manager, Trumbull; assistant manager of track, Edsall.

Monday, Nov. 27, Mr. Philip J. McCook gave an interesting lecture before the college body on "How Jerome Won." Mr. McCook was able to give an excellent talk on the subject as he himself was an active agent in the campaign.

A special meeting of the Athletic Association was held on Monday, December 4th, for the purpose of voting basketball into the jurisdiction of the association.

The loan of room 20 to the Musical Club will be a considerable help to strengthen the attendance at rehearsals. Mr. Davis, who was instructor last year, will act in that capacity for the present season.

Dr. Luther is reported by his physician as steadily improving. He will probably not resume his active duties until after Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Genthe have received an invitation to write an article on the geography, geology, fauna and flora of Germany for the Encyclopedia Americana.

The members of the football team were the guests of honor at the annual dinner of the Hartford Alumni Association held at the Golf Club on Tuesday, the 12th.

A very enjoyable german, the first of the season, was given in Alumni Hall on Friday evening, December 8th. The first half was an informal dance. President Hinkel led the cotillion in the second half.

The football team elected Philip Dougherty, 1907, to the captaincy for next year.

The required gymnasium classes, under the direction of Dr. Swan began on November 27th.

The Senior Class through a committee has posted the following rules in regard to the Freshman-Junior Banquet:

1. Upper classmen shall afford no protection to freshmen going to the banquet.
2. Paroles are void.
3. No freshman shall be withheld from any recitation or chapel service.
4. Rooms of freshmen shall not be "rough-housed."

The following are the subjects for competition for the F. A. Brown prize: Bishop Taylor's "Liberty of Prophesying;" The Sympathetic Strike; The Origin of the Church in Britain; The Scientific Studies of the Greeks.

ATHLETICS

Trinity 21—Haverford 28

Trinity played her last game of the season at Haverford November 25, and suffered defeat by the peculiar score of 28 to 21. The defense of both teams was very poor while each had a very powerful offense. Donnelly, Landefeld, Maxson and Pond were good ground gainers. Haverford kicked off to Trinity and immediately took the ball on downs. Trinity held for three downs and Haverford kicked a field goal. Haverford scored two touchdowns and kicked both goals before Trinity awoke. Before the half ended, however, Trinity had scored two touchdowns. Score 16-10. The second half was a repetition of the first, Haverford ran the score up to 28 and then Trinity scored two touchdowns and kicked one goal. The lineup:

Haverford—Reid, r. e.; Tatnall, r. t.; Birdsall, r. g.; Brown, c.; Dodd, l. g.; Jones, l. t.; Ramsey-Miller, l. e.; Haines, q. b.; C. Brown-A. Brown, r. h. b.; Bard-Smiley, l. h. b.; Lowry, f. b.

Trinity—Pond, r. e.; Landefeld, r. t.; Buck-Chamberlain, r. g.; Marlor, c.; Doherty, l. g.; Donnelly, l. t.; Morgan-Powell, l. e.; Hubbard, q. b.; Maxson, r. h. b.; Budd, l. h. b.; Xanders, Roberts and Cunningham, f. b.

Y. M. C. A. 34—Trinity 24

Trinity opened the basketball season on Saturday night, December 2nd, with the local Y. M. C. A. team. With less than a week's practice, the team held the score a tie up to the last five minutes of play, when the Y. M. C. A. scored five baskets. The lineup:

Hartford Y. M. C. A.—Ritchie, r. f.; Pierce, l. f.; Peard, c.; Burnham, r. g.; Johnson, l. g.

Trinity—Connor, r. f.; Powell, l. f.; Donnelly, c.; Pond, r. g.; Marlor, l. g.

Referee, Vinal. Umpire, Dixon. Time of halves, 20 minutes. Goals from floor, Powell 6, Peard 6, Ritchie 5, Donnelly 3, Pierce 3, Johnson 2, Pond 1, Connor 1, Burnham 1. Goals from fouls, Connor 1, Pond 1.

