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EDITORIAL.

THE season of sentiment, of parting with old friends, of meeting with older ones, of summer shade and hammocks, is past. Quick upon its track the season of action has come. Everybody seems to have had a good time, and to have come back with renewed vigor. That this is true is attested by the fact that the new year's work has been entered upon with uncommon promptness and energy. The only thing at all tardy, we are sorry to say, is the STUDENT. Tennis, societies, base-ball, and Y. M. C. A. are all booming. Rally, boys, to a better interest in your paper, and there will be no enterprise among us suffering for lack of support.

It is to be supposed that students, long before entering college, form the habit of reading not altogether aimlessly, that they thus employ a portion of their time just as surely as in study. Indeed, a few text-books, however faithfully used, can never make a person truly educated, yet some students—let us hope they are not many—see their actions to say as much. Not long ago a young man, who was at the time more than half way through col-
lege, gravely informed us that in a secluded grave-yard of northern Maine, the grass and wild flowers waved over all that was mortal of poor Mark Twain. With mingled grief and surprise, for whose sake we will not say, we told the young man that as far as we knew Mark was obliged to put up with such perfect health as to deprive him even of a dollar-per-month pension. And the young man went away very sorrowful. Similar incidents might be mentioned but we refrain.

How shall the best results from reading be obtained? This question we will not stop to discuss, but will say this: from our own experience and the testimony of others we believe notebooks to be indispensable; we believe that it is well to keep on hand a blank book in which to enter, with as many extracts as one pleases, an opinion of all books read. In this way the memory can at any time be refreshed, and the habit of forming definite opinions will be acquired.

To a lover of books our college library and the libraries of our literary societies offer rare advantages.

We are gratified to notice the increased punctuality with which the students have this fall returned to begin the year's work. One of our professors recently remarked that he was almost inclined to regard the fall term as equal in value to the other two terms of the year. We come refreshed by the long vacation, and with new resolution attack all the college enterprises. Everything runs under high pressure, and we work with freshness of spirit and vivacity of interest. Besides there are fewer things to distract us from regular college work than during other terms. Moreover the incoming of a new class adds a renewed zest to the life of the college community. Christian workers, and society workers, and base-ball and tennis workers are enlisting the Freshmen in the many and various college interests. College society is a little republic, by itself, with its varying associations, and all its attractive fields for activity—a training ground for life. Unfortunate is that student that remains away from college for a term, thinking to make up his studies, as if they were all the good there is in going to college. Not only must such a student fail, as a rule, of most of the good of the studies themselves, but he loses all the rest of college training. And he who remains at college, and gives time, thought, and interest to nothing but his books, gets only a fraction of the value of the college course.

THE opening of the Y. M. C. A. work, this term, is most encouraging. Nineteen new members have already joined the association. The meetings are fully attended, spirited, and earnest. Many in the college realize that the increase in the warmth of the spiritual atmosphere of the college, with the cheering conversions of a few terms past, mark a progress that has now brought us to a place of great possibilities. This term grand things are possible. Let every Christian pray
and work expecting them. Let everyone see to it that he does something—and something outside the various prayer-meetings, hand to hand.

It may not be necessary, nevertheless not out of place, to say a word at this time for the benefit of the new class and others that may need it, concerning the claims of the Student. The college magazine has come to be an essential and more or less important factor in every college. It has come to stay or go down at the discredit of those who fail to maintain it. The Student is one of the enterprises of our college, as baseball or the literary societies, to be maintained by us. It is the only enterprise we have through the medium of which our college is known, to any extent, among the colleges of the country. By it, as a representative of us, we are known and estimated to a greater degree than we are apt to think. And here, as always, it lies with us to make our own reputation. It is therefore important that more than the few composing the editorial staff interest themselves in the welfare of the Student and lend a helping hand in its support. It is none too early for the Freshmen to see, what apparently often fails to be seen, that the Student belongs to the whole college, though its direct management is necessarily in the hands of a few. Money is not the only thing we need, though we could not pay the printer's bill without it. We need, the Student needs a much larger number of voluntary contributions than it has been accustomed to receive—a more warm and substantial support.

Boys without brains should not be sent to college, and when by mistake they are sent, they should be rigidly excluded from the reading-room. The presence of even one such person at Bates is to be lamented. When, time after time, magazines of such cost and beauty as Harper's and the Century are found torn in a puerile—nay, infantile manner, the conviction that some one is lacking wit forces itself irresistibly upon the minds of all thoughtful students. Doubtless the young person that uses his fingers in this uncivilized way, sets a high value upon the golden moments, and thinks he can not afford time to cut the leaves decently with a pen-knife; nevertheless he should remember that, in the estimation of common people, there may be several things of at least equal value. For the benefit of this unknown, the following advice is penned: if you wish to conceal your mental weakness, never wantonly destroy anything of value, especially when it is not your own.

At this opening of the college year we take pleasure in noting any sign of progress. In no respect is progress more marked than in the good feeling between classes. Even the mild form of hazing known as cane rushes, which appeared at intervals, has been abolished by the rule that the entering class shall pledge themselves not to molest any fellow-student on
account of anything he may wear or carry. The upper classes have entered heartily into the spirit of this regulation, and the members of '90, with one month's experience of college life, can feel that their rights are fully respected. In no department of the institution, preparatory, collegiate, or theological, has there been, heretofore, so large a number of students. Additional facilities for work in botany have been furnished, and the method of instruction in modern languages has been changed. If better instruction given to a larger number of students who are working together harmoniously is an evidence of prosperity, the coming year bids fair to be successful.

