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PRACTICAL.

THE paper's business manager o'ertook a man one day,
 Who was so deep in methods he forgot, his dues to pay.
 And until now had wandered on in thoughtlessness sublime,
 But the business manager informed him it was time
 That his subscription should be paid, if he would get the news.
 And ended up his argument: "Will you pay me your dues?"
 Alas! the sudden onslaught, for a moment, scared the lad,
 But, on a calm reflection, he admitted 'twas too bad,
 If, after writing more than one elaborated plan,
 He couldn't hit upon a scheme to save him from this man.
 He turned and gazed with look of scorn and an astonished mien,
 "Can it be possible, dear sir, that you have failed to glean
 The truth that's forced upon us as we come here day by day?
 And have you never heard what our instructors always say?"
 "I really cannot bring myself to answer you, at all,

When asked a *question that's direct*, pray, what you've learned recall."

And as he disappeared the lad was heard to softly muse,

"A blessing on a principle so practical to use."

MARY A. BUTTLES.

A GLIMPSE OF PRAGUE.

"I HAVE read in some old, marvellous tale
 Some legend strange and vague,
 That a midnight host of spectres pale
 Beleaguered the walls of Prague.

Beside the Moldau's rushing stream,
 With the wan moon overhead,
 There stood, as in an awful dream,
 The army of the dead.

White as a sea-fog, landward bound,
 The spectral camp was seen,
 And with a sorrowful, deep sound,
 The river flowed between."

Surely Longfellow must have visited this quaint old city "beside the Moldau's rushing stream," or he could not have described so strikingly the ever-pervading gloom which, during all seasons

of the year, through sunshine and shadow, hangs over the capital of Bohemia. Coming from bright, sunny Vienna, Prague seemed doubly dreary and forlorn that November afternoon. This impression deepened as we followed the courier through the narrow alleys of the poor Jewish quarter. Was it possible that human beings lived in these damp, dark cellars, where no sunlight nor pure air penetrated from one year's end to the other? Yet at every doorway a dark Hebrew face peered out at the strangers. The people seemed so uncanny that we involuntarily heaved a sigh of relief as our guide led us down the steps of a thirteenth-century synagogue.

This synagogue is one of the twenty-two in the city, and has the distinction of being the first built in Europe, as well as the oldest in the world. We paused in the dark hall to observe the mark above our heads showing the height to which the water rose when the Moldau overflowed its banks in 1890. We then entered a small audience room, where the daily service was being held. There were about twenty men present, and each seemed to be chanting his own part regardless of his neighbor. We felt uncomfortably conspicuous when the courier, with evident unconcern, led us up in front of the altar to show us its antique carving. Yet our presence did not interrupt the worship, though the men stared at us inquisitively while droning the responses. On a high stool in front of the reading-desk sat a rabbi, arrayed in a dirty white gown, but in a few moments the supposed rabbi descended from his seat, took off the gown, gave it to the next in turn, and passed out. This was continued till every man had read his daily prayer in the strange Hebrew characters. At the back of the church were several small windows, protected by iron bars. We were somewhat startled to see a pair of black eyes looking through from the other side. We were told that, behind the windows, in a narrow passage-way, stood the Jewish women taking their part in the service. They are never permitted to enter the body of the synagogue.

Thence we went to the curious Jewish ceme-

tery, which is as old as the synagogue. Imagine six thousand grave-stones crowded into half an acre of ground! The graves were literally on top of one another, each tombstone jostling its neighbor. The symbols on the different tombstones told the tribe to which the deceased belonged — a pitcher for the tribe of Levi; a bunch of grapes for the tribe of Issachar. The guide pointed out to us the grave of the first woman buried in this cemetery and the monument of the first Jewish nobleman. The latter lent Ferdinand the funds necessary to finish the "Thirty Years War," and in return received the title of Baron. Strewing the graves with pebbles instead of flowers is a custom peculiar to the Jews. We carried away a pebble from the grave of the rabbi, who was a famous astronomer and a friend of Tycho Brahé.

Another dark, narrow street brought us to the old Teyn Church, of the fifteenth century. Within we saw the pulpit from which John Huss once preached. Here, too, we found the tombstone of Tycho Brahé. Our interest in Marion Crawford's thrilling novel, "The Witch of Prague," made us hail with delight the tablet in the chancel wall to the memory of the unfortunate hero. Just at dusk we entered St. Jacob's Church, which, our courier informed us, was the most beautiful of the fifty-two Catholic churches in Prague. We were willing to take his word for it without visiting the remaining fifty-one. But it was truly magnificent. The lights from a thousand candles shining full upon the gorgeous oriental coloring of ceiling and walls and reflecting a golden light from altar and image, produced an effect of magical splendor. But St. Jacob's was too modern and bright to be quite in harmony with gloomy old Prague.

Between this church and the business quarter, stands that landmark of early European culture, the University of Prague. The shops of the Graben were similiar to those of other European cities, except in their display of beautiful Bohemian glass and rich garnets. Frequently was heard the exclamation, "Oh I must have that, it is so pretty and it would cost double the price at home." As a natural consequence, while in Pra-

gue we became ardent Free Traders. But even the delights of shopping palled before the demands of a healthy appetite and we bent our steps toward the old "Blauer Stern." The inn with its lofty arcade looked very ancient and hospitable, though it seemed incongruous to find our old-fashioned bedrooms illuminated by two incandescent lights. The rooms were also furnished with a set of rules printed in German, Bohemian and English, and one of them read, "Always only one light is lightning in the room at the same time."

The next morning was cold and clear and we started out early, anxious to improve every moment. We reached the city hall at five minutes of the hour and stopped our carriage in front of the Apostles' clock. Just above its face are two small windows, which our guide bade us watch. In a moment they slid back and the twelve wax figures of the apostles filed slowly by, each disappearing from view with a jerky little bow. When the procession had passed, the windows closed and the cock appeared above them, crowing thrice. In close proximity and in striking contrast to the clock, stood a reminder that Yankee enterprise had penetrated even to this ancient city. Translated in Bohemian, we read, "Drop a nickel in the slot and learn your exact weight."

