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The night after the February Stentor was issued a college student walked into the sanctum and pointing his long bony finger at a local paragraph said solemnly, "I didn't know that." Well, we laughed, we couldn't help it, the tone of lugubrious astonishment was too much for our manners. We publically apologize to the gentleman; perhaps it will never occur again.

Despite the often expressed student sentiment the sophomore and freshman evenings are again appointed for Friday nights. Last year the societies were compelled to suspend literary exercises three weeks before the close of the winter term, they must do the same this year. The students have conquered every other hindrance to regular society work and it is discouraging to have the oratorical department occupy evenings to which the societies have a long standing previous claim.

Two funny incidents which recently occurred show very clearly that the literary societies do not have enough parliamentary practice. At a meeting the motion that a rising vote of thanks be given for a certain benefaction was made. Immediately one present innocently rose and said, "thanks." At a later meeting one of the members was temporarily called to the chair. He was a very easy mark and the noisy members actually induced the youth to order the sergeant to restore the orders of the day.

Our athletic association has determined to obtain material for a
ball nine in Lake Forest this year. 'Tis well, there is no need of dragging Rush into disgrace. The Lake Forest team is derided over the northwest. Why should the university support a team which does not mean business? No matter that we have no gymnasium, if the nine will elect a captain who will assert the rule of a czar over them, and will compel them to train to the highest notch, to quit smoking, who will regulate their diet, their hours and their practice, then we shall gain glory on the field, and the people will attend the games. Why, a nine from the seminary could do what our nine does—lose games.

In their calling teachers hear many strange things from students, but sometimes the converse is true. For instance read this story which was told to one of the college classes. Sharks prefer pork to human meat, hence ocean vessels carry swine flesh to toss out when "man overboard" is heard. A child at play was blowing a whistle on a ship deck. He fell into the briny of course and the pork was thrown after him. A greedy shark compromised with the pork and swallowed the child too. The shark was overhauled and drawn aboard, and amid intense anxiety was examined as to his interior. Strange to say the child was found unharmed, with scarcely a scratch, and what was stranger yet, the child was still blowing the whistle. Even the shark would scarcely have credited the story, had he lived.

Mr. McAllister in behalf of the university sends out requests for catalogue lists and by the way generally gets credit for being president. This is one reply he received from Gilman, Iowa.

"Dear Sir: I would comply with your request were it not true that I help edit a little paper in which occur ads. of one or more schools such as you represent, and I feel under obligations to said schools to use my influence for their benefit. If you desire to advertise with us, I'll do all I can for you." It's worth an ad. in a small paper to get into the "ring," Mr. McAllister.

Lake Forest students as a rule are widely known for their orderly behavior, but a gentleman right here in our town was heard to remark on the train one Saturday evening, "What a shame it is for these gentlemen to come out from the city in such a drunken condition!" So it is, they should stay in the city and sleep it off. But the gentleman never drove a Chicago "hurry wagon" or he would have discovered that in the students' case it was nothing but the effervescence of the spirits of youth. Lake Forest boys do not drink.
"Twas Friday night, the stars were shining bright,
But there wasn't any moon;
A jolly crew, with nothing else to do,
Went out to hunt a coon, a coon, a coon,
Went out to hunt a coon.
Oh, weep for that freshman youth,
Who left his books too soon,
And strayed from his door, with a wily sophomore,
To hunt a luckless coon, a coon, a coon,
To hunt a luckless coon!

For way down deep, where briars creep,
In the bottom of Clark's ravine,
They made the freshy stand, with a bag in his hand,
To catch the coon when seen, when seen, when seen,
To catch the coon when seen.
And they said, "Wait here patiently, nor let your courage flag,
And very, very soon, we'll drive you in a coon,
And you'll catch him in the bag, the bag, the bag,
And you'll catch him in the bag!"

The moments passed, 'twas dark, and very fast
Beat freshy's heart with fear;
But not a voice replied, as for his ma he cried,
And dropped a pensive tear, a tear, a tear,
And dropped a pensive tear.
Then all around him yelled four big men at once,
"Oh, woe to him that's found a-hunting on this ground,
You go to jail you dunce, you dunce, you dunce!
You go to jail you dunce!"

'Twas late at night, in sorry plight
The freshman reached his door;
And there he was left, of senses quite bereft,
By the wily sophomore, 'omore, 'omore,
By the wily sophomore;
And ever after, from that time,
When a coon might mentioned be,
He looked the other way, and said he couldn't stay,
And a wiser fresh was he, was he, was he,
And a wiser fresh was he.
STUDENT LIFE AT RUSH.

A SKETCH FROM THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Student life seems to be a constant source of interest to those uninitiated in its ways, and the life of a medical student appears to be still more curious to the onlooker. Perhaps this is the reason I have been asked for a short article on Rush.

I had visited our medical college before entering its doors as a student and concluded from what I saw and heard that the best thing a junior could do was to "keep dark," to sit on the perch, and in no way to make himself known by any peculiarity, such as objecting to the men behind putting things down his back, covering him with finely divided paper, or using his back for a door mat.

Perhaps I should explain that our lecture rooms are arranged like the old Roman theatre, with this exception, there is no stage and the performers, the lecturers, occupy the orchestra when lecturing. This we call the arena; the perch includes two or three rows of seats forty feet above the arena at the top and back of the room. Here the humble junior sits; here the senior sits who shirks the "quiz"; here we all sit when late; here too we land when we are "passed up." The front seats are the most popular at clinics.

