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IN presenting to the students and friends of New York's oldest and foremost University, the first number of the COLUMBIA SPECTATOR, the editors beg to be excused from any formal salutatory or enumeration of the plans and intended attractions of the paper. The primary objects for which the latter was started have been set forth at length in the prospectus, and need not be reiterated here, while as to the success of the editors in attaining these objects, they are very willing to allow each number of the paper to speak for itself and to be judged on its own merits. The SPECTATOR seeks to be nothing more than an interesting and instructive University paper, more "newsy" and lighter in tone than the periodicals which have hitherto flourished so well at Columbia, and devoting more space and attention than these to the School of Mines, the Law School and the general college world. These distinguishing features can, of course, not appear very distinctly in the first number,—coming as it does at an inopportune season, and being intended principally as a general sample copy—they will, however, we hope, become sufficiently apparent in the coming year. Concerning other features and plans the editors wish only to promise that, on their part, neither labor nor pains will be spared to make the paper readable and worthy of the support of Columbia men,—they cannot, however, close without pointing out to the latter that this support is an indispensable condition for that success which the editors are so desirous of attaining.

THE support which we ask and expect is, of course, not only pecuniary in the form of subscriptions, but also literary, in the shape of frequent contributions to our columns. We do not, indeed, ask for extended prize essays or elaborate treatises. What we do desire, however, is letters on subjects of common university interest, light sketches of travel and adventure, poems, items of personal news, and anecdotes. All contributions of this kind will, if in any way serviceable, be heartily welcomed and gladly printed. The name of the writer should, however, always be made known to at least one of the editors—not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We can rarely notice anonymous contributions.

ANOTHER point which we may as well impress upon our readers at the outset is, that, under no circumstances will the SPECTATOR, directly or indirectly, serve as an organ or assistance to any party, faction or clique in what is usually called "class politics." The establishment of the paper was kept strictly aloof from all considerations of this kind, and its subsequent conduct shall be in the same tenor. Where questions arise, however, either out of the petty class-strifes or from other causes, which are of general importance to the College or the university, and on which their may be a difference of opinion among the students, the SPECTATOR will remain independent, but not neutral. The editors hope to have decided opinions on one side or the other of such questions, according to their individual sense of right, and they will certainly express their opinions without fear or favor, not hesitating, in any case, to call a spade a spade. We must apologize to our readers for dwelling at all on this point, but the state of things at Columbia is this day such, that it is of vital importance that the position of the new college paper should be distinctly understood. While, therefore, no special favors are asked, none will be given, and we hope that all parties, in and outside of college may look upon the SPECTATOR as neutral ground, above those unworthy contentions with which so many of our college classes are afflicted.

THE abolition of Class-day is a genuine "Reform." For years the Class-days at Columbia were very weakly supported, and sank into insignificance and ridicule when compared with similar exercises at Harvard or Yale. The fact is, Columbia has not the room for an

imitation of the Class-day revels of her sister colleges. The sight of some fifty or sixty ladies and gentlemen, and about one hundred students, sitting closely cramped together in our insignificant chapel, and patiently enduring the "oration" and poem, was pitiful indeed. On the other hand, it is to be regretted that '77 did not provide a more practicable substitute. The time was indeed very short for this latter purpose, and this may explain the apparent neglect, but we hope that '78 will certainly supply the deficiency next year.

BOOTH the Burial and the "Goodwood" receptions, (a description of which will be found in another column) were successful in their way. This may especially be said of the Burial, which was not disgraced by the riotous proceedings generally attendant on this popular college festival. The "Goodwood" suffered from the inclemency of the weather, and the mistaken date in the announcement in one of the evening papers. By the way, a very disgusting feature of the latter were the vulgar "puffs" of the festival and the recipient inserted the next day by the inch in several of the daily papers. If any of the students had anything to do with their insertion, they certainly disgraced themselves and their college. The cheap notoriety thus gained, at the expense of truth and honor, should be below the desires of Columbia gentlemen. We write the more unreservedly, since we are certain that the recipient himself had nothing whatever to do, personally, with the disagreeable circumstances to which we refer. Besides, such accounts as that in the *Sun* give an unnecessary publicity to the details of Columbia "class-politics," a feature which every true friend of the College should do his utmost to abolish, or, at least, to hide from public view. It may be that the very accounts which we are censuring, together with the speech of the evening may serve to induce the class of '79 and other classes hereafter to do away with "Goodwood" altogether, and thus rid Columbia of a festival, the only consequences of which have hitherto been to satisfy a few, and create ill feelings in many. But on this point we hope to say more hereafter.

ACORRESPONDENT, in another column, ably contends for more optional studies, and the privilege of voluntary attendance at the lectures. With regard to the former, we heartily agree with him, while as to the latter desire—more implied than expressed in his letter—we need but to point to the news which comes from Harvard this month, to point out the impracticability of its fulfillment. For two years the Faculty of Harvard have tried the experiment of dispensing with the calling of the roll of the Senior class,

and the result, particularly with '77, has been that a very large proportion of the class have habitually "cut" the recitations, and it is feared that thirty-six students will be deprived of their degree this year in consequence. The fact is, before we can introduce the rules of German Universities here, we must have the same kind of students here as are there, and till then all attempts to hold classes together, otherwise than by providing a penalty for non-attendance, will prove futile. The new rule of Harvard, allowing the privilege of voluntary attendance to Juniors who average more than seventy per cent., is practically a restoration of the old plan of marking absences, since such students as average so high a per cent. are rarely, if ever, found in the ranks of the noble army of "slopers." The whole matter is, however, discouraging, showing, as it does, that not even in the oldest and foremost American University an important privilege can be allowed to the students without abuse. After this experiment at Harvard, we trust no one will, for some time, seriously suggest its repetition at Columbia.

HARVARD has wisely concluded to accept our challenge, and, accordingly, the race will take place on the 26th of June, at Springfield, over a course of four miles straight away. The Columbia eight have been decided on as follows:

Edmund H. Kelly, S. of L.,	Bow.
Charles Eldredge, '79,	2.
Robert R. Livingston, '80,	3.
Cyrus Edson, '80,	4.
Henry G. Ridabock, S. of M.,	5.
Romulus R. Colgate, '80.,	6.
Edward E. Sage, S. of M.,	7.
Jasper T. Goodwin, S. of L.,	Captain and Stroke.

SUBSTITUTES.—F. D. Browning, S. of M.; G. P. Seeley, S. of M.; Herbert P. Brown, '77.

With the short time allowed for training and preparation, success would seem almost impossible; yet, considering the excellence of the crew, we may hope for the best, while being prepared for the worst. It is to be hoped that many of our students will be at Springfield, to "cheer on" and encourage our crew, at what promises to be, at all events, a capital day's sport.

WE have received a communication from the students of the University of Rome in Italy, addressed to the "youth of both hemispheres," and asking subscriptions for a monument to Giordano Bruno, the celebrated philosopher, who was burnt at

the stake in front of St. Peters, February 17th, 1600. The committee comprise twenty-three members, headed by Mr. Casati Curzio and the Marquis Colocci Adriano. We shall reprint the document in our next, as there may be some of our readers interested in the movement, which, of course, contemplates nothing but a grand demonstration of Science and Protestantism against the Popish church. As such it should meet with hearty approval.

THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

The Burial of the Ancient.

