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L I T E R A R Y .

THE SWAN.

All in a soft and silent dream,
A bright bird on a dimpling stream,
 Floated through sheen and shade:
The blue wave from her snowy breast
Fell softly though with wings at rest,
 She scarce an effort made.

To me she seemed to glide along
As easily as childhood's song,
 When summer skies are fair.
For who could see the busy feet
That 'neath the flowing waters beat
 With endless toil and care.

Somewhat I mused on lofty life
That showed no trace of storm or strife,
 But swept serenely on,
Harmonious as the laws that guide
The throbbing star, the swelling tide
 While sunlight round it shone.

But none can tell the anxious thought
By which that stately course was wrought
 Between its banks of flowers ;
The sleepless watch, the secret pain,
That almost left the spirit slain,
 The weary working hours.

—From the Japanese.

COLLEGE JOURNALISM.

We have often noticed with interest, at the commencement of a summer's shower, the course of the gathered rain-drops as they flow down the street beside the sidewalk; a few drops at first, as they raise the dry dust and carry before them the light straws and feathers, then barred by a greater obstacle of sticks, till strengthened by increased force

they break through and flow free, then run into and fill up the little depressions, like lake-beds, at their side, and so stretching out into a broad stream. We have thought as we looked upon this little common scene that it somehow portrayed the course of journalism. Starting as a strange wonder, with small beginnings, it soon met obstacles and overcame them, and flowing on has poured its waters into every basin whither it could find a passage, into general intelligence, religion, science, the arts, and we find that it has not passed by that way-side basin whose outlets are into all the others, but the stream has risen high enough to flow into colleges. And so, to every college of any pretensions throughout the land, a paper seems almost a necessity.

After reviewing the work of a college paper, weighing its pro's and con's, we are led to express our judgment that it is good. No other means can be devised that will so effectively bring the numerous colleges of our land into intimate acquaintance with each other—a consummation so generally desirable—as the exchange of papers. A monthly visitor to New York from the golden sands of California, from Virginia, and from the many intermediate States, tells, as we could not otherwise learn it, of the prosperity and progress of science and literature in the many-membered sisterhood of educational institutions.

And this fact is the more apparent when we consider that the college journal mirrors the college. We cannot scan the columns and exclaim, with fairness, There is the high-

est ability of the college, for the obvious reason that the "chromos" cannot be expected to do all the writing; but we should view them as an expression of the medium talent and so the more truly a mirror of the whole. These mirrors reflect some features of a classic mould, others of a philosophic or of a practical cutting. Some show the calmness of peace and happiness within, others are distorted by discontent and discord.

The college press is a supplement to the rhetorical exercises required by the curriculum, and is a step in advance. When an essay is to be read and criticised by several hundred, one can feel more interest in its production, it puts life into his pen, and the work seems more real and satisfactory, than when only a professor's eye peruses his lines, and that as a mere act of routine duty. The difference is the same that a man feels between rehearsing to empty benches before an instructor, and having a free swing on a commencement stage with the eyes of a crowded audience inspiring him.

The paper, too, furnishes a twig on which aspiring genius may hop and shake its feathers and see how it looks. And though it may not soar in thought and expression as gracefully and as freely as the old birds, we are to remember that it is but a fledgling, and give it time accordingly.

We have had the thought presented to us in a great many ways that a college is a city by itself, with its mayor, common council, aristocracy, founded on merit, and its common people; and there are items of news interesting to the whole community. How shall they find them out? A college without a paper is a thousand years behind the times—an antiquity in this age of progress. It resembles those old villages where news was scattered by word of mouth, and where hearsay reports were the conflicting authority. We might add that a paper creates and sustains an interest in our Alma Mater, as the personal column reminds us of the success of

those who have gone forth from her doors to apply the training received under her careful supervision, and who have spread throughout the length and breadth of our land with hearts still warm with filial affection. H.

WORDS.

Words, what are they? what their influence? We are sometimes told they are but articulate sounds, simple, meaningless sounds. Then what importance attaches itself to them, what influence do they exert? Custom has, indeed, worked wonders. Words are miracles. Their working power depends upon the office which they hold. That office—and no greater was ever created—is to represent and convey to the minds and thoughts of others those ideas which are swaying our own minds and which, however important and useful they may be, without a medium for their transmission, would forever lie, like a giant bound, powerless.