Under the tower, which is all that remains of the old city wall, we drove to the Charles bridge. Every few rods we stopped to admire the statues of saints and kings, which lined this structure on either side. This bridge was built in the 15th century, but the middle of it was carried away by the last freshet and has only recently been restored. On the stone coping, at one side, was inserted a small brass plate to the memory of St. John de Nepomuc, the patron of Prague, and commemorated the singular legend of his death. It is said that in 1383, the enemies of this holy man threw him from this very spot into the river below. To the amazement of the assembled populace, a diadem of five stars appeared about his head as his body floated from their view. The next statue, on the bridge, represented him thus crowned with stars. We supposed we had seen the last of this saint, but on visiting the cathedral,

later in the day, we were shown a solid silver casket containing his remains. How or when the body was recovered from the river and brought to the church, was not explained to our satisfaction.

At the further end of the bridge we drove under the old tower of defense, pausing a moment to admire its fine carving and emblems of heraldry.

The road led up a very steep hill to Count Wallenstein's 17th century castle. A large summer dining-hall in the rear of the castle opened into an enclosed garden which in summer must have been a veritable Eden. From the dining-hall we were shown into a small card-room which contained the mounted horse used by Wallenstein in the battle of Lützen. On the walls of this room hung the portraits of Wallenstein, "his second woman" (as the courier said in his funny broken English), and Thekla, made famous by Schiller's tragedy. Opening from the porch was a unique bath-room finished in rough stone to represent a grotto. From the ceiling hung stalactites through which the water dripped in a shower bath. Up stairs was a house chapel hung in green velvet, and a large hall where the official receptions were held. Wallenstein's private suite of apartments consisted only of a sitting-room, study and bed-room, the first elegantly furnished with handsomely polished tables, a beautiful inlaid secretary and rare old Venetian glass. In the small octagonal study Wallenstein and his generals held their secret sessions during the "Thirty Years' War." A private staircase led to the room below and a secret exit. We were most anxious to visit that part of the castle now inhabited by the descendants of Wallenstein, but of course this was not permitted.

We then drove to the old Carmelite church. On entering we passed to a grated window at the side of the altar behind which stood a Carmelite nun heavily veiled. Drawing back the curtain she disclosed to our view the body of St. Electra, crowned and in Carmelite garb, seated in a chair. This woman died, in the early part of the 15th century, and after 150 years, the body being found to be flexible, the

Pope canonized her and ordered her to be removed to this church, where she has been an object of worship for more than three centuries. The nun taking Electra's hand made the sign of the cross with it, showing its supposed miraculous preservation. Behind the church stands the Carmelite convent where these nuns live their secluded lives, passing day after day in prayer and deeds of charity. The sisters of this order appear heavily veiled even during private intercourse, and having taken upon themselves the sacred vows, are ever after confined within the limits of the convent walls.

We next made a hasty visit to the old cathedral begun four centuries ago and just nearing completion. Here are buried many of the kings of Bohemia. St. Rensselas' chapel is noteworthy for its magnificence, the very walls being set with precious stones. Nearest the cathedral is that part of the royal castle known as the "Fräuleinstift." It was evident that if Prague is behind us in some things it leads us in others, for the Fräuleinstift is a genuine old maids' home founded for spinsters of noble lineage. A picture of the last abbess hung on the parlor wall. She had recently resigned from her commanding position to become the submissive wife of a German duke. As only the abbess is allowed to marry it can be imagined that the other sisters would speed the courting to their utmost each hoping, perchance, to succeed to her later as well as earlier position. From the balcony of the Fräuleinstift was spread before us a panorama of this city of one hundred spires and looking across to the opposite hill our eyes rested on the very spot where Mozart composed his "Don Juan." In another part of this same castle we were shown the coronation robes of Maria Theresa's father (Charles II.). A peculiar interest was attached to the little room where the ambassadors Slavata and Martinitz remained while Count Thurn and his council deliberated, and we stood by the very window where by order of the angry Count these two men were thrown into the garden below. This was the last of a series of aggravating insults which led to the Thirty Years War. A monument marks the spot where

they fell and as we looked from the window down a distance of one hundred and fifty feet it seemed incredible that even a ditch of soft earth could have saved them from instant death. On the other side of the court were two spacious banqueting apartments furnished in white and gold and known as the Dutch and Spanish halls. One side of each hall was covered with mirrors making the rooms seem twice their size. We could well believe that with the lights from twelve hundred candles shining brightly upon the court in their royal robes it must have presented a scene of rare brilliancy. In the Dutch hall hung a portrait of Charles II. so painted that wherever we stood the eyes seemed to follow us.

But alas! our watches now warned us that train time was rapidly approaching and it was with real regret that we said 'Good-bye' to Prague, for in spite of its gloom we felt the charm that a chequered history of many centuries has lent to this ancient city.

LILLIAN V. MOSER.

THE COLLEGE PIN.

PATIENCE and perseverance overcome all obstacles. After the disappointment of last year, the students of the college had lost nearly all hope of having a college pin, but a few did not relinquish the idea and having found in the entering class some congenial spirits who were enthusiastic upon this subject another attempt was made, a meeting was held and it was decided to have a college pin.

A committee of six chosen from the classes of '96 and '97 was appointed to look into the matter. Pins of various designs were obtained and submitted to the students at an unusually large meeting. The pin adopted is an exceedingly neat diamond-shaped one in which the letters S. N. C. are delicately outlined in gold against a background of purple enamel, thus combining artistically the college colors.

The pin is inexpensive—\$1.50—and any student now in college or any graduate of the institution who wishes to have this reminder of his Alma Mater may obtain it by applying at the 'Echo' office or to A. S. Gardner & Co., 17 Maiden Lane, New York city.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURE.

THE first lecture of the University Extension series was given in the Albany High School chapel on the evening of February 24, when an appreciative audience listened to Prof. William M. Goodyear on "The Historical Significance of Early Christian Art."

The lecture was especially interesting and instructive because of the views, most of which Prof. Goodyear himself collected while in Italy last summer, and were now shown for the first time in this country. These views portrayed most clearly the transition of early pagan art in the Roman Empire through that of decadence and its gradual rise under the influence of christianity.

At the conclusion of the lecture many persons remained for half an hour to discuss questions pertaining to the subject, and these were answered by Prof. Goodyear in a most interesting and satisfactory manner. It is seldom that one has the opportunity of listening to a lecture on this particular subject presented in so masterly a manner.

PROF. WETMORE'S LECTURE.

ON TUESDAY evening, Feb. 25, Prof. E. W. Wetmore gave an excellent lecture in our college chapel on "Life and Customs in Constantinople."

