FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.
A CROSS COUNTRY JOURNEY.

Fifty years ago, a journey of three thousand miles on land would have seemed an impossibility. But at the present time, our modern locomotives, with their immense driving wheels, carry us across this vast continent in less than a week’s time.

The Canadian Pacific, although much the longer route, is generally acknowledged to be, by far, the most grand and picturesque in its scenery.

A bright beautiful morning in June found me starting from Boston over this road on my way to Portland, Oregon. As most of the occupants of the car were bound for points on the Pacific Coast, I looked around to see who were to be my companions for the coming week. A bright appearing Scotchman first attracted my attention. He was a smart looking fellow with an intelligent face and I judged him to be about twenty-five years of age. Already he had traveled fifteen days and was now on his way to join his brother in Tacoma. An elderly couple sat across the aisle and, as I afterwards learned, having lost all their possessions, were seeking their fortunes in the far West. A sea-captain’s wife, who might well be described as being “fair, fat, and forty,” had two young nieces in her charge, and needless to say, this party proved to be the centre of attraction for me. Then there was the usual quota of old maids and crying babies, the latter sometimes making night hideous with their yells and screams. Fortunately they were in the further end of the car, and being a sound sleeper, I rarely was disturbed by them.

In the meanwhile the engine was whirling us rapidly by New England towns and villages—now through broad meadow lands, then across a river where an occasional fisherman was seen to cast his fly over some deep pool. Twelve hours rolled by, and at nine o’clock that evening we reached Montreal Junction. Waiting the other section of our train we were here delayed for three hours. But at last we started, and not until the Rockies had been crossed, and the Pacific almost reached, did I see aught but Canadian soil. Instead of cultivated fields and thriving villages, the country we viewed from the car windows the next day was of a far different character. Rough unbroken land dotted with tree stumps, and here and there a solitary pine, made the scene a barren and destitute one. Occasionally we stopped for water at small towns whose chief feature appeared to be one long street, bounded by low wooden structures facing the cars. The largest one was generally a hotel, and in some instances this seemed to be the only building besides the station. Over others signs of “General Merchandise,” “Post Office,” but most frequently “Saloon” or “Pool and Billiards,” were observed.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad carries many immigrants to the coast, and as this class of people could hardly afford the luxuries of the dining-car, they were compelled to patronize the lunch counters for their food, a stop of twenty minutes or so being made at each meal time. It was this feature of the trip that afforded us the most amusement. Before the train had come to a standstill, men carrying tin buckets, and women with babies in their arms would jump from the car steps and make a wild rush for the lunch rooms. Cries for coffee, milk, and ham—sandwiches filled the air, while over and above all this din and confusion could be heard the clanging bell, and the harsh nasal tones of the crier admonishing them to speedily partake of the tempting viands whose peculiar odors likewise admonished us to stay away.

On, on we are carried and soon the rough wooded country changes to broad rolling prairie land. We can see the waving grass extending for miles in all directions. Now the train slackens its speed with a jerk, and the engine screams forth its warning to a band of roving cattle that have trespassed too near the iron highway. Glistening white skulls, in piles ten feet high, and from five to twenty feet broad, and extending sometimes a hundred feet or more along the track arouse our curiosity as to their origin and purpose. Upon inquiry I learned that these piles are all that remain of those noble animals that once existed plentifully on our western plains—the American buffalo. These skulls have a commercial value for fertilizing purposes and so are gathered and piled for transportation.