The preliminary game between the Freshmen team and Hartford High School was a one sided game from the start. Final score 34-19. Claussen of the Freshmen, and Buckley and Edmonds of the High School deserve personal mention.

PERSONALS.

'72—George C. Burgwin, president of the Marine National Bank of Pittsburg, Pa., was a delegate to the recent convention of the American Bankers' Association at Washington, D. C.

'76—On Friday, December 8, Mr. Isaac Heister was married to Miss Mary K. Baer, daughter of President Baer of the P. & R. Railroad, in the Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa. Mr. Heister is president of the Second National Bank of Reading, and a prominent member of the Berks County Bar.

'76—Col. Wm. C. Skinner was married to Miss Renovia Walbridge Chapman, December 2, in New York City.

'82—The Rev. William Walter Webb, D. D., president of Nashotah House, has been elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

'87—Mr. Abbott C. Hamlin was married to Mrs. Eva H. Stone on November 28 in Rochester, New York.

'87—Mr. Edward C. Niles has been elected a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Hampshire.

'94—The address of the Rt. Rev. Frederick Foote Johnson, Assistant Missionary Bishop of South Dakota, is Sioux Falls, S. D.

'94—Howard T. Greenley has removed his office from 33 Union Square to 12. W. 40th street, New York City.

'98—The Rev. John H. Quick was married on November 15th at the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, to Miss Ruby Emma Newcomb. His address is Calvary Church Rectory, Brunt Hills, New York.

'98—The Rev. Edward S. Travers, assistant minister at Trinity Church, Boston, has been appointed chaplain of the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

'99—E. K. Sterling, second lieutenant, Third U. S. Cavalry, has been ordered from Montana to the Philippines.

'05—Harry C. Boyd has secured a position with the P. & F. Corbin Lock Company, New Britain, Conn. His address is 25 South High street.

ex-'08—D. R. Woodhouse is with the J. & M. Carleton Hardware Company, St. Louis, Mo. His address is Box 1416.

NECROLOGY

'45—Jonas Stremmel, who received an honorary degree of M. A. in 1845, died at his home in Astoria, Long Island, on Friday, November 17, aged 89 years.

'81—James Russell Parsons, United States Consul General at the city of Mexico, was killed by a trolley car in that city on the evening of December 5. Mr. Parsons was born in Hoosick Falls, New York, February 20, 1861. He was valedictorian of the class of '81, received the degree of M. A. in 1883, and that of LL. D. in 1902. He was private secretary to Bishop Williams of Connecticut from 1882 to 1883 and school commissioner of the first district, Rensselaer County, New York from 1884 to 1887. He was consul to Aix-la-Chapelle 1888-90. In 1891 he was made inspector of secondary schools for the University of the State of New York. In 1897 he was made director of Colleges and High School Departments and Secretary of the University of New York. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Psi and the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Parsons was well known as a writer, being author of educational works among which are "Prussian Schools Through American Eyes," and "French Schools Through American Eyes."

THE STROLLER

"Man wants but little here below,"
"That little he seldom gets."

As THE STROLLER was dallying with this parodied principle of life a sudden inspiration came to him. He, who was wont to be a waggish rogue, springs full blown into a philosopher. He was pleased, excited and a little conceited. "Ah, he said," I may yet rival the masterly "Hodiernus" or the eccentric genius of the man who framed the Trinity cut system. Now the idea of THE STROLLER was this, that the reason of going to chapel was to worship and that worshipping was a voluntary action; consequently there were usually about three real worshippers in chapel whose names he would withhold lest these three should ascribe too much fame and virtue to themselves. The amiable gentleman does not object to chapel, far from it, but he wants to go when he wants to. He is reminded of the estimable school master, who was discussing Hamlet and said to his pupil, "You observe, my boy, a master touch of genius, a divine light in the darkness of hackneyed literature." "Yes, sir," said the boy. "What page is it?" Having evolved one brilliant thought he is possessed of another which takes the form of a soliloquy. "I come to College to study. I study late to do well. I cut chapel because of it. I am sent away from a place of studying because I study." And he is but a jester, the wearer of the college cap and bells. Besides being a philosopher he also becomes a poet and this was the manner of his effusion:—

Farewell, farewell, but this I tell
To thee, thou student grave,
He prayeth well who runneth well
And comes without a shave.
He prayeth best, who sprinteth best
From out of Jarvis Hall
For "cut allowance" ruleth us
It flunks and ruins all.