There are some customs in constant practice at a medical lecture which are rarely witnessed at any other. Such a custom is "passing up." It is the means by which the boys remind a fellow student that he is "too fresh." Or perchance some luckless "D. J." (this I have been told means Darling Junior) has gotten into a front seat, or one of the seniors has attracted too much attention to himself. Some one on the perch cries "pass 'im up," others take the cry until it becomes a roar of voices shouting "pass 'im up, up, up, up, up, upupup, pup, pup, ---" until those near the fated one cannot stand the pressure of pups. They seize him, pass him to those waiting above, who in turn pass him still farther, and he takes his upward flight end over end. If he struggles, so much the worse for him, John L. himself would go up. The strong and weak are served alike, but the strong are usually so fond of showing their strength that before they reach the top they prove that they are stronger than their clothes. Those who go up easily rarely are injured and prove to be the wiser men.

Medical students are very frank in expressing opinions. This is done in two ways, by cheering or hissing, and by notes. Their cheers are tremendous, 500 men
for the moment make all the noise possible; there is whistling, yelling, clapping of hands, pounding of feet, and roaring like that of lions. Such a cheer I never heard outside a medical college. It carries everything before it. The professor can only scrape and bow until the students see fit to stop. Then perhaps some will drop a book, or make some noise. Immediately hisses rise on all sides and the student sinks down in confusion. Even the prof. does not escape the disapproving hiss. He soon knows whether his announcement is favorably received or not. Often cheers and hisses are heard at the same time.

If the professor were let off with hisses alone he might congratulate himself, but the students have a habit of asking the lecturing professor questions by passing notes down to him, he reading and answering them publicly. This is often used as a means of showing likes and dislikes. The other day the lecturer after giving a very hard examination announced that he thought one-third of the class would not pass, or would be "plucked," as we say. He received the following note.

"Prof.—If you pluck one-third of this class your name is McGinty and down you'll go."

At the next lecture the professor announced that the percentage of those plucked would be somewhat less than one-third.

In public school days you have probably seen a boy trying to cross the floor noiselessly and heard the feet of others keeping step with him while the boy always feels and looks guilty. Well, imagine yourself coming late to a lecture at Rush and trying to take your seat quietly; one hundred feet are keeping step with yours, and when you sit every foot comes down with you, then you are well "seated." The lecturer smiles, makes a cutting remark and continues.

The dissecting room, the wonder of the laity, the terror of the superstitious, is the students' store-room of knowledge and the anatomy lovers' delight. It is here that the horrible deeds are committed and for the sake of this room that the foul crimes of the body snatchers are committed, according to popular opinion. But of course the medical students in Chicago having all the material for dissecting supplied from the hospitals and morgues are not compelled to resort to questionable means for obtaining such, though tradition says that it was not always thus, and perhaps the fathers in the profession might tell some ghostly and blood curdling stories.

We often have visitors in the
dissecting room. A policeman came to see us the other night. The first thing he noticed on nearing the top of the fourth flight of stairs was the foul stench coming down to him, and it grew worse as he reached the top, but he couldn't hold his nose nor stop breathing for he was almost exhausted by his hard climb. He must take in full draughts of air. He stood at the door while recovering, not daring to venture farther for the time. His eyes fell upon two rows of tables, about twenty-eight in number. On each table was a cadaver all in different stages of dissection, and around each cadaver were four students working on either corner of the "stiff." The cadavers were in every position for the convenience of the students. The light from the gas burners shown in earnest faces, all intent on making the most of their work, and perhaps getting a word of praise from the Demonstrator who moves among the students, watching, aiding, and explaining. The officer is now tired of standing at the door and as he walks about he sees all kinds of costumes. Some of the fellows are arrayed in linen dusters, rubber apron and sleeves, and a skull cap. This is the most popular costume. Others have modifications of this. One fellow who was formerly a painter has on his white painters' suit. Farmers' overalls and jacket adorn another. Rubber coats, night shirts, soldiers' jacket and butchers' blouses, protect others, and one is arrayed in his sister's cast off mother-hubbard. While the policeman is busy looking about him aided by one of the boys, another quietly slips off an ear and still more quietly ties it to one of the big brass buttons on the back of the officer's coat. Then as the minion of the law goes out kindly escorted by some of the students, the Demonstrator looks at the officer's back, smiles, but says and sees nothing.

The policeman discovers the third auricular appendage while eating a midnight lunch and immediately concludes that his hunger is satisfied for both hot sausage and sight-seeing.

The sight-seer in the dissecting room is usually disgusted, and often one visit is sufficient, though no one is ever used as a subject for jokes except the photographer and the "copper." For the later the medical students have a peculiar contempt.

If the sight-seer could realize the importance of dissecting and could see the beautiful arrangement of the organs and tissues, the adaptability of every part to its peculiar work in the economy of the human body, as the dissector usually does, his disgust would be changed to admiration and wonder.

Perhaps I have made the medical
student appear as if caring more for fun and frolic than for good hard work, but I have only sketched him in his recreation; the practical side far exceeds the fun. Work is the rule, play is the exception, but both are done heartily and with great energy.

B. M. LINXELL, '89.

HOW THEY WOULD MANAGE THE STENTOR.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FROM PROMINENT MEN.

DR. SEELEY.

Dr. Seeley, principal of Ferry Hall, was found in his office. Being asked what policy he would pursue were he managing the STENTOR, he said that the policy of the present board suited him first rate.

"Would you exalt the literary feature or the news phase if you were in charge?" asked the STENTOR.

"I should exalt the news feature most emphatically," said the doctor. "We go to the Forum and Harper's for our current literature, we have oceans of the best writings of the day pouring in all the time, and it would be futile for the STENTOR to compete on this line. I read the STENTOR and read it with interest because I expect thus to find the news of our university circle."

"Would you put any 'spice' into your news?"

"Yes, I should make my items as lively as possible. Don't understand me as favoring 'personal bites.' There is a vast difference between a lively item, and an unjustifiable cut or a joke which has no interest except to two or three."

"How would you get your news? Do you think the spy system of the daily press justifiable in a college paper?"

"Well, to a certain extent I don't see why you are not justified in finding out anything of a news character in any honorable way. For instance, if a student happens to hear a choice bit or a good joke from a friend or others, and should give it to the ear of STENTOR, I should approve of publishing it."

