January 15, 1892.

The Societies should certainly do something about the library of fiction. Everyone sees we need fiction and knowing that this is the only way of obtaining it, the scheme should be pushed through.

The time has been extended for those writing articles for the annual until the 20th of January. Everything must be in by that time or be thrown out of the annual. Address communications to Annual Publishing Co.

This is the season when the festive college youth, along with the rest of mankind, swears off. And the things a college man can swear he will stop are innumerable. But does this same college man think what he is saying when he swears off, and if he does think, does he realize that really it does him more harm than good? It has become a mere formality, this New Year's swearing off and when after a week or so a person goes back to his habit, it is with more zeal than before he took his oath. As soon as the New Year comes, the student—we'll take a student for our example—decides perhaps to stop smoking. Now that he is under oath he is immediately seized with a desire, an insatiable craving for a smoke. He must smoke, he will smoke, he does smoke. And after his short abstinence he is worse than before.

New Year's is a bad time to wait for. It's a bad time to swear off. Besides its a sign of weakness in a man to have to swear off. If you want to stop a habit, choose some other day in the year, and don't swear off. Quit.

Are we going to have a base ball team this year that will win the pennant? We know this is an old stereotyped question, but we would like to know our prospects. In former years it has been urged that we had no place for winter practice. This year we have the gym and can give no such excuse. There is no use saying it is too early to think about this matter. It is not. The trouble has always been that we have begun too late. We must do something in base ball. The only way we can do it is by the men working as the foot-ball team did. In order to work intelligently we must have a coach. And we must raise money enough to carry us through...
the season before play begins. If we can’t get money for a coach or enough to see our way clear throughout the season, we had better drop out of the league. There isn’t the slightest use trying to compete with other college teams which are trained, unless we are well trained. It will not do to have a losing team this year. We do not know whether a manager has been chosen for the coming season or not. If not, he should be immediately chosen; if there is one, he should get candidates to work in the gym. The Athletic Committee should begin work on the financial affairs and see about getting a coach. There is no such thing as doing a matter of this kind too soon.

We often hear the remark, and have doubtless made it ourselves, that our institution does not grow fast enough, that we have not the advantages of some of the larger schools. But suppose we look carefully into matters and see if we are really so badly off. In the first place the institution is scarcely twenty years old. Yale, Harvard, Princeton are each over 100 years old. Most of the state Universities have been running 50 years and are supported by state money. Dr. Roberts, our president, has been here but five years. In this time what has he done? He found the place a one-horse college. He has raised it to a position second to none in the west. He has more than doubled the faculty. We have a beautiful art building, the finest gymnasium in the west, and the institution is endowed with almost a million dollars. Our standing in the east is of the very highest in scholarship. We have elegant tennis courts, and a splendid athletic field. And all in the short space of five years! Stop to think of it and it is almost incredible. There is no finer spot in the United States for a school; there is no as gentlemanly a set of fellows in the country. We have a splendidly balanced faculty, its members are well known and honored everywhere; our student body is free from all dissipation; our course of study is higher than any western school; and our girls—but we are afraid of becoming too eloquent on them. Then we have Rush Medical College, the Chicago Dental College, and College of Law as our professional departments and all of them are of the highest rank. What more has any school except a few buildings? Give us ten years and there will be no prouder man living than an alumnus of “Lake Forest University.”

AN INTERESTING POEM.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16, 1891.

Editor Stentor, Lake Forest, Ill:

Dear Sir—I enclose you herewith an odd specimen of poetry which a friend of mine here showed me. It was written to her by a professor of the Portland (Ore.) public schools but as there is nothing private about it, I thought perhaps L. F. U. students, especially literary ones, would regard it as a little novel. It is to me at least.

W. D. McMillan, ’92

PERIT E SUNT.
In tempus old a hero lived,
Qui lovd pellas deuix;
He ne pouvait pas quite to say,
Which amabat nieux.

Dit lu—meme un beau matin,
“Non possum both avoir,
Sed si address Amanda Ann
Then Kate and I have war.

Amanda Ann habet argent coin,
Sed Kate has aureas curls;
Et sunt both very agathae
Et quite formosae girls.”

Enfin the youthful anthropos,
Philoum the duo maids,
Resolved propomere ad Kate,
Devant cet evening’s shades.

