The Inter-Collegiate Literary Contest.

The general tenor of things since the Inter-Collegiate Literary Convention, which was held last fall in Hartford, indicates that the contest then provided for will fully meet the expectations of its most earnest advocates. The provisional constitution adopted by the Convention has been ratified by many of the foremost Colleges, and Rutgers among them. Of these, some have sent two essays each, (that being the largest number allowed,) to the proper committee, and others but one each, and all with one or two exceptions have already appointed an orator each to contend as a friendly rival in the contest to take place in New-York City, January 8, 1875. The essays were written upon subjects previously assigned by a committee appointed for that purpose, and Rutgers for once has done something worthy of herself without absolutely being forced into it. She did not stop with sending delegates to the first convention. She did not rest contented with simply expressing her approval of the plans then proposed and ratifying the constitution. But she took one step more, and made provision for a sub-contest at home, to be held on Wednesday, November 18th, 1874, for the purpose of selecting an orator to represent her at the coming contest in New-York. This the Faculty will do as early as possible. Members of the two upper classes and the class of '74 have the privilege of competing in this contest, and it is hoped that there will be a respectable representation of the different classes, so that no student shall receive the highly honorable appointment without a hard struggle.

The speeches, both at the preliminary and Inter-Collegiate contests, are to be original. Owing to the delay in ratifying the provisional constitution formed by the Hartford convention the College could not appoint essayists, the time for the presentation of the essays being on or before the 1st of November. But next year the students must take an early start, and be fully equipped for whatever presents itself.

Princeton's preliminary contest for the appointment of an orator ended successfully for W.S. Nichols, of N. J. L. M. Miller, of Philadelphia, was chosen alternate. She will present one essay, the writer of which is Allen Marquand, of New-York City. New-York University presents two essays and an orator. And now, fellow students, although we cannot expect to make the display this year we should like in consequence of the lack of time, let us join hands and co-operate in creating a general and deep interest in these Inter-Collegiate contests. If they are to be productive of inestimable good
now (which is not disputed) while yet encircled in narrow limits, what rich results can be reaped from them when they become extended and include, together with oratory and essay writing, scholarship in its various departments. How great will be the reward to students individually in consequence of their thorough preparation and careful training for the contests! How great will be the benefit to the cause of education generally, by the attainment of a higher standard of scholarship from a comparison of the merits of different methods of instruction extant in the various seats of learning; these merits being embodied and plainly evident in the contestants from our various institutions! Then let Rutgers be prominent and zealous in this new scheme and in every grand object calculated to insure directly the rapid and thorough development of mind and heart and indirectly the public good, and she will send forth men worthy to be leaders in the world, and will stand herself the pride of all who have sat in her classic halls and drunk in copious draughts of knowledge.

A Phase or two of College Life.

Among enterprising spirits in this world the student stands pre-eminent. The long succession of failure which invariably marks his pathway through College seems by no means to dampen his ardor for new experiments. His last term in college is as strongly characterized by his zeal in new undertakings and perfect indifference to the success of plans formed in previous terms, as when he endeavored to instill into the hearts of his brother freshmen and his own, sufficient courage to engage in the soul-harrowing, shirt-tearing cane rush, and then as the fatal hour drew near, remained quietly in his room or (as some of the present Seniors once did) went to a minstrel performance down town.

A glance at our "Scarlet Letter," or any similar college publication will impress upon the mind the Herculean energy with which we place our shoulders to all sorts of wheels. With from fifteen to twenty "associations," a dozen societies and an army of officers, two hundred and twelve being the number found in the Scarlet Letter, we might reasonably expect to elevate the whole human species, but some way or other we don't. The freshman embarking in college life and looking forward to four years of perhaps difficult labor, might well give up in abject despair could he but foresee a tithe of the vast responsibilities which in rapid succession await him, in the shape of directorships, treasurerships and presidencies, all of which have made the American College a perfect office-seekers' paradise, only the offices yield no profit and precious little honor for the same reason that gold would not outvalue New Jersey shale if it were only so abundant. A college student without an office is an almost unheard-of phenomenon. No wonder all our enterprises languish, when weighed down with such a cumbersome mass of official machinery and titled inefficiency.

No wonder that when calls are issued at one time for meetings of several of these hordes of fellows, called "directors," the Professors tremblingly anticipate a college "slope" as they see the noisy throngs assembling under the various trees.

