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DELAWARE COLLEGE REVIEW,
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WHAT other States do for their colleges is a question of no little importance to those who are now working to secure an appropriation for Delaware College, and a question with which each legislator should and doubtless will make himself thoroughly familiar before deciding the question of aiding Delaware College and higher education within the bounds of our State.

That the higher education of the people is beneficial to the body politic is a question that none will argue; that colleges are the main centres of knowledge and wisdom is equally true; that they should be aided and supported as the great enlighteners and cultivators of the masses is a fact that all admit. These statements are verified by the vast amounts of money appropriated annually by state governments for the furtherance and advancement of higher education. Furthermore there is not a State in the Union (Florida excepted) that does not contain one college, and

there are but few States that do not support at least one college.

Colorado, "the great desert of America," boasts of one college and one university, the latter of which is stated by the Educational Report of 1881 to receive \$17,000 annually from the State. Yet this State is the youngest of the Union, and one would judge (assuming the action of past Delaware legislators to be proper and statesmanlike) that this State would be the least capable and least probable of any to make heavy appropriations for the collegiate education of its youths. But Colorado, with almost all other States, recognizes education to be the greatest factor in civilization, and the higher and more perfect the education, the higher and more perfect the civilization. Colorado stands not alone in supporting collegiate institutions. States that have proportionately larger debts and less money than Delaware, render great aid to the numerous institutions within their respective territories.

The Universities of Missouri and Minnesota receive annually from the State governments, \$27,000 and \$23,000 respectively (Educational Report, 1881,) while the University of Michigan received \$64,250 for the year 1881. The University of Kansas receives from the State \$30,000 annually; the University of Iowa \$20,000; the University of California \$36,597; the Indiana University \$20,000; Louisiana Agricultural College and University each \$10,000 annually from the State. Nebraska gives to its University \$30,000, and Ohio to its University \$20,000.

That these particular cases are Universities and Delaware College is but a college is true, but many of these institutions that now rank among the foremost in the land, were once colleges, and through the liberal aid of the States in which they are situated, have developed into Universities, and are accomplishing great works.

But in regard to what other States are doing for their colleges, the action of those States that received land grants towards colleges founded under that act is most interesting to Delawareans,

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Delaware and Delaware College come under the same head. There are now in existence forty-eight colleges founded under the land grant act of '62. Twenty-two of the forty-eight are aided by State payments to the amount of from \$2,000 to \$500 per annum. Nine of the thirty-two institutions have extended their range of usefulness and have become Universities. State aid given to colleges founded under the land grant act of '62, for the year 1881, amounted to \$350,516 or an average of \$10,953 per college aided. But it might be asked, what is Delaware's position among her sister States, in matters of advancing higher education? Delaware's record in this line is unenviable. This is one of the three States (Del., R. I., N. H.) that have but one college. Delaware is second among the three States, (Del., N. H., R. I.) that do not possess at least one university and is most conspicuous among the three (Del., R. I., Florida,) that have failed to show their appreciation for, and to recognize the value of, collegiate education by rendering aid to the institution.

This month is a sad one in the student's life. Would you question why, gentle reader? We would inform you that it is because the anniversary of this month came on Sunday. Perhaps you see nothing startling in that announcement, but are you aware that on that day the "Father of our Country" first saw the light of this world, and on that account, it has become a National Holiday, and one which we hoped to enjoy this year. But when we looked at the calendar and saw how many days off it was, we were startled, grieved, and confounded to find that it came on Sunday. A holiday that is not a holiday! And what makes the matter worse, we cannot blame anybody but the man who invented the calendar; as he is out of our reach, we cannot vent our anger on him! Neither can we write a pathetic eulogy upon the heartlessness and cruelty of our Government in not granting the day. We hear it said where. It seems in the air. Everybody is expected to know if we were going to have a holiday on Washington's Birthday. The first time we heard it we smiled a sickly smile, the second time we looked "mad upon him," and the third time we were ready to fight; but when, being about to

have our locks trimmed and some of the superfluous hair removed from our face, the talkative barber asked us whether we were not going to the matinee on Washington's Birthday, we were too full for utterance, and grabbing up our hat we frantically flew to another tonsorial artist, (they are all artists), who talked of something more pleasant. We really believe that if that second barber had mentioned Washington's Birthday we should have attempted to use his sharp weapon upon himself. There is one consolation, however,—we are not alone in our sorrow. We picked up a recent number of the *Harvard Advocate*, and in it noticed an editorial upon the graciousness of the Faculty in finally acknowledging that "one G. Washington" had once lived and that he was born on the 22nd of February. After commenting at some length, it closed with an N. B., which requested the reader to consider the editorial as unwritten, since they had discovered the fact that so startled our blissful repose.

INASMUCH as the gymnasium of Delaware College has not the finest appliances and is not the most commodious of college gymnasiums, its present meagre fixtures and advantages would be greatly enhanced if a number of the superfluous benches were removed from under the trapeze, and from in front of the bar and from around the poles and ladders. Instead of removing the benches to some vacant room, when the new chairs were arranged in the Oratory, the cumbersome benches were stacked in the gymnasium, greatly inconveniencing those who were in the habit of exercising, and discouraging others who wished to form that good habit.

