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Dr. Roberts has arrived at the root of the matter. We are told that he has notified the trustees that we must have a gymnasium for next year, it being indispensable with the carrying on of the college.

The unprincipled persons who deliberately wrench the magazines from their fastenings and take them from the reading room, should be in a reform school.

"The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." This is the condition of our ball-team, owing to an unusually late spring and the absence of a gymnasium. But with hard work and stern determination the nine may yet "Be copy to men of grosser blood, and teach them how to" play ball.

Our Managing Editor has deemed it wise to remain at home this term, and the Stentor therefore appears bereft of its accustomed leading spirit. Mr. Smith's resignation was accepted with sincere regret by the students. His ever observing eye and keen instinct were always awake to the interests of the paper, and it was to his efforts that a large part of its success during the past year has been due.

A communication savoring of prejudice and decidedly uncharitable in its tone, was sent to us for publication last month. For several reasons its fate was the waste basket. It was anonymous; the Stentor cannot take the risk of publishing such articles where the author is unknown. It was written on both sides of the paper, and was received at too late a date. All contributions must be received
before the twenty-second of the month. The above rules are seldom violated, but students should remember that they are iron clad.

One of our professors in conversation with a student remarked that "the students should find more time to read. I never do any work after four o'clock. It isn't right that a man should." How we would like to! What class of people better enjoy a quiet evening devoted to reading than students? But we can't do everything any more than others can. We do however agree with the professor. Students should find more time for outside reading, even if we sometimes infringe upon the two hours which is supposed to be devoted to the preparation of each lesson. During our college days we should form the nucleus of our libraries to which we may add from the vast stores of knowledge in the world. It is often said that a man is priviledged to forget nine-tenths of what he learns at college because the associations of the four years are the most important results of a course. But tastes and habits are what we want to acquire, associations are what we should remember. Why then should we devote all our time to the obtaining of text-book lore? Rather let us seek culture, which may only be obtained by taking advantage of the various opportunities which present themselves to college students.

The recent discussion over the world's fair location has raised this question. Is Chicago anything more than a hog-market? In other words, has she the lofty ideas, the culture engendering enterprises to demand for her a place as a leading city of the land? New York has slurringly remarked that Chicago people sit on their front porches, and have the "hired girl" wait on the front door, which if granted, is neither here nor there. But the fact that Chicago is behind New York and Boston in having no 'great university is significant. In '92 the great, the learned of the world will come to Chicago. They will be taken to the stock yards, to Lincoln Park. They will rise some morning and say,—"We have seen your stock yards and your Lincoln Park, but where is your university? Do the people of this great city care nothing for learning?" What will Chicago answer? Is she too poor to build a university? There are millions in Chicago, and here are a few facts for the millions: Lake Forest university has a solid foundation, is growing lustily; but she needs more money. She wants buildings. Her rooms are crowded, stuffy, badly ventilated. The town as a university
site has no peer. Chicago might well be proud to bring her distinguished guests out to these classic shades to view what can be made in a year, if need be, the great university of the land. Large enterprises require only large means. Scores of Chicago men have money to spend on the world's fair. Why not put some of it into a university! Lake Forest is the place for it—the Cambridge town of Chicago.

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THE UNDER-GROUND RAILWAY.

HOW THE SYSTEM OPERATED IN CHICAGO.

Before the Rebellion, certain anti-slavery people carried on a system by which slaves were assisted in escaping from their masters. The enterprise was known as the under-ground railway.

Trusty anti-slavery people at different places along the routes leading up from the south would secrete the fugitives during the day, so that they could resume their journey under cover of the night. The good people who carried on the under-ground railway were subject to much hazard, by reason of the national fugitive slave law which imposed a heavy penalty on those who assisted the negroes to escape.

Chicago was an easy rallying point where the slaves could get on to the Lake Michigan boats and reach Canada. Although there was a large committee who more or less secretly lent money and other aid to the scheme, the four prominent figures in the movement in Chicago were James H. Collins, Philo Carpenter, Dr. Dyer, and Sylvester Lind. Mr. Collins was a lawyer of wide influence. When there was a slave to be defended he was always on hand with a ready speech. He seldom lost a case. Philo Carpenter was a business man who had accumulated much property. Dr. Dyer, noted for his sharpness in defending and aiding the slaves, could make a telling speech in court, and many a poor slave owes his freedom to Dr. Dyers quick wits. Sylvester Lind had heavy interests in Chicago and the north-west, placing him in a position to be of immense value to the under-ground railway.

One night about twelve o'clock, Philo Carpenter rang the bell at Mr. Lind's house, on the west side, Chicago, and upon Mr. Lind's appearance Mr. Carpenter said:

"Mr. Lind, I've got four gentlemen locked up in my barn," (meaning of course four slaves,) "and I want you to help me get them to Canada. I understand that one of your boats will go out to-night. I've given the fellows a
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good supper, and they are all ready to go."

"But how can we get them down to the boat? It's a good distance through the city, and we're likely to be caught," said Mr. Lind.

"I'll take them down in my close carriage," replied Mr. Carpenter. "You know the sheriff? He's an anti-slavery man, but he'd have to arrest the slaves if he caught them. So you had better drive down ahead of us to see that the coast is clear."

The plan was agree upon.

Mr. Lind owned some lumber mills in the northern lake region, and he had two vessels plying between that region and Chicago. One of the vessels was waiting in the Chicago harbor for a favorable wind on the night in question.