An interest was awakened and sustained throughout the entire evening. The many illustrations given served to give a vivid idea not only of the city itself, but the forms of architecture, and the types of some of the Turks.

As the views were presented Prof. Wetmore, with his usual flow of thought and wit, entertained the audience.

As the speaker was an eye-witness of many of the scenes described, Constantinople became a distinct reality to those fortunate enough to be present. It is no reflection on Prof. Wetmore to say that none of the young men nor women, present, intend to fashion their Easter garments after the models presented.

THROUGH the kindness of Miss Pierce, we publish the following letter received from Master Charles Skinner, a nine-year-old son of the Hon. Charles R. Skinner, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Master Charles is a pupil in the third grade.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., February 19, 1896.

MY DEAR MISS PIERCE.—I thought you would like to hear from one of your scholars, way off down in Florida. We left New York at 4:30 Saturday and we reached Jacksonville at 6:30 Sunday evening.

On Monday morning we took a steamboat and went up the St. Johns river to Palatka, 75 miles from here.

The river is very wide and our ride was not very pleasant.

We saw some live alligators, some palmettos and some roses in full bloom. Then we went to St. Augustine, which is an old and interesting city.

Mamma and Albert stayed there. But I came back to Jacksonville to meet papa.

At St. Augustine we saw the gates to the city and the old fort. The weather is not very warm, but we can go without our overcoats.

Jacksonville is not a very interesting city. It has about 30,000 people. On Friday we expect to go to Palm Beach, and we may go to Nassau, which is about 200 miles away.

We all want to see Elizabeth, and I think of you and my schoolmates very often.

Your friend,

CHARLIE SKINNER,

If we neglect our development, either morally or mentally, or, what is still more to be deplored, in both, there will come a time when we shall realize that we have missed opportunities which would have made our lives what they are not, a success, both with regard to ourselves and others. We may not always be susceptible of the worth of these things; they may not always appear to us in the light of requisites for successful life or as questions demanding our speedy and careful attention; but there come times in the career of every one when he is brought face to face with the fact that his life is not what it should be, and that there are nobler aims, more glorious truths and wider views of life than those which prompt his actions. And when these momentous occasions make themselves manifest, it behooves all not to attempt to avoid such good reflections, but to treasure them as incentives to accomplish something in life.—*The College Forum.*

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EDITORIAL.

LOOK out for the new comet, March 14.

WHAT are you doing with the X ray? If you expect to hold your position as a teacher of physics, you must do some original experimenting along this line.

UNION COLLEGE will come. Let the agitation go on.

SOME physicians are claiming that a large per cent of fevers will yield to the anti-toxine treatment. Perhaps a timely inoculation would help those who have difficulty in reaching college before 8:55 in the morning.

In being somewhat tardy this time, the ECHO is compelled to ask the indulgence of its readers. A radical change had been made in the manner

of electing the staff, and consequently some delay has been experienced. The board of editors is now elected by the student body and the ECHO thus becomes, more than ever, distinctly a college paper. Every student and alumnus, therefore, who contributes anything of interest to our readers, will confer a favor upon himself and upon the college.

To allay the fear which usually attends the advent of a new administration until its financial policy is announced, we desire to state that the ECHO will strive to maintain the parity between all forms of United States currency. To that end, the business manager will promptly record on his books any remittance, whether of gold, silver or greenbacks.

ON another page, will be found a letter from Master Charles Skinner to his teacher, Miss Pierce. This letter is a good example not only of the lad's precociousness, but of the excellent work done in language and composition in our practice school.

IN our last issue, announcement was made that several changes would occur in the composition of the staff of the ECHO. Two members have since graduated and several others, nearing that momentous occasion, have felt unable to continue longer with us.

Of the work done by our retiring associates it is hardly necessary to speak. The testimonials that have been received from readers of the ECHO, the character of the paper itself, and its present sound financial condition, all testify to the work done by the retiring board.

Of the incoming board it does not become us to speak. Suffice it to say, however; that we shall simply take up the work laid down by our predecessors, presenting each month a bright, newsy, professional paper, worthy of the institution we represent.

THE FACULTY of Harvard University on Feb. 21, by a majority vote, declared in favor of shortening the regular baccalaureate and several other four year courses to three years. Of course this action, before becoming law at Har-

ward, even, must be ratified by the corporation and overseers of the university, but it shows that there is a growing feeling among the best educators that in raising the standards for entrance and graduation they have included in the course for undergraduates a considerable amount of work that properly belongs to the university. On the other hand, there is a still stronger feeling that those institutions that do not require the amount of work necessary for graduation at a majority of the best colleges of this country should be branded as such, and their degrees not allowed to rank with colleges of higher standard.

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION ?

FOR several years, our noble friends of the W. C. T. U. have been possessed of the idea, that to train a boy to be temperate, he must be constantly drilled upon the terrible effects of alcohol on the human system.

Not satisfied with the Ainsworth law of 1884 they last year secured the passage of a bill, the provisions of which we have not space to enumerate, which is detrimental to the cause of true education as well as temperance.

Instead of a repeal, which was earnestly desired by every teacher in the state, there is now before the Assembly committee on public education a bill which provides that instruction in temperance shall begin in the fourth year instead of earlier, as in the present law, and be carried to the second year of the high school. In addition to the compulsory grade work, all regents examinations in physiology and hygiene must include a due proportion of question on the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics and their effects, etc. This will enable the small boy who has not done good work in the temperance class to hang around the saloon a few days before examinations and then pass in physiology and hygiene with honor.

It also provides that "In all normal schools, teacher's training classes and teacher's institutes, adequate time and attention shall be given to instruction in the best methods of teaching this

branch and no teacher shall be licensed who has not passed a satisfactory examination in the subject and the best methods of teaching it." This is liable to necessitate a chair of methods in alcoholic drinks and narcotics in the State Normal college.

To characterize this bill we cannot do better than to quote Prof. O. D. Robinson, of the Albany High School, in a speech delivered February 23 in reply to Mary H. Hunt, of Boston, the author of the present law.

Prof. Robinson said: "I can endure all the beautiful remarks made by Mrs. Hunt as to the necessity of teaching public school pupils the effects of alcohol on the human system, but she has not touched at all upon the difficulties which make the present law ineffectual. What she has said regarding the evils of intemperance will be indorsed by all teachers, but I fail to see how teaching a few pages from a text book on any subject is to change the whole course of a child's life. We must teach facts, and I should feel guilty if I did not, but I believe that a teacher's character has more to do with the morals of a child than anything in any text book."