"What sort of editorials would you put in?"

"I should suggest the discussion of any subject apropos to college life or policy, local or otherwise. For instance I should think it proper to discuss Harvard's proposal relative to a college course of three years; but I should not discuss questions of politics, religion and the like; such topics as the action of speaker Reed in the House of Representatives would not come within the range of the college paper."

"Suppose a question should arise
on which the faculty and the students take opposite sides, would you consider the Stentor justified in upholding the side towards which its honest conviction leans?”

“That’s a difficult question. Don’t misunderstand my answer. I would not have the Stentor assume an attitude of servility toward the faculty; still it must be remembered that facts are often possessed by the faculty which can not be made public; and that also there may be reasons for an action which to the experienced and unbiased minds of the faculty are sufficient, but which to the students, who are influenced more or less by present wishes, might not seem clear. Therefore I would have the Stentor take an attitude of respect for the faculty, though not always agreeing. If this were carried out sincerely the Stentor would find a great deal more to approve than disapprove, for I believe the Lake Forest faculty stands well with the students. I am sure that the Stentor should not carry the idea to the world that our college life is turbulent. I should not follow the course of the daily press, which takes a small matter and makes a sensation of it. If the Stentor sincerely thinks, in a given case, that the faculty is on the wrong side, I should not mind a mild, carefully tempered criticism; but circumstances must govern such cases.”

“About what proportion of your space would you fill with news of a literary nature?”

“From one-third to one-half as the requirements of my news columns permitted.”

“How and where would you get your articles?”

“I should assign the subjects I wished treated to those whom I found available and best qualified. I think your interview system is a good one.

Mr. Jesse Moss.

Mr. Jesse Moss, a staunch friend of the students and the university, was asked for some suggestions as to how he thought the Stentor should shape its working policy.

“I should try to combine the literary and news character of the Stentor as far as possible. At Yale college we had the Yale ‘Lit,’ which catered to the literary element of the college, and the weekly ‘Record,’ which kept the run of the college news. I remember that the students used to read the ‘Record’ with more interest than the ‘Lit.’ It would be desirable to have a good literary magazine, but perhaps the circumstances here demand more of a news paper. However, I should give the Stentor a literary flavor.”

“Where would you get your articles?”

“Well, the board of editors, knowing the students as it does, is
in a position to judge who among the number are capable of contributing the literary articles. I should assign topics for treatment."

"What material would you use in your editorial comment and how would you shape it?"

"In the first place, I should make all my influence tend toward building up the university. I should harp away on the gymnasium. You fellows need a gymnasium more than anything else, and the Stentor should present the need. Copies could be sent to those who are in a position to contribute money, and your paper could thus be of considerable influence. You might create a sentiment in your columns towards a glee club. A college glee club is a drawing card to any institution, and the students here have capabilities in that line. There are numerous questions of this nature admitting of treatment, and you have a grand opportunity for presenting such things in the Stentor. Base ball and foot ball interests should be treated."

"What do you think of criticisms on the faculty and the students in questions of discipline and conduct?"

"I do not think the Stentor's position admits of criticism of that kind. The faculty should do its own criticising. A college paper cannot hit anybody and everybody, as the daily press does."

"Would you countenance the prying methods used by the daily press in getting the news of the university circle?"

"Honorable means, I would use every time. Alertness is what is wanted. But I would be discreet so as not to hurt people's feelings. Most college papers are filled with common-place essays, and the Stentor is located here in Lake Forest where it has a good position to yield an influence in the northwest as a lively college newspaper, and I would use every legitimate means to present the news of the college life."

PROFESSOR HALSEY.

Prof. Halsey was asked whether he would make the Stentor a literary magazine or a news journal.

"I would make it a news journal. Some years ago a literary magazine was started here. The best of the essays written for my department were published as a sort of reward of merit; the professors contributed admirable articles; but the magazine died for want of pecuniary support. We're not strong enough for it yet."

"Where and how would you find news enough to fill your pages?"

"I should devote considerable space to news from other
colleges. The other papers exchange with you, don’t they? Well, I should clip the interesting items and reprint them, so that the students might know what is going on in the outside college world. I recall the interest I took in reading other college papers when I was in college. The University of Michigan’s paper when I read it made a large and lively feature of outside college news. This should be to the college paper what foreign news is to the great daily press.”

“Suppose, professor, that you were confronted with an unusually dull news month, would you sanction the method of prying around to find items of interest?”

“I should not sanction the methods used by the average daily press. Such methods are disgusting to me. Many reporters by their incessant prying are destroying the sanctity of everything which should be held sacred.”

“How would you shape your editorials?”

“I should seek topics of current interest to students. By that I do not mean local trifles. I like the short paragraph, perhaps not more than a sentence, crisp and to the point.”

“What do you think of editorial criticisms on current local conditions?”

“I should be careful. The Stentor, unlike a large daily, has no anonymity behind which the editorial writer can seem an oracle. Suppose one of your editorial writers pens a serious and even justifiable criticism on the students or the college management, the question at once arises from those criticised—’Who is this Stentor man, that he assumes a judgship over us?’ However, I believe the paper should criticise; it is bound to come and I do not fear it; but let the board of editors, assembled together, ponder the matter, get a consensus of opinion, and then, after due investigation and plenty of time, go ahead with their criticisms. Yes, I should not mind criticisms even on the faculty, if this plan were pursued. All men make mistakes, and college professors are men. But let the criticizing be done deliberately and fairly, and don’t let it be the hasty out-burst of one man. Purely personal criticisms I would not admit.”

“What would you use for leading articles?”

“I should suggest more personal letters from the alumni. We have a number of them who could give some interesting material about themselves and their surroundings. If the students can offer good literary material—I don’t mean an essay on Ancient Greece, but a bright, original essay, say on Bel-
lamy's *Looking Backward* — I should use it. I like your system of interviews."

