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IN REGARD TO THE READING ROOM.

The question of the reading room should be seriously considered. It is not that we want a reading room so much as that we want a new reading room. The students are not desirous of going back into the old place dignified by the name of reading room. We might just as well not have a room. No one acquainted with the place goes there to read. It is a cold, disagreeable dirty room situated so that every class pours into it and makes it a general loafling place. The bareness of the place tempts mischief. If we want a reading room now is the time to change.

The Academy will soon be vacated, there will then be room for all classes, and the President's room adjoining the library would make a splendid reading room. The students would help fix such a room up and take a pride in it. The old room however will never be kept decently, no matter what the promises are. We do not wish to uphold vandalism, but it seems that in the reading room case it was as near justifiable as it ever is.

WANTED: A WAITING ROOM.

One of the crying needs of the college is a gentleman's waiting room. The ladies have their waiting room and it is very nicely furnished. But the boys, especially those rooming outside, have no place whatever in which to study or wait between classes. It is too far to go to one's room between classes, but where can these students study or pass their time. There is no way except to "sponge" off classmates in the building and make their rooms general hotels or loafling places. This is manifestly abusing the hospitality of the boys and the thing is becoming a nuisance. But where can these outside students go? Must they hang round the halls? There is, absolutely no alternative. There should be a room for general assembly. This is no vague and idle scheme. Such a scheme can easily be put into practice. The old
reading room should be thrown open, not as a reading room, but as a general assembly and waiting room. There will be no expense entailed. The simple unlocking of the door will provide it. At least the Faculty should look into the feasibility of the plan. It's a good subject for the Students' Committee.

PROMPTNESS IN COMMITTEE WORK.

There is one thing that students of this University lack in common with other students, and that is promptness in committee work and college matters generally. It is extremely hard to get the students roused enough on any subject to hold a mass-meeting, but even when such a meeting is held after prodigious efforts, it usually amounts to nothing. After discussing the subject a committee is appointed. There it stops. The secretary forgets to notify the committee; the committee forgets what if is to do, and, finally, the members forget they are on such a committee. No one ever thinks of having a meeting to hear the report of the committee. In fact most of the students have forgotten all about such a thing and the matter drops. Appointing a committee here is equivalent to laying the subject on the table. Naturally, however, there is little effort in the committee because of the apathy of the general mass. The prime object of every meeting of classes or general body seems to be to appoint a committee and then adjourn. As "adjourners" the students here beat anything on the boards. Half of them do not know what the committee is appointed for. The committee merely partake of the general apathy. The only way to reform this or wake the men up is for every student to take a more active interest in college affairs and not leave the bulk of the work to the few.

THOSE COMMENCEMENT ORATIONS.

There is a great deal of talk here about doing away with commencement orations and the present Senior class has expressed itself as decidedly in favor of abolishing the system. The following clipped from the Ariel, is to the point and leaves nothing unsaid:

"A petition will shortly be presented to the faculty by the Senior class asking for a change in the nature of the commencement exercises. That the present system is not suitable for the graduation exercises of a modern university is evident. The time has gone by when fancy exhibitions of knowledge and Latin orations furnish a suitable end to a university career. A commencement oration is no test of the orator's ability; gives little chance for original thought; is extremely fatiguing to the audience, and it serves no useful purpose visible to the naked eye. Other colleges now have exercises more fitted to the occasion which makes it one of profit and enjoyment instead of a tiresome "out-pouring" of learned nothings. The present petition asks, we believe, that some orator of national fame as Phillip Brooks, Gann-aulus or Bishop Huntington be invited to deliver an address to the class and public, and that the valedictory and salutatory addresses be the only part taken by the members of the class. In this way it is believed that the highest honor will be rewarded and that those who attend graduation exercises will hear a speech "that is a speech" instead of—but we have already given our opinion of the average commencement oration and will say no more. There is no better time to begin such a reform than the present year, especially as the Senior class almost unanimously desire it, and if the class is satisfied, we do not see why the faculty should not be so."
BOOK REVIEWS.

