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ELF—LOVE.

A fairy little water sprite,
With tangled hair of golden hue,
And face that seemed a ray of light,
And eye that shamed the violets blue,

Sighed softly to a humming bird,
A grief that nearly took away
Her tiny breath, "that she had heard
The brooks would frozen be, till May."

A pearly trill of deep regret
The little singer sweetly gave,
And made the fairy sprite forget
Her grief, with promises to save.

And then he woo'd and won the fair.
He crowned her queen with drops of dew
Then smoothed the tangled golden hair,
And kissed the eyes of violet blue.

ANTIQUITIES.

There lies before us one of the first college catalogues (issued in 1824), one of the second (1826), and some copies of the old statutes of the college, and in them we hope to find material for an interesting sketch of Trinity in its early years.

The catalogue of '24 consists of two little sheets of coarse unglazed paper, simply stitched together, and containing in their eight pages all the information then deemed necessary. Its former white, is now tinged with yellow, telling of fifty years passed on dark book-shelves. On its back is written "Rev. Carlton Chase, Belwells Falls, Ver.", and it came into possession of the college library among the pamphlets which had formerly been the property of Bishop Chase, late Bishop of New Hampshire.

On the first 'outside' page are the words "Washington College"; this and nothing more; the second page is blank; also the eighth page, save for the above address written on it; and the seventh page contains only nine lines. So it will be seen that nearly the entire printed matter is contained in four pages; the third, fourth, fifth and sixth.

But these four pages, stepping out from the days of half a century ago, are a veritable *multum in parvo* of interesting facts. The first thing on the third page (for there is no double title page, no calendar, no list of Visitors or of Corporation) is a list of the college officers, introduced as follows: "Washington College, (Hartford, Connecticut.) This institution will be ready for the reception of Students on the 23d of September next. [1824. Ed.] The following officers of instruction have been appointed by the Trustees; viz.

The Rt. Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D., LL. D., President.

The Rev. GEO. W. DOANE, A. M. Professor of Belle Lettres, and Oratory.

FREDERICK HALL, A. M., Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy.

HORATIO HICKOK, A. M., Professor of Agriculture and Political Economy.

GEORGE SUMNER, M. D., Professor of Botany.

The Rev. HECTOR HUMPHREYS, A. M., Tutor.

Students may enter for the *regular course*, or only to pursue such *particular studies* as may be suited to their circumstances. Candidates for admission to the *regular course* must sustain an examination in the following studies, as a

qualification for the "Freshman Class:" And now, O ye sub-fresh to whose verdant eyes these words may come, prepare to ejaculate thanks that your examination is not the trying ordeal you will at once see this to have been; for the catalogue proceeds to say, "viz. Cæsar's Commentaries, Cicero's Select Orations, Virgil; the Greek Testament, and Græca Minora; English Grammar, Arithmetic, and Geography." To be sure there is nothing said about Greek or Latin Grammar, nor about those little trifles Greek and Latin Prose which are so often used by the student to while away a weary hour, nor is there any mention of four books of Geometry or of Algebra through Quadratics.

Now comes a statement of the studies of the regular course which may be condensed (from the tabular form) into a few words. The work of Freshman year consisted of: Livy (first 5 books), Horace (entire), Roman Antiquities, Latin prose and verse; Græca Majora; Arithmetic; Geography; Composition and Declamation. The Sophs employed themselves with Cic. de Oratore, Terence; Græca Maj. (finished); Algebra (finished); Plane Geometry; Logic, Comp. Decl.; and Paley's Evidences and Nat. Theology. In Junior year, the studies consisted of, Tacitus; Homer (voluntary); Trigonometry, Solid Geometry, Differential and Integral Calculus; Analytical Geometry and Conic Sections, Comp. and Decl. Blair's Lectures; Natural Philosophy, and Moral Philosophy. The Senior mind was trained with, Homer or Greek Testament, with the rules of Criticism applied to the text and Interpretation; Nat. Phil., Astronomy, and Math. Geometry; Comp., Decl., Elements of Criticism; Chemistry, Mineralogy, Geology, Botany; Phil. of Mind, Butler's Analogy, and Vattel's Laws of Nations.

From this may be readily seen the vast advance made in the standard of the college. But the studies of that day are familiar compared with the wondrously primitive character of the government. To illustrate we shall

make a few quotations from this first catalogue (1824) page 6. "It is intended to give the course of education as much of a *practical character* as possible. The pupils will be made acquainted with the use of instruments, and will be exercised in the fields, in actual surveying, and mensuration of heights and distances, levelling &c., in taking Astronomical observations [whew!] and in all the operations of the Topographical Engineer. These exercises it is thought will be conducive to health, while at the same time they will impart to the student a greater interest in the sciences by making him to understand their use and application. The pupils will also make frequent excursions with the Professors of Mineralogy and Botany."