We are glad to know that the work of the literary societies, so briskly carried on during the past year, is being zealously continued this fall. In fact there has not been a time since we have been in college when the interest in society work was so great as now. The meetings are very largely attended, and one society reports that for the three meetings thus far held not a single part has been absent from the programme, a thing which heretofore has been rare in either society. This good beginning gives much encouragement for the year. Those acquainted with the societies need no words to impress upon them the benefit and importance of society work while in college. But to those just entering upon their course we wish to say a word. Boys, neglect this work and you deprive yourselves of one of the most beneficial and useful drills of your college course. Without this your course will be incomplete. You certainly cannot afford to lose so much. The demands made on one's talents by this work, and the ease and self-possession in speaking that its faithful performance gives, constitute an essential factor in an education best adapted to fit one for the requirements of active life. We hope the entering class will appreciate the advantages of this work, and as soon as they have had time to make a choice of societies join one and earnestly and zealously go to work to secure for themselves its benefits. We wish once more to urge upon the Faculty the fact that Friday is the regular night for the societies, and that any change from this night is sure to hurt the interest and efficiency of society work. We trust the Faculty will see this, and, as they are all interested in the societies, arrange to have the public exercises of the college come on other than Friday evenings.

The reading-room has been newly painted and whitewashed, and the carpet repaired. These improvements together with the furnishings, which were put in last summer, have added much to the comfort and attractiveness of the room. So that with its large collection of choice papers and magazines, the reading-room furnishes important advantages to every student. Yet a large number of the students, even of those who have been in college a year or more, fail to avail themselves of these opportunities. The expense
is small; the benefits to be derived by no means inconsiderable. Therefore we ask every student to consider candidly whether it is not for his advantage to help sustain the reading-room, and thus reap its benefits.

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**LITERARY.**

**CONTENTMENT.**

By W. F. G., '89.

With love of learning in each breast,
An inextinguishable fire,
We work, nor seek ignoble rest,
Each aspiration nobler, higher.

Step after step the heights we climb,
Day after day goes on our life;
If lived with purposes sublime,
Still stronger grow we in the strife.

Who treasures thoughts from greatest minds,
Wandering through fields of mystic lore,
The sweetest of communion finds,
Studies and cons them o'er and o'er.

In the companionship of books,
So prized by every studious heart,
Complete; contentment in his looks,
He dwelleth in a world apart.

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**EDUCATE THE SENSE OF HONOR.**

By N. B. L., '87.

At the switch a father is awaiting the swift coming train, when suddenly he hears the cry of his drowning boy in the river below. He is about to spring down to rescue his child when the whistle reminds him of his duty. Which shall it be? If he leaves his post, many lives must be lost; if he stands firm, his only child perishes before his eyes. A terrible alternative!

After a struggle he remains at the switch. The train with its living freight thunders safely past, and the boy sinks for the last time. What could thus have overcome deep parental affection? Nothing but a keen sense of honor.

This sense of honor is a feeling of obligation to conform to some inner standard or ideal. To educate this sense is not only to acquire an inward standard but to apply this ideal throughout the whole range of life. It is stronger than all other motives, the very essence of nobleness. The Spartan mother exhorts her son going forth to battle, "Return either with your shield or upon it."

Many have a false idea of this inward standard and often mistake it for an outward one. The inward standard is abiding and invariable; the outward is fluctuating and unreliable. Moreover this ideal is satisfying as well as abiding. With such a standard our actions correspond with our thoughts. The importance of having a keen sense of honor is increased by our natural proneness to evil. In proportion as we tend to disregard social and moral laws we need the restraining influence of a noble ideal of honor. Without it what would become of our credit system, the bases of all our business transactions?

In appointing our legislators we rely solely upon their honor in meeting our expectations. Business or professional success is chained to honor by as strong links as moral success. Without the sense of honor a noble character cannot exist. If this standard is best for
individuals to follow, then it must be best for society. Indeed only as we believe in men is society possible. The need of a higher sense of honor is seen in nearly all the work of life. It is well known what trouble lack of honor has caused between employer and employé. Strikes cannot be prevented until the one is more honorable in his demands, the other in his response to them. A higher idea of honor in fashionable society as well as in business would prevent much flattery and deception. Our polities should be brought to a higher standard. There should be no juggling with the ballot-box, no lobbying, and no class legislation.

As the field for exercising the sense of honor is constantly broadening we see the need of being even more careful in educating it. Our business transactions are much more complex than ever before. Formerly the workman and the manufacturer were one and the same. The farmer held the land transmitted to him from many ancestors. They thus escaped numerous evils, and in their honor were not necessarily tested as are men at the present day. If a fine sense of honor gives us an abiding and satisfying ideal, and is so important in forming a noble character and necessary not only for the individual but for society, how important that it be highly educated. What we are to ourselves, to our country, and to mankind depends upon the keenness of our sense of honor. The child’s education then should begin with this. The teacher as well as the parent should attend to this first. Then will the child study and perform his various duties from a sense of honor and no urging can bring as fruitful results. The youth, who has been thus trained, faithfully endeavors to make the most of himself and to fit himself for manhood. As a man he is prepared for his life-work as he could have been by no other course. The broadest possibilities are before him. He stands like a bold warrior equipped for the knightly tournament. The value of his armor lies not in its glitter nor its curiously inwrought devices, but in the strength and durability of its highly tempered steel. Actuated by a high sense of honor he is never deceived by flattery but looking upward to a nobler and higher ideal, strives to follow Him who was the very embodiment of honor.

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**DOWN BY THE BROOK.**

By D. C. W., '85.

I'm down by the brook, Jennie, under the trees,
Where we used to read in the shade;
While the stream babbled by on its old blackened rocks,
And the light o'er your sun-bonnet played
And the red moss that grows on the slippery stones
Has the same graceful, feathery look;
And the willows that bend from the bank, up above,
Are still dipping their leaves in the brook.