"Marianela: A Story of Spanish Love," translated from the Spanish of B. Perez Galdos by Helen W. Lester, is the fifth in a series of "Tales from Foreign Lands," published by A. C. McClurg & Co. The events of the story take place in and around the zinc mines of Socarres. All of the principal characters have begun life in extreme poverty, some of them as street beggars. The Golfin brothers, Carlos and Teodora, have risen by persistent effort to be the possessors of enormous wealth, Carlos being chief engineer of the mines and Teodora a widely travelled doctor with much skill in treating diseases of the eyes. The Centeno family are just able to earn a scanty living by the combined efforts of the father and four children, one of whom runs away during the course of the story to become, as he boastingly asserts, a second Dr. Golfin. Senor de Penagualas, patriarch of Aldecorba, and his brother of Santa Irene de Camfo, have both received large fortunes by inheritance and the effects of this suddenly acquired wealth on the two men are admirably set forth. Marianela, daughter of a lamp-lighter, deformed in infancy by a terrible fall, alone remains dependent. Her moral character is wonderful, considering her wretched life with the Centenos. She gives every bit of money she receives to the youngest Centeno to enable him to run away and make something of himself. She possesses all the Christian virtues in a remarkable degree, though she knows almost nothing about religion. Yet, in spite of her beauty of character, she is made to endure the worst of torments and a most pitiful death; the reader cannot help rebelling against her undeserved misfortunes. We will not tell the story of her life, nor speak at any length of the blind Pablo, whose eyes she was until the rich doctor restored him his sight. The author shows great skill in mind analysis and is severely critical of "the singularity of the customs of a society that does not know how to be charitable without charity balls, bull-fights, and raffles." These are two good points of the book, the two principal faults being the wretched fate of the heroine and a noticeable lack of smoothness in style, due probably to the translator.

TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLE'S.

A CRITICISM.

There can be no doubt that Thomas Hardy's novel, "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," has attracted more attention at the hands of the critics and the reading public than any other novel since "Robert Elsmere." Though the story appeared as a serial in 1891 and in book form early in 1892, it may not be amiss, even at this late date, to consider some of its most striking characteristics.

That it is to be absolutely different from the ordinary modern English novel is evident from the beginning. It has to do with English country life, but not with that of the proprietors of the estates: the characters are the peasants themselves, the tenant-farmers and their associates. Many of these people are densely ignorant, indolent, and emotionless; but there are also many of a somewhat finer mould, capable of the intensest feeling, but unable to control and direct it on account of lack of training, who are perfectly helpless in the hands of a person with a little experience of the world, whether his intentions be good or evil. Such an one is Tess Durbeyfield, supposed to be descended from the ancient Norman D'Urbervilles. This supposition and her poverty, due to the indolent habits of her father and mother and increased by an unfortunate accident, lead her to Alec D'Urberville, who is not a D'Urberville at all, but a Smith, who has assumed the defunct name as better in keeping with his wealth than his own plebian one. She is helpless before his experience of the world, and thus her misfortunes begin, to end only at her death.

We have found one point in favor of the story: it deals with a phase of life to which we are not accustomed to pay much attention.
Who else has written the life of a dairy-maid? All the surroundings are new to us; we read the novel and find out much that we never knew before.

Another point strongly in favor of the book is the style in which the story is presented to us. Never were emotions so varied and so intense—passionate love, consuming remorse, implacable anger, contempt—presented in a more potent guise. There is a kind of subtle change in the style which enables us to tell when something of importance is being led up to, there is an indescribably touching way of presenting the nobler emotions. The very simplicity and unworldliness of it all contribute to the same end.

Can any fault be found with "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," then? We answer that it is open to adverse criticism in several regards. The principal male characters are abominable. Such characters should not be necessary in any story. Alec D'Urberville is a very slave to the animal nature; he is vindictive, unprincipled, worthy only of contempt. Angel Clare, while admirable in many respects, behaves the very fool in the crisis of his life, and is the cause of untold misery. Moreover, his character is not consistent. Though he abandons Tess most foolishly and cruelly just after their marriage on receiving from her own lips the story of her shame, for which no reasonable human being would hold her accountable, he resumes the interrupted relations with her after his return from Brazil, though he knows that she is now guilty of murder in the first degree; he will have nothing to do with the victim of another's wiles, but is not averse to a red-handed murderer soon to suffer death on the gallows for her crime. The fact of his repentance for the former deed can scarcely excuse the latter.

Then again the ending of the novel is very unsatisfactory. Is it impossible nowadays to write a strong novel with a satisfactory ending? Almost every criticism of a modern novel contains something about an unsatisfactory ending. For the heroine to be hung for murder, while he who was long her husband in name, but really so for a very short time, walks slowly out of town leading her younger sister by the hand, none being allowed to see the execution, is surely about as unsatisfactory as an ending could well be.

