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DELAWARE COLLEGE REVIEW,
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IN rummaging through some dusty old books in one of our libraries, some days ago, we came across a work in which is contained the advice of William Wirt to a young lawyer. Being impressed with its soundness and excellence, we publish a part of it for the benefit of those students of this institution who intend to adopt as their life-work the profound and laborious profession of the law. But as Wirt's advice is chiefly directed to a young *lawyer*, we think it not improper to preface his advice with a few words to the *aspirants* to this learned profession.

Pascal tells us that the most important thing in life is the choice of a profession. Yet, how many mistake their calling? How many make this mistake, which is fraught with most direful consequences, by thinking that a person can not become respectable or distinguished without belonging to one of the learned professions! How many good

mechanics and business men are lost to the world and miserable lawyers added in their stead! When one comes to think of the life of a failing lawyer, the slow torture of a nominal practice, of the drudgery and labor he has undergone, then the long waiting for an opportunity to distinguish himself—the hope—the disappointment—the fear—the misery—the poverty—the blighted hopes—the end of his career,—then it is that the great importance to mistake not our calling strikes us most forcibly.

The great difficulty is, that young men mistake their capabilities. They see in themselves the cunning of a fox, and they think that the germ of a lawyer is implanted in them. But cunning is the mark of a shallow mind, and is an attribute of the lowest order of lawyers. Others discover in themselves an ardent desire to dispute, and make the wrong appear the right, and they set themselves down at once as embryo lawyers. But a desire to dispute all things is only proof of a somewhat selfish, snappish, and unenviable disposition. Others find themselves with a glib tongue, and think that greatness awaits them; but "the mill may make as much noise when there is no grist in the hopper, as when it is full." But for a truer test of your abilities, do you thirst for knowledge? Are you ambitious to become wise? Does your heart thrill at the burning words of eloquence? Are you determined to forego the ordinary pleasures and resist the many temptations of youth, so as to play a brilliant part in this drama of life? Does your blood chill at the doings of the wicked and your heart leap to espouse the cause of the oppressed and the poor? Does money hold a secondary place in your ambition for eminence, and right and honor act as your guiding stars? If your heart rebounds with conscious compliance with these questions, your prospects are far more promising than if you had mere cunning, a glib tongue, and a disputing disposition.

But in testing your fitness for the bar, appeal not to your sensibilities alone, but, with the impartiality of a judge, ask yourself if you have the *mind*? This is what makes the lawyer, and moves

the world. But at this point many brilliant youths make a vital mistake. They are cognizant of their talents, and become reckless, careless, relying on their natural ability to secure for them their fame and fortune. But "no ability, however splendid, can command success at the bar without intense labor and persevering application." Without unity of purpose, without the concentration of all the mental faculties towards the one fixed, determinate aim, genius will avail little. Next to intellect, the most important and really essential faculty of the man who has adopted the profession of law, is the will. He must have an indomitable will—a will that cannot be baffled by failure; a will that is proof against "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," and against all adversity,—determined and resolute." All defects, all weaknesses, should be martyrs to the will. These are the cardinal requisites of young aspirants to legal fame.

THE Alumni Banquet came off in Philadelphia, on the 1st instant, as announced. A report of its proceedings will be found in another column. It was a most delightful gathering of the friends of Delaware College, and the enthusiasm manifest can but have a most happy influence on the future of that Institution. The State of Delaware ought to feel a noble State pride in her College, and place it on a footing of endowment equal to that of the foremost institutions of learning in our land.

WE received from Prof. Chester a paper reprinted from the proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, October 14, 1883, written by himself, upon the Geology of Delaware—Laurentian, Palæozoic and Cretaceous areas. The paper, as the author states, is preliminary to what he hopes will be a full report upon the State. It contains some very interesting matter and shows much research and labor. Prof. Chester's work reflects much credit upon himself and upon the College. We hope he may succeed in getting State aid to help him make a complete report of the Geology of the State of Delaware, which seems to have been so neglected in the past.

THE Young Men's Christian Association and Young Ladies' Prayer Meetings for more than two years held regular meetings, and were the instruments of doing much good. A majority of the Senior and Junior Classes belonged to the Y. M. C. A.; but now it seems to be an institution of the past; and as the Young Ladies' Prayer Meetings are lessening in numbers, so too is the interest becoming depreciated and appearing as compulsory meetings rather than of prayer and devotion to God. These so important factors of a College should be reorganized, inasmuch as they are the means of revealing to non-church-goers the teachings of God, and of invoking the blessings of Him upon our institution and fellow-students. Is it not for the student's own good and instruction? Revive the spirit which brings men to read the truth and which prompts them to fulfil the moral task as imposed by God.

UNDER the leadership of the Class of '85, a Shakspearean Club was formed on the 20th ult. It is a step up the ladder of literary taste which will never be regretted. With the attention characteristic of Delaware's students, it cannot but be a success. Its members are, we are pleased to say, well qualified to drink in the beauties and delineations which are so vividly portrayed in that immortal work. Furthermore, it is an inroad into the very potent devils which are filling the world, in the shape of bad and foolish books, and a shutting out of their society the works put forth by the numerous literary slums, and narrow-minded authors. It is a craving for knowledge and a good taste and an appreciation of those writings, above which no man dare soar or claim precedence.