EXCHANGES.

(The exchanges of The Tablet may be found on file at 15 Jarvis Hall. The files are for the use of the men in college, with the understanding that the papers are not to be taken from the room where they are kept.—Exchange Editor.)

ANOTHER new face is at the desk of the Exchange Editor. This time it is that of *The Pontefract* from the Pomfret School at Pomfret, Connecticut. The magazine is well gotten up and speaks well for its board of editors. The cover design is particularly neat and attractive.

Gratitude.

Over the fields of chill November lay
 A dusky shroud, for through the sky were spread
 Great leaden clouds; the very world seemed dead,
 Save for the wind that, shouting, sprang away
 And bowed the helpless trees. A mellow ray
 Of sunshine touched the fields, the darkness fled
 And from the grass a cheerful bird-song sped
 That woke my heart to pleasant thoughts of May.

So may we live our lives with grateful heart
 Till like this cheerful bird our lips shall sing
 In thanks for simple blessings—sunshine, life,
 And love, and for the chance to do our part.
 Thus may our song along life's roadside bring
 Some joy to those whose way seems dark with strife.

—*Nassau Lit.*

The November *Haverfordian* has an article on "The Ministry and The College Man." The contribution is not graced with flowery diction but it is full of good, common sense facts. One sentence shows the tenor of the whole essay: "There is a need, there is room, in the ministry for men—with the accent on the word man, for here character tells."

Success.

The deep, dark clouds are yonder massed,
And rain has drenched fields drear and dun,
But o'er the farthest hills at last,
I see the sun!—*Williams Lit.*

The Red and Blue, University of Pennsylvania, for November, contains an essay "Football—A Detriment or a Danger?" The writer of the paper sets his opinions forward in a clear and positive way. The conclusion arrived at is "football is no longer a detriment, it is a danger."

As a maid so nice
With steps precise
Tripped o'er the ice
She slipped—her care in vain,
And at the fall
With usual gall
The schools boys call,
"First down—two feet to gain."—Ex.

We cannot omit a word of praise for the essay "The Beauty Element in Tennyson's Poetry," which appears in *The William Jewell Student*, Vol. XII, No. 2. The paper is good and shows independent thinking on the part of the writer.

Gaspard with a pair of shears
Pointed up his sister's ears.
"There," he said, no licking fearing,
"That will sharpen sister's hearing.—*Columbia Jester.*"

MAUD—"I screamed when he kissed me."
ETHEL—"For help?"
MAUD—"No; more."—*Cornell Widow.*

A Boston spinster owns a dog,
 One of those high-toned "Towsers,"
 That's so well bred and nice, 'tis said
 He never pants—he trowsers.—*The Distaff.*

The *Wesleyan Literary* has a new cover design. It is attractive but lacks the dignity of the plainer cover so long characteristic of the magazine.

We are glad to receive *The Manhattan Quarterly*. It is a magazine worthy of a prominent place in the world of college papers. Its tone is good and its ideals lofty as evidenced by the statement of its editors that "its object is to encourage among the students," of Manhattan College, "literary composition of a high order of merit."

Autumn.

The sedges by the brook are curled and brown,
 The golden-rod's last flame has flickered low,
 The gentian's silken lashes close are sealed—
 Her fair blind sister faded long ago—
 The milkweed down floats idly on the air,
 And on the silent stream the dead leaves flow.