THE Burial of the Ancient of '79 took place on the 1st inst. Although this was in examination week, a very large crowd of students joined the ranks at the Worth monument, and as torches were supplied to all, the procession presented an even more brilliant appearance than usual. The band was not very large, and did not play the most appropriate music; but as all that it lacked in power was supplied by abundant zeal, and a very large bass drum, the deficiency in numbers was not felt. Some little delay was experienced in starting, and it was past eleven before the procession started. As it marched up Fifth Avenue, the Sophomores presented a peculiarly startling appearance with their black gowns and deaths-heads. Quite a number of men in the other classes also wore black paper muslin gowns, which, though cheap, were very effective, and added much to the general appearance of the funeral. The usual stops were made at Rutgers Female College, and the Windsor, for the purpose of serenading, and at a little after twelve the procession filed into the Campus, and surrounded the grave and rostrum. Mr. Wetmore was first introduced, and delivered one of the best orations we have ever had the pleasure of hearing at a burial. Mr. Kingsbury followed with the poem, which was very witty, and in which he warmed the Freshmen considerably. After the singing of the funeral ode, the procession again formed and passed up Fifth Avenue to the Lexington Avenue Opera House, where a fine, large room had been procured for holding the "Sili-cernium." Members of the committee and policemen were at the door, and only admitted those holding tickets. In consequence, very little of the rowdy element, which has of late years disgraced our after performances, was noticed. The beer flowed freely, something like two dozen casks full finding their way down the thirsty throats of the assembled guests. A chairman was early appointed, but owing to the size of the hall it was impossible for him to be heard, and he soon gave up the attempt. At half-past two all the

lights with the exception of one, were put out, and one of the committee in a brilliant forensic effort bade the company farewell. After giving three times three for '79, they slowly passed out, leaving the room to the possession of the Sophomores, who finished up the night and two kegs of lager in right royal style. On the whole it was a very enjoyable affair, and one of the best burials ever held. The programmes were witty, the gowns impressive, the banner neat but not gaudy, the procession orderly, and the Lexington Avenue Opera House a great improvement on Fritz's. The thanks of all are due to the committee who performed their duty in so excellent a manner. They are,

JOHN H. MULCHAHEY, Chairman.

H. G. PAINE,	W. A. KELLOGG,
S. B. POND,	H. O. LACEY,
S. D. OSBORNE,	E. H. BROWN.

Mr. Henry G. Hilton acted as grand marshal. The pall bearers were Messrs. Lynch, Sands, Hallock and Foster.

"Goodwood."

AS is only too well-known, the dissensions in the class of '78 prevented the presentation, by the whole class, of the time-honored Goodwood cup to any one of its members. Notwithstanding this fact, however, some of his friends determined to show their regard for Mr. James W. Pryor, by presenting him with what, in the absence of any other, must be called the Goodwood cup of the year. The evening of June 7th had been set apart for the presentation, and although the day, unfortunately, was rainy, and the sky looked quite threatening at seven o'clock, the managers of the celebration were able to welcome a large, brilliant, and fashionable assembly of old and young ladies and gentlemen to the venerable halls of Columbia. Two calcium lights and numerous Chinese lanterns illumined the campus and the portico, while the President's room and the whole of the School of Mines was lighted up by innumerable gas jets. About twenty minutes before nine the portico and the President's room were comfortably filled with guests, though noticeably few students were present. Bernstein's orchestra played Auber's overture to "Kron Diamanten," at the conclusion of which Mr. William J. G. Beams made the presentation-address, which was frequently interrupted by hearty applause. He touched briefly on Mr. Pryor's merits as a student, gentleman, athlete and editor, and concluded in presenting him with the cup—a handsome work of art in its way. The recipient, after returning thanks, made some extended remarks, in which he showed the analogy between the former "Wooden Spoon" presentations at Yale, and the

Goodwood cups of Columbia. He also called attention to the fact that the Spoon had been abolished at Yale on account of "class politics." After this, he gave a sarcastic account of this evil at Columbia, which alone had rendered the whole celebration rather a private and society affair than a class enterprise. Mr. Pryor's remarks were—consciously or unconsciously—one of the most forcible and effective expositions of the absurdity of the custom of presenting such tokens of "popularity" ever heard at Columbia, though we fear the ladies present hardly understood their full bearing. The speech was often interrupted by ironical laughter on the part of the students present, and at its close Mr. Pryor was warmly applauded. The guests then proceeded to the Drawing Academy of the School of Mines, which had been ornamented with flags and banners, and here dancing was kept up until a late hour. Altogether, considering the various circumstances and difficulties attending it, the festival was very enjoyable. The managers were Messrs. John F. Brush, chairman; Louis M. Cheesman, Benjamin F. Curtis, Edward P. Schell, and S. Francis Adams.

Commencement.

THE one hundred and twenty-third commencement of Columbia College took place at the Academy of Music, on the evening of June 13th. The hall was comfortably filled, but we are not prepared to say whether the circumstance, that the exercises took place in the evening, justified the expectation of increased attendance. The platform was occupied by the Faculty, the Trustees, and other distinguished guests, but the fact that the President did not wear his customary red gown detracted somewhat from the picturesque appearance usually afforded. At eight o'clock the exercises began with music, after which Rev. Mr. Walker offered prayer. The first oration was the Greek salutatory, spoken by Mr. Lawrence B. Fletcher, the head man of the graduating class. He was followed by Mr. Howell, with a Latin poem. The other speakers were Mr. W. Kelly, S. of M., on "A State Survey," Mr. W. H. Hyde, Jr., on the "Resemblance between DaVinci and Goethe," and Mr. D. H. Norris, S. of M., on "Education for Public Life." Mr. C. M. Ward was excused from delivering his oration on "The Wagner School of Music." After the last oration, the prizes, Honor-Men Degrees, etc., were announced. President Barnard made a few impressive and excellent remarks to the graduating class, when declaring them Bachelors of Arts. A marked circumstance was the absence from the Commencement of many students, and even the prize-men. This is not as it should be. Students

should deem it their duty to attend commencement as well as the regular exercises of the College. We append the official list of the Honors and Degrees, conferred on the occasion:

HONOR MEN OF THE CLASS OF '77.

FIRST HONOR CLASS.

LAWRENCE BUNTING FLETCHER. STEPHEN YATES HOWELL.

SECOND HONOR CLASS.

CHARLES MONTAGUE WARD. WM. HENRY HYDE, JR.
CLARENCE WADSWORTH FRANCIS.

THIRD HONOR CLASS.

JOHN BUCKLEY PINE. CHANNING ELLERY.
JOHN MURRAY MITCHELL. JOHN RAMON MARTINEZ HERNZ.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS.

JUNIOR CLASS.

GREEK.—Charles Frederick Hurlburt.

Honorable Mention.—Edward Washburne Hopkins, Mornay Williams, Henry Ellsworth Gregory, Henry Lawrence Bogert.

LATIN.—Mornay Williams.

Honorable Mention.—Edward Washburne Hopkins, Charles Frederick Hurlburt.

MECHANICS.—William Porter Allen.

Honorable Mention.—Mornay Williams, Holbrook Cushman.

CHEMISTRY.—Charles Slover Allen.

Honorable Mention.—Joseph Mattison Knapp.

LOGIC AND LITERATURE.—Henry Lawrence Bogert.

Honorable Mention.—George Frederick William Holls, Edward Allen Low, Jr., Joseph Wilcox Spalding, Egbert Carl Simonson.

PHYSICS.—Not awarded.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

GREEK.—Edward Johnson Runk.

Honorable Mention.—Edward Arthur Northall, William Elford Gould.

LATIN.—Edward Johnson Runk.

Honorable Mention.—Edward Robert Anderson Seligman.

MATHEMATICS.—Abraham Illch.

Honorable Mention.—William Hallock, Theodore Bogert Foster.

CHEMISTRY.—Ferdinand Sands.

Honorable Mention.—William Hallock.

HISTORY.—Edward Johnson Runk.

Honorable mention.—William Albert Kellogg, Samuel Duffield Osborne.

FRESHMAN CLASS.

GREEK.—Henry Alford Short.

Honorable Mention.—William Warburton Scrugham, Sidney Barculo Stuart, Charles Forman Moody, Miller Emanuel Lehman, Charles Holden Johnson, Jr.

LATIN.—Charles Augustine O'Neill.

Honorable Mention.—Sidney Barculo Stuart, Charles Forman Moody, Henry Solomon May, James Alexander Stevens, Wm. Guitton Le Boutillier, Landreth Hezekiah King.

MATHEMATICS.—William Lisenard Robb.

Honorable Mention.—Landreth Hezekiah King, George Eng Blackwell, Jesse Albert Locke, Jr.

RHETORIC.—Charles Forman Moody.

Honorable Mention.—William Warburton Scrugham.

FELLOWSHIP IN SCIENCE.

LAWRENCE BUNTING FLETCHER.

PRIZES.

TRUSTEES' PRIZES FOR EXCELLENCE IN GERMAN.

LESS ADVANCED CLASS.

First Prize, \$30.—William Hallock. Second Prize, \$20.—Worthington Chauncey Ford.

MORE ADVANCED CLASS.

First Prize, \$30.—Isidore Saloshinsky. Second Prize, \$20.—Benjamin Farquhar Curtis.