But seriously, ought we not to be ashamed of some of this silly pomp, not only for the sake of the many worthy objects which we fail to further simply because we fetter our energies with a miserable imitation of red tape; but for our own sakes? Our characters are, for the most part, moulded in college. Few of the habits we form here will ever leave us.

To be at graduation, president and secretary or general water carrier for three or four defunct organizations, will not assist us when we engage in the struggle of the life before us; but the acquisition of an empty thirst for title and office, and a thirst for intrigue, and a four years' record of responsibilities assumed, but not discharged, and pledges broken, will be dark indices to our future career.

HINCHLIFFE.

OXFORD University exults in an annual income of one million dollars, and a library of five hundred and twenty thousand volumes.

Many claim the title by real or fancied right, and great minds and little strive for the eminence which may be won by the power of the pen. From the genius comes a dash of unstudied eloquence; the man of ordinary intellectual power, but high culture and education, selects his words with a regard to beauty and effect that gives an artistic touch and a graceful rounding to every expression; while the scribbler nibbles his quill, and for the sake of seeing himself in print, taxes a brain not equal to the task for something brilliant, deep, or striking efforts finally resulting in the injurious and nonsensical matter which fills many publications of the present day. To an intense love of the beautiful, and largely to pride in natural ability, we owe the elegance of language that flows with such power from gifted minds, and which lingers with us like the memory of a pleasant dream. You have heard, some Sacred Day, the music of a distant village bell float through the valley with its sweet and holy chime, "How silvery the echoes run, Thy will be done, Thy will be done."

Authors.

Have not echoes just as silvery lived in your memory after reading some peculiarly beautiful poetry of thought? "Tis a pity authors like this are so rare, for the grandeur and sublimity that pervade their writings cannot but have an ennobling and elevating effect.

The public taste for trifling and depraved reading has too long been encouraged. You who instruct your fellows through the press, think of the responsibility and be cautious. Educated men and women must elevate the public taste, and bring it to an appreciation of true refinement; and a pure heart and untiring effort must be brought to the work if they would succeed. A degree of ambition is commendable, but one should not aspire to such brilliancy as will enable him to write an article in a few minutes. Few can treat a subject so summarily, and do it justice. Give time and study to your theme, and stick to it; write so carefully that the most sensitive lover of the beautiful will recognize in your
compositions an artist-mind, and yet with such evident meaning that the most unpoetical will readily comprehend; combine tact with talent, if possible, and try to acquire what you may lack in natural ability, by close study and persistent effort. If you have a keen sense of the ludicrous, let your witticisms be as sparkling and funny as possible. Everybody appreciates ready wit, and it is at least healthy in its effects.

Many ridicule the idea of an author thinking well of his own productions, as evidence of conceit. But not so. Unless he looks upon them as possessing real merit, he has no right to put them before the reading public. Criticism should be so severe as to exclude every impurity, and truth be fearlessly taken as the basis of all writings — then, indeed, will the pen be found a mighty power. With an intensity of ambition second only to earnest desire to accomplish this end, one cannot but excel as an author.

The Freshman Beaver.

The season of rejoicing for the tailors is at hand. Once more has the high hat when borne by a Freshman into the presence of the Sophomores produced the usual result. It seems that the Freshmen were not satisfied with the result of the cane-rush which took place a short time since, and therefore they selected the time after Chapel exercises, on Tuesday, as that most suitable for a second trial. Being believers in the saying, "Variety is the spice of life," they made their "old bucket" over which to go to war, a high hat instead of a cane. After Chapel, on the morning of the day in question, it might be noticed that the students did not go off to their recitation rooms with the usual promptness, and the flocking together of the Freshmen indicated that something more than ordinary was on the carpet. Soon the war cry of '78 broke the comparative stillness, and immediately the stress of all the commotion, the old hat, made its appearance. The Sophs were not at all loath to begin the combat, but, forgetful of a year ago, rushed boldly to the seat of war. Hats were now of no importance (with one exception); books were thrown ruthlessly aside, and coats and collars were for sale equally cheap. No sooner had the contest begun than the ambulance corps, (which consisted of those upper classmen who were so lucky as to be present,) entered upon its duties. For the benefit of those ignorant, we will say, that the duty of this corps was to take care of all articles having no owner attached to them, to place upon their feet those of the combatants who had lost their equilibrium, and to urge them on to greater exertion by the soul-inspiring cries, "Go in '77!" "Go in '78!" The crowd moved slowly to the lower end of the Campus, being divided several times by the trees with which it came in contact, but the attractive qualities of the hat were too great to allow it to be separated long. Vain were all attempts to close the gate beyond which it was supposed all turmoil would cease, and thus would end all sport for the spectators. But such was not the case, for here the strife deepened, and judging from appearances, the fate of one of the classes must be like that of the Spartan band at Thermopylae. Rushes, like all good things, must have an end, but the termination of this seemed due to the absence of that about which to fight, for when '77 sent up her shout of triumph, her token of victory was very small when compared with that for which she fought. We, the spectators, then went to our rooms, fully satisfied with the performance, and ready to see another.