The dry grass still grows in the weather-stained cracks,
And the golden-rod bends by the ledge;
And the foam eddies past, just the same, on the stream,
And the bushes are skirting its edge.
The old seat is still here, with its moss-cushioned back;
But somehow it don't seem the same:
And the noise of the brook has a different sound,
And seems to be whispering your name.

And so I've been lying here, Jen, half asleep,
With the leaves and the sun on my book,
And wondering what made it so different,
then,
When you were down here by the brook.

And after I've looked at the matter all through,
With my hat tipped down over my face,
I've reached the conclusion, at last, cousin Jen,
It was you that I liked—not the place.

—Outing.

THE DESERTED FARM.
BY E. K. S., '87.

THERE are few scenes more pleasing than that of a neat, well-regulated farm. At a little distance from the highway, upon a gentle incline, stands the large, old-fashioned farmhouse with its low roof and great square chimney. In front is the beautiful lawn covered with giant elms and dotted here and there with clumps of shrubbery and gayly colored flower-beds. By the open window sits the happy housewife plying with skillful hands the busy needle. The children not yet old enough to assist in the work of the farm are amusing themselves with a cosset, the pet of the little folks, but the pest of the household. Afar, in the fields we hear the joyous shouts of the men as they hurry along the oxen or good-humoredly joke each other while loading the new-mown hay. And now the sun is slowly sinking behind yon distant mountains. The cows came slowly up the lane snatching occasional mouthfuls, as if loath to quit the green pasturage. The milking is quickly over and silence soon falls on all around. Sweet and gentle sleep, that most delightful boon to man, has come with all its soothing influences to the relief of the weary toilers.

Contrast this picture of a generation ago with the scene of to-day. The farm-house no longer presents the cheery aspect of former days. Its windows rattle with every breeze; its clapboards loosened by the alternate heat and cold, flap in the wind and alone disturb the silence of the gloomy solitude. Entering through the gate that swings to every fitful gust, passing along the grass-grown walk, covered with the decayed branches of the once stately and magnificent elms, we see on either hand the ravages that only time can make. The field, in which was once heard the "merry thwack of the rifle's stroke," is fast growing up to bushes. The old house in which formerly dwelt peace and happiness is in a forlorn state of delapidation. The door is gone. The spacious old-fashioned chimney, with its huge open fire-place crumbling in ruins, presents a scene truly saddening. The rain pouring through every chink and crevice of the moss-covered roof has hastened decay in every quarter. The barn, with its long rafters and low eaves, which gave it a quaint short-waisted grandmotherly look, has toppled over, and only a heap of decaying débris marks the spot where it stood.

What has wrought this sad change? The occupation of a farmer is each succeeding year growing more and more distasteful to the youth of our land. The click of the electric tele-
graph thrills him as it brings its message on the wings of lightning. The piercing shriek of the ponderous locomotive thundering through the valley, echoing and re-echoing among the neighboring hills, awakens nobler thoughts and loftier aspirations. Is it not the iron horse that in a few hours will place him in the midst of wealth and opulence? He longs to mingle in the whirl and bustle of city life. There brought in contact with, as it were, a new world, he becomes disgusted with the rough homespun ways of the rustic associates of his boyhood days. The idea of gaining distinction in the already overcrowded professions seizes him, and allured by the sirens of ambition, he is soon stranded upon the rock-bound coast of poverty.

Many a desolate tenement, could it speak, would tell a tale that would melt the heart of stone; of the anxious mother, pale and weary from constant watching, clasping to her breast the little one that will soon be in the arms of Him who said, “Suffer little children to come unto me;” of the father sitting sad and dejected, meditating upon the helplessness of their condition. Oh, how they yearn for one more breath of the pure bracing air of their native hills. God, in thine infinite mercy, pity the sufferings of these, thy unfortunate children. How much more to be desired is the lot of him who tills the soil than of him who lives in the crowded, filthy, ill-ventilated tenement!

Would we avoid these accursed labor-strikes brought about and controlled by a few unprincipled demagogues! would we escape all the evils and distress attending them? Let our laborers turn to the farm. Let them forsake those pest houses in which are nursed the demon of socialism, the leeches that drain the nation of its peace and prosperity. In the seclusion and quietude of rural life let them rear a home that shall be the dearest spot on earth, and following the admirable advice of Cato, “There live secure, content to be obscurely good.”

Boys, don’t desert the farm. If there is one place dearer than another it should be the old homestead—with which so many pleasant memories are associated—twined about and interwoven with the very fibres of your being. Protect with zeal those care the declining years of that dear old mother who guided your earliest footseps and first taught your young lips to lisp their evening prayer. And Heaven, “whose beneficence no charge exhausts,” will never cease to shower upon you the blessings reserved for those whose lives are spent in endeavoring to benefit their fellow-beings.

UPWARD.


As the king of day retiring
Kissed the mountain-tops good-night,
In its airy gambols sporting,
I beheld a swallow’s flight.

Gliding upward toward the sunset,
Colors gorgeous to behold
From its upturned breast reflected,
As ’twere robed in plumes of gold,

So we see life’s deepest grandeur;
Find our greatest lesson learned;
Motives, deeds, and words are noblest,
When our thoughts are upward turned.
OUR DEBT TO GREEK LITERATURE.

By E. D. V., ’86.

EVERY appreciative reader of Milton’s great epic must have remarked the singular felicity of the language in which he referred to ancient Athens; for, in the noontide of her glory, converging into that brilliant focus all that was splendid in thought and action, she was indeed “the eye of Greece.”