In reaching the lumber region these boats had to pass through a narrow channel called "Death's Door" near which was an island where all lake steamers took on wood. It was customary for the slaves to be left at this island until a boat came along which could take them down through the St. Claire river. The channel was so narrow in some places that the slaves could easily jump from the boat onto the Canadian side before Detroit was reached. The slave owners could not find out at what point the run-aways jumped off. The law on the subject was as follows: Any lake cap-
tain who knowingly took fugitive slaves onto his boat in a United States harbor, was subject to a fine of $100,000; but if he found slaves on his boat after he had gotten out into the lake, not knowing when they came on, he was not obliged to turn them over to the law until he reached a United States port. Slaves furnished with money contributed by the underground committee could thus be put aboard a vessel unbeknown to the captain, and when the boat reached the middle of the lake, the money was paid over by the slave, who jumped off when he reached Canada, the captain winking at the performance but not responsible. Mr. Lind often had slaves put on his boats in this way. They were sent up to the wood station near "Death's Door."

When Mr. Lind reached his boat on the night in question, he found no one on board but the cook. The captain had gone ashore. This exactly suited Mr. Lind's purpose. The cook, being an anti-slavery man, the fact that the slaves were coming to the boat was made known to him. He promised to secrete the negroes in the hold and give them food. Before morning they were safely on their way to Canada.

At another time five negroes came from the south and safely reached the St. Claire river, where they gained the Canadian shore.
When the captain reached Detroit the slave-owners were waiting to intercept the colored men. The boat was searched, but no darkies found, whereupon the southerners made the air blue with profanity. The captain said he wasn’t responsible for the darkies; several of them had been found on board, he acknowledged, but they had jumped off before he could hinder; and he winked slyly at the mate, while the southern gentleman uttered words to the effect that Satan himself couldn’t catch a “nigger” in Chicago.

Chicago was indeed a loop-hole where the darky crawled through. The government and the southerners had agents in the city to enforce the law, but it was up-hill work. A man named Hines, the principal agent, received a neat sum for every slave he returned. There were plenty of lawyers ready to take up the cases. The public sentiment of the day is shown by the following scene in one of the justices’ offices.

Lawyer Collins had been soundly rating a certain citizen, Captain Russell, for helping the man Hines. Captain Russell was a gentleman of the southern type, but withal a kind man who at heart favored the slaves. But he had become mixed up with the man, Hines, and there was a suspicion of a hissing in the room. He arose with great dignity and said,—“I hope the citizens will not think for a moment that I am a Hines man; why, I have been to the very hot-bed of slavery and rescued slaves!” This shows that many were secretly interested in the under-ground movement. A run-away man and woman were taken into a court room to be tried as fugitives. The people kept crowding into the room, and at last they surged right up to the judges stand. The judge and sheriff were powerless. The run-aways mingled with the crowd and reached the street. The woman was given some men’s clothes at a store. She and her husband then ran down to the river docks, boarded an out-going boat and shipped as deck hands, thus escaping to Canada.

These exploits were not more daring than ingenious and amusing. A fugitive colored woman was taken before a justice by the sheriff. Several cases were ahead, and while the woman was waiting she asked permission of the judge to wash her face and hands.

“Oh, yes,” said the judge, “step right into the wash room at the back of the room.”

The woman went to the wash room and incidentally failed to return. At length the sheriff became worried about her and went to find her. His black-bird had flown. She had crawled out of the window, climed a fence ten feet high,
escaped to an out-going boat, and shipped for Canada.

Not long ago Mr. J. Y. Scammon died in Chicago. He was a prominent man in his day, being the founder of the "Inter Ocean." He was a strong anti-slavery man and an active underground railway worker. In a certain case where several citizens had been called before the court to answer the charge of having helped the slaves to escape, Mr. Scammon made a speech, in the course of which he said:

"If it please your honor, I have always been a law abiding citizen; and if a law is on the statute books and it is unjust, I try to get it repealed. Now if the United States marshal should tell me to run and catch a run-away slave, I should run, because he bade me; but I should be careful to stub my toe and fall, and tell the negro to run ahead as fast as he could."

The court roared with laughter, and the accused citizens were soon discharged.

W. E. D. '91.

A STRANGE MYSTERY.

A year or two before Gov. Bross' death he received notice of the death of his brother, Stephen Decatur Bross, in Colorado. This brother left his home in 1854 on a business trip; he never returned. Twenty years later a man from the west asked the Governor if he had not a brother in Colorado. He replied no, and forgot the matter. But a year later another man struck by some resemblance asked Mr. Bross a similar question, naming the prototype as Stephen Decatur. The Governor was moved by this to go on a weary trip to the mining regions in search of the long lost relative. He found that a "Commodore" Decatur, an influential man in that region, was living in a certain town. Waiting at the house of the gentleman he was much moved to see the brother approaching. To his astonishment the man denied his identity, even when identified by a scar on his arm. Mr. Bross was hospitably entertained while he endeavored to persuade the Commodore to acknowledge their relationship. The plea was in vain however. In 1876 the Commodore visited the Bross family in Chicago, while on his way to the Centennial exhibition as a commissioner. He met many relatives, who recognized him, but he would not acknowledge that Stephen Decatur was Stephen Decatur Bross. With him the secret of his strange life died also.

RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The annual commencement of the medical department of the university was held at Central Music Hall Tuesday afternoon, March 25th.

Prof. Allen, the president of the
college being absent on account of serious illness, the exercises were conducted by Dr. Roberts. After prayer by Dr. Noble, the degrees were conferred with appropriate remarks by Dr. Roberts. Rev. Dr. Eli Corwin, in place of Prof. Lyman who was ill, delivered the doctorate address in eloquent and stirring words, replete with fine humor.

The response by the orator of the class was excellent in substance, although the speaker seemed woefully ignorant of the fact that "brevity is the soul of wit."