It doubtless is the unanimous desire of the students that the gymnasium be cleared of its rubbish and be put in fit condition for them to begin training for the Spring sports. Let us have fewer benches in the gymnasium.

THE Senior debates and Junior orations which are now engaging the study of the members of those classes, seem in most cases to involve the necessity of careful research. They require considerable labor. Where are these students to find their materials? Echo whispers that Delaware College has a library of 12,000 volumes stored

away in a cold, seldom opened room. In this library are to be found standard volumes on political, metaphysical, economical, scientific, biographical, historical, and legal subjects. Why cannot the Library be opened daily for consultation and the reading of books, as the Reading Room is for the perusal of periodical literature? Could not some one be placed there as superintendent during the prescribed periods? A stove and a few chairs would make the Library a very attractive room for many of the students. The expediency of making the Library also the Reading Room has been suggested by some of the students, and may be worthy of consideration. Whatever will tend to throw the students into the company of the book-makers and introduce them into a new and larger world of thought is not to be underestimated.

WHILE the study of the Classics in our college course may be considered, and doubtless is for all, a training of the mind,—to some students it may perhaps be nothing more—to many students, however, it is also the acquisition of a particular branch of learning which in after life is to be used constantly as an intellectual tool. It has been said that a knowledge of Latin and Greek are essential to a correct and complete English education; to which we might also add that it seems almost equally as necessary to even a strictly so-called scientific or polytechnic education. To illustrate the truth of the saying, we have but to take the most cursory glance into the literature of our vernacular to find there innumerable and priceless gems from the caskets of the ancients set in the rich frame of our own language. And as if poetry and philosophy were not enough to make us debtors to the Greeks and Latins, science and art continually remind us in their terminology of the homage we owe to Athens and Rome as the centres of civilization and culture. What we want, therefore, in our study of the ancient languages in college is such a thorough training in them as will give us a large vocabulary for use at all times, no less than the paradigms and syntax of the grammar. Now, we respectfully submit to the authorities of Delaware College that the most painstaking application to the text-books of the regular course (always with a dictionary and grammar in hand) will not alone

ensure that readiness and exactness in extemporary translation which may properly be expected after three or four years' recitation to a professor. While a student may be up on the *text-books*, he may nevertheless be wholly unable to translate intelligibly at sight a detached sentence of Greek or Latin which he finds here or there in some English composition. It ought not to be supposed necessary for him to consult the lexicon for many of the words, for the passage quoted is most probably one well-known, or something couched in words which ought to be familiar to him. We venture, therefore, to call the attention of our respected Faculty to the consideration of some plan by which the greatest efficiency in the study of the Classics may be ensured and their practical use made more manifest. It is not for us to lay down the details of such a plan, but if we may be pardoned the suggestion, we would refer to that arrangement in many other collegiate institutions by which the regular recitations are supplemented by what with us would probably be most satisfactory as an extraordinary optional lesson in sight-reading, one or two periods a week. We commend the matter to our *senatus academicus*.

In connection with the subject of extemporary translation, we may appropriately call attention to that excellent publication, *Latine*, edited by E. S. Shumway, Adjunct Professor of Latin in Rutgers College. The scope of the magazine is largely indicated by the following sentence from Seneca placed at the head of each issue: "Iter est longum per præcepta, breve et efficax per *exempla*." It certainly seems a rational plan to teach any language, even a "dead" one, by putting it before the student practically, on his tongue and its various forms in his head until it becomes a second nature to him. Each issue of *Latine* contains passages from the Classics for extemporary translation, English lyrics done into classical or scholastic verse, notes on synonyms and etymology, &c. We have been much pleased with the numbers we have seen.

WE would respectfully suggest to the Faculty that there could be a decided improvement on the present system of marking disorders and non-excused absences. As the system now

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ere is no chance for explanation what-
as even the "powers that be" err at
idents are often unjustly marked for acts
they were not guilty. This has occurred
mes to our knowledge. A student does not
w when a disorder mark is placed to his
until the end of the term; when, if it is
, it requires much trouble to make the
asmuch as the marks are all placed on
er, and, as considerable time may have
nce it was given, it is hard to trace the
. As a remedy, we propose that a week-
of these marks be made by the Faculty
ed on the bulletin-board or read in the
o the students, so that they can at least
opportunity to make an explanation or to
n error.

are having very cold weather. Every-
ing is more or less frozen. Some of the
f our students, especially those of the
, (Botany, in particular,) get so frozen
heads that the Professors are unable to
out again. At any rate, poor Freshie
have a "cold day" of it, when he gets
ass-room. But lessons are not the only
zen up by the present "cold snap." The
A. seems to have been frozen to death.
not some of our ardent and professed
students resuscitate the Society? Some
are active Christian workers in their sev-
ches. Why do they not bring some of
nusiiasm and undoubted ability to bear
weak and indifferent students in college?
Club seems to have perished from cold
s would be a better word. Its last
s heard a few evenings ago on the col-
eo. The sweet singers of Delaware were
to be serenading a young lady visiting
lding, but "Bohunkus," "Last Cigar,"
"We'll never get drunk any more,"
Brothers, Punch," &c., were all that
ray on the frosty air. Perhaps more
al songs were frozen up down in the
pashes of the singers. We hope "spring,
ring" will thaw them out. The plans
tension of the Oratory are also proba-
n up. We are assured that they will
of their winter hiding-place sometime
ning season. Speaking of the Oratory,
a student announce one cold morning
rs would be held out front on the por-
taps, where all could get the benefit of
heat. We smiled at his happy suggest-
should be warmer out there than in the
The prayers that now ascend, while
be wafted on incense—the incense of