Procedens then to Kate’s domo,
Il trouve Amanda there,
Kai quite forgot his late resolves,
Both sunt so goodly fair.
Sed smiling on the tapis,
   Between puellas twain
   Ceo pit to tell his love a Kate
   Dans un poetique strain.
Mais, glancing ever et anon
   At Fair Amanda's eyes.
Hae non possunt dicere
   Pro which he meant his sighs.
Each virgo heard the demi-row,
   With cheeks as rouge as wine,
And offering each a milk white hand,
   Both whispered, "Ich bin dein"

TWO NOTABLE TRUSTEES.

The University lost by death, during the Christmas holidays, two friends who were also among the most distinguished residents of Chicago. On the first day of the year the Hon. Roswell B. Mason died, after a short illness, at the age of 86. Col. Mason was a part of historic Chicago, to which he came in 1851. Even at that time he had made a brilliant reputation as a civil engineer, pioneering the way for canals and railroads in the East. In 1851-56 he built the Illinois Central R. R., and for ten years after that time was engaged on important engineering works in Illinois and Iowa. As Chicago's "fire mayor" in 1871, he gave a notable illustration of the courage which came from Roundhead and Revolutionary ancestors when he with-held from local politicians the charitable funds which poured into the devastated city, and turned them over to a Relief and Aid Society. From 1869 to 1880 he was a trustee of our University, and for one year vice-president of the Board. Rarely was there a meeting of the Board at which he was not present, on which rare occasions his written excuse was presented. This was one of the characteristics of the man—to attend religiously to trusts which he assumed. He was also for many years—even to the close of his life—a director of McCormick Theological Seminary, and meeting him there a few years ago it was difficult to believe that several more than four score years had passed over his venerable yet erect head. His death brings a great loss to Chicago, to our church, and to the nation. George W. Trowbridge, who will be remembered by the class of '83, was one of eight sons and grand-sons who were honored in hearing this noble man to his last rest.

Dr. Thomas H. Skinner, of McCormick Theological Seminary, died at his home in Chicago, January 4, at the age of 71. All who ever met Dr. Skinner remember his whole-souled, irrepressible good-nature, which was but the measure of a royal heart. He had made a large reputation as a Theologian and also as a man of affairs. The son of a distinguished clergyman and professor, of the same name, he was born into the ministry, and after much important pastoral work in the East came to McCormick Seminary in 1881. Just then there was a tide in the affairs of that institution, which Dr. Skinner happily took at the flood and so led on to fortune. For he, more than any other man, brought to the Seminary the generous wealth of Chicago, which took form in stately buildings and large endowments, to which his own profuse contributions were not lacking. At the time of his death he had been for eight years a trustee of our University, and, until failing health limited his energies, a most efficient one. To him and to Dr. Herrick Johnson we owe the presence of Dr. Roberts in Lake Forest, and during the first years of Dr. Roberts' presidency no trustee gave us more encouragement by his presence and by his sympathy. He was a ripe scholar, an affectionate friend, and a devoted Christian, to whom death came with no terror and no surprise.

John J. Halsey.

Prof. Stuart is writing as a text-book a Preparatory Cicero in which the inductive method is being followed.
THOSE ABOMINABLE EXAMINATIONS

SOME VIEWS ON A HARD SUBJECT.

The closing weeks of last term were full of suggestions. Chief among them was the subject of examinations. This article would offer an inquiry as to the value of this prevalent custom, and a possible remedy for common hurtful practices connected therewith.

There are, properly speaking, three classes of examinations. First: those in which general questions predominate. This class pretends to cover whole chapters or periods with a single question. Second: Those examinations in which most of the questions are on minute points. This class supposes that if you have a knowledge of minutiae, you must certainly be familiar with superlatives. Third: Those in which outside questions prevail. This class expects you to master the settings and relative topics, as well as the subject matter within. A summary of these various classes show that they are all directed to one purpose, viz. to discover how much you know. The number of different modes adopted, and their combinations, prove that educators realize the true difficulty of giving an examination that will be fair to all concerned. An instance might be cited which occurred here last year, when one of our formost professors dismissed his class without an examination, declaring that such a test was not always a correct one, and was unnecessary.

It has seemed to some that the allowance of ¾ on an examination is too large. It offers temptations for cheating to those who have done poor work for the term, and more than once when term standing would not give a passmark, "cramming" or " cribbing" has taken them safely through.

