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Editorial

The first of the series of Lectures delivered by Francis H. Hoffecker of Wilmington, in the college auditorium, February 25th, on "Delaware in the Rebellion" was a rare entertainment. Especially to Delawareans was the lecture interesting.

Mr. Hoffecker in a clear and entertaining manner showed what part Delaware took in the great war of the Rebellion: how she, under the leadership of determined and brave men forced herself to the front, there to fight and die for their cause. Besides being very entertaining it was

highly instructive and any one with the least patriotism could not but help feel proud of the active part our little state took in that great war.

Mr. Hoffecker's lecture, the first of the series to be given under the auspices of the students, was followed on March 5th, by William S. Hilles, whose subject was "William Morris." Mr. Hilles in his description of the life and work of William Morris, the Mediæval poet, portrayed clearly the greatness of the man and the beauty of his writings.

Mr. Hilles has a peculiarly attractive style and

it is a rare pleasure, indeed, to hear such a discourse as his description of William Morris.

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We were treated to a rare lecture Sunday, March 7th.

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, Superintendent of the "Reform Bureau," Washington, D. C., delivered his Princeton lecture, "Social Progress of the Nineteen Centuries."

Dr. Crafts clearly and concisely reviewed the nineteen centuries since Christ, in a highly entertaining and instructive manner.

He divided the nineteen centuries into periods of two centuries each, and handled each period in turn; first taking the theological, then the social progress of each.

Dr. Crafts has the power of impressing his hearers and of holding their attention to the end.

DELTA PHI HALL, MARCH 11, 1897.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this world, Peter D. Keyser, M. D., an old and respected member of the Delta Phi Literary Society, and

WHEREAS, The noble and self-sacrificing labors of the deceased in the cause of his fellow-men and his manifest interest in the said Society have endeared him to us all; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the members of the Delta Phi Literary Society tender their sincere condolence to the family of the deceased in the affliction which they have sustained.

RESOLVED That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the Delta Phi Literary Society, that they be inserted in the Delaware College Review and that a copy of the same be presented to the family.

J. L. PIERCE.

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Committee.

At a recent meeting of the Athenaeum Literary Society the following resolutions of respect to the late Colonel Edward L. Martin were adopted:

Whereas, He who giveth and taketh away hath so willed it that our brother should depart from our midst to the great unknown world beyond, and we, whilst we recognize the hand of an all-wise God, must outwardly express the inward sorrow we feel, and

Whereas, Our records show that he was a faithful and active member of our Society;

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of our friend and brother, Colonel Edward L. Martin, who has been cut down by an all-wise Providence, to whom we humbly submit;

Resolved, That by his purity of life, nobleness of character and his eminent success in his profession, he has furnished an example worthy of imitation;

Resolved, That we extend our sympathies to the family of our deceased brother;

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect to the departed, our Society Hall be draped in mourning and that we wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, a copy inserted in the minutes of the Society, and that they be published in the Delaware College Review.

WILLIAM ELLIS.

LEVI H. COOCH.

HARVEY L. VANSANT.
Committee.

Literary

Old Brandywine,

Part III.

In thirty minutes after the arrival of Harold Moore, Sullivan's whole division had changed

front and was now facing the North; his main body lying behind the grave yard wall and the woods back of the Meeting house; his right wing extended and his left thrown somewhat in the rear in the hope to turn the British down towards the Brandywine where they would come within reach of Wayne's guns. Coming over the hill were Wayne's three companies, including the remnant of the Chester Co. volunteers; as they come the wind bears on that old familiar charging cry, which gathers strength and power until the hills around resound with the burden of their song. They take a position upon the hill a little to the right of the old Quaker temple. The little band of men of the Brandywine enter it, among them is Harold Moore weak with the loss of blood from the wound he had received when he stumbled upon the British. Green was in sight, coming with all speed, Washington with him.

Scarcely had Sullivan reviewed his line to assure himself that all was in readiness for the coming engagement when some scarlet coated men rode noiselessly out from the trees on the brow of Osborn's hill, more followed, until the hill was alive with scarlet coated soldiery; still they came up and the whole 12,000 were spread over the neighboring hills.

There in the golden sunlight stand the lost 12,000. The sun gleams upon their polished swords and glints along their rifle barrels, while it is reflected from their brass cannons in flashes of light. Over all proudly float the red cross of King George; that cross which had waved over so many bloody battle fields. Does it not seem wrong that the cross, the emblem of Christianity, should be also made the emblem of a tyrant? There it is; that cross which waved over the Scot, when, beaten to the earth, he was compelled to sue for mercy; that cross which waved over the Irish peasant in the time of famine and bloodshed. That emblem of tyranny,

rapine and plunder, wherever it appeared at the head of a company, famine, want, misery and wretchedness followed hard upon its wake. To-day it proudly flaunts its silken tald over the broad fair lands of Chester County. God grant that it may be torn into fragments and trampled deep into the earth with all the fury that can nerve the revengetul heel of the American people, that have so long submitted to the tyrant whom it represents.

Soon the British are ready for action, their cannons are wheeled into advantageous positions with astonishing quickness. Then Sullivan could be heard talking to his men; a moment after he gave the word "fire"; both wings of the American army fired simultaneously, those back of the wall reserving their fire.

Over on the opposite hill the British were seen dropping beneath that terrible hail storm of lead and iron; then the British fired and a groan went up from the American ranks; after this the fight became general. The cannons of the British were continually being moved until at last the right wing was compelled to give ground, leaving those back of the wall in an advanced position; it will be remembered they had not fired.

The British, thinking there was no one near the church, determined to charge upon it, if they could only get up back of that wall there was no doubt but that they would soon drive the Americans back; but there was that valley to cross and there they would be exposed to the cross fire of both wings of the American army. Four companies were selected and started down the hill, on they came, while both wings poured a murderous fire upon them; on they swept, but at every step of their horses they were leaving some of their men behind them, on up the hill, still no sign of motion from the men crouched under the protection of that grave yard wall, out of sight of the advancing British, on they

thundered with incredible speed. When their horses were rearing to take the wall the men arose and fired; the result of that fire at such close quarters was terrible. So great was the speed with which they had come that those in the rear were unable to stop, their impetus carried them on over the wall into the very center of the graveyard. The Americans rose up behind them and all hope of escape was cut off.

The four companies sent by Armstrong were just coming up, when they perceived the red-coats in the graveyard, they charged from the South; in the meantime the men of the Brandywine had opened fire from the interior of the meeting house. The remnant of those four companies was completely surrounded and soon the graveyard was one solid mass of struggling humanity; for a few moments they swayed back and forth like a field of wheat in a strong wind; then the fight ceased. The British were gone, but oh how cruelly was the brave band of Americans decimated.

The Americans were now slowly giving ground, when down thunders a company, their commander clad in pure white. That is the valiant Pulaski. Over the valley he goes, wherever he appears blood flows in streams. The advance of the enemy was checked by his furious charge. Here and there he goes driving them back at every point.

Washington saw that all was lost, he called LaFayette, Green, Maxwell and Stirling. "Come on, men, let us go down. I hear my brave men calling my name with their last breath. Let us go down, down to them, down to where Pulaski is." Down they did go with Washington in the lead. As they came men raised their heads to get one last look at Washington, smiled and fell back dead.

Yes, down they went, full three hundred yards into the very center of the British army, then wheeled and came crashing back. La

Fayette was wounded and came back in the arms of his aid-de-camp. "Now," said Washington, "we can afford to retreat."

In half an hour, just as the sun was going down, the whole American army was in motion, going towards Chester, while Pulaski and Wayne were covering its retreat.

Harold Moore was still in the Meeting house when the British came up, he was taken prisoner and immediately sent to Philadelphia.

Slowly and sadly the sun withdrew its warm red rays from that bloody battle field, night settled down over the earth slowly and sullenly, then the moon threw its cold pale light over the wan faces where the dews of death and night were mingled, giving to this terrible place a horrible and ghastly appearance. Once more that flag of blood had triumphed.

In the graveyard there was silence, save when some wounded man groaned aloud, or called and prayed for just one drop of water, but there was no one there to give it. Suddenly some one enters the yard, it is a young woman, on looking closer we see it is Flora. Slowly she goes round among the dead, peering into each upturned face. "Where is he? Oh God! he may be lying somewhere on these hills begging for water and no one there to give it to him." The moon shone down upon her upturned face showing it in an agony of beseeching. Then she went down to the spring and returned with a bucket of water with which she moistened the lips and throbbing fever-heated brow of all those brave fellows who were yet alive. Many a man gave her thanks for her kindness, while his eyes were filled with tears as he gave her some message for a mother, or sister, or sweetheart waiting his return down in old Maryland, then peacefully closed his eyes in his last long sleep.