One morning, as we were just turning over for our second nap, a cry rang through the car, “The mountains!—The Rockies at last!” In an instant every curtain was pushed aside and there, indeed, we saw what we had been straining our eyes for at every twist and turn the road had made during the last twenty-four hours. And what a sight it was! Tipped by the first rays of the morning sun, the snow capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada range lifted their heads high above the banks of clouds that lined the distant horizon. We quickly dressed, and taking more advantageous positions, we watched the dark shadows retreat down the mountain sides and the mists slowly dissolve under the advancing rays of sunlight. There was not one of us but that confidently expected to be among the mountains within a few hour’s ride. But so deceived were we as to their distance that two whole days of traveling passed before we even entered the foot hills. And
what shall I say as to the long tedious climb when once we had entered their boundaries, when, even aided by another powerful engine, we barely crawled up and around the mountain sides! But once over the crest, the engine stopped a moment for breath, allowing us to get out and have a snow-ball fight, even though it was the last of June, and then, thanking its helper, started down the further side. Should I live to be as old as Methuselah, never could I forget that ride. Six hours behind time and connections that had to be made at Victoria with the steamer for California and Japan—stern facts that stared our engineer in the face and urged him to open the throttle almost beyond the safety limit and plunge down the mountain side. Land slides had occurred but recently and more might follow, thus adding greatly to the danger. Now we dashed around a curve, the car rocking violently and the wheels grating harshly against the outer rail, now into a tunnel enveloping us in inky blackness only to emerge and rush across a wild mountain stream whose course we had been following for some time. At one time looking far down the mountain side we could see the track as it wound its way in and out, twice crossing our line of vision. Night soon closed in and with the gathering darkness our uneasiness increased. Bed time arrived, but none felt like retiring. The old lady in the seat near me, naturally timid, was so frightened that she spent most of the night in tears. Soon we reached a lower level and the speed slackening considerably allowed us to rest with our fears quieted. It was not until the next morning we learned that in the one hundred and fifty miles ride down the mountains our engineer had made up three of the six hours which we were behind time. The other three were made during the next day and about five o'clock the evening of the seventh day we arrived at Victoria and made good connections with the Pacific Coast Steamer, Columbia. My journey on rail was ended. For three thousand and some odd miles, over plains and mountains, I had been carried without accident; therefore, it was with some reluctance that I gathered up my belongings and bid No. 344 good-bye. May it continue to carry in its seats many more passengers as safely before it meets its death in some railway disaster.

H. B. CRAGIN, '97.

Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT.

Saturday evening, Feb. 3, the Y. M. C. A. will give a literary and musical entertainment in Ferry Hall chapel. Prof. E. M. Booth will read and recite, and the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs will furnish music. An interesting program is promised. After the exercises a "social" will be held in the Seminary parlors.

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ATHLETICS.

The Academy students have determined to hold a field day of their own this spring for the purpose of selecting representatives for the big field day. There are several good athletes in the Academy and if the College expects to hold up their end they will have to "hustle."

The gymnasium is not much used just at present. About the only piece of apparatus that can be used, besides the wall machines, is the parallel bars. The hand ball court was put up in such a way that the horizontal bar had to be taken down; there are no boxing gloves or punching bag, or at least none are at the gymnasium. There ought to be some vaulting poles and an indoor shot so that the men could begin practicing for these games at once.

The Hare-and Hound Club is at last a reality. At a meeting held last Monday it was determined to run every Saturday until the spring term when a series of three runs will be taken for prizes. Only those will be eligible to run for prizes who have made eighty per cent. of the runs and are regular undergraduate students. At the meeting a committee was appointed to draw up rules and D. H. Jackson was elected captain. Captain Hayner expects to make it one of the requirements for base-ball candidates, that they run with the Hare-and-Hound Club.

Any one entering the basement of the gymnasium will be likely to notice several large boxes stuck under the stairs and stowed away in corners. They are all padlocked. The reason for this is that when any one leaves his clothes hanging in a dressing-room he stands a good chance of having his pockets picked or some of his clothes stolen. Now there is a lot of waste space in the gymnasium and lockers could be put in just as well as not. This would do away with the present inconvenience of lugging clothes to the gymnasium every night and would be more sightly than the present system of each man having a large dry goods box.

At a meeting of the base-ball team last Wednesday Mr. Hayner was elected captain for this year. Mr. Hayner has shown by his work with the foot-ball team what may be expected of him. The material for pitching is not very plentiful, but we may rest assured that, under the captain's able management, everything will be gotten out that is possible. There is some talk of the team taking a trip of several days, and now that the league prospects are poor, this matter ought to be pushed. A trip would make more competition among the men and give them something to work for. Besides it would advertise the school and show that we at least try to play base-ball.
TOWN TOPICS.