In conclusion, the power of the story may be said to depend on the success with which character is developed, the only defect being that mentioned in the case of Angel Clare. It is no exaggeration to say that Tess Durbeyfield is the most interesting character study in modern fiction. Two further sources of power are the vividness with which emotions are presented and a peculiarly forcible narrative style. And, finally, the fact that fiction has never heretofore found its characters in these walks of life causes much unwonted interest to attach to the story.

On the other hand, the prominent male characters, though well presented, are repulsively immoral or priggish. Tess is the victim of both faults. But the imperfection is entirely in the conception, not in the presentation. The latter could scarcely be improved. The style is fully equal to that of any of the so-called "standard" novelists. The description of the threshing machine, engine, and engineer, and the narrative of the events of threshing day at Farmer Groby's, have never been eclipsed, in vividness of imagery, originality of conception, and power of presentation by any writer of English fiction. I care not what his reputation.

But in the lack of a firm and abiding sense of moral responsibility, in the loose religious tone of the book we find the great objection to it. Angel Clare, the son of a minister, with two brothers in the ministry, intended for the ministry himself, takes up farming instead, on account of some very free ideas. These are readily taken up by Tess, who was never taught any religion at all. She imparts them in turn to Alec D'Urberville, thereby causing him to backslide after being converted soon after her marriage to Clare. Temptation is placed in the way of Izz Huett, one of Tess's
companion’s at Crick’s and Groby’s, and she is anything but firm. **We** have mentioned Tess’s murder of Alec, and the latter’s total depravity except during the period of his conversion. These things, together with the slurs thrown at Clare’s brothers and even Providence itself, will doubtless prevent “Tess of the D’Urbervilles” from attaining that last- ing fame which would undoubtedly be its due without them.

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**AMHERST GLEE CLUB CONCERT.**

The Amherst College Glee and Banjo Clubs will give a concert here in the Art Institute on Thursday evening, April 6th. The clubs comprise twentysix men and have the reputation of being one of the very best organizations of the kind in the east. The clubs sing in Chicago on the 5th, where it will be made quite a society event. It is proposed to make it a society event here also. The ladies of the town will be asked to act as patronesses and a reception will probably be given in the afternoon. This is a town entertainment, and as the town has always heartily supported college entertainments, this is a chance for the latter to return past favors, and it should do so heartily. Those having this in charge are at considerable expense and the students should see that they are nothing out and should give the club a rousing reception. Prices will be moderate. It is a great chance to hear a fine club. Our own E. Smith Cass will probably be requested to sing his inimitable solo, “Chick-a-dee-dee.”

Francis W. Kelsey, the well-known author of text-books, will spend the coming year traveling and studying in Rome, France, Spain, North Africa and Sicily.—*Wooster Voice.*

The debate held Wednesday the 18th, between Harvard and Yale was won by the former by 100 points. Harvard had the negative.
The Athenæan Society had the privilege of listening to a talk on Socialism by one of its disciples, in the person of E. J. Swift, last Friday evening.

We wish to state that the gymnasium was not damaged by the impact of the boxing gloves, but that the gloves were ruined by their bath in the kerosene tank. For explanation see last week's STENTOR.

You may notice a kind and benignant smile upon the countenances of the Sophomores and Freshmen, and you may wonder thereat. But it is only because good Dr. Seeley has removed the restrictions from the "Sem" imposed by him on the occasion of last term's love feast.

R. B. Spellman has discontinued his studies and gone to other fields. What his future intentions are could not be learned. He left his "cash basis" in the care of the Vance brothers, who may hereafter be found at his old stand. "No trust, no bust," is their motto. The STENTOR sincerely regrets Mr. Spellman's departure, and wishes him success in his new field.

During the week the students of the college held a mass meeting to take some action looking to the establishment of a reading room. If by contribution the students will raise a certain specified fraction of the cost, it was stated, the Faculty will make up the deficiency and place a plain deal table in the old reading room and restore the papers and magazines to their places.

The Sigma Phi fraternity, of Williams, lost their chapter house by fire Saturday morning, January 7. This was one of the finest chapter houses in the country, and the loss, fully covered by insurance, was in the neighborhood of $35,000. The fraternity will rebuild. It seems that Williams is at the same disadvantage that Lake Forest is in, that it has inadequate fire protection. When, after much delay, sufficient hose had been found to reach from the water supply to the fire it was found that the hydrant was frozen. By the time that the water was gotten to flow the fire had passed beyond control. The Williams Weekly takes occasion to emphasize the need of at least supplying a sufficient amount of hose for such emergencies and characterizes lack of such precautions as little less than criminal. It says, which is applicable as well to Lake Forest as to them, that fire escapes and hand grenades should be provided for the dormitories, which in case of fire would become veritable death traps.