THE young ladies of Elkton deserve much praise for the manner in which they managed their Leap Year Party, despite the inclement weather. Only a few of the students found it practicable to attend, although all who were invited desired to. We, therefore, in behalf of the unfortunate ones, offer our sincere regrets. We hope the Elkton ladies will return good for evil, and attend the next Commencement Hop in full force. The closer the two towns are allied, the more enjoyment there will be for us all.

CHRISTMAS, with all its good cheer and joy, its pains and sorrows, is upon us once again. Oft through weary hours of work we have looked forward to Thanksgiving, the forerunner of this season, with pleasure; but when that day of turkey and good eating had come and gone, we settled down to work again in anticipation of the coming festivities of Christmas. So is a student's life, with its cares, strains and discouragements, made happier by the anticipation of future freedom. The true student undoubtedly loves to study, and wants to improve, but who can say that the drudgery of college work is pleasing, and not irksome. True, the study at hand, in itself, may be liked, and even if there were no necessity for it, and we were left to ourselves, we might take it up with pleasure; but it is a different matter when so much work must be done in so many hours, no matter what is going on, and this to continue the same for weeks and months. It is this idea of some thing better ahead that keeps us to our work and makes us attend to our duties, however arduous.

With what different thoughts and sentiments do each one of us look forwards to Christmas and its weeks of rest and relaxation. Some, who are far from home, think only of the happy return to the loved ones there; others, who live at home, look forward to a visit away from home. Some think of the gayeties of fashionable life; others of quiet rest; but to all of these vacation brings its true rewards. To the faithful worker true joy comes from the relaxation; but where there has been no work, no relaxation can be felt, and this best of joys is taken from us.

Christmas is the principal holiday of the year to the student, the nation and the world. Its celebration knows no bounds, but extends to every place that the Word of God has reached. The Germans associate with it many legends and myths, which they endeavor to keep alive; the French indulge in the gayest excesses; but the good old Christmas of our mother country, England, seems to us best of all. It is from her we have gained the most of our present customs. Can we think of her mistletoe boughs, laurel trimmings, plum puddings and their associations, without feelings of love arising in our breast for England and her grand old English Christmas? And it is high time that such a feeling for the

land from which we sprang should be cultivated. There has been too much thought of "twisting the lion's tail" among us. Is it not better to think of the lion and eagle working harmoniously together, each for the other's interest? England to-day looks upon us as, at least, her equal, and we are respected by her. The time when enmity could arise from such books as *Martin Chuzzlewit* has passed. Actors, artists and writers are given their just due on each side of the Atlantic. The child who ran away from the oppression and misguided ambition of the mother that nourished it cannot but feel a love for that mother in after years when it has grown to manhood. So let it be with us. Let us seek to narrow the breach that exists between the two great countries of the world. Let us make this season the special occasion of mutual joy, and do not let us stop there, but join in the joys, festivities and congratulations of the whole of the Christian world; but in all this let us not forget, as we are apt to, what the season commemorates. Let us seek to make all around us happy, and we cannot but enjoy ourselves. The REVIEW wishes the students, faculty, trustees, alumni, and all its patrons, a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you all enjoy a good dinner with your respective families and friends, and may you receive many more good things and presents than you now anticipate.

WHO will make a move towards the \$15,000 appropriation for the refitting of Delaware College?

WE publish in this issue the history of the Class of '52, of which the writer was a member. The article is one, doubtless, of great interest, not only to the class concerning which it is written, but also to the classes that immediately preceded and followed it. It contains information which will be gladly received and appreciated by the surviving members of the class, and which shows to the more modern student that the habits and actions of students of over a quarter of a century ago are essentially the same as those of the present day.

We appreciate the interest shown for the REVIEW and College by the author of this article, and wish that others would show their love for

their Alma Mater, and their appreciation of the efforts of her sons, by emulating this example.

As the REVIEW is published for the benefit of the College and the students of both the past and present, we encourage the use of its columns by the Alumni for this purpose, for it must surely be pleasant for old class-mates, in after years and amid other scenes, to allow the events and pleasures of by-gone days, to be recalled in the mind with all the freshness of first reality.

L. Lum Smith, publisher of *The Herald*, whose arrest by E. Duncan Sniffen, of New York, on a charge of libel, has been announced, stated yesterday that he should at once return to New York and cause the arrest of Mr. Sniffen on a counter charge. Mr. Smith claims that he can prove every statement that he has made concerning Sniffen, and declares that he will wage increasing warfare upon agencies for the sale of certain quack medicines.—*Phila. Press.*

The above item in the *Press* attracted our attention the other day. This is not the first trouble that Mr. Smith has had in the way of libel suits, but in all the actions which have been brought against him, he has cleared himself of any malicious libel and has proved his assertions to be true. We believe that he is doing a good work and will succeed. He is slowly but surely unearthing advertising frauds. Last year we received a proposition from the Rochester Publishing Company asking us to insert their advertisement on very liberal terms. We accepted and inserted the ad., but having occasion to look over the *Agent's Herald* we discovered their names among the "frauds and cheats." We immediately presented our bill for half the year, and upon receiving no reply threw their advertisement out after publishing it once. We noticed that three or four of our exchanges had the same advertisement in their columns. We received another proposition from Ash and Robins, 360 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y., but a short time ago. They also appeared under the head of "frauds" in the *Agent's Herald*. So we wrote for half cash in advance, but as we expected no answer came. So have we been saved from these scoundrels several times. We hope Mr. Smith may beat his opponent at every move, as he no doubt will. We have some advertising bills for last year, as yet uncollected. We will, in a future issue, publish the names of the parties and their manœuvres, if the money is not shortly forthcoming.