An Agricultural establishment will be connected with the institution, and the students will have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with this primary art of life, by a course of lectures illustrated by the practical operations of farming and gardening." O what a delightful Arcadia of student life! And then too here you have Sparta right next door. "Military exercises will also be embraced in the system as a healthful occupation for some of the hours usually devoted to recreation."

"To prevent dissipation and extravagance, it is required (!) that no money shall be placed in the hands of students by parents or guardians. The funds designed for their use are to be lodged with the College Bursar, who will apply them with a parental discretion to the payment of their *necessary expenses* and no other expenses will be allowed."

It may be thought that this rule was, as of late years, merely a dead letter. A reference to the books of the Bursar, however, shows us such entries as these, which are from the accounts of various students:

"No. 122. Permit to A. H. Hammond. For Pantaloons, \$6.25," and, in same form, "J. P. Wahis, For Footing Boots, \$3.00. W. Frazer, Paper and Quills, 68¢. J. B. Asher, Quills and Candles, 75.

The next rule of the catalogue reads: "As a further preventive to extravagance and to promote a proper *esprit du corps* and responsibility of character, an uniform dress will be prescribed; and after the first of May next [1825] no other dress will be permitted to be worn in the College." Vacations were, in Summer seven weeks, at Christmas two weeks, and about Apr. 15, one week

Then says the catalogue: "The College expenses of each student will be as follows; viz: For Tuition, eleven dollars per Term, for room-rent, from three to four dollars per Term, according to situation; for the use of the library one dollar per Term; for sweeping rooms, ringing the Bell [mark how cheap compared to what it has cost some poor fellows in our memory], fuel for recitation rooms, printing and other incidental expenses two dollars per Term.

The College edifices will not be completed before the first of May next.(1825.) In the meantime the students will be accommodated in such private families as shall be approved by the Faculty."

This last paragraph calls our attention to the character of this catalogue. It was essentially an announcement of the college; a prospectus. It is signed "By the Board of Trustees, Charles Sigourney, Secretary. Hartford, Aug. 10, 1824."

Such is the picture of Trinity, then Washington, College, as presented to us in the catalogue of 1824. In a future article we may give some of the changes, both retrenchments and additions, which two years experience (as shown in the catalogue of 1826) dictated to those at the helm.

AU NATUREL.

"Very important! class-meeting at—B. H. pass it along." That is what the bit of paper said that we *did* pass along, with its accompanying punch under the rib, to our next door neighbor in the Greek class, not long ago. "What's it about?" "Hsh! Professor's looking. I don't

know—'tother party I guess—'nother dodge,—gum game:" All this with grimaces worthy of a circus clown; an answer as lucid as it was connected.

As chairman of a committee appointed by our class-associates, we pondered whether or not we had done our duty since the honor(?) had been imposed upon us. After considering that with arduous labor, we had obtained from each of them five cents for necessary expenses, we felt free to face the multitude, and followed the crowd to the appointed place.

"Here's the room—come in 'fellers'" ("Dont yell so loud, won't you!")—"sit down."

"I say Jake, just take care of the door, 'twouldn't be any fun to get locked in." "One,—two,—three, where're the rest of 'em; Ain't Dick coming?" "Where's the President?" "Hurrah for the President!" ("why don't you yell?") "Got a catalogue?" "Meeting please come to order gentlemen!"

The room is twelve feet square; twenty fellows in it; all the windows shut, and six pipes going full blast. Five men sit on a sofa intended for four; two men in every chair, four on the table, one or two on the stove, (very little fire inside) and one on the bureau.

Some man right in front of me is stepping on my corns. "Oh!! get off my foot!"

"SILENCE!!! some one please state the object of this meeting?" from the President.

"Hold on! let's call the roll first," from the Secretary.

Preliminaries finished, business proceeds rapidly and smoothly, till we, unlucky chairman, get a rebuke for not doubling our efforts and getting a dime instead of a five.

Tremblingly and pale we apologized, and asked for reprieve; time to redeem ourselves.

"Let's have a sing." "Oh, no don't, my throat is sore." "Move a tax be levied on the class for permanent fund." Cries of "No! No!" "put him out!!" ("I wish you'd keep your old pipe out of my face.")

“Mr. President, Mr. President. I have the floor.” “Question! Question!” (“why can’t you yell a little louder?”)

