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UNION COLLEGE
LIBRARY

THE Senior class is to be congratulated upon its prompt and harmonious action in regard to class elections. The election of Senior year officers is too often attended with strife and discord, engendered by rivalry not so much between individuals as between the different societies, each anxious to secure as many honors as possible. And often, so intense is this spirit of rivalry and jealousy, especially when evenly divided, the class is kept in an unsettled state during the greater part of the year before a compromise is effected, thus not giving the officers sufficient time to properly prepare their several parts. Nor is this the most objectionable feature. The unfriendly feeling inevitably fostered to a greater or less extent between members of the opposing parties is directly opposed to that friendliness which would otherwise exist. It has been evident for some time, however, that the present Senior class was averse to any such state of affairs as has existed in several classes previously, and that an effort to come to some amicable conclusion at as early a date as possible would be made. This, of course, when all were of the same mind, proved to be a comparatively easy matter, as evidenced by the satisfactory result.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that Union was victorious in the base-ball arena last year, but few of the students look back upon the record of the "Varsity" with pride or pleasure. The experience of the past year teaches that although hired professionals may win games for a college nine they can never win respect for it. They may form the backbone of a nine but they can never be pointed out with pride. Conscious of the fact that the fine playing was purchased by dollars and cents, the triumphant yell at the close of a successful game expresses very little satisfaction. The general

sentiment of the students is that we must have a strictly college nine or none at all. To effect this a plan proposed is to begin the class championship games for the Yates cup in the fall, and to have every game on the list actually played. This would not only show plainly the candidates for the nine, but would develop new players and give to all the much needed practice. Development, not material, is wanting. It then devolves upon the classes to elect their directors promptly and to elect men who are interested; upon the directors to schedule the games at once, to provide the players with all appliances, and to see that every game is played; upon the players to appear at every game and to do their best for their class and their college.

WE were pleased to notice, on our return, the greatly improved appearance of the grounds connected with our college. The smoothly cut grass of the campus was bright and green, showing that it had not been neglected during vacation. The walks and drives having been regravelled, and the borders relaid and straightened add much to the general appearance. In regard to the buildings, however, the same evidences of care seem wanting. While the bath-rooms are greatly in need of repairs, it is to the state of the adjoining apartments that the authorities should direct their immediate attention. That in their present condition they are not only totally unfit for use, but also a disgrace to the college, must, we think, be admitted by any one having any knowledge of them. For a comparatively small expense, with the advantages which are easily available, if placed in the hands of a competent person this evil might be remedied. We hope that a consideration for decency, to say nothing of comfort, will insure, on the part of the proper authorities, a prompt investigation of the matter.

A DREAM.

With one hand resting on my open book,
 The other pillowed underneath my head,
 I lay one afternoon beside the garden brook,
 And left my mind to wander while I read.
 The drowsy wind, the humming bees,
 Soon lulled me into slumbers soft and sweet;
 And then in whispers low, the tall elm trees,
 A chapter of my life seemed to repeat.
 My dreams revealed to me again the past,
 When in my younger days I knew no care.
 And like a parorama floating fast,
 Forgotten scenes passed through my vision there.
 And softly as the water's gentle flow
 I heard, or seemed to hear, one breathe my name.
 'Twas then in murmurs wondrous soft and low,
 The sweet voice of an angel sister came.
 Again I heard her voice and saw her face;
 The face that wore the same sweet smile of old.
 That smile she gave me filled with tender grace,
 Gilds all my memories of her with a tint of gold.
 And as I think of her my thoughts more pure
 Arise, and make me be better while I live.
 So if I for my faults thus find a cure,
 'Twill unto her dear name more glory give.
 Words cannot paint that happy dream of mine,
 Or half express the happy joy I felt;
 It seemed almost a taste of joy divine,
 Before I saw my vision into nothing melt.
 'Twas but a dream, but still I know
 It makes me happier when it comes to mind,
 In dreams the dreary earth was far below,
 And work and care were for a moment left behind.

LOCAL.

How do you like our looks?
 Got your notice yet?
 The bath-rooms ought to be heated.
 Davies' Bourdon instead of Newcomb.
 '88 has adopted a constitution. What next?
 Why don't the Freshmen produce a football?
 Lawn tennis seems to be the principal outdoor sport.
 Chapel exercises are conducted this term by Prof. Hawley.