Fourteen of the choir boys of St. James’ Church sang at the Art Institute last week.

The Art Institute meets to-night at the house of Mr. Frank Hall. Mr. E. Burton Holmes will lecture.

Miss Ada Rainey was one of those who received at a reception given for the Preparatory Department of Chicago University at Morgan Park, Ill.

One of the most successful meetings of the Social Club was held last week at the home of the Misses Platt. Each young lady present wore in her hair some symbol or emblem of her “fadd” or “hobby.”

The series of meetings which have been lately held in the church chapel ended Saturday evening with a meeting for prayer only. It is hoped that the unusual interest taken in these meetings will be productive of continued activity throughout the year.

Mr. Delavan Smith and Mr. Wm. Henry Smith formally opened their new residence last Wednesday night with a cotillion. About one hundred were present. The guests were quartered for the night in various Lake Forest homes. Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Taber, Mrs. Frank Farwell and Mrs. Tuttle gave dinners to Chicago friends before the dance. Johnnie Hand’s orchestra furnished the music, and Mathews catered excellently.

A CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

After many vain attempts, a Christian Endeavor Society has at last found a place in the church. This means a great deal to the present Church life. It is hoped that the attendance will increase and the influence will broaden because of this change.

Friday evening, at a meeting of the Young People’s Society of Christian Work, it was decided to reorganize the society into a Christian Endeavor Society. The first Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting will take place next Sunday, Jan. 27th. A committee was appointed to spread information regarding Christian Endeavor work, and was authorized to call a meeting this week for election of officers and appointing of committees.

Those who used to be interested in the Society for Christian work will doubtless mark this movement as an improvement and an opportunity. A new spirit has already begun to appear, and evidently Christian Endeavor has come to remain.

Only 43 out of 150 candidates for admission to West Point were successful at the last entrance examination.

BIOLOGICAL CLUB.

Last Thursday afternoon Miss Nona Phelps presented a paper to the Club on “Nitrification of the Primitve Vertebrate Brain,” reviving a recent article by Chas. McClure on that subject in the Journal of Morphology. Prof. Harper completed the discussion of “Nitrification of Soils” begun at an earlier meeting. Mr. Jensen gave a short sketch of Dr. Asa Gray, America’s great botanist. Likenesses of Dr. Gray at different periods of life were displayed. Prof. Harper showed that Cieota balbisina is in a state of reversion, from the sexual to the asexual method of reproduction. In nearly all cases the seeds fail to mature while the abundance of bulbils in the axiles represent an increasing preponderance of the sexual function.

EXCHANGES.

Our exchanges no longer teem with accounts of foot-ball. Preparations for Oratorical contests and Inter-collegiate Debates occupy many columns of the editorial page. We note in the Christmas numbers many well written sketches, descriptive articles and reviews. This part of the college year is the time for distinctly literary work, especially in the field of college journalism. If we are to judge by their holiday numbers we may expect much for the year's work.

We find on our table this term the Tatler, a well-edited paper from West Des Moines High School.

The “foot-ball poet” is beginning to subside for this year. He must now turn somewhere else for his theme. This last effort of his, from the De Pauw Weekly is one of his best.

"JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE."

"Courage, sweetheart, do not falter;
Though the future may look drear,
I will lead you to the altar
On my crutches, never fear."

Low the maiden whispered, crying,
Softly on his foot-ball bang:
"Break your fool neck, dearest, trying,
Only beat the other gang."

In the following the use of the word that is strictly in accordance with grammatical rules:

"Now that is a word that may often be joined,
For that that may be doubled is clear to the mind,
And what that is right is as plain to the view
As that that that that we use is rightly used too,
And that that that that line has in it, is right
In accordance with grammar is plain to our sight."