Down comes the voice of the President in mighty thunder, amidst this hullabaloo, “Gentlemen we *must* have order.” As soothing oil upon the stormy waters, the commanding voice stills the noisy crowd. Some one proposes a new class motto; as we’ve only chosen five or six already, it seems advisable, but on second thought it will necessitate new canes, and only half the first lot are worn out yet.

Adjournment to supper is proposed; some one has a few words to say, but it is drowned out with exclamations, and the hungry man cries out again for adjournment: carried; and off we go to the tune of “Jolly Good Fellows.”

INCONSISTENCIES.

Although the poet exclaims with true poetic effusion “Consistency thou art a jewel,” yet on the whole a certain amount of inconsistency is pleasant at times. A man who is always doing the same thing, in the same way he did ten years ago, is a very tiresome character. You know just what to expect from him, and so lose the pleasure of studying his character. For having once ascertained the groove he runs in, all you have to do is to follow its course, and you’ll know where to find him.

One of the greatest pleasures in the “proper study of mankind” is an examination of inconsistencies in character which crop out, now and then, in totally unexpected places. To see a man, whom you have ever held in the highest respect, suddenly behaving in a manner which smacks more of the schoolboy than the grave citizen is by no means an unaccustomed sight. Strange it is, that although we have seen this same remarkable change occurring so frequently, we are never prepared for it. It invariably strikes us with the same feeling of astonishment and surprise.

The effect on our feelings is a mixed one. We are pained but yet this spirit of inquiry and

investigation makes us desirous of examining the case more fully.

Not that the inconsistencies are all on the side of vice. For in many instances the very reverse of this is the case. A man may have lived a miser all his life, and yet something will induce him to squander his money with reckless prodigality on some pet child, or at the end we may hear of his having given largely to some charitable institution; and that too in a manner which forbids us to suppose he did it for any ulterior purpose.

The fair sex are blessed with a large share of this weakness. Punch, whose illustrations are, as the advertisements say “Instructive, as well as entertaining,” shows this most delicately. He represents a lady, evidently well off, for she has purchased bundle after bundle of goods, haggling with the cabman after the extra sixpence. When she has accomplished her point she says, “Now I can purchase that love of a bonnet! &c.”

The true explanation of these phases of character seems to be this: that we are possessed of many characteristics which education, and external circumstances have dwarfed in their growth, but that some accident brings these characteristics into action, and the result is the inconsistencies which surprise us by their appearance.

MEN WITH TAILS.

It is said that in the interior of Africa there is a race of men called Niam-Niams, who are provided with a caudal appendage to the vertebral column. The length and character of the tail are subjects upon which authorities are not agreed. In fact some go so far as to restrict the ornamental feature to the males. The old Indian tradition, however, is that when man waxed too proud in the cultivation of his tail, the Great Spirit, in punishment, amputated it and made therefrom a woman! This certainly seems to account for the general incomplete development of the human body at the present

time, and the Niam-Niam tribe may only be an existing spectacle of what man might have been had not his natural growth been curtailed. Alas, alas, alas alack-a-day, that ever man should sin his tail away! One of the great bonds of sympathy between man and his brother animals has been severed, and proficiency in wagging must take its place among the lost lamented arts. There is an exquisite sense of pleasure which is indicated in this wagging of the tail. Darwin tries very ingeniously to show that it is not an expression of present gratification but arises simply from an association of ideas. Any one who has read Dr. Brown's exhaustive answer to the *Zoonomia*, however, will at once perceive the absurdity of the attempt. Sternhold and Hopkins, also, in their reputed version of the Psalms testify to this manner of exhibiting pleasure, when they write

"Up from the deep
Ye codlings leap
And wag your tails about!"

The care of these tails is said to be a matter of much solicitude among our African brethren. Some aim at muscular development, and when in training can knock a cow down with one blow. Others however, pride themselves upon the sleekness of this organ. In fact, the climate of Central Africa is not favorable to elaborate toilettes, so the natives are compelled to make the best of their natural advantages. With our predilections for artificial ornaments, we can scarcely appreciate the pride which a Niam-Niam would take in a handsome tail.

But every one must regret that the diffusion of this organ is not more general. When I have seen men acting clownishly, I have thought how sad it was they did not have a tail. It would have given such a handsome finish to their pranks and antics. A *homo caudatus* would be an invaluable addition to the attractions of a modern circus, and it is to be hoped that the race may be preserved. Let them join hands with the Chinese to supply the wanting elements in Anglo-Saxon blood. Here surely is a

chance for philanthropists:—to restore the lost harmonies of the human form. When man can again boast of real tails and pig-tails, the days of the giants may return.

PIPES.