Victory Over Difficulties.

The laws regulating the exercise of the mental and physical powers, are often analogous. The strength of mind and body are alike dependent upon discipline. As a man's physique by physical labor, becomes more highly developed, so, by the complex problems of science, and the intricate speculations of metaphysics, his mind opens to higher and grander truths.

This development, however, must be gradual. Step by step, the mind must slowly and laboriously push its way from primary truths to their widest deductions.

When looking at the immense amount of hard work necessary to the advanced state of intelligence which may fit us for the position we desire to fill, we often hesitate and doubt as to our ability to accomplish the end.

Yet why should we waver in our determination? Why should we succumb to the natural indolence of human nature.

"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt."

A powerful will can do anything that ought to be done. Thousands have moped their way through life, because they lacked this one great element of success. The struggle may be long, yet the victory will be sure.

And then, when all labor is about to have its end, how glorious the thought that life has been a success. No matter how dark or stormy our pathway may have been, if we can only look back over its rough and rugged places, and feel that we have overcome the difficulties that presented themselves, and have attained the object for which we labored, we shall be supremely happy—and death comes only to open the door to an everlasting home, wherein there shall be no vain regrets for the irreparable past.

R. R.

Inter-Society Debate.

On Friday, October 30th, Peitho and Philo will meet in their second semi-annual contest. The subject chosen is, "Should Education be compulsory?" and the debaters are as follows: From Peitho, Messrs. Cox, Kemlo and Surphen; from Philo, Messrs. Murray, Searle and Vechte. The Philoclean Society will contemplate the question from the affirmative point of view, and the Peithessopian from the negative.

The last graduating class at Amherst gave $1,000 to the College Library. If our graduating classes would follow this example, our 5,000 volumes would soon grow into a respectable library.
Elections.


TARGUM OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS—Prex., P. T. Pockman; V. Prex., J. E. Lyall; Sec., E. E. Colburn; Treas., B. V. D. Wyckoff; Directors, ’75, B. Wyckoff, P. Montfort; ’76, E. Colburn, C. Pierce; ’77, J. Knox, E. Reiley; ’78, W. Anderson.

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Class of ’78. (Classical). Prex., F. Folger; V. Prex., F. Collier; Sec., McLean; Treas., E. Tears.

Class of ’78. (Scientific). Prex., F. Lent; V. Prex., J. H. Parsons; Sec., C. A. Reed; Treas., H. M. Herbert.

Elections.

The Class of ’78 signaled their entrance into College by challenging the Sophs to a cane rush on the first Friday night of the Term. They gathered in front of the Geological Hall and awaited the attack of the heroes of ’77, who had made their rendezvous somewhere near the centre of the Campus. The struggle, which began before eight o’clock, lasted for more than an hour. The best of humor prevailed on both sides, but through some misunderstanding on the part of the Fresh, both parties endeavored to carry the cane through the Campus gates. These being closed, the contest was protracted until the strength of the contestants was almost exhausted. At last, however, the cane was passed through the fence, and not being yet in the undisputed possession of either class, the interference of the upper classes prevented a disturbance in the street. As neither of the contesting parties wished to renew the struggle after the return to the Campus, the question of their relative strength remains undecided.

A beautiful new stone of white marble has been put over the grave of Professor Albert Hopkins, in the Williams College cemetery. Though little public mention was made of Professor Hopkins, so long a power in Williams College, during Commencement week, beyond a touching allusion by Dr. Hopkins in the Mission Park meeting, he was not by any means forgotten by the returning Alumni. The monument bears this fitting inscription: “They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.”

An important commission received by Mr. Launt Thompson, is for a statue of the late Dr. Nott, of Union College. It was ordered by a number of the older graduates of the college, and is to be placed in the new Memorial Hall and Library on the College grounds, Schenectady. The statue is to be of heroic size and of marble.
Exchanges and Other Notices.

