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Delinquent subscribers are very cordially invited to call on the business manager at their earliest convenience.

THE STENTOR will from this time on contain a World's Fair Department, in which not an exhaustive account of the doings and exhibits at the Fair will be set forth, but a few notes of interest and unique and remarkable objects to be seen. This department will from time be filled with a sight-seers remarks, written by a special STENTOR reporter. It is hoped that the department will prove of interest to the readers of the STENTOR.

Steps should be taken at once to put the grounds surrounding the Art Hall in shape before Commencement. It is a disgrace to the University and an insult to the donor of this magnificent building to allow it to stand as it now does surrounded by heaps of rubbish and piles of dirt and stone. The STENTOR would suggest that this rubbish be hauled away,—that grass should be given a chance to grow and that a bridge be thrown across the ravine. Imagine taking your mother over to the Art Hall during Commencement Day and having to help her climb over the rocks and the pyramids of dirt scattered over the grounds. On the other hand should the three suggestions of the STENTOR be received favorably and acted upon at once, you could walk by a short and most picturesque route over a rustic bridge and point with pride to a beautiful building situated in the midst of a natural park. Green grass and flowers, beautiful trees and rustic bridges will do wonders toward improving property.

The STENTOR, through the columns of "Town Topics," has frequently called attention to the fact that the block paving which has recently been laid is utterly unfit for a town like Lake Forest. It might have been made durable if it had been laid properly, but there has been a total disregard of practicability

and fitness in its construction. It seems almost Providential that by laying only a part of it last fall the town has been given an opportunity of recognizing the failure of the experiment. It is at this point the STENTOR reiterates its warning and, like Demosthenes of old calls out to "Act while there is time!" Otherwise the pavement will be laid and the chance for making good the mistake will have slipped away. It is absurdity and folly to claim that pavement with sand foundation is stable and durable. If the rains of an unusually mild and propitious spring have been sufficient to essentially spoil the road in several places, what would have been the result of floods like those of last spring? It seems that more or less repairing is necessary after every rain storm. Does this appear consistent? Are the people of Lake Forest paying \$60,000 and more for an ostensibly fine pavement, and then obliged to pay the customary tax for road repairing and improvement in addition? No. Lake Forest expected a good system of roads, but to get them the town must wake up and realize the danger of disappointment. The STENTOR is supported in its opinion by the majority of the leading gentlemen of Lake Forest, who have learned the defects and wish to remedy them.

A COMMUNICATION:

It would be well for some of us to know "how to attend a classical concert."

It is not supposed that all present at these entertainments understand or appreciate the music, but one naturally expects that young ladies and gentlemen who have spent all their days in a civilized country to have some idea of what is expected of an audience.

It is annoying, to say the least, to a musician, who has spent years of labor in his art, to hear, while rendering some beautiful composition, a buzz of voices (even if it is in the back of the room).

These whispers have become so accomplished that they crescendo and diminuendo with the music.

They will probably study dynamics, so as to accompany the musician with more ease and intelligence.

These concert talkers not only disturb the performers, but those in the audience who understand music and would like to hear a note now and then.

MABEL MESSENGER,
For THE STENTOR.

[THE STENTOR received the above communication too late for insertion in the last issue. Concert-talkers are a species of humanity who have no regard for the feelings or interest of anyone but themselves. There is nothing so indicative of the lady or gentleman as a strict regard for the feelings of others.—
ED.]

A COMMUNICATION.

THE APPROACHING FIELD DAY.

It is now generally understood that the date for the coming Field Day has been set for Wednesday afternoon, May 3, but in view of several important facts the majority of the students believe that the committee has been unwise in the choice. The committee claim that the faculty do not wish an interruption in school work, and as the academy students have Wednesday afternoon off, that date must be taken. Such a decision is manifestly unfair, because the college and seminary departments will be given a half-days relaxation from recitation, while the poor academy student will not receive any time off. Also the Annual Academy Contest will take place the night previous and of necessity all those who attend will be excited and tired, and will consequently be unable to compete the next day with the requisite snap and vigor.