My chum had a passion for pipes. Talk of that tulip-madness? O that was mild compared with this fever. Bibliomania? Art-collections? Coin-gathering? Mere bagatelles I assure you. Chum's passion was supreme. Moreover he was alone in his devotion to the pursuit. Your Bibliomaniacs encourage one another in their mad desire for old paper. Your Art-collectors get together and rhapsodize over "old art" and *renaissance*. But chum's consuming passion was alone. It found no response in any other heart. It was *sui generis*.

His love expended itself in all manner of smoke-producers. It ranged through the various grades of briar-woods in fantastic shapes of bird's claw grasping an egg-shell, or rudely carved lily, or fierce head of Zou-Zou, of plain white clays, of red French clays with their funny Turk's heads, of heavy German porcelains with pictures of gay huntsman and hound painted on the outside, and (last and dearest) of handsome meerschaums with clear amber stems. Scarce a day passed without his making some addition to the collection. He used to get through the morning pretty well; but after dinner he began to grow restless. He couldn't study. He'd move uneasily about and hold out till about three o'clock, and then he'd suddenly start out of the room go down to Schott's and at about a quarter of four he'd come in, his step elastic and his eyes beaming. Then he'd show me his purchase with a "Say, boy, ain't that just a nobby little clay? Just look at the face!" or a "How's this for a meerschaum?" Then he'd look up at the collection, to see which one must come down to make room for this; because he never kept more than twenty-five or thirty on the pipe racks at one time.

But these things are painful to dwell on.

Chum's gone now, poor fellow. Left Sophomore year. It interfered with his studies.

POSSUNT QUIA POSSE VIDENTUR.

The true secret of success lies in appearance of power. Many have gained the prize they had in view, simply by seeming to consider it inevitably theirs. By this means it was, that Napoleon gained one of his greatest victories. The battle long waged doubtful, and the Emperor saw that unless something was done, he should lose the day. Accordingly one bold charge was made, and the enemy fell back defeated, although the French had not a single *corps de reserve*, and must have inevitably lost the day had they been opposed successfully in that rally. Now this quality, for which great men have been so celebrated, in men of "lower estate" is called by a most uncomplimentary name. For no reason that can be assigned it is denominated "Cheek." This sublime, this mighty power is actually called "Cheek."

It will not be necessary to enter into a defence of cheek, for the possessor of it is fully able to do so himself. Many who enviously decry its advantages would gladly possess it themselves. Numbers have got through very tight places by its assistance, nor is it one of the smallest aids in a recitation room as we can all testify. How many of us have got through a recitation by using a little cheek, whereas if we had not possessed it, a flunk, or at least a fizzle would have been our lot.

The course adopted by *buccator* is very ingenious. He calmly looks around till he is called up, (if possible cramming a little, just to start with) and then begins. The question may very possibly aid him slightly, and of this he takes advantage, twisting it into an answer, and then modifying, and changing the same idea until he really appears to have said a good deal. He then endeavors by a side question to lead the attention of the prof. off from the subject, and if he be at all smart this can generally be managed, when he sits down in the

full confidence of having done "Very well indeed."

This certainly looks much better than to get up, and having done so, to sit down again in inglorious silence. If it does not teach him the lesson in hand, the practice of this quality will give him great "fluidity" of expression.

Nor is it only among us that Cheek is a mighty power. The Romans worshipped a certain deity called Janus, and, as he had two faces, it is but reasonable to suppose that he had a double allowance of cheek. Let us then not despise what Rome held dear, but instead of the reverence we hold the almighty dollar in, let due respect be paid to Janus.

MINOR MATTERS.

As there has been some trouble recently about the delivery of letters, we have made inquiries of the city postal authorities about the matter. We are informed that if any student will see that his letters are addressed to his room, and then speak to the carrier of it, the letters will be hereafter taken to his door and not left in the Reading Room as heretofore.

New arrangements have been made for a more just and equal allotment of rooms for the coming year. Rent is to be charged according to the desirableness of locality, and the convenience of the arrangements. The price of the best rooms, we understand, will be fixed at seventy dollars. Means have also been taken to prevent nominal occupants of rooms from claiming possession at the close of the year. In this way, upper classmen will stand some chance of obtaining good rooms, instead of being obliged to settle down for four years in an uncomfortable room while the best ones in college are systematically monopolized.

One of the advantages of mixed colleges, is seen in the larger scope of subjects which can

be treated in papers and magazines. For instance, in the "Union Magazine," published by the literary societies of Christian University at Canton, Mo., we have a valuable lecture on the evils of female fashions. Tight-lacing is treated with a pathos which naught but a woman's feeling sympathy could have inspired. But there is some valuable information in the article which, coming from such a source, commands our unhesitating belief. We learn that genuine waterfalls were worn in the days of Thucydides and were made of hair, not hemp; that "ninety-nine young ladies out of every hundred paint their cheeks"! and finally, that "balls, parties, and what the world calls pleasure-seeking gatherings, on an average never break up until midnight"!!