THE Editors of the REVIEW are by no means averse to turkeys, cakes, &c., at any season, but they especially like them at Xmas.

Literary.

THE CLASS OF 1852.

The bright prospect that opened for Delaware College in 1848 greatly encouraged the Trustees and Faculty who were laboring faithfully to advance its interests.

Rev. James Patriot Wilson, D. D., was its President, and William A. Norton, Charles Long, W. S. F. Graham, James Lynd were its Professors. Better men for their several chairs could not be found. They were devoted to their work and were popular with the students.

The Freshman class of that year was the largest that had ever entered the college, and was composed of young men who came to study. It numbered nineteen, and this number was increased to twenty-seven the next year, and was composed of the following members: Robert C. Allison, Warren M. Douglas, Leonidas Garland, William N. Gibson, Alexander R. Gray, Joseph Hall, William F. Howell, William Hutchinson, John Johns, Andrew Lindsay, Junius A. Littlepage, Thomas M. Martin, John W. McMurrin, Joseph McMurrin, Thomas R. McRae, Joseph E. New, Caleb R. Paynter, Lycurgus Pitchlyn, James D. Reardon, Rush Rhees, William C. Spruance, Edward Stratton, Frank G. Umsted, J. V. Whiteside, I. Addison Whitaker, John G. Wilson, Allen Wright.

Shortly after the opening of the session in 1849-50, two sad events occurred that made a great impression upon this class. William F. Howell, of the Choctaw Nation, was taken ill and died of consumption in his room in the College, surrounded by many warm friends who watched over him day and night, during his illness, doing what they could to comfort him and supply the place of absent friends. Col. P. P. Pitchlyn, his uncle and Chief of the Choctaw Nation, was with him. His funeral sermon was preached in the College chapel by Dr. Wilson, from the words: "Run, speak to the young man," and his remains were laid to rest in a neighboring church-yard.

Scarcely had this sad event passed, when Warren M. Douglas bid farewell to the class, and, having married a wife, went to Virginia, seeking a school, but was taken ill and died November 23, 1849, at the home of one of his classmates, near Shepherdstown. His remains were interred in the Presbyterian Cemetery at that place and his grave is marked by a plain white marble stone, bearing the inscription: "To my husband, Warren M. Douglas, who died November 23, 1849, aged 23 years."

Busy with their studies, the memory of these students soon passed out of mind of the class, and everything moved on smoothly and pleasantly until the latter part of March, 1850, when the official announcement was made that the college

exercises must be suspended for want of means to pay the professors to carry them on. It was a time of sadness to all the students. None wanted to leave, and yet the necessity was upon them to do something. No feasible plan appeared to relieve the embarrassment of the College, and the students soon scattered and the class of 1852 was among the things that were. Some mischievous students had pasted through the building such placards as these, *Illium fuit Ichabod* and festoned the chapel door and college entrance with crape, which cast a gloom over all. Newark never witnessed a sadder time than when these students left and the college was closed. Many of the students returned to their homes and discontinued their collegiate education, and others went to different colleges. The members of the class of 1852 never all met again. The writer of this has never seen any of them since July 4th, 1850, and endeavors to trace their history under many difficulties.

Garland, Hall, Lindsay, John A. McMurrin, Paynter, Stratton and Wright went to Union College, New York; Johns, Spruance and Reardon went to Princeton; Hutchinson went to Yale; Rhees, to Brown University, Rhode Island; Joseph McMurrin, to Hampden Sydney College, Virginia.

More than thirty-two years have elapsed since this class left college, and this period has been brim full of exciting events, and they naturally ask what has become of "our class?" Has it fulfilled its promise? The writer proposes to give a brief account of those whose history he knows, or can trace, in the hope that some other may correct his error and complete the history.

Leonidas Garland, of the Choctaw Nation, remained at Union College until July, 1850, and then returned to his home. From this point sight of him is lost, though he is presumed to be dead. Joseph Hall remained at Union until he graduated in 1852, and then returned home to the Choctaw Nation, and thence disappears from the writer's knowledge. John Johns, of Delaware, graduated at Princeton in 1852, returned to his home near New Castle and became a well-to-do farmer. Junius A. Littlepage, of Virginia, left Delaware in 1849, studied medicine and graduated at Jefferson Medical College, in 1852, and has been practicing his profession ever since at King William C. H., Virginia. Thomas M. Martin dropped out two years and did not graduate until 1854, became an Episcopal clergyman and Rector at Terre Haute, Indiana, and died at Nyack, New York, January 16, 1870. John W. McMurrin, of Virginia, graduated at Union College, New York, and then attended Union Theological Seminary, New York, became a Presbyterian minister, was installed pastor at Fairfax C. H., Virginia, in 1855, and some years afterward at