Each word has its own specific signification and its own relative position and use; and, when correctly and fittingly employed, produces grand results. Why did Alexander with his thirty-five thousand men put to flight the six hundred thousand of Darius? His soldiers were well chosen and disciplined; those of Darius were an unorganized rabble.

The difference between an orator and a common demagogue is that the one uses proper and pointed words with precision, and striking a blow at every utterance, produces an effect upon his hearer that is not easily destroyed; while the latter with a superabundance of words used without regard to their fitness, produces, it may be, some temporary effect which, like the snow of spring, soon passes away.

What effect the words of a friend sometimes have upon us. How their kind words warm our hearts, and send a thrill of pleasure through our whole soul. And sometimes our minds are in a condition similar to that

of the deep snows upon the lofty Alps, where, we are told, travellers are obliged to speak in whispers for fear that a loud word may bring down the destructive avalanche upon them; so it is sometimes that when friend to friend utters a harsh, unkind word it may sever a tie supposed to be strong and infrangible. How much of this world's intercourse is carried on by words. They are the cause of our numerous schools and colleges, and men are accounted great or small according as they are able to command the prompt and willing service of these servants of mankind. They wait upon the lawyer as he pleads his case; they accompany the clergyman to his pulpit, and at his bidding go forth to his auditors freighted with divine truth; the business man makes use of their aid in his transactions and trade, and to the author and poet they are the sole means of support and aggrandisement.

Again, words are the connecting links, the bonds of union between all ages of the world. The student of the nineteenth century, feeding his mind upon the words of philosophers, poets and historians, becomes as familiar with the heroes and events of all past time as though they belonged to the last decade and his own eyes had beheld them. And well has James Howell thus summed up the office of words:—

“Words are the soul's ambassadors, which go
Abroad upon her missions to and fro;
They are the sole expounders of the mind,
And correspondence keep twixt all mankind.”

POLITENESS.

Politeness is a quality that should be cultivated by every one who wishes and hopes to be successful in life, and in order to carry this out he must practice the maxims, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” and “Do unto others as you would have others do to you.” As a book often attracts a purchaser by its exquisite and costly binding, so the pleasing

manner of a person invites closer acquaintance. An awkward, ungainly fellow will often lose much before his qualities are known.

Politeness has been termed by some a trifle, but it is by no means a trifle in the success of a man if well backed by good common sense. Words and actions moulded in obedience to the principles of politeness are far more effective than those expressed in a gruff, boorish manner.

An orator will often fascinate and captivate an audience by his tasteful and ornamental style of speaking, rather than by what he really says. In order to gain this quality it is necessary to overcome all bashfulness, and at the same time to guard against what is termed *brass*.

True politeness is not something superficial that can be put on and taken off at pleasure, but it must be ingrafted in the very nature, and tended with the greatest care in order that it may bear fruit. ***

SOUND ADVICE.

Though it is a hard and cruel thing to say, I would urge you to beware of taking pleasant fellows for your friends. Choose a good, disagreeable friend, if you are wise—a surly, steady, economical, rigid fellow. All jolly fellows, all delights of billiard rooms, all fellows who sing a capital song, and the like, are sure to be poor. They will borrow your money, and their very generosity and goodness of disposition will prevent them from having the means of paying you back. They lend their money to some other jolly fellow. They accommodate each other by putting their names to the back of jolly bills. Their tradesmen are on the lookout for them. It is hard times with a gentleman when he has to walk round a street for fear of meeting a creditor there, and for a man of courage when he can't look a tailor straight in the face.—*Thackeray*.

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EDITORIAL.

OUR SENIORS.