The *College Review* gives additional indications of great enterprise and ability. The February number contains the first of what will undoubtedly prove a most interesting series of "Sketches of Foreign Colleges." Items of college life in Syria, and from an institution whose prevailing language is Arabic, are certainly a pleasing and useful addition to the current college-news which is fast becoming so popular. Its concluding sketch of the "Past and Present Condition of British Poetry" is capital. The author touches a sympathetic chord when he laments the voluminousness of modern writers and shows what a giant-work it is to attempt to master even English Literature alone. Altogether we congratulate the *Review* upon its established success. Its perfect freedom from any collegiate bias has not been the least influence at work to bring it into general favor.

Sometime ago our sympathies were enlisted in behalf of the University of Chicago, by seeing it announced that Drawing was an obligatory branch of its curriculum. We little dreamed that we would so soon need all our sym-

pathy for ourselves. In addition to the inordinate exercise of penmanship afforded by our chemical lectures, we have now superadded, the practice of drawing complicated figures. U tubes, furnaces, retorts, and aspirators, besides the tortuous windings of spiral tubes,—all are to be delineated by undisciplined tyros in the art. Alas for Mr. Dumas! If he could only see the wondrous turns and ramifications which his delicate apparatus is made to take in the unskilful student's sketch-book, how vexed would be his scientific soul! We do not wish to encourage insubordination, but if a firm and resolute protest against this refined species of imposition could avail, succeeding classes might find it worth their while to make the effort. A text-book of inferior merit would be preferable to the present lectures with their attendant trouble, but better than all would it be to send the lectures to the printer.

An unusual impulse seems to have been given to the pursuit of Elective studies. The Seniors alone, in addition to the regular work of the course, have taken extra instruction in Latin, French, German, Italian, Hebrew, and the Calculus. They are now at work on Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Pascal's *Pensées*, Goëthe's *Faust*, Dante's *Inferno*, and the rudiments only of Hebrew. A class in Persian was under discussion but was given up, partly on account of the difficulty in obtaining text-books, and partly because the knowledge gained in a few months, of an entirely new language, would naturally be rather unsatisfactory. The tendency, we think, is a good one, for it enables one to adopt some one branch which is most congenial to his taste. Even should it interfere with one's attention to the prescribed studies, we cannot but think it is well to give this much license to the natural bent of one's own inclination. Especially is this the case in Senior year, when the studies are almost entirely metaphysical or scientific; branches which are not congenial to all minds.

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COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

The first of March almost induced us to give in our allegiance to the Calendar. It seemed as if for once nature had endorsed our arbitrary division of the seasons. In fact as the snow left

the campus, it revealed the grass in a modified state of green, much like the freshmen. We sat by our open window and with the help of the stove it seemed quite balmy. But the clouds look too threatening to invite security.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated on the twentieth ult., with the usual festivities. The oration was delivered by Robt. Hudson of Rhode Island, and touched upon the prominent incidents in Washington's eventful life. The Poet of the occasion was Arthur T. Parsons of Connecticut, who spoke in rhyme of Washington's dark hour at Valley Forge. Dancing and refreshments followed until midnight, when, according to a custom instituted in honor of Cinderella's memory, the revels came promptly to an end.

We are glad to announce that the long-expected iron railing is at last in process of completion. So we may soon hope to be rid of the nuisance of having the campus made a public highway. The broad path which has been worn bare by constant foot-travel, together with the very slightly verdant part which was graded last year, and the other remarkable spot at the north end of the campus, the grass of which was removed for filling purposes, all call loudly for the plough.

The announcement of the Junior marks up to Trinity Term 1871, brings up the much-discussed question of Junior exhibition. It seems unfortunate that an old and worthy custom should be given up without any apparent reason. If the other literary exercises during the year render it undesirable that the Junior Exhibition should be perpetuated on the former plan, why cannot the plan be modified? Try an adjunct promenade concert, or something of the kind which will pander to the taste of a promiscuous assembly a little. As it is at present, Junior year is without any distinctive public exercise. Yet it is proverbially the easiest year of the college course, affording a better opportunity for careful preparation than at any time before or after. While the Sopho-

mores burn Analytics and the Seniors have Class-Day on their hands, the Juniors ought certainly to bestir themselves a little.

SEVENTY-ONE. CLASS DAY.

At a recent meeting of the Senior Class, the following appointments were made for Class Day.