But her influence was not limited to the petty kingdoms of Greece, nor was her glory fleeting as the gentle tints that suffuse the sunset sky. For although the stately architectural beauty of the Periclean city long since disappeared, her literature—the expression of her matchless originality, the mighty product of her genius—has not ceased to shed its light upon civilization through all succeeding ages. After the decline of Hellas it crossed first the Adriatic, and infused its power into the intellectual life of Rome. Through the gloom of the middle ages, its light was obscured, but not extinguished, and when the dark night was nearing its close, the beams of Attic literature were the first to give token of the coming day; and these—uniting with the scattered rays previously transmitted to the Romance dialects, and constantly increasing in brilliance, have illuminated every form of mental activity, and irradiated the thought and expression of all subsequent literatures. Considered merely as to expression, the Athenian masters left such faultless patterns in oratory, history, and poetry, that the genius of later days has wisely striven to embody itself in forms spontaneously produced by their free spirit.

Of all human productions the orations of Demosthenes doubtless most nearly approach perfection. The adoration of ages has consecrated his place at the head of all the mighty masters of speech, and the loss of the magnificent instrument with which he forged and hurled his thunders will perhaps leave it forever unapproachable.

In the field of history, Thucydides is still unrivalled; the mingled admiration and despair of successful imitation that his works produced in Macaulay have been shared by all modern historians.

Horace gladly learns from Pindar the art of lyric composition, and who in dramatic poetry has surpassed the exquisite models given by Æschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides.

No great epic has been written but its model has been that of the divine Homer, who, venerable with well nigh thirty centuries, still touches his wondrous harp to strains that for sweetness and grandeur are unexcelled, nay unapproached.

Not only, however, does our general form of composition show the determining influence of the Athenian models, but even our detached expressions and individual utterances betray the moulding influence of a critical study of the Greek language, with its acute discrimination, its peculiarities of idiom. The most famous orators of modern times avowedly owe the princely splendor of their style to their close intimacy with the ancients, while in other branches of literature classical study has served to clothe with grace and
beauty the great conceptions of modern intellects.

But as the inner life is of more worth than the outward form, so the noble thought embodied in the literature of Athens is of infinitely more value to the present age than the mere vehicle of expression.

In its finished histories there is profound instruction and enlightenment for modern governments in their duty and their destiny. Demosthenes conferred more lasting benefit upon the world by the spirit of liberty that breathes from his orations than by their mere style as a model of expression, while the heroes, both of the poetry and history of the Greeks, have afforded lofty inspiration.

But as moral culture is higher than intellectual, our debt is greatest to those patriarchs of philosophy—Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle—who form three most important links in the great chain of human progress.

By teaching intellect to discipline itself that it may bind nature’s forces to the car of human welfare, the ancient philosophy prepared the way for modern advancement.

Socrates was certainly the first philosophic thinker that demanded of himself and others a reason for their thoughts; he originated that dialectic process, which has exerted a most potent influence upon later philosophy and religion. Aristotle well-nigh perfected this process; and Plato blending the heaven-born thought of Socrates with his own divine intuitions, produced works that have, perhaps, done more for the moral, as well as the intellectual culture of humanity, than those of any other philosopher. Thus even this intellectual triumviate alone placed all subsequent ages under lasting obligation to their great Athenian mother.

Men may decry the present utility of her language and literature, but these will still manifest their immortal power. He who would move the masses by the might of eloquence may well become a disciple of Demosthenes. He who, as a philosopher, would attain truest greatness, may find efficient aid in the school of Socrates and his successors. While he who, endowed with poetic gifts, would most effectively exercise his genius, must sit at the feet and listen to the songs of the master bards of Greece.

THE TWO BLUENOSES.

The two Bluenoses,—lucky hess pair! Whom the dark Fates caused to dispair By being sundered in this wide And careless world, full often cried, And deeply sighed and tore their hair. Miss Bellefontaine sought everywhere Her Lajeunesse. How large a share Of woe was theirs, not to lie dried! The two blew noses.

But other hearts have griefs to bear Before they climb the golden stair, And true the fact that leagues divide Too oft a lover and his bride, The too blue knows is.

For there is nothing of a more divine nature, about which a man can consult, than about the training of himself and those who belong to him.—Plato.
LOCALS.

'90, vos salutaneous.
Woodman is librarian.
Powers "Tolls the bell."
Where is the college band?
Chestnut bells are ringing!
J. J.—Jenkins the Janitor.
The Freshman class numbers thirty-nine.

There are twenty-six ladies in college.
The Juniors elected G. Babb, class crank.
The societies are unusually active this fall.
Quite a number of the boys went home to vote.
The Sophomores have elected Blanchard class dude.

G——s eyrie is aloft among the sparrows and chimney-tops.
The entering class bring some fine musical talent into the college.
Underwood lead the batting on the Rocklands, Thayer standing second.
To the entering class we say, "Subscribe for the Student."
Many of the '86 boys have been in town since the term began.
Hon. J. L. H. Cobb has offered the college $25,000 on the condition that $75,000 additional be raised.
Many of the students secured desirable positions during State Fair week.
The Seniors have been improving their excellent opportunity for studying the moon.

The Freshmen are practicing in good earnest for the class game. Look out, '89!

Eight classes have been organized among the students for Bible study one hour every Sunday afternoon.
Prof.—"Why did they adopt standard time?" Student—"Why, so the trains could all start at the same time."
The Euro sophians gave a reception to the Freshman class, in the lower chapel, Saturday evening, August 28th.
Several of the base-ballists are coming back well fitted for the fall campaign by their summer's work on the diamond.

One morning recently the hall lamps were found burning. The man who tends the lights must be getting absent minded.

Quite a number of the students' rooms have been newly painted, papered, and whitewashed. The boys like the odor of new paint.

The Sophomore-Freshman game of ball, which is to be played September 25th, is expected to be close and interesting, as both classes have strong nines.
The tennis tournament in which the ladies of the college are to contend for the prize racquet, offered by the students to the best lady player, is to come off soon.

Tennis is receiving much attention just now. All of the courts, having been newly laid out with white factory cloth, are in use all of the "play hours"—yes; more.