THE present graduating class has experienced many changes during its college course. Of the sixty who entered their ranks during the first term Freshman but eighteen remain. These few who have thus braved the trials and struggles of four years will readily recall the class as it then appeared, when its numbers were undiminished, its spirits unabated, and its ardor high with the hope of conquering the yet untried difficul-

ties of college life. It is with something very like sadness that we bring to mind that merry throng meeting in those happy Freshman days of frolic and fun. And when we glance at the list of those who are gone and think of the many changes in the class, we are almost tempted to exclaim, "Let us be transported back to the old days and be Freshman boys once more." Such dreams, however, are vain. Already the duties of a sterner, practical life are calling us to take up our separate burdens and take our stand as men among men. And thus we are called upon to deliver our valedictory, to say farewell to college life and college friends. The parting is hard, for our relations with everything here have been in every case friendly and satisfactory. The faculty as a body, whatever they may have thought of our ability in the recitation room, have always borne ample testimony to our gentlemanly conduct and the pleasant nature of our connection with them. With our comrades of other classes the natural rivalry in sports or more serious contests has never degenerated into enmity, but has rather strengthened our cordial and friendly relations. But as our union with each other in the class has been more intimate than any outside connections, so the severance of that union is the saddest of the many partings that must occur. The separation of so intimate a bond as that which for four years has held together the members of '78 is not a light thing, and must mingle a tinge of sorrow with the joy and excitement of graduation. And in bidding farewell to Old Union our kindest thoughts and our pleasantest recollections will cluster about those associations which soon will be all that is left us of the class of 1878.

IN OUR last issue reference was made to the management of THE CONCORDIENSIS during the ensuing year. We are glad to see the promptness with which the classes responded to our call, and are pleased with the

decision which they reached. It has been thought desirable to continue on the staff members of the Senior class in connection with representatives from the Junior and Sophomore classes, thus placing the paper in the hands of three instead of two classes. We are unable to state the action of '81 in their class meeting last Tuesday evening, but feel confident that after the support they have thus far given the enterprise they will seek the best interests of the paper and allow no personal nor class jealousy to influence them to the contrary. At the end of the second term the handling of the paper devolves entirely upon them, together with '80 and perhaps '82.

We commend the energetic action of the newly elected editors in meeting at once, choosing a chief, and assigning the various departments. This will insure the prompt appearance of a September number next fall; and, we hope, of all the succeeding issues as early as the second week of each month. The concerted action of the board during Commencement week in securing subscribers, and during the summer recess in obtaining advertisements will do much to place the paper on a sound financial basis for the coming year.

To the graduating class we tender our thanks for the assistance they have cheerfully accorded us, both in purchasing papers and in furnishing contributions for our columns; and earnestly ask that they do not allow their interest to cease with their college course. We hope to make THE CONCORDIENSIS one of the strongest links to join them to our common mother; and not only do we expect to add each name to our subscription list, but hope that in all matters of interest to the college and alumni they will take pains to inform us.

We are under lasting obligations to our Faculty for the very liberal support they have given the paper. Certainly when the prospect was anything but cheering, the knowl-

edge that they were in sympathy with the enterprise, and were taking such a substantial method of manifesting their interest, did more than anything else to encourage the editors. We appreciate the help they have given us, and promise to make a renewed effort next year to merit the countenance thus far accorded.

In saying good bye to the board of '77-'78, we recall with pleasure our association as editors, and the perfect harmony we have had in all our work. It has been a time pleasant and instructive, and given us a field of labor in which we could give our inclination free play and feel that we were outside the prescribed college course and nearer our labor in after life. Thanking the corps for the honor of the position given us, and wishing the new incumbent all success, as Chief Editor we give the command, "Break ranks, march."

WE WOULD like to offer a few words relative to the management of the Spring Athletics. As our readers are well aware, they amounted to a complete fizzle. Still we understand that a considerable sum of money was in the hands of the instructor of athletics to be given for prizes, and there were plenty of men who would have entered and made the contest interesting. What hindered success? First, we think a decided mistake was made in not fixing definitely the day for the contest early in the season. Men take no stock in uncertainties. The day was not appointed until a very short time before the races were to occur. Another mistake was made in altering the schedule of events originally published in the spring. Men who had trained a month for certain events had a perfect right to compete in those events. Thus were sown the seeds of dissatisfaction. We think the failure could have easily been argued beforehand, and certainly the experiment sustains the conclusion. We suggest that the Athletic Association be reorganized

immediately after vacation, and that the dates and events of the fall and spring contests be determined early in the year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[A reasonable space will be devoted to this department, contributions to which are solicited. The Editors are not responsible for any sentiment herein expressed. All contributions must be accompanied by the name of the author.]

