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## APRIL.

## By A. F.

Tisten for the voice of song And hear a murmur in the trees Of April in a fitful breeze, Who says the growing wings are strong.
Rise! Burn thy winter robe to-day ! Thus did the poet Omar sing: He flutters but a little way wing

Behold the dawning of a voice
Hold hard the sorrow of thy heart,
For music keener makes the smart
The singer waits not on our choice.
In the new dawn I hear his note;
He lingers while the roses blow
On what bright waves $m y$ darlings flow
Harper's for April.

## BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

This subject is pressing itself upon the attention of the church and demands earnest consideration. A number of Annual Conferences have formed organizations and ask contributions annually. A few young men preparing for the ministry have been aided by funds thus secured. As yet, however, very little has been done, and if the work is itself proper, very much more ought to be done. Every conference in the church should have an organization, and every charge should be asked to contribute.
There are, indeed, those who object to beneficiary education, especially on the part of the church. They contend that young men who realize the gravity of the work before them and who are of the stamp which the church needs and the times demand, will, despite all toil and sacrifice, press for the prize of a thorough education without assistance; that such toil and sacrifice are in themselves an important part of discipline, and that those who successfully pass the ordeal involved in the aequisition of liberal culture unaided, give proof of metal and promise of usefuluess not possible on the part of those who accept assistance; so that beneficiary education instead of being advantageous is positively injurious.

Upon a little reflection, however, these objection will lose much of their force, if, indeed, they do not entirely disappear. Nearly all higher education, whether under the anspicas of the state the eburch or other organization, is largely beneficiary. The buildings, grounds, endowments and other equipments of our colleges are gifts, so that the culture which those colleges afford is largely a benefaction and those who receive it beneficiaries. None are required to pay the actual cost of an education. To be consistant, therefore, those who object to beneficiary education ought to object to the entire policy upon which our colleges and seminaries are founded and maintained.
It is claimed, indeed, that there is a wide difference between offering a benefit to all students alike and offering assistance to special classes. It is the latter that is generally meant when speaking of beneficiary education, and it is to this that objection is urged. Now why it should be harmless to offer a benefit to all comers without discrimination, but mis. chievous to offer it, for special reasons and for a specific purpose, to a particular class, we suspect it would be difficult to state. In other words, if it be right to offer the facilities for culture at less than half cost to all students, some of whom give little promise of usefulness and others of whom are abundantly able to pay full cost, it will be difficult to show that it is wrong to offer special assistance to those who give promise of usefulness, but who are poor, or whose parents are not willing to aid them. We have never heard objection urged to parents, who are able, giving their children all reasonable assistance in securing an education. The great majority of those who attain an education do it by such aid, and it is not consid-
ered mischievous. Why, then, should it be thought so injurious to furnish precisely the same aid from some other source, when parents, through poverty or indisposition fail? Now, this last is exactly the aim of beneficiary education proper. It is designed to give the youth of talent and promise, but whose lot it was to be born to poverty, something like the opportunity enjoyed by the youth whose lot it was to be born to competence. Nor are we confined to theory and speculation to prove that the policy is right and works well. It has been subjected to the test of experience. There are churches in this country which have practiced it for many scores of years and which have hundreds of beneficiary students under their care annually. Now, if the objections to benefisiary education were well founded, we should expect to find these churches with a weak and incompetent ministry, when the fact is that they have a ministry unsurpassed in manliness, ability and efficiency.

As the matter now stands, young men of the U B. Church who feel ealled to the work of the minis try, but who on account of poverty realize that a thorough education, if not entirely beyond their reach unaided, can only be attained after a prolonged and discouraging struggle, have aid offered them by several sister churches which they can not get from their own. It need not be thought strange, therefore, that these young men, when they find the education for their work which they need and crave practically beyond their reach at home, should be tempted to look abroad and accept the aid offered them by other churches, and thus be drawn into their communion. Reason about this matter as we will, the church must arouse upon this question, must address herself to this work with energy, unanimity and liberality or she may expect to suffer in evitably and seriously in some of her most vital interests.

H, G.

## BUSINESS SERMON, No. 3.

## BY PROF, J. HAYWOOD.

"Look not every man on his own things; but every man also on the things of others."
It is very natural for men to pay more attention each to his own business, to look after his own suc cess, than to that of others. Within proper limits this is right and commendable. Hence the homely injunction, "Mind your own business," is a valuable prooopt; and whon oaoh man oboys it in ito opirit, the prosperity of the community is assured. But when this principle degenerates, as it sometimes does, to surly indifference to the welfare of others, and to envy and gradging the prosperity of others, it becomes a deadly canker to the success of the community.
Yet how natural it is, when our neighbor meet with success in some enterprise, or is very successful in his usual business, for the query to come up in our minds, Why am I not equally successful? I am as laborious, as painstaking, as neighbor A. Yet while he is thriving and growing wealthy, I am dragging my weary steps along, and so far as I can see, no
nearer the goal than at any time heretofore. Pernearer the goal than at any time heretofore. Per-
haps also the thought comes up that I may compel him to share with me by eutting into his business Perhaps I hope to thwart his plans, by opposition, so that he shall succeed no better than myself. Now this is all wrong. It is worse, if possible. It is unwise. It manifests that littleness of heart and nar rowness of mind which will pretty uniformly be a bar to success. Nothing can be truer than that my neighbor's prosperity, if legitimate, is reflected upon me. That the prosperity of each becomes the prosperity of the community; and that the prosperity of the community is shared to a greater or less degree by every member of it. Then there is no occasion, and if we are wise and honest, no room for clashing of interests, for envy at the prosperity of others, or for gratification at their defeat and downfall. In these matters let us show the wisdom, the magna-
nimity of men, and not the petulance of children. We must here in our village guard against these envious, jealous feelings. I live in the west part of the village; neighbor $W$. owns property in the east part, and is profitably developing it. Instead of grudging. I am very sure I ought to congratulate myself upon W's success. It is not possible for permanent improvements to be made there without enhancing my interests. This may not appear immediately. Doubtless, just now my part of the village may seem to be thrown into the shade; but patience and hopefulness are essential to success; and if in this case these virtues are duly exercised, the reward is sure.
So in other cases we see need to practice the injunction at the head of this article. How easily we are hoodwinked by our estimate of our own interests. Our neighbor makes some move, and we are startled; and carefully look over the ground to see if our interests are to be unfavorably affected; and we are too apt to mistake our neighbor's gain for our loss. Again when municipal improvements are contemplated or being carried on, let us see to it that our criticisms are not leavened with this same narrow selfish fear lest somebody else should be indirectly benefited. It is doubtless true that there may be too much concentration of municipal attention to some favored locality, to the real detriment of other parts of our village, and we have seen such dishonesty in political cliques at the present time, and in past years, that we can well afford to be on our guard against rings in our own municipal affairs. Human nature is infirm at best; and village officials are not free from the common taint, yet there are differences in men. There are some men, I think, who are unable to see anything wrong in that which seems to them to promote their interests; and, equally unable to see anything right in anything which does not tend in that direction, or which seems to especially benefit a neighbor.
In regard to those municipal appropriations, the question ought not to be whether some will be benefited more than others; for an improvement must have a locality; and thus some are necessarily more immediately affected by the improvement than others, whatever be the locality. If there is to be a real public benefit; if there has been no favoritism, no purtiality; if there has been a reasonable regard to partiality; if there has been a reasonable regard to
the interests of all; then all should be satisfied, although some have necessarily perhaps received less benefit.
In a villago, the conditions aro eomowhat difforont from those of a city. The business of the village will be, for convenience, somewhat concentrated in a comparatively small space; while the residences are much more widely separated. Now all the community are immediately interested in improvements which affect the business part, the heart, of the village; while improvements in the other streets are much more local and restricted in their benefit.
Also the public schools and the approaches to these are matters of great public concern. The Postoffice is another institution of great interest, both as to its location, and to the facilities it furnishes to the community. In regard to this, I do not hesitate to say, that in our village the Postoffice should be a fixture as to locality; and that in its internal arrangements, and its external appearance, it should be a model of neatness and convenience.
Lastly, in our village we have located Otterbein University. Although this institution is neither owned nor controlled by the citizens of the village; yet our interests are so completely interwoven with those of the college, and in fact so dependent are the ormer upon the latter, that we may consider these wo interests as identical. Hence we say, anything done to promote the interests of the University is a public benefit to the village, and on the other hand, anything that injures the college, that mars its usefulness, that clouds its reputation, is a public caamnity, is a damage to the iuterests of the village
Many corollaries and scholiums could be added but we leave the reader to supply them.