The case of the Senior, who escorted
a young lady home from the Y. M. C. A. reception, calling on a Freshman to come down and open the door for them, suggests to us the fact that even Seniority must kneel to priority.

Nineteen couples have entered the tennis tournament. After this is played the best players of the college will contest for the "Favorite" racquet, offered by a gentleman whose name we are not authorized to publish, as a prize to the best player.

Soph. (translating)—"Vous me faites frémir." "You make me"—(pause of uncertainty). Prof.—"Frémir." Soph. (with forced energy)—"Tired." Amid the smiles and tears of his classmates he was quietly informed by the Prof. that he might rest.

Thursday evening, September 2d, the Juniors attended the wedding reception of their classmate R. A. Parker. The reception was given by the bride's parents at their home in Greene. The class expressed themselves as having passed a very pleasant evening, and the ride in the "Fairview" was much enjoyed by all.

The Juniors have elected the following class officers: President, H. G. Cross; Vice-President, N. E. Adams; Secretary, Miss N. B. Jordan; Treasurer, A. C. Townsend; Marshal, F. W. Oakes; Orator, S. H. Woodrow; Poet, A. C. Townsend; Historian, Miss Pinkham; Toast-Master, C. C. Smith; Chaplain, J. H. Johnson; Executive Committee, C. W. Cutts, Miss L. A. Frost, R. A. Parker.

The Sophomores have elected the following officers: President, G. H. Libby; Vice-President, M. S. Little; Secretary and Treasurer, E. J. Small; Prophet, E. Blanchard; Historian, Idella M. Wood; Poet, A. E. Hatch; Chaplain, H. S. Worthley; Orator, Thos. Singer; Marshal, H. L. Knox; Executive Committee, J. J. Hutchinson, C. J. Emerson, Miss Lelia Plumstead; Base-Ball Committee, E. J. Small, E. H. Thayer, E. L. Stevens.

The following are the officers of the Euroosophian Society: President, A. S. Woodman, '87; Vice-President, C. C. Smith, '88; Secretary, Thos. Singer, '89; Assistant Secretary, E. L. Stevens, '89; Treasurer, F. W. Oakes, '88; Librarian, E. K. Sprague, '87; Editorial Board, C. S. Pendleton, '87, C. C. Smith, '88, Miss Ethel Chipman, '89; Executive Committee, H. E. Cushman, '87, C. W. Cutts, '88, W. T. Gup- til, '89.


The Y. M. C. A. reception to the Freshman class was given in the lower chapel, Thursday evening, September 9th. Nearly all of the students were present together with a large number of friends from down town. Every
one, especially the new comers, seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. The refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, peaches, pears, and grapes, were well served. The room was tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers. The thanks of all the students are due the committee, who had the affair in charge, for their careful preparation to make the reception a success.

The following ebullition of sentiment comes from one of the boys who spent their vacation in the hay-field:

To pitch on hay
A summer's day
Is a blissful way,
As many can say,
For those who may
So spend the day
While a maiden rakes after the load.

Her melting smile
All free from guile
Shines forth a mile
In moonbeam style.
He pitches a pile,
Then gazes awhile
On the maid that rakes after the load.


The base-ball season was inaugurated one morning recently by the president who read for the morning lesson at chapel, "And Jesus answering said were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" emphatically repeating "where are the nine?" This suggestive interrogatory was promptly answered in a base-ball meeting, at which the directors reported the following men for temporary nines: First nine—Sandford, Underwood, Walker, Thayer, Woodman, Cutts, Tinker, Call, Pierce, Gilmore, Dorr; Second nine—Buck, Sprague, Cushman, Howe, Powers, Kinney, Stevens, Libby, Day, Emerson, Whiteomb.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editors of the Student:

A few facts concerning the "College Students' Summer School for Bible Study," at Mt. Hermon, Mass., will probably interest some of your readers. As you know, this school is the outcome of an interview between D. L. Moody and Mr. Wishard, college Y. M. C. A. secretary. These men deeply realized the need of more familiarity with the Bible among college students. As a result invitations were sent to each of the 225 colleges, in which the Y. M. C. A. is represented, to send a delegate to Mt. Hermon for Bible study under the leadership of Mr. Moody and other efficient workers. Some of these colleges, being very remote, could not send delegates, therefore the nearer colleges were permitted to send several. A few of the larger delegations are: 15 from Randolph Macon College of Virginia, 13
from Williams, 11 from Dartmouth, 10 each from Amherst, Cornell, Rutgers, and Princeton, 9 from Wesleyan, 8 from University of Vermont, 7 from Colby, and 3 from your own college. You should have been represented by ten times that number. Altogether there were 251 college students and about 50 Y. M. C. A. secretaries and Christian workers present.

Perhaps a more suitable place for such a convention than Mt. Hermon could not be selected. Some one intimate with Mr. Moody says that the boys’ school here is the “apple of Moody’s eye.” It is about one-fourth of a mile from the Connecticut, on an eminence commanding a charming view for a long distance both up and down the valley, also of the Northfield Hills across the river. It is also about three miles from the junction of the States of Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire. It would be difficult to find a place affording better opportunities for varied recreation. Swimming, boating, base-ball, lawn-tennis, and mountain climbing are inviting and very healthful exercise, and are participated in with good relish. At the beginning of the session Mr. Moody feared that much recreation would lessen the interest in Bible study; but he has since confessed that his fears were ill grounded, that this healthful exercise only serves to sharpen the appetite for spiritual as well as physical nourishment. One reason for the exceptional attendance at all the exercises is the knowledge that a feast is spread for the boys every time they enter the hall.