The reasons we, as teachers, object to this bill are: First, that it interferes materially with other subjects equally as important. Second, we object because the books are in parts immoral and again foolish. For instance, in a text book adopted in one of the cities in this State, we find: 'drinking beer will cause rum blossoms to form on the nose.' We find also 'these are insidious but deadly poisons: alcohol, opium, tobacco, tea and coffee.' We find on three pages the words alcohol, tobacco and opium repeated eighty times unnecessarily. We find that some books treat the question of the liability of children of alcohol imbibing parents being liable to fits, apoplexy, paralysis, etc. Are we to teach this to children who know that their fathers and mothers do such things, and cause the blush of shame to rise to their cheeks?"

Upon the teachers of this state rests the duty to educate the people, including the W. C. T. U., upon the demerits of these bills. It is not enough to refuse to sign petitions for such laws. Plain

refusals will be met with the reply: "You do not then wish to teach temperance." The only answer to that charge should be such an argument as shall convince any who happen to be listening that we as teachers know that these laws are decidedly bad, and why, and that we are authority upon questions pertaining to our profession.

ALUMNI NOTES.

- '73. Mrs. C. W. Tenant was at college one day recently.
- '77. Henry L. Taylor, Ph. D., has been elected principal of the High School at Troy.
- '87. Andrew J. Forman, '87, and wife of New York city called at college February 20.
- '88. In Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1, '96, Miss Lucia Bower, '88, formerly of North Haven, Conn., where she was a successful teacher in the Skinner School, was married to Mr. Thomas Barnes. During January, '96, at Saratoga, Miss Katharine Ainsworth was married to Mr. Emmet J. Woodworth.
- '90. Mrs. Edward W. Cheeney, *nee* Carrie Otto, '90, visited College Jan. 10. On Feb. 18, 1896, at Herkimer, N. Y., Miss Emma Rich, '90, was married to J. J. Burns.
- '92. In January, '96, Miss Eva Palmer, '92, was married to George W. Ward of Dolgeville, N. Y. At Schuylerville, N. Y., recently, Miss Anabelle Shaw, '92, was married to Dewitt J. Winney. They are to reside in Saratoga.
- '93. Miss Georgia Ross was at College Feb. 20. A. B. Hunt is teaching at New Providence, N. J. Miss Maud Stewart, '93, and Miss Marie Wilfert, of Ilion, called at college Jan. 22.
- '94. Miss Lena S. Curtiss has recently accepted a position as preceptress in the Bainbridge Union School and Academy.
- '95. Mr. Forrester of Buffalo was at college Jan. 25. Miss Briggs, '95, spent Jan. 23-26 with Miss Willard, '96, and Miss F. E. Williams, '96. Miss Briggs was on her way from New York to Rochester, thence she intends to go on to California, where she will spend the remainder of the winter. Miss Brigham called at College Jan. 17. Mr. Blessing of Guilderland called at College, Feb. 20. Miss Lansing visited College Feb. 9.

SOCIETY AND CLASS NOTES.

THE class of ninety-six of the State Normal College gave a Washington's birthday social in the Kindergarten rooms of the college building Saturday evening. The members of the class were dressed in continental costume and were received by the officers. Each guest represented the State or patriot whose name was pinned to his or her back, and was required to fathom the mystery of his own identity by adroit questioning. The president then called the meeting to order and the secretary proceeded to call the roll, and each member present responded by telling some anecdote of Washington. The evening was passed very pleasantly in matching quotations of a patriotic nature, singing national hymns and college songs and dancing. The committee had decorated the rooms very tastily with flags, bunting, a picture of the father of his country and not forgetting the famous hatchet. When the class separated it was with increased class spirit and loyalty to the college and with hearts filled with patriotic sentiments.

This is the beginning of a series of socials to be given during the remainder of the year. The standing committees were announced as follows:

Social — Miss Moser, Bryn Mawr College, Miss Hamilton, Smith College, and Mr. Millar.

Program — Miss Snyder, Wellesley College, Miss Hunter, Miss Chace, Miss Breakenridge and Mr. Parker, Hobart College.

Executive — Mr. Krull, Mr. Long and Miss Hanna. — *Times-Union*, Feb. 24.

THE ETA PHI SOCIETY.

FOR the past few weeks, if one had been a careful observer, he would have noticed an unusual degree of animation among a few of the college students. Furtive glances, full of suppressed meaning and subdued whispers containing the words, "meeting," "Madison avenue," "degree," "constitution," "pin," betrayed the enthusiasm of these young ladies in behalf of someone or something.

Later on envelopes which looked as if they contained invitations of some sort were seen in the hands of promenaders in the halls. Then the mystery was solved.

A secret society of women of the State Normal college had been organized bearing the name of Eta Phi, and was to make its debut at a tea given on the *special* day of this year, Feb. 29.

We trust that '96 will be a memorable year in the history of the State Normal college, since it records the birth of Eta Phi, and that as long as this institution exists, so long may Eta Phi be one of her strongest friends and ablest helpers.

RECEPTION OF '97.

THE class of '97 entertained the Faculty, the class of '96 and the High school pleasantly on the evening of Feb. 5. Early in the evening, the guests were busy choosing partners with whom to enjoy the literary program. The search for "my next partner" added much to the enjoyment of the numbers.

The reception room was daintily draped in the class colors, gold and white, while palms and the colors of the other classes formed the decorations of the different rooms.

The program was as follows :

Welcome.....	Mr. Sime, Pres.
Solo	Miss Cain
Recitation	Miss Hess
Duett.....	{ Miss Jones
	{ Miss Murphy
"Our Nation's Sure Defense".....	Mr. Rosecrants
"As You Like It".....	Miss Kelly
Trio.....	{ Mr. Cook
	{ Mr. Sprague
	{ Mr. Allen
Shadow Pictures	{ Miss Nichols
	{ Mr. Dougan
	{ Mr. Cook
	{ Mr. Van Allen

The committees were: Entertainment, Miss Delin, Mr. Van Allen, Miss Lyon, Miss Collier and Mr. Cook. Decoration, Miss Eckerle, Mr. Osborne and Miss Breakenridge.

THE QUINTILIAN RECEPTION.

ON the evening of February first the faculty and students of the college and High School had the pleasure of being entertained by the Quintilian Society. The president of this society, Miss Wallace, officiated in a graceful manner.