TRUSTEES' GREEK PRIZES.

First Prize, \$300.—Edward Washburne Hopkins. Second Prize, \$150.—Charles Frederick Hurlburt. Honorable Mention.—Benjamin Farquhar Curtis.

TRUSTEES' PRIZES FOR ENGLISH ESSAYS.

First Prize, \$50.—Isidore Saloshinsky. Honorable Mention.—William Henry Hyde, Jr.

PRIZE OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

To the most faithful and deserving member of the Graduating Class, \$50.—John Ramon Martinez Hernz.

SCHOOL OF MINES, TORREY PRIZES.

Best in Qualitative Analysis, \$50.—George Spencer Eastwick, New York. Honorable Mention.—Granville Whittlesy Williams, Brooklyn; Leo George Cloud, Newport, Ky.; Nathaniel Lord Britton, Staten Island.

Best in Assaying, \$50.—John Glenvil Murphy, Middletown, Conn. Honorable Mention.—Charles Louis Constant, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dudley Hiram Norris, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William Kelly, A. B., New York; Charles Edward Colby, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DEGREES.

BACHELOR OF ARTS.

Fred. Stillwell Ackerman, sp. gr	William Henry Hyde, Jr.
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Theodore Vernon Boynton.	Gustave Kobbe.
Herbert Padelford Brown.	John Murray Mitchell.
Marlborough Churchill.	Philip Glendower Peabody.
Charles Augustus Clark.	John Buckley Pine.
Thomas Stafford Drowne, Jr.	William Van Vorst Powers.
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Lawrence Bunting Fletcher.	Isidore Saloshinsky.
Clarence Wadsworth Francis.	Robert Tomes.
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John Ramon Martinez Hernz.	Charles Montague Ward.
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Linus Bertram Cady.	John Glenvil Murphy.
Augustus Cass Canfield.	Ralph Nichols.
Henry Gilbert Clark.	Dudley Hiram Norris.
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Axel Olaf Ihlseng, B. S.	Arthur Thacher.
William Kelly.	James Fitz Randolph, class '76.

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Charles Louis Constant.	James Robert Priest.
George Birdsall Cornell.	Charles Louis Rogers.
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	Robert Ward Van Boskerck.

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Geo. Forrest Butterworth, LL. B.	Sylvanus Albert Reed.
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Robert Clifford Cornell, LL. B.	Henry Townsend Scudder.
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Frederick Wm. Hinrichs, LL. B.	[Class 1870.]
Jay Humphreys.	Edmund Kelly [Class 1870,
William Warner Johnson.	also,
George Kennedy.	Adeundem gradem.]
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The title of

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

was conferred on Professor William G. Peck, LL.D., and on a number of candidates in course, among whom we notice Mr. Magnus C. Ihlseng, E. M., Assistant in Physics.

Mr. John Murray Mitchell delivered an excellent valedictory address, after which the exercises were concluded.

THE COLLEGE REGATTA.

ON the 19th of May our first Spring regatta took place, and in the number of spectators and the quality of the races showed a marked improvement over the impromptu attempt in the Autumn. The balcony of the boat house was resplendent with the gay colors of the dresses of the fairer sex, who always throng to our entertainments; while the Tiger Lily, the little steamboat which tried to follow the races, was unable to do so, from the number of her passengers.

The first trial heat for the class sixes was called promptly at three o'clock, and the following crews took up position: Station 1 being the New York, station 2 the Westchester shore:

I. JUNIOR CREW.

H. CUSHMAN,	bow.
C. S. ALLEN.	2
W. H. RUSSELL.	3
W. J. G. BEARNS.	4
T. NEWBERRY, S. of M.	5
W. CONTENT, S. of M.	stroke.

II. SENIOR CREW.

F. D. WEEKS,	bow.
W. E. HILDRETH, S. of M.	2
W. R. RADFORD, S. of M.	3
J. M. MITCHELL.	4
C. M. WARD.	5
H. P. BROWN.	stroke.

Before they had gone a dozen strokes, they collided. They were called back and started again. But once

more they fouled in the first hundred yards. This time, however, the referee, deeming it useless to recall them, let them get clear and go ahead. Then followed a most remarkable exhibition of steering. First both would be heading for the Westchester shore, then they would be rowing hard to the New York side. Thus keeping up their zigzag course, they once again fouled about two hundred yards above the boat house. But '78 getting clear first, crossed the line a short length in advance. Time, 6 minutes, 51 seconds.

The next heat between the Sophomores and Freshmen was the most exciting of the day, as it was generally expected that the winners of this heat would win the final.

I. FRESHMEN.		II. SOPHOMORES.	
E. SNYDER,	bow.	H. G. CASTNER, S. of M.,	bow.
W. TAYLOR.	2	C. ELDRIDGE.	2
F. CROSBY, S. of M.	3	H. G. HILTON.	3
F. BROWNING, S. of M.	4	W. B. PARSONS JR.	4
R. LIVINGSTON.	5	H. RIDABOCK, S. of M.	5
C. EDSON,	stroke.	E. H. BROWN.	stroke.

Immediately on the word their oars struck simultaneously; but the Sophomores, with a tremendous spurt, rushed to the front, and when they had secured a half length lead, settled down to about 38 strokes per minute; the Freshmen were pulling 40. This was the order down to the half-mile post, where '80 began to creep up. The Sophomores spurted, to try to keep their lead, but in vain. The better training of the Freshmen began to tell in their favor, and with a little spurt they drove their bow to the front. Then gradually increasing their lead, they shot across the line with a length's clear water, in 5 minutes, 40 seconds. The Freshmen pulled in capital form, and their victory completely surprised the members and friends of '79.

The sculling race was a walk over for E. H. Brown, '79. The other contestants being members of the '78 and '80 crews, reserved themselves for the final heat of the sixes.

Then followed a ludicrous tub race, in which H. P. Brown '77, H. G. Paine '79, and D. M. Hildreth Jr. '79, were the three wise men in the tubs. Brown led from start to finish. The course was across the river and return.

The next event was a four-oared race between the undergraduates and graduates:

I. UNDER GRADUATES.		II. GRADUATES.	
E. E. SAGE,	bow.	P. TIMPSON,	bow.
C. ELDRIDGE.	2	G. P. SEELEY.	2
C. S. BOYD, S. of M.	3	G. GRISWOLD.	3
R. R. COLGATE,	stroke.	J. T. GOODWIN.	stroke.

The undergraduate crew jumped right off, and soon began to row away from their elders. The rudder wires of the graduate crew, breaking when opposite the athletic grounds, further tended to increase the gap,

and the undergraduates came in easy, winners by many lengths, in 5 minutes, 55 seconds.

A good day's sport was brought to a close by the rival heat of the sixes. Station 1, Freshmen. Station 2, Juniors.

They got off together, but quickly fouled, and the Freshmen, thinking they were called back, stopped, thereby losing a length. But with a few good strokes this was regained, and never lost. For they crossed the line five lengths ahead, in 6 minutes, 6 and $\frac{1}{4}$ seconds.

A special train was in waiting to convey our guests back to the city. Mr. Robert C. Cornell acted as referee, and Mr. F. R. Hitchcock as judge, at the finish. The course was one mile straight-a-way, from McComb's Dam bridge to the boat house. P.

THE HARLEM REGATTA.

THE Annual Spring Regatta of the Harlem Regatta Association took place on the afternoon of the 18th of June, on the Harlem River, the course being the usual one of a mile straight-a-way from a line just above the boat house of the New York Rowing Association to one drawn a little below McComb's dam bridge.

Columbia was not only more largely represented than any other club, but succeeded in making the best score. The first event on the programme was the race for pair-oared shells, between crews from the Nautilus, Columbia College, and Nassau clubs. Sage and Goodwin, who sat in the Columbia boat, took the lead at the start, but by the time the half-mile was reached, the Nautilus boat was a clear half a length ahead, and persistently giving Columbia the wash came in a winner by six seconds. Time—Nautilus, 5 minutes, 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds; Columbia, 5 minutes, 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds; Nassau, 5 minutes, 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ seconds.

The junior and senior sculls were next rowed; G. Mills and R. W. Rathbone, both of the N. Y. Athletic Club, being the winners in their respective classes. Columbia had no representatives. A ludicrous incident occurred at the beginning of the Junior scull race. The contestants were Mills, Fraser, and Bates. Fraser being in the center. They all got off well together at the word, but Fraser trying for the lead, gave three violent pulls and then calmly capsized. "All right!" shouted the referee; "Fraser's a good swimmer," and the setamer passed on.