A fact which will prove that a *half-day* will not give time enough for the successful running off of the events is: there are seventeen events on the program, and many of the boys will desire to compete in two or more of these, and they cannot do so without proper resting

periods between these events; to be more explicit, the short distance runners will have to run in the 100 yd. dash preliminaries, the winners of these will have to compete in the 100 yd. finals, and then later in the 220 yd. dash, and probably in other events. The same men will probably be in both the mile and the half-mile runs. Now proper resting periods cannot be given when the events are all jumbled and crushed into half a day. The committee, therefore, should demand a whole day, and should choose Thursday as the day, and if properly approached the faculty would probably accede.

The committee also have announced their intention of throwing the contests open to the professional departments in Chicago, but this also appears unwise and premature. In the first place the committee cannot do this lawfully without the permission of the Athletic Association which they have not and cannot obtain. In the second place this action is in direct opposition to the precedent established here. Again it is in direct opposition to the new rule adopted by Yale, Princeton and other eastern colleges who after twenty or more years of experience have passed a law which prohibits all members of the professional departments from participating in *any branch whatsoever* of University athletics, as it has been found that these departments injure and degrade college and amateur athletics and tend toward the importation of the professional. In this connection it might truthfully be stated that L. F. U's past experience goes to prove this, as year before last the baseball team was nearly ruined and did not win a single game under the captaincy and pitching of a professional department man, and foot ball has also been seriously affected. Another fact is that most of the professional department men are professional athletes and, though in each individual case this may not be absolutely proven, yet it will make our undergraduate athletes liable to suspension and expulsion from all amateur contests for the rest of their natural lives.

In regard to the proposed giving of books as prizes it can well be said that the average prize taker would regard mud pies or saw horses with as much esteem as books. None of them can be worn as a medal can, none of them can bear a suitable inscription as a medal does. All of them are common, are beggarly cheap, can be purchased anywhere and by anybody, and gives the owner no distinction.

—R. '93.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT DISTINGUISHED LAKE FOREST MEN.

At a concert of the Cornell clubs in Minneapolis the other night I told a University of Minnesota fraternity man that I was from Lake Forest. He said, "Where's that?" nothing more. I remembered the Chicago man in Jerusalem who wanted to cable home. The operator could not be made to understand when Chicago was. Finally, with the clutching motion of a drowning man, he asked if it were near St. Louis. To my chagrin I had to locate Lake Forest near Northwestern. The man had actually never heard of you.

I went over to his frat. house and spun until I am sure the impressions concerning our college and university, which must have originated years before Dr. Robert's administration, were changed for new ones.

The Forester and Herbert Baker's view of Lake Forest are mighty useful instruments in ocular surgery. And just my fortune, B. Fay Mills and J. Wilbur Chapman were here. I pointed to them as samples of Lake Forest men. "If Mills and Chapman come from Lake Forest, it is a great college," they argue.

It is a source of pride that our college alumni list is headed by B. Fay Mills. He and his college chum are honored in their work above most men. Even now Boston must wait two years for Mr. Mills. Dr. Chapman is engaged until the summer of 1894, and can accept only one of many calls.

In June, 1890, the STENTOR obtained a \$7.50 cut of Mr. Mills from Dr. Talmage's paper for \$2, and printed it with a sketch of his life. In January, 1891, it was republished with additional mention. The *Forester* will tell you how these men joined and successively presided

over the "Old Athenæan," and how when a disturbance arose in 1878, this David and Jonathan pair were "the leading spirits among the revolutionists." They were once pastors in neighboring towns, and now each is an evangelist.

B. Fay Mills was born the son of a minister at Rahway, thirty-six years ago. He attended Hamilton and lectures at Carlton College. He is a Delta Upsilon. He preached his first sermon at Granite Fall, Minnesota, April 29, 1877, was ordained February, 8, 1878. His methods as a pastor were evangelistic. His first efforts in that line distinctively were at Middlebury, Vt., while stationed at Rutland.

Mr. Mills is short, except when addressing an audience. His face is smooth, complexion light. The lines of his mouth in repose indicate firmness. He is not what the world calls handsome, but nevertheless he is beautiful. He has very pleasant, winning ways, yet is a general from the ground up.

Dr. Chapman is a friend of President Coulter; is an Indianian, thirty four years of age. He studied at Lake Forest, Oberlin, and Lane Seminary. Was the head of Dutch churches at Schuylerville, and Albany, N. Y., and in 1889 became the pastor of Bethany church, (Wanamaker's) at Philadelphia. October 10, 1892, he gave up worldly ambition and entered the field as an evangelist.