the Grove church, Fauquier county, Virginia, where he died in 1869. Joseph McMurrin, of Virginia, graduated at Hampden Sydney, Virginia in 1852, became a teacher of note in Virginia and Alabama; was the editor of a Democratic paper in 1860 and 1861; studied pharmacy and served a time in a drug store; resumed teaching in 1865, and became principal of Shepherdstown Academy, and in 1871 was elected president of Shepherd College, West Virginia, which office he resigned in 1882, and is now a druggist at Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Thomas R. McRae, of North Carolina, left Delaware in 1850, taught school in Georgia a number of years, and became an eminent minister of the M. E. church. Nothing is known of him since 1859. Caleb R. Paynter, of Delaware, remained at Union College for sometime, but was called home before he graduated, engaged in merchandizing until 1857, when he took charge of his estates near Georgetown, where he died in 1864. Lycurgus Pitchlyon, of the Choctaw Nation, returned home in 1840, studied law and practiced his profession some years at Little Rock, Arkansas. Here the writer loses sight of him, but report says he is dead. James D. Reardon, of Pennsylvania, graduated at Princeton, in 1852, was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church at Sunbury and Northumberland, Pennsylvania, in 1856. He now lives at Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania. William C. Spruance, of Delaware, graduated at Princeton in 1852, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1855, and soon took a high stand in his profession. He now resides in Wilmington, Delaware. Allen Wright, of the Choctaw Nation, graduated at Union College in 1852, and at Union Theological Seminary, New York, in 1855, married a lady from Dayton, Ohio, returned to his Nation and has taken a high stand as a Presbyterian minister and as Chief of the Choctaw Nation. His post office is Boggy Depot, Indian Territory. Several names of the class are omitted because the writer knows nothing of them, and can learn nothing of their whereabouts.

This much is written to draw out from others that which is omitted so as to complete the record. Who will take up the pen? JOMAC.

November 12, 1884.

1852 CLASS NOTES.

Garland, Hall, Howell, Pitchlyn and Wright were "big Indians" of this class and represented the Choctaw Nation. Holmes Colbert of the class of 1853 was the lone representative of the Chickasaws.

The handsomest man of the class was Leonidas Garland, who was so badly smitten of a young lady near Newark that when he went to Union College he was sick of *cummi* and was advised to return to the land of his love.

The ugliest man of the class was Thomas R

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McKae, who had a very prominent nose and from a bad habit of his, it was often very red. He complained once to Professor Graham that his report gave him too low a standing in conduct, that he did nothing to merit it. The Professor looked at him a moment and said, "you can't make me believe that a man with a nose as red as yours does not drink."

The two McMurrans were cousins and John, who had a talent for poetry, was called the Poet McMurren and Joseph, who was rather a staid, sedate man, was called the Philosopher McMurren.

The smallest man in the class was Junius A. Littlepage, who was so small, that the ladies of the vicinity called him "Mr. Page," thinking that the students had added "Little" to his name because he was so small.

The greatest ladies man of the class was John Johns.

The greatest orator was W. C. Spruance.

The best man and the one that exhibited the most Christian spirit and humility was James D. Reardon.

The tallest man of the class was

THE WRITER.

WILLIAM WIRT'S ADVICE TO A YOUNG LAWYER.

The following excellent advice forms apart of letter written to a young lawyer, in whom Mr. Wirt felt a great interest:

"Endeavor to cultivate that superior grace of manners which distinguishes the gentleman from the crowd around him. In your conversation, avoid a rapid and indistinct utterance and speak liberately and articulately.

Blend with the natural hilarity of your temper, that dignity of sentiment and demeanor, which alone can prevent the wit and humorist from sinking into a trifler and can give him an effective attitude in society.

Get a habit, a *passion* for reading—not flying from book to book with the squeamish caprice of a literary epicure,—but read systematically, and thoroughly analyzing every subject as you go along and lay it up safely and carefully in your memory.

Determine with yourself that no application will be wanting to lift you to the heights of public notice; and if you find your spirits beginning to flag, think of being buried all your life in obscurity. But there are yet more animating and noble motives for this emulation: the power of doing more extensive good—the pure delight in hearing one's self blessed for benevolent and virtuous actions, and as a still more unequivocal and unequivocal proof of gratitude, 'reading that blessing nation's eyes:' add to this the communica-

tion of beneficial effects of this fame to our friends and relatives; and having it in our power to requite past favors, and to take humble and indigent genius by the hand, and lead it forward to the notice of the world. These are a few and but a few, of the good effects of improving one's talents to the highest point, by careful and constant study and aspiring to distinction.

Progress in this profession you will find a pretty much of an Alp-climbing business. The points of the rocks to which you cling will break in your hands and give you many a fall and many a bruise; but instead of despairing at the first fall or the twentieth, remember the prospect from the summit, and the prizes that await you, and try again.

The law is to many at first and at last a dry and revolting study. It is hard and laborious; it is a dark and intricate labyrinth, through which they grope in constant uncertainty and perplexity—the most painful state of the mind. But one can not think that this was the case with Mansfield or with Blackstone, who saw through the whole fabric in full daylight in its proportions and lustre. * * * * *

You must read, sir; you must read and meditate like a Conestoga horse—no disparagement to the horse by the simile. You must read like Jefferson and speak like Henry. If you ask me how you are to do this, I can not tell you, but you are nevertheless to do it.

One of the most dignified traits in the character of Patrick Henry, is the noble decorum with which he debated, and the uniform and marked respect with which he treated his adversaries. In this respect, let it be universally agreed that you are the most polite, gentlemanly debater at the bar. That alone, will give you a distinction, and a noble one too; besides it is a striking index and proper concomitant of first-rate talents.

For two or three years you must read, delve, meditate, study and make the whole mine of law your own. Cultivate a simple style of speaking, so as to be able to inject the strongest thought into the weakest capacity. You will never be a jury lawyer without this capacity. Never attempt to be grand and magnificent before common tribunals,—and the most you will address are common.