Mr. Moody’s helpers are considered by many to be the ablest Bible scholars in the country. They are Drs. James H. Brooks of St. Louis, A. T. Pierson of Philadelphia, W. G. Moorhead of Zenia Theological Seminary, Zenia, Ohio, W. W. Clark of Staten Island, New York, A. J. Gordon of Boston, and Major Whittle of Chicago. The uncompromising adherence to the Bible by these men in all their teachings thrills every one with admiration, and the presentation of proof in every subject they touch is powerful and clinching. Their versatility with Biblical references is inspiring to all. “Verbal Inspiration of the Bible,” the “Premillennial Coming of Christ,” and such doctrines have been so clearly and forcibly presented that nearly every student feels that the burden of proof rests very heavily upon the other side of the question. But in all their teaching they insist, above everything else, upon individual research. Mr. Moody said at the opening of the school that the purpose of the convention was to get the boys in love with the Bible, and those who sing in love with music. The purpose has been well accomplished. Most of the boys have been heard to say that the Bible seems a new book to them, and that they will ever after make a daily companion of it. Indeed he would be a dull scholar who could be here this summer and not see opened to him a highway from Genesis to Revelations. Valuable assistance has been gained by the notes gleaned from the Bibles of Mr. Moody and the other teachers. The boys have food for thought for years to come.

An hour each day is devoted to the
consideration of Y. M. C. A. work under the leadership of Messrs. Wishard and Ober. The purpose of these meetings is that the best methods of Y. M. C. A. work in colleges may be ascertained, and that all may become familiar with these methods.

A grand feature of all the meetings is the singing. This is conducted by Prof. and Mrs. Towner, who have been with Mr. Moody during the past three years. It is soul-stirring to hear a chorus of 250 college boys join them in singing praises to God. Prof. Towner's voice is said to resemble much that of the lamented P. P. Bliss. Mr. Moody says, "If you shut your eyes, you'd think it was Bliss." Besides conducting the singing, Prof. gave two hours a day to the training of a harmony class and chorus, free to all. This privilege was not slighted. Mr. Sankey and other celebrated singers occasionally favored us.

Another very important part of the programme is the missionary interest. At the opening of the session there were about twenty-three fellows who intended to be missionaries. Three of them are sons of missionaries in India, China, and Persia; six are natives of Armenia, Japan, Siam, Norway, Denmark, and Germany, and one is an Indian from the Santee Agency, Nebraska. These boys take every occasion to present to Christians the claims of their respective countries. One evening meeting was devoted to three-minute speeches by these ten boys, and one of the leaders was afterward heard to say that "As we heard those men testify to the wonderful works of God in our own language, we felt that a memento of Pentecost and a foretaste of the millennial had dropped straight from the throne." It was especially interesting to hear the Indian boy present the claims of his people. The Indians want three things, said he, "American rights, American citizenship, American education." These are bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, and some one will have to render an account for the treatment they are receiving at the hand of civilized people.

The destitution of the world set forth by these boys and other workers, such as Dr. Ashmore, a returned missionary from China, and Dr. Pierson, and also the teachings of Scripture by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have caused the band of intended missionaries to increase to ninety-five members. Let no one suppose that these decisions were made in the heat of excitement. Many long hours have been spent by these boys alone in the woods with God. There the decisions were reached, and with calm deliberation the boys came from these retreats to announce their intentions. These ninety-five fellows say: "We will go wherever the Lord may want us and do whatever He may require." Already have they begun to work. They feel that their convictions should be presented to every college boy in the country; and after much prayer and deliberation they have chosen four of their number to devote this entire college year to that work. This missionary band consists of Robert P. Wilder of Princeton, William P. Taylor of
Yale, J. R. Mott of Cornell, and L. M. Riley of De Pauw. The Lord only knows what will be the outcome of this consecrated effort. T. S., '89.

PERSONALS.

ALUMNI.

'72—J. S. Brown has been visiting Lewiston and vicinity. Mr. Brown is Professor of Chemistry in Done College, Crete, Neb. Done College is a flourishing Congregational institution, possessing considerable endowment and good buildings.

'72—Mr. C. L. Hunt, formerly of Auburn, who had commenced his third year of service as superintendent of Falmouth, Mass., public schools, has been offered and has accepted a similar position at Braintree, Mass.

'73—J. H. Baker has been visiting Lewiston. He has for several years been principal of a high school in Denver, Col., at a salary of $2500, and has the prospect of an increase of $1000 this year.

'79—M. C. Smart has just been chosen principal of the high school at Biddeford, Me.

'82—W. G. Clark is doing extensive law business in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

'82—John Perkins has just gone to Europe.

'83—Leigh Hunt is elected principal of Pennell Institute, Gray, Me.

'83—Emma Bickford is to be assistant in Pennell Institute.

'86—A. E. Blanchard has been elected principal of North Anson Academy.

S. G. Bonney has been engaged this summer in settling the affairs of his father's estate. He will enter the Harvard Medical School.

J. W. Flanders, who is to teach German and English Literature in Colby Academy, New London, N. H., has been granted leave of absence, by reason of ill health.

J. W. Goff has accepted a position as principal of Monmouth Academy.

Chas. Hadley has been seriously ill this summer, but is now rapidly recovering.

W. H. Hartshorn has been secured as principal of the high school at Laconia, N. H.

C. E. B. Libby is to be principal of the high school at Milo, Me.

H. C. Lowden is teaching the Wells High School.

E. A. Merrill is studying law in Minneapolis.

W. A. Morton will study medicine in the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons.

F. H. Nickerson is principal of the Dexter High School.

G. E. Paine has been elected to a position as instructor in New Hampton Institute, New Hampton, N. H.

F. E. Parlin is engaged as principal of Bridgham Academy, Bakersfield, Vt.

W. N. Prescott is principal of Litchfield Academy, Litchfield, Me.

C. E. Stevens has since his graduation in June been united in marriage to Miss Laura McFadden, of Lewiston. Mr. Stevens is engaged as principal of the high school at Vinal Haven, Me.
I. H. Storer will teach at Cornville, Me.
J. H. Williamson, our last year's base-ball manager, has lately been in Lewiston. He is to enter the study of law this fall at Madison, Dk.
S. S. Wright, having been away from college, will finish his course with the class of '89.
F. W. Sandford has entered Bates Theological School.
E. D. Varney has entered Bates Theological School.