Messrs. Editors of the Concordiensis:

We cannot but regret the existence in college of a malicious spirit evinced by certain persons who seem to be lost to all sense of honor and the dignity of gentlemen. We refer to those who write scurrilous and malignant blackguardisms on the section walls and other places about college. This element made its appearance only a short time since, but at present is active and shameless. Any person who will avail himself of such means to vent his spite against an individual or class with whom he is at enmity, is not only "no gentleman," but a coward. These anonymous scoundrels attack Faculty and students alike, and Faculty and students should unite in trying to rid the college of such a disgrace.

L. J. D.

LOCAL.

COMMENCEMENT FAREWELLS.

Farewell, farewell, the mournful sound,
Now greets us in our daily round;
Commencement week our time employs,
It brings its pleasures and its joys;
But yet it brings its sorrow too,
With those sad words, good bye, adieu!

Farewell, Oh Freshman year, good bye!
The Freshman shouts with joyous cry.
Farewell ye fears, ye sleepless nights,

All Sophomore scares and awful frights,
All hideous dreams of Delta Q;
I'll sell powder and pistol true
To next year's victims of '82.
Farewell base Freshman life, farewell,
Ye glittering Sophomore visions, Hail!

Oh, Sophomore year, a sad farewell!
In mournful tones these words we tell;
Those chapel seats no more we'll grace,
But '81 will take our place.
Rush, hazing, all the black-guard roll,
Farewell! as Juniors we must poll.
Come, '80-boys, clasp hands before
We part as Sophs forevermore
Let's give our fiendish Sophomore yell,
Then Sophomore year farewell, farewell!

Farewell, our Junior year good bye,
The Junior says with weary sigh.
He hard has worked throughout the year,
Now turns with joy to rest so near.
While in the distance crowned with light,
Phi Beta Kap with radiance bright
Excites his hope and tunes his cry,
Good bye, O Junior year, good bye!
We'll shine as Seniors, for brightness divine
Illumines the motto of '79.

Farewell, our college life, farewell!
The Seniors muse in mem'ry's spell.
Before them rise the toil and fun
Of years gone by, and labor done,—
Yet not all done, or scarce begun;
For on the stream of life they're borne,
With college ties asunder torn.
With tearful eye and heavy heart
Each grasps his classmate's hand to part,
As this last day must separate
Old Union's joys from '78.

And thus Commencement comes each year,
New ties to break, new griefs to bear,
But in whatever land we roam
We'll ne'er forget our four-years home,
Nor yet the friendships formed of yore,
Till, met above, we part no more.

Query: What is the natural state?
Call in at B. E. Near's, Union Hall Block,
and examine his stock of Fancy Box Paper.
The Adelphic Society celebrated its 82nd
anniversary on Wednesday evening, June 19.
The speakers were W. E. Johnson, Valedic-
torian, and E. P. White, Respondent.

The Senior invitations are very unique, being after the style of the Japanese.

The Senior Class have been studying Philology under Prof. Alexander this term.

Owing to a lack of entries the Athletic contest was adjourned *sine die*. A screw was loose somewhere.

There will be re-unions of the classes of 1808-18-28-38-48-58-68 at the coming Commencement.

Prof. Foster is suffering from a partial stroke of paralysis. He has lost control of the nerves of the left eye and side of the face.

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Class in Physics. Student—"The electric machine consists of a hollow glass cylinder turned by a Wench." The book says Winch, but then a Wench may have been used as the motive power.

A regatta will take place on the river, Saturday, June 22, between the Mohawk Club of the city and a Union College crew. The race comes off at six o'clock, over a mile and a half course.

A company of Union College Cadets participated in the military parade in this city on Decoration Day. They made a very creditable appearance, excelling the other companies present.

Another has passed from our midst. Nipped in the bud, and never very promising it died so calmly and quietly that nobody seems to have noticed its departure. The name of this creature was Base Ball.

A student who had been struck in the head by a ball was asked the next day as to the welfare of his cranium: "Oh, it's all right," said he. Several persons remark that it is a good thing that he got hit.

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value of a hundred of them to cure. See advertisement.

The best essays from the Senior and Freshmen classes for the term were presented on the Chapel stage by A. B. Morehouse and E. C. Johnson, respectively.

Prof. Lewis Boss, of Dudley Observatory, has been giving a course of eight or ten lectures to the Seniors on Astronomy. The Seniors have taken observations at the Observatory.