Keep your Latin and Greek, and science to yourself, and to the very small circle which they may suit. The mean, envious world will never forgive you your knowledge, if you make it too public. It will require the most increasing urbanity and habitual gentleness of manners, almost to humility, to make your superior attainments tolerable to your associates.

Enter with warmth and kindness into the interesting concerns of others—not with the con-

sciousness of a superior, but with the tenderness and simplicity of an equal.

Be never flurried in speaking, but learn to assume the exterior of composure and collectedness, whatever riot and confusion may be within; speak slowly, firmly, distinctly, make your periods by proper pauses, and a steady significant look. In complimenting your adversaries, be careful of your manner in doing so. Let it be humble and sincere. * * * * *

Don't be in a hurry to distinguish yourself; and on the other hand, don't hang back too long. Let the occasion of your first display be good and your preparation ripe.

On all occasions private and public, throw the utmost modesty and the most scrupulous delicacy into your manner, and be more disposed to have scientific knowledge drawn from you, than to volunteer to display it.

In your arguments at the bar, let *argument* strongly predominate. Sacrifice your flowers, and let your columns be Doric rather than composite—the better medium is Ionic. Aim at *strength, cogency, comprehension*, and imitate, of all things, Judge Marshall's and Locke's simple process of reasoning. The world will ever give sanction to this as the truest criterion of mind.

These maxims are all sound, practice them and I will warrant your SUCCESS.

Mrs. S. R. Edwards entered the Philadelphia School of Phonography for a term of three months, having no previous knowledge of shorthand; before the term was finished she reported a meeting of the Conductors' Life Insurance Company, held at the Girard House, Philadelphia, which has since been published in pamphlet form. This is something remarkable, and in order to convince the public of its truth, we submit a letter from the Secretary to Mrs. Edwards:

PHILADELPHIA, June 18th, 1884.

Mrs. S. R. EDWARDS: Dear Madam.—Your report of the proceedings of our last annual meeting, taken in short hand, was entirely satisfactory to me. Very truly yours, WALTER LACKEY,

Secretary and Treasurer.

514 Walnut Street, room 9.

A little learning is a dangerous thing!

Drink deep or taste not the Pierian spring.

These shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,

But drinking largely sobers us again.

Leap Year. Ten marriages in town this week. Young men getting scarce. Boys be careful.

"Reading without thinking, is like eating without digesting."

In life, "act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Locals.

"Been to the (hic) club to-night (hic) love."

Dec. 2nd.—a great phenomenon—a senior EXPERIMENT.

"Although the recitations are suspended the rules in regard to the young ladies room are not." Remember that, fellows.

A certain young lady here has three mortgages on her, which are held by as many young men; but the *interest* doesn't seem to abate much.

The Athletic Association returns its thanks for a munificent gift from President Purnell. P. S. Small contributions thankfully received and receipts given. Next.

Newark enjoys the distinction of having the first and only bicycle club in the State. Delaware College students composing three-fourths of its members.

Our town can now boast of a Telephone Exchange of considerable proportions, with connections with Wilmington, Philadelphia and twenty other large towns within a radius of forty miles.

Prof. Mackey was taken quite ill while in the pulpit of the White Clay Creek church, on the 23rd ult., but we are happy to hear of his rapid convalescence and hope to see him in his accustomed seat quite soon.

"I am waiting for my girl to come out," said a rather presumptuous Freshman the other evening at the Oratory door. As a case of remarkable coincidence we would state that four other students made the same remark with their hopes based on the same female.

The Freshman class at Cornell embraces twenty girls.—*Ex.* We wonder how they do it, separately or collectively? They ought to be ashamed of themselves no matter how they do it, and the young ladies should have "spunk" enough to resist them, but the natural supposition is that they haven't.

Before we could have conscientiously voted for Belta A. Lockwood at the recent election we would have been compelled to ascertain her qualifications as to age to satisfy ourselves of her eligibility. This would have been as painful a course of procedure for us as for that estimable lady, but it would have been the only patriotic, however ungallant, course.

Proclamation: The editor of this column realizing the fact that his life is in imminent danger

requests that all complaints and maledictions be entered (by writing) before him prior to the 26th of each month. A meeting for the special benefit of belligerent plaintiffs demanding satisfaction or retractions will be held at that time. The editor will be on hand at said meetings with a life insurance policy and prayer book, but hopes there will be use for neither. This is merely a precautionary measure taken by the local editor and he hopes that the privilege will not be abused.

A few days ago, a student was seen slowly wending his way from Prof. Webb's room, singing the long metre doxology. The student being no professor of christianity, was asked by one from the crowd that he approached, the cause of his reverent singing? He replied that he had just been to Prof. Webb's room, and the Prof. told him that there would be no drill hereafter till Spring term. The crowd caught up the strain of the solitary student, and the old walls echoed and re-echoed the words: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," time and time again.

St. Thomas' P. E. church, this town, was the scene of a most brilliant wedding, on the evening of the 26th of last month. The contracting parties were Manly Drennen, a prominent merchant of Elkton, Md., and Miss S. Alice Donnell, of this town. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. H. Allen Griffith, the Rector, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Schöuler, of Elkton. A reception was held at her mother's residence immediately after the church services, at which the *élite* of the town were present. The bride, of course, looked bewitching in a very elaborate dress, a description of which the local editor will not even attempt. The bride and groom left the same evening for an extensive tour in Canada. The hearty congratulations of the *Review* follow them.