JAMES STODDARD, Class President.

LITERARY APPOINTMENTS.

H. S. WOOD,	Oration.
GEO. W. DOUGLAS,	Poem.
THOS. H. GORDON,	Chronicles.
L. WATERMAN,	Prophecies.
W. DRAYTON,	

Presentation of the *Lemon Squeezer*.

A. T. PARSONS, Presentation to "Prof. Jim."

CH. Y. C. WILLIAMS, Ivy Oration.

COMMITTEES.

W. V. LIPPINCOTT, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

A. S. MURRAY, JR., Chairman of the Committee of Invitations.

C. W. PHILLIPS, Chairman of the Floor Committee.

S. E. BARNWELL, Chairman of the Committee on Songs.

These elections, and appointments were all made to the satisfaction of the entire class. We hope that Class Day will pass off as pleasantly this year as it did last. Though it is early to think of that festive occasion, yet we naturally feel a deep interest in the day which brings the Class together for the last time as a Class. The true spirit of class feeling is a good one, and this day tends to show it in its best light. The exercises as in former years will be held on the College campus, and will be followed by a dance in the College Cabinet, which all, who receive cards, are invited to attend. It has been rumored that the class intend to have a farewell supper before breaking up for good, a plan which meets our warm approval.

COLLEGE POLITICS.

There is nothing probably in the whole range of college experience, which is productive of so much mischief as the system of politics which obtains almost universally in our American colleges. It sometimes displays itself in a mild, modified form, but too often in harsh and unreasonable proportions. We do not wish to tread on anybody's toes. You and I are not to blame for what we have found ready-moulded to our hand, nor could those who originated the system calculate the excesses to which it has so naturally led. But the number of colleges where the exercises of Class Day were suspended last year, by reason of class complications, certainly implies a deficiency in the mode by which those exercises were regulated. The tendency even among the fairest, is to take the scales from blind-fold Justice and place them in the hands of shrewed and keensighted Partiality. The natural result is an irreconcilable disagreement. Like two children quarreling over candy: both would throw it all into the gutter, rather than that one should have a stick too much.

Yet who shall decide when students disagree? Were these class entanglements the result of contests for principle, we should certainly say that majorities have the right of absolute dictation. But in most cases the dispute is between organizations whose connexion with college politics can be nothing more than casual, and the contested object is generally nothing higher than the lion share of honors. The success of any class exercise depends greatly upon the combined efforts of all members of the class, and with the loss of unanimity comes an increased possibility of failure. If then majorities are grasping, and minorities stubborn, to what shall appeal be made? Unfortunately there is no arbiter in questions of this kind, and for lack of a supreme authority, for lack of mediation, the breach between the factions stands yawning. No man is willing to sacrifice himself, no party is willing to sacrifice a

man. The conflicting interests of the few are placed above the common interest of the many, and neither are wisely consulted. The up-shot of the matter is:—no Class Day or whatever else may be in dispute.

The impossibility of creating any court of appeal, to whose arbitration disputed questions should be referred, arises from the reluctance of all parties to accept of mediation. And so long as this is the case, we cannot hope for a better state of affairs. We must still cling to our selfish purposes and still work out our own disadvantage. A little more magnanimity, a little more heartiness of feeling, and a greater regard for the interests of the college, would tone down the unfortunate harshness of rivalry quite wonderfully. We owe it to ourselves and to our friends, to make an effort in the right direction. While we may not be responsible for the existence of evils in connexion with college politics, we are to blame if we do not seek to modify them.

PERSONALS.

FRANKLIN, '39. Edward Carrington Franklin is practising medicine at St. Louis, Mo.

KISSAM, '69. A card lies before us with the information that E. V. B. Kissam, is of Kissam & Benjamin, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, 65 Wall St., New York.

ELWELL, '70. The TABLET has received a neat little publication of which Mr. Elwell is associate editor. It bears the name of *Church Kalendar*, and is issued in the interest of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Any subscriber of the TABLET who possesses the desired information would confer a favor by furnishing us the address of any of the following Alumni; John H. McIntosh, M. D., '53; R. E. Jackson, '45; T. J. DeLancey, '39; F. L. Taylor, '43; and C. F. Peake, '42.

EMERY of '54, preached at the Churches of the Good Shepherd and the Incarnation, on Sunday, March 5th, in behalf of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry.

PARTICLES.

Dr. Wainwright delivered the first of his lectures to the Senior class, on Tuesday the 7th inst. After touching upon the importance of possessing some knowledge of Anatomy and Physiology, and giving a brief history of medical science, he proceeded to his first subject, the chemical composition of the human frame. He will continue his lectures on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

Attention ye lawyers that are to be! A man came to Particle to know what were the chances in a suit for *Petit Larceny*, in the matter of forty acres of valuable real estate lying below high water mark.