## A THOUSAND YEARS.

By Rev. W. O. Tobey, '66.
The idea of a millenium is not unphiloso phical. It is simply a long continuance of time without epochs. Christianity demands such a state of things, and offer the principles and practices not only to produce it but to preserve it. A thousand years of epochless human life might be as foreign from the imagination of Alexander and Cæsar as the idea of tunneling the English Channel. But to a Christian philosopher a millenium is perfectly consistent with human history. It is true that wars have made epochs in all ages, and that these epochs have been so frequent as to make it seem an absurdity to look for a peaceful cycle of one thousand years. Philosophy denies the hypothesis of a state of perpetual peace in the human race. But philosophy has not dreamed of half the things in heaven or earth. An epoch of so long duration might be thought to be a state of stagnation, so that it would be undesirable even if possible. If a brutish idea has subjugated a nation, and if it should never be modified, an epoch of so many years would indeed be a horrible slavery. But if the sublime ideas of Christianity have brought all nations under their sway of truth, progress is ever possible without any abrupt bringing in of
 and recuperating forees of morning, noon and balmy night. War will be neither possible nor necessary. The nations having all the same idea will not seek to wrest the place of one another. The love of empire will vanish with the general practice of Christian morality. The bloody exchange of ideas, with which the history of the world has been marked, is not a thing to distinguish the reign of Christianity. The ideas of this religion are all necessary and will prevail in perfect harmony with each other. A Christian constitution over the nations will give play to unlimited progress. For it is a maxim applicable in Church and State, that life and progress are dependent upon the conflict of ideas within the limits of their constitutions. The conflict of parties without respect to a limit of controversy makes epochs by breaking down one state of things. The chureh of Christ with its economy of truth and holiness will still allow a holy conflict within itself so as to prevent an absolute immobility. The antiquation of the imperfect practice of holy virtues, and not their disuse, and the going on to perfection, will give scope enough for all desired progress.
In the millenium the truths of to-day will not be the errors of to-morrow, as in the history of the world. Religion giving laws to politics, art, industry, and even to philosophy, will sit in peaceable empire, and all things will work together for good and for the perpetuation of the reigning epoch. The idea of pure religion being complete and no inferior ideas existing by its side, peace will a necessary state. We need not look always for a repetition of history as we see it in the past. The western world having be come united under one constitution as now seems certain, will have no savage hordes or jealous rivals to pour across mountains and over rivers and necks of land, to cause bloody war with the better nations in the cultivated plains. Rivers and mountains being no longer the boundaries between nations as unlike as the various beasts of the field and forest, war and revolution are not possible except as a result of anarchy. If the things only which make for peace become the basis of government in this western continent, a large part of the world has already entered upon the millenium. Christianity returning to its cradle where Europe, Asia and Africa unite will set these great quarters at rest, and there will be no repetition of the rise and decay of nations there. Christianity thus balancing the great continents with peace, what backward flow of the highest civilization will be possible? If the better understanding and practice of truth are the only ground of emulation, a state of things which will last a thousand years is already at hand. Whatever interposition of God to begin or limit such an epoch will be necessary is not dinne
now under consideration. Whether pre-millen arianism or post-millenarianism is the right doc trine might be a fruitful subject to discuss. But it is the purpose now to consider only the plausi bility of a millenium, a changele;s epoch in which all the progress of the world finds a goal The additional fact that there is in existence and rapid extension a language of marvelous capacity so as to be sufficient for all the purposes of science, commerce, literature and religion, is not only an argument but a prophecy of an epoch of many centuries. This language is the English which seems likely not to become dead like the classics, but to purify and enrich itself by ceaseless use.

## Bible Ground of Total Abstinence.

## by rev. J. s. mills.

That the Bible condemns drunkenness, and hreatens the drunkard with punishment, no one can deny. It not only condemns the excessive use of intoxicants, but it interdicts, on the ground of expediency, the use as beverage of every kind of intoxicating liquors.
This law of expediency is stated by Paul, in Rom 14th, and 1st Cor. 8th, and is summed up in these words, "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink vine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or onfonder or is made weak " "W "Werefore. if meat
make my brother to offend, I will eat no meat while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." The A postle argues that there are things which a man can do without injury to himself, but if the act offends the conscience or injures the soul of another the act is to be avoided, lest the injury be inflicted.
It is generally belived that the use of liquor is injurious to most persons, and that they should avoid its use for that reason. But there are those who are inclined to think that a moderate use of wine or any other liquor will not hurt them, and hence they are inclined to use their liberty in this matter when they lesire it. Now if it were possible for a man to have so small an endowment of the nervous system, and so much bone, muscle, and vitality that he could $u$ e iquors without injury to himself, yet he is under obligation to abstain for the sake of others. If he refuse to abstain, he is guilty of violating the law o love, by disregarding the conscientious convictions o others. But this is not his greatest offense. Hiexample leads many others, who have a more sensi tive nature, or a more perverted appetite, to a drunkard's doom. Where the influence of a man's example is thus injurious to others, the example is wrong, and he is under moral obligation "to drink no wine, nor do anything else whereby another is caused to stumble, to fall or to be made weak."
This is the ground upon which total abstinence may be successfully defended, and no man who regards the law of love, as taught by Christ, can conscientiously do that to gratify appetite, which will curse his fellowman. The application of this principle requires parents to avoid the cup for their children's ake. It requires the social circle to banish the cup for the sake of those who cannot use it without endangering soul and body. It requires the strong every where to abstain from the cup, lest their exameverywhere to abstain from the cup, lest their exam
ple "destroy the weak brother for whom Christ died." The New Testament recommends the use of wine in only two cases, neither of which gives a shadow of license for the use of liquors as a beverage. In the one case it is recommended in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, for a religious purpose; in the other it is recommend to a sick man, as medicine This authorized sacramental and medicinal use of wine gives no authority for any other use of it. And when we take into consideration the liability to create or to arouse into activity an already required or inherited propensity to drunkenness; and still further, the poisoned and destructive nature of modern wines and other liquors, and see the sad havoc their use is producing upon mankind, we may regard it as expedient to abandon the use of fermented and distilled liquors for even sacramental, and medicinal purposes.
-They are having showers of flesh in variou localities in the country. If the thing is to become comalities, it would be well for the clubs to apply for eef-steak in the morning, and a roast in time for dinner.

## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.

Edited by L. H. McFadmen, '74.

## KING OR QUEEN?

Old, burnished Sol rolls rotund to the west
On unheard chariot wheels, by fiery coursers drawn, And beauteous night-queen searce reveals her silvery crest
Till day-king reasserts his sway, in flush, auroral dawn.
The first, the busied landlord leads, in field, in shop, in store,
As well in daily duty's needs, on rail, on ship, on shore; The second, leads her choruses of tripping, chanting maids, In miffled splendors through the haunts of heavenly esplanades.
King, or Queen? Which ? Choose. Thine be the choice, Shine, and shined upon, the own mandate of heaven's voice.
, undimmed royalty! He floods the world with light, 0 , unmasked modesty! She sweetly sways the night. Seven Mile, 0 .