frosty breaths—are yet wholly lacking in *ferveur*.
But spring will regulate this matter also, we sup-
pose. Active preparation for Field-Day has also
suffered from the "cold snap." Not only is the
Field frozen, and the Day frozen, but the thought
of it is also frozen. Will the balmy days to come
cause the Field-Day to spring up and bear fruit?
We hope so. Is the Board of Agriculture bill
frozen in the Legislature? If so, turn on some
legislative sun and let it thaw out.

But we weary enumerating the things about
Delaware College that seem to be frozen up. It
may be that we do injustice to the weather by at-
tributing all these evils to it, but this seems the
most reasonable explanation. If we are wrong,
perhaps some one of the scientists on the Faculty
will give us some other theory by which to explain
the phenomena. We "pause for a reply."

P. S. Sometime after the above was written,
the temperature moderated, and some of the
frozen subjects thawed out, as we expected they
would do. One of them is the Y. M. C. A.,
which revived on the 19th inst., through the ef-
forts of Messrs. Polk, '86, and DuHamel, '86,
who were assisted by Messrs. Morrison, '88, and
Eckel, '86. A large and interesting prayer-
meeting was conducted, and regular Thursday
night meetings will hereafter be held at 6.30
o'clock, to which all students are earnestly and
cordially invited.

Another matter brought out by the thaw since
our editorial was written, is the extension of the
College buildings, as will appear from the report
in another column of the meeting of the Board
of Trustees at Dover recently.

OUR *De Alumnis* editor finds considerable
difficulty in making up his column of per-
sonals. It is a difficult matter to keep the run
of our Alumni, and to find when they change
their abode or occupation. But we are all inter-
ested in this news, and we desire the REVIEW to
furnish its readers with it. We therefore request
the Alumni to remember their Alma Mater and
substitute active interest for indifference and neg-
ligence. We desire every change in the lives of
our Alumni to be noted, and will have them
noted, if those who are most interested will let
us hear from them occasionally.

ALUMNI and old friends of Delaware College
will regret hearing of the serious illness of
Dr. Mackey, Professor of Ancient Languages, but
not more than we regret chronicling the news.
The Professor has been obliged to relinquish his
Chair temporarily, an arrangement which we
hope may speedily be brought to an end by his
return to College.

Literary.

CYCLING.

The bicycle has been in existence for about ten or twelve years. The tricycle in its present form is an invention of more modern date, and has been before the public only four years. In this short time these machines have attracted numerous and enthusiastic votaries, and have given rise to an entirely new feature in the sporting world that bids fair to be, if it is not already, the most interesting and exciting of sports. Not only are these machines an invaluable addition to sports, but they have gained a high reputation for their usefulness. Men of all professions, business pursuits, trades and employments have recognized the advantages they possess, and have devoted them to their use. It is natural that a machine should acquire popularity that will enable a man, not otherwise assisted than by his own strength, to run a mile in two minutes and thirty-nine seconds, to travel twenty miles an hour, and two hundred and sixty-six miles a day. But not alone to speed do cycles owe their reputation, but more to the new and enjoyable form of recreation to which they have given birth. That class of the community that are unable to sustain the expense of horses and carriages, and whose pleasures are greatly limited in comparison with their wealthier neighbors, is thus enabled to participate in a pleasure that is pronounced by some to be unsurpassed.

It is our purpose to give in this article a short history of the bicycle and tricycle, their uses (and abuses,) the new interests to which they have given rise, and the advantages derived from them by the public. We are indebted for most of our data to an article on Cycling that appeared in a recent number of *The Nineteenth Century*.

The word "cycling" in England is the word applied to the use of the bicycle or tricycle; while "wheeling" is the term adopted by the Americans. England may be considered the home of cycling, as in that country the largest manufactories and largest Unions and Leagues exist.

The first machine that holds any claim to be the primitive bicycle was invented in France. A strange machine, consisting of a seat placed centrally upon a bar of wood and supported by wheels at either end, made its appearance in the gardens of Luxembourg, in Paris, about the year 1808. It was propelled by a rider sitting on a seat and striking the ground out backwards after the manner of an awkward boy skating fast. This machine was called the "hobby-horse," and was soon laughed out of existence. Various other machines of similar character were invented, such as the "dandy-horse," "Daiseme," &c., but these shared the fate of the hobby-horse. It was not till 1860, when some unknown genius conceived the idea of putting cranks and pedals on

the front wheels of the dandy-horse, and then began the construction of the modern bicycle. This machine made in 1860 was appropriately called the "bone-shaker," as it was heavy, clumsy, and perfectly awful in its vibrations. But since the invention of the suspension wheel and the introduction of hollow steel felloes, wire spokes, and rubber tyre, a machine can be built weighing but 27 lbs, to carry a man of 155 lbs.