We acknowledge the receipt, from J. W. Schermerhorn & Co., of the first volume of The American Annual. It is a reference book for all matters pertaining to education. It is the result of the first organized effort that has been made in this country to collect and collate school facts and statistics in such a manner as to give readers a comprehensive survey of what is being done educationally from year to year in the different States. The manner in which this has been done reflects great credit on those engaged in the undertaking. The work is very comprehensive, and would be an invaluable addition to every library.

The Western Collegian comes to us on new paper, with a new name, and so altered in appearance that we thought at first that we had a new exchange. From its editorial columns we learn that the title, The College Transcript, was adopted as “more euphonious, appropriate and distinctive.”

Parts Two and Three of “Our First Hundred Years” have been received. The history of our country in its infancy is given in a masterly manner. The histories of the different colleges are some of the distinctive features of the work. Rutgers is not neglected. The author begins his treatment of our college thus: “This institution, which has become so eminent, owes its existence to the learning and piety of the clergy who accompanied the early Dutch emigrants to New-York and New-Jersey.”

The Nassau Literary Magazine contains a prize essay and a prize oration. The essay on “Wadsworth and Byron” is a very able effort, and betrays a discrimination of character, an acquaintance with literature, a knowledge of the workings of the human mind, seldom attained by the newly-fledged alumnus.

Perhaps the best of our exchanges is the Vassar Miscellany. To be sure it has the advantage of being a quarterly, yet even this fact is not enough to account for the refinement and taste which pervade its pages. The delicacy of woman’s touch is visible everywhere.

The Cornell Times has been consolidated with The Cornell Era, the latter name surviving. An item on the former will be found under the heading Telescope.

The Wells College Chronicle comes to us with the request written on its cover, “Please exchange editors.” We would gladly comply if our constituents would allow us. However, a compromise is proposed. If three of the Chronicle’s fair editresses (for we notice its editorial staff consists of the same number as ours) will consent to take their places, we have three chivalrous “slingers of the quill” who will most willingly assist in editing the Wells College paper.

We acknowledge, besides, the following exchanges:


Foot Races.

We are glad to see our students waking up to the importance of athletic exercise, as was shown by the foot races which took place in the afternoon of October 15.

The programme embraced:

1st. A two mile walking race, which was won by W. Catter, ’76, in 21 min. 19 sec.

2d. A one mile running race, in which Mr. O. H. Maynard, ’78, was the victor, making the distance in 5 min. 20 sec.

3rd. An impromptu mile race, which resulted in a victory for R. Herbert, ’78.

Messrs. Janeley, ’75, and Walser, ’75, were the Referees.

We hope that this may be a mere beginning of a series, and that the work so fitly begun may be zealously carried on by Rutgers students.
are assured, have been fully demonstrated. The alumni readily admitted its superiority, and were filled with a new pride in their Alma Mater, as they witnessed the increased grandeur of her Commencement exercises.

Every student in Rutgers should subscribe for The Targum, and every subscriber should consider himself a self-constituted “committee of one,” to solicit subscriptions. Our paper is not run in the interest of the Editors or Directors. It is a College paper; and as such has claims on every member of the institution. By it the College is judged; by its success the reputation of our College is elevated. The interests of The Targum and those of Rutgers College are identical.

We are happy to extend the “right-hand of fellowship” to the class of ’78. We congratulate them upon their numbers and “spunk.” They have not hesitated to engage in the canoe-rush, the beaver smash, and the foot-ball match with the Sophs. We are assured that they will be an honor to our Alma Mater. The reputation of the class yet depends on one thing—and that is, a liberal support of The Targum. Why can it not be said, “Every member of the Class of ’78 is a member of the Targum Association?”

The new College year has fairly begun. The classes have become accustomed to their new positions, the literary societies have resumed their meetings, and the various College organizations have elected their officers and commenced their labors.

The recent brilliant victory of the Foot Ball Twenty over the champions of the Saratoga Regatta, who assured us that the Twenty who were vanquished were the best Columbia ever had in the field, is an encouragement to “the little Dutch College in New-Jersey” to aspire to the championship of America in the game of Foot Ball.