THE orator for the public meeting of the Alumnal Association on the first of June next, is Prof. Geo. A. Funkhouser, '68, of the Union Biblical Seminaty; poet, Daniel Surface, 62, editor of the Richmond, Ind., Telegram; historian, Mrs. M. A. Fisher, '58, of Otterbein University.

## "MORE COLLEGES"(!)

By S. J. Flickinger, '72.
Although the two are handmaid, yet education is not Christianity. Admitting that "education bears the same relation to ignorance that Christiainity does to $\sin$;" that "Christianity is aggressive, therefore education must be aggressive," it does not follow that both must use the same tactics or send out and post the same number of detachments on the frontier. Civilizatian is aggressive, but it has its own way. That "men and women have lived all their lives under the very shadow of academies, colleges and universities, and have never been even convicted of ignorance" is no doubt true, but it does not prove that putting a college at every man's door is "jnst the thing" by any means.
The processes of the two are essentially differenttheir votaries "go about" differently. The pastor can instruct in the highest grades of his science at the fireside or bedside. The means and methods of heart-culture and mind-culture are not alike; high developments of Christianity may be made in the closet or in the field. Is this practicable with education? In respect to the higher education the history of the past shows that the one has succeeded by "flocking together" as much as the other by "going forth." What we want is $a$ place for the most com plete as well as many places for an ordinary education.
There is no resemblance between the metropolitan church and the university. It might be questioned, too, whether some small villages would not be as well with one or two good efficient churches as with a clas of each creed. Education should be accessible everywhere, but it has grades, such as are no where recognized in church organizations, and when we speak of facilities for a higher education we do not invade the province of the public school or academy; these are the out posts and truly brave and able men are to be found filling them.
Of course "the university will not suffice for all" -the trouble is to make it suffice at all. The concen tration of officers and treasury in a capital does not imply the absence of government and means away from the capital. No one would wish to build up a university at the expense of a general diffusion of knowledge, if such a result were at all in the nature of things. It is this "good of all" that is wanted. But the center cannot be every point. We are apt to ignore the very principles and the application of what we teach. Do not aggressive powers have headquarters? Does not our planet receive light and warmth from the sun? So would this "concentration of men and money" give out more than it
took from the glorlous system which surrounded it. It would be nice to have them so, but it is utterly impossible to have universities to suit the convenience of localities. To undertake this in the present con dition of our chureh is to divide our forces and means, and to divide our forces, energies and facilities, in the acquisition of the higher studies, is fatal to all conceptions of a university. Then this division from the very nature of the case tends to lower our educational standards, making it so that one can get a better education out of the church than in it. We should offer as good advantages as can be had, else we are depriving our sons and danghters because they are ours. That not one of our twelve colleges is properly supplied with means, facilities, professors or students is evidence of that of which we speak. Would it not be better to have the upper classes together, combine the facilities, have the best instruction and the dis tribution of lalor, have many branches thoroughly taught, which in the present method are scarcely taught at all. Some of the most general and important studies are not found in the curriculum of an of our colleges. "An institution that can do a work that no other can do" is a blessing, but should we argue, that if one college is a good thing, surely two must be twice as good and so on, indefinitely. This might make "more colleges" look "most absurd." This logic would give you more debts than endowments and more agents than professors. But if the smaller attract by proximity, may not the larger do so by magn'tude?
Statistics show that education is more thorough and more general in Michigan with her one university than in the great State of Ohio with her col leges by the score. Now we believe in the Church educating the youth. After the public school has given the rudiments, there is yet a separate sphere for the academy and the imiversity.

The plan of ingrafting the teaching of the Gospel with the developments of intellectual culture is one of the noblest works of humanity. But it hurts the cause to ignore all principles of economy and the distribution of labor, and thus let others educate better than the church does. Let us look at the U. B church as a whole, and "with malice to none, with charity for all" judge that which is best.

Ithaea, N. Y., March 17th, '76.

## MORALS IN EDUCATION.

By Lizzie Hanby, '72.
There seems to exist a chronic disposition among writers, lecturers, evangelists to exercise their pecaliar powers in the investigation of some real or immaginary evil.
Wickedness and crime are flooding our country, and ought to be a subject of earnest investigation, the root ought to be found, and let us go on advaneing dheuries, evell at the risk of becoming ranatical, until we arrive at some conclusions which shall act as powerful promoters of a much needed reform.
I recently attended the Sabbath services of the Ohio Penitentiary, and heard the convicts in the Young Men's Christian Association discuss the differentcauses which brought them there. One poor man seemed to think his education had been the cause of his disgrace, he was a forger, while another, a talented man, pointed out in telling language the power possessed by an educated person to accomplish greater crime, to work underhandedly and schemingly, and in very many cases to evade the punishment of the law.
For years, the grand appeal has been "Educate," and this is right, but education without morals is a dangerous thing. Prof. Seelye says, in speaking upon the subject of Temperance, "there is more crime caused by intemperance in educated, than in uneducated classes."
Our nation stands to-day disgraced by the ingratitude of some of her children, and we scarcely know where to look for honor, integrity and true nobility. Not alone in lower strata of life are found corruption and crime, but in the upper, where have been placed in offices of trust those whom the nation honored. Ecclesiastical circles have suffered within a few years. The high priest of American clergy, occupies a possition that brings the blush of shame to every Christian church. The king of editors has fallen lw, and his powerful influence as a journalist, and in the lecture field, once acting for good, is now all counteracted.

Speculators in large cities, and in such swindles as the Emma Mine; leaders in whisky rings; and the Dynamit fiend have led us to believe that wholesale criminality is the order of the day.
Politics seem most polluted of all. The strong old party which has done such grand and noble work for our nation, is seething and reeking with corruption.
One after another of our officers of trust have sunk in shame, while the crowning disclosures of the monster crimes of the late Secretary of War have thrown the whole land into consternation and sorrow.
Where is all this wide-spread criminality to end?
Many indeed are the speculations as to the causes. We are, and have been educating. These deep plots and far-reaching schemes were not perpetrated by ignorant minds. May it not be that the loose morals, not only allowed but taught in our schools and col leges, have an evil influence? Why are not the principles of honor and integrty more thoroughly ingrafted into the minds of our youth?
Strong and persistent efforts have been made by the Roman Catholics and others to exclude the Bible from our public schools. This seems like an insult to a nation founded on the Bible.
There are many things in our present system of schools which must, inevitably lead to dishonesty. The use of what students know by the name of "ponies" is allowed to a great extent, and many instructors wink at this abominable practice and its associate "interlining." Then too the habit of peep ing between lids and reciting lessons from books is a great source of evil, and is overlooked by some in structors. Ranking with this is the abused plan called the self-reporting system used in many of the public schools and some of our colleges No greater temptation to lie can be presented than this very thing, while those who have a spark of native honor left, will come out with the worst reports, simply because they are honest.
I am glad to know that the unsatisfactory marking system is fast becoming unpopular.
Many of our institutions allow the impression to exist among our young people, such as prevailed among Spartan youths, that the sin is not in the perpetration of dishonest and criminal deeds, but in the discovery of them.
Recently a grave was rudely robbed of its sleeping inhabitant in this vicinity. Soon after a medical student was arrested and the faculty of the institution where he had been attending school, came right up and became his bondsmen, and tried to compromise the matter with the parties interested. There are proper sources from which to secure subjects for the furtherance of science, without roughly tearing up the buried remains of our friends, and I contend that the members of this faculty were encouraging the perpetration of a penitentiary offense.
There is another kind of stealing engaged in by students which is known as plagiarism, which has beoomo so popular that associations havo boen formed which offer to furnish first class orations, essays and poems, and these are presented to the public by students as original.
Under such a course of treatment, how poorly
fitted are many of our so-called graduates for making citizens, or filling positions of great responsibility in our nation.
The Washington correspondent of the New York Independent says, "The deepest need of this nation at this time, is honesty, conscientiousness, purity and righteousness." Christian, scholarly men ought not to turn their backs upon politics because there is so much corruption there, but ought to go to work nobly in the enterprise of purification.
Weighty questions are at stake, such as the labor question, money question, intemperance and the old question of the ballot still ready for eruption, especially when we remember that thousands of edueated property-holders, who dare not offer a word in legislation must stand back and witness, within the next few years seventy thousand ignorant Chinamen given power to control elections, who own not a dime, and know nothing of workings of overnments.
Let us as educators and friends of education, strive, not only by common methods of instruction, but by admonition, precept, and example to inculcate right principles in the minds of our youth, and put forth every effort to raise the standard of morals, and to create a public sentiment which will demand honesty, and call noble, trustworthy ones to the front.