Dr. Chapman is tall, dark, handsome, prepossessing, married, at times wears glasses. He appears more like the cultivated club man, and of the two is the theologian, so Mr. Mills declares. His manner is pleasing. He is a magnetic speaker, has a sympathetic voice, and perhaps wins souls more through the heart, as his friend does through the brain.

Both men carefully watch the growth of Lake

Forest, and remember Prof. Halsey. They both feel the weight of men's souls, and are both given up body and will to their master.

Of Mr. Mills' success as an evangelist Dr. Chapman says: "It is largely due to his superb system. He is a great organizer. In his preaching it is his straightforwardness that seems to tell the most." For himself Dr. Chapman says: "I have two lines—first, I devote myself to the quickening of the church and church members: following that I preach for sinners, choosing the plainest possible words. I press immediate decision, but not by undue excitement, sensationalism, or claptrap." Mr. Mills says of the secret of Dr. Chapman's power: It is spiritual magnetism, if I may use that term. You hear him talk for a few minutes and imagine he is not saying very much, but after awhile his words impress you with power. The Spirit is with him."

The "Mills Meetings" are over, the visible results are wonderful. Audiences as large as nine and ten thousand gathered to hear the sermons, often many were turned away, yet the objectionable excitement of "revivals" was entirely absent. Analysis does not show the power of the sermons over the people. For instance, Dr. Chapman with test in hand will very unassumingly begin a sermon. The opening remarks may seem tame, but the listener will soon notice that his attention is involuntarily held, that the eyes of all are intent upon the speaker. A pathetic story is used to illustrate, then there are many weeping women and men. Yet when the opportunity is given one wonders at the number who rise to their feet. This is especially true of Mr. Mill's address.

It is supposed that considering the size of the city such immense audiences have never

gathered in the world for divine worship as in this "Gibraltar of religion." In regard to the relative advantage of drawing people by evangelistic services, or by "a godless choir singing heathen music in an unknown tongue," Mr. Mills says: "More people attend where they are continually asked to come to Christ than where they are not." "Real evangelistic preaching will draw better than oratorical pyrotechnics." He also proved by personal demonstration in one audience from among the pastors present that converts made at revivals are the "stickers."

Dr. Capman could assist here for a time only. Mr. Mills was the leader. The movement to call them began in 1889. Mr. Mills was here some weeks previous to his arrival for work. He also studied the map carefully and was thoroughly acquainted with the city. He says that the unity of the churches is the great lever toward the great results that are attained; that "we could accomplish nothing without the power and co-operation of the press behind us." One hundred and eight churches united in the preparation for this coming. The Christians were aroused and eager for the work. The choir had been formed, and the usher band of 600 and more trained according to Mr. Mills' methods. Extensive advertising had been done. The expenses of the campaign had been met. Every detail was complete. The ground was ready.

The evangelist began meetings in the southern and northern parts of the city for those districts only, then a week was devoted to the other two districts. As a climax, mass meetings for the entire city were held two weeks in the exposition building. There were daily morning sermons down town at ten o'clock, a noon prayermeeting for business men, a

woman's noon meeting and a prayermeeting conducted by them in the afternoon. There were preaching services every afternoon and evening, except Saturday, the rest day. There were special services for Sunday school teachers, non-church members, for mothers, boys, young people, for men only. There was one all night prayer meeting, and one mid-week sabbath. On that day cottage and church prayer meetings were held all over the city early in the morning. Over three hundred and fifty of the business houses were closed, demonstrating strongly the interest among business men.

The meetings were after one general plan. The large choir under the direction of Mr. Mills' leadership sang for an opening half hour. A minister prayed. More singing with the congregation, scripture reading, announcements, and sermon, preceded perhaps by a solo from the evangelist's musician. The sermon was immediately followed by the appeal to begin Christian life. While the choir sang, the ushers and assistants passed cards for the name, address, and church preference of those desiring to sign them. Following the benediction came the after meeting, to which a special invitation had been given, a short talk, another appeal, another card passing, and dispersal. The assistant, Mr. Ralph Gillam, takes the non-preference cards and follows them up. The appeals to sinners are not hurried, they are calmly given, addressed to the intellect and better nature of the people, and are ended at the right moment; hundreds answer them at each meeting.