We have been disappointed in not receiving the cut designed for our cover, but hope to have it before our next issue.

Prof. Lamoroux is situated in his new quarters in the Powers building.

Prof. Hawley has taken rooms in middle section, -N. C., one of which he occupied while a student.

Prof. Chaplin has been appointed committee on chapel absences. An appropriate appointment.

Prof. of French: "Give the French for 'The student's friend.'"

Student: "L'ami—(Class comes down)."

The Kappa Alphas gave a social at their rooms, September 29. It was a pleasant affair.

'87 has defeated '86 and '88. Will it defeat '85 and have its name engraved on the cup?

Judge Landon has been appointed President until the place can be permanently filled.

The reading-room, which had for a time fallen into disuse, has been revived.

Prof. Perkins is happy again. His family arrived in Dorp the first part of September.

The room adjoining the reading-room will soon be opened; it is now being fitted up for books of reference.

Pay up your subscription before November 15, and receive the benefit of the reduction.

Prof. Price has so far regained his strength as to attend recitations again. We hope he will soon be able to resume his usual amount of work.

"Old Gray," so long familiar to the boys, succumbed during vacation to old age, since which time "Sorrel" has done double duty, until a few days ago, when a mate was purchased.

Prof. Ira N. Hollis, U. S. N., who has left such pleasant recollections with the students of the last few years, was visiting friends in town last week on a leave of absence from the "Dolphin." We were all glad to see him.

An improvement: the revival of singing in our morning exercises.

The editors of the *Garnet* have several copies on hand which they would like to dispose of.

The present issue has been considerably delayed through the dilatoriness of the Juniors in their election of editors.

The Freshmen complain that Tutor De-Puy is crowding them too hard. They don't want to finish algebra in one term.

What has become of the campaign club? Are all our visions of free rides, free lunches, etc., thus to be ruthlessly dispelled?

A combination game was played on the campus the 7th inst. Score: 14 to 12 in favor of '86 and '88.

Who has solved the new "fifteen puzzle," viz., how to get twenty absences with a credit of but fifteen? Any one having such solution will confer a favor by leaving it at this office.

Rhetoric Class Student: "An example of the foregoing rule is found in a passage from 'Solomon' where it says: 'Consider the lilies of the valley, how they grow.'"

Sophomore, putting up freshman: "Give three cheers for '87."

Fresh: "Three cheers for '87. Rah! Rah! Rah!"

Soph: "Say '88 is no good."

Fresh: "'88 is no good, but Lord help '89."

The officers of the U. C. Cadet Corps were appointed by Lieutenant Hubbel as follows: First Lieut., C. A. Marvin; Second Lieut., J. E. Swanker; First Sergt., J. A. Long; Second Sergt., G. D. Buel; Third Sergt., E. P. Towne.

The library has been removed from Memorial Hall to the Washburn Building. The original intention was to have the book-racks placed on rollers so the room could be cleared for dancing. We think it unfortunate that this plan was not carried out.

The following are the subjects of essays due October 13:

Seniors:—Benefits and Evils of Labor Strikes. Juniors:—Qualities of the Repub-

lican Spirit, and how to foster it. Sophomores:—Benefits and Evils of Reading Good Novels; and Define Good Novels.

The General College Catalogue, the last proofs of which have been sent to press, will be out in a few weeks. It contains the names and present residences of about seven thousand Alumni, together with biographical data of many of the graduates with Commencement honors. Copies will be obtainable at the Treasurer's office. Price \$2.00.

The officers of '87, including the Poet, Historian and CONCORDIENSIS Editors, gave a "set up" to the class Tuesday night, October 14. Thirty-six members assembled at Schumacher's, where an oyster supper was served. The affair was a quiet one, but highly enjoyable on account of the good feeling existing between all. Singing and speech-making were indulged in, after which they adjourned to the hill much pleased with the evening.