## PERSONALS.

'57. Mrs. Kate W. Hanby has removed from Columbus to New Paris, O.
'58. Milton H. Mann, of Columbus, will take part in the joint anniversary exercises of the societies this year.
'58. An alumnus attending a distant college, referring to B R. Hanby,' 58 , writes: "It is stirring indeed to an alumnus of O. U. to hear "Nellie Gray," away five hundred miles from the Alma Mater, sung as a favorite college song. Its sympathetic melody makes it liked by the students. In crowds or on night strolls you hear it One day after a class election I heard between two and three huadred sing it. They made the hall ring. It is the gustom to alternate the common college airs with such a piece, and students going about together at night, even two or three, are generally singing; but, wherfever I hear "Nellie Gray" I think of Otterbein and fier son who has gone to sing on high."
'66. W. O. Tobey, editor of the Religious Telescope, was in Westerville last month, atteuding the State Anti-Secrecy Convention.
'68. G. A. Funkhouser, in addition to his duties as Professor in the Union Biblical Seminary, for a year or two past, has supplied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian congregation of Dayton.
'69. Geo. S. J. Browne, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church of Morrow, Ohio, is now engaged in the clothing business, corner of Clark and Adams streets, Chicago. He also has charge of a Presbyterian Mission in the same city.
'69. W. Y, Bartels was married on the 16 th of last month, to Miss Louisa Rowe, of Westerville. This in response to a demand to retract what was said concerning Mr. Bartels, in the Personal column of a previous number. We concede the justice of the demand; he is no longer A. B., but fully entitled to his Adornatus Maritus. We make the retraetion all the more cheerfully that the opportunity was unexpected, and will do the same for any other of the alumni.
'70. A. B. Kohr is principal of the public schools of Roanoke, Ind., near Ft. Wayne, where he has been reading law for a year or two.
'71. J. G. Bowersox has improved in health considerably since February; he is now able to walk about, though still, we believe, confined to the house.
${ }^{3} 71$. H. G. Clippinger is located, in the practice of medicine, at Pipestone, Mich., where he has a large and profitable practice. His former practice was about North Columbus, Ohio.
'72. Miss Sallie J. Winter, of Dayton, recently spent a few days in Westerville. Her classmates and all will be glad to learn that she appears to be very much improved in health.
72. F. M. Kumler has closed his school and returned to his theological studies at Oberlin.
'72. A. B. Henderson is teaching near Galloway, Ohio.
'74. Miss Florence Grim and Miss Hartie Zent, 74, have lately completed their second year of teaching in the public schools of Antwerp, Ohio.
'74, J. A. Vangundy is at present giving his attention to "stock farming" at his home near Sycamore, Ohio.
'74. Miss Carrie L. Allen is teaching near Grove City, Ohio.
75. L. K. Powell is principal of the public chools of Winchester, Ohio.
'75. J. B. Shank is principal of the public schools of Sunbury, Montgomery county, O . "It is a high school," so he writes, "being situated on a commanding hill."
-It was a sweet little child who had always been taught to say Mr. and Mrs. when speaking of any person. The pastor called, and was catechising little four-year-old, "Who made you?" he asked. Mr. God, was the meek answer.

## THE OTTERBEIN DIAL．

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The Oregon Educational Monthly and the Dal housie Gazette come to our table，representing the occident and orient of our continent－the former published at Salem，Oregon，the latter at Halifax， Nova Scotia．They are among the most valuable of our exchanges．

The Reports of the Bureau of Education show that the universities and colleges of the United States
 grees．All this is exclusive of the 35 agricultural colleges which conferred 362 degrees；the 65 women＇s colleges， 563 degrees；the 81 medical schools，${ }^{\circ} 2,845$ degrees；the 59 divinity schools， 630 degrees；beside others，giving a total of 8,858 degrees in course．

Is there not in the body of students enough musi－ cal skill and in sufficient variety，to warrant the revi－ val of the ancient and honorable University Orchestra？ There is still among us an M．D．professor（by no means ＂superfluous lags the veteran on the stage＂）who in those halcyon days contributed of his time and breath to the success of that musical organization， and we believe that he can＂pucker＂yet．Then， there are younger men among us，who give evidence of positive talent in instrumentation，and，if they can only be enlisted under the proper management，will both receive lasting benefit themselves from the prac－ tice，and add a charm to our public meetings by the happy combination of the two kinds of music．May we not hope that some one will move in this matter？ Let us have the lyre of Apollo as well as the voice of Melpomene．

## SMALL COLLEGES

Without design to take part in the verbal war now raging with crash and din in our columns，between the forces led by two members of the class of 1872 ，who nught to have learned ere this that little brothers ought not to meet in such encounter，we may be per－ mitted to introduce a kindred topic－the relative value of large and small colleges．In the estima tion of the champions of the larger institutions the question is not one of comparison，but rather the balder one，whether any conceivable value can possi－ bly inhere in the smaller institutions of learning Imagining themselves to be the giants，these sons of thunder affeet to ignore their fellows of smaller stat－ ure and humble mien，and with the spirit of Goliath of old they cry，＂Are we dogs that ye come to us with staves？＂But in some instances already，the evidence has been furnished by the disdained ones，as was also to the Philistines，that there are some forces， silent though they be，that hold within them meas－ ureless power，and that often the weak things of this world are employed to confound the mighty．
To this haughtiness which arrogates to itself all the wisdom and culture of the land is due，in the main，
the notion that the larger colleges are greatly superior in every respect to the smaller ones；and hence a West－ ern lad is sent，at great expense both to pocket and to morals to the overcrowded dormitories of the East． We believe that this notion is founded upon a mis－ taken estimate．Says the editor of the＂Standard of the Cross，＂＂Not long since a case come to our notice of a young man who had spent several years at a noted eastern college，and who stood well in his class， who barely knew by sight one of its most distinguished professors，and whose only knowledge of another was that he had heard him lecture several times．A large part of the work that is done by the professors of a small college is done by the tutors of a large col－ lege．Parents send to these great institutions，under the impression that their sons will be instructed by the eminent men of whom they have heard．We imagine that if they knew beforehand how little their sons will come in contact with these eminent men， they would sometimes make a different selection． And in a large college，a student can not receive that amount of individual attention which can be given to him by the professors of a small college．Where the number of students is large，they must of neces sity be taught in masses．There is of course the stimuius of competition，but this is sufficiently pro－ vided in a small college that is not too small，and which gives the advantage of more oversight and as sistance．＂
But it is fairly a question whether those young men who make choice for themselves of a seat of learning，desire the place which will furnish them the best and most frequent drill．Will they not pre－ fer the glitter of an ancient name and the glamour of a famous character to the promise of solid work to do and searching oversight to endure．We do not forget that there are many who are in earnest in their quest of knowledge，and sincerely desire the most thorough discipline，and would not shrink from the most oner ous tasks imposed with this view；but if they have been led for this cause to turn to one of those cara－ vansaries yclept＂large colleges，＂must not disap－ pointment betide them？

