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WITH the present number this paper begins its second volume, but under conditions so different that a few words seem necessary in the way of explanation. First of all, the management has been entirely changed, and we hope for the better. While the paper has more than realized the hopes of its founders, the experience of one year has convinced all who have had any connection with it that the College, as a whole, is not the proper body to have direct control of such an enterprise, and consequently an agreement has been entered into by which the paper passes into the hands of the four persons whose names appear at the head of this column.

IN taking possession of the paper it is highly proper to make a brief outline of our future work and intentions. Profiting by the experience of the past, we have determined to make many radical changes in the paper, as this number will show. One of the most notable of these changes is in regard to its name. Hereafter it will be known as the EPOCH, instead of the REVIEW. This decision has not been a hasty one. On the other hand it has been made after due deliberation. The present name carries with it a pleasing significance. It marks the

era which in years to come will, undoubtedly, be known as the most memorable one in the history of the University. This is something that could not be claimed for the name, REVIEW, for this paper is not, and, as far as we can foretell, never will be a review in the strict sense of the term.

WE need not go into details in regard to the several departments of the EPOCH, as the plan of this number will be followed during the coming year. Our object will be to present University news in full, discuss topics of interest to student, college and education in general, keep our subscribers informed of the latest news in the college world, and, as far as practicable, give the paper a literary aspect. In other words, we wish to publish a paper which will be of interest to every college student, as well as the alumni and patrons of the University, and such persons as are interested in the cause of higher education. According to the express wish of the students, the EPOCH will continue to be the representative paper of the University; hence, our aim will be to further the interests of the University, and we will endeavor to be of use to its students, whom we represent in every proper way. We are aware that the college is judged by the paper which it publishes. Nothing could be more natural or more just. Keeping this fact steadily in view, we will labor to have it said in the future, as it has been said in the past, that the EPOCH is an honor to the University.

THE form of the REVIEW was inconvenient, and in many other ways unsatisfactory, but, as the reader will see, there can be no cause for such complaint in the future. Not only the form, but the type, quality of the paper and general arrangement of this number will be

found much superior to the last issue. We flatter ourselves that the plan and appearance of the EPOCH will compare favorably with most college papers; as to its contents, the reader can judge for himself.

THE many improvements in the appearance, as well as the character, of the University during the past year have been noted and commented on as they appeared, so that the subject is rather old to the students and our near neighbors; but, considering that this issue of the EPOCH is to be circulated throughout the State to an unusual extent, it will not be out of place to take a brief review of the events which have combined to make this one of the most memorable epochs in the history of the college. The increase in the number of students has been wonderful. According to the catalogue of 1881 there were then registered in the college 176 students; to-day there are over 400. These figures speak for themselves. We can now claim almost as many students as the State Normal, and this is saying considerable for a private institution which but four years ago had such a small class roll. The University, after many years of struggle, has emerged from the cloud of adversity which has been hovering over her, and at last found a firm footing for future work, and we firmly believe that this change is permanent. Much of this improvement has been made during the past year. To look back only one year—only one year—is to present a contrast highly complimentary to our President, Faculty and Trustees, who have so long labored that this might be so. At the beginning of last year the University was just about what she was years ago. But not so now. The new building, to be known as East Hall, is a beautiful structure, large and convenient. The recitation rooms, which occupy the basement and first floor, are neat and well planned, while the dormitories, which make up the rest of the building, are good sized, with extra large closets, and well furnished. The building is supplied with steam pipes for heating, as is West Hall. Between East Hall and South Hall there has been erected a fine build-

ing to be used as a dining hall. Southwest of South Hall stands the new and much talked of observatory. It comprises a reception room, Prof. George's study, transit room and dome. The transit and telescope are first-class, the latter being next to the Mt. Hamilton telescope, the largest in the State. In West Hall some very agreeable changes have also taken place. The college classes have been organized as never before. The curriculum has been enlarged. The number of instructors has been increased, and a chair of English Literature established. In fact the college has been improved in almost every particular. All this has been done—not in twenty years, not in ten years, but in *one* year. Yet, this is not all. Several other buildings are in contemplation, and before the year is out we may expect to see work upon them begun. It is, indeed, a great epoch in the history of the college, and there is little doubt but that it will be so regarded for years to come.