Some men's faces look as if a mess of stewed thunderbolt had been spilled over them.

Juniors take Plautus this term instead of Terence as in preceding years.

A gentleman in Hartford recently wrote to the town clerk of East Hartford asking him to see if he could find anything on a certain matter in the records for 1830 and some subsequent years. After an ominous silence of two weeks he received a reply saying that the faithful public servant "could find nothing of it, although he had searched the records for 1830 and forty years back."

While Particle was out on a stroll, for the exercise of the thing you know, he saw a sign which read as follows:

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OTHER ALES.

When you hear a student always talking about "country," "come from the backwoods," "hate these country people," &c. you may set him down as rather nervous about his status as a cit.

A person (who is presumed to have made a careful search) informed the Senior class that there were no pawn-shops in Hartford. We withold the name of the person.

The TABLET Editorial supper probably will not take place until after Lent.

COLLEGE CLIPPINGS.

ALBION.

"February 10th. The bell sounds past three, and obedient to its summons a goodly number of earnest Atheniædes assemble round their society hearth-stone. At the gentle rap of Pres. Hoag, all noise ceases and an air of solemnity prevails while our chaplain leads us in prayer. Miscellaneous business is despatched with alacrity, after which Minnie Brooks, in a plaintive voice sings the temperance song—"Has Father been here?" Miss Rettie Houck makes her *debut*, by reciting in a graceful manner, a sweet little poem entitled "Charlotte," which is followed by"

all that sort of sweet soft sappy sapiency which is so peculiarly characteristic of all mixed colleges.

AMHERST.

The *Student* says four out of five students favor abolition of "marking system."

The "Amherst Coll. Boating Club" has been formed as an organization independent of the "Amherst Boating Association" of last year.

Vandalism is rampant in the reading room, says the *Student*. "The room usually appears, in spite of the efforts of the custos, about like a third-class bar-room."

BROWN.

The Freshmen have taken to wearing Oxford caps.

The Alumni of Brown residing in Philadelphia, recently held their annual meeting.

The New York Alumni Club met on the 21st of February.

CORNELL.

The wearing of university caps is to be enforced.

After Apr. 6th, the university will furnish no more board to students. However, rooms will still be rented to those desiring them.

Prof. Arnold recently gave a supper to some of the Sophs. who took advantage of the opportunity and presented him with testimonials of their esteem, in the form of a gold ring, and box of segars.

DARTMOUTH.

College expenses of a student are \$500 a year, including clothing and necessary incidentals.

Of the 450 students at the college, only 125 have (Feb. 11) returned. A large number are still engaged in teaching school.

A new frame structure will soon be erected on the agricultural grounds. It will contain dormitories, and a commodious dining hall for the agricultural students.

HARVARD.

The *Advocate* asserts that the course is defective in the department of oratory.

The committee to visit (during 1869-70) the Academic Dept. have made their report. They urge an increased attention to English, and express much dissatisfaction with the instruction in French and German, but are very enthusiastic upon the classics.

The annual dinner of the Harvard Club in New York took place on the 22d ult. About two hundred guests assembled. Among them were Pres. Eliot, Messrs. Adams and Seaver, of the faculty, E. E. Hale, and Wm. E. Everts.

IOWA.

"Some few of the students went through last year with a trifle over \$150 each. Highest board and necessary expenses, \$238; average, \$200."

MICHIGAN.

For some years past it has been left to the student's option to attend church or not.

The department of the Law and Medical students when attending lectures is, according to the *Chronicle*, a shame to the University.

The same paper, in sincere friendship for the University, denounces the disorder in chapel. It needs a scathing when, "There are mornings when, from the unremitted buzz and hum, one might almost think that the majority of his neighbors were engaged in repeating the Lord's prayer in unknown tongues, during the singing, reading, and prayer alike."

In the list of jokes, the *Palladium* [a student publication, Eds.] makes mention of a young man as a "Gin-cock-tail Punisher." The father, seeing his son's name in this publication which he mistook for an annual catalogue, exclaimed, "What kind of a University is this, and what kind of a son have I got! Why it's a disgrace!"

PRINCETON.

Princeton is to publish a new paper known as *The College World*.

Dr. McCosh gives to the theory of Darwin a qualified approval. He says it "contains a powerful deal of truth" but not the whole truth, and that many of the inferences are wrong.

The Seniors say that in Freshman year, they were promised the use of the observatory by senior year; and though the year is almost gone, they have not yet had a glimpse of the heavens through the telescope. They say "The telescope will soon be here," is such an old cry, they have given up hoping.