The various States have sent us students this year as follows? New York, 35; Massachusetts, 2; Vermont, 1; Ohio, 1; Pennsylvania, 1. Nine are Presbyterians, 1 Congregational, 1 Lutheran, 1 Christian, 1 Evangelist, 1 Universalist, 5 Roman Catholics, 7 Methodists, 7 Episcopalians, 6 Reformed. Of those who have decided upon an occupation, 9 will be civil engineers, 10 lawyers, 1 a chemist, 4 ministers, 3 physicians, 1 teacher.

Things one would rather have left unsaid:

Student: "I hear you are about to leave us to accept a position in another college?"

Professor: "I have no such intention. But what is the name of the college to which you heard I was going?"

Student: Oh, I don't remember; it was out west somewhere; one that I never heard of before."

The Alumni, no doubt, will be surprised to hear that No. 4 is deserted. This old room has for years past been the Freshman's ideal perdition. It was there that college life and duty were first and most vividly impressed upon the "new one" who, trembling with fear, would look at the little windows up at the ceiling and wonder how he would get out if the door was locked. This room was formerly used as chapel.

The "set ups" have been exceptionally attractive this year. '88 has shown itself hospitable within Union's walls by complying with the wishes of '87, and bringing out the fruit, cider, etc. The Freshman who invited the Sophs to lunch at his house on the following Friday evening, perplexed that class not a little. With some misgivings they proceeded in a body to his house on the appointed evening when, instead of being driven away as some predicted, they were cordially received. The Sophs soon made themselves at home, and entertained each other with stories, politics and music. The supper was well served, and proved most interesting as a wine supper. After singing the class song, three cheers were given to the host and all was over.

The following are the officers of the various classes so far as heard from:

Senior—President, F. W. Ray; Vice-President, F. Bond; Secretary, J. H. McCarthy; Treasurer, H. D. Griswold; B. B. D., T. J. Delaney; Orator, E. Terril; Poet, A. B. Bishop; Historian, W. T. Foote; Addresser, W. H. Munsell; Ivy Orator, E. Fowler; Ivy Poet, J. J. McSorley; Pipe Orator, E. A. Lewald; Grand Marshal, Paul Iglehart.

Sophomore—President, H. McMillen; Vice-President, W. H. Van Wie; Secretary, J. T. B. Gilmour; Treasurer, N. Gulick; B. B. D., A. Bennett.

Freshman—President, W. F. Peters; Vice-President, J. E. Brennan; Secretary, A. J. Dillingham; Treasurer, H. C. Mandeville; Historian, M. R. Delehanty; B. B. D., E. S. Hunsicker.

The Freshmen evidently are quite proud of their military suits, as a considerable number attended in full uniform the Republican parade last week in Albany. So elated were they with the apparent impression which they created in the minds of the Albanians that they determined, if possible, to heighten this effect. In furtherance of this plan they proceeded to equip themselves with walking-sticks, thus presenting the anomalous spectacle of a first term Freshman with a cane. One or two Sophomores who happened to be in attendance, observing this breach of college etiquette, took the first

train home and hastened to make known the doings of the "cheeky Frosh." A committee of Sophomores consequently met the heroes on their return and proceeded to confiscate the emblems of Sophomoric dignity. Not accomplishing this, they retired, expressing sentiments boding no good to the audacious ones, who may think themselves lucky if they escape with anything less than a cooling draught from the pump.

At a meeting of the New York State Intercollegiate Base Ball Association, held at the Vanderbilt House, Syracuse, the 24th inst., no award of the pennant was made, on the ground that all the nines in the league, with the exception of Cornell, had professionals. Cornell was also debarred by using men whose names had not been entered in accordance with the rules of the association. T. J. Delaney, '85, represented Union at the meeting. The annual meeting will be held the last Friday of January next, when the various colleges are requested to send delegates for the purpose of forming an Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which will hold a general field day annually at one of the colleges.

But few opportunities are offered the students, as residents of Schenectady, in the way of lectures, musical entertainments, etc. By the course of entertainments to be given under the auspices of the Second Reformed Church this want will be supplied. We cannot too strongly advise the students to avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered. On November 6 the course will begin with a lecture by the Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage. His national reputation as a speaker ought to insure for him a large attendance by the students. This lecture will be followed by a humorous lecture on "Cranks" by the Hon. Thomas M. Taylor, of New York. Other entertainments of equal interest will follow, among which we would particularly mention the readings of Miss Helen Potter. Miss Potter is perhaps the best impersonator of character in the country. In fact, the whole course is such that we cannot too strongly impress upon the students the advantages of attending. The course is a remarkably cheap one, season tickets being but one dollar. For sale at Swart & Van Auken's book store.