NOW that the different classes have been fully organized for the year, the boys are beginning to turn their attention to the campus. Several days ago some one was around taking subscriptions for the purpose of having the grounds graded and otherwise fitted up. This was a good idea, and we only regret that the matter has been allowed to drop. The University has always been behind in athletic sports. Whether our students are more studious than those of other colleges, or whether it is only due to an indifference on their part, we cannot say, but it is evident that there is a lack of that energetic, athletic spirit which gives such prominence to healthy sports in other colleges. There is no reason why we should not have a "field day" this year as well as our neighbors. If we had the records of the many young athletes who have in time past been connected with the University, we would have a list that we could well be proud of. But we have them not for the simple reason that we have never had a "field day." Let the boys who are most interested in these matters consider the proposition, and see if it does not deserve action.

THE University should have its own water.

This can be done by sinking an artesian well. We are aware that such a well would not overflow, as is desirable, but it would come within a very few feet of the surface, for between here and Santa Clara, on the railroad, is a flowing well. A windmill, or, better still, a small engine attached to one of the boilers already on the grounds, would lift the water into a tank. The demand for more water than the present system can supply has grown with the growth of the University in the past year or two. The campus needs water for irrigating purposes in various parts. West Hall has around it flower beds multiplying yearly; likewise South Hall. The new building has no flower beds or grass plots as yet, and possibly will not have for some time to come on account of a scarcity of water. Besides, water obtained through an artesian well is purer than the water we use. Our city water comes from a reservoir near Alma, in the Santa Cruz mountains. The inlet to this reservoir is a flume, which has its source a little below Wright's. Water taken from below any town is known not to be the most wholesome. Such a well would not only supply the University with an abundance, but there would be a demand for it in the locality. At any time our water supply may be cut off. The San Jose papers now are urging the necessity of using less and wasting none.

THERE is a plan now under discussion among our Eastern brethren which bids fair to create quite a reform in the college world. It is proposed to set aside Monday as a weekly day of rest instead of Saturday. At first thought the idea appears to be mere paper talk; but, although we are not yet fully prepared to recommend the plan for adoption here, we must say that there is much to say in favor of the new system and little, if anything, against it. After a continuous strain of labor for five days the student naturally becomes wearied as the end of the week approaches, and when Saturday comes he feels more like resting than studying, and, if he is a conscientious student, he

does not want to study on Sunday. Thus the time passes until he goes to his recitations on Monday, when he finds he is not prepared to recite. It has gone so far as to become a matter of course among our professors to expect poorer lessons on Monday than on any other day. To what can the cause be traced if it is not to the fact that Sunday, the day of rest, immediately precedes the day of recitation. This new system has been put in practice in several Eastern colleges of note, and in all cases where a fair trial has been given it has worked admirably well. We would like to hear from the students on the subject.

THE *Hatchet* appears enlarged and much improved over last year, and has evidently become a permanent feature of the University.

THERE appears to be some complaint among the Preps in regard to their lodgings in East Hall. If there were any ground for such complaint we would give them our sympathies and dismiss the matter, but the absurdity of such talk is so evident that we cannot help saying something. The building in question is supplied with all the conveniences that anyone could want. In fact, the accommodations are as good as can be found in any institution of its kind, and superior to most of them. There are a number of college students rooming in East Hall, and they all declare themselves highly satisfied in every particular. The Preps may consider themselves lucky in getting such fare as they do. It seems to follow as a matter of course that boarding students, to use an expression more appropriate than refined, should growl. The Trustees evidently made a great mistake in not introducing that modern convenience, the elevator, into the new building, so that the boys would be spared the trouble of climbing up stairs, and thus being wearied for their evening studying. But, as they neglected to do so, we would suggest that each boarder be furnished with a negro servant to shine his shoes and carry his books up stairs for him.

LITERARY.

Longfellow.

Written for the Epoch.

I hear from out this restless light of care
 A voice that sounds above the din and strife,
 Cleaving with angel wing the stifling air
 Of doubt and fear—it sings a "psalm of life."
 Gleams of his inmost soul, what pictures fair
 Our poet limned in songs that live and move,
 And fashioned in thought's own studio rare
 The sculptures that his noble nature prove.
 In them he lives and breathes—he is not dead—
 The poet's presence girds us like a zone;
 His cheerful influence round our path is shed
 Tho' silent death now claims him as his own.