As many of the students were at that blissful spot — home — during their brief vacation, the prettily decorated rooms were not well-filled. Those who received the welcome and attentions accorded them, however, not only enjoyed themselves, but regretted the absence of those less fortunate.

Judging from the excellence of the program rendered, we are led to conclude that notwithstanding ancient traditions, beauty and wit sometimes travel together. The recitation by Miss Lyons was greatly appreciated, while the Misses Hungerford and Shaller made their adieux amid rounds of applause. The sparks of fancy indulged in by Miss Gray seemed to ignite and burn on many cheeks. The musical part of the program, rendered by the Misses Crawford, Hall, and Taylor competed favorably with the literary part.

When many hours had fled by and the gathering had dispersed, each one declared himself well pleased that the new term had begun in so happy a manner.

PHI DELTA FRATERNITY.

AT the last regular meeting of Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta fraternity, held Friday evening, February 22, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Most Worthy Brother..	W. B. Sprague.
Vice-President.....	S. W. Krull.
Secretary	Geo. B. Sime.
Financial Secretary....	F. Sponable.
Treasurer.....	Eugene Woodard.
Chaplain.....	Wm. F. Long.
Marshal.....	L. K. Rockefeller.
Inner Guard.....	C. V. Bookhout.
Outer Guard.....	L. J. Cook.
Critic.....	John J. O'Shaughnessey.

It has seldom been our privilege to attend a more pleasant gathering than that which met with Prof. White at the home of his sister, Mrs. James Vosburg, in East Albany, on Friday evening, February 14, 1896.

The occasion was a meeting of Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta fraternity with Prof. White for

a social evening. Besides the 19 active members present were Prof. W. H. Good, '95, of Bath-on-the-Hudson, and Mr. Jessie L. Turner, of Slingerlands, N. Y., a member in '94. At 6:30 o'clock dinner was served. At each plate was a conundrum, the answering of which added to the general felicity of the occasion. Upon leaving the table each member was labeled upon his back with the name of some prominent person, by which his friends were to know him until he could identify himself. Some very amusing incidents occurred while different ones were guessing their names. One brother, whose *alias* was Bartholomew Shea, has not yet been able to understand why he was not invited to his own electrocution.

At 10:30 o'clock the guests repaired to the dining room, where ice cream and cake were served, after which L. K. Rockefeller, as toastmaster, called forth the following program:

The Delta Omegas W. B. Sprague.
 My Better Half Eugene Woodard.
 Single Blessedness W. J. Millar.
 The New Woman L. M. Dougan.
 The New Man C. V. Bookhout.
 The Social Side of Our
 Profession Prof. W. H. Good.

In conclusion Prof. Good said that Mrs. Good joined with him in extending to the chapter a cordial invitation to meet with them at their home some time in the near future. Prof. White was then called for, and in a few well-chosen remarks assured us of the brotherly feeling that he still retains for our chapter. After a rising vote of thanks to our host, each one bade Prof. White and Mr. and Mrs. Vosburgh good-night, and mentally voted them excellent entertainers.

CLASS DAY OFFICERS.

THE election of class day officers by the senior class of the State Normal College yesterday afternoon resulted as follows: President, W. H. Perry, graduate of Syracuse University, class of '93; vice-president, R. Blanch Willard, Houghton Seminary '90; secretary, Marguerite B. Mann, Geneseo State Normal, '85; treasurer, Eugene Woodard, Sandy Hill Union School; orator, Charles M. Lillie, Cornell University, '93; essayist,

Mary L. Cooke, West Winfield High School, '94; poet, L. Louise Arthur, Union Classical Institute, '94; historian, May B. Heard Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, '93; prophet, Mary N. C. Deane, Crown Point High School, '85; presentation orator, Lewis K. Rockefeller, Valatie High School, '93; statistician, Katherine C. Gompf, Pittsford Academy, '93; writer of class songs, Genevieve Crissey, Warwick Institute, '93. A number of social entertainments will be given by the class before their final separation in June.—*Albany Journal*, Feb. 20, 1896.

COLLEGE NOTES.

THE fraternities at Dartmouth have drawn up resolutions in which they agree not to pledge or say anything about fraternities to new men before November 20th of each year.—*The College Forum*.

Judging from recent reports, the Olympic games will be revived in the near future, and will constitute an important factor in international athletics.

The catalogue of Harvard for 1895-6 shows the total enrollment of students to be 3,600. Yale has 2,415.—*University Forum*.

There are 250 students taking the course in modern novels at Yale.—*Ex*.

The question of forming an Inter-Collegiate Debating Association among the colleges of Central New York is being agitated.—*University Herald*.

There are about 80,000 members of college Greek-letter fraternities.—*Ex*.

The presidency of Indiana State College has been offered to Ex-President Harrison.—*Ex*.

The young women students at Cornell like to take the lead. This time it is in the adoption of a storm costume suitable for unpleasant weather. The suit consists of a short skirt, hanging about six inches below the knees, and leggings.

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., was the scene of a fight between the Sophomore and Freshman classes on the night of February 21. The disgrace of the act was increased by burning two professors in effigy the next morning. The faculty are taking the right measure to make such action unpopular, and they are now investigating to find the ringleaders.

It is with sadness that we learn that Hanford Weiner Edson, instructor of rhetoric and elocution at Williams College, has recently become insane.

The directions for making laboratory aprons, given to the chemistry class were accompanied by the suggestion that they get denim. The cost was also given and when a few members of the class smiled at this, our learned adviser replied: "Oh! I know all about such things, I've learned it from scanning bills."

PERSONALS.

MISS BANCROFT, '96, entertained western friends Jan. 17.

Miss Reed, '96, spent Jan. 17-19 at Lansingburgh.

Miss Terrett, of Saratoga, visited College Jan. 21.

Mrs. Valentine and Miss Dorr, of Albany, called Jan. 17.

Miss Goodhue has left College for the remainder of the year, owing to illness.

Miss Daley, who was called home on account of the illness of her father, has returned.

Miss Helen Toohey, of Fishkill-on-Hudson, visited Miss Toohey and Miss Meta Toohey Jan. 31-Feb. 10.

All of the Newburgh students spent the vacation between the terms at their homes.

Miss Young, '96, will not return to College this year, but has recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Tarr, '96, had a friend at College Feb. 10.