The fourth race was in four-oared shells, the competing clubs being the N. Y. Athletic, Nautilus, and Columbia College. The start was a beautiful one, but the Athletics having fouled the Nautilus' boat after a few strokes, the boats were called back. The Athletic

crew having been ruled out, Columbia and Nautilus started alone. Columbia soon took the lead and was never headed, coming in an easy winner in 5 minutes, 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ seconds; Nautilus, second, in 5 minutes, 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ seconds. The winning boat contained Columbia's university four: Sage, bow; Colgate, 2; Boyd, 3; and Captain Goodwin, stroke.

Next came the four-oared gig race. The Columbia College, New York, and Nassau clubs came to the scratch. In the Columbia boat were H. P. Brown bow, Eldredge 2, Ridabock 3, Edson stroke, and Castner cox. This was a beautiful race. For three quarters of a mile the three boats pulled along side by side; here, however, the really remarkable form of the Columbia boys began to tell even against the superior weight and muscle of the older men. They gradually drew ahead, and finished in 5m. 52 $\frac{1}{4}$ s., New York second in 5m. 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ s., and Nassau third in 5m. 59 $\frac{1}{4}$ s. It may be interesting to note here, in evidence that rowing is not deteriorating at Columbia, that the vanquished New York crew contained R. C. Cornell and G. Griswold, both of whom rowed in Columbia's winning crew at Saratoga in 1874. Griswold was also a member of Columbia's university four last year at Philadelphia.

In the sixth and last race, that for six-oared gigs, crews were entered from the Columbia College, New York and Dauntless clubs. Columbia's representatives were Livingston bow, Seeley 2, Sage 3, Colgate 4, Boyd 5, Goodwin stroke, and G. B. Cornell cox. This was nobody's race from beginning to end. Within about three hundred yards from home, however, Columbia began to show gradually and slowly to the front; the excitement was intense; but at this critical moment Livingston, the bow oar of the Columbia's, turned his oar under water and caught a crab, their boat coming to a complete standstill. This only served to show the great strength of the Columbia crew, for with a dozen strong strokes they almost closed the distance they had lost, and but for this misfortune must have won the race. The Dauntless crew then, putting on a spurt, came in ahead in 5m. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ s., New York second in 5m. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ s., and Columbia third in 5m. 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ s. The Columbia crew having entered a protest against the Dauntless crew for carrying a light weight coxswain not of their own club, the race was awarded to the New York crew. They, however, were unwilling to take the prize unless the race were rowed over again. But the Dauntless crew having refused to do this, the Columbia boys, acknowledging that they were fairly beaten, handsomely declined to row, thus leaving the prize to the New York Club. It is reported, that the Dauntless club have appealed, and threaten to withdraw from the Association unless they receive the prize.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR FOREIGN LETTER.

Venice, May, 1877.

MR. SPECTATOR:—

Your request to me, concerning some letters on my present travels in Italy, which might interest your readers and the students of my old Alma Mater, reached me at Florence, and agreeable to your desire I send you these lines. As an account of Florence would, however, take up too much space in describing matters rendered familiar by scores of books of travel, I confine myself this time to my visit to Bologna and here. I protracted my stay at Bologna a day longer than I had intended, the weather being almost continuously rainy and cold, and thus retarding sight-seeing. Even under such unfavorable auspices the city interested me immensely. It is quite quaint and antique, the traveler waxes enthusiastic as his imagination transports him back to the scenes of the mediæval ages. The houses project over the sidewalks, and, supported on the exterior by pillars, form throughout the entire city arcades as a protection from sun and rain. In the interior of the buildings one sees the old open court, often surrounded with a most graceful system of pillars. The shops are small and not very numerous, and the city seems to be occupied chiefly by the private houses of which many are palaces of the old nobility built often on a very grand scale. In fact I believe Bologna is one of the richest cities of Italy. I must have read or heard this somewhere, for I certainly should hardly be justified in drawing this conclusion from the very large number of the old Italian nobility that the city possesses. The Italian nobility are obliged to remain contented with their blue blood—the yellow metal does not fill their coffers. Their pride does not suffer any abatement from this cause; they would go hungry rather than not make a show in the opera or grand promenade.

I don't know whether the bad weather was the cause of it, but the city impressed me as being inert and lifeless. In any other city the rain would be a satisfactory explanation, but the protection afforded by the arcades produces more out-door life at Bologna. I suppose the mediæval atmosphere of the place had its usual tranquilizing effect. It is not generally known that Bologna possesses two leaning towers. Neither of them leans as much as that at Pisa, but as they incline in opposite directions and stand close together the effect is quite impressive. They are entirely devoid of ornament, being built of plain brick, now dirty and faded, and one misses the beauty of the Pisan wonder. Here also, the government provides against the

opportunity afforded suicidally-inclined persons by a regulation permitting no smaller number than two to ascend at a time. My criminal intent was balked the more effectually as the companion I was obliged to hire was a dirty, unkempt shoemaker, whose prosaic presence dissipated all romantic thoughts required for *so elevated* a deed.

Like all Italian cities Bologna possesses a number of churches far in excess of that required by the population. In addition to their works of art they often possess other attractions. For example, a pillar in one of them is said to indicate the exact height of Jesus Christ. All over Italy they tax the traveler's credulity with such ridiculous statements. In the old underground Mamertine Prisons at Rome, they show deep impression of a human face in the solid rock, which they say the face of St. Peter made when he fell against it. I failed to visit the Church at Rome where the impression I believe, of St. Paul's foot is pointed out, of which Mark Twain in his *Innocents Abroad* says that if it is genuine the old gentleman must have worn number eighteens!

The University of Bologna formerly in the middle ages numbered 10,000 students from all parts of the world, now it can boast less than 500. I visited it and found the students looked very much like German undergraduates. The lecture rooms are quite small and I could not understand how they manage to accommodate the number of students. This university is famous for the female professors that have graced its halls. One of them, a lecturer on law, is said to have been so beautiful that to prevent the distraction of the student's thoughts she kept her face concealed during the lecture! I purchased her photograph, but either they were not very skilful in those days in taking pictures, or else this is one of the many ridiculous stories with which Italy abounds. The celebrated Mezzofanti was librarian here—I wonder if he never got confused in the use of the 42 languages with which he is said to have been thoroughly acquainted. The university possesses an exceedingly interesting collection of stuffed figures, casts, etc., illustrative of the natural sciences and medicine, and I spent an instructive hour and a half wandering through it. The city possesses a very fine picture gallery, but I had found out that viewing collections of art does not have the most beneficial effects on my head, so I didn't devote much time to the Bolognese masters. The cemetery is the most beautiful I have seen in Italy. In the evening I went to a circus, and discovered that clowns could be even more stupid in Italian than in English. In a scene representing the entry of the different nations, the appearance of the American flag sent a thrill through me, and I half expected the spectators to burst out into a simultaneous

storm of applause, as I had invariably seen American audiences do upon such an occasion. The outburst which greeted the entrance of Italy was not so unanimous or violent.

But I must stop short, since I am afraid, Mr. SPECTATOR, that I have taxed your patience and that of your readers too much. Wishing you all health and happiness, I am, my dear Sir, yours,

ALUMNUS PEREGRINUS, '76.

OPTIONAL STUDIES.

MR. SPECTATOR:—

I HAVE often thought, as I spent weary hours trying to learn higher mathematics, why it is that so many of us are obliged to waste time on studies uncongenial and even entirely useless to us individually, when we might devote it to literature, or in perfecting ourselves in a few things? A professor of mathematics would say, "Young man, you will never amount to anything with those ideas. If you let everything else go, learn your mathematics." Lord Macaulay must have been an exception to the professor's rule. It will be regarded as quite wonderful, by the world at large, that some awful accident did not happen to him for hating mathematics. Yes! the only argument is this *multum in parvo* expression, "Drill for the mind." It is rather useless trying to drill a student's mind for him. It reminds us of stories of mules and Dublin pigs. It is labor thrown away. The only way that we can ever learn hateful studies is at the "end of the rod."