—The Cue.
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Steps should be taken at once, as has already been suggested, to secure the suitable celebration of Washington’s birthday. An address by a good speaker from abroad, with other exercises, would render the day both pleasant and profitable.

A few designs for University pins have been submitted to The Stentor. We hope to receive more designs within a few days, and next week will publish sketches of the best. Let some of our ingenious readers try to conceive something neat and pretty. Before the end of the term we hope to see the “long felt want” for a University badge satisfied.

There is a rumor afloat that the “Senior vacation” just before the end of the Spring term is to be dropped this year. We trust that such will not be the case. The majority of the class are naturally opposed to any change in the custom, but more than that, if the Seniors are expected to arrange or take any special part in the exercises of Commencemen, they absolutely need the extra time for preparation.

We have previously neglected to make editorial mention of the “Chapel Talks” now being given by the different members of the College faculty. The plan was inaugurated by President Coulter last term, and has met with unanimous approval from the students. Each professor tells of the recent advances of thought or the latest observations of science in his department. It is often a matter of surprise to see how much information can be imparted in the brief time allotted. The talks also serve the purpose of destroying the somewhat perfunctory nature which formerly characterized our Chapel exercises.

It is a frequently heard complaint that the gymnasium is lacking in apparatus. Investigation proves this to be the case, but “the powers that be” seem to have overlooked the fact. It is our proud boast that we have the finest “gym” building in the west, but should not the equipment be in keeping with the building? The deficiencies which are especially missed at present are boxing gloves and a striking bag. These used to be the most popular things in the gymnasium, and they could be replaced at a trifling cost.

Systematic training for base-ball begins this week and every man who has ever played ball, or who thinks he can learn, should join the list of candidates. The position of base-ball captain has often been a discouraging one here in Lake Forest. Every student owes it to himself and to the institution to cooperate with the captain (and manager) in every way possible. One method of helping that too many neglect, is to pay subscriptions to the Athletic Association promptly when due. You can at least do this, even if you cannot pitch a curve or steal bases.
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO has lately suffered from the same sort of misrepresentation which Lake Forest College (especially the College girls) received at the hands of the newspapers two years ago, when a comparatively harmless prank was magnified as an outburst of lawlessness. The papers recently gave startling accounts of the manner in which the Chicago dormitories and buildings had been defaced during the night hours. The last number of the U. of C. Weekly takes vigorous exception to the exaggerated reports. We heartily join in condemning the spirit of so many Chicago papers to sacrifice truth for sensationalism. The paper mentioned, however, admits that some small offenses have been committed at various times, and in that conviction voices a sentiment which is rapidly gaining ground, namely, that when College pranks go so far as to become vandalism they should be dealt with, not by the College authorities, but should be turned over to the criminal courts. College vandalism would then cease to be "at a premium," and the guilty parties would cease to be a species of heroes, for a justice court trial will quickly kill mock heroism.

THE TRIANGULAR LEAGUE.

A committee of which A. P. Bourns is chairman, is now working up the scheme of the "Triangular League."

The following is from the Northwestern on the subject:

"A league composed of Chicago, Lake Forest and Northwestern, could be maintained at very little expense, and all games would be well attended, because of the convenience with which they could be reached. This would insure the managers of the athletic associations against financial loss. Moreover, the large attendance at each game would increase interest in the league race, and college spirit would run high between the universities, which are all practically Chicago institutions. Considerable interest is being taken at Northwestern in the formation of the proposed league, and it is to be hoped that the students of Lake Forest and Chicago Universities will look upon the plan with favor.

COLLEGE LOCALS.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

Jan. 25, - - - Day of Prayer for Colleges
Feb. 1, - - - - Senior Club
Feb. 2, - - - - End of 1st Semester
Feb. 3, - - - - Y. M. C. A. Entertainment
Feb. 22, - - - - Washington's Birthday
Mar. 21, - - - - Spring Vacation

H. R. Marsh, ex-'95, is a star on the editorial staff of The Illini, at Champaign, III.

Mr. Carver has been on the sick list for the past few days. (Too much vaccination).