On the evening of Nov. 28th, Holly Hall, Elkton, was the scene of the most brilliant and enjoyable Leap Year Party of the season. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and many of the students being at home for the holiday, the College was poorly represented; but the few who were so fortunate as to be present, enjoyed themselves greatly. The ladies performed the part of gentlemen with remarkable grace and in a most bewitching manner. They did all that was possible to be done to make the gentlemen enjoy themselves, and their efforts were crowned with great success. Many were the pleasant acquaintances made and delightful dances participated in, and we yet hear certain students, like Little Bare-Foot, sighing rapturously to themselves: "Oh, that waltz!"

One of the most enjoyable concerts of the season in the Oratory, Thursday, Dec. 4th, under the management of the Athenæan Literary

Society of the College. An audience not unusually large in point of numbers, but great in appreciation greeted the singers. The programme which was rather lengthy, but nevertheless exceedingly entertaining, consisted of solos, duets, quartets and instrumental pieces. Among the singers of local celebrity were Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Osborne, Miss Kate Currinder and Mr. Oscar Sanni, all of Wilmington. We would especially mention the singing of Mrs. Osborne, who completely captured the house. She has a fine contralto voice of considerable richness and power, singing with perfect accuracy and possessing rare and artistic ability. Mr. Osborne's tenor voice was strong, clear and unaffected and made a favorable impression. Miss Currinder seems gifted with a very sweet soprano voice though not strong. To say much in criticism of Mr. Sanni's performance we could not even should we so wish. He has an excellent bass voice of rich quality, sympathetic and true and particularly effective in chorus singing. Mr. Nassan presided at the piano very creditably to himself and to the pleasure of the audience whose spontaneity was a distinctive feature of the concert.

Robert P. Davis, '87, made quite an extended bicycle tour during the Thanksgiving holidays. He made a visit to St. Georges (reasons not mentioned,) passed through Red Lion, Odessa, Christine, and other towns of some distance from Newark.

THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the New Castle County Teachers Institute met in the College Oratory, Nov. 19th. Prof. Williams opened the session by an address to the teachers; other than this, little was done of any interest, as this was the opening meeting and most of the time was occupied with the business of the Institute. The evening exercises of the first day, Wednesday, consisted of the rendition of fine vocal music by the Newark Choral Society, and instrumental music by all that remains of the lamented College Orchestra. Dr. Purnell entertained the audience with one of his humorous readings, after which, Dr. A. N. Raub was introduced as the lecturer of the evening. His subject was "Teaching and some of its Fallacies."

Dr. Raub being among the leading educators of the country, his lecture was nothing less than what we expected. It was filled with sound argument and abounded with humorous incidents.

Thursday morning, Prof. W. D. Mackey delivered a lecture on "School Government," and Dr. Raub spoke upon the method of teaching arithmetic. In the afternoon of the same day, Prof. Benton and Dr. Raub delivered lectures on "How to Teach Language," and Supt. D. W. Harlan spoke upon "Object Lessons." In the

evening, Rev. R. H. Fulton delivered a lecture upon "The Creation," which was strictly scientific.

On Friday, lectures were delivered upon various subjects by Dr. Purnell, Profs. Williams, Pricket, Webb, Messrs. Groves, Birdsall and Mrs. Pratt.

The decided feature of the whole session was the lecture of the celebrated wit and humorist, Jahu De Witt Miller. The subject of Mr. Miller's lecture was "The Distinguished Men I Have Met." Although the lecturer's style was not prepossessing and his gestures somewhat uncouth, he won with ease the attention and feelings of the audience and transported them from the pathetic to the humorous with the ease of an orator.

Saturday morning, the morning of adjournment, was occupied by a lecture by Prof. Pricket on Penmanship, following which the teachers held a general "experience meeting." All left well pleased with the session, much wiser and gayer.

ALUMNI MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Alumni Association of Delaware College was held at the Girard House, Philadelphia, December 1st inst. The subject of special interest at this meeting was that of obtaining an Act of Incorporation from the Legislature of the State of Delaware vesting in the Association "visitorial and advisory powers in the affairs of the College," by the presentation of a paper setting forth the object of the proposed measure. After a pretty thorough discussion, a resolution was offered by the Rev. Dr. DuHamel that the subject be referred to a Joint Committee of the Alumni, of Trustees, and of the Faculty of the College, with power to, and if deemed advisable, prepare an Act of Incorporation to be presented to the Delaware Legislature, which is to convene in Dover, January next. The officers of the Association for the ensuing year were then elected, as follows: President, Rev. J. P. DuHamel, D. D.; Vice-Presidents, Hon. Wm. F. Causey and G. W. Cruikshank; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. J. P. Pyle. The Executive Committee was appointed by the Chair, consisting of Mr. S. T. Freeman, of Philadelphia, C. M. Curtis, Esq., of Wilmington, Mr. Manlove Hayes, of Dover, Dr. Keyser, of Philadelphia. There were present Mr. Manlove Hayes, Mr. Charles Hayes, Hon. Wm. T. Causey, Secretary State of Delaware, Rev. T. R. McDowell, Dr. Bush, Dr. Keysey, Mr. C. M. Curtis, Mr. S. T. Freeman, Pres. W. H. Purnell, Rev. J. P. DuHamel, Dr. Cloak, Mr. Williams, State Supt. Public Schools, Prof. Benton, and many others.