It is not to be doubted that an examination is necessary for entrance to college, nor is it to be doubted that it is necessary when one has been absent and studying outside. But why can a teacher not decide upon those deserving to pass when he has heard them in from thirty to fifty hours of recitations? As it is, a whole week is given to these testings whether the term has fifteen, twelve, or ten weeks. Mental drill comes from the first study of a subject, and a review is only beneficial in that it stimulates the memory and gives the proper relation of parts to a whole. To make an examination one of mental drill it will be necessary to introduce a new line of thought which would not be a fair test of the term's work.

How often it is said that there is no need for any one to "cram" who has made a steady mastery of recitation work! Why then should such students (and they are in the majority) be asked to sacrifice a week of the most valuable time in the term? Rather encourage this spirit by special privileges. If such a mark as 80 per cent were set for those who might escape all the worry and long sittings in impure air, there would be few who would not try, and few that tried who would not attain. In that event, examinations could be crowded into the last two and one-half days of the term.

Those who had safely passed the mark in all the branches could go home at the close of regular recitation. This system would preserve all that is valuable in an examination, while in addition it would encourage every one to strive for a good daily mastery, not of one favorite study, but of all his studies, whether disagreeable or not. It would also do away to some extent with the "cranning" idea which is so often hurtful to good scholarships.

E. C. C. '94.

The question, "are examinations beneficial" is a much mooted one at present, and there is a great deal to be said on both sides. In order to make the discussion as general as possible The Stentor saw some of the professors and presents their views below.
Professor McNeil said, "I believe that is the system used in a few colleges, Amherst, I think, being one. On first thought, it seemed a good plan, but it has its disadvantages. An examination is necessary in order to fix a subject in one's mind. Not only this but, as the article states, it gives the proper relation of parts to a whole, and that is one of the most essential things. And then while I don't believe in this all night ' cramming,' I do think that a certain amount of it gives a man the ability to get a subject up in a short time which in after life, and especially in the professions, is exceedingly beneficial. No, I think \( \frac{1}{3} \) is about the right proportion, and on the whole I would prefer to see examinations remain."

Prof. Halsey said, "My views on the subject are extremely radical. I believe in doing away with examinations altogether. Other professors tell me my theory will not work. However when I have heard my students recite for a term, I feel satisfied that I can judge of their work without an examination. I should like to put my theory into practice."

Prof. Stevens said briefly, "I believe in letting each professor exercise his own judgment and inclination just as he does during the term."

Dr. Seeley replied when asked his views, "We use the system spoken of with the Seniors in Ferry Hall and are very much pleased with it. Personally, I do not believe in examinations. Too often a student neglects his term work and "cram" up for examination which may pass him, whereas, if he depended on his term standing for his grade, he would have to work harder during the term. However, doing away with examinations entirely has a few disadvantages which I think the above system may obviate."

Prof. Stuart's answer was, "I believe in examinations, but not as a test of scholarship. An examination is excellent discipline in that it assists a student in bringing together the scattered parts of a subject and in making an abstract of that subject. I am not sure that \( \frac{1}{3} \) is too much to count on an examination. If it were less, a student would probably pay very little attention to the examination and its good effects would be lost. I would repeat however that I do not regard an examination as a test of scholarship."

These are the comments of a few of the professors, and as may be seen the opinions even of these few are in many cases widely different. The STENTOR would like to air the opinions of some of the students in the next number and see the stand they take.

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A FRAGMENT.

SATURDAY EVENING—NINE P. M.

(Shy)

Well—I gossiped a little, and then picked a quarrel,
And told him his conduct was really too free,
Delivered a lecture with more than one moral—
That he took it in earnest, 'twas easy to see.
Yet candidly speaking, I think—he's quite clever,
And then as you know he has beautiful eyes,
He is so devoted, and after this squabble
He's sure to send roses and apologize.

(He)

She scolded me really—I told you she'd do it.
With wrath in her voice and reproach in her eyes
I tried to look sorry and sighed very deeply
(There's lots in a well arranged concert of sighs).
And what was the matter? Oh really don't ask me;
Some invention of hers, I suppose—I don't know.
She's good fun to go with and I—know that—she likes me.

It's the way with the girls. They are all of them so.

S. E. M.
The Locals

Subscribe for the Tribune.

Prof. Morris was ill during the vacation.