In youth, sweet dreams of beauty came and went,
 In life's strong years bright were the songs of love,
 In age thy days in kindly deeds were spent,
 Till summoned to thy peaceful home above.
 As chaste as yon transparent morn
 That softly crowns Sierra's snowy crest,
 The fancies of thy early youth were born
 To tranquilize our spirit's "vague unrest."
 In later years thy great heart beat the call
 To larger life—to strong faith without fear.
 As welcome rains upon the parched earth fall,
 So thy thoughts into lives with sorrow sere.
 And thy declining years of fruitful age,
 Like glowing hills, all bright with autumn sun,
 Illumed the whole of life's imprinted page,
 And softly breathed of labor nearly done.

When in the north the cruel winter king
 Enfolds in icy clasp both lake and stream,
 Deep under drifted snow buds dream of spring
 And the wild winds through frozen branches scream.
 But when at last the gentle south wind breathes
 Its vital breath over hill and dale,
 Then Nature her mantle with flow'rs enwreathes,
 And quickening life moves through wood and vale.
 So thy dear truth the moral nature warms
 And breathed through humanity's wintry dream—
 Awakens charity in noblest forms,
 With love and beauty its favored theme.
 Ah! human nature, cold and still thou art,
 Until the harmony of gentle strains
 Pours from the poet's lips around thy heart;
 And then the soul its spring day glow regains
 And spirits that have slept through the ice of years
 Awake like the blossoms, and amid earth's strife
 Lighten life's sorrow, brighten the winter of fears,
 Till faith and love regain their wonted life

Out of forgotten lore, the pride of ages,
 And from the dust of ruined tombs thou hast
 Revived the thoughts, the deeds, the lives of sages,
 And thus renewed the judgments of the past.
 And thou didst, by the genius of thought, select
 The good, the beautiful of life prolong,
 While nature gave thee as thou didst reflect
 The truth in thine own image and thy song.
 We know thy voice for freedom e'en through strife;
 We know thee, student, scholar, teacher, friend;
 For love of truth, for love of right, thy life
 In faithful labor thou didst ever spend.

Within the cottage walls thy songs are heard,
 And to the poor, the lowly, sorrowing,
 Soft as the blessings of the written Word,
 The healing balm of sympathy they bring.
 The soul that mourned the cruel fate of life
 Through many a long and dismal, "rainy day,"
 By the light of thy nature ceased from strife,
 And sung a cheerful anthem on its way.
 The wanderer, after many years, returned
 To the home of his youth, lured by visions fair,
 Finds not the love that on the altar burned—
 Sees not the forms; hears not the voices there.
 The visions change to shrouds and spectres gray,
 But "the old clock," high on the oaken stair,
 Repeats this comfort through the livelong day:
 Tho' "never here," sad heart, "forever there."

But thou art gone— from the earth's dwelling gone—
 As one who leaves a blessing in every home,
 To join the noble millions moving on
 To larger worlds beneath infinity's dome.
 Humanity! weep not in grief and pain,
 Nor Nature mourn that ye meet him no more.
 Beat, ocean, his life march in lofty strain,
 Tho' he no longer treads with joy thy shore,
 For thought and love and action are not gone—
 In these must he forever live, though dead,
 As from the "sands of time" his soul sweeps on
 In majesty eternal realms to tread.

STUDY OF LAW.

DOUBTLESS some day, not far distant, it is to be hoped, the University will have a Law Department. The elements of law should be taught in every institution of higher learning. The University has grown in every department of late years. It has continually added to its usefulness by broadening and multiplying its courses. There are enough students now in the University intending to follow law as a profession, to organize a class. This would be at present for the purpose of teaching them the elements of law only. Before entering upon the study of this intricate study as a specialty one should be well grounded in the languages, sciences and other branches lying outside of this overcrowded profession. Too often is it the case that beardless youth, with no general education, and with but little experience in the world, take a law course and expect—only for a short time, however, for they are soon undeceived—to make their "mark" in the busy towns of our country. The time is past when precocious youths successfully compete with well-trained and experienced minds for the prizes in life. One of the causes of so many fifth-class lawyers is owing to too great haste. A young man is not recognized in law much before

thirty or thirty-five years of age. Then is it not better to prepare when you have time, and, when the proper age and proper time come, be ready to take the tide at the flood. This advice to our young aspirants is gratis. But, how about the principles of law. Should one not know the rudiments of any science before he chooses it for life? Most assuredly. If it is not too pertinent, we would like to ask those who are expecting to study law, what they know of even the common law? It is folly to go into a profession with no other reason than that it has been the high road to fame and fortune for thousands. One should know whether or not he has a taste and fitness and adaptability for what he intends to follow fifty or sixty years. A year or two studying the principles of common law in connection with his other college duties would determine this.