STUDENTS.
'87.
A. B. McWilliams has returned to his class after an absence of two terms. He is much improved in health.
Miss Amy Rhodes, on account of ill health, has not yet returned to her class.

Howe & Woodman is the name of an enterprising firm of book agents. This firm has been doing a driving business through many Maine towns.

'88.
Miss Rose A. Hilton is engaged as assistant in the Ellsworth High School.
F. W. Oakes has had a very successful summer at the Fiske House, Old Orchard. A purse of $150 was presented to him by the guests.
R. A. Parker has been united in marriage to Miss Merrill of Greene.
J. K. P. Rogers has been married and gone to Wisconsin to teach.

'89.
A. B. Call has been catching for the Houlton base-ball nine this summer.
E. H. Thayer has made a great record as second baseman on the Rock-lands. His "home run" work counted something one game.


EXCHANGES.

Vacation is past and we are compelled to take up again our editorial pen and scissors. With these implements at hand and a newly replenished inkstand near by, we resume our old seat by the sanctum desk and look about us for our accustomed visitors. Few of the Commencement numbers
have we been able to find. The Hillsdale Herald, Orient, Chronicle, Lantern, Vassar Miscellany, and a few others, however, have not failed us. Our friend from Hillsdale always receives a cordial welcome. "Distance lends enchantment," it is said. Can it be this fact that accounts for the favor into which the Herald is received? Its own appearance could hardly be supposed to warrant it much distinction, except, perhaps, that it is the only college paper in the country that has the appearance of a good sized handbill. We do not wish to criticise harshly our Hillsdale friends. Far from it. On the contrary they have our full sympathy. But, we believe, with seven or eight hundred students, endowed with the western spirit of enterprise, Hillsdale can and ought to publish a paper more ornamental to the long list of college journals than she now does.

Ann Arbor takes the lead, as far as we are aware, among the college journals of the West. Here two papers are published, the Chronicle and the Argonaut, both of which do credit to their supporters. The last number of the Chronicle contains almost exclusively the Class-Day parts. The oration on "The New Education" is a well conducted and vigorous defense of the "Old Education" in opposition to the extremes of what is usually termed the "new."

As a matter of fact the Western colleges are far behind the Eastern in the relative number and quality of their publications. Oberlin, as far as we know, publishes but one paper, and that a small one, though usually very good in the character of its matter; while Williams with less students publishes two, each of which represents a large amount of solid work. The University of Michigan, though leading the Western colleges in this respect, publishes two; while Harvard, with no more students, publishes four, each of which is among the first of its kind. Other examples might be cited to show the same thing. In regard to the quality, let each one judge for himself. But after considerable opportunity for observation we give our opinion in favor of the East. We can not but believe that the Western students are capable of becoming, in this respect as in all others, close rivals of those in the Eastern institutions. They only need to wake up to their possibilities.

The Columbia Spectator brings us a very good engraving of Columbia's base-ball nine, and abundance of detailed reports of athletic contests. And here is suggested again the old question in regard to what properly constitutes the matter of a college journal. We have nothing new to offer on the subject. Indeed it might be difficult to find anything fresh under the sun on a subject so much talked at. Of one thing, however, we are quite certain. Many papers give too much prominence to athletics. It is expected and desirable that students be interested in their sports. But it seems to us a deplorable thing for them to be so swallowed up by base-ball, boating, tennis, and chess as apparently to
have room for nothing else. Yet, judging from the contents of many college journals, of which the last number of the *Columbia Spectator*, devoted almost exclusively to these subjects, is a good example, we are forced to infer that sports are the foremost topic in the students' minds, the one thing of paramount importance. Now we could not if we would, and would not if we could, discourage any innocent sports adapted to give diversion of mind and development of body; but, in our opinion, all sports should be indulged in as a means and not an end, and should always be kept in their proper place, which is a subordinate one.

**BOOK REVIEWS.**


This book is one of a series called "The Story of the Nations," which are in course of publication by Putnam's Sons. The history of the German nation, from the time when Rome was baffled by the valiant Hermann down to the present time, is told in a story-like and attractive manner. The absorbing narrative begins with pictures of the surgings of the nations: the Huns, the Slavs, the Goths, the Saxons, the Franks; recounts the struggles of the various Teutonic families; and brings in a simple manner the mind of the reader into contact with problems of the deepest moment with which nature's giants have been struggling through the ages. The volume is richly illustrated, containing more than one hundred illustrations, among which are excellent portraits of Emperor William and Prince Bismarck. It is well printed on good paper, and neatly bound. Youthful readers who find ordinary history dull and dry, will read with enthusiasm this "Story of Germany."

**[German Classics. Edited by Pauline Bachheim. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.]**

The contents of this book consist of selections from Schiller's correspondence, with an introduction giving a brief sketch of the persons to whom the letters are addressed. Those letters have been selected which give the most characteristic view of the development of his genius and of the different periods of his literary career. The larger part of the work is occupied by his letters to Körner and Goethe. Notes are appended on the idiomatic forms and difficult passages.