A movement has been successfully started to raise funds for sending a crew to the next regatta. Five hundred and fifty dollars have already been subscribed by the students, who are certainly showing that boating spirit so long looked for. A call to the alumni to follow this with a liberal subscription, should, and we have no doubt will, meet with a unanimous response. This is no ordinary request. Where is the graduate of Rutgers who does not wish to see her in the foremost rank? And now it seems the moment has come. If the alumni give them hope, our boating men will do their best.

Steps have been taken, also, to have us represented in the inter-collegiate literary contest, to take place in January. We hope that many will exert themselves in this department, that the selection of our representatives may not be made from the usual small number of contestants for prizes.

When we returned from our summer vacation, we turned our attention to the duties of a new year, and among others to those connected with The Targum. On consulting the publishers, it was ascertained that the Association was $150 in arrears. Bankruptcy stared us in the face, and we resolved to omit the promised September number, and to turn our attention to the “wiping out” of the debt. Providentially, the Directors elected for this year proved competent. By their energetic efforts, as well as by those of other friends, we have been enabled to extricate ourselves from our difficulties. This number comes forth under happy auspices. With a surplus in the treasury, the liberal support of advertisers, an increased number of subscribers, an active corps of editors, and above all, a harmonious and working Board of Directors, we can assert, without fear of contradiction, that The Targum is more secure than ever before.

Seventy-Eight.—Every member of the Class of ’78 will be considered a subscriber to The Targum from the date of this number. Copies, including the present, will be sent to all, and the Treasurer will call upon them for the amount of their subscriptions as soon as possible.
In Memoriam.

HALL OF THE EPSILON OF THE DELTA PHI.

During the past Summer two of our most beloved and respected brothers have been removed from our midst by Death's powerful hand. In the death of Robert O. Currie, of the Class of 1859, and of Frederick W. Conkling, of the Class of 1873, the Epsilon of Delta Phi feels that it has been deprived of two of its most active members. In view of the dispensation of Divine Providence, it seems fitting that some feeble testimonial of our appreciation of their lives and services should be made; therefore it has been

Resolved, That the Hall of the Epsilon of Delta Phi, and the badges of its members, be draped appropriately for thirty days; and

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Rutgers College Targum.

THOMAS D. SWIFT,
CHARLES BRADLEY,
FREDERICK J. COLLIER,
Committee.

From the New-Brunswick Daily Times, of June 25th, we copy the following item:

"The Rev. Jacob Cooper, Professor of Languages at Rutgers, has been the recipient of many distinguished honors from institutions of learning in various parts of the world. He recently won the international prize awarded by a College in Berlin—among the foremost in Germany—for the best treatise on wills between husband and wife, and received the degree of S. T. D. from Columbia College, the oldest and oldest structure of its kind in New-York. The Columbia Law School is renowned all over the United States for its superiority in Solonic lore, and among its alumni have been some of the greatest men in our history."


College Dots.

During vacation, a lady asked if Alma Mater referred to Dr. Campbell.

A prize is offered to the Seniors for the one who passes the best examination in moral philosophy.

A New Society has appeared among us. Alpha Sigma Chi is the designation which its members own.

On the door of a store in Church-street, we observed the notice, "Closed in honor to a wedding in the family."

A Senior tried to induce a Freshman to go to the President for a night-key to his boarding house, but the attempt was a failure.

The first game of football between Columbia and Rutgers took place on Saturday, October 24th, and resulted in a score of 6 to 1 in favor of Rutgers.

The Seminary Gymnasium is finished at last. But "the powers that be" decline to permit its use at present. Rumor says that it will be opened in November.

The oldest stage driver in New-Jersey is said to be "Brommy" Van Zandt, who has driven the stage from Washington to New-Brunswick for more than forty years.

A lady being told that Williams had lost her rudder, gravely informed the gentlemen that "that will make no difference; for the man in the bow steers with his feet."

The annual game of foot-ball between the Freshmen and Sophomore classes took place on Tuesday, October 14th, resulting in a victory for the Class of '77, by a score of 6 to 0.

In reply to the question of one of the Saratoga belles, why they didn't start the racers, her gallant answered "Why, oh, I'm sure I don't know, unless it is that there are two many swells at the other end."

Professor—In the preparation of yellow Prussiate of Potash, hooks, iron filings, &c., are used.

Senior—Does it make any difference whether you use horses' or cows' hoofs?

Professor—Some questions are pertinent and some impertinent.

Professor, calling the roll—Mr. Way, is he away?

Student—Yes, sir. He is always a way.