From the time Mr. Mills reaches the platform he is the head and brain, the spiritual dynamo of the meeting. Everything must move just as he directs through messengers,

and it does under pain of instant rebuke. Natural ability and experience have fitted him to be the leader. There is not space to give even an outline of the system of ushering, assisting, baby checking, messenger service, and general direction. But the man himself is so thoroughly in earnest that it is contagious, and in all ever avoids that which would seem to place the honor of the servant above that of his master. With the preparation for his coming, the complete system, and Mr. Mills' earnestness something has to give way. You may go to his first meeting unsympathetic, you will go again, and within five weeks' time will be thoroughly won over.

Mr. Mills impresses one as being a man of new ideas, yet old ideas rejuvenated. A feeling steals over the listener that Mr. Mills is saying just what he would think if he thought it himself, or his conscience had not been smeared with the dust of disuse. Furthermore the hearer's inner self keeps repeating "that's so" as the sermon is unfolded. He never proclaims his denomination, but is sound of doctrine. At one meeting clergymen of various sects arose and publicly declared their belief in everything they had just heard taught in a sermon on the "Unpardonable Sin." Mr. Mills does not force his doctrinal opinions on anyone and when a reporter in his first interview asked his idea of eternal future punishment he said: "Life is too short and eternity is too long to consider that thing; we will all know soon enough."

Dr. Gray, of the *Interior*, says: "B. Fay Mills is originating and quoting epigrams. 'An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy,' he quotes from the Spanish. One of his own is, 'It does not take a great man to be a Christian, but it takes all there is of him.'"

He also says, "Suffer the little children," and says it often. "Revival meetings are not the consummation, but the beginning." "If I were to be a pastor again I should like to be the pastor of a church where they baptized people as soon as they were saved." "I do not approve of the average Sunday paper. I never have anything to do with them, and I think the world could get along without them." "I have not seen the inside of a theatre for sixteen years. I have known hundreds of men and women who have been ruined by them, but I never heard of any one's being helped." "I believe in teetotalism."

Mr. Mills' text to new converts is Isaiah 50:7. Here are four principles he gives: "It is never right to do wrong." (Mr. Mills is said to never use the street cars on Sunday.) "Don't do anything you are in doubt about." "If meat make thy brother to offend, eat no flesh while the world standeth lest ye make thy brother to offend." "Surrender first, get light afterwards."

Dr. Chapman is now in Eau Claire. Mr. Mills is in Milwaukee, and from there goes to St. Paul. A Chicago paper states that they will both be in that city for four weeks during the Columbian Exhibition (as Mr. McAllister would say).

—*J. E. S.* '90.

THE IDLER.

As our readers may have noticed we haven't "idled" for some time. We never "idle" in winter. That time is given up to deep ponderings on the "whichness of the hitherto," and wondering when "this blamed weather will let up." But "in the spring," you know, "a young man's fawnies" get the better of him, so once more we can be found "idling" at the old stand; office hours 8 A. M. to 9 P. M.,

when the Sem. doors close (excuse us, one of the fellows who knows says they close at 9:30. Pardon our ignorance). It is wonderful what a sense of contentment steals over one when the beautiful balmy spring weather begins to burst forth. (N.B. At present writing it is snowing, with prospects of a blizzard.) So, with the return of spring and its companions, our muse again sings—slightly off the key however.

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But, speaking of the weather and looking over the sick-list in the college, we are constrained to ask if you, dear reader, were ever ill. If so, were you ever ill in college? If you have not been, shake hands with yourself and graduate as soon as possible for fear you will be. We were there once. (Pardon us if we speak sadly. This balmy (?) spring weather has a depressing effect.) When one is sick in college he muses thusly the first day: "Well, this is great. Get out of four straights. I'll get over this just in time to blow around to that party to-morrow night. Wonder if any of the 'fels' want a game of cinch." Then the fellows drop in and "haven't time for a game," but say "there's an impromptu dance for to-night." Invalid's face falls. "Doc says you can't go out for a week." More face falling. More fellows drop in. "Sorry you can't go to the party to-morrow, old boy." By this time the invalid's visage is terrible to behold. "Say, by the way, old man, Blank is going to take your girl to the concert next week. He's banking on your being sick that long." Actual profanity from the sick man. Then everyone scatters and goes to recitation, and he is left alone with the picture of two "shows" and a concert, including that "chump" Blank. He decides to write to the girl and tell her not to accept Blank's invitation. Then he remembers that that would be the very thing that would make her accept. Then he thinks he will write and tell her to accept Blank's invitation, and what a nice fellow he is. But then with the sweet inconsistency of her nature she *will* accept and tell him afterwards that she did it