We have before us a beautiful volume of more beautiful reading. It contains Hebrew tradition and history from the Creation to the Captivity adapted to youthful readers, though not intended expressly for them. The divisions of the book are as follows: Part I., containing the traditions and history of the Israelites from the Creation to the reign of Saul; Part II., continuing the history of Israel from Saul to Rehoboam; (In this division are embodied a few psalms illustrative of the life and genius of King David, and a few proverbs and riddles illustrative of the peculiar wisdom of Solomon.) Part III., giving in a continuous narrative the history of Israel as found in notices scattered through Kings and Chronicles; Part IV., following the history of Judah down to the Captivity. The purpose of the work is to serve as an introduction to the study of the Bible. It is a valuable book for those who desire a clear and connected account of those early times founded upon the best products of modern research.
MAGAZINES.

American enterprise has an amusing illustration in the September Century in the papers on the balloon experiences of two venturesome citizens of Connecticut. Alfred E. Moore, the aeronaut of the party, humorously describes his sensations in mid-air under the title, "Amateur Ballooning." The papers are illustrated, giving photographs of the earth and of cloud effects from altitudes of a mile or more. So far as known these are the first photographs taken in America from a balloon. "The Casting Away of Mrs. Leek and Mrs. Aleshine," by Frank R. Stockton, is developed into a new situation of additional drollness. In the war series, General Alfred Pleasonton's "Successes and Failures of Chancellorsville" introduces a fertile subject which lends itself to rich illustration. There are several other articles of interest pertaining to the war for the union. "Legislative Inefficiency," "Marriage, Divorce, and the Mormon Problem," and "The Forgotten Millions" are treated editorially.

St. Nicholas for September is crowded with bright and interesting matter for girls and boys. A paper on English Art and Artists, by Clara Erskine Clement, closes the series which has been the means of introducing many beautiful pictures and entertaining anecdotes to the readers of the magazine. In this installment of Scudder's serial, George Washington retires once more to private life; and some curious relations between letters and numbers are explained in the "Wonders of the Alphabet." St. Nicholas is one of the most valuable juvenile magazines now published.

A better number of the Atlantic Monthly than that for September is seldom issued. The variety of its contents makes it attractive to a large number. The reader first comes to a story by Rebecca Harding Davis, enti-
tled "Mademoiselle Joan," which gives a pretty sketch of Canadian life, with enough of the supernatural in it to sustain a lively interest. "The Saloon in Politics" is a clever study of the relation of the saloon to the political questions of the day, written by George Frederick Parsons. Frank Gaylord Cook contributes a paper on "The Law's Partiality to Married Women." Both these articles will interest the student of social problems. T. W. Higgenson gives his estimate of the late E. P. Whipple; and Mr. Fiske contributes an article on "The Paper Money Craze of 1786." Last but not least is Henry James' story, "The Princess Casamassima," which is approaching an exciting climax.

The Youth's Companion is a regular and most welcome visitor. No better testimony to its merits could be found than its immense circulation, which is, in round numbers, about 400,000. Its editorials on topics of the time are clear, concise, and evolved from a careful and candid consideration of the subjects in question, in all their aspects. Few enterprises succeed better than the Companion, and few deserve better to succeed.

AMONG THE POETS.

UNREST.

The hoary sea is deep and wide,
And yet its heavy, swelling tide
Beats at its bounds on every side,
Restlessly.

The human soul is wide and deep,
But aspirations never sleep,
Still climbing up the rugged steep,
Restlessly.

—The Dartmouth.

MEMORY.

Time goes, but kinder memory stays;
We touch the past with magic fingers;
The sun stands still, it backward moves;
And yesterday with us still lingers.

—Cynic.
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And yet when all the splendor of the light Clothes the fair hills, and the whole earth is bright With the new garments of the youthful year, And never branch is dead nor leaf is sere, It almost seems—and yet it cannot be— They know—and I am blind and may not see.

Aye, life is bitter, and a weary thing, And the fair sights and sounds that to me bring Thought of life's sweetness, of life's joy and light, Are but deceits that trick my careless sight And mind. Ah yes! and yet to me so good, Methinks—I would not change them if I could.

—Williams Lit.

LINES.
I stood by the river's side, And watched the onward flow, And deep down in its bosom I saw the red sun's glow.

Thus often flows life's current In men of fierce desire, Smooth it may seem—look deeper, And find consuming fire.

—Harvard Advocate.

CLIPPINGS.
Junior—(asks Professor a very profound question). Prof.—"Mr. W., a fool can ask a question that two wise men could not answer." Junior—"Then I suppose that's why so many of us flunked."—Ex.

I watch her play the violin, And every motion of her arm Beneath her little dimpled chin, Has to my mind a varied charm.

To see her draw the resined bow Brings to my cheek a happy glow; But then, I think I like it best, Because it gives her chin a rest.

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"Beautiful hymn, isn't it ma'am? The Corpse wrote it."—Ex.

HOMEOPATHY.

Oh! do not grieve, my maiden fair,
'Twas but a kiss.
The breezes kiss the tree-tops there,
'Tis not amiss.

But since you softly sigh, in truth,
And this regret,
I'll tell you how the kiss, forsooth,
You may forget.

Since "like cures like," as wise men say,
So with a kiss,
To drive your sighs and tears away,
Take that and—this.

—Williams Fortnight.

Good vocal method.—An attaché of this office recently heard a skilled vocalist sing "Wait till the clouds roll by." She rendered it:

"Wah taw the claw raw baw, Jawy,
Wah tah the claw raw baw,
Jawy, maw aw traw law wah,
Wah taw the claw raw baw."

And then she smiled so sweetly and broadly over the well merited applause that the corners of her mouth had a sociable on the back of her head.—Chicago Tribune.

A German went into a restaurant, and as he took his seat, an Irish waiter came up and bowed politely. "Wie geht's?" said the German, also bowing politely. "Wheat cakes!" shouted the waiter, mistaking the salutation for an order. "Nein, nein!" said the German. "Nine!" said the waiter.

"You'll be lucky if you get three."—New York Sun.
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PUBLIC OPINION.
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