Miss Adams, '96, spent Jan. 27-Feb. 14 at her home in Elmira.

Miss Clara Powers, of this city, was at College Jan. 20.

Miss Hunter, '96, spent Feb. 4-8 at Ithaca, N. Y. She attended the Junior Promenade of Cornell University.

The many friends of Miss Helen Wilson regret to learn that she has left College.

Miss MacDonald, '96, who was substituting for Miss Carpenter at Deposit, has returned to College.

Miss Harper has entered Radcliffe College to pursue a special course in literary work.

Mr. Parker, '96, spent the vacation at his home in Geneva.

Miss Bradshaw has returned to College after an absence of eight weeks.

Miss Helen Hamilton spent Jan. 31-Feb. 5 at her home.

Miss Chace, '96, spent Feb. 1-15 with relatives at Hoosick Falls.

Miss Crissey, '96, was at her home during the vacation.

Mr. Perry, '96, is teaching classes at the Y. M. C. A. of this city.

Mrs. Ruby Thurber Day, formerly principal of Powers Kindergarten, of Lansingburgh, called Feb. 26.

Miss Daisy N. Reichart, principal of Market St. Kindergarten, Lansingburgh, visited College Feb. 26.

Miss McClelland was missed from her classes Feb. 25, being detained on account of illness.

We gladly give the whereabouts of some of our friends who finished in February:

Miss Sutcliffe is teaching at Yonkers, Miss Anna Wood at Kingston, Miss West at Catskill, Mr. Carpenter at Chatham, Miss Chubbuck at Evergreen, Miss Northup at Flushing, L. I., Miss Goulden at Matteawan and Mr. Herzog at Tuxedo Park.

Miss Sutcliffe has a position as special teacher of history; Miss Wood teaches methods and is principal of the primary department, and Mr. Carpenter is principal of the schools at Chatham.

C. M. Lillie, '96 was called home Thursday, Feb. 27, by the death of his grandmother who lived to the advanced age of 101 years.

Miss Howes, '96 spent Feb. 28-March 2 at her home in Utica.

Miss Smith and Miss Bertha Smith of Lansingburgh visited College Feb. 27.

Miss Adams '96 visited Miss Foote at her home in Catskill, Feb. 28-March 2.

Mr. Rockefeller spent Feb. 28-March 2 at his home in Valatie.

Miss Stafford of Glens Falls called at College, Feb. 28.

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Farewell,

Retiring members

Of the old Echo staff.

Welcome! Welcome!

Ye social spirit,

Stay ye among us.

How many valentines—any?

Twenty in the entering class!

New students: "Say, what is a rough note book?"

One hundred and eighteen students in the Model Department speaks pretty well of Prof. White as a principal.

'97s you did well, "try it again" they say.

Are all you subjects punched *twice*?

How do you like the new idea anyway?

"Better late than never"—"what?" Why the February Echo.

Next month we will March right along in good time.

You cannot deceive all the people all the time.—Lincoln.

Knowledge is the surest foundation of a nation's happiness.—Washington.

Still achieving, still pursuing,

Learn to labor and to wait.—Longfellow.

Who found out the names on our college roll?

It isn't every college that has an Erasmus among its students.

It has been suggested that in the future the whole college be allowed to take school economy, the class is so interesting.

Many students from the S. N. C., members of Mr. Hannock's class of the First Presbyterian church, had the pleasure of attending an enjoyable reception of that class February 13.

Question in Rhetoric — "When did you use more of the Angle-Saxon element than you do now?"

Mr. V. A. — "When I was smaller — I mean when I was younger."

Prof. Hughes, Supt. of Toronte schools, gave a most interesting lecture on "Education of Children," Friday evening, Feb. 14, in the college chapel.

One of the bright little five year olds in our Kindergarten was one day discovered giving a peculiar rendering to the last line of the little grace said before luncheon, when he repeated most earnestly and devoutly: "Give us Lord our *daisy* bread."

One day last week President Milne treated the class in history of pedagogy to a very pleasant surprise. He introduced Mr. Green of Springfield, Mass., who then recited a very interesting poem, a description of heaven, entitled, "The Land Beyond the Sun." Ever member of the class felt himself the better for having heard such a poem. In our next number we hope to present it to our readers.

The members of the Kindergarten class of the State Normal College, were among the many Albany people who enjoyed Mrs. Lucretia Willard Treat's daily lectures on Kindergarten work, during the week of Jan. 27.

Mrs. Treat, who is a personal friend of Miss Isdell, called at the Kindergarten Jan. 30, entertaining the children with one of her delightfully told stories.

One of our professors amused his class the other day by giving instructions as follows: "Always have a special order for doing everything. If you only set a table, do it in an orderly manner. I learned this from experience — that is — I mean from observation."

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

MISS PAYNE has returned after an absence of five weeks.

Miss Hungerford spent a few days in Schenectady.

Miss Goldthwaite has returned to complete her studies.

Misses De Freest and Farrell have returned after absences of a few weeks.

The Adelphoi elected the following officers Feb. 14, 1896.

President—Rallp A. Garrison.

Vice President—Wm. H. Jones.

Secretary—Chas. Vandenburg.

Treasurer—Wm. Fitzsimmons.

Many of our pupils were pleased to learn that they were to have the same teachers in their forty weeks subjects.

The Adelphoi Society spent a delightful evening Feb. 17, at the home of one of their members, Mr. A. J. Greene. A ride on the train to Delmar, and a sleigh ride of four miles from there, added much to the enjoyment.

ALL SORTS.

SOMETHING that dosen't follow the law of gravitation — a fellow's necktie in back.—*The High School Recorder.*

— Prof: What is appetite?

Student: A sensation that comes about meal time.—*Rocky Mountain Collegian.*

An original (?) by E -- n.

Title — "Changed by the new woman."

It has been in all times

Honor, love and obey,

But in these advanced times it is

Honor, love and have your own way.—*The Academy Graduate.*

An illustration of what you can prove in Geometry.

"A Hen is a biped

A Man is a biped

Therefore a man is a hen."—*The Raquet.*

The teacher asked, in speaking about animals of the Rocky Mountains, "What can a bear do that makes him so hard to catch?" She expected the answer, "Climb." The girl replied, "He can eat you up."—*The Normal College Echo.*

Some pedagogical investigations were in operation in the training school and this was one question;—"How do you feel during the singing lesson?" The answers were varied. Several felt glad. One felt glad and happy. Another interesting child felt like jumping up and down; while a small boy who is frank and honest as the day is long, wrote—"I don't feel like anything."—*Normal Exponent.*

Old lady in bookstore — "Last days of Pompeii! So he's dead, poor fellow; I wonder what killed him?" "He died of an eruption, madam," replied the grave-faced clerk.—*The Oneontan.*

Professor in Physics — When are thermometers graduated?