The Prize Speaking of the Junior and Sophomore classes comes off on Tuesday evening, June 25, at the First Presbyterian Church. The names of the contestants have already been announced in these columns.

Captain Jack's Garden is in fine condition. If you want to spend a half hour pleasantly go to it. Its shady retreats and rambles, its beautiful bloom and sweet fragrance will help you "to drive dull care away."

The Theological Society held its 62nd anniversary exercises on Tuesday evening, June 18th, with Messrs. H. V. S. Wallace as Valedictorian, and L. W. Beattie as Respondent. Music by College quartette.

A law has been passed by the Faculty to the effect that no Junior can take his seat in the Senior class next year who has any condition whatever. We suggest an extra corner for the *sick* and *infirm*.

We have read with interest an account of the display of Gillott's steel pens at the Paris Exposition. It needs no word of ours to witness to the excellence of these pens. A short trial will convince any writer that it is for his or her interest to use no other.

The anniversary exercises of the Philomathean Society were held on Monday evening June 17th, at 8 o'clock. The speakers of the evening were W. D. Maxon, Valedictorian, and E. L. Hutchinson, Respondent. Music by the Mozart orchestra.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association will be held at the College Chapel on Tuesday morning at 10½ o'clock. A Trus-

tee of the University will be elected at this meeting. It will be followed by the Alumni Banquet, at Memorial Hall, at 1½ P. M.

At meetings of the Junior and Sophomore classes the following gentlemen were elected editors of THE CONCORDIENSIS for the ensuing year: From the Junior class, N. L. Reed, Fred. VanDusen and J. N. Van Patten; from the Sophomore class, F. T. Rogers, J. D. Craig and F. P. S. Crane.

On Sunday evening June 23d will be held services commemorative of the late Prof. Isaac W. Jackson, LL. D., on which occasion the baccalaureate address will be delivered by Dr. Potter, President of Union University.

The Seniors have departed from the usual custom in selecting the church for their class day exercises to be held Tuesday, at 3:30 P. M. The class officers are: A. Duane, President; A. K. Mynderse, Orator; E. Hayward, Poet; C. M. Culver, Prophet; Leonard Paige, Historian; E. P. Lansing, Addresser, and J. J. O'Hara, Marshal.

Prize speaking of the Union Classical Institute takes place on Thursday evening, June 20th, at the First Presbyterian Church. On Friday evening will be held their Commencement exercises, to be followed by an informal reception at the Institute. A reception will be given by the alumni of the Institute on Saturday evening.

A student who had a Sunday School class in one of our city churches got a juvenile member (inclined by nature to the bad) very much interested in a point of the lesson. At the close the pastor asked the school what the people proposed to do after the flood. The little fellow jumped up and yelled: "They built a *dam big tower!*"

The 5th decennial reunion of the class of 1828 will be held at the coming Commencement. There were sixty-nine graduates in the class. Among the distinguished graduates who are living may be mentioned Hon. Ward Hunt, of Utica, Judge of the Supreme

Court of the United States, and the celebrated Major General Robert Toombs, of Georgia.

The Union College Musical Association give their annual concert at Union Hall, Monday evening, June 24. These concerts have been good in the past and we trust they will have a good house. They will be assisted by the Arion Quartette, of Cohoes, Prof. Graves, of Cohoes, Fred. Austin, the well-known cornet soloist, of the 10th Regiment Band of Albany, and Prof. Robinson, formerly of Doring's Band, Albany.

At the trial contest, June 3d, the following gentlemen were selected to deliver orations on the prize stage: From the Junior Class—W. W. Childs, Charleston, S. C.; A. C. Dingman, Minden, N. Y.; G. S. Gregory, Albany; W. B. Roper, Charleston, S. C.; J. N. Van Patten, Schenectady; W. A. Waldron, Cohoes, N. Y. From the Sophomore Class—Joseph D. Craig, Albany; Geo. E. Dixon, Cohoes, N. Y.; Robert C. Alexander, West Charlton, N. Y.; F. P. S. Crane, Middletown, N. Y.