We have seen that the probability of the student＇s gaining access to the eminent men whose fame draws many to their colleges is by no means great ；but even if he should be exceptionally fortunate in this respect he is in many cases exposed to another disappoint ment．Those specialists，who have gained fame，and well deserved fame，in a certain department of knowledge，who have written books on their special topics，who have fortunately toiled in a field previous－ ly unexplored，and have disclosed treasure long hid den from the gaze of men，prove in too many instan ces superior investigators but inferior instructors． The limitations of the elass－room hamper them；they find the monotonous round of daily drill tedious， nay even intolerable；and indeed the very qualities that fit them for such labors as have given them re－ nown unfit them for the tread－mill of the recitation room．And yet this constantly recurring work is that which moulds the learner＇s character，stores his mind and impresses upon him the indelible marks of scholarship．The sheen which massive archi－ tecture and decorated grounds and the rush and bustle of numbers throw around him will vanish as it flies；but the＂thoughts of God＂once photographer upon his soul by the slow chemistry of mental toil will never be effaced．

Small colleges，if they have nothing to entitle them to patronage but their great claims and sonorous boasts，are the least deserving of all．They bring dis－ grace upon the name and blight all they touch． They are to be reprehended and avoided；but the worthy ones，small only by circumstances，should be cherished as performing a work of paramount import－
ance，and one which without them would never be done．
Then again，the class feeling，which flourishes like the Upas and with the same destructiveness in the large col－ leges is never found in the small ones．This is noth－ ing else than the old spirit of caste manifesting itself in the young，the more dangerous among them，too， as they are not sufficiently experienced in the ways of the world to observe its blighting effects，and as they are soon to become citizens of a free government． This prejudice which places all but a few of one＇s own set under the ban，and collects around one a limited circle of hale fellows，finds its proper out－ growth in those societies whose proceedings are care－ fully withheld from men，and of whose members a majority are in almost penal servitude to their leaders．
What a training this for a prospective citizen of a government like ours！If all the nobler springs of action and the suggestions of the better nature must bo fettered and crushed，is it possible in the exercise of the high privileges of a freeman to make use of his inalienable rights？It is a beautiful fiction of the courts that all men are equal before the law．At least let us have colleges in which all boys may be free from the withering touch of caste．

The productive funds of some of the colleges of New York State are given thus：Columbia， 84,413 ，－ 652；Cornell， $81,153,999$ ；Hamilton， 8300,000 ； Madison，$\$ 344,395$ ；Syracuse，$\$ 250,000$ ；Union， $\$ 465,000$ ；Rochester，$\$ 170,000$ ，Vassar，$\$ 281,000$.

## BDOK NOTICES．

An Analytical and Practical French Gram－ mar．－By Prof．J．G．Keetels，pp 524， 12 mo ．Price 82．00．New York：Clark and Maynard．
An Elementary French Grammar，by the same author，pp 264， 12 mo ．Price $\$ 1.2 \overline{5}$ ．Same pub－ lishers．
A Ceild＇s Illustrated First Book in French， pp 144， 12 mo．handsomely bound in cloth．Price 81．00．Same author and publishers．
These three books form a well graded series for instruction in la belle langue，and we can confidently recommend them to our own classes in French（if we have any）and to all others．Prof．Keetels，the author， besides having French for his vernacular，has large experience in teaching the language．In our estima－ tion，these two elements are paramount in the con－ stitution of the successful author．Especially，in the largest of the works above mentioned we see points of excellence over all other similar books with which we are acquainted，in the fulness of analysis of the principles and construction of the language；in the ． happy combination of the theoretical and the practi－ cal ；in the progressive exercises；and，not least，in the general make－up of the book，which is a credit to the reputable house whose imprint it bears．
Rules of Order，for deliberative assmblies．By Major Henry M．Robert，U．S．A．，pocket size，cloth， sent post－paid by the publishers on receipt of price， 75 cents．Chicago：S．C．Griggs \＆Co．

This neat manual contains a compendium of par－ liamentary law，based upon the rules and practices of Congress，and a simple explanation of the methods of organizing and conducting the business of Societies， Conventions，and other deliberative assemblies．It seems to us a great improvement on Jefferson＇s Man－ ual which has had its day；on Cushings，which is too complex and often perplexing；and even on Law－ rence＇s which omits many of the most important points of parliamentary law．For those who have access to this admirable book there will be no excuse， if they be not versed in all rules of business assem－ blies or legislation．

## RAILWAY TIME TABLE,

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The Attantic Monthly for April opens a wide range of pleasant and instructive reading, and is marked by vigor and variety. The anonymous anthor of "A Carni val of Rome" gives the second and concluding part of that story; Bayard Taylor is represented by a spirited Pennsylvania Ballad, "Jane Reed;" and this is followed by an essay from G. P. Lathrop on "Early American Noveliste," and a poem by Edgar Fawcett. The next paper, "At Luetzen," is a rich and brilliant picture, by J. K. Hosmer, of the battle in which the famous Gustavus Adolphus fell, in 1652. William Howitt sends from the Tyrol a musical poem on "Autumn Days," and Mr. Wilson Flagg, a worthy successor of Thoreau, contributes some excellent and homely advice about "Rural Architecture" and village scenery in general. Mr. Lathrop follows with a ballad called "Bride Brook." Few readers will think of passing by Mr. Howell's sixth number of "Private Theatricals," which shows more passion and variety of action than any previous production of this popular novelist; and Miss Phelps's "Told in Confidence" -a,delicate piece of versification-will find its way to the hearts of many. Fannie Kemble's "Old Woman's Gossip" flows on, full of amusing and interesting reminiscence, through a ninth chapter; and Oliver Wendell Holmes, in a " Memorial Tribute," enwreathes the memory of Dr. Howe with some thoughtful stanzas. With all this, The Atlantic djes not neglect the purely useful; for Colonel Waring adds to its contents a paper of universal value on a new Belgian system of pneumatic drainage. The body of the number is completed by a curious and picturesque article on Boston life at the time of the Revolutionary siege, from H. E. Scudder. The editorial section contains twenty pages of criticisms on new books, music, and on pictures by Ernest Longfellow and Henry Bacon. This portion should be read with care; it is the work of the best writers, though their names are not given, and forms a peculiar means of culture.

The Syracuse University Herald gives the following table of Presidents and their places of education :

Washington-Good English education, but never studied the ancient languages.

Adams-Harvard.
Jefferson-William and Mary.
Madison-Princeton.
Monroe-William and Mary.
Adams, J. Q-Harvard.
Jackson-Limited education.
Van Buren-Academic education.
Harrison-Hampden Sidney College.
Tyler-William and Mary.
Polk-University of North Carolina.
Taylor-Slightest radiments.
Fillmore-Not liberally educated.
Pierce-Bowdoin.
Buchanan-Dickinson.
Lincoln-Education very limited.
Johnson-Self educated.
Grant-West Point.
Monroe and Harrison did not graduate. Monroe left college to join the Revolutionary a:my. Financial reverses deprived Harrison of a full course. Polk was the oldest when graduating, being twentythree; Tyler the youngest, seventeen. The majority graduated at twenty, this being also the average age. Jefferson probably had the most liberal education and broadest culture.