TOWN TOPICS.

Mrs. Dwight gave a luncheon to about fourteen Chicago and Lake Forest ladies Friday last.

Saturday afternoon Miss Elsie Larned gave a sleigh-ride to about twenty friends, afterwards entertaining them with an informal dinner.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Alcott school it was decided that every patron of the school should purchase shares of school stock. This method has been taken of decreasing the debt of $650 on the school.

The Dancing Class met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Joseph Durand. The class will meet every alternate Thursday throughout the winter. The members are: Misses Florence Durand, Helen Durand, Jean Steel, Mamie Pratt, Harriet Durand. Messrs. F. C. Sharon, W. R. Nash, E. C. Yaggy, Harry Durand, J. H. Jones, B. R. MacHatton.

ATHLETICS.

Training continues in the gymnasium under the direction of Capt. McNary. There are quite a number of candidates for each position which makes the rivalry sharp. A great deal of interest is manifested in the work, which augurs well for the future welfare of the team. In time the training will be put on a more systematic basis. As it is now individuals get but little practice. Capt. McNary seems to be
thoroughly capable of bringing to a successful issue the task he has undertaken.

At this early date it is rather difficult to pass criticism on the merits of the team. However, Kimball and Curry plainly show that they are made of baseball stuff, while Rogers, Sherman and Gilleland are hard and conscientious workers.

Almost all colleges of note have put their ball teams in training. Amherst has adopted an excellent plan for developing the powers of candidates for battery positions. The men indulge in hand-ball play one hour each day in addition to other work.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of a few candidates to shirk daily practice. This is especially noticeable among last year's players. It should be understood from the outset that in justice to new men, the old players go through the same course of training.

It may be of interest to students and athletes to know how Yale and Chicago Universities will train their men for the ball team. We copy the following from the University News:

"Laurie T. Bliss, captain of the Yale base ball nine, has outlined the work for the coming season, and will put the candidates into active training about the first of February. The practice will consist of gymnasium exercise for some time. About the first of March cage-work in batting grounders and base sliding will be attempted.

"John G. Clarkson, of Cambridge, the former pitcher of the Bostons and Clevelanders, will coach candidates for pitcher's position, commencing early in March. This engagement is very satisfactory to Yale students, as Mr. Clarkson is considered an excellent coach.

"Every member of last year's nine is now in college, and will occupy very nearly the same positions as last year. Jackson will probably be substitute catcher this year; Bowers will do the greater part of the pitching.

"Yale's nine will take a southern trip, starting March 29. The universities of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and John Hopkins will be played. There are two open dates.

"Mr. Stagg has commenced to polish his baseball material. Twenty seven men have been found who want to play on the University team in the spring. They are nearly all from high school, academy and small college teams. There are no stars that come with laurels from the larger colleges. They know the rudiments of baseball, and there is plainly the making of a team among them, but they are not up on the hundred and one fine points of the game, and the many tricks of the trade. So Mr. Stagg has commenced putting on the finishing touches in ball stopping, base sliding, catching and pitching. Work will be done daily in the gymnasium by the candidates. Training facilities in the gymnasium are ample. Up at the end of the long interior a space for ground bounds, 40 by 50 feet, has been left unfloored. And along this end wall, at a certain hour every day, may be seen crouching a line of candidates, awaiting in turn the ground ball which Stagg, with a deft turn of the bat, sends down. It is not much of a trick to stop a ball on a smooth wooden floor, but on the ground, as on the field, the angle of deflection is more uncertain. The players are taught the utmost quickness, both in stopping the ball and in recovery; to close their feet when it comes spinning down the ground; to return it underhanded as well as overhanded; to slide bases easily and naturally, head foremost and feet foremost; to slide around and in front. Batting is the hardest of the accomplishments to be cultivated. A cage consisting of cord netting suspended from the ceiling and enclosing a space 70 by 30 feet, will be placed in position in a week or two for batting and battery work.

"In addition to the actual practice in the game, Mr. Stagg has prescribed a set of exercises intended to make a supple body. These will be taken every day. The veteran of famous battles on the college field will play on the first baseball team of the University. He will not try to gain new honors in the box, but will probably take the place behind the bat, for no one else has been found yet who has the making of a catcher."

FERRY HALL.