We shall be glad to have Miss Mabel Parker with us again when the new semester opens.

This is the season when the gymnasium is appreciated, and every afternoon a scene of animation is presented to the chance visitor.

Programs of work for next semester are now out. The object in getting them out thus early is that students may arrange their studies and settle all conflicts.

The College girls were tendered a very pleasant reception at the home of Mrs. W. R. Bridgman last Friday afternoon. A delightful time is reported by all present.

Prof. B.—in Academy—"I wish you would all provide yourselves with copies of the Anabasis. (Mr. G.) Professor, do you prefer the Anabasis of Kelsey to that of Xenophon?"

Mr. H.—in French—"The twain looked longingly in each other's eyes."—(At this juncture Mr. H. looks longingly out of the window),—"then embarrassed each other and silently wept."

It is reported that a vigilance committee is being formed to look after the case of the Nimrod on the third floor who nightly comes out to celebrate his escape from persecution for another day.

At a recent meeting of the faculty it was voted that examinations hereafter are to be given at the option of the Professor. Hence, a common expression now is: "Does he (the Professor) give examinations?"

The University Glee and Banjo Clubs will give a concert about the first of March in the Art Institute. The candidates for the Glee Club have been selected and it is hoped the semi-weekly wailing has ceased.

We had the pleasure of listening to Dr. McClure at chapel exercises on Friday morning. Dr. McClure is always a most welcome visitor, and his timely remarks always leave a deep impression on every student's mind.
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The Juniors at their last meeting elected the following officers: E. E. Vance, president; Miss McKee, vice-president; Dean Lewis, secretary; Chas. Moore, treasurer; F. A. Hayner, poet; J. G. Coulter, sergeant-at-arms.

Look in the athletic column for the account of proposed field day in the Academy. The Cads are taking the aggressive, and have some good men. Every fellow in the College must get out and work if we are to be successful.

Rev. Mr. Shepard, an African missionary and a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London, will deliver an address before the students on Tuesday evening in Ferry Hall chapel on his African experiences. No admission fee, all invited.

The annual "Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges" comes on Thursday, January 25th, and will be duly observed in Lake Forest. There will be an address to the students in the church chapel at half past ten o'clock, and other services not yet announced.

The season for intercollegiate debates is now approaching. Notice appeared in one of last week's papers of an arrangement for two debates between Northwestern and University of Michigan; one debate to be held at Ann Arbor, in 1894, the second at Evanston, in 1895.

The Aletheians held an "impromptu spread" in the last hours of the night, Jan. 19th. Candy, nuts and crackers furnished the menu, and "private opinions publicly expressed," furnished the chief amusement. The harder our week in College, the more we enjoy this relaxation at its close.

The Stentor has been asked to protest against the disagreeable habit to which many are subject, of reading over another's shoulder in the reading-room. A man's curiosity should not be so overwhelming that he cannot restrain it until some one else has looked through a periodical.

An attempt is being made to get up a game of indoor ball between the town students and a team from the Seniors. '95 claims that it can beat any team which dare meet it; there are those, however, who think such a contest would be interesting, and it is probable a game will be played in the near future.

The meeting of the University Club last Thursday evening was devoted to music. The club met at the Ferry Hall parlors, and listened to classic selections on the piano, violin and flute. After the program was concluded the club adjourned to Mrs. Seeley's parlors and the library for refreshments. The following took part in the musical exercises: Misses Ripley and Sizer, a piano duet; Mrs. Hester, songs; Prof. Thomas, the flute; Mrs. Thomas, accompanist; Mr. Villim, of Chicago, the violin; Prof. Eager, piano selections.

The program of the Z. E. Society Friday evening was as follows: Vocal solo, entitled the "Odd Fellows' Ball," by W. F. Curry. The subject of debate was, "Resolved, that the passage of the Wilson Tariff Bill would be a benefit to the country at large." Debaters on the affirmative, H. L. Bird and D. D. Lewis; on the negative, W. E. Williams and C. A. Coolidge. The judges decided for the affirmative two to one. Then followed a declamation by J. J. Price; a ten-minute talk on the "Situation in Europe," by A. Haberli, and an impromptu on "Devil's Lake," by Geo. Rice.