to please him. So he groans inwardly and decides not to write. That night everyone goes to the dance. The last man to go sits on the foot of his bed, and in the darkness regales him with stories of people who have died while everyone is gone. Then that man jumps up, says he must hustle or he'll miss the first dance, and is gone. The invalid lies there in the darkness and imagines he is already defunct, and is being talked of "as a good youth." He drops into a troubled sleep, and dreams that he is a pall bearer at his own funeral, and watches Blank waltzing around the church with his best girl while the band plays "Annie Murphy" and the organ chimes in with "Maggie Rooney's Home." The next day when dinner is brought up he finds he can't eat pie, as the Doctor has expressly forbidden anything like it. Accordingly, well-meaning friends send in pies, cakes, candy and dessert. The Doctor says, "Be content with milk." Again the fellows drop in. "Say, old swipes, how do you feel? Too bad you can't eat that pie." "That's what, old boy. Say, what are you going to do with all that stuff anyway? Help ourselves did you say? Well, I guess so. Come on fellows." And the good people who send in the "goodies" imagine that the invalid's stomach is made of India rubber. "Well, good night, have to get ready for the concert. Hope you get better." And so it goes. It's delightful being sick. When you are ill every social event that has been on the tapis for months is sure to come during your week. You might just as well accept your fate and think over your faults and mistakes. We believe that if some men didn't get sick occasionally they would imagine they were faultless. S.

WORLD'S FAIR ITEMS,

The longest and largest single block of stone in the world will be exhibited by a Wisconsin stone company. The stone is over 115 feet in length, which is 8 feet longer than the obelisk in Central Park, New York.

The largest and finest locomotive to be exhibited will probably be one of English make, which recently was installed at Jackson Park. This engine is unique in that each of its two driving wheels are operated by a different cylinder, instead of by one.

The Cunard Steamship Company will illustrate the growth and development of its line by a fleet of full-rigged models built on the scale of one-quarter inch to the foot. These models have been in preparation for a year past at the company's Liverpool yards. In fact, the list of lines exhibiting models is almost unlimited. There will also be exhibits by nations showing the development in war ships, docks, harbors, and everything pertaining to the sea. There will be enough models of war ships to exactly reproduce the Naval Review at New York in miniature.



COLLEGE.

L. F. U. CALENDAR.

Junior Reception given in honor of the Seniors, April 27.
 Freshmen Contest in Declamation, April 28.
 Contest of the Academy Societies, May 2.
 Sophomore Contest in Declamation, May 5.
 Oratorical Association Contest, May 23.
 Annual Senior Reception, May 26.
 Academy Commencement Exercises, June 9.
 Annual Academy Reception, June 10.
 Annual Concert at Ferry Hall, June 12.
 Freshmen-Sophomore Prize Speaking, June 12.
 Commencement Exercises at Ferry Hall, June 13.
 Senior Class Day, June 13.
 Junior Contest in Oratory, June 13.
 College Commencement Exercises, June 14.
 Alumni Banquet, June 14.
 President's Reception, June 14.

Invitations are out for the Annual Junior Reception.

The senior examinations begin three weeks from to-morrow.

Present indications point to a repetition of last year's spring.

Prof. Dawson was unable to attend his classes the early part of last week.

Mr. Linn has been quite ill for several days past. Mr. McNary has also been confined to his room.

The Freshmen have elected D. H. Jackson captain of the base ball team, and M. Woolsey manager. Ninety-six will be ahead if the other classes do not hasten.

The morning after the Evanston ball game a notice appeared upon the college bulletin board, requesting all who had never seen a base ball game to report for practice.

The old cisterns back of the college have been filled up, and a very pretty lawn has been started, to take the place of the old coal-sheds, which were such an eye-sore last year.

The friends and members of the Athenæan Society were very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Fales, at her home, last Tuesday evening. Mr. Larned read an interesting paper on Millet.