As to the manufacture of these machines, it is stated that at Coventry, Eng., the home of the cycling industry, over 3,000 hands are employed. There are 145 manufactories of these machines. Although simple enough to look at, the construction of the bicycle and tricycle is very complex and difficult, there being between 300 and 400 different pieces in each machine. The labor that they require is the cause of their high price. Prices vary from fifty to two hundred and seventy-five dollars. As to the number in existence, "it may be taken as a fair approximation," says Viscount Bury, "that between 300,000 and 400,000 persons are to be found in the ranks of the habitual bicyclist." This number does not include the thousands of tricycles in use.

The bicycle, though light, swift, and graceful, cannot be said to be an elderly gentleman's mount, as it is difficult to ascend to the saddle and rather shakey to remain there, and so the tricycle was invented on principles as to propelling similar to those of the bicycle, but on much firmer foundations. The latter machine is growing in popularity, especially among elderly, reserved men. Nor is its use confined alone to the male sex. Women can be seen flying through the public squares and thoroughfares of our National Capital with ease and rapidity.

The amount of inventive genius put upon cycles in the past twelve years is wonderful. There are no less than three hundred and twenty-four different kinds of tricycles, each possessing some special merit, and there are twice that number of different kinds of bicycles.

Tricycles are now used for the distribution of newspapers in Paris, and the distribution of both mails and newspapers in London.

Unions and Leagues are formed in every country for the purpose of ensuring a fair and equitable administration of justice as regards the rights of cyclists on the public roads; to watch the course of legislative proposals as affecting the interests of the cycling public; to secure the conveyance of machines by railways; to examine the question of bicycle and tricycle racing in general; to form laws by which amateur bicyclists are governed; to arrange for racing, meetings, parades, &c. These leagues are powerful in influence and in numbers. The Cycling Touring Club is composed of 16,625 members.

Aside from its utility, the speed which can be

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red on a bicycle is the most interesting feat of cycling. As regards speed for a mile or here can be no comparison between the of a horse and that of a bicycle. The is far the speedier. But after twenty or y-five miles, the horse comes back to the 'Maud S.' trotted one mile in 2.9½; the pion time for a bicycle for that distance is 'Lady Mack' trotted 5 miles in 13 minutes; Hiller has done it in 14.8 minutes. 'Conr' did 10 miles in 27.23¼; Mr. English nplished that distance in 29.19 3-5. Twen- les was done by the horse 'Capt. Gowan' 8.25; Mr. English accomplished it in 3-5. But after twenty miles the man rapidly to the front. The best 50 miles on record one by 'Ariel' in 3 hr., 55 min., 40½ sec., ne Hon. Ion Keith-Falconer rode that dis- on a bicycle in 2 hr., 43 min., 58 3-5 sec. queror' traveled 100 miles in 8 hr., 35 min., e.; F. R. Fry on a bicycle did it in 5 hr., in., 5 2-5 sec. No trial of a horse above niles is on record; a few weeks ago a per- er on a new style bicycle called the "Kan- " rode 266 miles in 24 hours. e cycles can justly be said to rank among ost wonderful inventions of the nineteenth ry.

PRIMUS.

THE STATE LIKELY TO AID ITS OWN COLLEGE.

meeting of the Board of Trustees held at r, on the 10th of February, 1885, was a very onious one and will probably result in good e College. At the suggestion of Dr. Hugh artin, a member of the Board and one of enators from Sussex, a resolution was adopted e appointment of a committee to report a of relief to be considered at an adjourned ng of the Board on the 24th inst. It is un- ood that a memorial will be presented to the ature asking for an appropriation in some to repair, improve and enlarge the college ng.

opinion was unanimous that the State in ting the grant of \$83,000 from the General nment to establish a college had contracted ovide and keep in repair the necessary build- apparatus and appliances. The simple read- f the Act of Congress of 1862 making the and of the act of the Delaware Legislature d in 1867 accepting the terms of the grant such a conclusion unmistakable. Several ers of the Legislature whose attention was to this legislation for the first time during meeting expressed their surprise and declared he State must keep her agreement with the al Government. The only question being the extent of the repairs and the enlarge- requisite to comply with the act of Congress.

The present building, which was erected in 1832, has been standing for 18 years without any repairs except that of a new roof put on nine years ago and paid for out of the proceeds of a legacy received under the will of a lady who lived in Philadelphia.

The entire building has been used by the State for her college during the past fourteen years without any expense to her whatever, and she absolutely owns a moiety of the building, grounds, apparatus, libraries, and other appliances without ever having paid a cent for them. And as the State in fact owns and controls this property, Mr. John A. Reynolds, one of the members of the Board, very sensibly suggests that the other moiety of this property shall be delivered over to the State so that she shall be in name as well as in reality the owner of the entirety. We are informed that this suggestion meets the approval of every one of the Trustees, hence it will no doubt be consummated. We understand there are two plans mooted for the application of the relief sought after. The first is to ask the Legislature to issue a certificate of indebtedness in the sum of \$50,000 to remain in the treasury of the State as the present certificate of \$83,000 does, and to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, thus yielding \$3,000 yearly, which is to be devoted exclusively to the repairing, improving and enlarging of the buildings, apparatus and appliances.