Bright Student — When they get their degree.—*The Purple.*

What is love? Heart disease.—*Exchange.*

IT WAS, AND IT WASN'T.

Two medics sauntered peaceably

For more than twenty blocks;

And though this was no *paradox*,

It was a *pair o' docs*.—*Delaware College Review.*

When all my thoughts in vain are thunk,
 When all my winks in vain are wunk,
 What saves me from a rocky flunk?
 My pony. *High School Review.*

It is said throughout the college world that the class of 1900 will be designated as the Class of "Naughty Naught."—*University Forum.*

"Once upon a midnight dreary, while my brain was
 yet aweary,
 Pondering long and anxiously over the methods yet
 in store,
 While I dreamed of home and love, suddenly there came
 a howling,
 As of some one loudly calling, calling at my chamber
 door.
 'Tis some fiend—thought I in terror, calling at my
 chamber door—
 Surely this and nothing more.

"Ah, distinctly I remember, it was in the bleakest
 weather,
 And each separate dying ember wrought its ghost
 upon the floor.
 Eagerly I wished the morrow, vainly I had sought to
 borrow
 Sleep to soothe me in the terror, terror which the
 more
 Upon my idle fancy came unsought to seek an entrance
 At my chamber door.

"And the dismal, strange unearthly howling of the demon
 Thrilled me, filled me, with fantastic terrors, never felt
 before,
 So that now, with heart still quaking, with a leap I
 bounded forward;
 Scat! I cried in tones sonorous, at the chamber door.
 Down the stairs in haste it scampered from my chamber
 door.
 A cat it was and nothing more."

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

LITERATURE in the High School by Mrs. E. B. Wilson in the *Normal Forum* sets forth the value of literature study in clear and forcible English. This number also contains an able article, "What Kindergarten Does for the Children."

It is a pleasure to receive such good papers as "The Student" from Richfield Springs, but the pleasure is increased when in its columns we find a letter from one of our own number, and discover that the paper is the representative of her preparatory school.

Geography lovers should read "Modern Geography," by President Mark W. Harrington, in *The College Idea*.

Everyone must feel that the college journals are important factors in education and especially when one reads an agazine of so high merit as *The Yale Literary Magazine*. In the January number the first article, "On Shams" is well worth reading and consideration.

The Tattler says that, "A school paper should be one of the chief factors of the school, should represent the school in all its phases, and should convey to outsiders a true idea of life within the school room." Those sentiments are ours too.

We find considerable good advice in the Exchange columns of the *Delaware College Review*.

The Teachers' Institute contains an instructive article on "Home Made Apparatus."

We thoroughly appreciate the literary articles in the January number of the *Crucible*.

The conclusion that might be made from the thoughts expressed in many of our college journals is that college spirit consists alone of a display of enthusiasm for athletics.

In the columns of the *State Normal Monthly* we read: "The State Normal College at Albany has no gymnasium." We realize this but we would tell our western friend that states which have such capitols as ours generally must sacrifice something, even if it be a thing so necessary as a gymnasium.

Those students who are interested in miscroscopy would also be interested in an article on this subject in the February *Observer*.

The Greenwich *High School Echo* has an article upon the "Two Recent School Laws." The one is the new compulsory education law, and the other the new physiology and temperance law. In this article Principal Morey speaks of the resolution recently adopted by the State Board of Regents which is as follows: "The Board of Regents, believing that there are grave objections on principle to legislative interference with the freedom of teachers and scholars, as to details and methods of education, enters its protest against all legislation of this kind, and urges the repeal of the bill, passed by the last legislature, providing for the study of the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics." We are glad that the Regents are endorsing the views of many of our prominent teachers.

We gladly find among our exchanges: *The Normal Forum*, *The New Education*, *The Student*, *Pacific Wave*, *The Signal*, *The Normal News*, *El Monitor de la Educacion Comun*, and *The High School Recorder*.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

THE February number of *The Teachers' Institute* contains many articles which will aid the teachers in celebrating the holidays in this month.

The salaries of the teachers of Chicago are likely to be very much reduced. The reduction is to go into immediate effect, the reason assigned for it being that it is necessary to economize in order to erect new school buildings.—*The School Record*.

The letters of the various alphabets vary in number from twelve to two hundred and two. The Sandwich Islanders' has twelve, the Tartarian two hundred and two—*New Ideas*.

Indians are beginning to recognize that the old order of things has passed away and that only by educating his children can the Indian compete with the white man in the struggle for life.—*Indian Advocate*.

Skill in teaching accomplishes wonderful results. Not long since a noted clergyman in a city pulpit said that he had begun to go downward when a teacher took an interest in him and pulled him out of the miry clay; that teacher was a poorly paid teacher in a country school—but the results will be vast. That teacher was skillful, knew human nature and how to move it; could influence motives, and now mark, and by means of the lessons in arithmetic and language impregnate the pupil with higher and higher purposes and stronger desires for knowledge. This is the grand field of the teacher!—*The Teachers' Institute*.

History tells us that the first printing was done by steam in the year 1817, by Bensley & Son, London.

The best teacher, generally speaking, is the one who not only teaches but studies also. As soon as a teacher ceases to study, he gets out of sympathy with learners, he forgets the difficulties the young mind meets with in the acquisition of new facts, and he is apt to become impatient with the dull student; but as long as he continues to study he encounters difficulties and can appreciate the slowness with which we grasp new truths.—*The College Idea*.

Nearly all the monarchs of Europe have their lives insured. The most notable exception is the czar of Russia.—*The Skirmisher*.

As far back as 1735, three women appeared at the dawn of our newspaperdom. Benjamin Franklin's brother James died in that year, and both his business and his *Newport Mercury* were carried on by his widow Anne and her two daughters.—*The Livingstone*.

According to the *School Bulletin*, the national meeting of superintendence has recently been in session at Jacksonville, Fla.

REVIEWS.