A Professor was recently overheard endeavoring to obtain some information from two Freshmen. One did not know how old he was, and the other promised to write to his Pa to find out where he lived.

Our German Professor, being very much horrified by the way in which the feminine of the definite article was pronounced, scared the careless Junior Scientific by exclaiming in a deep basso, "Never don't say die."

Prof., in a recitation on the "Human Intellect." "Now Mr.——, be pleased to recapitulate the principle points of our lesson.

Student—"Recapitulation is a state of the soul."

Prof.—"That will do. Next."

Professor, to class who have been absent from recitation, "You all have unexcused absences."

Senior—"Can these absences be excused?"

Professor—"I consider that question the height of impertinence."

Experimental Chemistry.—Student—Professor, does corrosive sublimate always coagulate the albumen of an egg?

Professor—Yes, sir.

Student—If hens were fed on it, would they lay boiled eggs?

Professor—Leave the room, sir?

Mr. C. D. Deshler, in a recent speech in this City, spoke in the following complimentary terms of our Professor of History, Political Economy, Constitutional Law, &c.:

"I know, and have long known, that Professor Atherton is conspicuously industrious and assiduous in the performance of his college duties. I have never heard, nor do I believe that he unfairly intrudes his political views upon the students under his charge. On the contrary, I have repeatedly heard students of opposite political views give him credit for fairness and impartiality on questions of current politics."
Personalia.

H. L. Janeaway is at home.

W. Stoddard is studying law.

E. Cutter expects to study law.

T. D. Mills is studying medicine.

P. D. Staats is farming at Raritan, N. J.

A. H. Strong studies law with his father.

W. B. Berry is pursuing a medical course.

C. S. Bloomfield is studying medicine.

R. G. Wells, ’75, has returned to College.

P. J. Fuller is studying law in Albany.

L. J. Lockwood, ’75, has left College for this term.

Barr, ’75, and Van Keuren ’77, have gone home sick.

J. R. Durfee is teaching a school at Lawrenceville, N. J.

E. C. Barritt, ’75, is teaching school near Madison, N. J.

S. O. Lawsin, ’74, is teaching in the Grammar School.

Jack Lefferts, ’76, has left College, intending to study law.

W. Osborn, ’76, is at Yale, pursuing a course of engineering.

C. A. Meyer is studying law with Mr. Randolph, of Jersey City.

H. N. Fuller has a position under the Government at Washington.

J. V. Demott is studying law with J. Weart, Esq., of Jersey City.

I. Pumeya is compelled by ill health to discontinue his medical studies.

J. Harper, ’73, has had an addition to his family, this being the third.

W. H. Bradley, is waiting, Micawber-like, for something to turn up.

Eldridge Van Syckle, ’73, is Vice Principal of the Neshanic Institute.

J. W. Searing is studying law with Judge Schoonmaker, at Kingston, New York.

C. Davis and J. R. Manley will enter Columbia College Law School.

J. Pendleton, ’75, has entered the Episcopal Seminary, of New-York City.

S. I. Woodbridge, ’76, is Principal of a school in Laytonsville, Maryland.

A. Vanvoort is reading law with Mr. Schenck, of New-Brunswick.

J. Oppie is rusticating on the banks of the Millstone Creek, at Griggstown, N. J.

J. H. Schenck is delving in the mysteries of Blackstone with Messrs. Magee and Cross, of Elizabeth, N. J.

R. Brokaw, T. E. Davis, C. Kruger, G. Lydecker and D. Talmage are in the Theological Seminary.

J. N. Wyckoff is making rapid strides in the study of the law with his uncle, Martin Wyckoff, at Asbury, N. J.

C. A. Runk is reading law with Cyrus Lawton, Esq., of New-York City, and also attending lectures at Columbia Law School.

A. Van Etten, rumor said, was coming back to Rutgers with the purpose of taking a Post graduate course, but he has not appeared as yet.

College World.

Prof. Hartt, of Cornell, has gone to South America on an exploring expedition.

Prof. Tyler, of Amherst, has been chosen President of Holyoke College, in place of Dr. Kirk, deceased.

The military drill which caused the trouble between the faculty and students, has been made "elective" at Bowdoin.

Charles S. Sanford, of the class of 1847, has given the Yale Boat Club $250, making $1,850 received by the club, in four donations, last summer.

Senator Summer bequeathed $1,000 to Harvard, the proceeds of which will constitute an annual prize for the best dissertation on "Universal Peace and the Method by which War may be permanently suspended."