Miss Rogers is attending Madison University.
Miss Cabot will not return to Lake Forest College.
Miss Grace Linnell has been suffering with the quiwsy.
Miss Oberne attended the recent charity ball in Chicago.
Miss Edith J. Smith spent Saturday with Miss Glenrose Bell.
Mrs. Seeley enjoyed a visit from her brother, Mr. Franz Hesse, Sunday.
Mrs. Lyon, of Chicago, spent Wednesday with her daughter, Miss Mildred.
Miss Maude Bohn, of Chicago, spent Sunday, the 15th, with Miss Goodwin.
Dr. Seeley was confined to his room several days last week with tonsorial throat.
Miss Liese was one of the guests at the reception at which Miss Dixon of Chicago made her debut.
Miss Mildred Lyon has been confined to her room the past week with a heavy cold.

The Seniors have no faith in superstitious sayings. They now sit thirteen at table.

Miss Robinson entertained the young ladies of her table at an afternoon tea, Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Galt, of Sterling, has gone to Pasadena, Cal., to visit Miss Lida Fife, '90.

What interested the brakeman for fifteen minutes on the 5:40 train Saturday evening?

Miss Martha Matzinger will spend the remaining part of the school year studying music in the city.

Several members of the Faculty indulged in a sleigh-ride Wednesday afternoon, in honor of Miss Goodwin's birthday.

Misses Searles and Goodwin gave a pleasant little tea to the ladies of the Senior classes of the College and Ferry Hall last Wednesday.

Friday evening the following program was carried out by the Nu Beta Kappa Society:

- Essay, Miss Black.
- Recitation, Miss Craven.
- Life of Ole Bull, the Norwegian violinist, Miss McIntosh.
- Reading—Extract from Ole Bull's Christmas Story, Miss Green.

News of the Week, Miss Louise Conger.

The society has now forty members enrolled. At present many of these never appear on the program. With such a large number, meeting but once in two or three weeks, anything else is impossible. So much of the work too has been purely musical that necessarily it must fall to a certain few. Isn't a better literary society necessary to the good of Ferry Hall, and to a higher student life? Why not make a division, organize a rival society, and so arouse the students to better work? Time? Haven't we as much time as other colleges and seminaries? Are the rules of the constitution carefully carried out, members fined when they are absent without excuse, or fail to perform their part, or provide a substitute to take that part? Are "Roberts' Rules of Order" studied? Does the aspect of the room upon entrance inspire one to real literary effort? The curtains have not been seen this year, except as used in decorations in the chapel, and one of them has been folded and hanging over the back of one of the seats there since November or the first of December. The society ought to have a room which they could keep locked. Standing open continually, being used as a practice room, recitation room, general gathering place on all extra occasions, it is almost impossible to keep it in the order in which it should be. Many realized the condition of the society. Is not some one ready to act? Instead of saying, "yes it's awful; something ought to be done," get together and do it.

ACADEMY.

GAMMA SIGMA.

Hannant visited Evanston friends last week.

Fred. C. Smith was visited by his father last Wednesday.

Mr. Fontleroy visited the Academy classes one day last week.

Geo. Rice read an essay before the Cicero class last Friday, entitled Priestly Colleges.

Anderson and Dewey spent Wednesday evening in Waukegan with a sleighing party.

Rogers and Gilleland are training with the base ball team, hoping for positions on the nine.

Quite a number of college students were examined in English history by Prof. Burnap last week.

McDonald, who has been confined to his room with neuralgia of the face, is again able to be out.

A class in mechanical drawing has been organized with a membership of eight. Any who feel able to pay the price are invited to join. A competent instructor from the city has been secured.
The Gamma Sigma society will hold its preliminary contest in declamation on Wednesday, January 25th.

The Academy boys hope the services of E. W. Everett may be secured as gymnasium instructor for this term.

It required the combined efforts of four of the Academy boys to get a certain young lady from Ferry Hall started home from church recently.

Prof. McNeill, Prof. Morris and A. A. Hopkins acted as judges in the preliminary declamation contest of the Tri Kappa society last Wednesday.

Prof. Williams will hereafter have a special algebra class one afternoon of each week at 4 o'clock, for the benefit of those who miss regular recitations.

The new dormitory is finished and kept heated to prevent the plastering from cracking. The cottage is nearing completion, and the chapel is being plastered.

The Academy boys who use the gymnasium for physical development wonder if it is to be monopolized by a few indoor baseball players for the remainder of the winter.