Experience shows that students will spend more time in getting out of a disagreeable duty than it would require to do it. And, instead of that "splendid drill of the mind," we have false ways of studying cultivated; such as learning by heart, cramming, taking advantage of professors' peculiarities, etc., etc.,

Let us see what this wrong way of studying brings with it. A student comes to college a noble youth, full of fire and zeal. He meets with bad success in some study that is distasteful to him, perhaps Greek. He seeks a translation. Soon he loses self-dependence, and Latin calls for help. Other studies follow. He spoils his own inventive faculties, and with the consciousness of wrong-doing plunges into greater evils, leaving college worse than he entered it, forgetful of the maxims of Socrates, except that they had a good deal of the second aorist about them.

It may strike one man as a fine thing (*non nos*) to learn antiquities, the sails of the ships in Greek, what each leg of a table was called, and, if they had liver soup for dinner, how it was eaten in Greece, or grease.

It is encouraging to meet people who have merely read translations, that know more about ancient liter-

ature than you do. In such cases, it is necessary to show the college Diploma with seal attached, in order to convince them that you are a *very* distinguished gentleman.

Now, if the studies were optional, as in Germany, students would go to a lecture-room to learn and not need a detective. There certainly is little danger in the undertaking. Germany manages to lead the world. Some students, to be sure, would select what seems easiest, but it is quite questionable whether to make them study would not develop a resistance equal and directly proportional to the pressure.

Strength is like gunpowder,—to be effective, it needs concentration and aim. The successful man in every calling is he who is "*totus in illo*,"—who can say with Paul, "This one thing I do."

"Whatever I have tried to do in my life," said Charles Dickens, "I have tried with all my heart to do well. What I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself to completely. Never to put one hand on anything on which I would not throw my whole self, and never to affect depreciation of my work, whatever it was, I find now to have been golden rules."

Don Quixote thought that he could have made beautiful bird cages and tooth-picks, if his brain had not been so full of ideas of chivalry; and many other persons would achieve an easy success in their calling, if they were not distracted by rival ambitions.

Now by the time a class reaches Junior year, most students know what they are going to try to be. Let there be such a variety of studies that the man of literary turn may not be obliged to spend all his time on mathematics, and go into the class of literature with little preparation, trusting to his smartness. Let not the man of mathematical brain spend all his time on Greek, and let the mathematics go until the last minute. It is a very good saying of the horsemen, "Don't spoil your trotting horse by running him too much."

The faculty of a college might do much better in making the studies of the Junior and Senior years all optional, than by giving a prize for faithfulness in one favorite study at the expense of the other lessons.

A man by taking a prize in one department shows his ability to learn as much as possible in that department and as little as required in the others at least in most cases; to be sure there are men gifted in everything, but these are rare. The first advance in optional studies has been made by Harvard, and she deserves the praise that is given her by almost all students in this country. There is honor in the second position. Let Columbia take it before it is too late.

Yours Truly,

CORNICULA.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

[NOTE.—Owing to the close of the Law School as May 17th, and the consequent absence of any items of particular interest concerning this branch of the College, the Law Department of THE SPECTATOR will not be commenced till October. In the coming year, however, measures will be taken to make this department full, trustworthy, and valuable to all students and graduates of the Law School.—EDS. SPECTATOR.]

THE LIBRARY.

UNDER the above title THE SPECTATOR will hereafter bring a regular gossip on books and authors. To those who may object that the opinion of undergraduates on current literature can not be of great value, we are willing to concede the truth of their remark, but would at the same time call attention to the fact that "The Library" will contain rather information than criticism, or rather both together. A total disregard of literature in a journal appealing to an exclusively literary public would seem, indeed, unjustifiable.

The books of the season are few in number. Of course, the Russo-Turkish war draws considerable attention to the countries engaged, and the exhaustive works of Mr. D. Mackenzie Wallace on *Russia*, and of Col. James Baker on *Turkey*, (Holt), are in active demand. Mr. Wallace's work is the abler of the two, though he omits all reference to some departments of Russian life, as, for instance, the Army and Navy. With this serious omission, however, the book is well worth a week's study. For those who have not the leisure or the inclination to read these exhaustive works, Messrs. Osgood & Company have published a series of small works on the same subject. These are Dr. John Blochwitz's *Brief History of Turkey*, F.A. Shaw's *Brief History of Russia*, Col. J. M. Bugbee's *The Eastern Question*, and George M. Towle's *Servia and Roumania*. Each of these little volumes can be mastered in an hour, and they contain knowledge indispensable to the newspaper reader. They are all furnished with heliotype maps, on which, however, little commendation can be bestowed. The maps in *The Eastern Question* are grossly inaccurate, and all are blurred. Nevertheless, we know of no other publications which give so much valuable information on the subject in so handy a shape and at so trifling a cost. (Price per vol., 50 c.)

Most all of our readers have probably already made the acquaintance of Osgood's popular *Vestpocket Series* of standard authors. The neat appearance of these booklets, and their attractive contents, have won golden

opinions everywhere, and a popularity which is very great and daily increasing, in spite of the comparatively high price. The series takes a worthy rank beside the far famed "Little Classic" books of the same house, and is unsurpassed in pocket literature. They are emphatically books for boys to read and men to ponder over, and are thus equally adapted to old and young. The latest additions to this delightful series are Emerson's essays on *Books, Art and Eloquence*; on *Success, Greatness and Immortality*, and on *Love, Friendship and Domestic Life*; James R. Lowell's *My Garden Acquaintance* and *A Good Word for Winter*; Aytoun's *Lays of the Scotch Cavaliers*; Gray's *Elegy and Poems*; *Favorite Poems* by Longfellow, Holmes, Browning, Tennyson, and Whittier; Hawthorne's *Legends of the Province House* and *Tales of the White Hills*; Carlyle's essays on *The Choice of Books*, and *Oliver Cromwell*; and T. B. Aldrich's *Miss Mehetabel's Son*, and *A Rivermouth Romance*. No publishing house in the country can offer as appetizing a list this season, and Messrs. Osgood & Co. are to be congratulated on their success. (Price per vol., 50 c.)

Another series of pocket volumes, containing more matter, and being cheaper than the "*Vest Pockets*" is *Harper's Half-hour Series*, which possesses the single disadvantage that the volumes are bound in paper instead of cloth. The name "Half-hour Series" is a misnomer, as none of the books could be finished in this time, but the series is a very excellent one, destined, we hope, to replace much of the cheaper trash of the day. The first fifteen volumes include two novels. Dr. Freeman's tract on *The Turks in Europe*, Charles and Mary Lamb's beautiful *Tales from Shakespeare*, *Epochs of English History*, in eight volumes, and Mr. W. W. Cape's *University Life in ancient Athens*. The last volume in particular, will be very interesting to student, and contains many new facts concerning classical antiquity. The volumes all are neat and attractive, and the price, varying from fifteen to twenty-five cents merely nominal. The series has our warmest approval.*

Notes.

MESSRS. H. O. Houghton & Co., of the Riverside Press, have in preparation a new edition of the works of Lord Bacon, in two volumes, 8vo—of over 1000 pages each. The edition will comprise all those works which are commonly referred to, among these especially the Essays, and a translation of the *Novum Organum*. Mr. James Spedding, who so ably edited

[* We regret that want of space in our first number compels us to omit notices of other important works. The deficiency is, however, unlikely to occur again.—EDS. SPECTATOR.]

the large fifteen volume edition of Bacon's works, has supervised the preparation of this, which promises to be a most valuable work for scholars.

JAMES R. OSGOOD & Co. are rapidly multiplying their "Little Classic" editions of standard works. The latest additions are "Paradise Lost," Charles and Mary Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare," and "The Vicar of Wakefield." Of each of these the "Little Classic" is the handiest and neatest American edition extant. The price per volume is \$1.

MR. WM. D. HOWELLS will be the editor of a series of Autobiographies by eminent men, to be published in the Fall, by J. R. Osgood & Co.

THE Life of Thomas De Quincey, by H. A. Page, adds another volume to the brilliant list of biographies in the English language. It is replete with interest, and instruction, and ranks worthily besides Lockhart's, Scott, Trevelyan's Macaulay, Forster's Dickens or Ticknor's Memoirs.

MR. JOHN R. GREEN, whose "Short History of the English People" created such *furor*, is writing an extended work on the same subject, to comprise five volumes, the first of which is nearly ready. Harper & Brothers will be the American publishers.