The Rev. W. R. Shipman, of Tufts College, Boston, has been chosen to deliver the oration before the Alumni of Middlebury College, Vermont, in 1875.

Prof. Hitchcock, of Dartmouth College, will soon receive from New Zealand two skeletons of the extinct bird, the dinornis, the first ever brought to this country.

Yale is to have a new Chapel, with a capacity of about 1150. The Peabody Museum will be begun soon, which when completed will be three hundred and fifty feet long.

Amherst College has, like Yale, departed from the usual limited policy, and given an honorary degree, A. M., to the Rev. A. D. Mayo, Minister of the Unitarian Church at Springfield, Mass.

Mr. F. H. Williams, ex-President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, accompanies, as photographer, the United States expedition to Japan, to observe the transit of Venus on the 8th of December next.

John Johnson, LL. D., Professor Emeritus of Natural Science in Wesleyan University at Middletown, Ct., has written a history of the towns of Bristol and Bremen, Me., and the Pemaquid settlement.

The Saratogian claims that 30,000 people went to the Lake on the Thursday for which the University Race had been announced, and that Saratoga accommodated 25,000 daily during the week of the Regatta.

The last graduating class of Ann Arbor, Mich., numbered seventy-four members, six of whom were ladies; fourteen took the degree of civil engineer, thirteen that of Bachelor of Science, and twelve that of Bachelor of Philosophy, and fourteen that of Bachelor of Arts. The degree of M. A. is hereafter to be given only after a satisfactory examination.
In the last graduating class of the State Normal School in Salem, Mass., was one young lady, standing at the head of the class, who had earned money to pay her expenses during the two years by running a sewing machine.

The contest in oratory for the representation of Williams College at the intercollegiate contest, to be held in New-York in January, resulted in the selection of the oration, "How to secure Purity in Politics," by W. D. Edwards, of Utica, New-York.

At a meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Dr. Fischer read a paper calling attention to some defects of Latin Grammar, especially in the treatment of the imperfect tense and the explanation of the subjunctive with summ qui.

Miss Hettie Sikes, a member of the Sophomore class, of the University of Michigan, attempted to commit suicide by placing a pistol behind her right ear and discharging it. Her attempt on her own life was caused by mental aberration. There are hopes of her recovery.

Prof. G. G. Bush, who has been for a long time a teacher of ancient languages in the Vermont Methodist Seminary at Montpelier, has left the institution for the purpose of spending two years in the University of Heidelberg, Germany, studying Latin and German literature and comparative philology.

Harper's Weekly says, that Jean Ingelow has a nephew, Edward Ingelow Pitman, to whom she is giving a collegiate education at the college in New-Brunswick, New-Jersey. He is fifteen years old, and came to this country alone and unattended, to satisfy an earnest desire to see America and be educated here.

The Freshman Class, at Marietta College, numbers 23; Williams has 60; Amherst, 117; Cornell, 125; Yale, 283; Wesleyan University, 51; Dartmouth, 80; Brown, 100; Colby, 82; Bates, 25; Wabash, 29; Michigan University, 118; Lafayette, upwards of 100; Bowdoin, 37; Rutgers, 56.

The dignity of labor was well exemplified at the White Mountains during the summer vacation. A Dartmouth College student, who was to enter the divinity school at Cambridge, was "head waiter" at one hotel, and others from the same college were porters and servants in the Ammonoosuc Valley. In addition to these, there were forty college boys from Bates College, Maine, at the Glen House, who believe in the ennobling qualities of honorable and independent labor.

It is not, strictly speaking, impossible that this unlucky bump on Saratoga Lake may yet send the Rowing Association of American Colleges (we believe that is the name of it) to Davy Jones's locker, in the view of the Springfield Republican. Yale, Wesleyan, the two Amherst, Brown and Dartmouth, with or without Trinity, Williams and Bowdoin—it suggests, would make a very respectable New-England Rowing Association. No one need feel called upon to be surprised if there are two regattas next summer.

Whoever was second at Saratoga, says the Boston Traveller, Morrissey was first. After the race it was estimated that his bank, in one evening, took in from $100,000 to $150,000. His tables were splendidly laid, and every temptation to the appetite was offered; after that the green cloth was spread and the "Tiger" appeared. One young man from Cambridge, of wealthy parentage, is reported to have lost $2,500; and another from the same place, $2,100. Saratoga college races may be good for the development of muscles—but where are the morals?