The other proposition is to appropriate \$5,000 a year for two years, and then the further sum of \$5,000 conditioned upon the raising of the same amount by the individual friends of the college.

Either of these plans would answer the purpose, but the first, it seems to us would be preferable because it would be permanent and would put the welfare of the college beyond peradventure. One thing is certain, something should be done and that right speedily. The laboratory with its fumes ought to be put off to itself. The Oratory ought to be enlarged and a gymnasium and drill-room provided on the ground floor. A proper room should be fitted up for the nice cabinet of minerals owned by the college. Then an observatory might be erected on the new portion of the Oratory building. Better halls should be furnished for the literary societies, and good commodious rooms provided in which "the related branches of agriculture and the mechanical arts" can be properly taught. The whole building should of course be thoroughly repaired and painted so that Delaware College shall be a credit to the little Diamond State.

AMICUS.

Cunning leads to knavery; it is but a step from one to the other, and that very slippery; Lying only makes the difference; add that to cunning and it is knavery.—*La Breyre.*

Locals.

Puns.

Skating-rink.

Mustaches (?)

Washington's birthday!!!

Dances are things of the past.

A Whist club is to be organized.

By gad! Genemen! can't help it.

The Juniors have about finished *Oedipus Tyrannus*.

"Gentlemen, the world is getting wiser and worsen."

Knock at door. Within: "Who's there?"
Prof. "Me,—I—I!"

The prospect of a Field Day this year is decidedly slim, to say the least.

Prof. in Study of Words: "What is the subject of to-day's lesson?" Fair student: "The *immortality* of words, isn't it?"

The Rev. A. A. Benton of the Faculty has declined an invitation to the Rectorship of St. Thomas's P. E. Church in this town.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
I love a Mother Hubbard?

On Jan. 17th the night express, on the "P. & W. R. R.," had a smash-up. The conductor was out all night and looked badly bunged up when he put in an appearance next morning.

The Senior Class completed International Law on Feb. 2nd, and began the Science of Law, (Sheldon Amos), in its stead. Metaphysics was completed by that class on Feb. 11th and Bacon's *Aesthetics* begun.

Daniel Pennewell, catcher on the Wilmington Conference Academy nine, in the Delaware—W. C. A. game of last Spring, was drowned on Jan. 23rd, while skating. Pennewell was an excellent fellow and universally admired by all who knew him.

Our Prof. of Analytics asked a few days since: student a question that he had been asked a year or two ago, but the student had unfortunately forgotten the answer, and so said to the Prof. with much feeling: "Professor, let by-gones be by-gones." But he didn't.

Prof. Ford, the elocutionist of Wilmington gave an entertainment in the Oratory on Monday evening, February 1st to a discouragingly small but quite appreciative audience, notwithstanding the antiquity of some of his selections. The en-

agement was for the benefit of the Adelpic Literary Society of Newark Academy.

A Prof. in the course of a few remarks upon beginning a new study in a certain class said: "A man, while he should have a broad, general knowledge, should always have a specialty, or in other words, be '*homo unius libri*,' i. e. a man of one book." Student in an undertone: "I am of that genus, professor, but it's a blank book."

A Professor in speaking to a class concerning the number of recitations they had, made the remark that the Junior class was "pressed more in the former part of the week than in the latter." Several of the co-eds began to twist in their seats and the situation became serious when an unsophisticated youth inquired: "Professor, does that apply to the young ladies?"

NO. 1.

REVIEW LECTURE COURSE.

MISS HELEN FOTTER.

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 2ND, 1885.

GENERAL ADMISSION, 50 cents.

No extra charge for reserved seats.

It is not necessary for us to enumerate the merits of the above lady, as her reputation is world wide. She is the most attractive and talented lady in the Lyceum field. The REVIEW has taken considerable risk upon itself in engaging her, and it is to be hoped that this first effort will meet with the generous approval of the people of Newark and the surrounding country.

Old students of the college, who used to look out their back windows and have an unobstructed view of the green hills and flowing meadows along the creek road, would be quite surprised to see the change that has taken place in the sporting grounds and surroundings, which are now occupied by houses and factories and traversed by railroad tracks. Newark is not what it used to be.

Class of '87 held a class election on Feb. 10th. Robert E. DeMaranville was elected President; M. N. Cunningham, Vice President; L. Evans, secretary; and H. S. Johnson, Treasurer. Robins, Collins, Johnson, Gray and Smith, who er-

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year in irregular courses, and whose
e considered by the class to be equiva-
regular Sophomore class, were initiat-

Sulphate: "Say Cheese-it, your friend
ill be on the creek to-night." Cheese-
ad, Genemen! dat so?" F. S.: "Yes,
t." Cheese-it: "By gad, Genemen!
hand." Cheese-it borrows skates and
n, but

When he got there,
The creek was bare,
And therein lies the fun.

stitution has been started in town in
of a roller-skating rink in Exchange
has attracted crowds nightly to watch.
ipate in the rapid gyrations and evolu-
liar to the sport. Many of the students
ady become quite fascinated with the
t and we may yet turn out some experts
nt the College. The young ladies like
d frequently have to be supported, but
' grin and bear it."