But, not only the future lawyer, but every one should know the rules governing his every day life. "Ignorance of the law excuses no man." The minister, the doctor, the merchant, the farmer, should know the laws pertaining to contracts, property, notes, partnership, etc., to guard himself, if for nothing else, from trickery and fraud. It is not necessary, nor is it desirable, that every one should be a lawyer; yet he should know the law regulating his own acts and the acts of his fellowman.

"Many reasons," says Thurman Hastings, "might be advanced in favor of making elementary law a distinct branch of general education." A few of them are here suggested:

The obligations created by the laws of our country are binding upon all its citizens. They are definite and inflexible. No one is allowed to plead ignorance of any legal rule, either as a justification or as an excuse for its violation. The law assumes the fact that every citizen is fully acquainted with all its provisions. The ramifications of these laws reach every grade in society, and extends to its minutest relationships. The rights and duties of citizens, denizens and aliens are prescribed and regulated by the law. It controls all the rights that grow out of the domestic constitution, and points out the reciprocal duties of husbands and wives, of parents and children and of guard-

ians and wards, and vigorously enforces them. Every item of business, however trifling its nature, is regulated by law. It governs the entire mass of human affairs.

A practical knowledge of elementary law is a necessary preparation for the accurate appreciation and protection of individual rights, for the proper discharge of our political duties as citizens of a free republic, and for the holding of any office of honor, trust or profit. A general knowledge of this kind would greatly lessen the amount of litigation and materially diminish the public burdens. As an instrument of mental culture, the study of law cannot be over estimated. It stimulates the reasoning faculties, promotes precision and consecutiveness of thought and expression, and thoroughly disciplines the power of discrimination and analysis. It also opens up to the thoughtful mind an immense field for profitable investigation in relation to governmental policy and secures reform.

ARTESIAN WELLS.

GEOLOGISTS, in their geological researches, find that the contracting process of the earth's surface, due to the parting with its heat, causes multifarious foldings of the earth's stratas. Thus mountains are formed. By the law of gravitation the heaviest materials, when agitated, always sink to the bottom. The soils of our valleys, by the disintegrating process of ages, have been collected from the mountain masses surrounding them. Hence, the layers of clay, sand and gravel. Again new stratas, similar, are formed above these by climatic changes, and so on almost *ad infinitum*. It is through these layers of sand and gravel that the water percolates and flows. If these stratas, hemmed in above and below by impenetrable clay, continue unbroken to surrounding mountains they are fed from their streams and lakes. The whole earth pulsates with arteries fed from these fountain heads, which, in their turn, receive their waters from clouds of vapor drawn from the ocean. Now, as it is a natural law that not anything in nature is ever destroyed, the waters which, by hydraulic pressure, are forced up through the artesian wells,

"Commencement week"—that of field day, and the prizes and honors then bestowed would be a source of good, healthy rivalry for athletic excellence.

We hope the college students (with a limited number of Preps) will consider this matter carefully, and, if possible, carry it through.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

THE University Department of the Y. M. C. A. tendered a reception to the students and friends of the University on Friday evening, August 27th.

The first part of the programme passed off in the Chapel, which was comfortably filled.

President G. A. Meese gave an address of welcome to the students, especially to those who had but lately entered the college. A male quartet was then announced and excellently rendered by Messrs. Meese, Preston, Pierce and von Glahn.

A recitation, "How He Saved St. Michaels," by Miss Ella Glendenning, '86, was greatly enjoyed by the audience, the lady speaking in her usual interesting and magnetic manner.

Prof. J. W. Wilkins, not being able to be present, a vocal solo by him was necessarily omitted. To fill the vacancy, however, another song was given by the quartet.