The statistics published by the Department of Physical Education at Amherst College show that sixty-five students have been on the sick list at different times during the past year; giving two per cent. of the year as averaged upon all the students. November was the most healthy month, and March the least. The percentage of the students in attendance on the gymnastic exercises has averaged thus: Seniors, 91.6 per cent.; Juniors, 93.5 per cent.; Sophomores, 89.7 per cent.; Freshmen, 91.7 per cent. The general average shows a gain of 7.08 per cent. since the department has received a place in college standing.

A correspondent of the Evening Post wrote as follows concerning the gentlemen and ladies at the regatta: "Certainly the heart of every mother and sister has welled with pride at the conduct of the young gentlemen from our colleges who were gathered in such numbers at this place to see the regatta. Over two thousand of them were here, and with scarcely an exception they all showed the marks of good breeding. There was an entire absence of profanity and intoxication, and but little open betting. These young collegians never forget to remove their hats in passing ladies in the halls and elsewhere in the hotels; they are careful about smoking offensively, and some of them do dance—oh, divinely." Again she says: "Never in my life have I seen prettier women, young and old, or more of them, than were on the grand stand at the several races."

And now comes the Journal de Marseille to give its statement in the Beecher-Tilton case. It says that "terrible troubles have broken out among three American preachers, Beecher, Stilton and Moulton; that love-letters written by Madame Beecher Stowe have been found in the possession of the Rev. Mr. Moulton; that Stilton has brought action against Mr. Beecher for the seduction of his youngest daughter Florence, claiming $50,000 damages; that Madame Beecher is the mother of Uncle Tom, the blind pianist, who created a few years ago so great a furor over France."—The Chronicle.

Henry Ward Beecher, a professed man of God, employs a lawyer to plead and defend his case, instead of leaning upon his God. Oh, Beecher, thou should'st swap thy God for a 'yaller dog,' and give some boy a stick of candy to shoot the dog, and be thyself thine own God, lawyer and all. Oh, faithless Beecher! this world were indeed lost did we find no greater faith than in thee."—The Kingdom of Heaven, the organ of Spiritualism.
A German naturalist thus translates the song of the nightingale: "Zo Zo Zo Zo Zo Zo Zo Zo—zirrhading—Hez hez hez hez hez hez cowar he dize hoi—Hi gai gai gai gai gai gai gai gai gai—Coricor dzio dzio pi." Any of our readers wishing to emulate the sweet songstress of the night need only to practice his lay as above.—Ex.

A Chicago parson, who is also a schoolmaster, handed a problem to his class in mathematics the other day. The first boy took it up and looked at it awhile and said: "I pass." Second boy took it up and said: "I turn it down." The third stared at it awhile and drew out: "I can't make it." "Very good, boys," said the parson, "we will proceed to cut for a new deal," and with this remark the leather danced like lightning over the shoulders of those depraved young mathematicians—Educational Monthly.

Judging from the following lines on one of the most respectable ladies of Egypt, this age needs some more of those Holy Land bears who made such notably rapid work with the children of the Bible:

**ON THE DEATH OF CLEOPATRA.**

She took a little poison snake,
And bid it in her gown;
He gave her tail a little shake,
And did the job up brown.
She laid herself down in bed,
Where she was wont to lie;
Undid her chignon from her head,
And followed Antony.

—Vassar Miscellany.

John is a wag. A poor Frenchman being seized with an unconquerable desire to learn English, John wrote him the present tense of the word "to go." The Frenchman spent all his spare time to learn it, then went to another friend and complained of the extreme irregularity of the verb "to go." In proof thereof, he produced the present tense of "to go," as John had written it. It read,

**Singular.**

I go.

**Plural.**

We lay tracks.

Thou startest.

You cut sticks.

He departs.

They absquataddle or skedaddle.

—Vassar Miscellany.

A Sophomore was rather taken aback lately when on showing his photograph, in the approved Rembrandt style, to a near-sighted lady friend, she remarked, "How interesting! one of Rutherford's photographs of the moon!"—Packer Quarterly.

Dr. Hopkins—"What does your enjoyment of a witty man depend on?"

Student—"It is in proportion to his wit."

Dr. H.—"Suppose he is a good man?"

Student—"In proportion to his goodness."

Dr. H.—"Well suppose he knows a great deal?"

Student—"In proportion to his nose." (Class howl.)

—High School Budget.

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