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College Notes.

The first boat race of the present century took place in England in 1824 on the Lock between Exeter College and the Varsity eight.

The Varsity Foot-ball Team on November 1st visited Easton and defeated Lafayette by a score of 21 to 0. The day being clear proved favorable for the game. Some unpleasant feelings were aroused concerning the decision of the referee who was said to be partial.

The Sophomore Foot-ball Team of the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton's '87 met at Stenton where the Pennsylvanians sustained a defeat. There seems to have been some ill-feeling existing between the players. The Pennsylvania team accused the Princetonians of acting ungentlemanly. The Princeton team refusing to play unless they should be privileged to select a referee. The request was granted.

The Senior class of Wharton school of the U. of P., not only secede from class organization, but Athletic, Literary and Political also. No doubt many of the students sustain a great loss from the withdrawal of so much literary talent. It has been prophesied that whatever ill feeling may still exist it will be washed away at a supper in the near future at Bellevue.

The students of Franklin and Marseall College have organized a Young Men's Christian Association. The construction of the Observatory at that institution will begin next Spring. The telescope is to be mounted by Messrs. Repsole & Son of Germany.

The students of Swathmore rejoice at having at last received what has so long been needed—a good gymnasium—an instructor and compulsory exercise. The gymnasium is to undergo a thorough and expensive repair.

The Freshmen at Queen's College were ushered in by a reception given by the Y. M. C. A. of that institution. Such an action was looked upon by the other students with awe. But it proved a grand success and the demeanor of the unsophisticated student was otherwise than expected.

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Exchanges.

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Still pleas'd to praise, yet not afraid to blame.
Averse alike to flatter or offend ;
Not free from faults, nor yet too vain to mend.

—Pope,

Again it is time to criticise the different exchanges that fall under our notice. As this is our first appearance on the stage of college journalism, we hope that our brother editors will pardon all mistakes.

The first paper on the "pile of exchanges" is the *Oxford and Cambridge Undergraduates Journal* for October. It has added greatly to its appearance by a new cover. The inside matter is well up to the standard of college journalism. We welcome it to our table.

At last the *University Magazine* has appeared. The editorials contained therein are spicy and interesting. Compared with the November number of last year, the magazine has greatly improved.

The *St. John's Collegian*, a new exchange, is the next to pass under our critical eye. Although young, the paper is the very personification of age and experience. We advise it, as we do all other college papers, to start an exchange column. Welcome to our sanctuary, *Collegian*.

We congratulate the *College Cabinet* on the November issue. The article entitled, "The Origin and Tendency of the Present College System" is worthy of notice. Is well written and readable. The locals in the *Cabinet* are superior to the locals of many papers. They are not that flashy-would-be-witty kind of locals. The *Cabinet* is one of our best exchanges.

The *Badger* is as regular in coming and as welcome as any ex. that we have. Although not as brilliant as some, the editorials show good common sense.

Taking the number of the editors on the *College Record* into consideration, we should think that they might edit a more interesting paper. The editor of the "Exchange" column is evidently trying to be witty. Will he succeed? It remains to be seen.

Another number of the *College Chips* has put in appearance. It is a worthy paper in every respect. From the address delivered on the anniversary of Luther College, by Lisle Bothne, we extract a sentence, viz: "I hope to see the day when our college shall be endowed so liberally that money considerations shall be no hindrance from bringing it on a level with the best equipped of this class of institutions of learning." Will we ever see the day when Delaware College is so endowed?

Out of the four editorials in the *Tuftonian*, not one is worthy of notice. They are not only

short but dry. The rest of the paper compares favorably with other journals. "Co-education at Tuft's," is an article that is exceptionally well written.

The *Queens College Journal* is again with us. On account of time and space, we will only be able to extend to it our editorial hand in welcome.

One of the class of '84 is now editing a newspaper in the fertile (?) sands of Sussex. From the first page of the issue of Nov. 29th, we judge that he is in love. All in all the paper is one of the best of Sussex county.

A scientific paper by the name of *The Problems of Nature* is before us. We advise those students studying natural sciences to read this paper thoroughly, as it will be to their advantage.

De Alumnis.

'74. William R. Martin has been practicing law since '77 at Easton, Md.

'74. George W. Marshall, M. D. paid our town a visit recently. He has been practicing medicine in Milford, Del., since '76.

'79. Miss Laura Ferris was married to C. Russel Jakes, M. D. of '78, Dec. 10th, they are now living at Magnolia, Del.

'79. John E. Greiner is draughtsman for the Keystone Iron Company of Pittsburg, Pa.

'76. William J. Ferris, graduated in 1879, has since been a druggist in New Castle, Del.

'79. John S. McMaster is now a teacher in the Morristown Academy, Morristown, N. J.

'81. Rodney H. Richardson, studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Graduated in '84, is now practicing in Lewis, Del.

'81. T. R. McDowell is now pastor of the Presbyterian church of Lower Brandywine, Del.

'82. W. H. Heald who has been studying law under the Hon. Chas. B. Lore, has accepted a position in the Currency Department at Washington. He will continue the study of law at a Law School in Washington.

'83. Lewis W. Mustard paid our college a visit recently. He is now a druggist at Lewes, Del.

