

Snow balls have been ripe for the past week. Now look out for splits craniums.

"Always be careful what you write down in black and white." Thus sayeth the preacher.

Some of the boys are intruding. The other day one of the afore mentioned sect was discovered carefully parting his raven beard at the mirror dedicated to the girls' special use. Seventy-five demerits would be his just deserts.

This issue closes the labors of at least one of ye locals. During the time of office we have tried to perform our duties as faithfully, well and elegantly as possible. If we have not succeeded, attribute it to our inability rather than our intention. With good will we say adieu. Amen.

Our Cadet Band is wide awake this term and seem bent on doing their level best. They are to be congratulated upon having secured the services of Prof. Easter-day as their instructor. The band is composed of good material, and it is becoming well developed under the Professor's able management.

Of all mean and unregenerate creatures that inhabit this planet the most malicious and perfectly fiendish individual is the demon in human shape who, on a muddy day, intentionally and invariably splashes mud on the unfortunate beings who are within a block or two of him. It were well that such a specimen have his feet amputated to some modest bounds.

Mr. J. Allen Whyte, of the firm of Slayton & Whyte of Chicago, has just been in the city making arrangements with the Palladian committee, for the appearance of the Emma Thursby Concert Co., Feb. 18th. Antonie De Koutski, composer of "Le Reveil du Lion," will also appear, making one of the finest musical treats ever given in Lincoln.

The furniture for the new gymnasium of Cornell University cost \$30,000. What has become of ours, boys? Has the old Roman spirit so frozen in your bones that ye do no longer hang by your little toe on the horizontal bar or jab each others noses with an old boxing-glove, that has had the hay all pulled out, or has your minds become so effeminate that you dig up Greek roots and solve algebraic problems like belabored pups beneath your masters' ash?

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The *Comet*, of Concord, N. H., a high-school sheet, in a late issue contained a good parody on "Spartacus."

Our successor will find a case full of exchanges, over which he can amuse himself to his heart's content. We wish him joy.

We sometimes make suggestions, and this time we wish to suggest to the *College Chronicle*. If the editors would have the number and also the volume of the paper on the first page it would add much to the general appearance.

The *Academian* put in its appearance the other day for the first time. We welcome you to our domicile, and as you are under guidance of a Lue-Tenant we according to military discipline, shall remove our hat when ever you call.

Some people never know when they are well off. *Literary Notes* is no more, but in its stead comes the same old sheet with a new heading, *School Work and Literary Notes*. It is barely possible that the change may be a good thing, but we fail to see it.

We are well aware of the fact that the *STUDENT* has been open to criticism in various ways. Several changes will be made before the next issue, however, and from this on we hope to merit all the praise that is so liberally thrown over the *HESPERIAN* corps.

Half rates on railroads to students in Nova Scotia are so scarce that the *Acadia Athenaeum* returns "special" thanks in a recent number. Our friends should live in a civilized country, where the railroad companies are even anxious to give half rates to students, etc.

We will take it all back. The *Rockford Seminary Magazine* is deserving of praise, and if the Ex. man of this institution ever made any harsh or ungallant remarks concerning said magazine, we are very sorry, and hope the brilliant corps of lady editors will "forgive and forget."

The Chinese government recently placed five students in the military academy at West Point, and the same number at the naval academy at Annapolis, to learn the art of war, as understood by the Americans. The Japanese government has had a number of students at Annapolis, for a similar purpose, several years now.

The *Badger* has a very good editorial on politics, in the issue of the 24th. It takes the ground that a few minutes each day spent in perusing the daily papers will keep a student well informed on national politics. We think that too many students, on entering the University "leave the world behind." Sooner or later these students must return to active business, and if they are posted on what is going on, they will have an advantage that would take some time to gain.

The *Occident*, of California University, for sometime known as the only anti-fraternity paper in the United States, has at last hauled down its colors, claiming that the object for which it was originated has been accomplished, viz: the subjection of the secret societies. It proclaims that hereafter it will be devoted to the best interests of the University, but will maintain, however, the same position on the old question. The *Occident* claims that now none of the societies meddle in class politics.