The students, under the leadership of Mr. Pratt, are practicing regularly for the War Song Concert which is to be given in a few weeks for the benefit of the Athletic Association.

The trustees of the Lake Forest Church have published the financial report of the congregation for the year ending April 2d. The summaries are as follows:—For the Home Field, \$4,978; for the Foreign Field, \$2,936; for Congregational Expenses, \$6,247; making the total amount raised, for all purposes, \$14,163.

The Sophomore Greek Class are making a study of the plays of Sophocles, with the aid of a metrical English translation. In this way the class gets a more general knowledge of the Greek drama, and, at the same time, get enough practice in the actual work of translation that they will not lose their knowledge of the Greek language.

Last Tuesday evening State Secretary Burt, of the Y. M. C. A., talked to the students of the College and Academy upon the annual summer school at Lake Geneva. It will be remembered by old students that Lake Forest has usually been quite well represented since the scheme was started. Last year Illinois was the banner state as regards the number of students who represented it. Of the colleges in this state Lake Forest sent the largest delegation.

The attention of the students is called to the ruling made by the Lawn Tennis Association with regard to the use of the tennis courts. The court nearest the gymnasium is for the exclusive use of the Academy boys. No one but the college students may use the other two courts, except when said courts are vacant and no one from the college wishes to play upon them. The rule requiring the wearing of tennis shoes upon the courts has been disregarded to such an extent that one of the courts is unfit for use.

Among the recent additions to the library are the following: On Truth: a Systematic Inquiry, by St. George Minart; the entire set of Lessing's Works, consisting of six volumes; English Wayfaring Life in the Middle Ages by J. J. Jusserand; Life of Leigh Hunt, by Cosma Monkhouse; Life of Hume, in two volumes, by John Hill Burton; Matthew Arnold's Poetical Works, McMillan & Co.'s edition; Charles O'Malley, the Irish Dragoon, by Charles Lever; Ordeal of Richard Feverel, by George Meredith; The Works of Fielding, in seven volumes.

Saturday, May 3, has been chosen by the committee for our Annual Field Day. Some think that a regular school day ought to be given up to an event of this character, which is of interest to all parts of the university. Following are the events of the day:

100 yd. dash.	Running broad jump.
220 yd. dash.	Standing broad jump.
440 yd. dash.	Running high jump.
880 yd. dash.	Throwing base ball.
Mile run.	Kicking foot ball.
120 yd. hurdle race.	Three-legged race.
Mile walk.	Wheelbarrow race.
Putting the shot.	Throwing the hammer.
Relay or class race.	

TOWN TOPICS.

H. C. Durand and family have returned from their southern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Day have returned, and are now living at their home in Lake Forest.

Mr. Aldrich has bought the lot east of Mr. Chapin's house from Mr. Chapin.

Mr. F. E. Hinckley and family will soon return to Lake Forest for the summer.

Dr. Edgar Reading, one of the founders of Lake Forest, died last Tuesday at his residence in Chicago. Dr. Reading was a member of the land company which originally bought the then untouched land of Lake Forest, and which converted its 1,300 acres into a large park for the university.

There does not seem to be the usual activity in house renting this spring. While nearly as many houses have already been rented as there were at the corresponding time last spring, the proportion is smaller on account of the new houses erected. The decrease in proportion is attributed by some to the rent, which is generally fixed higher than last year. The following houses have already been rented for the summer: Mrs. Humphrey's to Mr. Hannah; Mr. Wells' to Mr. Cremer; Prof. Loey's to Mr. Wm. H. Smith; Mrs. Sawyer's to Mr. Fitzhugh; Mr. Bowen's to Mr. Byron Smith; Mrs. Ralston's to Mr. Crosby; Prof. Thomas' and Prof. Stevens' houses have also been rented. Mr. Rainey's, Mr. Larned's, Mr. Yaggy's and Mr. Blackler's houses are for rent.

ATHLETICS.

With the recent election of the officers of the Tennis Association, a new impetus seems to have been given this favored sport. The courts, which just now are not in the best of condition, are used at every available time by large numbers of enthusiasts. Among those most promising we have noticed Messrs. Marcotte, Bournique, Davis, Flint, Fales and

Davies. A tournament is being worked up and should not be lost sight of. This bevy of players, together with other local talent, can certainly make things interesting for some time.