## OTHER COLLEGES.

William and Mary.-J. E. Cook, in Scribner's Monthly, says of this ancient college: Almost every Virginian of eminence in the eighteenth century had been trained for his work in the world within its walls. It gave 27 of its students to the army of the Revolution; 2 attorneys-general to the United States it sent out nearly 20 members of Congress; 15 United States Senators; 17 governors; 37 judges; a lieutenant-general and other high officers to the army; 2 commodores of the navy; 4 signers of the Declaration of Independence ; 7 cabinet officers; the chief draughtsman and author of the constitution, Edmund Randolph, the most efficient of the chief justices, John Marshall; and three presidents of the United States.
University of MississippI.- The Mississippi University Magazine says that "tying balls of fire to the tails of calves on dark nights to see them run across the campus, has been the chief amusement of many of the students recently." - One of the preparatory students, while exercising in the gymnasium recently had the ill-luck to fall and break his arm.- Much complaint is made against the growing practice on the part of wicked boys of tearing up the plank walks and removing and breaking the steps that lead over the campus fence on the way to town.-The University Library caught fire a few weeks ago, but fortunately it was discovered in time to be extinguished before much damage was done.
Lake Forest.- This University is in luck, Recently 875,000 have been donated to it by eight of its friends. It now owns $\$ 300,000$, has no debts, and $\$ 50,000$ out at interest.
Labanon Valley.-This United Brethren Col lege is now well supplied with teachers. The recent accession of Prof J. M. Strasburg of the Otterbein class of 1864, and of Prof. Walker formerly of Westfield, will make the college as well manned as any in the State.
University of Michigan.-Prof. Moses Coit Tyler, in Scribner, states some interesting facts bearing on the subject of the co-education of the sexes. It was in 1870 that Michigan University was open to female students. Prof. Tyler says: "According to the most recent returns, 117 of that sex are now availing themselves of the right to university instruction thus recognized, 4 of them having chosen the law, 47 medicine, and 66 literature and science.
University of Missouri.-Dr. S. S. Laws has just been elected president of this university. He was born in Virgimia, and graduated with honor at Miami University, Ohio. In 1851 he graduated at Nassau Hall, (Theological) Princeton, and in 1854 was elected President of Westminister College, Mo. He invented the stock telegraph now in use throughout the world, from which he has derived an ample fortune. In 1870 he received the degree of Bachelor graduated from the Bellevue Medical School. He has written a thesis on Neuro-psychology which is much praised. Surely, he has had a varied experience.
John Hopkins University.-Prof. D. C. Gilman was inaugurated President on February 22. The inaugural ceremonies were conducted in the Academy
of Music. In President Gilman's address, of Music. In President Gilman's address, reference was made to the munificence of the founder of the University. The total amount of his benefactions exceed $\$ 7,000,000$-half to the University and half to a hospital. The University fund yields a revenue of about $\$ 200,000$, half of which will be set apart as a building fund. The University is to open next October in temporary but commodious buildings, fitted for lectures, laboratories, library and collections.
The students of the first class in the Thayer School of Civil Engineering, Dartmouth College, under the direction of Prof. Robert Fletcher, have completed a model of a railroad bridge, designed by theraselves. It is a Pratt truss bridge, for a clear span of eightytwo feet. The length of the model, which is built upon a scale of one-twelfth, is seven feet, and the breaking load of the model itself is 8600 pounds. It is soon to be sent to Philadelphia, where it is to he exhibited in the New Hampshire division of the educational department. The medel is of great strength and beauty, and reflects credit upon professor and students alike.
-Hon. E. E. White, formerly Superintendent of Common Schools of Ohio and editor of the National Teacher, has been elected President of Purdue University, Indiana.
-The joint committees of the two literary soceieties of the University of Virginia, have invited Ralph Waldo Emerson, of Mass., to deliver the oration before them at next commencement, and the invitation has been accepted.
-The Yale library has received 2,500 volumes of Japanese literature, the books are on miscellaneous subjects, and only a small proportion of them are by modern writers. Prof. O. C. Marsh, was instrumental in securing them, and notice was first drawn to them through Japanese students in the college.

## THE SPIRIT OF BEAUTY.

by J. milton bever, ' 76.

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There is a certain mysterious influence which some times acts upon man's nature with wonderful power. This influence has been called the Spirit of Beauty. It may flow from the contemplation of extraneous objects, or, by the natural impulses of the soul, it may arise within our own bosoms, stirring the great deep of the heart with those complex and varied emotions, through which the frail arrows of created thought have never been able to pierce. This spirit does not affect all of mankind the same, but varies according to the nature upon which it falls. For, what to one may seem to be almost the perfection of beauty, another may deem most commonplace, and even contemptible. The poet who is wont to see beanty in everything about him notices infinitely more of real loveliness in a flower, than the untaught rustic-who values all things, only as they contribute to his physical comfort. But certainly no one can fail to observe beauty in the material world-no one can gaze upon the face of nature without experiencing a new strength of imagination and an elevation of his moral nature, unless all the finer faculties of the soul have been deadened by perversion. But let him whose heart is open to this in-Aluence-whose mind joys in the work of his Creator-go out into the grand temple of the universe-serene, silent, worshiping: let him bow in awe and adoration at the shrine of "Nature's God." Then if he has come in the proper frame of mind, the Spirit of Beauty will spread its benign influences about him, and will breathe through his whole being such a sweetness and serenity, that all the meaner things of life will sink away into comparative insignificance. Let him gaze upon the heavens, -studded with stars, as if countless diamonds had been set in the crown of the universe; and from the quiet of those azure depths will shine forth such beauty as can only be described by the poet's pen with the image still fresh upon his burning imagination.
Rut npon few of all the myriads of mankind is this divine gift bestowed. To few indeed is it permitted to enter into this beanteous realm and picture forth the grandeur of Jehovah's works in the fervid language of imagination.
But where in all the catalogue of poets can be found one who was endowed with more of that talent, than that prince among them all-Dante? His was a mighty mind -a mind that was able to soar far above those of his fellow men, until it stood within the confines of the eternal world, and gazed alike undaunted upon its miseries and its glories. Truly his was an inspiration second only to that of the scriptural writers; and the influences that moved upon his soul, bringing forth such a harmony of sweet sounds, were but emanations from the great "Fountain of Knowledge." Though persecuted and an outcast, wandering o'er the eanth almost without a friend yet with all this to steel bis heart against the exercise of every noble emotion, his great soul reached out to meet the Spirit of Beauty, and gave to the world a poem that will never perish. Though this, mighty man has been at rest for centuries his works still live, and his name will continue to be cherished long ages after those of his contemporaries have been buried inoblivion. What strength must it have taken for himito. survive the moral desolation of his age! for he lived at a time when the darkness of ignorance and superstition had almost crushed out of the minds of men all that was noble-all that was good. From every page of the Paradise Lost, we may see the Spirit of Beauty looking out upon us : and the man who
planned and executed the immortal production was able to blend harmoniously with its sublimity, the most exquisite beaty of thought and delicacy of expression. With what ease and facilfy does he descend from the contemplation of the awful grandeur of the Omnipotent, to the lower exhibitions of creative power! What penetration of genius is here! What strength-what richness of the imagination! With what vivid coloring does be paint upon the tablets of the mind those dread pictures of the eternal world! Surely he must have walked hand in hand in his imagination, with the Spirit of Beauty,through the realms of the unknown, and drawn from her that inspiration, which, bursting forth has robed with supernal loveliness every object of the infinite Creator.
But shall we not speak a word of him, who, "like a star shot through the firmament and was lost in his eccentric course-dazzling-perplexing"? Byron, the gifted genius, -proud, passionate, erring Byron; who, as Pollok, says, "stood on the Alps,-stood on the Appenines and with the thunder talked as friend to friend; who in his daring fight leit none unscathed, but poured ont on all humanity alike his burning words of satire."
Listen to his song while resident in Rome-that "Niobe of Nations":
"The Niohe of nations! there she stands,
Childless and crownless in her voiceless
An empty urn within her withered hands,
Whose holy dust was scattered long ago."
Here he lived and wrote amid the ruined grandeur of this mistress of the world; and here he drank in beauty from every ruined arch and princely dome, from her temples, where long ages since her consecrated victors were enshrined. He lingered in every land where there was aught of beanty to wake the muse, and, wrapped in his dark cleak of selfishness, he stood aloof from all mankind, and looked scornfully down from his preeminence upon the millions of earth. Yet even he was generous to a nation. To Greece-beautiful illustrious Greece hat land of song, wherein he so much delighted, he gave his gold, his council and his influence. Her freedom was his dearest wish; and he has sung her glories in immortal verse. Though some of the works of Byron are stained with impurities, foul and numerons, there are yet others that come fresh from the heart, and in these, and these only, need we look for the Spirit of Beauty.
It is the Spirit of Beauty that, acting upon the suscep tible nature of the painter, teaches him to represent upon the canvas, the images which from a leng contemplation of the cherished ideal, have become indelibly impressed upon his mind. This is the art beautiful above all others, for here is not only description, but the visible representation of the grandest characters and most noble ideas What must have been the exalted conceptions of beauty in the minds of such as Raphael and Guido! and what an unbounded influence have their works wrought upon the world! They have made Italy the resort of all lovers of the truly grand and nohle in art, and have shown in the sublimest manner to what an extent the faculties of man may be educated by a proper study of the Spirit of Beauty. What is it that gaides the sculptor's chisel, and enables him to carve in enduring marble conceptions, which, long years after their author has returned to clay, shall yet be looked upon with swelling hearts, by millions now unborn? Is it not that mysterious something with which the omnipresent One has endowed his every work? What else-what other can it be than an emenation from that Being who is supremely beautiful and good. Behold the Savior of all mankind stooping to touch the flowers of the field, and saying: Consider the lillies-how they grow." He while burdened with the sins of all the world, delighted to let his mind revert from the moral impurities about him to the purity of the simple blossom; and in it He could see more of beauty than in kingly robes; but still more could He see in an upright, hely life. All there is of beauty in either art or literature, bears no comparison to that exhibited in the life of him, who, pure in heart, looks heavenward with faith. The beauty of the works of men is earthly and will decay; but the beauty of a life is not of earth, neither will it perish like the things of time and sense, but will continue to increase "unto the perfect day." Then let him whe would woo the Spirit of Beauty seek her in a blameless life; and when the veil that hides from us the other world, shall be rent in twain, he may be enabled to look upon the face of Him who is the Foun-tain-head whence all beauty flows-whose glory shall remain undimmed through all the ages of eternity.