President Roberts was obliged to leave before the close of the exercises, to take part in the commencement at the dental department of the university held at nearly the same hour at another place.

Good music and the distribution of many beautiful flowers, presented by mothers, sisters and sweethearts, gave variety to the exercises of the afternoon.

There were 162 graduates, one receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine cum laude.

The spring term opened March 26th, with 250 students. This term, which continues ten weeks, offers most valuable didactic and clinical advantages, for it gives a review of the past winter's studies and a preparation for those of next winter. Students are earnestly advised to enter upon their medical studies at the beginning of the spring term.

The meeting of the Medical Alumni Association was held on commencement day, followed in the evening by the usual banquet at the Palmer House, with responses to toasts and songs by the college quartette and chorus.

"CLASS DAY" AT RUSH.

The class of 1890 has the honor of inaugurating at Rush the celebration of "Class Day."

The suggestion of this celebration was given to the class at the close of the term, amid the excitement and worry of the final examinations. Nevertheless the class began preparations with marked enthusiasm by electing Mr. J. B. Maxwell their chaplain, by forming a quartette, meeting to rehearse a few choruses, selecting a class motto, (Quod bonum est tenete) and by preparing a class memorial tablet, on which is inscribed the motto and year of graduation. This memorial will be placed in a suitable panel, when the decorations of the amphitheatre shall have been completed during the coming summer.

After prayer by the chaplain, the presentation address was delivered by the class president, Mr. J. J. Jones. Prof. Holmes responded in behalf of the trustees and faculty. Prof. Lyman by special request of the classes read his remarkable essay on the "Immortality of the Soul." The quartette and chorus sang the original songs, composed for the occasion, a copy of which we send the STENTOR.
GOOD OLD RUSH.
By an Alumnus.
CLASS DAY, 1890. AULD LANG SYNE.

Should good old Rush be e'er forgot,
And seldom called to mind,
The finest school of all the land,
The noblest of its kind!
It bears a patriot's stamp and name,
And patriots all are we,
And loyal to old Rush's fame,
Our hearts shall ever be.

And can we e'er forget the men
Who are with us no more,
Whose voices linger with us still,
Whose conflicts now are o'er!
A hero's fight they fought and won,
A hero's crown they gained,
O their's the joy but just begun,
But our's the loss and pain.

And when a last bulrush is left,
Beside a lonely pool,
And nights are dark and wolves shall bark,
And the midnight air is cool,
Saint Peter then shall gather him,
To decorate his hall;
For Rush shall shine when the stars grow dim,
The last and best of all.

Can uncle Allen be forgot,
The man from Michigan,
And Lyman's silvery tongue is stopped
From calling in the Clan!
Can Parkes and Senn forget their skill,
And Bevan's bones be dumb,
And Haines' atoms cease to change
Until the kingdom come!

But still old Rush is ne'er forgot,
But ever called to mind,
While Holmes gives hearing to the deaf
And vision to the blind.
And Knox shall help the orthodox
To populate the earth,
Old Rush's name and fame shall shine
While the human race has birth.

Can human ills resist the pills
Of Etheridge's varied store,
And lovely woman fade and fail
Till Byford's reign is o'er!

And could the leopard change his spots
Without consulting Hyde,
And Bridge and Ingals' helpful lore
By angels be denied?

ALMA MATER—HONORED RUSH.
By a friend of the College.
AIR—Lauriger Horatius.

Alma Mater, honored Rush,
Tender foster mother;
Round thee now thy children press,
Every man a brother.
To thy crowning hour we come
With a filial blessing,
All our gratefulness and love
Unto thee expressing.

CHORUS—Alma Mater, honored Rush,
Tender foster mother,
All thy sons will cherish thee
As we will no other.

Now the student years are gone,
Hearts beat high and cheerful;
But with tender memories warm,
Many an eye is tearful.
Yet though recollections dear
Now come thronging o'er us,
Brighter still the works humane
That arise before us.

CHORUS—Alma Mater, honored Rush.

Thou hast taught us healing arts
For the body's failings,
Anodynes and soothing balms
For all human ailments.
But thou hast no medicine
For the heart that's aching
With the mingled pain and joy
When farewells we're taking.

CHORUS—Alma Mater, honored Rush.

Alma Mater, hail to thee!
Hail! and live forever!
Rush-lights we to cast on thee
Glory fading never.
Medicorum maxime
Inclytoriitn Vives
Alma Mater—Mater Rush;
Fili nos doctores.

CHORUS—Alma Mater, honored Rush.
THE STEVENS

THE STEVENSON COLLEGE, and led on the Good! good day to strike your knowledge as here in our own. A.

Chorus.

I, E. U. COLLEGE SONG.

Chas. P. WARD.

FRANK H. WILTS.
THE BEGINNINGS OF OUR UNIVERSITY.

The plan for an institution of higher education in or near Chicago under the control of the "New School" Presbyterians originated about 1854. The Presbyterians and Congregationalists were then working in union under a plan by which the two denominations had a single congregation and pastor in many places, and supported a common educational system. But the Congregationalists got the better of the bargain, captured the Presbyterian colleges at Jacksonville and Galesburg, and started their own college at Beloit. Dr. R. W. Patterson was then pastor at the second Presbyterian church in Chicago, and Dr. Harvey Curtis was Dr. Barrows' predecessor in the first church.

Determining to have a college of their own, these men applied to the business men of Chicago. Chas. H. Quinlan, M. D., now of Evanston, at the time practicing his profession in Chicago, interested the merchants of South Water St.,—then the business centre of the city,—in the scheme, and in 1856 a land company was formed to buy grounds for the site and for an endowment.