W. D. Curtis will room at Mrs. Sharpneck’s this term.

Prof. Morris has the work in Logic this term in place of Prof. Smith.

J. Howard McVay will be found in the Biological Dept. during the Spring term.

Professor (in French class.) “The ‘g’ in ‘orange’ is pronounced like ‘z’ in ‘pleasure.’”

Mr. Graham Lee of ’89 has been appointed to the Foreign Mission field. He will go out in the fall.

The Yale Glee Club concert given in Chicago on Xmas eve, was largely attended by L. F. fellows.

Philemon Moore, of Keewanee, is detained by sickness from immediate return, but is expected soon.

The attendance at chapel so far this term has been very good, especially on the part of the professors.

Gilbert L. Wilson, of Chicago, has joined the Freshman class this term and is taking the classical course.

Friday, Dec. 18, F. A. Hayner fell into Farwell’s pond, but was rescued by the heroic efforts of George Ellis.

An interesting entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Athletic Association in the near future.

The father of Robert Crozier died during last vacation. Mr. Crozier has the sincerest sympathy of all the boys.

Mr. Earnest W. Wood, formerly of ’92 L. F., spent the Xmas holidays in Lake Forest. Mr. Wood is a senior at Williams.

Several members have returned resplendent with Christmas presents, prominent among which are “Sport’s” new pipe and Henry’s new necktie.

The Zeta Epsilon Society have secured Mr. George Kennan for one of his most entertaining lectures. The lecture will be given on the 14th of February.

Work on the annual is being pushed, and every one should join in and help along. Nothing but hearty co-operation can make it the grand success it should be.

Mr. Pratt entertained the University Chorus Sunday P. M., Jan. 10. After a pleasant sing in the afternoon, tea was served. All went away feeling that it was an event long to be remembered.

It is reported that Prof. Frye considers that his likeness was hung up as a compliment to him, and to instruct strangers that he, although an engineer, holds the highest place in the institution.

The officers of the Zeta Epsilon Society for this term are E. S. Challée, Pres.; E. L. Jones, Vice-Pres.; H. W. Harris, Sec.; W. H. Matthews, Critic; W. D. Curtis, Treas.; H. R. Marsh, Sergeant-at-Arms.

W. D. Curtis and C. D. Kennedy have moved out of the building and are now rooming in town. It is also said that it is a sharpneck and neck race between Curtis and S. B. Hopkins with Curtis slightly in the lead.

The officers of the Athenæan Society as elected Dec. 18, were: L. E. Zimmerman, Pres.; Richard McLeod, Vice-Pres.; H. A. Rumsey, Sec.; L. N. Rossiter, Treas.; W. B. Brewster, Critic; E. H. McNeal, Sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Eddie Cass arrived Monday morning, Jan. 11, most unusually early for him, but the
record was beaten by "Cat" Burdick who arrived a day ahead of time. Possibly this is on account of his New Year's resolutions; who knows?

The result of last month's chess games is as follows:

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Dr. Seeley was unable to be present, and his game was postponed.

Old '91 has done a good many grand things for L. F. U., among which we may rank the Gym and the Art institute. But '92 promises still more in the Annual just established, the Science Hall, Lois Hall still in the perspective, and a new engineer in the far, dim perspective.

Guests at the Hotel Frye during vacation, had the rare privilege of using the gym. from 2 to 4 each P. M. The water was turned off so there was no danger of drowning. The heat was turned off so that no one could go and enjoy life unless the day was balmy or the gas had been burning long enough to change the air.

The college boys who were fortunate enough to spend the vacation in Lake Forest, thoroughly enjoyed the candy pull given at the Sen. on New Year's Eve. It might not be out of order to mention that these boys are model gentlemen, though it was hard to tear themselves away at the ringing of the bell.

The question was asked last issue, why didn't the Sophs do up the the Freshman rooms on the night of the reception? Possibly because they were too gentlemanly, and possibly because they were afraid. But the first reason is more charitable and more in keeping with the spirit of so chivalrous a class as '94.

The training club has broken up, because the football season is over, but why not have a baseball training club. Now that we have our gymnasium, with the training club we could get a good team in training before the other colleges began to think of baseball, and possibly we might retrieve our last year's record.