Time rolled on until at last peace was declared and the war was over. Oh what shouts of rejoicing echoed from Maine to the Carolinas!

From the mountains to the sea the glad tidings flashed. The bells with notes of jubilation announced the termination of the war for liberty, in which thousands of brave men fought and died that the United States might be what it is to-day.

The reign of discord and destruction was ended; once more the dogs of war were securely bound; the cloud that had so long darkened the horizon of the American patriot, was swept away, dissipated and had vanished, and now the Goddess of Liberty, beautiful as the rosy fingered Aurora, graciously smiled upon the American people, promising untold wonders in days to come. The heavy hand of the tyrant was thrown off from the throbbing brow of the heretofore oppressed colonist; the people who had fought so long and valiantly were at last free in the sight of both God and man. The sun of misrule and tyranny had set, and the sun of freedom and equality had arisen in a sky serene and clear. Grief and suffering were replaced by smiles and exultation.

The "fire-eyed demon of smoky war," its reign of fire and sword being ended, had been thrown down from its pedestal and lay prostrate in the dust, in its place Liberty was just beginning a reign which promised peace and prosperity.

In the month of January, after the treaty had been signed, the valley of the Brandywine was decked in a snowy covering wrought by the breath of the icy north. Over the hills and valleys the snow lay covering and hiding the last traces of the terrible battle from human eyes. Every where there was peace. Along the state road in the same place as when we first saw her Flora was coming, but it was not the Flora of old; time in its silent flight had but increased her beauty. She stopped and bending over seemed to be intently studying something in the snow; look, she is writing in the snow with her finger; let us approach and get a peep at the secret thoughts of this young lady. There in the

snow at her feet were the two words "Harold Wayne."

Time passed on and winter gradually and imperceptibly merged itself into spring; the cold blasts from the North were succeeded by the warm gentle breezes from the gulf; the trees, before so bare and creaking so dismally in the wintry winds were beginning to don new leaves, which had burst their buds a few days before at the first faint whisper that spring was coming. All over the valley the barrenness and severity of winter was supplanted by warmth and gladness that promised green fields of waving grain.

About the last of April Harold Wayne came down the state road from Philadelphia; he was just returning from the prison ships where he had been held a prisoner since the day of the battle. It was night, and to-night there was to be an eclipse of the moon; as he walked on he noticed that it began to grow darker, he looked up and saw that the moon was about half obscured. "Ah!" he said, "that is my condition exactly, for many years I have been kept in darkness in the prison ships, but I am free at last, my country is a free country, and soon I will claim Flora."

When he had reached the large chestnut tree, under which Washington had issued his orders before the battle, he saw some one standing in the moonlight, for the eclipse had now passed from the face of the moon; in a few moments he recognized Flora, and she seemed to recognize him, but she did not move. As he came nearer he could see that she was weeping; he bounded swiftly forward and in a moment he had clasped her in his arms. "At last, Flora, I have escaped from the terrible bonds imposed upon me by the war and I have come to claim you. But why do you weep, are you not glad to see me?"

"So glad, Harold, that I can not tell you; it has been so dark and lonely, it seemed as if that horrible cloud would never be dispelled, and it has gone, blotted out and elusive happiness

seems once more within my grasp; my tears are those of joy."

Tears were all that were needed to complete the picture, for just as the flower is so much more beautiful in the sun's rays after it has been refreshed by the shower, so Flora so long accustomed to disappointment was rendered more beautiful when happiness came at last, and when looking back through the vista of years at what then seemed to be the blight of her happiness. It appeared like a small spot dim and almost indistinguishable which only rendered her after life brighter by the contrast

A few days after Harold and Flora were quietly married in the old Quaker temple at Birmingham. They lived to see La Fayette on his tour in 1825 and heard him respond to a toast in West Chester with the following words: "The honor to have mingled my blood with that of many other American soldiers, on the heights of Brandywine, has been to me a source of pride and delight. May the blood spilled by thousands with equal merit in the cause of independence and freedom be to ensuing generations an eternal pledge of unalloyed republicanism, federal union, public prosperity and domestic happiness."

E. L. S., '96.

The Doctor's Story.

One evening during vacation Doctor and I, to while away the hours, were telling anecdotes and stories from our lives. After one of his tales of the South, I asked him why he never married. With a smile he turned to me and said: "I suppose the usual reason why bachelors do not marry. Professor, just ask yourself the same question. Although you are not so old a bachelor as I, yet I think your answer will do for us both." Of course this reply did not satisfy me, and after a little persuasion

he promised to tell me, the next evening, the story of what had, no doubt, been the chief cause of his celibacy. I shall give his story as he told it that evening, and in it I think you will find the reason for the lonely life of many an educated man.

"To make my story clear, and to prevent occasional explanations," began the Doctor, "I will give you a brief outline of my early life. I was born in the lower part of Delaware—I will not tell you any more definite, for if you should ever happen down there I fear your inordinate curiosity might lead you to make inquiries. It is sufficient to say I was brought up on one of the fruit farms down there, and received my education in one of the 'destrict skules.' That was in the olden time, before the days of state or county superintendents, yet not so many years ago, either.

"The teachers, then, did not have to stand an examination, so the short term of three months was usually long enough for a studious and energetic scholar to find out that the teacher was not afflicted with education so much as he was with 'big head' and a desire to earn a few dollars when he could do nothing on the farm. But some of those old masters were the best teachers, so far as they were able to teach, that I have ever had, and it is due very largely to one old fellow's earnestness that I ever became interested in books, and that caused me to be what I am. After his death the teachers we had were very indifferent, and if it had not been for my previous training I am afraid I should have spent my school days more in seeking pleasure than in studying.

"During the winter, when I was twelve years of age, a family moved in the neighborhood. A daughter, May, on entering the school, soon contested with me for honors. The contest was a friendly one, and although I was very shy at first, her kindness to me soon overcame my

backwardness, and in a few weeks we were the best of friends. Before the school closed, our work being nearly all the same, and also the most advanced, the teacher suggested that we sit together in order to aid each other. Of course I was the brunt for the jokes of the whole school during the rest of the term, yet I was so pleased that I thought they should have some chance to get rid of their envy, for that I know was the cause of their continued persecutions. But to hear May say I was not to mind what those wicked boys did, was enough to cause me to submit without a murmur.

"The following terms were repetitions of the preceding one. May rising all the while in my estimation and becoming more and more the chief object of my affections, although she always appeared to think of me only as a boy and fellow student.

"When I was sixteen years of age my father decided to send me to college. This was not what I wished, for I did not like the idea of going among strangers, and then to miss the happiness of being with May the following winter was more than I thought I could bear. However, when she heard of my father's intention she seemed to think it would be the very best thing for me. The summer passed only too quickly, and my dread of leaving home became steadily greater as the time approached. The Sunday previous, I spent with May, and that day will always be remembered."

"But I am tiring you," said the Doctor.

"By no means," I replied. "I was only following you in scenes of my own life, in which I find many parallel instances. Please go on?"

"Well," continued Doctor, "before taking leave of her I told of my love for her, and said that my work should be with thoughts of preparing myself to make her more happy in after years. 'But,' said I, 'you have not given me

any word of encouragement. Can't you truthfully say you love me? Only tell me so,' I pleaded.

"She smiled sweetly and said: 'I have always liked you, and I believe I love you better than any one else.' How indefinite; yet with that I was content, and left home with a lighter heart than I thought was possible. My first year passed slowly enough, but in June I went home feeling I had done my duty, for I stood second in my class.

"The night after my arrival found me at May's home. She welcomed me kindly, and congratulated me on my success. But she was very reserved and treated me more like a mere acquaintance than like an old friend and schoolmate. She was distant and very polite, never once calling me by the old familiar names. It was not there alone I met with the frigid politeness, but all my old friends were the same. Where I expected to find cordiality and friendship, I found neither. Even at parties when I went in the room where the young people were, no matter how loud their mirth was previously, they became quiet. Yet as soon as I left their presence it became as great as ever, so I soon found I was only an impediment to the enjoyment of others.