hletic Association held a meeting on
This being election day, R. T. Pilling,
lected President; T. B. Miller, '88,
ident; J. K. Frame, '86, the incumbent
was re-elected to that position, and W.
Benton, '87, was elected Secretary. R.
g, '85, Robert De Maranville, '87, T. B.
'88, were elected to compose the Base Ball
ee, which committee has the entire con-
management of the nine. No other
of importance was transacted.

eleven members of the class of '84,
eaching school; two are studying theol-
attending Princeton and the other at
Drew Seminary; one is studying medi-
e edits a newspaper; one is on the coast
(another out West fighting Indians);
retired; another attending the School of
ogy and Conservatory of Music in Boston;
last attending Harvard in preparation to
rchitect, civil engineer, mining engineer,
ctor, lawyer, literary man or preacher.

is a characteristic joke going the rounds
ge journals, which, however inappropriate
epartment, the local editor would like to
it is in effect as follows: President Arthur
ring his son at Princeton was surrounded
wd of students and in the course of his
e to their loud demands for a "speech."
Now gentlemen, I entrust to your care
ndship the dearest thing I have on earth,"
g to his son). Immediately a waggish
in the crowd threw up his hat and shout-
he: cheers for the *Thing*." Young Arthur's
tu name still clings to him.

We feel obliged to give the following as an il-
lustration of the utter disregard of the feelings of
his fellow students, which prompted "Buck" to
inflict such an execrable pun upon them in the
Geometry class. He was sitting behind a post
and out of reach of the all-penetrating eye of the
professor, who fearing an occasional peep in the
book on "Buck's" part requested him to change
his seat that he might have his eye on him (quite
an insinuation by the way). The suggestion evi-
dently did not meet with "Buck's" approval, for
he reluctantly changed his seat with the signifi-
cant remark that he "came in the recitation to Le
postea." The class was dismissed.

When a student is mashed upon a fair damsel,
he calls her—his bird, and she is termed so-and-
so's bird. Now there is a certain student (whose
name when spelled backwards is Nivin) who has
found a bird indeed. This "bird" bears the
name of that class of birds, which pick nearly all
of the farmer's corn out of his fields in the Spring.
In a dreamy way of a moon-light night Jack was
heard to get off the following:

By jing!
She's the first bird of the Spring,
And a prettier one
Has never come
To my sad heart to sing.
The youth survives.

The following is a verbatim report of a dialogue
that recently took place between a certain mem-
ber of the Class of '86 and a relative Junior:
"Say, Aunt A., did you ever hear Pat sing?"
Aunt A.: "Who?" Junior: "Why Pat, the
celebrated singer." Aunt A.: "Goodness gra-
cious, Joe, you mean Patti!" Junior: "No, her
name is Pat. Pattie is what they sometimes call
her. They just put the 'tie' on as a kind of pet
name, you know." This youth holds himself as
an authority on theatricals. This same student
was lately asked how he spent a certain evening
in Philadelphia and replied that he "went to the
opera and saw Shakespeare played." "What,"
exclaimed his interlocutor, "went to the *opera*
and saw a play of Shakespeare? Well what
play did you see?" "Shakespeare," was the
laconic reply. "But which of his plays did you
see?" "Oh, dog it I tell you I saw Shakespeare
played; what more do you want to know?" We
add for the information of anxious friends that
Joe is still in existence "and there isn't a law to
prevent it." P. S. We beg the pardon of the
ardent admirer of John M. Clayton for inserting
this confidential conversation in these columns
but it is too good a joke to pass in silence.

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Deference is the most complete, most indirect,
and the most elegant of all compliments.—*Shen-
stone*.

College Notes.

The campus at Cornell is to be lighted by electric light.

An American College is about to be established at Shanghai, China.

Wesleyan, Middletown, Connecticut has received a bequest of \$40,000.

A poem of 100 lines is required of each Senior before graduating at Trinity.

The University of Pennsylvania has organized a school of Biology, the first in America.

Prof. Agassiz's gift to Harvard during the last thirteen years amount to more than \$500,000.

The average age at which students enter American colleges is seventeen; a century ago it was fourteen.

Amherst is considering the advisability of making but one course in the college, viz. the Classical course.

At Yale there are over 700 live frogs in the basement of Peabody awaiting the tortures of the Junior biologists.

The students of Thiel College have recently purchased uniforms. The novelty will soon wear off. "We've been thar."

Three thousand dollars have been given to the Princeton Seminary for the support of students preparing for the missionary field.

Amherst will soon have the honor of possessing the finest gymnasium in the world. It costs with all its equipments the modest little sum of \$88,000.

The Freshmen of Cornell have published resolutions condemning cane-rushes and pledging themselves to do all they can to abolish them. They have the support of the Juniors in their action.

At Lafayette the students are required to attend three services on Sunday and prepare a biblical recitation for the next morning.—*Ex.* Notwithstanding these requisitions, we would judge from their Sunday cane-rushes, that they were not little angels.