The Art Department under the direction of Prof. C. H. Wells has become quite a distinguished feature in our College course. The course of instruction extends through the Senior year, it being compulsory the first term. Mr. Wells is himself a skillful artist as his fine portraits of some of our Professors fully attest. The practical lessons which he gives in free-hand drawing and sketching cannot fail to be a source of utility and pleasure. Seventy dollars in prizes will be awarded to members of the Senior class at the coming Commencement, a first and second prize for the best productions, and a first and second for the two who have made the most improvement during the year. Quite a number of under classmen have availed themselves of Mr. Wells' instruction this year.

The lecture course of the past term has been unusually instructive and entertaining. To most of these both the Junior and Senior

classes have had access, and many have been open to the general public. Dr. Coppee headed the list with a series of lectures upon "English Literature as a teacher of History." It is hardly necessary to speak of the interest which the Dr. inspires, both in the lecture and class-room. His popularity is well estimated by the large audience of ladies and gentlemen from the city which he drew to each lecture. Pres. Potter delivered the next in the course upon "Choice of Reading." Then the Rev. Mr. Rogers delivered three lectures upon European art; and he was followed by Rev. Mr. Griffith on the subject of Japanese art. These were exceedingly interesting, and gave us much broader views of Japanese skill and culture. His lectures were illustrated by a number of very fine specimens in bronze and lacquer work, painting, drawing, etc. Mr. Wm. A. Potter closed the course with lectures upon Architecture. We have heard but two of these but they were sufficient to convince us that Mr. Potter is a master of the subject.

Prof. Wells has made quite an extensive addition to the collection of portraits in College chapel. Among the fine crayon pictures which he has drawn are those of the late Professors Tayler Lewis and I. W. Jackson; one of Dr. Foster, Dr. Coppee, Dr. Lowell, Professors Whitehorne and Pearson, ex-Presidents Jonathan Edwards and Charles E. Aiken, and others. Among the oil paintings which hang in the chapel are portraits of Francis Wayland, Alonzo Potter, Clarkson N. Potter, ex-President Laurens P. Hickok, the late Prof. Wm. W. Gillespie, Prof. Foster, and Alexander Hamilton. The last is one of the only two portraits that were painted from life. A life size painting of President Nott stands in the Museum of Natural History. Let the good work go on. Nothing more fitting could be done than to group together the portraits of the long list of noble men who have gone from these halls and brought honor to our Alma Mater.

Commencement Day.—The great day of Union College is Wednesday, June 26. The exercises begin at 10 o'clock A. M., and end—nobody knows when. Still, we may congratulate ourselves and the public that only ten orations are to be pronounced, whereas some of our sister colleges have fifteen or twenty. The contestants for the Blatchford prize are A. B. Morehouse, of Schenectady; Seymour Van Santvoord, of Kinderhook; Lauren Vanderveer, of Schenectady; R. G. O'Neale, of Charleston, S. C.; W. D. Maxon, of Schenectady; Fletcher Vosburg, of Albany; John E. Bold, of Charleston, S. C.; W. E. Johnson, of Schenectady. Latin and Greek orations will be delivered by Alexander Duane, of Portland, Me., and A. V. S. Wallace, of Little Britain, N. Y. After these orations the Chancellor's oration will be delivered by the Hon. W. Porcher Miles, of Charleston, S. C. Mr. Miles is a man of note in the South, was formerly Professor in the University of Virginia, and is now, we believe, a prominent lawyer in Charleston. Following this will be the usual exercises in conferring degrees and awarding prizes, and the day will be closed with a grand reception given by President Potter at his residence from 8 to 10 P. M. Then, Good bye.

Two of our staid Juniors visited the Classical Institute not long since, and judging from their report, that must be in all respects a model school. With, no doubt, a superfluous amount of dignity they entered the room of their fair fellow-workers, and were fortunately just in time for the German recitation. They acknowledge that they knew just enough of the language to keep the place, but undoubtedly they can appreciate good English; and from their account that must have been a wonderful recitation. One affirms that line after line of Goethe and Schiller was rendered by the ladies of the class into perfect English verse. We dare not question his word, but might he not be prejudiced? But the order—well, that must be

remarkable. They aver that they never were in an institution in which everything moved in such perfect harmony. It had been slanderously reported that some of the members of the preparatory department of our University did not manifest that docile spirit and prompt obedience to all regulations which they should. It was rumored that they agreed to "make it as interesting as possible" for these same Juniors if they dared to call on the school, and even laid a wager that their courage was insufficient for facing the audience; but if this is true the perfect discipline prevented their receiving any but the most courteous treatment. To be sure, as they were leaving they had a short conversation with a trio of ladies, who had for the burden of their song the expressive word "cheek;" but the dialogue was brief, may be because the principal was at the foot of the stairs and one of the lady teachers at the head. They say the wager was promptly paid, and are firmly resolved to "call again."