Dewey and Severing gave an exhibition of some very unscientific slugging to a small and select audience, as a result of Severing's attempt to play a practical joke upon Dewey. No one was hurt.

Mr. Burke, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., led the prayer meeting in the Academy chapel last Tuesday night and organized a Y. M. C. A. of Academy students. He was assisted by E. L. Jones of the college.

Thanks to Prof. Jack's selections, the Academy is now provided with a strictly first-class library, which, though small, is worthy the attention of every student who is at a loss to know what to read. Additions to it will be made from time to time.

TRI KAPPA.

Frank Spring is able to attend classes again after being on the sick list for a week.

Mr. H—t has been duly initiated into the every-day manner of living in the Academy Hall, by the usual method of baptism.

Nott Flint was absent from recitations on Monday on account of illness (?), but we were glad to note that his ailment lasted only one day.

Those awful burglars that came so near gaining entrance into the apartment of Rohn last week are still at large. It is, indeed, thrilling to hear Mr. R relate his experience with them.

Complaints are continually being made by Academy students and others that money is taken from clothes left in the gymnasium. This annoyance keeps reminding us of the need of lockers in such a place.

A movement is on foot now among Academy students to organize the Academy department of the Y. M. C. A. into an independent association. This is a movement in the right direction, and will undoubtedly be a means of doing better work in the Academy.

Last Wednesday the preliminary contest in declamation took place, and was, in every way, an honor to the society. There were five contestants, and all spoke in a manner deserving of praise. B. S. Cutler was accorded first place and Cobb second. These gentlemen will represent the society on the annual contest with the Gamma Sigma society.

AMONG THE ALUMNI.

H. A. Rumsey plays first banjo on the Williams Banjo Club.

W. E. Danforth, '91, is this term attending McCormick Seminary.

H. E. Royce, '91, is now engaged in the real estate business in Chicago.
It is announced that L. E. Zimmerman, '92, will soon change his place of business from Waukegan to Chicago.

The Lake Forest University Alumni Association of Chicago held a special meeting Wednesday evening, January 18, at Room 39, Athenæum building, Chicago.

Miss Dora Franklin, Ferry Hall, '95, is this term attending the Loring School, 2539 Prairie Avenue, Chicago.

The Lake Forest College Club, of Chicago, met Wednesday evening, January 18, at Room 39, Athenæum building. Quite a large number attended, considering the cold weather on that particular night. In the necessary absence of the president, Mr. Wenban, Mr. McVay took the chair. After preliminary discussion of business, which consisted mainly in accepting an invitation from Mr. Wenban to meet at the Hamilton Club February 2nd, the Club listened to a carefully prepared program. College songs were sung; Wright and Matthews gave readings, and there was a debate on the question should Lake Forest College be annexed to Chicago. Humiston read a Latin poem and the Association adjourned to an adjacent restaurant.

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COLLEGE WORLD.

It is stated that some one hundred college men are connected with the New York Tribune, Sun and Times.

The Freshman class of Yale, by a recent action of the faculty, is declared from entering any intercollegiate contest in baseball during the year.

Beloit claims to have the best college paper in the West. The Round Table is a good journal, but it is semi-monthly and cannot be compared therefore with a daily or a weekly.

The manager of the athletics at the World's Fair is endeavoring to arrange a boat race between Cambridge, Oxford, Yale and Harvard for the college championship of the world.

The statement going the rounds of the college press that the football game between Stanford University and the University of California, which resulted in a tie, will be played off in a few weeks is totally incorrect. It will not be played off until next Thanksgiving.

Certain changes in the method of scoring in football are being discussed. It is proposed to abolish the place kick altogether. The Philadelphia Press suggests the following: Safety, 1 point; goal from field 3 points; touchdown, 5 points; and goal from touchdown (if not abolished), half a point.

One of the corridors in Mammoth cave is known as Fraternity Hall. It contains pyramids of stones representing fourteen different fraternities. Each visitor adds one stone to the pile representing his fraternity. It is a wonder that some enthusiastic bard doesn't throw rocks at the whole group.

Of the former members of the Hasty Pudding Club four have risen to be presidents of Harvard College, eleven to be deans of the various departments, eighty-two to be instructors or professors, ten presidents of other colleges, seven United States cabinet officers, eight United States senators, forty-one members of congress and five governors of states.

A maiden in the parquet sat,
On her head a mammoth hat;
Just behind, a man with rage
Swore he couldn't see the stage.
Hardly had the words been said
When the maiden bared her head.
Man now smiles—feels hunkidori.
Reader, this is a fairy story.