"Do you think it saviors of conceit in the editors to write so much of the paper's material as the interview system requires?"

"No! the students have put you in charge, and you know what is best for your needs. If people criticise, let them. It doesn't pay to try to walk and to ride the donkey at the same time, for fear of offending some one."

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**ALUMNI AND PERSONAL.**

The academy has given some notable men to the world, among the number two Chicago men, F. C. Osborne, cashier of of the Merchant's Loan and Trust Company, and Lawrence Williams who is somewhat of a society gentleman. H. O. Stone, of Stone & Co., prominent real estate merchants of Chicago, graduated from the academy in '77.

Rufus C. Stanley visited in town last month. He attended Lake Forest college two years with the class of '83. Being specially interested in chemistry, he went to the Boston School of Technology for a year. There he became enthusiastic in Y. M. C. A. work. Later on he was made Assistant State Secretary of the New York Y. M. C. A., which position he now holds with head-quarters at Elmira, N. Y.

G. A. Wilson, '89, was recently elected to represent Hartford Theological Seminary at the Inter-seminary Alliance held at Alleghany, Penn. Mr. Wilson has a young men's class numbering twenty-five members who meet on Sundays at a leading church in Hartford.

Chas. E. McGinnis, '87, is a senior in Princeton Theological Seminary.

Prof. Kelsey writes from Ann Arbor,—"I hope the STENTOR may not have the 'grip,' as I have? A light attack however." By the bye, Prof. Kelsey seems to be taking the same interest in the Ann Arbor students that made him so popular here. His latest enterprise is a series of talks at the Ann Arbor Presbyterian church, Sunday afternoons. In these talks he uses an outline on "The Rational Basis of Christian Belief," in which all the essentials of the faith are set forth in such a way that one can see at a glance what the belief is. Particularly valuable also is the list of reference books on Christian Evidences. The scheme has been published in pamphlet form by the Ann Arbor students.

Theodore Jessup, an academy boy here in former years, is now assistant cashier in the bank of Baldwin, Wisconsin.

Miss Minnie Mason, who was
with us last year in the seminary, is visiting in Nebraska.

G. E. Stanford was seen at Evanston a few nights ago. He states that he intends to go to Princeton and graduate next year.

B. M. Linnell, '89, has temporarily suspended his studies at Rush Medical College to accept a position as assistant to Prof. Locy in our college biological department.

W. W. Johnson, '89, was up to see the boys a few weeks ago. He is known as "Doctor" at McCormick seminary. He wears a becoming pink beard, which makes him resemble the Prince of Wales.

THE COLLEGE.

On the evening of Feb. 5th Dr. Roberts read a paper on the Revision of the Confession of Faith, in the chapel of the church. A male chorus supplemented the exercises with appropriate music.

A chorus of about twenty-five male voices has been organized by Mr. N. D. Pratt, and under his leadership is in course of training. The object is to have a chorus prepared to sing songs of a religious nature when occasion may demand.

Some time ago a subscription paper was passed among the students to raise money for drums for the band. In turn for the responses the drums are used to make the night air of the dormitory hideous with their deafening noise.

The regular annual meeting of the Western College Base Ball Association was held in the Plankinton House in Milwaukee, at three p. m., Friday, Feb. 14, 1890. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Pres., Kronsage, Madison; Vice Pres'ts., Stewart, Evanston, Reckhow, Beloit, Scalfeld, Lake Forest; Secretary and Treasurer, Moulding, Evanston. Some committees were then appointed, and finally the following schedule of games was adopted:

May 3. Lake Forest vs. Evanston, at Evanston.
May 17. Evanston vs. Lake Forest, at Lake Forest.
May 30. Beloit vs. Lake Forest, at Lake Forest.

It is not generally known in the college that professor Griffin is, and has been for some time, professor of the physical sciences and chemistry in the Chautauqua university. All instruction is given by correspondence. The university is in a prosperous condition and
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has a large number of students matriculated.

A literary club composed of members of the faculty was organized at the home of Dr. Roberts, Feb. 4th.

W. H. Matthews is taking lessons in instrumental music.

Prof. Stuart preached at Waukegan, Feb. 16th.

Prof. McNeill is computing a set of tables for the Smithsonian Institution. The tables will give the time at which the sun rises and sets at different places on the earth. He will probably not be able to complete the work before June.

Feb. 12, the Athenaeum society ran a special train for the accommodation of those wishing to attend the Kennan lecture at Evanston. Eighty-six went from Lake Forest alone.

Dr. Cutting has been sending out a large number of circulars the past few weeks announcing the annual meeting of the National Educational Association of the United States, which will be held in St. Paul, July 8 to 11. This year the association will discuss the topics, "College Administration" and "College Education." Dr. Cutting is president of the college section of the association.

The required work in oratory ceases at the end of this term, but electives in this department may be taken by juniors and seniors. Freshman and sophomores can elect oratory no more than any other study.

As soon as the facilities permit Prof. Spencer Smith desires to give an opportunity for work in literature with what might be called the laboratory method. The students will then do original work of investigation in this line of study.

Dr. Roberts preached at St. Louis in Dr. Nichols' church on Feb. 16. On the following evening he delivered an address before the Presbyterian Social Union of that city on the "Strong points of Presbyterianism."

Dr. and Mrs. McClure gave a reception at the manse to the members of the congregation, Feb. 13. The students attended generally.

In Prof. Spencer Smith's department two terms are now given to practical logic in the freshman year, instead of one as formerly. Other innovations in this department make American literature a senior elective, and all work in literature will hereafter be an elective with the seniors.

The Y. M. C. A. has estimated the current expenses for next year to be $60, and has assessed two-thirds of it to be paid this year.

One Sunday lately Mr. Dodge
went up to a class of little fellows in his Sabbath school who had no instructor, and told them to wait and he would find them a teacher. "Oh!" said the little boys in chorus, pointing to George Steel, sitting near by, "We want that fellow that can't keep away from the girls."