Wednesday evening the 13th, fifty members of the Apollo Club of Chicago gave the Oratorio of the Messiah in the church. The building was packed and the audience highly appreciative. The singing was grand, some of the best soloists in the city appearing, and Mr. Eddy being at the organ. Mr. Chapin entertained the club.

A German Club has been organized and a constitution adopted. The motto, "Ubing macht den Meister" partly expresses its purpose. But besides obtaining a greater proficiency in the use of the German language it is hoped the meetings will afford much pleasure to the members. At the last meeting Prof. Mendel presented some very interesting plans of work for the club. He proposed that a genuine Vaterland atmosphere be created by opening the meeting's programme by some German national song, followed by a recitation, and then the topic for discussion. Two of Andersen's fairy tales would be read in German and these will then form the topic of discussion. A fine of one-half cent for each word of English spoken during this discussion is to be imposed upon any member who forgets that they are in Germany for the time being. Any member, however, will have the privilege of asking for information from the Director either in English or German. A number of students have expressed a desire to see such a club established. It is hoped that all who wish to join will at once hand their name either to Prof. Mendel, Miss Liese or A. Haberli.

FERRY HALL.

The Nu Beta Kappa will give an open meeting some time in February.
The Seniors gave a leap year sleigh ride the 11th. The boys had a beautiful time.

Miss Green, a cousin of Miss Maud Green, has joined the ranks of the college girls.

Miss Mamie Harker, a former student of Coe College, has entered the college course.

The old Ferry Hall girls welcomed to their number this term, Misses Kemage and Mix.

Miss Rena Oberne returned to her home in Chicago, on account of a severe attack of the "grippe."

Misses Ida Kehl and Ethel Smith will not return to Ferry Hall for some weeks on account of ill health.

Miss Grace Humphrey, of Hudson, Wis., who has been attending school at Asheville, N. C., is now a student of L. F. U.

To "la grippe" may be attributed the delay in returning to L. F. U. of Miss Ruby Adams, Miss May Stowell, and Miss Jane Williams.

Tuesday evening, the 12th, a number of the elocution pupils accompanied by Miss Fleming, attended the James Whitcomb Riley entertainment at Central Music Hall.

A rare opportunity for French instruction is offered to the members of Ferry Hall this term. M. Duval, of Chicago, will be present twice each week to meet classes in French conversation.

Mrs. Seeley, who has been spending some weeks among the pines at Lakewood, N. J., reports a delightful time and much improved health. The doctor spent the holidays with Mrs. Seeley in the east.

Dr. Seeley left for Bradford, Penn., Saturday morning, having received news of the death of his brother. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Nellie Seeley, daughter of the deceased. The members of Ferry Hall extend to both the doctor and Miss Nellie, warmest sympathy in their bereavement.

**ACADEMY**

**GAMMA SIGMA.**

J. E. Carver is still detained from Lake Forest by illness.

J. D. Parsons now occupies R. H. Bishop's old room at Academia.

We were glad to welcome three new students at the beginning of the term.

F. E. Dewey was unable to return until Monday, the 11th, on account of illness.

Mr. James ————, of Highland Park, spent the day with Ed. Yaggy, a short time ago.

Prin. Smith was called out of town on the 9th by the death of an aunt. He has our sympathy.

We are glad to see E. C. Owen again. Owen was here three years ago, and played third base on the Varsity ball team.

The Oratory Class meets twice a week now, once for physical drill and vocal exercise, and once for literary work. Good results are looked for this term.

We are sorry to learn that some have not yet paid the 75 cents assessment which was made toward the end of the term. Let each one step out like a man and pay his dues.

The Oratorio of the Messiah was fully enjoyed by all the Cads who heard it. They wish to express their hearty thanks to the gentlemen who so kindly aided in bringing it to Lake Forest.

The Cads greatly rejoiced at seeing Frye hanging up on the college. Sorrow fell over them, however, as they realized that it was only an effigy, and that the real Frye was still as active as ever.

Gamma Sigma has been unfortunate this term in the loss of three of its members—
Messrs. Bogue, Newton and Hamilton. All were good declaimers, and Hamilton was an exceptional guitar player. F. P. Kellogg, also, is not back.

The officers of Gamma Sigma for the winter term were elected as follows: President, J. A. McGaughey; Vice Pres., D. H. Jackson; Secretary, A. O. Jackson; Treasurer, N. A. Gilchrist; Stentor Correspondent, David Tales; Critic, Wm. A. Cheever.