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## PUBLIC RHETORICAL.

The Public Rhetorical held in the College Chapel on the evening of March 11th, was, despite the extreme disagreeableness of the weather, attended by a large audience. The entertainment was ziven by the first division of Prof. Haywood's Rhetorical Class. The best order was maintained thrcughout the whole evening.
The exercises were opened by the singing of an anthem after which followed a prayer by Rev. Mills The first performer-Miss May Keister whose subject was "A Biographical Sketch"-delivered a very pleasant address in which she traced the magnificent career of Lord Bacon, from childhood all along through his eventful life. Miss Mollie Slavghter came next with an essay entitled " Moonshine." The lady possesses a certain agreeable air, which combined with a tendency of humor, makes her performances very pleasing.
depicted the process of creation through crown" Ho depicted the process of creation through the various stages of things inanimate and animate, bringing in man last of all with the noble faculties of his moral intellectual nature to crown the work. Mr. Keister did himself credit, inasmuch as he gave a very good production.
The next speaker was Mr. J. I. L. Resler on the subject, "Dikes." The gentleman applied the term first, in its literal and then in its moral sense. Firm moral principles, and reliance upon a higher power being the dikes that keep from rolling in upon the soul, the dark waters of temptation and sin.

Mrs. Josie Beardshear came forward with an essay on the "Civilized Heathen." The lady's manner was pleasant, and she displayed considerable skill in the handling of her subject, giving her thoughts in a manuer clear and forcible.
The last feature of the entertainment was a discussion between Messrs. W. M. Beardshear, and $H$. L. Erank, on the question, "Should the Government declare Universal Amnesty ?" Mr. Beardshear upheld the affimative side, and defended his position well, declaring that "Amnesty" is absolutely neces. sary to the complete reconciliation of the North and South. Mr. Frank met the charges of his opponent with considerable skill, and argued the injustice of again restoring to the full rights of citizenship, the men who had so abused the confidence of the people and aimed their thrusts at the heart of the nation. Both gentlemen spoke extemporaneously and with considerable force. After music, and a benedietion by Rev. Spencer, the audience quietly dispersed.
-I. B. Wilson, '77, is attending a medical school at Cincinnati.