The senior class petitioned for a recess of two weeks in March instead of a long one at the end of the year. The request was refused.

Gov. Bross bequeathed §1,000 a year to each one of his grandchildren for expenses of education.

The Y.M. C. A. committees were just lately announced—Devotional, Wright, Wood; Bible Study, Davis, Mitchell; General Religious Work, Killan, Steele; Membership, Matthews, Hopkins; Missionary Work, Anderson, Lewis; Correspondence, McMillan, Jones; Visitation, Dodge, Johnson.

The senior class met February 7th, and elected W. F. Lewis president, to succeed Miss Farwell. The committee on class day promises something new this year.

It is too bad that we didn't discover this clipping from Life before skating disappeared:
*Experientia Docet.*

Ted—"Why don't you take your girl skating?"

Ned—"She doesn't know how."

Ted—"Lucky fellow! That's where all the fun comes in."

Gov. Bross left by his will "certain works of art, including the portraits and busts of testator, by Healy & Mc Masters, to the Lake Forest University, the Chicago Art Institute, or the Chicago Historical Society, in the discretion of his daughter."

This little dialogue from the Chicago Tribune illustrates the difficulties under which some of our boys may labor.:

Alfred—"Please don't put me off any longer, Katie. Will you marry me?"

Katie—"Alfred, why will you be so persistent? I hardly know whether I love you well enough or not. Besides—"

Alfred (looking at his watch)—"Katie, the last train is due in just three minutes. Yes or—"

Katie—"Yes, Alfred!"

The senior class has regular debates in oratory work. Yesterday they discussed views as to what subjects should be treated in the pulpit.

Misses Grace Reid and Nellie Holt will return to Lake Forest to witness the commencement exercises of the class of '90.

Prof. Thomas' little dog which was mentioned in the January number recently met a violent
death at the hands of another large canine.

The war song concerts given here last year will be repeated at Evanston in April.

Mr. William Duncan McMillan is teaching Mr. Robe of the academy how to play on the violin.

The picture hung over Dr. Roberts' chair in the chapel is the likeness of Dr. Patterson of Evanston, the first president of Lake Forest university.

Prof. Kelsey has in preparation Cicero's Orations, and Selections from Ovid. Allyn and Bacon, Boston.

S. A. Benedict took a trip up north, Feb. 10 and 11, on business.

Prof. Harper of the academy was editor-in-chief of the Oberlin Review in 1886.

A lady in town has a student janitor whose knowledge of thermometers is like some of the great stock corporations, limited. The lady had cautioned the janitor to keep the temperature of the house at 60. She had a thermometer placed near the furnace. All went well 'til she hung another thermometer on the front porch. In the morning the lady awoke to find the house boiling hot. She was perspiring terribly. She called the janitor who explained matters thus: "You tole' me ter keep de house at 60, an' dat thermometer out dare on de front po'ch wo'n't rise 'bove 15 degrees no how. It's been stuffin' in de coal all night an' it doan rise." Before the lady fainted she requested the janitor to let the out door thermometer mind its own business, and to run the house by the thermometer in the cellar.

Lake Forest boys doubtless remember Wilcox, Joyce and Coe, who played with the college nine last year. They are still at Rush, and will come up for graduation in March. They have received the nick-name "Lake Forest" from the other students, who have heard of our nine's bad playing last season. This clings especially to Wilcox who says that "medical students have have no time to practice for base ball, hence our—-"

A small company of students were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Dr. Roberts on the 15th.

Mr. F. W. Sharon is the only member of the League of American Wheelman in Lake Forest.

Of 42 colleges getting a total endowment of $2,675,000 the past year Lake Forest received the largest, Syracuse coming next with $365,000. The endowment of Presbyterian institutions is $9,282,000, which the Baptist and Methodist denominations each exceed by a little more than $2,000,000.
Some time ago a petition was circulated in the college requesting Mr. Moody to establish a training school in the west after the model of his Springfield, Mass., institution, at which Lake Forest has been represented. During July such a session will be held at Lake Geneva, Wis., just before the Western Secretarial Institute. The college students' conference begins Aug. 23, and ends Sept. 3.

One of the college students tells an amusing story of a visit to a Shaker church at New Lebanon last summer. The Sunday services were in progress, the women and men both speaking. During the services the father of the settlement rose and addressed the strangers present, exhorting them to become one with his flock. Catching sight of the fashionable and perhaps, in his eyes, very gaudy apparel of our student, he closed by looking fixedly at her and saying in stentorian tones, "The fashions of this world are invented by the devil and are the embodiment of hell smoke." That was a shaker indeed.

Of the 63 men in the college 25 are undecided as to their future business in life, 17 will enter the ministry, 4 will be missionaries, 7 will pursue business, 6 law, 2 journalism and 1 music. 75 per cent. attend some Sunday School.

Barry attended faculty meeting Feb. 18.

Mr. Danforth had an article in the New York Journalist of Feb. 13th on "The Notoriety of the Journalist."

Frank Leslie's of Feb. 15th had a cut and sketch of Mrs. Reginald de Koven, a graduate of the first regular class in this university, that of '80.

Those students who have heard Mr. Kennan witnessed a good example of a fine gesturing which pictures the thought.

The first medical mission band of the world was organized at Lake Forest.

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Ward, at seven o'clock, gave a dinner to the senior college class on Feb. 27th.

Dr. Roberts recently gave a public lecture at the Normal Park Presbyterian church on "Wonders of the Rocky Mountains."