The President then announced an address by Dr. Stratton. The fact that it was by Dr. Stratton is sufficient praise for the address, and any encomiums we might bestow upon it would be superfluous. He spoke of the power and position of the association for doing good, and congratulated the students and the neighborhood upon their opportunity of living in a community in which such an organization is at work, and the association upon their chance of carrying forward their cause in such a community. He dwelt with emphasis and eloquence upon the power of a Christian educational institution in this State, and expressed it as his thorough conviction that men from such an institution would be "not among the leaders, but the leaders" of educational interests in the State. He believed that the best places for the Y. M. C. A. to carry forward its work was in cities

and at educational centers, as it is at present.

After the address the audience was invited by President Meese to remain a short time on the lower floor to partake of refreshments at the expense of the association. A very enjoyable time was had, and the association is to be congratulated upon the merit of the entertainment (refreshments included), and the popular impression made at this, the first part of the school year.

LOCALS.

Plugs!

Canes!

Mortar boards!

One hundred new students.

Look out for Junior Ex!

There are twenty-eight seniors.

The Class of '88 is thirty strong.

"Plugs!" A fable. By the Senior Class.

The University has an attendance of four hundred.

'88, attention! For sale at a bargain! A lot of second-hand mortar boards, in good condition. Inquire of '87.

The Emendian Society will soon celebrate its anniversary with an open meeting. The *Chip Basket* will be read, and, with the other exercises of the evening, will, doubtless, sustain the reputation of Emendia for enjoyable entertainments.

Senior—"Well, we got ahead of you *that* time, didn't we?" Junior—"Not much you did. We're 'way ahead!" (Pause.) Senior—"O! Junny, embrace your uncle!" Junior—"O! Senny, amalgamate with me!" Both—"Oh-h-h-h!" (Tears and regrets.)

By the kind consent of the Seniors, the Juniors will give an exhibiting on the evening of the second Friday in October. A good programme will be presented, and no effort will be spared in making it one of the most prominent features of the year.

A lawn tennis club, composed of ladies and gentlemen, is one of the latest features of the University. Since organization work upon the grounds has been rapidly pushed forward, and they will soon be ready. No doubt *tenis* the proper number for such a club, but this one has more. The following are the members: Misses Jacks, Mabury, Jones, Hawkins, Smith and Urmy; Messrs. Ballard, Upton, Hancock, Jacks, Mering and Murphy.

Friday night, September 4th, will long be remembered here as a rather eventful one.

"For ways that are dark
And for tricks that are vain
Are the Senior and Junior peculiar."

It is neither the duty nor the desire of the EPOCH to discuss the *particular* events of that night, though they may have been the more important. Let it be sufficient to say that the Juniors passed a very pleasant evening, and the Seniors "ditto." At the kind invitation of Mr. Harry Wilcox the Juniors assembled at his residence, and, put at ease at once by this royal host, held high carnival until the "wee smalls." Meanwhile—that is, *partly* in the meanwhile—the Seniors were "rejoicing exceedingly" at the residence of Pres. Stratton, where a reception was tendered for the "honor and glory of old '86." Space does not permit a fuller report, which both events deserve, and, besides, there are things which it might be better to infer than to read. Let us say, however, that the reports in *some* of the papers have grossly exaggerated and misrepresented the harmless incidents of that night until it would appear that the Juniors and Seniors had engaged in a terrific free fight, and had acted in a general rowdy-like and ungentlemanly manner. Nothing could be farther from the truth, and nothing should be more strongly denounced than such a report. The whole affair was nothing more than a series of pleasant and harmless jokes. It is over, and sensible persons have ceased to have any feeling about it, if, indeed, they had any at first. To be forever harping upon such a subject, to call enjoyable joking, meanness, and to make unwarrantable accusations of ungentlemanly behavior against fellow-students is entirely out of place, and shows only a lack of politeness and common sense.

EXCHANGES.

AS we take our pen, after the lapse of another school year, to review our exchanges, we find them freighted with commencement news, more interesting for comparison and an expression of the character of the school and students than for their literary merits. From them we may obtain many suggestions, which, however, it is not the office of this department to dwell on.