EXCHANGES.

—A few lines seem pertinent by the Exchange Editor in valediction as he presents to his patient reader his last animadversions. The duties of an Exchange Editor are peculiar. His criticisms should be just, neither abusive nor palliating. In his efforts to keep within this scope he has a difficult task. Patience and coolness alone will enable him to observe indifference; for in scanning a great number of exchanges and submitting them to the crucible his labors profit him a scanty number of gems in proportion to a huge pile of dross. This is anything but soothing to the student, and unless he has the decalogue hung up before or a refrigerator beside him he is much induced to utter some rather forcible language or allow himself to get in

somewhat of a rage. The Exchange Editor being conscious of his failings admits that he has erred like other "lost sheep," and craves the pardon of those who have fallen his victim, and beseeches of others who may have in their hearts "anathematized" him to forbear their curses and forget his faults. Acknowledging that the position has afforded him much pleasure, he heartily thanks his constituents for imposing so honorable a position upon him. To his successor he wishes happiness, and herewith surrenders all claims and titles, and before the reader he makes his final conge and steps from the scene.

—*The Chronicle* is constantly reminding us of the unstable state of affairs in the official matters of the University of Michigan. Nearly every month we hear of some extravagant change in laws, course or rulings of the faculty. We think a little simmering would be beneficial and thus bring matters to a more popular basis. We copy the latest: "After 1881 the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy are to be replaced by the degrees of Bachelor of Letters and Master of Letters. Instead of the degrees of Civil Engineer and Mining Engineer, as first degrees, the degree of Bachelor of Science is to be given. The degree of Civil Engineer and Mining Engineer to be given as second degrees on conditions to be made known hereafter. If the same degree is given for lines of study essentially different, the diploma will indicate the general course of study completed by the graduate."

—*The Besom* is one of the Western papers which supply the East with Western inspiration. Its columns are well stocked; literary articles well written; exchanges select, and editorials terse; locals savor with wit and new jokes.

—*The Ariel*. We have waited for an opportunity to speak more at length of this paper. The present number affords us this pleasure, it is exceptionally good. The Valedictory—"Foundation Stones"—is perhaps the most

fertile with ideas and is a creditable production. "Codification of International Law" is cleverly written, but we see no very striking conclusions deducible from its inductive reasoning. "Might makes Right," and the "Strong will always Sway," are aphorisms too applicable to the present age to yield to moral statutes. *The Ariel* contains many good and sententious editorials. We will always remember it as one of the few papers whose first volume had a corps of competent and earnest editors.

—We have before us the first copy of the *American Antiquarian*, a quarterly, devoted to early American History, Ethnology, and Archæology, the only publication of the kind in this country. We have been edified by the perusal of many articles, and by closely viewing the illustrations. We heartily commend this publication to every student as we consider it about the only means of getting a truthful insight in pre-historic America without wading through a stack of insipid works. It is published at Ashtabula, Ohio.

—We acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges:—*Advocate*, *Trinity Tablet*, *Vassar Miscellany*, *Vidette*, *Ariel*, *Chronicle*, *Oberlin Review*, *Washington Jeffersonian*, *Amherst Student*, *Student Life*, *Hamilton Literary Monthly*, *Madisonensis*, *Packer Quarterly*, *Lafayette Journal*, *Besom*, *Yale Record*, *Oracle*, *N. Y. World*, *American Antiquarian*.

PERSONALS.

[Alumni and all interested in the interests of "Old Union" are invited and urged to contribute to this department, that it may be one of the most interesting columns of THE CONCORDIENSIS.—ED.]