Our literary matter has been unavoidably crowded out this issue.

We are glad to state that Mr. Charles Vanderveer, our former popular instructor in gymnastics, has resumed his old place.

An association to be known as the Union College Musical Association has been organized with the following officers: President, Prof. Chaplin; Musical Director, Prof. Hawley; Asst. Director, Mills, '85; Secretary, Ransdell, '87; Treasurer, Woodbridge, '86; Business Manager, Foote, '85.

Efforts are being made among the students to start lawn tennis and bicycle clubs. There are now in the college several adepts at the former and a number of skillful bicyclists, and it is probable that Union will soon have tennis and bicycle clubs that may do as much to support her name as her ball clubs.

"Character in Smoking" is the title of an excellent article recently published. The writer judges his men by the kind of tobacco they smoke. All like good tobacco, but all are not judges. It is only the even-tempered, level-headed, tastefully-inclined man that takes pains to make a selection. He gets to be very particular about purity and flavor. But when he strikes a tobacco like Blackwell's Durham Long Cut, he is tenacious of his prize and intolerant of all inferior tobaccos.

Rev. Giles P. Hawley, lately chosen Professor of Logic and Rhetoric, in place of Rev. George Alexander, resigned, graduated from Union in '71. After completing his course at Union Theological Seminary, New York, he was successively teacher of natural sciences in the State Normal School at Potsdam, N. Y.; Professor of Latin and Greek in the Syracuse high school; Pastor of the Second Presbyterian church at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and pastor of the Presbyterian church of Mechanicville, N. Y., which last position he resigned to accept the one which he now occupies.

The officers of the Senior class gave a "set up" to the class at the Givens House, Wednesday evening, the 15th inst. At about a quarter before ten the members of the class began to gather, and half an hour

later they filed into the dining hall and seated themselves at the table loaded down with the luxuries of the season. After singing several songs with the usual vigor, the supper was attended to in the satisfactory and systematic manner which is attained only through the strict discipline afforded by a college boarding-house. After the physical wants had been satisfied, a mental *menu* was served up in an equally enjoyable manner. The first step in the right direction was taken by the appointment of Stanton as toast-master. Ohio was responded to by Mills, with the brevity characteristic of him, perpendicularly. He started out to give a history of the state from its settlement to the late election; but was finally subdued when Foote arose in response to Dorp. And in spite of the place one would assign him, taking his name as a criterion, probably "went up head." Bailey, in response to the "White Mountain Waitress," in his usual modest manner, detailed some of the delights of mountain life. Stryker in response to "Our Set-up," Griswold to "Wiencke," also deserve mention. Shortly after this the hour for departure arrived, and after making the atmosphere of the "ancient city" resound with the college whoop all returned to the hill and serenaded several members of the Faculty, to the probable gratification of all concerned,

THE SENIOR'S TROUBLED SLEEP.

He lay upon a Freshman's bed,
His vision growing dim,
The dinner he had relished so,
Had got the best of him.
And soon his loud sonorous snore
Rose clear upon the air,
The Freshman ceased to poll his Greek,
The snore he couldn't bear.
In one dark corner of the room,
A ten pound bumb-bell lay;
Upon the Senior's stomach soon,
This dumb-bell held its *weigh*.
He soon began to roll and kick,
And as the weight slid off
Sat upright upon the bed,
And said then with a cough:
"I'm feeling sick this afternoon,
O grin you healthy sceptic;
Jamaica Ginger's what I want,
My stomach is dyspeptic."

OUR ADVERTISERS.

WE desire to call the attention of our readers to a subject too apt to be overlooked. The financial support of our paper comes quite largely from our advertising columns, nearly if not quite as much being derived from that source as from the students. Those advertising with us, no doubt, expect a part at least, of our patronage, and as all are worthy of confidence, it is but just that they should receive it. For it is quite evident that without their aid the paper could not be published but at a considerably greater expense to its readers. What we would ask, then, of our students, is this: that they look carefully over the names of our advertisers and make it a point to patronize *them*. In fact, use our advertising columns as a directory, and make our advertisers feel that in helping us they have not thrown away their money.