Russia is said to be the only civilized nation, whose laws exclude women from a college course, i. e. they are not only opposed to co-education, (for which they deserve commendation,) but are opposed to the higher education of women (for which they deserve condemnation.)

Dean Burgon says, "God has forsaken Oxford University since women have been admitted to its examinations." The same might be said of Delaware College. When we know that but 400 Freshmen entered Oxford this year to 900 at Cambridge, we are inclined to believe the Dean's statement.

Sporting Notes.

Last Fall Yale had over 100 tennis courts on its campus.

A. J. Wilson, noted as an English bicyclist, has ridden 6,344 miles in 291 days.

Polo will in all probability come into popularity at Harvard during the coming season.

In the English universities four-fifths of the students enter earnestly into athletic sports.

Leap-frog is becoming popular among the young ladies at Conference Academy, Dover, Del. Humph!

At a mass meeting of Princeton graduates, an advisory committee of graduates for the various sports was appointed.

The 'Varsity crew of Yale has begun rowing now that the foot-ball season is over. It will train until the June races.

The Yale nine is considerably crippled owing to the loss of six of its best players, and but three of last year's team are at college.

Trinity had a lively cane-rush lately in which the Freshmen were victorious, consequently they now carry canes without molestation.

The great annual race on the Thames, England, between the eights of Oxford and Cambridge will take place this season on March 28th.

A large mirror is suspended in the room of the Harvard crew. Each oarsman is thereby enabled to see for himself the faults pointed out by the coach.

The Massachusetts Bicycle Club of Boston boasts 170 members. The club's riding record for 1884 is 104,451 miles, against 62,600 miles for the previous season.

The growth of education and the money paid for it in this country are marvelous. Tutors at Harvard get from \$300 to \$1,200 and the trainer in Athletics gets \$2,000.

Athletes, professional trainers, hunters, mountaineers, all physically strong and perfect men habitually breathe through the nostrils. This is claimed to be the cause of their freedom from colds.

The new track of the University of Pennsylvania with all the necessary buildings, etc., is completed. It is an oval quarter mile cinder path, eighteen feet wide on the straight and fifteen on the remainder.

During the past foot-ball season Harvard won seven out of eleven games, and scored 278 points to their opponents, 115. This is the last record Harvard will make at foot-ball. At Harvard, foot-ball is "woodbined."

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Exchanges.

careless of censure, not too fond of fame ;
will 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.*

Louis is a lively town of nearly 500,000
ants, on the west bank of the Mississippi
more than 4,000 miles in length.—*Wake
Student.*

Rugby Monthly has changed. Changed
better, by an hundred fold. In its present
to use its own words, "it treats of Litera-
cience, History and Cycling." It is a well
up paper. The articles contained within
are readable. We welcome it to our
m.

Philosophian Review in speaking of the *Lit-
Gem*, says: "It contains several articles
would do very well if it was not for that
ord, 'Gem.'" We would request the *Re-
o* explain to us how the word "Gem" af-
he articles contained therein. We agree
he *Review* in regard to misnomer, but we
tly suggest to the *Philosophian Review* for
can its contents, then its name, then ponder.

have noticed that some of our exchanges
t see the value of editing an exchange col-
Is there any value in an exchange col-

Of course there is. No college paper is
rfect that it has no faults. Not one has
n itself to be all that is desired in a paper.
being the case, is there not room for im-
ment? We can not always see our faults
ers see them; man is not so constituted;
being pointed out by others, we are able to
et them. There is a spirit among some of
xchange editors for petty warfare, a warfare
s kept up for spite. This is not only vulgar
ut injurious to a paper. If the editor can-
dit his column without indulging in spite he
better retire. It is the same in journalism
it is in society,—i. e. no true gentleman will
ge in sarcasm at the expense of his neighbor.
or us, we think the ex-column is a benefit to
aper. Furthermore we would like to see
of the arguments that those few papers,
ex-column ones, have for thinking as they do.
ould be an exceeding pleasure to us, indeed,
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Society Notes.

Special meetings are now a rarity.

Frank Collins, '88, has joined the Delta Phi.

Pestalozzi Hall has been handsomely papered.

Joint-debates are unknown at Delaware College.

The Pestalozzi realized considerable from the
Lockwood lecture.

The Athenæan has lately added a new set of
Dickens' Works to its library.

No mixed Societies in this co-educational in-
stitution. This is a flaw in the system.

Very little rivalry exists between the Delta Phi
and the Athenæan during this term of the year.

Delta Phi's membership is about the same as it
has been for the last four years. Its roll numbers
twenty-six.

Upon the opening of college this year, the
Athenæan Hall had been handsomely repapered
and repaired generally.

The Athenæans will lose one, the Delta Phi
four, the Pestalozzi four members by the gradua-
tion of the class of '85.

The Delta Phi and Athenæan hold their regular
meetings on Saturday mornings, and the Pesta-
lozzi on Friday afternoons.

All Societies in college are secret. The myth-
ical goat and greasy pole are feared by all new
comers, the co-eds not excepted.

The Pestalozzi (young ladies' society) has at
present the largest membership since its organiza-
tion in '77. Its roll numbers nineteen.