"I tried to find out what was the matter, but everyone I asked concerning it always said they were not conscious of any change, so I was without relief. The state of affairs were such that I welcomed the time for return to college, and by the time my college course was ended, I had become almost a stranger to my old schoolmates and neighbors.

"During the vacations I spent at home, I made a number of advances to May and my former friends, but was always met with the same chilling reserve. On leaving college I received a call to teach at an academy in the South. I

thought I would try once more to win a little encouragement and friendliness from May before I left home for the scenes of my future labor.

"Gradually I brought up the subject of most interest to me, and asked her why we could not now be the friends, yes, the lovers, that we once were. I saw she was very much affected, but in reply she said: 'Oh, don't bring up such things. I would like our last evening together to be a pleasant one.' To all my remarks concerning old times she would answer, 'That is all past now. Let us not talk about it.' At last, disgusted, I took my leave."

Here Doctor stopped, and after waiting awhile, I asked him if he never found out the cause of his being treated the way he was. "O! yes," said he, "that last summer while at home, my aunt told me that folks were afraid to talk before me for fear they would make mistakes. That, she said, was the cause of all the coldness shown me. As I told her, it was all folly on their part, for I was too anxious to preserve the old friendship to pay any attention to such. Verily, I asked for love and they gave me indifference."

"What," I asked, "became of Miss May?"

"She," said he, "she married a farmer the next winter. I heard afterwards that he was in the adjoining room that last night I called on her. I don't know how she is getting along, but she destroyed my faith in woman, and has caused me to be very reserved in company."

For a long time we were both lost in thought. Looking up I saw the Doctor was once more passing through those well remembered scenes. Leaving him to his reverie I quietly stepped from the room, thinking what a jewel some woman had lost through false pride.

Exchange

Although we have often read of the good

qualities of the "Chisel," Richmond, Va., in the exchange columns of other papers, previous to February we did not have the pleasure of placing it upon our table and examining it for ourselves. But after a thorough examination we conclude that it is worthy of the praise it has received. The contents of the several departments are different in their nature from those of most of the college journals; this, of course, makes them attractive.

In addition to this the paper is valuable for the information it contains. The recent issue, contains an article on "The French Academy" that is worthy of the reading.

The "Student Record," of Reno, Nevada, has adopted a cover, or at least a style of cover that is entirely original. Since it has changed its outward appearance would it not be consistent to change the quality of the inner paper so as to make it equally as attractive? However, this is a fair sample of college papers.

Our regular visitor, the "Amulet" is again with us. De Alumnis is quite lengthy, but it must be very interesting to old students, as this is one of the few ways that old students come in contact with one another, and find out where old friends are and what they are doing. Another department closely allied to De Alumnis, but found in no other exchange, is Marriages. It might be supposed that these would be very few some months, but contrary to expectation the number seems about the same each issue. A novel idea, yet a good one, was that of presenting to each member of the school faculty the question, "In what respect do you consider George Washington great?"

The several answers are quite different, yet each shows a way in which Washington was great and anyone would be more than repaid by reading these replies.

The "Buff and Blue" of Washington contains an interesting discussion on "The American University," also a good story under the title of "Lumber Woods"

Inter-Collegiate

Yale's funds have been increased during the past eleven years from \$3,194,137 to \$4,133,083.

Johns Hopkins is the only large institution, in this country that has no student publications.

The Kansas College President's Association have, without a dissenting vote, adopted resolutions condemning foot ball.

There are 354 candidates for the Mott Haven athletic team at Harvard.

Vice-Pres. G. A. Hobart has given \$5,000 to Rutgers College. Mr. Hobart is an alumnus of '63.

The University of California has established a chair of oriental languages, including Chinese and Japanese.

William Lampson, a graduate of Yale '60, has bequeathed to that institution property to the amount of nearly one million dollars.

Ohio educates more students than any other state in the Union, having enrolled at present 16,000 men and 8,000 women in her various colleges.

The next Olympic games will be held in Paris 1900, and in 1904 the committee will chose between New York, Berlin, and Stockholm.

Representatives of ninety-nine different colleges are taking post graduate courses at Yale.

Yale expended \$54,000 for athletics last year.

During the last five years the University of Chicago has received donations to the amount of \$14,000,000.

A Professor of Fencing has been added to Yale's athletic instructors.

The University of Michigan has conferred, since last June, seven hundred and fifty degrees.

Three new buildings have been added to the University of Virginia, on the site of the annex which was destroyed by fire a year ago.

Statistics from sixty seven colleges in thirty seven states, show that foot ball students stand

one half per cent. higher in their studies than the average of the whole college.

Plans are afoot for an Intercollegiate Base Ball League of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Dartmouth, Buchnell, Amherst, Brown, Carlisle and Swarthmore.

The annual report of Captain Pratt, of the Carlisle Indian Training School, shows that last year there were 898 pupils enrolled, representing sixty one different tribes.

Mr. Washington Duke, who five years ago, gave \$85,000 to secure the location of Trinity College, a Methodist institution, at Durham, N. C., has offered \$10,000 toward the endowment of the college on condition that its doors be opened to girls.

Chicago University proposes to have the finest gymnasium in the world. The building will be 100 x 800 feet, also an athletic field 100 by 600 feet, with a seating capacity of 25,000 people, will be added. The field will be entirely closed and properly heated so that any sport can be held there through the winter.

Bowdoin has received a check for \$5000 from Crosly S. Noyes, of Washington, to establish a prize which will annually be awarded to the best student in political economy, and also a scholarship for the aid of deserving students. Preference being given to those who come from Minot, Maine, the donor's native place.

Athletic

As the base ball season draws nearer the prospects for a good team grow brighter. Captain "Buzz" Willis is making the boys hustle for positions, and there is happily, no lack of candidates for them. The pitching material, however, has not developed. Phillips seems to be the only twirler that will be able to get on the team. His work last year was good and he is practicing harder than ever.

Captain "Buzz" has had his men on the diamond every good day, and when the weather

was unfavorable, practice was had in the gymnasium. "Dickey" Reed picks up the grounds at short in his old style and his chances for the position are not likely to be blemished by any candidate. Davis, Constable, Hyland, and Marvel are possibilities for guardians of the second and third bags. The chances are that Constable and "Jeff" will come out winners. In the vicinity of first base Tinney has shown up well. He will be given a close rub by Gamble. Behind the bat "Buzz" will oversee the work of his men. He will probably alternate with H. W. Vickers, who has been doing good work in centre field. Marvel stands a good chance to capture the left field position. His work there has been of the first rate order. Other candidates who have no particular position in view are Woodward, Sentman, Crum, Maier, Folk and Hartman.

The gloves and other paraphernalia arrived last month. Everything is in readiness for hard practice. Pitcher Willis will coach the team until he leaves to join the Syracuse League Club with which he has signed for this season.

Manager Davis has completed the following schedule of games:

April 17, open.

" 24, "

April 30, Washington College, at Chestertown, Md.

May 1, Ursinus College, at Newark.

May 8, Pennsylvania Military College, at Chester.

May 15, Villanova College, at Villanova.

May 22, University of Pennsylvania Freshmen at Newark.

May 29, open.

June 2, Villanova, at Newark.

June 6, Ursinus, at Collegeville.

The need of a gymnasium instructor becomes evident as time goes on. The paraphernalia in the "gym" is not put into use by the students as it should, and the reason for all this is because there is no leader.

Every student greeted with joy the announcement of the selection of Waldo C. Wilson, '95, as Manager of the '97, football team. Mr. Wilson is not only a capable manager but a good player as well. He knows the game from a to z, as he evinced when manager and player a college. The interest which he manifested last year for the welfare of the football eleven and sports in general proved his allegiance to old Delaware. To Mr. Wilson by his untiring zeal, is due the credit of the financial status of the football team when it was up against great odds. His selection not only meets with the approval of the students but the Alumni as well. We hope that he may have unbounded success in again taking up the reins of this important department of sports.

The Athletic Association should congratulate itself in having Ellis for treasurer. He is going about the collection of dues in the right manner "Pay up or get out" is his motto. A man with such a motto has been wanted for a long time. The Athletic Association can and ought to be self-supporting and it will as long as "Skeet" is at the helm.

Soliloquy.

Late one afternoon in early spring I chanced to be sitting quietly in my room enjoying what I called peace for a season. The sun was slowly sinking behind the western hills so that, from my window, I could see her last rays as they crept slowly up the sides of the distant hills. I had been busied all day with hard work and was then appreciating the blessedness of rest; at the same time realizing the beautiful truth contained in those words of Young:

"Tired Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep."