Drs. Patterson and Curtis went prospecting on all the roads leading out from Chicago. One day they came out on the North-western railway, and persuaded the conductor to stop and let them off opposite where the McCormick farm now lies. They struck through to the lake, were surprised and delighted, first at the deep ravines, and even more at the high bluffs on the lake front, and so located the site. The land company bought 1300 acres now covered by Lake Forest, and set off, forever, the present college, seminary and base ball parks. The remaining acres were divided half and half, between the university and the land company. The town was platted and laid out by a landscape gardener that summer, and in '57 the "Old Hotel" was built. In February '57, the legis-
twenty trustees six still survive: Dr. Chas. H. Quinlan, D. R. Holt, Amzi Benedict, Rev. R. W. Patterson, D. D., Sylvester Lind, and one other.

The panic of 1857 for a time blocked all progress. Mr. Lind could not make good his endowment, and the friends who had expected to raise a money endowment of $100,000 were penniless. But in '58 Dr. Quinlan started a subscription paper and raised $4,000. With this, in the winter of '58 and '59, an academy building was erected on the present ball grounds, and the school opened January 3 with one teacher, Samuel F. Miller, and three students. These were the foundations, and all honor to the small beginnings. The three students were William Atteridge, still of Lake Forest; John Johnson, and John C. Patterson, now of the Chicago bar. The two last named lived in the "Old Hotel." Prof. Miller began teaching before the academy was finished, and the first professorial "chair" was a board across a nail keg. In the fall of '59 about a dozen more boys came. They roomed in the academy, boarding at Mrs. Kent's. Her house stood in front of Mr. Hinckley's place, but is now gathered into the centre of Mr. Fales' house in such a way that she and all her boarders could not find it. One of the "old boys" of '59-'60 writes: "The academy was then surrounded by the forest primeval, and hunting and fishing were good; and I cannot recall that any pupil over taxed himself in intellectual gymnastics." Another says: "I could write a poem about those happy days." A third remarks: "The Forest Gem, a weekly paper written by the members of the school, would have given you interesting information. It was in my possession at the time of the Chicago fire, but was burned up." J. J. Halsey.

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ALUMNI AND PERSONAL.

It is rumored that G. A. Wilson, '89, is engaged to a charming young lady residing in Hartford, Conn.

Miss Minnie Mason, who was with us last year, has returned to her home in Chicago after a protracted sojourn in the "blue grass region" of Nebraska.

The Misses Carrie and Florence Griffin have gone to New York city to take charge of the Brockway Teachers' Agency, in which they are financially interested.

Burton Konkle, formerly of the class of '86, and who has been at McCormick seminary during the
past year, is spending his vacation traveling on a unique scheme, as follows: He visits large country towns, "writes up" the history of the people and place, and sells the work when published to the residents. The scheme pays because it is human nature to like to see one's own history in a book. Every old hay-seed in the community wants it printed so that he can raise more hubbard squashes to the acre than his neighbor.

The Stentor artist has prepared the above fairly good likeness of state Senator John D. Pope of Nebraska. Mr. Pope was a Lake Forest college boy a few years ago. The following items of interest about him were gleaned from his many friends hereabouts. He first saw the sunshine Dec. 28, 1855, at the Pope homestead not far from Waukegan, Ill. He wasn't worth a tinker's ladle as a farmer, but he was an unusually bright scholar, and he showed signs of extraordinary promise as a boy. He was quick-witted—the life of the household. His father determined to turn the boy's abilities where they would do most good, and John was accordingly sent to Oberlin, O., to prepare for college. Leaving there the summer of '77, he entered the freshman class at Lake Forest the fall of '78 to take a classical course. The Zeta-Epsilon society owes its foundation to Mr. Pope to a large extent. He was the first to raise money to fit up the hall, and he suggested the present name of the society. At the close of his junior year he went to Dartmouth, graduating there as a B. A., in '82. The following year he taught Latin and Greek in the Rochester high schools (Minn.) and the next year was made principal and superintendent of schools at Casselton, Dakota. At the close of that year he was offered the superintendency of schools at Fargo, with a salary of $1800. Mr. Pope declined this offer, and entered the law office of H. M. Bacon in Chicago. Admitted to the bar in May, '86, he went to Friend, Neb., where he
still makes his home, and practices law. The Republicans nominated him for state senator in August, '88, while he was away from home visiting at Waukegan. The move was without his knowledge or consent. He was elected and has been in the senate ever since. He has been a judge at the inter-state oratorical contest, and acted as such in the Daws medal contest at Doane college, Crete, Neb. May 29, 1889, he married Miss Lily McDougal. In this way John D. Pope has walked up the stairs of success. An old college chum of his says: "If you were in trouble and in need of a friend, 'J. D.' as the boys used to call him, was always on hand. He knew all the fun that was going on, and if not an actual prime mover he was always an adviser. He was a born lawyer, sharp, full of tact, and many are the scrapes he got us boys out of. He was very popular with the girls too—always full of fun and a pleasant talker."

Prof. Kelsey paid us a flying visit the 14th.

A. Milton Welch, formerly of '91, is now the blooming secretary and treasurer of a Sunday-school at Winterset, Iowa. He continues in the clothing business at the same time.

Earnest Patrick, who was well known here a few years ago, has been ill at his home in Marengo, for some weeks past. John High has blossomed into a worldly traveling man. He "drums" for the firm of Ledgwidge and John High, and he gave us the item on Mr. Patrick. John also stated that he found J. C. Bush, an academy boy of '84, prospering as a hardware merchant at Joliet, Ill.

Jesse J. Boggs, '87, seems to be well suited with his situation at Okyama, Japan, for he writes: "This is in many respects the pleasantest life I have experienced."