'84. E. M. Purnell has received a position on the United States Coast Survey.

'84. I. I. Curtis is taking a course of chemistry at the school of Technology in Boston and not at Harvard as was erroneously stated in our last issue. He also attends the Berlitz School of languages. He spent a few days in town recently.

Book Reviews.

HARRY COVERDALE'S COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE AND WHAT CAME OF IT. By Frank E. Smedley. T. B. Peterson and Brother, Philadelphia. One volume, paper cover. Price 75 cts.

The previous reputation of Mr. Smedley as the author of Frank Farleigh and other well known works, would be alone sufficient to assure the reading public that this his latest work is well worth perusing. But when we read and examine carefully this book, which the author forbids us from calling a novel, we can confidently assert that he has, at least, equaled any of his former productions. A lively interest is created at the outset which is kept up through the whole story. It seems as if there were more truth than fiction in its contents. Matters of every day occurrence are so well brought out that we view them in a new light. The plot cannot be termed deep but it is certainly odd. Harry Coverdale, the hero, is an open hearted, good natured fellow, who cares more for his dogs and gun than he does for the fair sex, but at last he is captivated by the sister of an old college chum, and after some difficulties marries her. Then his married life is depicted. Through thoughtless neglect for his little wife a quarrel ensues, which although but insignificant at the start, causes great difficulties in the end. These are finally overcome, and they again settle down to domestic tranquility, with a better understanding, each of the other. Along with the thread of the story the author has a peculiar way of philosophizing, which is agreeable, interesting and instructive. We predict a large sale for the book, as it well deserves.

TEXAS SIFTINGS. Weekly. Published in New York, Austin, Texas, and London. Subscription price \$2.50 a year with the *Review*.

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A DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE Pronouncing, Etymological and explanatory, etc., by the Rev. Jas. Stormonth. Franklin Square Library and Harper & Brothers, New York.

Two numbers of this reprint of the English work by the late Rev. James Stormonth, lie before us. The Dictionary is a conscientious painstaking work which endeavors to compress much of the latest outcome of recent researches into the English Language. It gives much information but in too compressed a form. But to say this is to admit that the Editor has to use a large discretion and to obey the limitations which his plan has imposed upon him. That every student who may use this Dictionary would be satisfied with what he found would be impossible. It is with a clear admission of this we append a note of some omissions which we have jotted down upon a hasty examination of these two parts (Nos. 1 & 4.) But the Dictionary is indeed trustworthy and useful. To ask that it should give a history of each word is demanding too much, nor could it be given in the limits of an ordinary dictionary. In French, German and Italian ponderous series of volumes can hardly suffice to give what a student should have at his elbow, and if our language levys large contributions from these languages, as well as from other tongues, no single volume could possibly contain all necessary material. Skeat's Etymological dictionary is only a useful handbook of great and deserved authority indeed but by no means a complete work, and certainly not an exhaustive one. Stormonth's dictionary should have followed the plan Skeats has inaugurated of placing some symbol with the derivation to denote the relation of correlated words to some antecedent root; for many words occurring in cognate languages are not drawn by the one language from the other directly, but are invented from a common external origin and have a parallel growth.

Amethyst. The derivation, [Gr. Amethnstos, without intoxication.] is of course correct, but the young student who should look no farther would not obtain the needed explanation that the word refers to the old classic fancy that this precious stone protected the reveller, who wore it, from intoxication. It would be hardly fair to write this as a serious charge against the completeness of the dictionary were it not that under some words some similar explanation is well and lucidly given while under others it is omitted. (eq coxwain.)

Apothegm; its definition as a term in Geometry is omitted.

Asphyxy is neither the leading nor the common word.

Compere is neither a form nor a source of *compeer*, and cannot be traced to *compar* since its meaning is god-father.

Corn should be compared with the Latin *granum* reappearing in our grain, but allied to corn while corn itself referring to its hard envelope is indirectly connected with *cornu*.

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 But an ace and four kings
 Are the beautiful things
 That are good for the other man's pile.—

[Ex.
 The son of an Ohio man wrote home to his
 father the other day: "Pa, I am studying so
 hard I fear it will break me down and I shall take
 sick and die." The pater familias replied: "Keep
 on my boy, and I will try and come to the funeral."

"Yes, brethren," says the clergymen who is
 preaching the funeral sermon; "our deceased
 brother was cut down in a single night—torn from
 the arms of his loving wife, who is thus left a dis-
 consolate widow at the age of twenty-four years."

"Twenty-two, if you please," sobs the widow
 in the front pew, emerging from her handkerchief
 for an instant.—*Oil City Derrick.*

"I see that there is a chance that David Davis
 will go back to the Senate in John A. Logan's
 place," remarked a San Antonio gentleman to a
 friend.

"He may go back to the Senate, but I don't
 think he will take John A. Logan's place, unless
 it is enlarged. You never have seen David Davis.
 He is a man of much broader views than Logan."
Siftings.

The Freshman repeats:
 "Early to bed and early to rise
 Makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

The Soph puts it:
 "Late to bed and late to rise:
 If I'm up to prayers it'll be a surprise."

The Junior writes home:
 "Late to bed and early to rise
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 —*Bates Student.*

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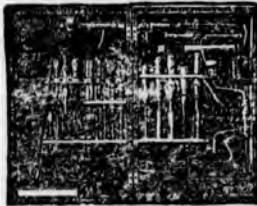
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