I had scarcely dropped into a reverie when I heard a gentle rap on my door, as of someone knocking, and also a faint rustle as of wings. I got up for the purpose of opening the door, but before I had gotten half way across the floor it opened without the least noise, and a low voice

said to me, "do not be frightened." When I had sufficiently recovered from my surprise to look upon the countenance of the beautiful messenger, I saw imprinted there the glories of wisdom; immediately the thought of Minerva (the Goddess of wisdom) filled my mind, and I asked her on what mission she had come. "To help you master your greatest fault," was the answer. How quick the past, present and anticipation of the future came before me, as a mental flash of lightning. I then bade her welcome and asked her to tell me what my greatest fault was; "easily discouraged" was the quick response. From my upper abode I have seen you spending many hours of hard study trying to master certain subjects, so I am come to tell you, that success is always the reward of industry and pains. Continue in your faithful endeavors and you will secure command over yourself afterwards. Never grow weary in an undertaking that you have commenced, even though you should find it burdensome at times."

With these and many other words of encouragement she vanished as quietly as she had come. I made a new resolve to do that which I was fitted for, and to do it well. I must acknowledge my future success will be, it would seem hinged upon the occurrence, that I have just related. While this is but a mere fancy of imagination painted on the mind's canvass it has a meaning, and that meaning is for everyone to do their best whatever be the reward,

Locals

There'll come a time.

We all got back from the inauguration. Have a good time? Yes.

The seventeenth of Ireland is the next holiday.

Webb has his back up about something.

Lieutenant Gordon will, it is said, institute a bicycle corps. The majority of the cadets have

wheels so there is no doubt as to whether it will be a success or not.

Ground suitable for a good rifle range is now being looked for. Target practice is a thing we have had to do without in the past few years on account of being unable to find a suitable location for the range. We hope that they may find us a place, as "crack shots" are now at a premium.

The faculty will have installed at their own expense a fire gong to ring at the end of every period. It is to be placed over Baldwin's door on poverty row.

President Harter spent a day at the state capitol last week. His mission being in the interests of the College.

Mr. Carl Harrington, assistant to Prof. Pratt in the Mechanical and Electrical department, was called to Philadelphia on the 8th inst., on account of the death of his brother.

We have a young man named Green, who fell into a threshing machine: we rubbed him down with butterine, rolled him up in boudoline, then administered kerosene, fed him two days on parafine, made him drink pure gasoline, and on his bread spread paris green, soaked his feet in carboline, smeared his clothes with cottolene, died his hair with maeine and nursed him back with vasaline; chucked him into a magazine, but with all this he is still to be seen.

Ebe dances.

The drama to be given by the Delta Phi Literary Society promises to be a grand success. Much time is being spent in the preparation of the same, and there remains but a few weeks until it will be given.

The Alumni held their annual banquet in Wilmington a few weeks ago. Of course we weren't in it, so to speak, but all our noble faculty were in attendance. One of the students found a menu card the next day. Distilled water?

One of "Chippies" dear friends said the other day "that it was a study in itself to have followed

that illustrious youth from the time of his arrival here three years ago up to the present time.

Quite a large audience was in attendance at the lecture given Friday night the fifth, notwithstanding their being a show and a church social in town.

Friction Alley, a new name they have for their joint on "poverty row."

Every day there is an argument between a "Latin scientific" and an engineer, as to which one has the harder course and the more work to do.

Will some outside party please come to our rescue, and thus relieve us by telling us that one is equally as hard as the other.

It is rumored about College that all senior and part of the Junior studies will be made elective.

Eighteen recitations will be the required number per week. All drills, shop works, and laboratory being taken equal to a half-period of recitation.

Such a movement will be heartily seconded by every student and we all hope that such a condition of things may soon be brought about.

"Barnyard Sense" a Sussex County term.

Hugh's lady friend will surely have to disguise her handwriting, for all the boys are on to that "Hugh Martin Morris" so frequently found in the letter box.

Woodall, '99, has returned to College after having been home on account of sickness. All are glad to see him about again.

The stereopticon exhibition given in the "Old Oratory" Friday night by Prof. Powell of the Experimental Station, was very instructive as well as entertaining. May we have more of them, is the desire of all.

Jeff with his 5 A trousers and that kaleidoscopic necktie is cutting quite a figure down town, not to say anything about his sombrero.

Poor Joe has consumption? for food.

"Bored by the weak" is the new motto the Delaware College Boarding Association have adopted.

Tennis fiends are stringing rackets.

Baldwin was excused from recitations all last week to look for "the ball," so he said.

Those golf cranks should all be caged.

Jefferson Davis of historical fame? No! not he but old Jeff Davis of Delaware College fame. It is he who will this year take into the field the strongest base ball team that has ever gone forth to gain "laurels" for old Delaware.

His notices posted on the several College bulletins asking for the names of those men wishing to be candidates for the team revealed to him such a great amount of good material that he is confident of being able in a few more weeks of practice to show us a team such as we have never had before.

"Manager Davis," "Capt. Willis" thereby hangs the tale.

Springer, '98, is never hungry as he always has a "Crumb" with him.

Folk, '98, has organized a Bible Class. The majority of the students rooming in the dormitory have joined it. It is a grand thing from many points of view. "We are to have a lecture once a week on this subject."

The clergy, of poverty row, baptized the little goat a few nights ago.

Father Mullins after much search confessed that he could not find in the Bible, The fifteenth chapter of the book of Paul. Do you not think it is time we were having a Bible Class?

There will take place sometime early in the spring term a literary contest between the Delta Phi and Athenaeum Literary Societies.

It will consist of a debate and a declamation. As yet all arrangements have not been made as regards the question, debaters etc.

Sparring fever seems to be predominant just at present.

Those ripe tomatoes out in the hot house makes those "Sussex County gentleman" home-sick. Have patience boys it will not be long until you can be back in the old tomato patch.

The "Big Goat" says that the "shullaca" is a very pretty dance.

Prof. Hynson is now giving a series of lectures on Parliamentary Law. Those lectures are very beneficial to all. A great interest has been around among the students in this line as is shown by the manner in which all of our many meetings are carried on.

It is said that the Washington College students intend giving our boys a fine reception when they go there to play ball.

The hospitality shown our boys last year by these gentlemen will now be remembered. We surely could not have been treated any finer.

Andy starts down to the P. W. & B. station oh, so many times but never get's there.

Willie alias Skeet will meet Cooch a short time after the big fight on the seventeenth. We are very sorry to see these two men come together, But at the same time they can't be calmed.

Willie can't stand anything like Cooch trying to steal his Rose.

The class of '98 will adopt a pin as their emblem at their next meeting.

Ebe was found over in the library the other day with Kipling's Jungles book in his hand and looking so pleased, that one of the boys asked if he had not found some old family connections.

Sullivan walks steady by jerks.

Marriage—marit righth—Johnson versus Bagster. No flowers.

The agricultural students will be given a nine-months vacation. It is to be hoped that these gentlemen will improve their time.

D. D. Good, of the class of '98, has a position with the Westinghouse Electrical Co., of Pittsburgh.

The Senior Shamrock, it is said, will study for the Ministry. We all join recommending him to the Baptist sect.