Miss Jennie Barnes, an old Ferry Hall girl, visited friends here recently.

N. D. Hillis, '84, is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Evanston. He visited here a few weeks ago.

We see Delevan Smith, an old Lake Forest student, occasionally in the business manager's office of our esteemed contemporary, The Chicago Times. Mr. Smith is financially interested in The Times. Travers Wells is another of our old boys who has gained recognition as a journalist of ability. Until recently he has been on the staff of The Times as an editorial writer.

A late issue of The Elgin Democrat contained some illustrations of Elgin local matters. The drawings bear the unmistakable stamp of Keyes Becker's—'89—
artistic genius. As managing editor of *The Democrat* Mr. Becker issues a creditable sheet.

Miss Mary D. Rogers, of last year’s freshman class, is teaching school near Wheaton, Ill. She makes such a good teacher that the school board have made it an object to her to remain there next year.

THE ACADEMY.

**Tri Kappa Society.**

B. R. MacHatton, Correspondent

This term promises to be a lively one in out-door sports, and good weather is all that is necessary to bring about the most exciting season that Lake Forest has ever known.

The first scheduled game of base ball was played Wednesday, April 16, between the cads and the Highland Park cadet corps. The military boys were defeated by a score of sixteen to three. The defeat proved a hard blow to them, for they had been confident of an easy victory, but when they ran up against Shirra and Gueuther, it was a case of "Tartar." Our boys lost the toss and went to bat, and the way they piled up the score was surprising to the opponents.

"Restrictions from one to four on Wednesday and Saturday" are getting to be too common. Why don’t the faculty hit on some other mode of punishment, a plan that will involve some physical, out-door exertion?

Mr. Thomas Parker, of Norfolk, England, has lately entered the academy.

Quite an interesting feature in our morning chapel exercises is the Symposium, which consists of discussions on the various topics of the day. Congressional matters, news of the day, education, religion, athletics and foreign affairs are among the most important discussions.

Too many thanks cannot be given to those who have so willingly given their money to our Athletic Association. The boys of Lake Forest academy are not slow to appreciate such kindness, and one and all unite in thanking the gentlemen who have donated so freely to their pet organization. Eighty dollars have been subscribed.

Church did not return to the academy until some weeks after the spring term opened, and just as he had settled down to hard study, he was attacked with that disagreeable disease, the measles. We have missed him in his classes, and especially on the ball field. We hope to see him up and around as of old.

Mr. Kennedy, alias McGinty, has left the academy.

Our new West Hall janitor has a nice way about him of waking
up four or five of the boys at four a. m. and inquiring if he has left his keys in their rooms.

The second scheduled base-ball game was played Saturday afternoon, April 19, between the Harvard school, of Chicago, and the cads. The Harvard team expected great things when they landed at Lake Forest, but the exciting features came from the other side, for the academy boys ran the bases in a weasel-like fashion and batted the ball whenever it came within reach, defeating the Harvards by a score of nine to three. The battery work of Shirra and Guenther was probably the finest ever witnessed on the grounds, and after the game the enthusiastic crowd carried them home on their shoulders.

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*Gamma Sigma Society.*

F. W. Pike, Correspondent.

The officers of the Gamma Sigma society for the spring term are: President, J. M. Flint; vice-president, C. W. Rowe; secretary, J. E. Duggan; treasurer, D. McAllister. Richard Guenther was appointed Sergeant-at-arms.

The first game of the season between the academy and the college was won by the former,—score, ten to nine. On April 12 the college defeated the cad by a score of twelve to three. Those who saw Church pitch in this game were disappointed with his work. It is only fair to him to state that he had been sick for some time previous to the game, and was in no condition to enter the box. There is no doubt that he has pitched good ball, and his friends are confident that he will before the season is over.

On the 19th of April the academy nine christened their new suits by defeating Harvard school after a close and exciting contest. Before the game the Harvard boys were driven around town, escorted by the band. It is needless to say that the Harvard school boys were as gentlemanly a set of fellows as we have met on the field, and we enjoyed their visit here very much. Nothing unpleasant occurred to mar the pleasure of the afternoon. Our thanks are due the band for their services during the game. Mr. Benj. Brewster should be manager of the nine. He has done everything in his power to make base-ball a success in Lake Forest. The grand stand and score cards are marks of his energy. We certainly should play good ball when so much has been done to put the nine on a solid basis.

R. C. Burchell spent Sunday in Lake Forest on the 20th of April.

C. Thom, J. M. Robe and H. W. Claffin did not return this term. F. S. Gould has left school on account of ill health.
Norman Hewitt has returned to school after a severe illness.

Prof. Cutting has taken a class in civil government.

Prof. Emerson has been a frequent visitor at the academy Greek classes during the past month.

Ex-president Henry Rumsey presented the Gamma Sigma society with a handsome gavel on retiring from office.

FERRY HALL.

Aletheian Society, Correspondent.

Miss Horton invited the Aletheian society to a farewell party in honor of the Misses Griffin. All had a splendid time.

At our last missionary meeting Mrs. Rhea told us of her daughter's work in Persia.

Every Thursday evening Miss Fleming gives the girls exercises in Delsarte. The ideal toward which we are working under her inspiration is Venus of Milo.

Among the new additions to L. F. U. will be a new clay tennis-court at Ferry Hall.

Miss Parham, who has been ill with the measles, has gone home. Another of our number is suffering with the mumps.

Mr. Bronson has been spending a few days with his daughter.

The night before the earthquake was expected, some of the girls hardly dared to retire, and one packed her satchel so as to be ready to go at a moment's notice. Last farewells were written to absent parents, while all through the day anxious glances were directed toward the lake as if some Leviathan were expected.