Will all interested parties please read this in answer to the question so often asked "What is that pond for?" The pond you see a short distance from the college on the line of the Frye Boulevard is for the purpose of catching rain water to generate sufficient steam for our dormitory. The pond is artificial and was at first the sight of a brick yard. Here the brick was made which afterwards gave form to that magnificent building called Academy Hall. After the brickyard passed from off the
stage, the place where once it stood was asked to woo the rain and it did so. Last spring "Frye, the Mighty" put $500 into deepening it from 3 or 4 feet to a depth of 28 feet in its deepest places. He also enclosed it in narrower bounds and then rested from his labors after paying off the men. As a pipe connects it with the engine room it is always safe to take a change of clothes down to the bank when you intend skating on its surface. In an interview with "the great Frye," he stated it as his opinion that it would probably be a real dry day before the pond would unbosom itself completely.

Mrs. C. B. Farwell contributes regularly to our reading room, the Evangelist, the Independent, the Interior, and America. Mr. Henry Horton furnishes us with the Critic.

B. M. Linnell '89 is now assistant in biology under Prof. Locy. Up to the time of his appointment he had been a student at Rush.

The day of prayer for colleges grew out of the necessity felt by many Christian men for a revival of religion among college students. The tide of spirituality among them was at a low ebb in the latter part of last century and the first part of this. A revival finally did follow, and to make it permanent and also to still further increase its magnitude special services were held every Sabbath morning at which prayer was offered for colleges. These services were held from the year 1820 to 1823, when a special day in each year was set apart.

Prof. Halsey now for the first time has the opportunity of conducting elective classes. Being relieved of the classes which Prof. Smith now takes, he has a more fair allotment of work. Prof. Halsey reviews for "The Dial." His reviews are mainly on historical works.

Dr. Roberts is using every means in his power to insure us a fine gymnasium before the next fall term. In all probability it will be put up this summer, if not then it will surely be begun when the fall term opens. It is Dr. Roberts' plan to have beside the gymnasium proper, a number of bath rooms, a reading room, a library containing Y. M. C. A. literature, periodicals and papers of all kinds and a large room to be used by the Y. M. C. A. for the double purpose of a lecture room and parlor. Folding doors are to connect the parlor, reading room and library, thus making it possible to throw all the rooms open, or when desired for any purpose each room may be separated from the others.

The chances for having a good base ball nine this year are auspicious. It will be made up of college and academy students ex-
clusively. The impracticability of having Rush men on the team was demonstrated last year. Although we could and did last spring obtain excellent material from Rush, it is impossible to have the proper amount of practice with them, and the plan of getting our players direct from Lake Forest will add 100 per cent. to the efficiency of the team.

The faculty passed appropriate resolutions upon the death of the president of the board of trustees.

The fair held at the seminary last term under the direction of Misses Roberts and Warner netted enough profit to buy a communion service and a new carpet for the colored church, and a library of 100 books for the Presbyterian mission Sunday school. The school treasury was replenished with the balance of the money. The school has grown from an attendance of three the first day to an average of 50 every session. Mr. Lewis, '90, is superintendent.

H. S. Candee, here two years with the class of '87, had a narrow escape from death in a railroad accident lately on an Alabama railroad. He was on his way to New Orleans for his health's sake, but escaped uninjured from the wreck.

Prof. James Mark Baldwin writes the following very interesting letter about the burning of the great University of Toronto with which he is now connected:—

"The building burned was known as University College and contained the lecture rooms of the arts department, and the private rooms of the professors, the library, the museums, the public auditorium, and the collections of physical apparatus. It was built like the English buildings on three sides of a triangle with cloisters, residents for the attendents, etc. Two sides of the quadrangle were burnt, the front and east, including the library, recitations halls, audience chamber, and museums. The library is a total loss only about 200 or 300 volumes being saved out of $35,000. The natural history collection was largely saved, but the geological, anthropological (the first in America,) and historical collections were destroyed. The physical apparatus was in the portion of the building which is still standing, but many instruments were damaged by severe handling. The money loss is estimated at about $500,000. The resources to meet this loss are at present, insurance $160,000, government grant $160,000, amount voted by the board of trustees personally $100,000, amount pledged by the senate of affiliated colleges $150,000, private subscription to date $32,000,—in all about $600,000, which fully covers the actual loss. It is proposed to restore the build-
ing as it formerly was, to include recitation halls, museum, and library, to build a new structure for a public auditorium, and to devote the balance to a new collection of books. Our work goes on without interruption. Abundant accommodations being found in the other buildings,—scientific school, biological buildings, and the theological schools. The Y. M. C. A. hall is being used as a general gathering place, ladies' cloak room, etc. Not a lecture was lost by the students. I lectured on Monday at 9 in a room in the west wing of the building with water still on the floor, and a great hole in the ceiling, but as it was on psychology I forgot my surroundings. My personal loss was slight, some of the faculty lost valuable portions of their private library. My gown, cap, and a few books perished. Among the latter some notes for the revision of my text book, which will be hard to replace. I had fortunately however sent the week before to the publishers the main points for the second edition and thus saved matter which cost a great deal of labor. Besides I mourn a pair of new dress trousers in which I worked amid water and smoke directing the students what to save in the natural history museum. The loss of the library will cripple the professor for a time. I feel it extremely. But the prompt action of the authorities will soon repair the damage. Large orders for books in the various departments have been sent off. We are grateful for the expression of sympathy which our calamity is calling forth from friends everywhere."

**FERRY HALL.**

Nu Beta Kappa Society, Correspondent.