Under the caption of "The Anglo-American Imbroglia," *The North American Review* for February opens with two noteworthy articles, the first being from the pen of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and entitled, "The Venezuelan Difficulty," and the other by the Right Hon. James Bryce, author of "The American Commonwealth," who graphically describes "The British Feeling" on this very important question. A practical paper on "Practical Politics," is contributed by His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts, and in "The Increased Production of Gold," Mr. Edward Atkinson predicts that the United States will take the lead in gold-producing countries this coming year, thereby placing our national finances on a solid basis. A unique contribution is supplied by the well-known statistician Michael G. Mulhall, F. S. S., who asks, "Is the Human Race Deteriorating?" presenting in connection therewith some most interesting statistics. A timely symposium on the "Issues of Peace and War," is furnished by Capt. H. C. Taylor, U. S. N., and the President of the Naval War College, who writes upon "The Study of War;" the Right Rev. Wm. Crowell Doane, Bishop of Albany, who treats of the "Follies and Horrors of War," and by Mr. George Parsons Lathrop, who thoughtfully tells "How a War Begins." Mrs. Amelia E. Barr treats ably the topic of "Discontented Women," and a vigorous paper on "Does the Ideal Husband Exist?" is presented by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore. Astronomical matters claim a due share of attention, "The Newest Telescope"—the Yerkes—being elaborately described by Prof. C. A. Young, of Princeton College. "Lake Nemi's Mysterious Wreck" forms the theme of a delightful paper by Rodolfo Lanciani the celebrated Italian archæologist, who invests the subject with all the charm of a romance. The second instalment of "The Future Life and the Condition of Man Therein," by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, is given in this number, and public interest in this great contribution is well assured. Other topics skillfully handled are: "Our 'Uncle Sam' and his I. O. U's," by Plinty T. Sexton; "A Woman's View of 'Christianity's' Millstone," by Maud Nathan, and "New York's Opportunity for 1900," by C. M. Skinner.

The complete novel in the February issue of *Lippincott's* is "Ground-swells," by the well-known writer, Mrs. Jeannette H. Walworth. It is a tale of rather unusual length (for the magazine), readable, lively, and "up-to-date." The scene is in New York city, and the heroine is, or tries to be, a New Woman.

"Fifteen," by Marjorie Richardson, is the tale of a highminded cash-boy, supposed to be told by one of his comrades in the dry goods store.

Dr. Harvey B. Bashore gives an interesting epitome of the furthest researches of geology in a rapid sketch of "The First Days of the World," "The Aerial Monasteries of Greece," are described by Charles Robinson.

James Knapp Reeve writes of "What Men Drink." E. S. F. gives some account of "Domestic Service on the Pacific Slope" and the difficulties thereof.

"The Child and his Fictions," is a pleasant and suggestive paper by Elizabeth Ferguson Seat. Frederic M. Bird points out certain "Paralyzers of Style," some of which are intended to have a precisely opposite effect, while some are the result of mere carelessness.

The poetry of the number is by Joseph Wharton, Charles G. D. Roberts, and Clinton Scollard.

The *Review of Reviews* for February contains in the "Progress of the World," the editor's comments upon English newspapers and their treatment of the Venezuela case. The bond call and the financial situation, "Cecil Rhodes, President Kruger and South African Affairs," together with other topics, portraits and maps.

It also contains the following:

"The History of the Month in Cartoon and Caricature," an analyzed record of current events (illustrated).

"Joseph Chamberlain, a Character Sketch," is a complete and elaborate account of the career, the methods and the ambitions of the man whose will now dominates the British Empire from Canada to South Africa.

"Cripple Creek and the Colorado Gold Miners," by Cy Warman.

"That Flood of Gold," by Carl Snyder.

"The Two Sides of the Money Standard Question," 1. "The Case Against the Single Gold Standard," by Dr. Arndt, of Berlin (translated by Pres. E. B. Andrews). 2. "Damaging Facts Against Bimetallism," by Professor Frank Herriott.

"The New Laureate and His Poetry."

"The Armenian Massacres Since Last October."

In methods in Primary Reading, written by Sara A. Saunders, and published by the Educational Gazette Co., Rochester, N. Y., the four prominent methods of teaching primary reading are discussed. The practical difficulties to be met in following "The Thought and Sentence Method," "The Word Method" and "The Phonic Method," are pointed out, and the advantages of "The Combination Method," shown.

The method of presenting work to a class is given and reasons added for every step. A summary of the steps that pertain to the teaching of primary reading, is then given, followed by a list of practical suggestions and a number of "don'ts." A plan for the

giving of a reading lesson on "Hiawatha," to the second grade, indicates the general plan to be followed in all grades.

One chapter is devoted to devices, and a chart of sound characters as used in this method is given.

Teachers of primary reading will find this a suggestive and helpful book.

C. W. Bardeen, of Syracuse, publishes a small manual, "The Art of Putting Questions," written by W. T. Young.

The idea of the author is, that "the ability to communicate knowledge successfully to others and particularly to the young is less rare than that by which the knowledge so acquired by the pupil is drawn out and by which he is made to think."

For years this work has been out of print, and some revisions have been made, making it simpler and typographically more attractive.

Questioning is taken up in all its phases; the author considers the province of questioning, the knowledge requisite, the various forms of questions, the capacity of the pupil, etc. Questioning, as an art, is made more clear to every one reading the book.

"Old Stories Retold," by Paul Binner, Principal of the School for Deaf Mutes, Milwaukee, Wis.

This book contains the following stories, which are made very attractive by numerous fine illustrations: "Jack and the Bean Stalk," "The Wolf and the Seven Young Goats," "Cinderella," "The Greedy Wolf and the Sly Fox," "The Smart Little Tailor," "The House Built of Ginger Cake," "The Wonder-Stone."

"SYLVA."

TO-DAY I fall; to-morrow I shall rise.
To-day I shall indulge myself in leisure; but to-morrow my hand shall work with all its might.

To-day I enjoy life in all its sweetness, carelessness and transientness; to-morrow, my soul, be thou strong and very courageous, and we shall victoriously conquer.

The light of the soul went out at twelve o'clock that night.—*The Hermonite.*

In College it did not take long to see that the fields for research were larger and more varied than he had even yet imagined. When he thought of his having studied five or six years on several branches, and that in an elementary way, and then thought of his professors studying in some one line until they were gray-haired men, and then of their saying that they were but beginners, he felt as if he needed to study in humility and nevermore to think of his wisdom.—*Princeville Academy Sol.*

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