Because of the resignation of Miss Lucia Sickels, Miss Phelps was elected president of the Aletheian society for the spring term. Her inaugural address was most admirable and will doubtless inspire all the members to earnest work.

The historical question-box Friday evening contained some very interesting and profitable questions. One young lady, however, was somewhat nonplussed when asked to tell how the kings of antiquity compare with those of to-day.

Misses Smith and Searles are contemplating spending a month at Chautauqua next summer.

"Whence come those shrieks so wild and shrill,
That cut like blades of steel the air,
Causing the creeping blood to chill
With the sharp cadence of despair?"—
Don't be frightened. It is only the juniors rendering Shakespeare.

About fifty girls have registered for next term at Ferry hall. This is an unusually large number for the time of year.
Miss Julia Higgins has been obliged to go home on account of sickness.

Nu Beta Kappa Society, Correspondent.

On the evening of April 14th thirteen quartets, at the invitation of the Nu Beta Kappa society, contested for a prize, to be awarded to the one giving the most popular entertainment. The contest took place in Ferry Hall chapel, which was decorated with the society colors, orange and white. The entertainment had the advantage of being a little unusual, and all seemed to enjoy the novelty. All the quartets performed their parts well, but the college mixed quartet, consisting of Misses Daisy Durand and Grace Stanley, Messrs. Dodge and Zimmerman, won the prize. At the request of the society, Mrs. Hester and Miss Ripley kindly relieved the monotony of the program by vocal and instrumental solos.

Half-past six o'clock came as usual Thursday morning, but the rising bell did not. We regret to say that it has returned safely, however.

A number of the secs had chairs in the "grand stand" Saturday afternoon, and seemed to be interested in the game. The girls like the Harvard boys and hope they will come again soon.

One of the above-mentioned secs informs us that the "grand stand" was erected "by prescription."

Two of the "northwingites" received a box of goodies from a friend, and although we have not yet seen a sign reading, "Meals at all hours," still, in the words of the French, "that goes without saying."

First girl—"Who are those three cute boys coming?" Second girl—"Don't know. Say, they are cute." Those "three cute boys" proved to be old friends, and forthwith interest waned. So much for the girls who are losing their eye-sight from hard study by poor gas.

THE COLLEGE.

Prof. Halsey has been collecting some very interesting material in reference to Lake Forest university, for the government pamphlet on higher education.

Prof. Clements expects to sever his connections with Lake Forest university in June.

John Steele, penman, is taking a rest from scholastic duties, and is working in the city this term.

J. H. McVay was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Smith's resignation from the managing editorship of the Stentor.

Mr. Phil. Allen, formerly of Williams college, has made several
visits to the seminary during the past month.

J. E. Smith will be given his degree next fall, provided that he takes his examinations with his class in June.

E. F. Dodge has a present of two small alligators, which he keeps in his room. The little animals are giving him boxing lessons.

Prof. and Mrs. Thomas entertained a party of Ferry Hall and college students on the evening of April 18.

The male chorus sang in the church at morning and evening services in place of the choir, Sunday, April 20.

We are informed that Prof. Sanford of Englewood is the most likely candidate for the chair of physical sciences and chemistry. It is said that he will accept the position provided a new science hall is erected.

S. Prentice has been appointed to a position on the preliminary contest for state orator, in place of J. H. McVay who was excused by his society.

S. A. Benedict does not expect to remain at Lake Forest next year.

On Apr. 3rd the Glee Club and Orchestra gave a concert for the benefit of the athletic association. About twenty-five dollars were given for base ball purposes.

The question of abolishing the marking system is before the faculty at present. Some very short communications to the STENTOR might aid them somewhat, in coming to a conclusion.

The Jackson club disbanded this term.

John Ferris has found it necessary to return home on account of weak eyes.

At the weekly meeting of the Presbyterian ministers held in Chicago, April 7th, Prof. G. R. Cutting was chosen president for the ensuing year.

Miss Lottie Underwood appeared as the star in a theatrical performance which was presented at Waukegan in April. The play was entitled "Nadji, Queen of the Seasons," and Miss Underwood took the part of the queen.

The orators who are to take part in the preliminary contest May 8, have chosen for judges; on thought, Dr. Roberts, Profs. Halsey and Emerson; on delivery and general merits, the entire faculty, including Dr. Seeley, with the exception of Profs. Cutting and Thomas.

Dr. Roberts promises to have made for the boys, three dirt tennis courts, near the pond.
Some of the college students aided the Lake Bluff Sunday School in an Easter celebration, by forming a double quartette of mixed voices, and furnished music for the occasion.

Miss Margaret Cass, made her brother "E. Smith" a short visit on the 9th. She contemplates attending Ferry Hall next year.

Mr. C. O. Anderson represented L. F. U. at an Inter-Collegiate conference held at Chicago April 10th to 14th, in the interest of the College Young Men's Christian Association. Twenty-two young men were present from eight different states. The conference was conducted by college secretaries C. K. Ober and J. R. Mott.

Dr. King, our former assistant treasurer, was here for a few days to settle up his accounts with the university.

The STENTOR is informed that Prof. Parker of Rush Medical College and one of the surgeons of the Presbyterian hospital, was recently called to see a patient in California with the promise of a fee of $10,000. After the service had been rendered the thankful patient presented Dr. Parker with $20,000. Who would not be such a surgeon?

A college students’ Summer Bible School, "The Northfield of the West," will be held at Lake Geneva, Wis., Aug. 23d, to Sept. 3d, 1890. This school will be similar to the one held each summer by Mr. D. L. Moody at Northfield, Mass. Prominent Bible scholars will be present. Stagg of Yale will have charge of athletics. A large delegation ought to be present from Lake Forest.