At the end of last term, G. A. Busse fell off the ledge which runs around the Academy building at the first floor, and broke his leg just above the ankle. He was taken immediately to his home in Chicago. Busse was a Gamma Sig, and a great football player.

Let the prayer-meetings this term be better attended than those of last term. The meetings were good, last term, what there was of them, but only a small proportion of the school was present. Don't neglect the opportunity of doing and receiving good.

Through the kindness of Mr. Chas. Holt, the two societies are again looking forward to a literary contest. Gamma Sigma's preliminary in declamation came off Wed., Jan. 13th. The contest promises to be close, and enthusiasm has already reached a high pitch.

**AMONG THE ALUMNI.**

Mrs. Sophia Rhea Dulles lost her child Nov. 30th.


'92. A. M. Candee sings first bass in the Princeton Glee Club.

'85. Albert C. Wenban is taking a post-graduate course in the Chicago College of Law.

W. E. Danforth is not in the Seminary for a short time but is working in the *Tribune* office.

Rhea Wilson, daughter of Mrs. Anna Rhea Wilson, died of croup in Persia after a very short illness.

W. F. Lewis, '90 has been elected secretary of the B. A. A. in Chicago, and is its youngest member.

Miss Bertha Marshall will finish the junior year at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, and return to graduate with '93.

Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, of Clinton, Ia., has accepted a call to the Classon Ave. Presbyterian church of Brooklyn.

Mr. Edward Nourse, '88 is at home in Bayfield, Wis., resting up. He will go abroad next year for two years study.

'92. Ernest Glen wood, who is a '92 at Williams spent the holidays in Lake Forest, returning to his work Jan. 14th.

'89. Graham Lee was one of the representatives of the students who acted as pallbearers at the funeral of Dr. Thomas Skinner.

Mr. James Harbert who was in the Academy in '85-'86, visited Lake Forest a few days ago. He is a successful business man in St. Paul.

Dr. Samuel Hodge, who resided in Lake Forest for some time and whom many of us know, died recently of pneumonia at West Union, Iowa.

Rev. E. P. Hill, who spent the first two years with '84, has been called from the Freeport Presbyterian church to the Westminster church of Minneapolis.

Charles Haines, the well known Justice of Peace for several years in Chicago, died in Seattle, Washington, Jan. 4th. Mr. Haines
was an early graduate of the academy and is a son of the late Elijah M. Haines of Waukegan.

Rev. Paul D. Bergen and Mrs. Bergen expect to return from the foreign field in the spring. Rev. Bergen will not take the overland trip through Russia as the Russian government refused consent when it learned that he proposed writing for the Century.

Mr. Joseph Kohout, who is junior member of the law firm King & Kohout, dropped out of the class of '80 on account of ill health and has since been a very successful lawyer in Chicago. He is now taking the senior work and will receive his degree next summer.

THAT IS LOVE.
"I love you for yourself, Marie:
For all your tender ways,
Thy heart unselfish, light and free
Will brighten all my days;"

"But tell me, dear; if e'er you can,
Why, why 'tis you love me?
What virtue in this wretched man
Can charm one like Marie?
She leaned her head upon his breast,
His heart gave giant knocks;
Then frankly answered she, "Dear George, Your papa has the rocks."

EXCHANGES.

Evanston has adopted a college button.

At the death of Senator Stanford, Stanford University is to receive $20,000,000.

Women are not allowed to graduate from the German Universities.

The Round Table of Dec. 18, contained a very good picture of the Beloit foot-ball team.

One of the customs peculiars to Oberlin is the opening of each recitation with prayer or a song.

The growing opposition to their use has made cigarettes unpopular at Yale. The correct thing now is a fancy pipe.

AN ACCIDENT.

One of our young men went out to call,
Sporting a brand new Prince;
He placed his heel on a banana peel,
And he hasn't bananna-where since.

THE PROPER THING.

"Oh, 'tis now the student novice meets his fate,
For 'tis now the pretty co-ed loves to skate,
He fastens on her buckles, though he freezes all his knuckles,
But, then, you know, he's strictly up to date."

Prof. Stollhoffen, who was in our Academy last year, has recently contributed a series of articles to the Northwestern World on the German educational system and the Universities. He is engaged in writing a book on the same subject.