SENATE.

The Senate has been organized with Prof. Hawley, President, and G. W. Barhydt, Clerk. The States are represented as follows:

Alabama	Foot.
California	Munsell.
Colorado	Mills.
Connecticut	Bradley.
Delaware	Morey.
Georgia	McCarthy.
Illinois	Ebaugh.
Indiana	Delaney.
Iowa	Richards.
Kansas	Hutchinson.
Kentucky	Vaughn.
Louisiana	Ransdell.
Maine	Bond.
Maryland	Stryker.
Massachusetts	Bishop.
Michigan	Lewald.
Missouri	Sweetland.
Minnesota	Severson.
New Jersey	Stanton.
New Hampshire	Crane.
New York	Coffin.

Ohio	Griswold.
Oregon	Egelston.
Pennsylvania	Bailey.
Rhode Island	Barhydt.
South Carolina	McSorley.
Tennessee	Gibbes.
Texas	Terrill.
Vermont	Fowler.
Virginia	Mitchell.
West Virginia	Iglehart.
Wisconsin	Ray.

FRESHMAN CLASS.

G. W. Ames,	East Dorset, Vt.
T. W. Barrally,	Nantucket, Mass.
N. L. Bates,	Oswego, N. Y.
M. H. Begley,	Albany, N. Y.
W. T. Bishop,	Fort Wingate, N. M.
C. W. Blessing,	Slingerland's Station, N. Y.
J. E. Brennan,	Albany, N. Y.
P. H. Cole,	Red Hook, N. Y.
H. P. Cummings,	North Madison, Ohio.
C. S. Davis,	Schenectady, N. Y.
F. J. Davis,	Stanfordville, N. Y.
M. R. Delehanty,	Albany, N. Y.
J. M. DeLong,	Elizabethtown, N. Y.
A. J. Dillingham,	Mechanicville, N. Y.
V. Furman,	Schenectady, N. Y.
J. D. Gilchrist,	Hancock, Mich.
E. S. Hunsicker,	Norristown, Pa.
A. D. Ishkanian,	Armenia.
W. L. Kennedy,	Johnstown, N. Y.
L. M. King,	Schenectady, N. Y.
F. D. Lewis,	Amsterdam, N. Y.
S. W. Little,	Rochester, N. Y.
H. C. Mandeville,	Elmira, N. Y.
E. McEncroe,	Schenectady, N. Y.
J. McIntyre,	West Troy, N. Y.
E. W. Miller,	Montgomery, N. Y.
W. F. Peters,	Ripley, Ohio.
F. B. Richards,	Sandy Hill, N. Y.
E. M. Scofield,	Herman, N. Y.
F. H. Silvernail,	Valatia, N. Y.
F. S. Simmons,	Fonda, N. Y.
M. D. Stevenson,	Albany, N. Y.
M. P. Swart,	Schenectady, N. Y.
T. H. Sweeney,	Cassville, N. Y.
W. B. Ten Eyck,	Albany, N. Y.
E. P. Towne,	Lansingburgh, N. Y.
H. M. Van Dusen,	Stockbridge, Mass.
G. B. Wakeman,	Wells Bridge, N. Y.
J. H. Williams,	Rochester, N. Y.
E. H. Winans,	Gloversville, N. Y.
J. E. Winne,	Schodack, N. Y.
F. A. Yates,	Conklingville, N. Y.

PERSONALS.

Walworth, '37, has recovered from a severe illness.

J. L. Meredith, '65, revisited Union last week.

C. D. Lawton, '66, is a successful mining engineer at Lawton, Mich.

E. P. Wemple, '66, has been renominated for Congressman from this district.

The Rev. Mr. Olney, 67, of Ballston Spa, N. Y., Beckwith, '71, Moorhouse, '78, and Crane, '80, were on the hill not long ago.

'77. John Delehanty was married October 16 to Miss Anastatia Manning by Bishop McNierny at Albany, N. Y.

'81. Anable is practicing law in New York.