- Medary Mann has just completed his first year in the Law school of Ann Arbor.
-The strangest phenomenon to us is that some people will be so outrageously mean.
-We understand that the sophomores have purchased a very nice Secretary's book.
-The victor at the late collegiate contest was a lady. Pretty good!
-T. F. Shuey, a former student of O. U. is an Official Reporter in the U. S. Senate, on a salary of $\$ 4,000$.
-The ladies of the temperance league ask if a phrenologist could tell what is in all the barrels that come to town, by examining their heads.
-If every man knew that his neighbor could deceive as well as himself, there would be less of pure cussedness in the world.
-The proverb says: "Better rub than rust," but we have seen times when we would rather rust for a season.
-The general Financial agent had a sleigh ride on his back in the northern part of the state. After following a wild horse in this manner for half a mile, he concluded to walk the remaining two miles to the R. R. depot.
-The greatest change we ever saw, was in the countenances of those girls who fell off that sled when going along College A venue.
-It was hard on that Senior, when, having asked his charmer to go riding, the Principal said ; "No! no! not to-day."
-Miss Sue E. Bowersmith, ${ }^{7} 78$, who has been teaching at Plain City, will return to Westerville, in a few weeks.
-A. T. Good, formerly student at O. U., has finished a course of study at the Dental School, Cincinnati.
-Some one wishes to know why it is that the President on leaving town always takes a seat in the smoking car.
-The jolly saint, who presides over St. Valentine's day. gave abundant evidence of his patronage at Saum Hall, on the 14th.
-This is leap year, but the young ladies don't loaf around church doors, and stare, and make remarks about how pretty the young men look, as they modestly go in.
-J. A. Weinland, a former student of O. U., is special and Adjusting Agent for the Continental insurance Co., of N. Y., in several of the We-tern States.
-One of the class of '78 is determined to have things handy; which accounts for his late removal to the house of his intended. Of what will not a sophomore be guilty?
-A little boy who had glanced at accounts of political speeches, but did not understand the force of all the terms, wanted to know if there were any "bideous groans" at Dr. Everett's lecture.
-The absent junior, who expects to attend the music school in Xenia, paid a visit to the ladies' hall last week, and by his presence made happy the beart of the Florist.
-Miss Betsy Carr, of New Hampshire, is 105 years old and is still unmarried, but she has not the slightest notion of taking advantage of leap year. Now comes the time of maple taffy !
-The young ladies at the Hall are becoming very extravagant. That day of the snow they hired a man at the rate of four dollars an hour to take them riding.
- "How much do I owe you," asked a man who had been rescued from drowning, of his preserver. "Well you know about how much it is worth to you," was the answer.
-That boy in the Sabbath school got things mixed last Sabbath. He was repeating verses from the Bible. "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell-and-fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked him."
- How nice it is to be in the position of that resident sophomore, whose girl lives in one end of the town. Last fall the old folks furnished him with a lot of potatoes; but this time it is the whole half of a beef.
-G. S. J. Browne spent a day or two in town the latter part of last month; be is now living in Chicago, engaged in the clothing business and also has charge of a Presbyterian Mission, in which he takes deep interest.
- An exchange says, "half the people who are making this uproar over the exclusion of the Bible from the public schools, couldn't tell on their own responsibility whether the book of Genesis was written by St. Paul or Hamlet."
-Lately, one of tie sophomores who is afflicted with weak eyes attempted to swallow his spectacles, they having fallen into his tea. But after sputtering about for some minutes he gave it up. We suppose the effort was prompted by a desire to look into himsel.
-A couple of ladies from Saum Hall, the other day, jumped aboard a mudboat that was skipping lightly over the beautiful snow, driven by a son of Ham. Their two gentlemen escorts who were left standing on the pavement, gazed sadly into each others eyes a moment, and went home to moralize on the frailties of woman.
-The birthday of the father of our country was celebrated in an appropriate manner by the students of Kenyon College, but the students of O . U. were so absorbed by St. Valentine's day, that they didn't think it worth while to remember "George and his little hatchet."
-An ambitious prep., while sleigh-riding Monday evening, was accidentally overturned together with the object of his affections, into the snow by the roadside. He got up and scratched the snow out of his eyes and then-well history doesn't say what was done next, but of course it was something awful.
-Half a dozen of the orphans of Westerville escaped from their asylum and took a prominent seat in the College Chapel at the last public rhetorical. They seemed to enjoy the exercises, now and then exclaiming; "That's too thin," or "Shoot that player." Oh, that we were father to about sixty of those boys for a while!
-We understand that a certain couple took a ride "over the frosty snow" on the night of the 21st. The pair forgot all but the associations etc., until a few miles away from the town, and then where they were, neither could tell. If the horse had not a better knowledge of locality than the rest of the crowd, somebody would have been frozen.
-The other night while three of the "verdants" of this village were trying to make things pleasant for as many young ladies, several mischievous boy: amused themselves by tying the door fast to the fence, and weaving several hundred feet of rope about the gate. The next time these immortal three go on an expedition of this kind they are to watch alternately
-The lectures of the course this winter are over and the association feel to return their sincere thanks to the majority of the people, who have so faithfully patronized them. We hope that those who sell tiekets next year will meet with the same success as this; and that those who say: "I would'nt give two cents for all your lectures, for me," will become more civilized as the year passes away.
-A sad eyed sophomore was seen going about the college building, a day or two ago, reciting the following touching and beautiful lines of Josh Billings:
"Wisdum chunx ar chunkier far
Than all the chunx that chunky are."
The poor fellow had just completed memorizing the definition of a conic section.
-One of the sentimental ones at the Hall, in at tempting to reader a well know expression, got it, "A thing of beauty is a boy forever" Thus getting the primary idea of the author somewhat entangled with her own usual train of thought.

The following is the list of officers of the Philoma March 17th:
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-If the Lecture Association desires the patronage of the penple, it would be well for the managers to instruct the ushers to reserve no seats under any circumstances. It is well known that we do not sell tickets for such seats, but that first come, first served is our motto. Much dissatisfaction was oceasioned at the last lecture on account of seats being reserved for two sprigs who wisked to have a tete a tete with their ladies, and yet secure a desirable seat. The young men well knew that complaints had been made concering such proceedings, and also recognized the impropriety of such an action in an auditorium where the seats are free. Several persons declared not long since that the next time such action would be matched by the loss of their attendance. The usher - poor deluded sophomore-would not have been granted such a request by those who wheedled him. When individuals learn that by granting or receiving such favors, they render themselves odious to the people, there will doubtless be an end of it.
-Commencement is drawing near; and as that barbarous notion, that, to be without the company of one of the opposite sex at commencement time is to be disgraced, all those who cannot secpre company
should leave the town at least two weeks before the close of the term. We have often wondered if those who endeavor to secure such company to lectures, concerts, commencements etc., merely that others may not think they are compelled to go alone, knew how slavish and silly they were acting.
-The Cleiorhetean Society elected the following officers for the coming term
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Vice Pres.-Lizzie Hanby.
Rec. Sec.-Oella Bacon.
Critic.-Ella Crayton.
Librarian-Mary Gardner.
Anonymous Reader-Clara McFarland.
Directress-E. D. Woodward.
Chaplain-Mollie Miller.
Cor. Sec.-Jennie Alitman
-There is a new society in our midst called the Tueoran," which has come into prominent notice in the last few months. The name is derived from the Latin verb tueor; which signifies to protect or defend. This society seems to have been established on a firm basis and is slowly and yet surely gaining in strength and popularity. It has at its head as president, Mr. S. H. Francis, one of the most popular and influential men of the institution. We bespeak for it great dignity as well as wide dominion in the days to come.
-The officers of the Philophronean Literary Society for the term commencing March 17 th, are-

## President-J. A. Loose

Vice-President-J. J. L. Resler.
Recording Secretary-W. J. Zuck.
Cor. Secretary-S. H. Francis.
Critic-M. De Witt Long.
Chaplain-J. F, Smith.
First Consul-J. M. Johnson.
Second Consul-S. E. Bartmess.
Third Consul-J. A. Weller.
Librarian-A. A. Weaver.
-We hope the day will come when good music will be appreciated. In the average concert of to-day the manager is compelled to present music fitted for a minstrel to suit the poptilar taste, or by presenting what is really good and classic, be considered third rate. In the last public rhetorical we were annoyed by the way in which the instrumental music was received by a large portion of the audience. One of the finest selections "Nearer my God to Thee," was treated with indifference by those who could not appreciate it. If the music of the dance be performed with sufficient noise, some will stare with distended mouth; but the sweetest and most complex passage will make the same class yawn and wish it was over If it bo impropor to be indifferent to the publi speaker, it is certainly equally disrespectful to thus insult a singer or performer.
-The election of officers of the Philalethean Society which occurred at last session, March 23d, resulted as follows

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Corresponding Secretary-Lou. Flickinger.
Critio-May Keister.
Chaplain-Cora McFadden.
Tieasurer-Lida Haywood.
First Judiciary-Ella Brewer.
Second " -Iola Wickham.
Third " -Inez Alexander.
Librarian-Florence Kumler.
Ass't Librarian-Jennie Huddle
Anon. Reader-Mollie Slaughter.
-Simple affinity, a private lesson given to one of the members of the chemistry class-
"some water and oil
As one day in a glass they were dropping And would not unite,
Eut continued to fight,
Without any prospect of stopping. Some pearl-ash o'er heard,
He jum in the midst ord
When all three agreed, And united in speed,
And soap was created for washing."

- Shakespeare said, "There is a tide in the affairz of men," but the University Missourian thinks "that in the affairs of women it is all tied back."
-Since we gave the statistics of the senior class as to weight etc., we learn that the sophomores have been crowding their class upon every available hayscales to find if possible how much they might weigh. In addition to this we have heard that they have been mounting each others shoulders to find their altitude -"Also."-
-There likely never has been a time in the history of this country, when men, women and children all seemed in such a state of expectancy. There is less looking back and quoting ancient customs and morals-because the time is taken up speculating, planning and looking forward to the unknown future. Soon will there be a crisis, and a new era for better or worse will dawn. Let us hope and work as opportunity offers, that the right will prevail, and peace and prosperity reign.


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