The board of trustees of the University of Illinois show their appreciation of students' publication, the Illini, by appropriating $400 for its support. This is a new departure, and is an example that might well be followed by the authorities of all universities and colleges.

"So you want to know where flies come from, Dacillus? Well, the cyclone makes the house fly, the blacksmith makes the fire-fly, the carpenter makes the saw-fly, the driver makes the horse-fly, the grocer makes the sand-fly, and the boarder makes the butter-fly."—Ex.

We have recently received the Lasso, published at the University of Nebraska. Its
cover is exceedingly odd, being a dead black. In the same paper we noticed the unique scheme of a confectionery firm, which offered a box of candy to the most popular young lady in the school, the same to be determined by ballots left at their store.

The most remarkable yell on record is that of the seniors in pharmacy at the University of Indiana. It is going the round of our exchanges, so we give it to our readers. Notice its simplicity:

"Chondodendron, tomentosum,
Eriodictyon, glutinosum,
Wahoo, catechu,
Pharmacy, pharmacy, '92."

An exchange gives the following program of daily work for the average student:

9½ Hours for study and recitations.
3 Hours for meals.
1 Hour for exercise.
1 Hour for religious devotions.
8½ Hours for sleeping.
1 Hour for reading.

24 Hours. One day gone. Repeat.

NO DOUBT OF IT.

"See here, John, I don't think I can send you back to college. You said you could attend school a year for $500, and here you have been away only one term and have spent $400."

"Well, father, I can finish the next two terms easily with $100."

"Nonsense, John! How can you?"

"Why, its leap year." — Ere.

During the vacation the mysterious disappearance of Ralph Warren, captain of the Princeton foot-ball team caused quite a sensation. He had gone to Washington to spend the holidays with a friend, and early one morning he left the house and for a couple of days his whereabouts could not be discovered. He finally turned up all right but was unable to explain his strange absence. He received an injury in the Yale-Princeton Thanksgiving day game which probably affected his brain, and this accounts for his peculiar conduct.

I love to flirt with college boys,
Because they are so nice,
And, when they kiss me once, I know
They're going to kiss me twice.

And then they have such soft, nice hands,
They don't seem hard and rough
When'er they find my own soft hand
All hidden in my muff.

Now, father says that that's all right,
And so I'm sure it is;
You ought to see the photographs
Of some old girls of his.

But mother, when she hears of it,
Just lectures me—while pa,
He takes my side and slyly says
I learned it all from ma.—Ere.

LATE NEWS.

The Junior class is still the largest in the college.

The Psychology class will begin Logic next week.

The Art Institute will meet next Tuesday at Mr. T. B. Durand's.

Dr. Roberts is attending the meeting of the Revision Committee in New York.

L. E. Zimmerman blew in on Tuesday. We are now anxiously waiting for "The Stub."

The Stentor would like to announce that hereafter it will publish no Anonymous contributions.

Subject matter for the Annual must be in by the 20th. This is an extension of 10 days and no more can be allowed.
Miss Castikian, of Lake Forest, is taking a special course in the college.

According to the catalogue we have 339 students in the undergraduate department and 1123 in the professional departments making a total of 1562 students in the University.

Leap-year sleigh rides are all the go. Monday evening the Senior Semis did their duty and Tuesday evening some of the college girls entertained a select crowd of boys with a ride. Everybody was supremely silly.

We would like to emphazise the statement made in the last STENTOR concerning prizes offered by the Annual. The prizes are,—$5 for the best poem, and $5 for the best prose composition. Contributions must be in by the 20th of this month.

The new catalogue is out and is almost identical with former ones. It seems very strange however that when we have a fine gymnasium it should be totally ignored. One little line at the bottom of a page says "We have a fine gymnasium costing $30,000." That is all. One would suppose the University was ashamed of "its pride." The chief thing that would attract students is entirely neglected.

Two new prizes are offered this year. Mr. W. C. Larned offers one to the Sophomore class in Rhetoric and one to the Junior class in Literature. These prizes are to be given for essay work. The subject of the essay in Rhetoric is "The Indian of Cooper and Parkman." The subject in Literature is "The Witches of Macbeth and the ghost of Hamlet." The best essayist in each class receives a prize at commencement. The essays must be in by the first week of the Spring term. This is an excellent scheme and both Prof. Morris and Mr. Larned are entitled to a great deal of praise. The boys should present excellent work for such prizes. Further particulars in the next issue.