We have heard many complaints among the students of late regarding the foot-ball practice that has been taken up by many on the field near the college. The general opinion is that it will injure the base ball spirit. We are all aware that base ball has no strong hold among the fellows, and that all the material available is needed to make a successful nine. While the foot ball practice in itself is a good thing and would be commended providing our college were larger, yet in the present state of affairs it seems quite expedient that the old rule, "foot ball in the fall and base ball in the spring," be adhered to.

Capt. McNary has been suffering from a severe cold during the past week, so that he has been unable to take charge of the team. This fact, together with the unfavorable weather, has caused practice to be suspended and served to make things look rather dubious regarding the coming games. No matter how badly the respective mem'ers of the track and ball teams need exercise, they ought to avoid practice in cold, raw weather, and particularly in the rain. This was tried several times during last week, and on the following day the lame joints and sore muscles were thought to be the result of over-exercise. To any member of an athletic team a cold caught in a muscle is very liable to become a permanent injury. Our athletes cannot be too careful in regard to this fact.

FERRY HALL.

Miss Alice Keener is ill.

Miss Edna Hays is very ill with measles.

The Ferry Hall teachers entertained the University club Thursday evening.

Miss Lyon has been the victim of La Grippe for a few days.

Misses Bessie and Kitty Adams were guests of their sisters Apr. 14th.

Miss Clemens, of Chicago, spent Sunday, April 16th with Miss Brett.

Miss Garrett, of Chicago, was a guest of Miss Keener on Sunday last.

Dr. Hays, of Albion, Ind. is here in attendance on his daughter, Miss Edna.

Lovers of tennis are very glad of the new rule which admits of their playing at any time after noon.

A larger number than usual are looking forward to the exemption this term. A good incentive to study.

A few of the teachers enjoyed the musicale given at the home of Miss Minnie Rumsey Thursday afternoon.

The Misses Conger, Smith and Thompson gave a feast on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Louise and Miss Margaret Conger.

The spread given by the Misses Adams on Friday evening, Apr. 14th was fine. A great many noted people were present and the refreshments were especially enjoyed.

Those doing fourth year work now have a class organization with the following officers: President, Miss Louise Conger; Vice-President, Catherine Parker; Secretary, Miss Stoddard; Treasurer, Miss Vera Scott.

Miss Norton entertained her friends in an unusually pleasant manner Tuesday evening. Mrs. Hester sang after which Mrs. Emerson talked in the most informal and interesting fashion on travels in Greece. Light refreshments followed music by Miss Orvis and Miss Messinger.

Prof. Eager has received the appointment of director of A. B. Chase and Co's piano exhibit at the Exposition. This is a recognition of merit as musician of which we at Lake Forest have a right to be proud. Probably no piano exhibitors at the Fair will be represented by so talented a performer and the firm are to be congratulated upon the wisdom of their choice.

WHAT THE GIRLS THINK OF CRINOLINE.

We cannot favor both crinoline and co-education.

The Sems. should advocate crinoline for it facilitates walking. What say the youths now, shall we wear it?

Our grandmothers wore crinoline. No one questioned their good common sense. Why should they doubt ours?

—E. & E.

During the spring vacation Mother Fashion took a little trip out to L. F. and since then the girls have been—well to say the least a little stiff.

The gentlemen will have to invent a new walk if the skirts get much bigger else how can they take a lady's arm without crushing her crinoline.

Certainly an extra board will have to be added to the side-walks in Lake Forest if two Sems. wearing crinolines must take their daily constitutional together.

We feel that day by day we are nearing the crisis—when crinoline shall put in its *full* appearance. We dread it but must submit to the inevitable, for Fashion having once come into power has since reigned supreme.

Crinoline or not Crinoline, that is the question, which is agitating so many feminine minds, as well as the masculine intellect. But girls, you might as well adopt it now, as you will come to it sooner or later—for Crinoline will conquer.

To the Editor:

Since Crinoline has come in, it is noticed with dismay, that it is now impossible for a young gentleman to break into the ranks as each Sem. occupies the space formerly enough for three.

Sorrowfully,

A SEM.

ACADEMY.

A number of the students were visiting the college societies last Friday evening.

The continued rainy weather has made outdoor exercise impossible the past week.

