

—In assuming charge of local department of the *STUDENT*, we do not wish to say very much, as the editor-in-chief has made an apology of ample length for the entire corps. During our short time we shall endeavor to make our columns new-sy and interesting. A college publication does not have the world for a field in which to obtain matters of news, but yet there are incidents in school life well worth preserving, that help to make up that variety which is the spice of all life. We shall try to gather these, and with the assistance of the students, make our columns entertaining.

—Never in the history of our city have we experienced a temperance revival like the one just concluded, which has been conducted by Hon. J. B. Finch, of New York. Mr. Finch is an eloquent speaker, and well understands his subject. He has worked hard for the cause of temperance, and well has he succeeded. His campaign was of three week's duration, and comprised a series of eloquent and logical arguments in favor of temperance. His success was greater than the most sanguine could have expected. Over 2,200 signed the pledge, and now wear the red ribbon—the badge of the great temperance army. We are glad to say that nearly all the students are wearing the ribbon, and have become workers in the cause. Mr. Finch understands and feels his subject. He does not mock the unfortunate fallen, but has kind words and sympathy for them. He is inspired with a zeal that makes him eminently fitted for the work, and wherever he may go, we bespeak for him great success.

SOCIABLE.—Saturday evening, October 20th, the members of the Palladian society and their friends met in a pleasant social reunion. Notwithstanding the inclement weather of the week, a large number were present, and standing room could hardly be found. Everybody and his girl were there, and enjoyed themselves by promenading, and various quiet and social

amusements. A lunch of cakes and apples was provided, of which everybody partook with evident relish. The duet, "What are the wild waves saying?" by Miss Runyan and Mr. Hartman, with the assistance of Miss Treeman at the organ, was well rendered. After supper, another duet, a selection from the opera of "Martha," was given by Mr. Holman on a violin, assisted by Mr. Dan. Wheeler at the organ. The selection was well executed, and received merited applause. The enjoyment continued until 10 o'clock—at least that was the time the faculty recommended that the gathering adjourn—when everybody wended their way homeward, satisfied that they had passed a pleasant evening. We are pleased to note the interest which the students generally have taken in these sociables, and we are glad to say that this interest is increasing. It is proper that they should cultivate one another's society, and there is not a more pleasant way of doing so than by holding these sociables. Let's have another.

THE UNIVERSITY BUILDING.—The work of putting in the new limestone foundation is entirely completed, and other improvements are being made, as the weather will permit, that will make the University both handsome and substantial. The roof has been thoroughly repaired, and does not now admit the water so freely as it once did on the occasion of every rain storm. The old chimneys, which were lengthened with sheet-iron flues, have been raised to the proper height with brick, and the brick well and carefully painted. The gutters are now brought to an inclination such that two or three inches of water does not stand in them, as heretofore. Draining pipes have been laid to carry away the water discharged from the roof, and four cisterns to receive it have been dug at various distances from the building. The work of painting of the outside has been considerably interrupted, of late, by the inclement weather, but has progressed far enough so that it