Henning, Lansing, Meneely, and Tullidge visited us lately.

Fitzgerald is engaged on the engineering corps which is laying the sewers in Schenectady.

Glen was married October 1, '84, to Miss Laura M. Moore, in this city, by the Rev. Dr. Darling, D. D.

'82. Flower is connected with the Panama Ship Canal survey.

J. G. Peoli is connected with an engineering corps on the Orinoco river.

Ray and Wright, A. S., are attending the Princeton Theological Seminary.

J. E. Ransdell has been elected district attorney of the 8th Judicial District of Louisiana.

'83. Emerson intends to sail for Europe soon.

'83. A. W. Ray is practicing law at Columbia, S. C.

Ford and Pierson paid Union a visit not long since.

DePuy has succeeded Anable, '81, as tutor of mathematics.

Harding spent part of his summer vacation in Schenectady.

Hook is connected with the engineering

corps of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway.

McCauley revisited the college last week. He looks as jovial as ever.

McElwain, who has been playing on the Minneapolis base ball nine during the season, is now studying law in New York.

'85. Allen is married and living at Sandy Hill, N. Y.

Robinson and Cady have entered the Senior class at Princeton.

'85. Van Vranken is one of the editors of the Cornell college paper.

W. C. Mills has been appointed organist of the 2d Reformed church of this city.

'85. Perkins is working on the United States Geological Survey in New Mexico.

'85. Jaycox is Professor of Mathematics in Alexander Institute, White Plains, N. Y.

Duffie has been obliged to leave college on account of ill-health. He has returned to his home at Columbia, S. C.

McCauley has been on the St. Louis base ball nine during summer, and his playing is highly commended by a leading sporting paper.

'86. Perkins is studying law at Amsterdam, N. Y.

Groat is taking charge of a knitting mill at Hudson, N. Y.

DeBaun and Fletcher are attending the Albany Medical College.

Foote is unable to leave his home in Port Henry on account of a broken leg sustained by the overturning of a tally-ho coach.

'87. Wentworth has entered Williams.

'87. Burr has left college and gone into business at Bridgeport, Conn.

Kastendieck is studying medicine in Schenectady. He will enter the Albany Medical College next fall.

Octavio Torres has returned to his home in Mexico. The winters north were too severe for him and threatened his health.

'88. Simmons has been obliged to leave college on account of ill-health.

WHAT '84 IS DOING.

Chisolm is in Denver, Col.

Neagle is in Washington, D. C.

Greene is at his home in Clyde.

Leo is teaching in West Albany.

Hall is farming at Antwerp, N. Y.

Hale is in business in Cleveland, O.

Jervis is at his home in Victor, N. Y.

Kemp is freight clerk at Roanoke, Va.

Hill is in business at Gloversville, N. Y.

Bishop, J. S., is at present in Schenectady.

Wells is farming it at Schuylerville, N. Y.

McFarlane is killing time at Albany, N. Y.

McCown is in business at Darlington, S. C.

Merritt is married and living at Carmel, N. Y.

Cockroft has secured a position as assayer in New York.

Allison is in the wholesale fruit business in New York.

Kitts is interested in a knitting mill at Oswego, N. Y.

Bishop, S. E., is married and living at Newburgh, N. Y.

Barney is employed on the New York and Albany boat line.

Clark is principal of the public schools at Morristown, N. Y.

Philip is teaching in St. Paul's School at Garden City, L. I.

Naylon is studying law in the office of A. P. Strong, Schenectady.

Hutchison is attending the Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Woolford is attending the General Theological Seminary in New York.

Daily is attending the Hartford Theological Seminary at Hartford, Conn.

Judd is employed on the engineering corps of the sewerage of Schenectady.

Stoller is now at Baltimore, Md., attending the Johns Hopkins University.

Templeton and Delaney are studying law in the same office at Albany, N. Y.

Moore, W. A., is connected with a sash and blind factory at Potsdam, N. Y.

Beekman is instructor in mathematics at Union Classical Institute, Schenectady.

McEncroe, Pratt, Young, Heatly and Mynderse are at the Albany Medical College.

Fairgrieve, when last heard from, was on a school ship stationed at some port in China.