**NOKNAUGHTVILLE.**

*Dear Stentor:—*

Remembering that in the old days my alma mater was wont to consider her graduates ready for all emergencies of the cruel world, I write to inquire whether in the following case L. F. U. or the world is at fault. As you know, I was one of a recent graduating class, and, on coming home to make my *debut* in the gaities of this metropolis, justly felt prepared for anything, from accepting an invitation to the theatre, to murmuring a blushful "yes" on a more serious occasion. What was my surprise and dismay to find the inhabitants of this place utterly void of even common politeness! How often, as it has fallen to my lot to reply to an invitation beginning audaciously "My Dear Miss ——," have I thought of the cold perfection, formality of those L. F. U. notes, with their respectful, though abrupt, "Miss ——," or often gracefully worded in the third person. Stranger yet, the
men here frequently call after and even before, sometimes delivering the invitation during the call, or while in conversation elsewhere. What ignorance! Ah, those happy days when one was stopped in front of the meat market or Brewster House, while our companion sauntered on, with the words, "May I speak to you a moment?" Now, dear Stentor, there should be a remedy. I know the fault lies with the society here. Why! when we refuse invitations they are not even offended — cannot see that one refusal must argue a rooted dislike. Will you not publish a series of etiquette articles in our daily paper? By so doing the influence of the university will be felt and a great wrong righted. I am at your service should you need a medium of communication with our editor. Yours as ever

An Alumnus.

The seniors are becoming confidential. Where before was a bashful blush now we find the words "Positively Engaged." For the sake of the college and academy we announce that although serious, the arrangement is not permanent. They are only engaged in writing their essays.

Miss Joselina Clarke has returned from the east, and Miss Houghton is expected from Spokane Falls in a few days. Miss Houghton has been seriously ill.

The night was cold, and dark, and dreary; 'Twas late, the girls were very weary; But just as they fell in a quiet slumber, Forgetting their lessons, their sins, their hunger,
A doleful yowl from the dark below Curdled their blood so it ceased to flow.
No girl who was there dared stir from her bed,
But ev'ry one fearfully covered her head. More shrill and fiercer rose the yell,
As sounds the old cracked breakfast bell, Until one wild shriek which would raise the dead
Brought each trembling girl, with a spring, from the bed,
But their fears were soon vanquished, for there in the shade
Were the boys — it was only a serenade.

We except the last serenaders and cordially invite them to come again. Mr. Scofield especially distinguished himself and his "yodel" was the best number on the program. The guitar is a great addition and we wish that "melody would flow" every night.

The officers of the Nu Beta Kappa society for this term are: President, Miss Enid Smith; Vice President, Miss Emice Wells; Secretary, Miss Pinney; Treasurer, Miss Reidle; Critic, Miss Heron; Sergeant-at-arms, Miss Wiser.

The "Readings" in the chapel February seventeenth was one of the best entertainments ever given there. Mr. Riddle is a Boston gentleman of elegant appearance and fully satisfied the expectations of his audience. The entertainment was given by the Nu Beta Kappa society.
On the evening of Feb. 21st the gym was once again a "thing of beauty." The maidens with powdered hair and short waisted gowns went through the various figures of the German. The figures were the simplest and easiest and the crowning glory of the evening was the Virginia reel.

On the 13th the Ferry Hall girls were welcomed at the manse and as usual came away declaring "there never was any one like Dr. and Mrs. McClure."

Miss Holloway, Miss Magill and Miss Flock were at the seminary last week viewing their old battle grounds.

Prof. Clement spent Sunday, February 16th, with his mother in Wauseon, Ohio.

Prof. Seeley has ordered a new U. S. mail bag from the city, which will have a lock.

"Jim" has returned from the hospital with his arm in a sling. He has been very much missed, especially when we wanted the gym lighted.

OUR PRAYER.
O! could there in this world be found
Some little spot of happy ground,
Without the village battling.
How doubly blest that spot would be,
Where all might dwell in liberty,
Free from the bitter misery
Of gossips' endless prattling!
Oh, that the mischief-making crew
Were all reduced to one or two,
And they were painted red or blue,
That every one might know them.

According to a new regime, on Sundays, breakfast and supper are each a half hour later than heretofore. Supper is served at 6 o'clock, breakfast at 7:30. The change, the outcome of a petition, is regarded as a decided gain, especially in the morning when the general sentiment seems to be—"Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep."

Recent arrivals:—Miss Agnes Smith of Appleton, Wis., who was a sem. some years ago, and Miss Harriet Lewis.

Our regular monthly missionary meeting was held Thursday evening, Feb. 7, that we might hear Miss Jane Adams tell of her work in Chicago. Miss Adams is trying to carry out the idea of the Toynbie Hall movement of East London. She has taken a house at number 385 South Halsted St., in the midst of the people whom she is seeking to uplift. The house is a centre of culture and refinement whose influence radiates in all directions. Italians, Germans, and many others of the neighborhood are invited as guests to her home, and there entertained, with the hope of meeting their various needs.

On the evening of St. Valentine's day the starry, azure hall of the Aletheian swung wide its portals.
The original poem by Miss Florence Phelps deserves especial mention. The dialogue—"Sam Weller's Valentine," was unique. The "charming little missives" from this loving town almost filled our mail bag.

Miss Ensign was with us Feb. 14th.

There has been no little breaking up of house-keeping at the sem of late owing to the changing of the gas-pipes. Hitherto, the light in each study has been too high. Carpets and floors were taken up, and there will be a general sigh of relief when everything is once more in situ.

Dr. Seeley delivered a very interesting paper on Thorwaldsen before the art institute, Feb. 11.

Miss Galt visited the seminary last month.

A recent New York Morning Journal has the following correspondence from Washington with a cut of Miss Grace Taylor, who attended the seminary two years ago and was a general favorite. "Among the pretty debutantes in Washington society this winter is Miss Grace Elmo Taylor, the daughter of the U. S. railroad commissioner, and ex-consul at Marseilles, France. Miss Grace, who has seen eighteen happy years, was born at Hudson, Wis., where she passed her childhood.

Miss Taylor will assist her mother in receiving Wednesday afternoons. "I'm quite in love with Washington," said she, "so much gayety. I am so fond of it." Miss Grace is highly cultured. She attended school at Lake Forest, Ill., a large university, and spent a number of years in a French convent at Marseilles. After this she studied elocution a year in Boston. To her many accomplishments has been added the finish of extensive travel."

THE ACADEMY.

Gamma Sigma.