There are stories about people who go to dress-balls in rubber boots and flannel shirts, but such things usually happen in the woolly west, and not in the pig-sticking shades of classic Chicago. Listen to this: Once upon a time a certain L. F. professor went out hunting with three of his colleagues. He had arranged to attend an entertainment in Chicago before returning home from the hunt, and consequently took with him a full-dress suit. The date for the entertainment came. Imagine the situation when the learned "prof" found that he had forgotten to take his shoes with him. He was obliged to attend the full-dress entertainment in his seven-league hunting boots. What do you suppose the people thought? But some folks never think.

The last STENTOR stated that Mrs. Marie Hestor, the new vocal teacher at Ferry Hall, was a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, which she is not. She was a pupil of the celebrated Chas. R. Adams, of Boston.
Prof. Griffin has purchased property at North Granville, N. Y., and his plans for next year are therefore entirely settled. His plan is to start a ladies' school, to consist primarily of two courses—a seminary course of four years, intended to fit young ladies for home life, and a preparatory course, to fit girls for college. He will also add a college course if the demand is sufficiently large. A better location could not be found than the one where this school is situated. It occupies a portion of a beautiful valley, where the Green Mountains may be seen in the distance from one end of the building, and the Adirondacks from the other. The building is a two-story frame structure, with part French roof, and will accommodate one hundred pupils, beside teachers and private apartments for the principal. This summer it will be put in thorough repair and furnished newly throughout. It is heated by steam and supplied with running water from springs.

The first classes in embryology and elective oratory in the history of our college are being taught this term.

The report of the Rush college commencement exercises was kindly written and sent to us by one of her professors.

We acknowledge the receipt of the supplement to the *Morning Star*, published at Jaffna, Ceylon. It contains a very interesting account of a Y. M. C. A. convention held there, which was conducted by Mr. L. D. Wishard, whom we know so well. Anyone interested in the work would doubtless enjoy reading this report, which was published in that far-away land.

The Ferry Hall girls are planning to publish a paper to represent their interests and literary capabilities. It is to be issued quarterly, and will make its first appearance in June, '90. The prime movers and editors, as far as the *Stentor* is able to learn, are Misses Clara Platte, Allie Knox and Idel Houghton. The *Stentor* wishes it success and prosperity.

This is to officially announce, or in other words to back up Dr. Roberts' statements, that we are to have a new gymnasium, to cost from $25,000 to $30,000, and probably more. In connection with it there will be a Y. M. C. A. department, where, as Dr. Roberts said, the boys can walk around a grate fire and read the religious newspapers. The gymnasium will have every modern appliance.

There is to be built, also, a chemical laboratory, to cost about the same as the gymnasium. Prof. Griffin, however, will not sport therein, but will be far away in New York state, the principal of a seminary for fair young women,
when the mixed fumes of rosin and tar first rise from the new laboratory. It is Dr. Roberts’ plan to have the corner stones of both buildings laid at commencement time, and if L. F. U. does not boom, it will be because there is no boom around. All this being done by the vote of the trustees, the scheme has ceased to be talked about and promised—it is now being worked upon. The fine new art institute, the gift of Mr. Henry C. Durand, will be begun at once, and will be a magnificent building. To celebrate all this good news, the college and academy turned out Wednesday night, April 16th, and formed a torchlight procession, with the brass band to lead them. The seminary, and Trustees Larned, Durand, Benedict and McClure, together with Dr. Roberts, were serenaded, and Prof. Cutting afterwards regaled the processionists with an abundance of lemonade.

Overheard on the 11:30 train: One young lady to another—“Do you know, I am never going to the theatre again with a fellow. If a young man sorter hints about it to me I am going to lie outright and have a previous engagement. Just to think of knowing when the curtain drops between the acts, you have got to turn around and entertain him for ten or fifteen minutes, instead of meditating over the last scene. Humph, you don’t catch me.”

Wallace Faris was elected secretary of the Zeta Epsilon society to fill the unexpired term of John Steele, who was called home at the very beginning of the term. Mr. Steele will not return before next fall.

U. G. Tyndall, ’93, was summoned home to New York state the first of this term on account of the severe illness of his father.

A circular of the “North Granville Seminary” has, among other things, the following upon it:

Rev. La Roy F. Griffin, A. M.,
Principal, Professor of Natural Science.

Miss Carrie S. Griffin, A. B.,
Lady Principal, Instructor in Ancient Languages.

Miss Mary J. McNair, B. S.,
Instructor in English Language and Literature.

Dr. Roberts was elected a trustee of McCormick theological seminary at its last annual director’s meeting. Dr. Skinner, the president, handed in his resignation at the same meeting. His successor has not been elected.

BASE BALL.

April 8: G. P’s. 17, Willie’s 4. McMillan and Dodge, Prof. Linnell and Wright were the batteries.

April 17: Delmonico’s 18, G. P’s. 11. Scofield and Royce,
Dodge and Prentice were the batteries.

The university baseball club for this year will be composed of the following students, with G. W. King acting as captain:—King, Guenther, Church, Scofield, Sharon, Grant, Shirra, Warren and Rowe. Their average weight is 154 pounds.

A young lady at the ball game declared that one of the pitchers at a club game threw just like a girl, and so he did. We have written the proper authorities, to learn whether or no a home run obtained from such a delivery, does not lay the batter open to an indictment for cruelty toward the weak and defenseless.

The grand stand upon the ball field was erected by Mr. Brewster solely for the accommodation of the lovers of the game. It cost considerably over one hundred dollars and Mr. Brewster, to raise the money, formed a company who should simply get their investment back from it and when they have done so, they are to turn it over to the boys. The boys heartily thanked and cheered Mr. Brewster for his kindly interest when he was in chapel the other morning, and the Stentor desires to do likewise.