'17. Close upon the death of Dr. Jno. Nott came the announcement of the death of his brother, Joel Benedict Nott, A. M., at his home in Guilderland. From 1820 to 1831 he

was Lecturer and Prof. of Chemistry in Union College when he resigned. He was a man of considerable ability and held some offices in the State. He was remarkable for his jovial good nature and kindness. He devoted his long life to earnest study, both of theology and science, and only last year delivered a striking lecture on the "First Chapter of Genesis," which attracted so much attention that he was requested to repeat it on different occasions.

'27. Hon. Wm. F. Allen, LL. D., Judge of the Court of Appeals, died unexpectedly at his home in Oswego, June 3d. His was a most distinguished and honorable career. He was born in Windham, Conn., in 1808, and came to this State in his boyhood. Soon after graduating at Union College he began the study of law, since which time his life has been marked by abilities which have reflected credit to his State and Nation. In 1835 he was appointed Master and Examiner in Chancery, and in 1842 he was a Member of Assembly, where he was the acknowledged leader of the House, and was re-elected. At the close of his second term he was appointed, by President Polk, U. S. District Attorney for Northern New York, and in 1846 was elected as Judge of the Supreme Court, which office he held for two terms. Elected Comptroller of the State in 1867, he was re-elected against Horace Greeley. In 1870 he was elected Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals, a position which he held at the time of his death. His life and services were high, honorable, most useful, and without a stain. We can do nothing better than to quote the following words of Chief Justice Church:—
" * * * Such is a skeleton of his public life. How slenderly it exhibits the many years of mental labor, the firm, intelligent, conscientious and courageous administration of public trusts which distinguished him. For a fuller history of them reference must be had to the public annals of the State, to the records of the courts, the reports of their decisions, and to the memories of our judges and lawyers, and of the citizens of the commonwealth. He was truly a man of distinction among his contemporaries; a distinction of the sort to be coveted, for it was reached by the qualities which exalt the character, and it took no advantage by false pretensions. Through an extended life he was an honor to his race, to his profession of the law, and to his judicial offices, and just as men are lamenting that the arbitrary provision of the Constitution would soon take him from the bench in the ripeness of his character, his talents

and his powers, the Almighty hand, in its wisdom, has removed him from earth. Even 'beyond the circle of those private affections which cannot but shrink from the inroads of Death,' there is a 'grief for the departure of the eminently good and wise.' His personal character was of the highest order. He took no step outside of the path of a wise sobriety and exemplary rectitude. His judgments and his life were in accord. He was simple and modest. He was kind in nature, affable in intercourse, of warm social impulses, sensible of the claims of his fellows and prompt in rendering all the dues of neighborhood. His warm and impulsive nature was held under restraint of reason and of the religion he professed and practiced."

'29. Joseph Alden, A. M., D. D., is President of the State Normal at Albany, N. Y.

'44. Frederick Townsend is a manufacturer in Albany, N. Y.

'57. Laureus Clark Seelye, formerly Professor at Amherst College, and brother of President Seelye of that College, is now President of Smith College (Female), Northampton, Mass. The standard of this College is claimed to be as high as in any of our Colleges, and stands in the first rank of Female Colleges in the land. Union Alumni seem to have an affinity for Female Colleges, Presidents Raymond and Cowles, respectively of Vassar and Elmira Colleges, being both Union men.

'60. W. H. McElroy is associate editor on the *Albany Evening Journal*.

'60. Hon. Geo. F. Seward is U. S. Minister to China.

'64. David Van Horne, D. D., was President of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, held lately in Lancaster, Pa. The papers speak highly of his attainments. He has already held an important position at Dayton, Ohio, and is now pastor of one of the oldest churches in Philadelphia, where he is much beloved.

'71. W. H. Mathews is a promising young lawyer in Glens Falls, N. Y. He is a partner of Judge I. J. Davis of that place.

'77. J. A. Smith has charge of a church at Belfast, Alleghany Co., N. Y.

'77. J. C. Russum says he is the chromo man of '77. She took on the mortal coil May 17th, 1878, and is called Ella Salome.

'78. Wells is recruiting up among the Adirondacks.

'79. James is attending college in Canada.

'79. L. C. Beattie is in town again.

'79. At last accounts McGuire was improving in health.

'79. Stanford is on the Daily Union of this city.

EXTRANEAE.

—"H²O yer soi?"—*Ex.*

—PROVERB.—Nunquam animus sed perge caput. Never mind, but go ahead.—*Ex.*

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