Higson and Porcher are attending the Episcopal Theological Seminary in New York.

Benedict is studying law at Canandaigua, and stumping the county for the Democratic candidates.

T. W. Moore is at Sing Sing, N. Y., polling to pass the examinations for a second lieutenancy in the regular army.

D. L. Parsons is now in Germany, where he intends to make a thorough study of the German language.

EXCHANGES.

A FINE array of exchanges is already on our table. We notice, though, that the old familiar ones have not all appeared, and we are thereby pleased. Pleased, not that we are tired of seeing them, but because we infer from their absence that ours is not the last publication to get started on its year's work. An unstinted variety, indeed, do the garbs of the exchanges at hand present; but it is not our purpose to commence with our first number a system of wholesale criticism—a practice that is only too prevalent. On the contrary, we will defer any comments that may seem proper to us to be made until later issues, when all our exchanges are at hand.

When a lecturer goes to Montana he gives his lecture a title embraced in a nineteen-syllable word, and this causes the people to think it a new kind of mixed drink, and they crowd the halls to their utmost capacity.—*Bismarck Tribune.*

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

W. H. Vanderbilt has donated \$500,000 as a building fund to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York.

Dartmouth has two new buildings in course of erection—a chapel and a library building. They are to be completed by next Commencement.

Fifty thousand dollars has been given to McGill University, Montreal, for the endowment of a woman's college in connection with the institution.

Campaign clubs have been organized in many of the colleges. The practice between the Republicans and the Democrats of joining issues and marching under one banner is nearly co-extensive with clubs.

The attendance of some of the larger colleges for the past year was as follows: Columbia, 1,580; Michigan University, 1,554; Harvard, 1,552; Oberlin, 1,474; Yale, 1,070; University of Pennsylvania, 1,024.

Athletics have a strong hold at Princeton. At present foot ball is receiving the most attention. The first game of the season was played October 3d, with Rutgers, and resulted in an easy victory for the Princetonians.

Cornell is one of the "booming colleges" this year. Her Freshman class numbers 226, the largest class ever entered. The reports of the President and Treasurer for the year ending August 1, 1884, show a total value of University property to be \$7,300,000, an increase over the previous year of \$217,700. The whole number of instructors is 54, and the number of students 461. Of these 48 are ladies. Eight scholarships, each valued at \$200 annually and good for four years, have been established this year. They were awarded October 9th, after a competitive examination of over sixty applicants. President White has been elected President of the new American Historical Association.

Referring to the condition of Hobart College, over which our late President, the Rev. Dr. E. N. Potter, now presides, a contemporary says: "The income of Hobart

College for the past year exceeded its expenditures, it does not owe a penny of debt, its faculty is one of rare excellence, its buildings are commodious and in an unusually good condition, and its site is beautiful and healthful, so that the one thing most needed for the college is that its excellence should be more widely known." The *Geneva Gazette* quotes the above, and says further: "All of which is unquestionably true, and we have no hesitation in saying that since the Rev. E. N. Potter became the President of the institution, its many superior advantages are becoming more generally known and appreciated, as attested by the large Freshman class this year and exceptionally large class that will enter next year, as eighteen young men from one place alone have signified their intention of entering another fall. We also predict that before the lapse of ten years Hobart will rival Cornell and Union in the number of students."

The courses of instruction in all the leading colleges are gradually working away from the old iron-clad models. The necessity of widening the scope of instruction, and increasing the number of elective studies, has finally been recognized. As illustrations, we see at Yale the entrance examination to the course in arts so changed that hereafter applicants will be examined in either French or German (the choice of the modern language being left to the applicant), in the place of a certain amount of Greek and Latin. The curriculum of the college is changed accordingly, and now for the first time modern languages is taught in the course in arts. In the work of the upper course an extensive system of electives has been introduced. But it is at Harvard that we see the elective system in its most advanced state. The work of the upper classes is entirely elective, and a radical change has been made this year in that direction in the work of the Freshman year. Formerly the work of this year was all prescribed, but now out of sixteen recitations a week, nine are given to electives. Among the New York colleges the stand taken by Cornell in favor of electives is particularly noticeable. All over the country, in fact, the new method is gaining ground and bids fair to be soon generally adopted.