COMMUNICATION.

To The Stentor:—

The annual visit of various collectors with the inevitable subscription list, raises the question, “Do the students of Lake Forest give their college interests the proper liberal financial support?”

Judged by the standard of other institutions, and their own contributions along other lines, a negative reply seems the only possible one. At the risk of introducing the personal element, I wish to cite an institution with which I am best acquainted. “We are too poor” is the almost universal reply to the request for contributions here. The college to which I refer has about twice the students that attend Lake Forest. The average wealth is no greater than here—fully seventy-five per cent. of the students depend either entirely or in part upon their own exertions for support. Yet this “poor” college raises cheerfully, and with comparative ease, fully $3,000 yearly for its societies and various organizations. (I omit from this estimate all contributions for missions, religious objects, or class expenses, which would increase the amount by at least $1,200.)

Does Lake Forest contribute one-half that amount?

Lake Forest has shown by the
past year’s contributions to the “Wilder Fund” that it can give, and generously too. But this only shows that the amount raised for foreign missions can be equalled if not exceeded for any enterprise at home. A large number will contribute to the athletics who did not to the “Wilder Fund,” and every contributor to that should feel it his duty to support “home” missions as well, and a liberal support of Stentor and base ball seems to me as much a Christian duty as sending the Word of Life to the “isles of the sea.”

Outside enterprises meet with generous support from our student body. It seems at times somewhat inconsistent to know of certain students, who deem themselves too poor to contribute to athletics, attending the Italian opera night after night, or looking forward to every famous theatrical or musical attraction.

Ferry Hall is in many ways a most desirable institution, but would not many a box of “Huyler’s best” or dozen of roses that finds its way across the ravine to gladden the hearts of its fair inmates, be ten times better invested in putting a nine into the field that would have some solid encouragement to win games, or in adding to the Stentor’s usefulness?

If our students would consider themselves and their own personal interests and pleasures less, and the college and its welfare, as represented along these various lines more, not an organization would lack for money, and the change would be felt outside in bringing Lake Forest into greater prominence, and materially hastening its growth.

W.

EXCHANGES.

We are glad to welcome to our table the Kenyon Collegian. It is an interesting and instructive journal and represents a good institution.

The Anchor has come to us from Hope College. We are very glad to exchange with this excellent journal.

A good many college presidents are adopting the plan of addressing the students once in one or two weeks, in place of the regular chapel services, on some subject of general interest to the students. It brings the president before the students in a very desirable way. “It also tends to relieve the chapel exercises of a certain monotony that the continual repetition of this form of worship almost necessarily brings with it.”

Alleghany College has organized a young ladies’ base ball club.

—Round Table.

What has become of The Aegis of U. of W.? We always wel-
combed its arrival, and miss it now very much.

Attendance at chapel services at Harvard is voluntary. Under this rule, out of 1200 college students, the average attendance is 250.

The average expenses at Yale per year have been for Freshmen, $783.96; for Sophomors, $831.34; for Juniors, $884.17; for Seniors, $919.70. The highest expenditure by one student was $2,900.00.

On account of difficulty in procuring the college church, Dartmouth Seniors have decided to dispense with class day exercises at graduation.

There is at present talk of establishing two Methodist colleges—one at Sioux City, Ia., to be called the University of the Northwest, and another at Bluffton, Ala., under the name of University of the Southland. These so-called universities will have to be distinguished from several others bearing similar names.

LATE NEWS.

Mr. Geo. H. Steel went to his home on April 24th, to spend the remainder of the term. He has secured a position on an engineering corps, who are doing the necessary surveying coincident with the laying of a double track.

Mr. Douglas '93, enjoyed a visit from his father last week.

Sartell Prentice, Jr., has been chosen manager of the base ball team for this season.

Mrs. L. W. Yaggy is waiting for an opportunity to give a party in honor of the senior class of Ferry Hall.

The cads were defeated at base-ball in the game played at Highland Park with the military boys, on April 23rd. Score 9 to 8.

The Kenosha base ball team played against the university team, at Lake Forest, April 28th.

On Thursday evening, May 1st, a plantation jubilee and minstrel song concert will be given at Ferry Hall chapel, under the auspices of the Athenaean society. The chorus will consist of over thirty gentlemen of color, together with ten young ladies arrayed in white.

The jubilee and minstrel troupe which is to sing at Ferry Hall chapel, May 1st, will give the same performance at Waukegan in the near future.

The manager of the base ball team is endeavoring to make arrangements for the production of a farce, at Healey’s Hall. The proceeds to be used towards the support of the university team.
Next year this paper will be under the control of a stock company. This scheme, at the suggestion of the Stentor, was adopted in a mass meeting of the students. A constitution has been drawn up, and the shares will be issued and sold as soon as the proper steps can be taken.

Dr. Thomas Charles Edwards, president of the University College of Wales, will be at Lake Forest during commencement week. Dr. Edwards is an uncle of W. F. Lewis, '90.

N. B. W. Gallwey will attend Union Theological seminary next year.

W. F. Lewis will enter McCormick seminary next fall.

Miss Bessie Sutton and Miss Harriet Magill, are spending a few days at Ferry Hall.

Miss Jennie Barnes attended the senior reception and remained until Saturday.

Mr. Zimmerman had a visit with his brother Saturday.

The contracts for the Henry C. Durand school of arts building have just been let, and work will be begun almost immediately. The building will probably face the church, and will stand about where the base ball diamond is.

Two of the seniors will have for the subjects of their orations, “Truth is a Safeguard,” and “The Inspiration of Truth.”
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