We are glad to welcome, for the first time, the *University Press*, from the University of Wisconsin. It is a 15-page weekly, well filled with literary matter, editorial notes, college news, etc., and seems to have lived up to and still to merit its motto: "*Esto Perpetua*." It seems to be, as a college paper should, a good exponent of its college.

From Georgetown, D. C., comes a new visitor to our sanctum—*The College Journal*. It is a large 12-page monthly, and is evidently a paper that would be welcomed and read with interest by the alumni of its college. We give it a hearty welcome, and hope that our further acquaintance will prove mutually pleasant and profitable.

The *Holcad* for July, besides giving the reports of commencement, finds space and time for some of its usual literary work, the ladies being well represented. The "Allumni Poem," occupying over two pages, is well worth reading. The reports of the different exercises—which, by the way, the editors apologize for allowing to intrude upon the literary department—speaks well for the college.

The *Academy News*, issued monthly by the Michigan Military Academy, is a very interesting, "newsy" journal, that visits us for the first time. It is filled with educational news, and will be read with great pleasure.

The June number of the *University Mirror* came to us well filled with first-class literary articles. The tone of the entire paper makes one feel that the editors, indeed, believe with their motto, that "*Vita sine literas mors est*."

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WE insert the following as a warning to the
Calculus class :

Once on a time—on the college ground—
A student's skeleton was found,
And near it, worn and scattered round,
A Calculus.

He died for want of breath, said some,
Else by foul play to death did come;
But the Sophs and Juniors say, "Ah, hum!"
That Calculus.

How strange are the freaks of memory!
The lessons of life we forget,
While a trifle, a trick of color,
In the wonderful web is set.

—Ex.

Church music comes by the choir, drum and
piano music by the pound, midnight serenade
generally comes by the yard, street music comes
by the foot, fiddling by the stick, banjo music
by the peck.—Ex.

Professor (who stands in the rear of a model,
turning a crank): "Now, gentlemen, this
wheel, you see, is the driver, and that, the fol-
lower; and behind them is a crank." Pro-
longed applause.—Ex.

When the enterprising butcher "set up on
his own hook" did he find a comfortable seat?
—Puck.

'Twas in their cosy parlor
We oft would play at whist.
I thought her lips the fairest
E'er college man had kissed.

I had to bring my chum along,
As partner for her mother,
Though oft the place of chum was filled
By her angelic brother.

I do not know that I am sad,
For what I've been bereft,
My chum got her, and as for me,
I got—well, I got left!

—Ex.

He had lingered long, and remarked, at leav-
ing, "I have just about missed the last car, and
will have to walk home."

"That's too bad," replied she, and then
naively, "but there's nothing to prevent your
taking a buss at the door."

The stupid fellow actually waited an hour
and half for an omnibus, and finally went away
wondering why she had told such a fib.—Ex.

Why is a Sopomore like a microscope? Be-
cause when seen through small things are re-
vealed.—Ex.

Prof. in ethics to student: You may now
pass to future life." Student: "Not pre-
pared."

"Dood dolly! I don't wear thith plug hat
betause I am a dude, but betause I belong to
the college."—Ex.

Why is a Freshman like a telescope? Be-
cause he is easily drawn out, easily seen through
and easily shut up.—Ex.

Stable-keeper: "By the way, shall I put in
an extra buffalo?" English blood: "Couldn't
you let me 'ave an 'orse, you know? Er—er—
rather not drive a buffalo first time, you know."
—Ex.

Professor (to young lady student): "Your
mark is very low, and you have just passed."
Young lady: "Oh, I'm so glad!" Professor
(surprised): "Why?" Young lady: "I do so
love a tight squeeze."—Ex.

Class mottoes—for Seniors: "We never
speak as we pass by." Juniors: "Multum
(wind) in parvo." Sophomores: "What fools
these mortals be." Freshies: "Thou art so
near and yet so far," or, "In the sweet by and
by."

Ladies, skip this paragraph. It got in by
mistake, and we asked the printer to destroy or
set it wrong side up :

Now, we'll wager ten cents to a farthing
This poem she has already read.
We knew she would get at it somehow,
If she had to raise all the dead.
But you bet she'll find it out some how,
If she gets the least kind of a show.
It's something she ought not to know,
If there's anything worries a woman, —Ex.