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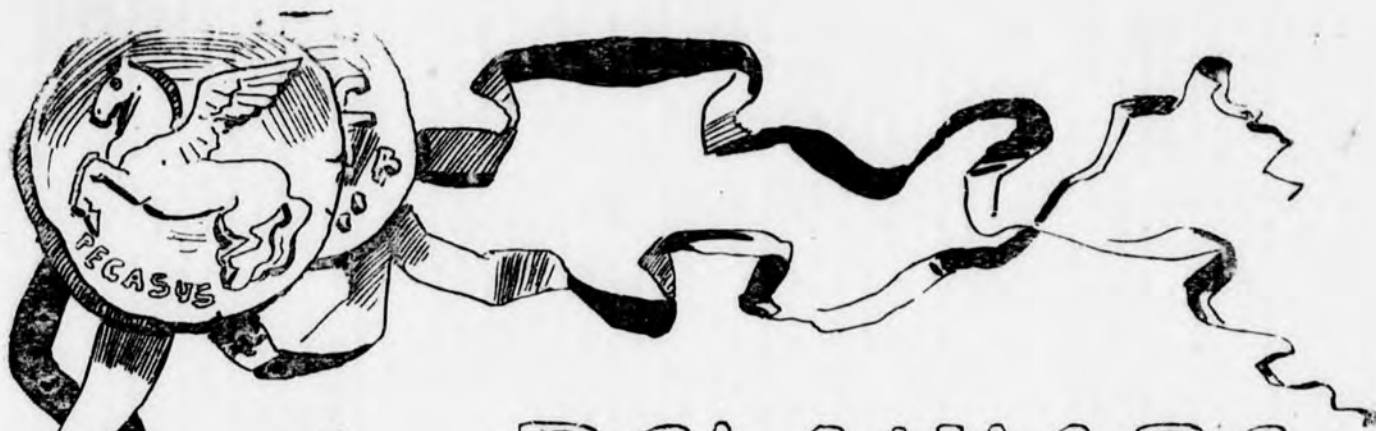
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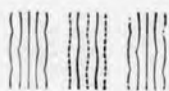
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The action of the faculty regarding commencement orations is to be commended. Instead of, as in former years, having the six men of highest standing to represent the class, they have decided to have four.

These four include the valedictorian and salutatorian, the other two being chosen from that part of the class having the least commencement work to prepare, meaning by this, from those not incumbered with society or class day work.

This action was taken with the view of equalizing the work as much as possible and representing as many men as possible.

It would happen if no such provision were made, that several of the class would have two or three orations to prepare. This now is happily avoided.

We hear, with much regret, that Chipman, our associate editor is detained at home on account of sickness, and will probably be unable to return for several weeks.

Our sympathies are with him in his sickness, and our hopes are for his speedy recovery and return to school. His services as an editor are especially missed, as he is a very energetic worker.

Again on Friday evening, April 9th, we were treated to an interesting lecture by Henry C. Conrad, of Wilmington. His subject being, "The Three Signers." The attendance was small because of the inclement weather, but

those who were out felt well repaid for their trouble in benefit and instruction received.

On May 7th, the Delta Phi Literary Society will give the drama "Enlisted for the War." It is an old custom of the society to give a play every year, but of late years the custom has not been carried out. We hope that this will help to reinstate the former custom.

The cast has been well chosen and an enjoyable evening is expected by all.

Literary

Alexander Hamilton

The story of Alexander Hamilton's life, not unlike that of most great men, is an interesting one. The character of Hamilton is probably discussed more than any other of our dead statesmen, except Washington and Lincoln. He was of mingled Scotch-French descent, a union of blood from which one may expect some strange qualifications. His mother died young and his father failed in business, so that young Hamilton was left to support himself, and before he had reached the age of 12 earned his living in a counting room. At the age of 15 he left forever the island of Nevis, his birth place, and sailed for Boston, where he arrived in October, 1772. He went from Boston to New York City, and thence to a grammar school at Elizabeth, then Elizabeth town, New Jersey, and from the grammar school he entered King's College (now Columbia), New York.

As long as Hamilton remained in New York where the Tories were in ascendant, his patriotic spirit was silent; but in 1774 he visited Massachusetts, the "hot bed" of the rebellion, and while here he became imbued with the revolutionary spirit. On his return to New York he made several speeches and wrote a series of pamphlets against English rule in

America. He was now but 17 years of age, but these speeches and pamphlets fixed his popularity and made him the recognized leader of the Anti-tory party in New York.

On the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, Hamilton was placed in command of an artillery company. In the battles of Long Island and White Plains, the retreat across New Jersey and the campaign around Trenton and Princeton, he especially distinguished himself with his daring and sagacious genius. A while after Hamilton left the army and two years before he was admitted to the bar, he married Miss Elizabeth Schuyler, a daughter of Gen. Schuyler, a rich, much beloved and very influential man in New England.

Hamilton was conscious of his ability, and upon his return from the army he began to seek political place. At the age of 25 he was appointed receiver of taxes for New York City. He held many places of public trust. He was elected, in 1782, as a member of the Continental Congress; 1787, as a member of the convention that framed the Federal Constitution; 1789, Washington called him to the head of the newly organized treasury department. He refused to accept the office of Chief Justice of the United States in 1795, but upon the death of Washington, in 1799, he became commander-in-chief of the army. This post he held until the disbanding of the army, about two years later.

Hamilton's life came to a tragic end in 1804, when, in a duel with vice-president Burr, he fell mortally wounded.

I have attempted to give a very brief account of Hamilton's early and his political life. It is impossible to go further into the details. Whatever I may say of him in the remainder of this article, I would have my readers understand that while I condemn I cannot but admire a man who rose from a poor lad, on one of

the West Indies, to one of the most conspicuous political characters America has ever produced.

Hamilton was a great and peculiar man. His character as a private citizen was corrupt, and as a politician full of plots, hatred, and not at all times free from treachery. He was not Democratic in his views and had his ideas of government prevailed, they surely would have proved fatal to our republic. It is just such policies as those of Hamilton that threaten mischief to-day.

I will not here discuss in detail his private morals. One of his most friendly biographers makes an attempt to conceal Hamilton's criminal passions by saying: "Drawn by his uncurbed passions into a low intrigue with a worthless woman, he found himself threatened with a black reputation upon his official integrity." Hamilton himself published a pamphlet partly confessing his guilt.

Hamilton was hot-headed. This is shown very clearly in the letter that he wrote to Gov. Jay, proposing a measure strictly for his party's purpose. His attack on John Adams was no less passionate, foolish, and contradictory than the one he wrote against Jefferson. Had not Jefferson and Adams been men far above the ordinary statesman, each of them would probably have challenged Hamilton to a duel.

In what I am about to say I would not have any one believe that I am trying to vindicate Burr, who was, morally speaking, a murderer, nor do I want to be understood to say that all people of Hamilton's time were in sympathy with duels. They were not. We were even then a Christian nation.

Hamilton fully accepted the code of duello. Few persons acquainted with the duelist code of honor of that day can blame Burr for challenging Hamilton. Many times Hamilton described Burr in language, as Hamilton well knew, implied in that day a readiness to answer

for it on the duel field. Even if we admit that Burr was a shallow man with a superficial brilliancy, with a conspirator's intent for intrigue of all sorts; and that he was what is known as a successful rake, tricky, and utterly devoid of a moral sense; he had a proper respect for criminal and social law. Had he not had such respect he would have sought to rid himself of Hamilton either by the dagger or poison. Hamilton was not forced into a duel. He evidently set the trap that caught himself. He who knows anything about the social law of a hundred years ago, and can appreciate what it is to be called an "American Cataline," can not lay great blame on Burr.

Few public men of that time would have censured Jefferson had he met Hamilton in a duel, when Hamilton called Jefferson "an atheist in religion and a fanatic in politics." Burr's act was one of savage brutality and the height of vengeance, but his deed was no worse than Hamilton's intent. I would not, I could not write an apology for a duelist; but will say that Hamilton bated his hook and threw it into the water. He caught his fish, but instead of his pulling the fish out of the water the fish pulled him into it. Instead of Hamilton's eating the fish the fish ate him.

Some of Hamilton's admirers quarrel because the nation does not know him, and men intimate that, "republics are always ungrateful." Let us see if this is a fact. Has our republic ever forgotten to honor Washington? Are not the names of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Lincoln, Clay, Grant and Garfield honored by most people to-day? Has our people ever forgotten to raise monuments to the thousands of illustrious patriots who have died in defense of their country? The answer to these questions is "No." In a republic, no matter what a man's station is, if he does his duty he is honored.

May I ask, can we honor those who have sought, even consistently, to deprive us of a democratic government? We forgive, but we can't forget. These are a few of Hamilton's principles of government. A regal executor movable only by impeachment, Senators to be elected for life and from the moneyed class. No Senator or Representative should receive any compensation for his services. The President to appoint all Governors, and these presidential Governors to have the power of veto upon legislation. Hamilton sought to rule the people while Washington and Jefferson sought to serve the people. A true patriot seeks to serve, not to rule his fellow citizens. Should we have ever had an American Republic, had Hamilton's system of government been instituted? The answer any one can make for himself. Hamilton distrusted the people, and the people would not trust him. He denounced Democracy as a "readesease." He was a strong advocate of the Alien and Sedition Laws. We will quote Hamilton himself to prove to every one conclusively that he was in favor of a monarchial government. This is what he says: "If the government be in the hands of the many, they will tyrannize over the few; if it be in the hands of the few they will tyrannize over the many. The check needed is a monarch." Hamilton was a believer in the strongest kind of a centralized government. Here is a lament written near the end of his life to his friend Morris: "Mine is an odd destiny. Perhaps no man within the United States has sacrificed or done more for the present constitution than myself; and contrary to all my anticipations of its fate, as you know from the very beginning, I am still laboring to prop the frail and worthless fabric. Yet I have the murmurs of its friends, no less than the curse of its foes for my reward. What can I do, better than to withdraw from the scene?"