F. W. Pine, Correspondent.

In the matter of athletics and field day sports for the coming season the cads have taken a lively interest. They have organized an athletic association with the following officers: F. Grant, Pres.; C. Rowe, V. Pres.; C. B. Oliver, Secy.; F. W. Pine, Treas. The academy expects to "make things hum" on the athletic field and promise the lovers of base ball some fine games. This arrangement will not conflict with the college association, but will assist college athletics materially. It was decided at first that the academy association should be separate from that of the college on account of the poor management last season. At a joint meeting it was finally decided that under certain conditions
the academy would join with the college association. A representative of each association was sent to the Milwaukee convention, Mr. Scofield from the college and Mr. Rumsey from the academy.

In the academy chapel the singing is led by H. F. Gillette’s cornet.

Dr. Seeley entertained his Sunday school class the last day of January.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 20, a pleasant reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Davies at Academy House. The house was beautifully arranged and the boys could hardly realize they were standing in a room so lately fitted with tables and busy waiters. Above the entrance was the academy flag. Quite a large number were present. The sems were not lacking nor those holding prominent positions in the university. During the evening some interesting exercises were presented. Miss Learned rendered a vocal solo, Miss Oliver a humorous dialogue, Mr. Linnell read a selection and Miss Learned closed with another beautiful solo. Then came the dainties for the palate which were thoroughly enjoyed. Soon after the party broke up.

One of the Boys.

A course of mechanical drawing has been added to the long list of academy studies. Fortunately for many it is an optional. Several who are taking the scientific course have elected the study. An instructor from the Manual Training School at Chicago takes charge of the class, which meets each Saturday morning.

Tri Kappa.

E. E. Vance, Correspondent.

C. N. Church has returned from a week’s trip to Michigan.

Mr. Goodwin has lately entered the academy.

Why not have all the professors on time at chapel? We are all there, and it looks better to see every seat on the rostrum filled.

Mr. Matthews, who left last term, is fishing in Florida. Mr. Barras is at Hot Springs, Ark., on his way to Florida.

Prof. Scribner, our Latin instructor, is a graduate of Princeton college. He spent several years in Johns Hopkins, and abroad. He has a thorough knowledge of Latin and endeavors to interest the boys by having them write essays on the life of the writers whose works they are reading.

March 5th is expected to be one of the best meetings of the term in the Tri Kappa society. Some of our finest declaimers are expected to appear. Though it is not an open meeting, visitors will be cordially welcomed. The meeting will be held at 11 A. M. in college chapel.
It is said that there are eighty-seven college professors now on duty who have been pupils under Dr. McCosh, ex-president of Princeton—Mail and Express.

Hamilton college which is soon to celebrate its centennial has 2,604 alumni; 1,954 are now living.

The students of the University of Michigan are demanding a gymnasium.

The students and faculty of Illinois College have started a subscription list by pledging $2,500 towards the erection of a new gymnasium.

The Vassar girls have been given the power to regulate their courses of study, their hours of exercise, of rising and retiring.

The old Chicago university building has been taken down.

The college world is watching with interest for the result of the experiment now going on in the University of Michigan. The marking system is now a thing of the past, and prize competition and class honors have been abolished.

Our latest exchanges are The College Life and The Hendrix College Mirror.

In reply to an article in the February Stentor entitled "Our Missionary" we wish to state:—

(1.) That it is not strange that the money pledged to support an alumnus in the foreign field has not been paid. Because the boys have not had an opportunity to do so until this term, and because since then no direct effort to collect it has been made.

(2.) Investigation has failed to bring to light any instance where a pledge to go as a missionary has been repudiated.

(3.) The Y. M. C. A. has not lacked interest since this missionary movement, but has steadily advanced in all its branches, and its main supporters are those who have volunteered for foreign missions.

(4.) While believing that charity commences at home we think it should not end there. We wish we could have more hearty co-operation from our christian friends and less carping criticisms, as we do not think it tends to advance the cause of Christ in any way.

N. B. W. Gallwey, S.,
Pres. of Y. M. C. A.
Geo. W. Wright, S.,
Pres. of Y. P. Miss'ry So.
LATE NEWS.

The Athenaeum society take pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Scott-Siddons will give a reading at Ferry Chapel, Saturday evening, March 15th.

The orchestra and band, composed of college and academy students, will give a concert, Apr. 3rd, for the benefit of the Athletic Association.

E. F. Dodge is teaching two of the academy boys the art of self defense.

Dr. Seeley has informed the seniors of Ferry Hall that if their term standing in recitation exceed ninety per cent. in any study, they will be excused from examination in that branch.

Prof. Stuart says he now charges for his professional services, $10 for special examination, $3 for special recitation, for single students. Club rates may be obtained where more than one apply.

An announcement was made in chapel that on Feb. 25, at 10 o'clock, twenty freshmen would compete for appointment on "the ten" which takes part in the preliminary contest. This was of course considered an invitation to college students to attend. Also private invitations were given to several by Prof. Cutting. At the appointed hour a number of students were on hand to attend, and upon entering the door were greeted with blows in the face from a guard of freshmen. Such disgraceful action on the part of the class is a surprise, even though they are freshmen. Their sense of gratitude seems to be limited. At least three desiring admittance had aided certain members in drill on their selections. The natural desire to see the fruit of their labor was to be satisfied only by a crack in the face, from a bully freshman. The presence of ladies in the class alone prevented the visitors from resenting the insult by force. We believe the freshman should stand up for their rights, but they should remember that visitors have never been refused admittance to any recitation or exercise in oratory. If the class did not wish visitors the fact should have been announced and simply gentlemanly conduct would have served the purpose.

Electives must be handed in at the end of this term instead of the beginning of next.

The inaugural address of Prof. J. M. Baldwin at Toronto, on "Philosophy—Its Relation to Life and Education" has been published in pamphlet form.

The preliminary declamation contests will be held March 7th and 14th.
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