TWENTY-TWO different editions of Longfellow's Poems are published in England, and a new and excellent translation of his "Evangeline" has just been published in Leipzig.

"THE AUTOCRAT AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE," by Dr. Holmes, is having a large sale in German, under the title of "Der Tischdespot."

PROF. O. N. ROOD'S work on "Chromatics" is soon expected at D. Appleton & Co's. It will appear in the "International Scientific Series."

Magazines.

THE *Atlantic* has just closed a volume unprecedented, even in the annals of this magazine, for sterling worth and absorbing interest. None of our other magazines can show so many first-class articles, stories, and sketches, in six months, as are contained in the last numbers of the *Atlantic*. The July number, beginning the fortieth volume, contains two special attractions in the novels of Mr. T. B. Aldrich and Mr. Howells. Both of these are nearly perfect in their way, the former, entitled "The Queen of Sheba," being especially distinguished by that vein of humor which runs through all Mr. Aldrich's writings. The Contributors' Club is a department the interest of which becomes greater every month.

From England we have *The Nineteenth Century* for

June. This number is quite up to the standard of the first three, and altogether this is undoubtedly the *best* English monthly now published. The article by Cardinal Manning on the "True Story of the Vatican Council," is quite insinuating and bears evident traces of the *Societas Jesu* in its style. The other attractions of the present number are, "The Life and Times of Thomas Becket" by James A. Froude, a dialogue "For and Against the Play" by Lady Pollock, "Our Route to India" by Edward Dicey, and "Turkey" by Lord Redcliffe. Price, 75 c. per number. Willmer & Rogers News Co., N. Y., agents for America.

A new German monthly, in close imitation of the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, has made its appearance in Berlin, called *Nord und Süd*. The editor is Mr. Paul Lindau, the most successful German *litterateur* of the day, and the contents include contributions from the most distinguished German writers, as Geibel, Bodensedt, and the Russian Turgenieff. Price, \$7.20 per year. New York agent, Mr. L. W. Schmidt, 24 Barclay street.

The *Weekly London Times* (Brentano) is now doubly interesting on account of the Russo-Turkish war. The reports and correspondences which it contains are of prime interest and importance. We are glad to record the increasing popularity which this paper is deservedly attaining on this side of the water.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE only first-class attraction on the boards at present is "Evangeline," at the Fifth Avenue, and this can be called first-class only by a violent stretch of poetical license. It, undoubtedly, is good for an opera-bouffe, and contains many clever puns and witticisms, and some well managed spectacular pieces, as the heifer-dance in the second act, but on the whole the play approaches the vulgar nearer than anything represented at the Fifth Avenue this season. The slim attendance attests the small popularity which plays of this sort can expect in New York. And yet we are assured that it had 177 representations at Boston! Taking this fact, with the recent "Soldene" disturbances, it would seem that "our modern Athens" was imitating only the dissolute manners of its ancient prototype, and that even the Hub of the universe has sunk somewhat into the mire.

In other respects, the Fifth Avenue theatre has enjoyed a very prosperous season, with "Life," "The School for Scandal," "Lemons," "Twelfth Night," etc., and the managers must certainly be congratulated on their excellent success.

OUR EXCHANGES.

THE Cornell *Era* has evidently made up its mind that if it does not praise itself and its College nobody will. So it has undertaken the task. It has succeeded so well that all the pages, except one, contain good puffs. Let it continue, and cover that one remaining page with like matter, as it then will make the paper exceedingly interesting. "Variety is the spice of life."

The *Era* copies the idiotic verses on "Two Tomcats," which disgraced the May *Acta*, and couples them with a sneer at Columbia. We can assure our contemporary that our students have quite different verses wherewith to keep their "drooping spirits up to the sticking point." The same number contains, besides the many "puffs" of Cornell, a lashing of the *Acta* for somnolence--an accusation, we fear, not entirely unfounded. A little less snobbery would, however, greatly improve the *Era*.

Next, in refreshing contrast, comes the *Nassau Lit.* Among other interesting reading is an excellent article on "The Poetry of Swinburne." This magazine has now reached the close of its thirty-second volume. It would be an honor to any college, and has our best wishes for its future career.

The *Hamilton Lit.* is also very readable. It has, however, one fault which is very noticable. It tries to treat of great subjects in a space too small to do them real justice.

The *Crimson* is a college newspaper, *par excellence*. It is readable, and has a great deal of news in it. It does not try to praise up Harvard, as if there was no other College that could at all compare with it, nor does it give biographies which interest nobody.

The Harvard *Lampoon* is a welcome arrival, because of its being witty without vulgarity. Some of the college papers would do well to imitate it in this respect.

The Boston University *Beacon* is full of interesting reading matter. It seems a pity that so good a paper should be in danger of going under, as it seems to be, through want of support among the students and Faculty.

The *Amherst Student* is a well-conducted paper. The editorials are brief, and to the point, and a special feature is the large amount of correspondence from undergraduate readers. This latter is neglected by too many of the College papers. Students everywhere should be urged to write letters to their College organs on all subjects which can be of interest to readers, and the papers would invariably gain in attractions. Readers of the SPECTATOR, there is a moral for you in this sentence!

ABOUT COLLEGE.

VACATION.

How did you get through the Examination?

College looks deserted now.

Eighty-seven new Freshmen to date, and twenty-five more expected in October.

Very few "flunks" and few "conditions" are the result of the examination.

The men of '79 are proud to boast that their "Burial" was so orderly that President Barnard took pains to call on the class, and express his gratification.

Mora's photographs of '77 gave little satisfaction. The class should have tried Alman.

The *Acta* is only four weeks behind time this month.

The Seniors are confronted with a very ugly dilemma. They can choose between Greek and Calculus; and, as the latter study is the terror of all "cribbers," they generally choose Greek, but this year Professor Drisler has announced his intention of taking up an author without a "pony," thus obliging the class to do something which most of them have not done since they entered College, viz: to "*study*" Greek. The class have our hearty sympathy.

Professor Archibald Alexander will assume the duties of his office in October.

There is some talk of purchasing the old church of Dr. Sabine, cor. Madison Avenue and 47th street, for the College Library, and using the rooms now occupied by the latter for lecture rooms.

The large Freshman class renders the enlargement of the Chapel an imperative necessity. The stairs will be taken out, thus allowing the use of the hall for seats. The upper story of the chapel building will be connected with the main College building by a bridge reaching into the second story.

All hopes for new buildings must be postponed for another year. The committee of the trustees having the matter in hand, recently reported "progress," which means that the present happy state of affairs will continue indefinitely.

Both Professors Chandler and Newberry are now members of the Faculty of Arts.

The President's Annual Report will be printed before the Fall.

What has become of that French Professorship which was talked of so much in the Winter?

Mr. E. J. Hallock, who so ably conducted the department of Chemistry during the past year, leaves for

Europe July 7th. He intends to spend a year in Germany, and six months in France. The best wishes of the students certainly will accompany him.

Mr. Louis H. Laudy has been appointed Assistant in General Chemistry to succeed Mr. Hallock.

The Alumni had a very pleasant dinner at Delmonico's on Friday, June 8th. The Glee club was present by invitation, and sang several popular College airs. Applications for admission to the Glee club are multiplying.

Dr. S. Austen Pearce, the musical director of the College, will now take charge also of the musical talent of the General Theological Seminary.

The new office of the COLUMBIA SPECTATOR will be in the basement of the College building on the Madison Avenue side. It will be larger and more commodious than the *Acta* office.

Don't come to College October 1st, without having two dollars ready to pay for your subscription to the SPECTATOR. You are not worthy of the name of a Columbia man, if you fail to subscribe for the paper.

The New York Delta of Phi Beta Kappa held its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 12th, at the office of United States District Attorney, Woodford. About one hundred members were present. Messrs. Lawrence B. Fletcher, Stephen Y. Howell, Charles M. Ward, William H. Hyde, Clarence W. Francis, John B. Pine, John M. Mitchell, Channing Ellery, and John R. M. Hernz, of the class of '77, were admitted as members of the Society. The following officers for the ensuing year were then elected; General Woodford declining re-election as President:

President—Hon. F. A. P. Barnard, LL. D., D. D., S. T. D.

Vice President—Oscar S. Srauss, A. M.