Ed. Yaggy has been confined to his home the past few days threatened with tonsillitis.

Mrs. Smith and children will leave Wednesday morning for the South to remain until next Saturday.

On the authority of one of the members we are able to state that we will not move into the new buildings this term.

The faculty have been quit lenient in regard to restrictions this term, for which the students most heartily return thanks.

Erskine's ball team were to have played a game with a town nine last Saturday, but were prevented by stormy weather.

Someone, inclined to be humorous, posted a list on the bulletin board of a ball nine, in which Prof. Mendel played second base, Havant first, and Gruenstein short stop. They were billed to appear in tights.

The following are the members and their respective positions of the Academy ball team, subject to future changes; Rogers, catcher; Laughlin, pitcher; Rheinart, first base; Kimball, second base; McDonald, third base; Gilleland, short stop; Jaeger, left field; Durand, center field; Heineman, right field; substitutes, Rheingaus and Forbes.

For the benefit of former members of the Academy, who may wish to attend the coming contest, we again state that it will take place Tuesday evening, May 2nd. Following are the contestants:

DECLAMATION.

GAMMA SIGMA,	TRI KAPPA.
Lyman Bournique.....	B. S. Cutler.
G. N. Heineman.....	C. E. Durand.

ESSAY.

T. W. Harvey.....	M. S. Baker.
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DEBATE.

"Are labor unions a detriment to the best interest of the country?"

<i>Neg.</i>	<i>Aff.</i>
R. L. Roberts.....	A. Cooker.

EXCHANGES.

TO MY PIPE.

A cloud of smoke will soon begin
 To soften all the harsh world's din;
 A subtle vein beyond which lies
 All darkened days and saddened skies.
 And gloomy realms of fretful sin.
 Within the smoke, white-hued and thin,
 Dame Fortune wears almost a grin,
 While upward to the ceiling flies,
 A cloud of smoke.

Nirvana must be close akin
 To that rare state a pipe can win;
 You see the melting clouds arise,
 Quite hushed are earthly sounds and sighs,
 All earthly cares will vanish in
 A cloud of smoke.

—*Williams Weekly.*

Table board is always a perplexing question, but especially with students. The varied experiences and inconvenience of boarding halls and clubs connected with educational institutions are phenomenal. But the students of the University of Chicago say that with them "patience has ceased to be a virtue." Cheer up, fellows, you have the sympathy of the college world.

"The great problem that I have to deal with," said the keeper of the imbecile asylum, "is to find some occupation for the people under my charge."

"Why not set them inventing college yells?" asked the visitor.—*Buffalo Ex.*

The students of the University of Wisconsin are to be congratulated upon their new athletic grounds. It was mainly due to their appeal to the Legislature that the appropriation of \$25,000 for the purchase of the grounds was granted.

"Knox will be represented at the World's Fair by about thirty young men who will act in the semi-official capacity of chair-rollers."—*Exchange.*

A youth upon the campus stood,
 A window on the third floor eyeing,
 A fair form draped in white above
 Was listening to his sighing.
 He whistled softly, gently, low,
 The echo quickly dying,
 And then response was made, you know,
 Which sent his heart a-flying.

—*Exchange.*

THE AMERICAN GIRL.

She knows no Latin, she knows no Greek,
 But the purest American she can speak;
 She knows the uses of her and she
 And the proper places of I and me;
 She doesn't use big words to tell
 A story, although she can use them well;
 In short she's a girl without pretense:
 With an ample supply of common sense.
 And I'd rather have her any day
 Than the girl who can parley voo frong say.

Freshman yell:

Rah—rah—rix
 Mamma's chicks
 We'll hatch out

In '96. —*H. S. Herald.*

In a class scrap between '95 and '96 of Berkeley, thirty Freshmen tied up twenty-five Sophs and took their photos.

"J stands for Junior,
 Of whom it is said,
 The Freshes so green
 By the noses are led.
 "F stands for Freshman,
 And green though he be,
 To Sophs and to Seniors
 He ne'er bends the knee."

—*Exchange.*

A thoughtful citizen has suggested that if slates be hung in the vestibules of churches where young ladies could register their names on entering, it would save a good many young men from incurring the danger of taking cold by standing about the open door waiting till church is out to see if their best girl is there.

—*Business Collegian.*