VASSAR.

Miss Lyman, the Lady Principal, died on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The students have decided to discontinue the publication of the *Transcript*. We understand the cause of the cessation is hostility on the part of the Faculty.

WASHINGTON (ST. LOUIS).

The university has had a narrow escape from losing one of its buildings by fire. On the 7th of Jan., the flames were discovered in the cellar of the old University Building, and by the time they were extinguished had destroyed property to the value of about \$2,000, which, however, was fully covered by the insurance. Among the articles damaged, were four boxes of books for the library, and a chronometer clock, a present from the jewelers of the city.

WESLEYAN.

Guizot's "History of Civilization" is now optional instead of required, as it was last year.

The union monthly temperance meetings have been started again.

A meeting of the Alumni in N. Y., at which their lady friends were present, was held on the 16th ult. About one hundred and twenty persons attended it.

The first re-union of the Wesleyan Alumni in Chicago, took place on Feb. 7th. At this meeting twenty-four of the Alumni were present and had a very pleasant, and eminently social, re-union.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

The Junior Exhibition is to be held the last Friday evening of the present term.

Measures are on foot to secure the upper room in the Olentangy engine house as a gymnasium.

WILLIAMS.

A re-union of the Alumni was held in Chicago on the 16th ult.

The *Vidette* calls for a reading room and more attention to elocution in the college course.

The plaster ceiling in the college rooms is being replaced by wood-work which is found much better.

The *Review* pronounces the college brass band a failure.

The "Bryant Art Assoc. of Williams College," has applied for a charter to hold \$10,000 worth of property.

YALE.

Prof. Hadley is announced in the University course at Harvard, in Roman Law.

The Yale Glee club talks of a summer tour.

The navy has decided to have the Regatta Ball.

By the aid of Mr. Phelps of New Haven, the college has been able to purchase the library of Robert von Mohl, the distinguished writer on political science, for many years professor at Heidelberg and Tübingen, and now ambassador of Baden at Munich. The library contains some 6,000 volumes.

EXCHANGES.

The *Madisonensis* comes out in a new dress and we hope the spirit of change may extend to making the paper contain more literary, and less news, matter.

The Harvard *Advocate* says the students call its jokes "pretty sick." If the "atoms" of the last two numbers are referred to we should say, "Jes so."

Says the *College Courier*:

"The *Trinity Tablet* has doubtless been demolished in a recent contest with the *Cornell Era*. We have not been favored with a copy of it for several months."

Rather hard to be put out of existence with a pen-stroke; but then it shows one is missed, and you know

'Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark
Our coming, and look brighter when we come.

This bit of poetry isn't indigenous; it is from an exchange beyond the uncultivated limits of the United States.

WINTER SONG.

Summer joys are o'er;
Flowers bloom no more,
Wintry winds are sweeping;
Through the snow drifts peeping;
Cheerful evergreen
Rarely now is seen.
Tum-te, tum-te-ti
Tiddery-iddery-i &c,

The *Advocate*, *Amherst Student*, and *Chronicle*, are the only three college papers that get up respectable poetry.

Won't the *Lafayette Monthly* consent not to roll itself quite so tight, and also to translate that motto?

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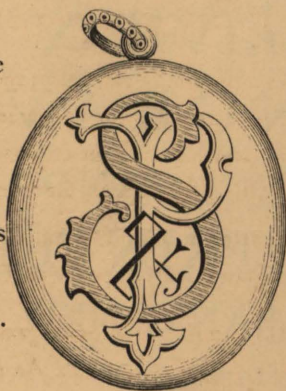
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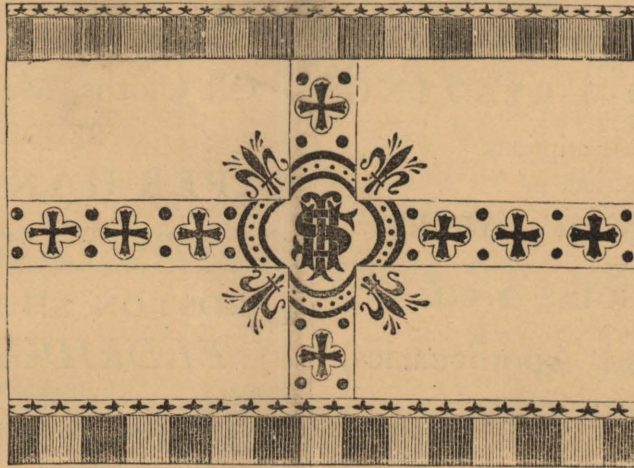
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