Recording Secretary—Edward L. Short, B. A.

Corresponding Secretary—Tenford Woodhull, A. M.

Treasurer—Robert N. Shepard, A. M.

The Society will give several literary receptions during the coming year.

Nicholas Fish, recipient of the Goodwood Cup of '67, is to be United States Minister to Switzerland. Columbia should have more of her representatives in the diplomatic service.

The crew started for Springfield Tuesday, June 19th.

President Barnard has started on a three weeks' trip to Colorado, together with a large party of New York gentlemen. We sincerely hope that he may return with full health, vigor and energy, and so resume his responsible office in October.

Mr. James W. Beekmann, '34, a Trustee of Columbia, died in New York city June 19th. His funeral was largely attended by Alumni of the College.

Seventeen of our twenty-three Trustees are graduates of Columbia. The exceptions are President Barnard, and Messrs. Ruggles, Beadle, Bishop Potter, Rutherford, and Nash.

Table of Athletics.

	Harvard.	Columbia.	Dartmouth.	University of Pennsylv.	St. Paul's School.
Mile Run,	5m. 36s.	5m. 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ s.	5m. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ s.	5m. 33s.	5m. 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.
Mile Walk,	8m. 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ s.	7m. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.	7m. 49 $\frac{1}{4}$ s.	8m. 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ s.	7m. 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.
100-Yds Dash,	11s.	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ s.	10 $\frac{1}{4}$ s.	10s.	10 $\frac{3}{4}$ s.
Run. H. Jump,	5ft. 2in.	5ft. 5in.	4ft. 11in.	4ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	5ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Half-Mile Run	2m. 16s.	2m. 5s.	2m. 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ s.		2m. 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ s.
3-Mile Race,	16m. 56s.		17m. 9s.		

SCHOOL OF MINES DEPARTMENT.

OUR former friend and special student at the School of Mines, Mr. H. C. Bowen, (and more recently assisting Dr. Chandler), has obtained the position as chemist to the Municipal Gas Works. Mr. E. G. Love, '76, Dr. Waller's assistant, has been appointed one of the city gas inspectors.

Mr. H. G. Clark, of the graduating class, was the first man of his class to obtain a position. He is the metallurgist to the Passaic Zinc Works, N. J.

G. R. Cornwall, '76, and Stuart Lindsley, are assaying for the Union Consolidated Mining Co., Ducktown, Ky.

J. K. Rees, '75, and Rolker, '76, were both in the Southern States during the recent fire at St. Louis.

The Academy of Sciences has adjourned till October.

Messrs. H. M. Munroe and W. Pistor, Prof. Trowbridge's assistants, were classmates at the S. of M. both graduating in 1869.

Dr. M. W. Iles, '75, in conjunction with Prof. Ira Remsen, has recently published a valuable paper on the oxidation of the sulpho acids derived from metaxy-lene. Dr. Iles was recently in town from Baltimore.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees, June 4th, the following appointments in the School of Mines were made :

Adjunct Professor of Surveying and Practical Mining, Henry S. Munroe ; Instructor in Drawing, Wm. Pistor ; Instructor in Mechanical Engineering, Frederick R. Hutton ; Instructor in Qualitative Analysis, Elwyn Waller, Ph. D. ; Instructor in Quantitative Analysis,

Frederick A. Cairns ; Instructor in Assaying, Pierre DeP. Ricketts ; Assistant in Qualitative Analysis, Henry C. Bowen ; Assistant in Quantitative Analysis, F. S. C. Wells ; Assistant in Assaying, F. A. Holbrook ; Assistant in General Chemistry, Louis H. Laudy.

Dr. P. E. Laudy, '72, has been delivering the spring course of lectures on Chemistry at Dartmouth College.

Dr. H. A. Mott, '73, never seems to be satisfied with his work. No sooner is his "Chemist's Manual" published than he goes to work and invents a lactometer.

C. S. Allen, Ph. B., '74, is back from Colorado, and has recently been working on some copper ores in the School.

On the 21st of May, Dr. J. S. Newberry delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on "The Evolution of the North American Continent," exhibiting over a hundred views illustrating his lecture. The lecture was delivered before the N. Y. Academy of Science, and in the Professor's lecture room.

Messrs. Murphy, Mackintosh and Colby will be the first students to graduate from the School of Mines with three degrees, viz., E. M., C. E., and Ph. B.

At the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Am. Inst. of Mining Engineers, held at Wilkesbarre, May 22, 1877, Messrs. Wm. Hollis, Joseph McNalty, G. W. Morris, and Walter Prosser, of S. of M., were elected associate members.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

THE voice of the student is heard in the land, and everywhere classical languages are unearthed for the benefit of unclassical audiences.

Amherst :

The Amherst College base ball players have bought a ball ground just north of the college grove, and at a convenient distance from a competent surgeon.

Prof. Burgess, of Columbia, lectures to the Seniors on "Constitutional History."

A geological laboratory has been prepared.

The glee club gave two successful concerts at Holyoke and Palmer.

The Brown Freshmen beat the Amherst Freshmen at base ball, 8 to 0.

Amherst beat Wesleyan 13 to 2, and was in return beaten by Yale, 9 to 4.

President Seelye has been ordained as pastor of the college church. The Rev's. Dr. R. S. Storrs of Brooklyn and R. D. Hitchcock of New York officiated.

Amherst will this year graduate seventy-five men. Of this number 42 are Republicans, 7 Democrats, and 22 Independents; 49 believe in total abstinence; 34 dance, 34 smoke, 10 chew, and 56 play cards; 13 are devoted to Political Economy, 11 to Philosophy, and 1 to the study of human nature; 7 are engaged, 4 "won't tell," while the remainder are still untrammelled.

Boston University :

Chapel encroaches on recitations, on account of tardiness among the Faculty,

The Seniors have enjoyed two receptions.

Bowdoin :

'77 has arranged very amicably for class day,

'78 has let the Ivy Day celebration fail, through the resignation of the literary officers.

Colby University :

The library has recently received fifty valuable volumes from Hon. H. M. Plaisted, M. C. The number of books has now reached 13,000.

Cornell :

On the morning of May 26th, Cornell defeated Hamilton by a score of 18 to 2. And in the afternoon Union, by a score of 25 to 2.

On May 24th, Cornell was defeated by the Crickets by a score of 13 to 3.

The nine have received a challenge from the Elmira Female Academy base ball club.

The students rejoice over the completion of the course of lectures on agriculture.

Hamilton :

The commencement exercises will be held in a wooden pavilion, to be erected for the occasion, in Clinton.

Houghtons tree day was celebrated on May 2nd.

There is some difficulty in disposing of the boats.

A complete set of the Athenæum has been added to the Rhetorical Library.

Harvard :

The crew have received from a graduate the gift of a paper boat, built by Waters & Sons. A large amount of subscriptions for the crew are yet unpaid.

The boat clubs are in danger of dying out for the lack of a few more members.

One hundred and twenty-eight applications for rooms on the sub-Freshmen list.

A mania for fence roosting has lately sprung up among the students.

For some time past it has been rumored that the Faculty intended to take some action towards securing

a more regular attendance of Seniors, next year, at their recitations; and this report took a definite form on Monday, the 4th inst., when it was voted that the unrestricted privilege of voluntary attendance at recitations should be granted next year only to those Seniors who should have obtained a general average of at least seventy per cent. on the work of the Junior year. All Juniors who get less than an average of seventy per cent. will have the privilege of voluntary attendance, so long as the privilege, in the opinion of the Dean, is not abused; if abused, they can be deprived of it; and they will be subject to the usual penalties for absences from recitations, for a period of not over two months. This seems to imply that the experiment of allowing the Seniors this privilege was a failure.

The class day difficulties of '77 have been taken out of the hands of the class, and have been definitely settled. Within a few days, the Corporation voted to compel the obstinate class to have a Class Day, after the following programme: Prof. Lowell will give the Seniors a breakfast; Memorial Hall will be open for dancing; and there will be music in the Yard during the evening. The festivities will be shared by the Senior Classes from the Law and Medical Schools, as well as by the graduates of the College. There will be no literary exercises by the Seniors.

BASE BALL.

The base ball nine was badly defeated by Yale, on May 26th, by a score of 5 to 0. The Harvard men feel very badly over the result, but hope for better luck next time.

June 2d. Harvard beat Brown 7 to 1.