Dr. Coulter attended the last meeting of the "Central Relief Association" of Chicago, at which reports on "Work and Relief for the Unemployed" were read. He gave the most interesting part of the reports to the students in a chapel talk last Tuesday morning. He said that the tremendous problem of taking care of the unemployed is being worked out on a Christian and business basis. Mr. Stirling, President of the Joliet Steel Works, is giving all of his time to the work. All cases are thoroughly investigated and no deserving one is left uncared for. Frauds are ferreted out and stringent measures are taken to kill these greatest of all banes to charity.

The Senior Club held its first regular meeting last Thursday evening. The program of the evening was short (but sweet) owing to several causes, and consisted of a piano solo by Miss Clark, a vocal solo by Miss Parmeiter, and a harmonica solo, with guitar accompaniment, by Mr. Bourns. A punch bowl with wafers on the side was the center of attraction throughout the evening. In a contest in word-making the boys (selfishly) took both prizes; Mr. Goodman taking first, a silver pin, and Mr. Bourns the "booby" prize, an acrobatic doll. The committee in charge of the next meeting, which comes off on Feb. 1st, consists of Miss Clark, Miss Welton, and Mr. Harris.

The Aletheian Society had a very pleasant meeting last Friday evening. The inauguration of the president, followed by the usual inaugural address, preceded the literary exercises. The first number of the program was a descriptive piano solo by Miss McLean, entitled "An afternoon on the Midway Plaisance," and once again the sights and scenes of 'Midway' were laughable realities. This was followed by an original poem written and delivered by Miss McClanahan in her own humorous style. The symposium on Portia and Catharine the Shrew, by the Misses Oberne and Skinner, was most interesting and instructive to Shakespeare students. The debate was omitted, because the question has ceased to be of interest since the program was prepared. The business meeting was enlivened by the discussion of various new plans for increasing the efficiency of the society during the term.
On Thursday morning Prof. Harper gave us an interesting geological talk in chapel, explaining the “long” and “short” archaeologists of America. He said that a few years ago Dr. E. C. Abbot found implements in the gravel beds of New Jersey which he thought were formed during the Glacial epoch and belonged to the man of the paleolithic age. This would make man contemporaneous with the Glacial epoch. More recently, however, Prof. Holmes has found that these so-called paleolithic stones are not unlike the stones belonging to the neolithic man, which he has found in the Indian quarries where the Indians first roughly shaped their implements, afterwards finishing them at their leisure and giving them the neolithic appearance in their villages. Thus it seems that as yet we have found no good evidences of the appearance of man on the Western continent previous to the Mound Builders.

FERRY HALL.

Miss Neill was visited by her sister last Sunday.

W. R. Jones, of Chicago, spent Sunday with his sister-in-law Miss Welton.

A special feature of the Chapel exercises Monday A. M. was a solo, beautifully rendered, by Mrs. Hester.

Owing to a protracted illness, Miss Norton is unable to continue her instruction in French. The position will be filled by Miss Susanne Hall, of Chicago.

Miss Nellie Fleshiem, a student of the Evanston University, was a guest in Ferry Hall, Friday and Saturday.

The old proverb, “The longest way round is the shortest way there,” does not hold true in all cases, especially when in haste to reach the Art Institute, and the girls greatly rejoice to see the Sem. bridge so near its completion. You may come home “the other way” if you want to, girls.

The University Club were charmingly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Seeley, Thursday evening. The parlors and library were tastefully decorated for the occasion. Dainty refreshments were served, and each guest carried away a uniquely designed program as a souvenir of the evening.

The Athenaeum hall was thrown open to the Seniors Thursday evening for the entertainment of their club. The first part of the evening was taken up by a literary program, followed by singing and old-time games. In the word contest Mr. Goodman succeeded in gaining first prize, while Mr. Bours through repeated efforts, bore away the booby prize.