Every day proves to me more and more that the American republic has vanished, and the No one can say that this is the language of a patriot. It sounds as if he had sought a prize in vain. He denounces the Constitution as a worthless fabric. He wishes to withdraw from the scene. He sees his hope to become king of an American republic has vanished, and he is disappointed. His career as a public man had closed. His work was done.

But we can express our feeling for Hamilton by the familiar quotation, "With all thy faults, I love thee still." He was a brilliant, forcible and able parliamentarian and lawyer. He undoubtedly reached the zenith of his profession. The part he took in the establishment of national treasury, which placed our country upon a solid financial basis, cannot be over estimated. His "Report on the Public Credit" sets forth a conservative fallacy in words of great wisdom.

Hamilton, like most other great men, made grave mistakes, but his service in the early history of our republic, were of such a nature that no other man could have done them, notwithstanding that he did not accept his policy of government, the party he represented has been, and is in both civil and religious affairs, a powerful one. Thos. Geo. Baxter, '99.

Charles James Fox

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Thus we find it as we follow the rise and fall of great men. And how intently we watch the slightest change in them. It matters not whether they are in the pulpit, in the field, on the bench or in the political arena.

Charles James Fox, second son of the infamous Lord Holland, was born in England, on the 24th of January, 1749.

Lord Holland's one idea, was to make Charles a great debater. He made him take part in all the discussions that arose at the table. His father never refused Charles anything, nor did anything to break his spirit. He is described as "a boy of sweet temper, rare talents, and inexhaustible vivacity."

At Eton and Oxford, where he was educated, he stood high in his classes, and was the best debater while at these schools. His tutor said, that application like his needed intermission, and he was the only person that he had ever to tell this.

Lord Holland's desire was not only to make Charles a great debater and orator, but also "a leader in fashionable dissipation." While yet at Eton, Lord Holland took him to Spa in Germany, then the "Monte Carlo" of Europe, and encouraged him to gamble; a passion, the fascination of which he was not able to rid himself of, for many years.

After he left Oxford he went to the Continent for two years, where he plunged into French and Italian literature. All his life Fox read Greek and Latin like English. "Euripides," he would say, "is the most precious thing left us,—the most like Shakespeare." Mr. Fox studied the drama and elocution, not with the idea of going on the stage, but because it would be an aid to him in Parliament.

When he returned to England, although not yet twenty, he became a member of a fashionable club and was its most reckless gambler.

When Fox entered the House of Commons he was not of age, no one knew of it or thought anything about it.

When Lord North was appointed prime minister, Fox became junior Lord of the Admiralty at the early age of twenty-one. Three years later as one of the Lords of the Treasury. He was junior Lord of the Admiralty under North, until February, 1774, when he was dis-

missed because of a breach of party discipline. While talking to Lord North the following cool note was handed him:

"Sir: His majesty has thought proper to order a new commission of the Treasury, to be made out, in which I do not perceive your name. (Signed) North."

From this time forward we may regard Fox's true career as beginning. He joined the Whig party, in whose ranks were such men as Burke, Dunning, Barré. He threw his whole soul and weight on their side. From the first he came to look at questions not only on the side in which he was interested particularly, but on both sides. He now became the champion of free principles.

Mr. Fox's ambition was now directed to a single object, that of becoming a powerful debator. And in this ambition he succeeded. He took part in almost every question that came up before the House. He said in after years that he had learned to debate at the expense of the House. Fox cared not for figures of speech, his one object was to get to the point. He was not satisfied to throw out a remark and let it find its way, but he must prove it. And this is the key to his success as a debater.

Burke says that he rose by slow degrees to be the most brilliant and accomplished debator that the world ever produced.

Mr. Fox was the recognized leader of the Whig party, when Lord North's administration came to an end. Rockingham now became prime minister and Mr. Fox, secretary of State. The prime minister died shortly after he had been appointed to office, and Mr. Fox fully expected to be his successor. But as he was personally distasteful, the king, George III, would not have him fill that office, thereupon Fox resigned. The next time that he held office was under the Duke of Portland, as one of the principal secretaries of State,

Mr. Fox, while one of the secretaries of State, introduced in the Commons, the East India Bill, which was intended to place all the concerns of the East India Company in the hands of the English Government. Never before had any bill of the government produced such intense excitement. It was said that Mr. Fox, after having forced himself into office, was trying to place himself above the King's reach and thus establish a ministry for life. But now all this is regarded as absolutely false. This bill passed the House of Commons, but was defeated in the House of Lords.

His most famous speeches are "The Russian Armament," which is said to be his most characteristic speech; "The Parliamentary Reform," "Secret Influence," "The Westminster Scrutiny," and "The Rejection of Bonaparte's Overtures," which is his most powerful speech, and it produced a most wonderful effect on the House at the time of its delivery.

In many speeches, Fox was not understood. He was thought always to be doing such and such a thing for his own personal interest. But the people were mistaken, for Mr. Fox, ever since he was dismissed from office under North, had been on the side of the people. What ruined Mr. Fox was his utter recklessness, both in gambling and in the political arena. During his thirty-eight years in public life he was in office only eighteen months. Although he never became prime minister, he reached the highest point as a debater. And it is with admiration and wonder that we peruse page after page of his racy speeches. And yet we cannot but help remarking how much greater a man he might have been if he had not thrown his talents into the wrong scale.

A Western Romance

Ye want to know who lives up there on that hill, do ye? Wal, you're a stranger in these sections, ain't ye? I thot so, or ye would 'ave

knowed who lives up there without askin! Why, ye must be a stranger in this county even, ain't ye? Everybody for twenty miles 'round knows that house, and what's more, knows the man what lives in it almost as well as he knows his neighbor. Fact is ain't many men in the State of Nebraska but what knows Bill Somers.

Bet ye have heard of Bill Somers what run on Demo-Pop ticket for State Senator, was endorsed by the Republicans, and by gosh he got every vote in the county 'cept two miserable prohibitionists and one hard-headed gold bug that mill-stones wouldn't crush if they was drapped on him. Bet yer bottom dollar Bill is well liked by every one. He ain't none of yer stuck up city chaps; not a darn bit of it. He is just plain Bill Somers, that's jest so honest as the days are long, and 'ud vote jest as he believed to be right if every blamed corperation in the State was there with a sack of gold trying to persuade him to vote their way.

Yes, sir 'ee, that's what it means to be a Populist with the most of 'em. It's to break loose from the old parties and be honest. Shore 'nuff some bad ones get in, but Bill Somers ain't one of 'em. No, sir, he ain't, and he is jest as glad to shake hands with you or me as he 'ud be with MciKnley, Cleveland or Queen Victoria.

Bill was born and raised right here in Seward county, and he never went to school anywhere else either. But, he can talk like a streak 'o greased lightnin'. Ye may laf if ye want to, but if ye should ever see the lightnin' playing 'round the bushy end of a cyclone ye 'ud know greased lightnin' then. But, as I said, Bill didn't get no uncommon good edication. Fact is he never got any of any account at all till he got married.

Married a schoolmarm, did ye say? That's jest what he did, and got one of the best gals west of the Mississippi. I 'members the day she first came to this neighborhood just as well as if it was only last week. She come from

Omaha. I don't know how come old Peters, the school clerk, to hear of her, but he did and hired her, too, and he did the best thing for this county that day that he ever did, no mistakin'.

Bill was to work for old Peters that summer by the month. Bill was an orphan, ye know. Wal, ye don't—I do and that's 'nuff for this time I guess. But say, stranger, don't break in on me again in that way, for it makes me nervous and kinder rattles me. Wal, as I was goin' to say, that fall when the schoolmarm come down, Old Peters sent Bill up to Seward to bring her out. He went in the farm wagin so he might bring out any luggage the gal might have, as well as herself.