The Delta Phi has been making valuable addi-
tions to its library. Among other works, a new
set of Dickens' Works and the entire edition of
the Standard Library, have been added. At Dela-
ware College, Dickens seems to be the favorite of
novelists.

The Delta Phi, at the beginning of next term,
will present to the public a play entitled: "Com-
rade," together with a farce entitled "Class Day,"
scene laid at Harvard. The cast as regards the
actors embraces some of the ablest dramatic talent
in college, and as regards the actresses, is unsur-
passed either in college or the town. The rendi-
tion of the play will in all probability accord with
the high reputation the Delta Phi's have acquired
for themselves, in presenting plays.

Book Reviews.

1. COLLOQUIAL EXERCISES, and select German Reader for Schools and Colleges, by WM. DEUTSCH: and

2. PREPARATORY BOOK of German Prose by HERMANN B. BOISEN. Ginn, Heath & Company, Boston.

These two books are a real addition to the helps we have for studying German, and the first can readily be used as the introduction to the second. The plan of Mr. Deutsch's little book is the most sensible of all those proposed by which to teach German colloquially. It throws some work upon the pupil also; and it is flexible enough to admit of a large variety in the hands of the instructor. But Professor Boisen's work is preferable whenever the purpose is, not to study German for mere colloquial, but for literary purposes, and to gain a wider vocabulary. The ready command over six or eight hundred words and the ability to frame simple and idiomatic sentences by which the speaker can convey ordinary daily thoughts and can express his needs, is not in any real sense a knowledge of the German language. It would poorly equip him to read and enjoy the works of the great writers in it. There is much more needed. The Grammar must be mastered; but meanwhile a stock of words must be gained also. This PREPARATORY BOOK is one of the best helps for this, in the earlier stages of the study of German. There is less wasted work, and less of friction, in using this than in using any other which we have hitherto met, and we have examined not a few.

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The work is highly commendable and does no little credit to our Professor of Agriculture.

LATINE is ever one of the most welcome of our exchanges. Always full of interesting matter to

the student of Latin, it furnishes many hints and suggestions not readily obtainable otherwise, and gives much collateral information about authorities which should be consulted.

We have noted in earlier numbers several translations of modern poems into Latin. Prof. Gasson's version, in Horatian measure, of Milton's grand Hymn upon the Nativity is not as smooth as it is accurate. It could be wished that he had chosen some one of the measures Prudentius had used for his Christian Hymns, which could bear the mighty thoughts of the English poet far better than the Alcaics. They have not the needed dignity of rhythm for so stately and divine a subject.

But the stiffness, the halting, forced rhythm of the translation of the delicate ballad of The King of Thule from Faust, is unbearable. Elisions should be sparingly used, if indeed admitted at all, in modern Leonine verse. It is no easy thing to write smooth Latin rhymes, but it can be done. To pass over the Hymns of Adam of St. Victor as too high and noble to be quoted here, and to adduce secular instances, who does not recall Walter Mapes' famous lines?—

Mihi est propositum in talis erma mori, etc.

To come down to our own times, Dr. Maginn, and later imitators, showed how readily it could be done. How admirably the accent and the easy flow expressed in—

Si Horatio Flacco, de hilari Baccho
Mos carmina esset cantare,
Si Massica vina vocaret divina
Falernaque sciret potare.

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Professor: “If you attempt to squeeze any
solid body it will resist pressure.” Class smiles
and recites examples of exception which prove
the rule.

Prof. in Systematic Theology: “Where is the
lesson to-day, gentlemen?” Student: “It begins
at good angels and goes to the devil.”

When the Seniors get worsted in debates with
Freshmen, they console themselves with the
thought that while the Freshmen are now ‘fresh’
their minds will act quickly, but when they have
studied the “thusibility of the thingness of the
that,” their minds will act with a more dignified
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And low and then takes a beer.”—*Record.*

AT TORONTO.

“Where, O where is my boy to-night?”
Whispers a mother dear.
“He’s been run in for saving cops,
And trying to raise a cheer.”—*Erie.*

AT CHAMPAIGN.

“Where, O where is my boy to-night?”
Whispers a mother dear.
“He’s been locked up for wearing a mask,
And resisting an officer.”—*Illi.*

AT ANNAPOLIS.

“Where, O where is my boy to-night?”
Whispers a mother dear.
“He’s playing poker in the college halls,
And wishing he had a pair.”—*St. John’s Col-
legian.*

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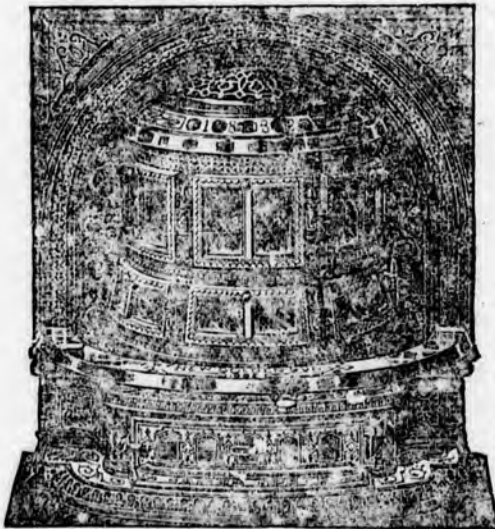
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