At a recent meeting of the Faculty, it was decided to have, instead of the essays at Commencement, an address by some distinguished personage. Although this is different from the usual exercises, we believe that it will be fully as profitable. No worrying over essays!!

Lost, strayed or stolen, (the latter we think,) five bricks of ice-cream. Later, an empty cream can was seen in one of the young lady’s rooms. There is such a thing as carrying a joke too far, and we think such is the case, when it comes to carrying it from the College to the Seminary.

LAKE FOREST ACADEMY.

Kennedy has lost a collar button.

Mr. Hanson is ill with the grip in Chicago.

Professor Burnap was in Chicago last week for two days.

First Student—(significantly)—“Has it taken yet?”

Second Student—Yes, it has taken nine days to get the use of my arm.”

Seven young gentlemen, with Prof. Dudley, treated us to a song and a consequent encore Saturday. They were loudly applauded.

Mr. Fred. Smith, alias “Gimpy,” is confined to his bed by illness, but we are glad to state that the possibility of its being serious is passed.

On Wednesday forenoon the Tri Kappa Society held its declamation preliminary contest, and Gamma Sigma holds its preliminary contest in debate.

Because of Mr. Andrew Cooke’s illness, Tri Kappa postponed her preliminary contest in declamation. Instead, a short and exceedingly enthusiastic session was held before the adjournment to Gamma Sigma’s preliminary.

Our chapel exercises Thursday were made doubly interesting by the presence of Dr. McClure, who spoke to the boys in a way that bespoke his great interest in them. It is but seldom we have a chance to enjoy remarks from him, and we appreciate the opportunity.

Friday morning, immediately after chapel, those present resolved themselves into an athletic meeting with Prof. Williams as chairman, to elect a manager for the base-ball team. After remarks by the chairman on the depleted condition of the treasury, nominations were made. The election resulted in a vote of 52 for Mr. Jaeger, the next higher candidate receiving 19 votes.

“Business Life of the Romans” was the subject of a paper read by Prof. Palmer to the Latin students and as many more as wished to listen last Thursday. A profitable hour was spent by those who flocked to hear him, for, as the Academy students know, the Professor’s papers are always exceedingly interesting and, it is superfluous to add, instructive.
Last Wednesday at 11 a.m. Gamma Sigma held her preliminary contest in declamation. The members of Tri Kappa were invited into the chapel where the contest was held, and also a number of Gamma Sigma alumni, who were loudly cheered as they entered. The judges accorded first place to Mr. Newton and second place to Mr. Leland H. Gilleland. All the declaimers spoke remarkably well, especially Mr. Cross, but as there are only two choices, some one must be disappointed. The contestants were as follows: R. Cross, W. Rumsey, M. Schudder, W. A. Newton and L. H. Gilleland.

A PARADOX.

This question has vexed me, for many long years, And vainly I've sought an explanation, A youth though he slumbers till ten every morn, Is one of the rising generation. —Adelbert.

All life is plunged in deepest gloom; To dance and sing is wicked here, For songs shall vanish in the tomb, And "hops" all vanish in the bier.

—Columbia Spectator.

TO A FARMER.

Oh! thrifty farmer do not fail To send your son to college; For there he'll learn to sow wild oats, Together with the knowledge.

That horse and pony are the same; That Bohns are stimulations Which aid the cribs (not used for corn) To pass examinations.

—The Adelbert.

The following does not describe one of the trials of editing The Stentor:

The editor has asked for poetry, he gets, divinely inspired monologue, decalogue, epilogue, prologue and what not. Seas of Summer's shimmering silver silence softly sitting on the sward almost capsize his fragile comprehension and he publishes as much of it as he can find space for while echoing Mr. Morrison's suggestion to future contributors:

When you write a merry jest, Cut it short;
'Twill be too long at its best, Cut it short;
Life is brief and full of care, Editors don't like to swear, Treat your poem like your hair, Cut it short. —Ex.

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