Bill went, expectin' to see some old maid or other, so when the train stopped and only a young and purty miss got off he was considerable put out. He didn't dare speak first, so after waitin' awhile, and all 'cept Bill and the railroad man had gone, she went up to Bill, and in her sweetest tones said, "Beg your pardon, sir, but could you tell me where Mr. Silas Peters lives? I expected to meet him here this morning, he wrote me to that effect." Wal, that floored Bill, but in some way he managed to let her know that he was the chap there to meet her. He got her boxes in the wagin, and she got in on the seat beside Bill. And, Bill, he was just that bashful he didn't know whether he was walkin' or ridin'.

Gosh, but I bet his face was a pictur 'bout that time. She talked to Bill as onconsarned as ye please, askin' him questions 'bout the place, the school, and the people until Bill got so he actually knowed what he was sayin'. Love at first sight? Yas, I guess he was clean, clar gone on her 'fore they got out to Old Peters.

Wal, Bill soon got a notion that he 'ud like a little larnin' himself, so he got the school-

marm to give him lessons after school. Old Peters wouldn't let Bill go in the sittin'room of evenin's, so he used to get the chores done, go down to the school house and take his lessons after school, then he 'ud walk home with the teacher. Bill was uncommon smart, and 'fore the school was up I guess he had done 'bout as well as any scholar the schoolmarm had, 'cordin' to his chances.

Wal, the next winter it went along 'bout the same, but when spring come Bill told Old Peters he'd better hunt for somebody else to work for him that summer, for he was goin' away. Bill went out to Montany and went to work out there. We heard from him, off and on, through my son Jim, and heard he was doin' well. He had been away five years in the spring, when one night 'bout Thanksgiving we saw somebody walkin' home with the teacher.

Same one? Cert, she had teachd right there all the while, and the people had got to think there was nobody like her.

Why if ye 'ud asked the most of the people 'round here who they could do without the best, the guvner or the schoolmarm, they 'ud said the guvner, and meant it, too. Wal, that night, Sallie, that's my wife, says, "John, I 'clare to goodness, if there ain't somebody comin' home with the teacher."

"Let 'em come," says I, "I guess its only the preacher. But say, Sallie, hurry up supper, I want to go up to Seward to-night."

Wern't more than three minits when Sallie called out again, "John, that ain't the preacher with her, and what's more, they're comin' right up here, too."

I got up and went to the winder to see if I knowed the feller, but I didn't. Then Jim, who was lookin' too, says, "If Bill Somers wasn't out in Montany I 'ud say that's him." Wal, they come up to the house, and shore 'nuff it was Bill. He seemed powerful glad to see

us; fact is it was just the same old Bill, only he was lookin' more manly than when he went minin' camps. How he'd, by hard work, got away. Bill told some 'bout his life out in the at last a share in a rich mine, and now he'd come back with a right smart pile of ready cash to make a home and settle down.

All the while Bill was talkin' that little schoolmarm was as shy as a kitten, and when they left, Sallie says, "John, I bet Bill marries the schoolmarm."

"Very well," says I, "neither one could do better."

Bill bought Old Peters place, which had been for sale since spring, and shore 'nuff he did marry the teacher that Christmas. Bill's wife took his edication in hand after he was married, and it wasn't long 'fore Bill had got a puty good one and was able to make as good speech as anybody. Bill has done a good deal for the people 'round here, and what's more he is still doin' all he can.

Why, there's Bill and his wife now. She's jest been up to the station to meet him. Ye needn't thank me, stranger, at all for what I've told ye. It is always a pleasure to tell 'bout Bill. If ye should ever happen 'round this way again jest call on old Josh Bounds. Wal, good day, I'll jest run over to Bill's to see what they've been doin' down in the Legislature this week.

"I. Crane," '96.

Exchange

Although the "Review" is sent every month to each paper that is on our exchange list, many of these fail to reach us regularly in return. If we did not wish to receive these publications we would take their names from our list, and no doubt they would treat us in the same manner. But since we receive them sometimes, why can't we receive them at all times?

The Phoenix, from Montpelier Seminary, Vermont, is filled with valuable reading matter. The verse is always good. The only great fault we find with the Phoenix is that it is not published at least every month instead of twice a term.

"Sympathy an Element in History," in the Western Maryland College Monthly, is a well-written article and contains a great deal of truth. The beginning of a continued story entitled "A Mountain Ride and Its Result," is quite interesting and bids fair to be a good story.

One of our exchanges that comes regular is the Western University Courant. This paper has always been gotten up quite neatly, and it has been with pleasure that we have looked over its pages at its contents. Credit is due the editors for the way in which the March issue was sent to the public. The cuts are good and they make the paper attractive. In addition to this the history of the University is interesting, and it makes one hope for better times for his own college.

Many of the editorials of last month run somewhat on the same strain. That is, giving reasons why students should take some daily exercise, and that they should take this exercise upon the athletic field practicing for the ball team. From these editorials it would seem that many of the colleges have the same trouble. We can assure them, however, that they have our sympathy, as we are familiar with the trouble of which they complain.

With one or two exceptions, the front page of the cover of our exchanges is free from advertisements. Why should they not all be? Ample space could be given these ads in some other place, and with them on the front cover the appearance of the whole paper is deteriorated.

Inter-Collegiate

Over thirty candidates are now in training for the Harvard bicycle squad.

Mt. Holyoke College received, from John D. Rockefeller, \$40,000, with which to build a dormitory.

Edinburg pays her professor of anatomy \$10,000 annually. The largest salary of any college professor in the world. It was formerly \$20,000.

Colorado State College is to have a new chemical building which will cost \$26,000.

Princeton's faculty has refused to allow the proposed wrestling match between Yale and Princeton.

William Jennings Bryan will deliver the commencement address at the University of Virginia.

The students of Johns Hopkins University are not permitted to publish any periodicals.

Princeton's athletic field will be enlarged, on the side facing Prospect avenue, one-third larger than it is at present.

Oxford University consists of thirty-two colleges.

The University of Pennsylvania, during the past two years, has received gifts to the amount of over one million dollars.

Statistics of the colleges of the United States, show that one-sixteenth of the students are studying for the ministry.

The University of Paris has an enrollment of over nine thousand students, the largest enrollment of any other educational institution of the world.

Harvard proposes building an infirmary for sick students, the running expenses of which are to be met by the students.

Cornell's Sophomore crew will race Annapolis on May 15th. With one exception, the

crew will be the same as the Freshmen crew of last year.

Columbia University will build a gymnasium which will cost \$500,000.

Suante Palmer, the Swedish vice-consul at Austin, Texas, has donated to the University of Texas a most valuable library of 25,000 volumes, valued at \$100,000.

Yale has received a fund of \$25,000, to be known as the "Daniel Van Nostrand Memory Fund," the income of which is to be used for the Sheffield Scientific School.

In the Southern States there are thirty-two colleges and 162 high grade schools devoted to the advanced education of the negro.

Statistics show that in 1859, 75 per cent. of the students of the colleges and universities of this country were farmer's sons, while in 1890 there were only 3 per cent.

Princeton's new library will cost \$600,000, and will contain 2,200,000 volumes. This structure, Gothic in architecture, will be one of the finest buildings of its kind in the world.

A new racing shell for the use of Harvard's crew has been shipped from England. It is sixty-two feet long and twenty-three inches wide.

Robert C. Edgren, of the University of California, and John Flannigan, will compete in a hammer-throwing contest at Baldwin Park, Jersey City, on April 21st. Their records are 146 feet 11 inches and 147 feet respectively.

Harvard's new professor of Psychology, Professor Wunsterbarg, is perhaps the leading psychologist of Germany. He was a professor in Cambridge University for three years, returning then to Freiberg, where he has devoted himself to the writings on ethics.

The American University in Washington, under the direction of the Methodist Church, will have cost, when finished, from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. Twenty-six handsome build-

ings will decorate an expanse of ninety acres. The Hall of History, now being built, will cost \$200,000. The land cost \$100,000.

Athletic

Captain Willis has been an earnest worker for the base ball team. Immediately after the return of the students all the candidates were put to work, and they have been doing good work. Every one is showing up well, and the prospects are that the college will be represented by a better team than last year. The fielding of the nine is much improved.

During the spring vacation the diamond was scraped and rolled. It is now in good condition.