We "happened," the other day, on a defini-
tion of "transcendentalism," the perspicuity of
which we desire to recommend to the careful
consideration of our enterprising Sophmores :
"Transcendentalism is the spiritual cognos-
cence of psychological irrefragibility connected
with concutient ademption of incolumnient
spirituality and etherealized contention of sub-
sultory concretion."

COLLEGE NOTES.

PERSIAN is now part of the curriculum of Cornell.—*Ex.*

Nine-tenths of the college graduates are Republicans.—*Ex.*

In Ohio there is, on an average, one college to every 103,157 inhabitants.

New Haven secures \$1,000,000 annually by the establishment of Yale College there.—*Ex.*

California claims twelve colleges, making, on an average, one college to about every 70,000 inhabitants.

Poor preparatory work is given as a reason for unsuccessful college life by Prof. Porter, of Yale.—*Ex.*

Excess of beer and tobacco has such an effect on the German students that they are unsuccessful rowers.—*Ex.*

The observatory dome for the University of Michigan will weigh ten tons, and be more than forty feet in diameter. It will be the largest in the world.—*Ex.*

Those college arrangements are the best which prepare the man to meet all the exigencies of daily life and *will not let him off*.—President Porter, at Yale Alumni dinner.

The United States Government supports eighty-one boarding schools, seventy-six day schools and six manual labor schools for the education of Indians, and the demand for increased facilities is urgent.—*Ex.*

Four members of President Cleveland's Cabinet are college graduates. Lamar, Class of '45, Emory College, Ga.; Vilas, '58, University of Wisconsin; Endicott, '47, Harvard; Whitney, '59, Yale.—*Ex.*

A chair of Journalism has been recently established at Harvard, and is to be filled by J. B. McCallagh, editor of the St. Louis *Times-Democrat*. The duties of the Professor require his attendance at Cambridge two weeks every fall and spring, and for delivering ten lectures he will receive \$4,000.—*Ex.*

College papers are doing good work in drawing the students of different colleges together, showing the various methods of instruction, wiping out old prejudices, getting the young men better acquainted and uniting them in the bonds of a common arm and interest.—*University Courier*.

Napa Collegiate Institute, by the action of the Trustees, is to be chartered as a College, making over thirteen so-called universities and colleges in California, a State with a little over 800,000 inhabitants. The good people of California evidently are ignorant of the strength of centralization and union.

There are 45 colleges and universities in the United States under the control of the M. E. Church, besides 8 which admit women only. Of these Mt. Union College, Ohio, has had the most students from its foundation, and the Northwestern University the largest number at present, and also the largest endowment.

PERSONALS.

MISS Fannie Smith, after a two year's absence, has returned, and is a member of the Class of '86.

S. Otis Houghton, '85, commences a course in mechanical engineering at Berkeley this month.

Judge Silent and family will hereafter make their home among the orange groves of Los Angeles.

John E. Doak, '85, intends leaving this month for the Boston School of Technology, where he will pursue a two years' course in mechanical engineering.

Irving Hawkins, '86, is at present studying law with his uncle, at Hollister, but will probably go East next year in company with his brother.

Miss Trella Foltz, a former student here, remembered by all who knew her with great pleasure, lately made her *debut* upon the stage, and is regarded as a lady of great talent and promise.

All Europe has fewer colleges than Ohio.

"Andy" Branch is attending Hasting's Law School, in San Francisco.

Ed. Silent is taking a course at Heald's Business College.

Austin C. Loveland, '84, will leave shortly for Ann Arbor to pursue the study of law.

Edward P. Dennett will graduate this year from the Boston Theological School.

Robert Shafer, after a long absence, has again resumed his studies.

J. B. Heacock, '85, is acting as shipping clerk for a large hardware firm in San Francisco.

H. Meade Bland, '86, is remaining out a year, and is "teaching the young idea how to shoot" at Brentwood, Contra Costa county.

The Preparatory Department of the University is under the management of Prof. H. H. Howe, a gentleman of great ability, and a thorough disciplinarian.

Theodore Turner, '86, formerly editor-in-chief of this paper, has given up his intention of returning to college, but will probably go to Ann Arbor next year with some of his classmates.

The many friends of E. K. Taylor will be pleased to learn that he has passed his examination before the Supreme Court while yet ten months from graduation at Hasting's. His first case will be tried shortly in Alameda.