No sign of life, save in this oak leaf's hue,
 And even this is in the clasp of death,
 For 'tis the flush of fever's hectic glow
 Where it was touched by winter's deadly breath—
 Yet on its surface, mystic pencilling—
 O teach us, Nature, what thy tracing saith!

For in the life-blood of each fallen leaf,
 Her hand prophetic, like the sibyl's old,
 Hath writ a message, as in reverie
 She sinks at the approach of winter's cold
 In reverie, not slumber, no, nor death,
 But source of newer mysteries yet untold.

—Jessie Valentine in *Smith College Monthly*.

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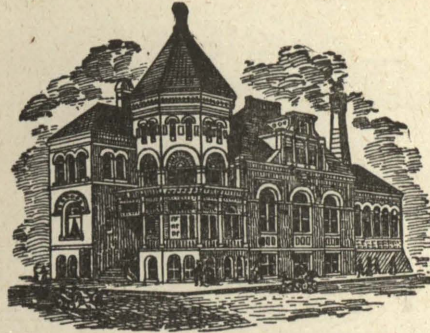
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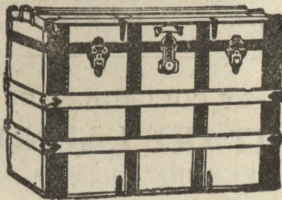
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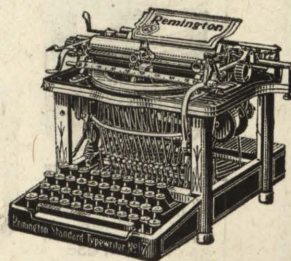
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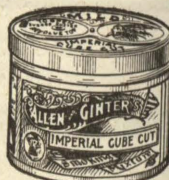
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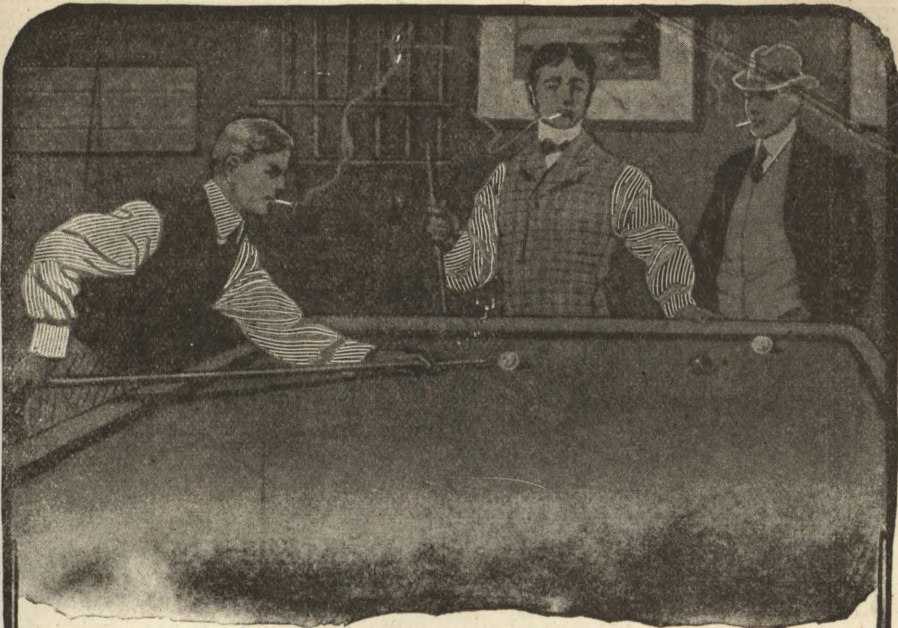


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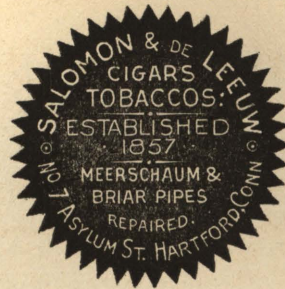
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