A series of class games has been arranged. The schedule as posted is as follows: May 4, Freshmen vs. Sophmores; May 6, Senior-Junior vs. Sophmore; May 11, Freshmen vs. Sophmores; May 13, Senior-Junior vs. Freshmen; May 18, Freshmen vs. Sophmores; May 20, Senior-Junior vs. Sophmores; May 27, Senior-Junior vs. Freshmen; June 3, Senior-Junior vs. Sophmores; June 10, Senior-Junior vs. Freshmen.

Manager Brown, of the tennis, courts, is getting the courts in shape for spring playing.

The first game of the season was played on April 17, when the nine representing the Wilmington High School assayed to win from the Delaware boys. Because of an early morning rain, Reed, Hyland and Phillips did not appear on the diamond when the game was called, at 11.30. Captain Willis, however, patched up a team and the game went on.

Maley was in the box for the first time. His work was good, but it was evident that he did not use all the speed which he is capable of using. Indeed, it was not necessary. From the start the school-boys were outclassed. The

work of our boys was quick and clean. Davis' batting was an important factor, and Vickers did good work behind the plate. For the High School Fahey put up the game for his team. His support was ragged and discouraging.

Because of the delay in opening the game only five innings were played. The score:

Delaware College.

	r.	h.	o.	a.	e.
Davis, 2b.	4	3	2	0	0
Vickers, c.	3	0	4	0	0
Willis, 1b.	3	1	5	0	0
Marvel, 3b.	2	2	0	1	1
Strole, s.s.	2	2	1	1	0
Tinney, l.f.	1	0	2	0	0
Pratt, c.f.	1	0	0	0	0
Maley, p.	2	2	1	2	0
G. Vickers, l.f.	1	1	0	0	0
	19	11	15	4	1

Wilmington High School.

	r.	h.	o.	a.	e.
Huxley, 3b.	0	1	3	0	3
O'Keefe, s.s.	1	1	1	1	2
Overdeer, c.	1	0	5	1	5
Middleton, 2b.	0	0	2	0	0
Farson, 1b.	0	1	3	0	0
Hahn, l.f.	1	2	1	2	1
Macklem, c.f.	0	0	0	0	0
Fahey, p.	0	0	0	3	0
Murphy, r.f.	0	0	0	0	1
	3	5	15	7	12

Bases on called balls—Fahey, 4; Maley, 1. Struck out—By Fahey, 4; by Maley, 4. Passed balls—Overdeer, 6. Bases stolen—Delaware, 9; High School, 2. Umpires—Chapin and Cooper.

Locals

Foot ball, snow ball, base ball.

Oh, I don't know, you hain't so much.

Duck trousers?

The base ball diamond is in excellent shape now. So also is the team, so lookout for us.

The professor in the civil engineering department informed a certain young man of the fact that he was "extraordinarily obtuse." That is to say, "dull," "thick," or "blunt."

Vansant, who on account of sickness was compelled to stay out of college the greater part of last term, has returned. All are glad to see him around again.

According to Hoyle, "Shamrocks" would be a dirty deal.

The spring weather that we have been having for the last few weeks, we are afraid is doing a great deal of damage in that, it has fastened itself on us to such an extent, that a great many have been heard complaining of having "spring fever." So early, too, what will it be in June, when we have to don our ducks and get out and drill in the scorching sun?

The new catalogue will be out in a few weeks. It will contain a number of views of the college and surroundings. It will be a decided departure from the style of those that have gone before. If you know of any prospective student or students send them one of our catalogues.

The drama to be given by the Delta Phi Literary Society is being rehearsed now in earnest, and promises to be a grand affair.

H. Littleton Constable, '98, is at the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, under the care of the best medical skill of that institution. A perforated ear drum is the cause of his being there. All wish for his speedy recovery, so as to be able to resume his college studies.

The college will be well represented at the Washington College game at Chestertown, as they have made arrangements to have a special car. This will reduce the rate so that all will be able to go.

The goat's ? ? ? ? ? not gone I hope? No, still here.

The Deacon's Bible Class? Where is it? Too warm for that, too?

John E. Chipman, '98, will return in a few days. Grippe seems to have gotten John into its clutches during vacation.

A very fine lecture was given the students by Mr. Henry C. Conrad, of Wilmington, Delaware. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a goodly number were in attendance. "The Three Signers" was his subject. It was well delivered and showed a great deal of research on the part of the speaker. The next of the course of lectures will be by Prof. Geo. B. Hynson, on "Hamlet."

John C. Harrington, of the class of '99, C. E.'s, died at his home, Wilmington, Del., on the night of April 17th, of pulmonary trouble, a disease from which he has suffered for over a year. The deceased was a member of the Athenaeum Literary Society, and a student for which any institution could be proud. He stood at the head of his class, and was in every sense of the word a very earnest student. The bereaved family have the most heartfelt sympathy of the whole student body.

The college team easily defeated the Wilmington High School team on our own grounds, by a score of 19 to 3. Good individual playing, good batting and good base running were the principal features of our team's playing. May we keep this record up all the year.

Two-thirds of the "Review" staff are on the sick list, so if our paper is not up to its usual high standard it can be credited to that.

The Cadets had their pictures taken the other day, so also did the base ball team have their's taken. These, we understand, are to be put in our new catalogue which is now nearing completion.

Easter Sunday, the greatest day of all the year, was spent by the students attending religious services in their separate churches. All report of having seen the prettiest bonnet.

The several committees to arrange for the commencement week exercises have at this

early date everything done, and now only await the greatest time of all the college year, to come.

The dance to be given the seniors this year by the junior class, promises to be the grandest one ever given in the college.

The coming of the government inspector is our next pleasant surprise. Oh! that it will be a cool day.

There is not any more interesting reading within the college than just to read our exchanges. We can boast of an exchange from every State in the Union with the exception of but one, or possibly two. These are to be found in the private sanctum of the editor in chief's, and are at all times at the disposal of the students.

On account of the greater number of the students being away, as well as the lecture to be given by Prof. Hynson, our Easter dance will have to be postponed.

Burnite, '97, will spend the remaining few weeks of his college course in the dormitory.

Those peach plucks on "Poverty row" are looking forward with great eagerness to the coming of summer vacation.

Wood, so says the professor in mathematics, is the only one of the Soph's that can fully appreciate the meaning of "infinity."

Armstrong is going to get a shave for the exhibition drill on commencement day.

A good cool place to spend your idle moments is in the library.

Joe Brown has a very fine chemical laboratory, contributions of old bottles, rubber tubing, etc., will be thankfully received by this gentleman.

Botany friends are in evidence.

One of the Freshmen, while in church last Sunday night, was noticed by another student to be in tears. "Why, Andy what is the trou-

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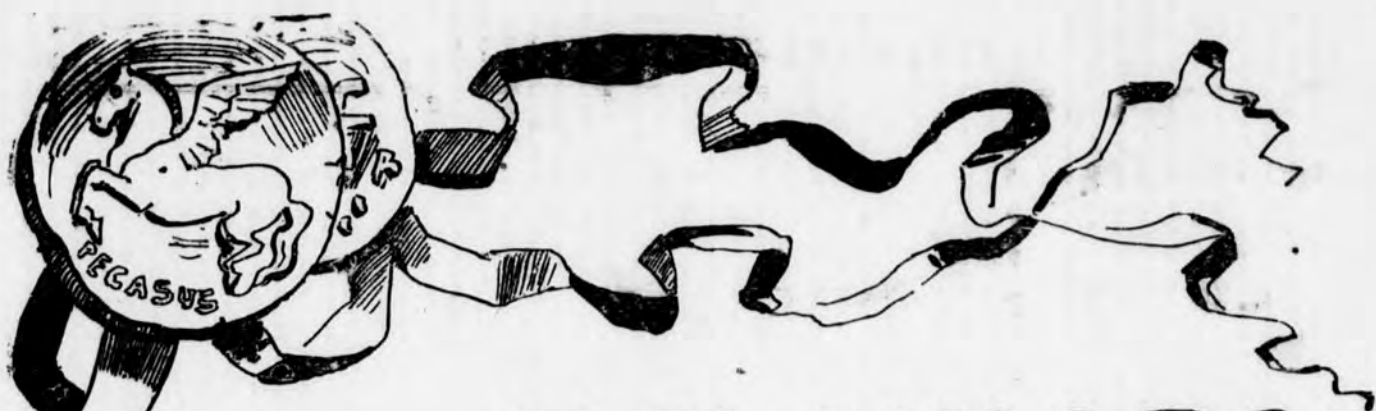
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