June 5th. Harvard beat Manchester City Club, 10 to 4.

June 6th. Harvard beat Lowell City Club, 11 to 7.

June 8th. Harvard beat Princeton, 16 to 1.

The race for the Beacon cup, June 6th, was won by Goddard, '80. Distance, two miles. Time, 14 minutes 52 seconds.

The Freshman who, in a petition, addressed the Faculty as "Gents," may have meant well, but—

It has not been definitely decided when the Crew will go to Springfield, but it will probably be a week before the race. Their quarters will be near the Yale quarters, in West Springfield.

The Crimson makes an energetic appeal for fire escapes on the dormitories. It appears that at present these buildings are entirely unprotected, and their inmates would be helpless in case of an accident.

The "goodies," women who clean the students' rooms, are complained of as being "untidy, clumsy, unintelligent, Irish." Reform is necessary.

Madison :

The base ball club needs money.

Oberlin :

The students are calling for annuals.
The Junior exhibition passed off very well.

Princeton :

The Alaska B. B. C.. of New York, beat the Princeton men on the 22d of last month, by 2 to 1.

May 23d. Yale beat Princeton 6 to 4.

'78 will really wear Oxford caps—*vulgo*, "Mortarboards," only to be distinguished from snobs.

Croquet has made its appearance.

'78 beat '80, 12 to 2.

The Faculty have refused to allow the University ball nine to go upon their proposed tour, during which they were to play the nines of several Western colleges.

Trinity :

An effort has been made, without success, to change the College colors from green and white to blue and gray.

There is much grumbling about the way the library is conducted. It appears that it is closed a month before commencement.

Many of the students desire that attendance at evening chapel be made voluntary.

The Missionary Society is trying to raise \$500 towards founding a college in China.

At base ball, Trinity was whitewashed by Yale.

Williams :

The following are the students, led by Prof. Tenney who are going on the "Williams, Rocky Mountain Expedition:" Messrs. Gilbert, Pratt, Rockwell, Adriance, Dewey, Judd, Reed, Field, Stevens, Coles, Fargo, Shepard, Athearn, Dowd, and Perkins.

Last year's *Gul* editors are badly stuck, and unless a large number of copies which were subscribed for, and are still on their hands, are taken; they will be obliged to advance money out of their own pockets to settle up accounts.

The *Athenæum* is trying to get up a base ball match between the Y. M. C. A. and the Faculty.

Pitching pennies has given place to pitching quoits.

Union :

George William Curtis will deliver the Chancellor's address at commencement.

The Class of '77 is the largest, and has the highest average of any class that has graduated for years.

Yale :

The students are calling for water. This looks bad for Yale.

The Freshmen have beaten the Sophomores at base ball.

Negotiations are in progress to get the rifle teams of Yale and Harvard to shoot a match, in Springfield, on the morning of the race.

There were thirty-four contestants for the Berkeley Latin prose examination.

The 26th of June will witness the first reunion of the Sheffield Scientific School. This is the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the school.

Professor D. C. Gilman, of the John Hopkins University, was lately married to a niece of Ex-President Woolsey, of Yale.

The Yale Opera House is to be a large, fine building, and will cost \$75,000. It will have a seating capacity of 2,500; will contain a stage seventy-five feet long by forty deep, a dancing-hall seventy-five by sixty-five feet, and a large dining-hall for the convenience of Junior and Senior promenades.

The demand for pony readers is greater than the supply. A small boy recently invaded a tutor's room and inquired whether he would like to employ anyone to read a pony to him.

SHAVINGS.

STUDENT MAXIMS.

1. "Prompt, that ye be not prompted."
2. "Have cheek, lest ye flunk."
3. "Laugh at professional jokes, lest ye come to grief."
4. "Pony, lest cousins and aunts must plead for thee in June."
5. "Have two faces, lest thy name will oft adorn the section-book."
6. "Sing not in the halls, lest ye be hauled up."
7. "Write equations upon thy cuffs, for 'tis hard times now, and paper is dear."
8. "Do anything for a mark, for a mark is a gem beyond price."
9. "Keep in the path of rectitude, unless thou canst gain an honor by other ways."
10. "Buy not the paper of thy college when thou canst peruse it at the public library, for otherwise it might succeed, and not die, as is the rule of college enterprises."—*Ex.*

A worldly youth asked his pious neighbor, last Sunday: "What do you say when you kneel down on coming into chapel?" "Now I lay me down to sleep," was the prompt reply.—*Ex.*

He sat alone in her father's parlor, waiting for the fair one's appearance, the other evening, when her little

brother came cautiously into the room, and gliding up to the young man's side, held out a handful of something, and earnestly inquired: "I say, Mister, what 'r them?" "Those?" replied the young man, solemnly, taking up one in his fingers—"those are beans." "There!" shouted the boy, turning to his sister, who was just coming in, "I knew you lied. You said he didn't know beans, and he does, too." The young man's stay was not what you call a prolonged one that evening.—*Ex.*

For the convenience of our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, and all whom it may concern, we appropriate the definition of a few of the most common college words and phrases:

A "rush" is a glib recitation.

A "dead rush" is a recitation flawless, polished and sparkling.

A "fizzle" is when a student "thinks he knows, but can't quite express it."

A "flunk" is a complete fizzle.

A "dead flunk" is made when a student refuses to get up out of his seat.

To "pass" an examination "is not to go by it, but to secure in it the necessary per cent. required for a degree."

"Cramming," (except during vacation) is an intellectual rather than a gastronomical operation.

"Cribs" in college have no connection with nurseries, but with examinations, being intended, not to rock their owners, but to pilot them over rocks.

When a student "cuts" a Prof, he simply absents himself from his instruction, no blood being drawn except when, perhaps, he tries to get the absence excused.—*Ex.*

One half of the fools in the world think they can beat a doctor in curing the sick, two thirds are confident that they can beat a minister in preaching a sermon, and all are certain that they know better than an editor how to manage a paper.

SCENE.—Latin lecture-room. Prof. (describing the spell which philosophy exercised over its devotees)—"We can imagine that so great a philosopher as Socrates often stopped in the midst of a battle and, *leaning on his musket*, meditated on some ethical principle, and *thus ran immediate risk of being shot down* by the enemy."—Class stand aghast at this possibility.

The Rocky Mountain Expedition from Williams College will not start from Williamstown in a body, but the members will be directed to a rendezvous in Chicago, July 11, one week after Commencement.

FRESHMAN EXAMINATION,

FEBRUARY, 1977.

English Literature. WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?

1. Mention principal events in life of Cock Robin.—Why did he die?
2. Mention the principal Streets in Cleveland, Ohio, stating why the police force of New York is the finest in the world,
3. Principal conspirators in this play, and the motives of each.
4. Canto 1. Trans. English Heroic Blank from, "4. says the sparrow, with my bow and arrow," To Sec. 4—11—44.
5. Mention the elements of sublimity in this passage: Why is the sparrow mentioned first?
6. Has he arrived at acclimatization in the more sequestered confines of Weehawken and New Jersey proper.
7. Scan line 1. Account for the position of the eye in sparrow. Was there anything green in it?
8. Describe all the forms of bows and arrows that have ever been used (with dates), all the persons that have ever used them, and what they died of (excepting Cupid's).
9. Examples of Paranomasia and congenital sorites in this place from Canto 1 to advertisements on page 34, beginning, "The best place in New York to buy a high hat &c.
10. State why the climate of New York is more favorable for worms than that of the Aztec Islands, and mention the various insectirora and animalcula forming the nocturnal diet of the owl.

*NOTE.—Questions 7, 8, 9 and 10 are for the scholarship. The others are for ordinary pass examination. Question 2 counts 45 marks if you show much ability in it, but your marks will mostly depend on how you stand in other departments.

Doctors and some tutors in history never allow ducks on their premises—they make such personal remarks.

Prof.—"Mr. S., tell me what you know of Shakespeare's heroines." Soph. (after much hesitation).—"Well, I think they were nearly all women."—*Ex.*

Scene, recitation in a history elective. Prof.—Was it in A. D. or B. C.? Will you tell us, Mr. Aper? I think you remember!" Mr. Aper, who is dozing, wakes with a start.—"Yes, sir, I am a member of that club, but am not at liberty to converse on that subject." (Sensation.)—*Lampoon.*