THE BANGING MANIA.

I see a young girl
In beauty rare,
Sans pink, sans curl,
Banging her hair.

And hear the young man
At the piano there,
Hard as he can—
Banging his air.

A young mother stands
Oppressed with care,
With slipper in hand,
Banding her hair.

—Ez

THE Faculty is holding under advisement the feasibility of establishing a course in which the Latin and Greek will be entirely supplanted by some other studies. Many of the students would hail such an innovation with delight, and would rapidly take up that course. There would be a large increase, no doubt, in the number of graduates. And why? Because it means less work. We are firmly opposed to such a course. In the first place it panders to the great American hobby of "getting something for nothing," in this case getting honors without labor. There is a "wishy-washy" sentiment among the uneducated, or at least the semi-educated, that it is waste time working over dead languages. Any one at all familiar with educational training knows that such ideas are all "bosh;" that it means the doing away of the greater part of the labor in that training, its very essence. In the nineteenth century Genius is spelled with four letters, w-o-r-k, and the penitentiaries and reform schools well enough know that there are quite enough American youth that are not geniuses. The colleges are not intended to be high schools, and let youth waste years in rambling studies, nor is it their duty to make men smatteringly read in general knowledge; reading a little of everything, learning nothing; but its prime object is to teach young people how to work and apply themselves to whatever is at hand with the utmost diligence. No college student, high or low, can be found who will not say the study of Latin and Greek means from two-thirds to three-fourths of their hardest work. A common remark is, "I put two hours on my Latin, and half an hour on my other studies." If this is the case, it must be evident to all that Latin and Greek demand and receive hard work, thus training the student to industry as no other study will. For these, as well as many other reasons, we are opposed to this entirely elective course. There can be no doubt but that it strikes a direct blow at the fundamental principles of education, like the so-called business colleges, where six months makes an educated man.—*Wesleyan Bee.*

We quote the above as it seems to us to get very near the root of the matter in regard to the so-called "practical education."

The *Hermesean*, from Emory and Henry College, Va., comes to us for the first time. It is a small 36-page monthly, published by the Hermesean Literary Society. It is a very interesting journal, but, otherwise than by the character of its literary articles, gives one no very clear idea of its college.

Our bright little cotem., the *Hatchet*, has passed through the vacation without becoming rusty or dull; rather, indeed, does it seem to have been sharpened by the "boolish" experience of editor. It has made great improvement in size and appearance, and only needs to let the public and Normal Schools alone to be a first-class college paper, and an honor to the U. of P.

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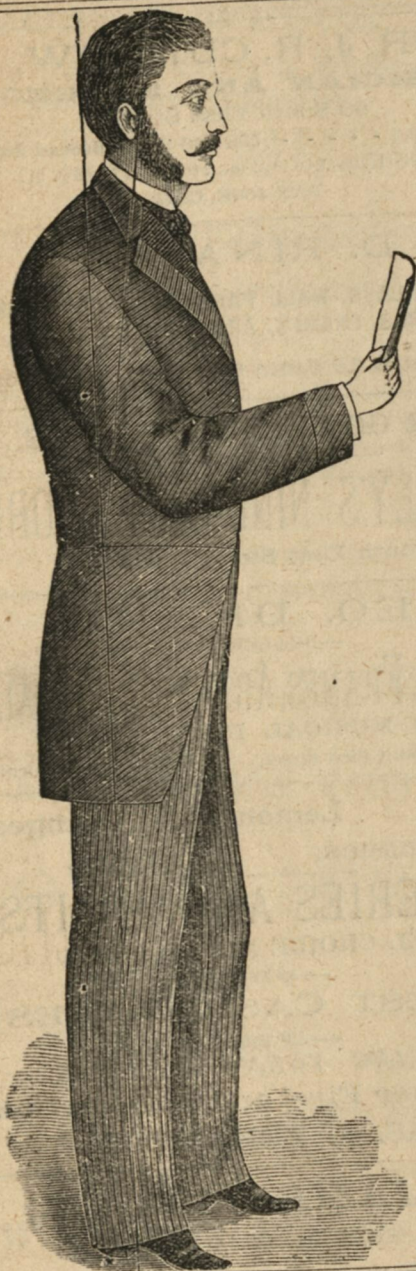
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