

The telephone conversation recorded in one of last year's issues, is only excelled by the further development and exhibition of a certain natural propensity belonging to the one whose name was not "Kittie."

What is the reason that the antiquated, uncomfortable recitation benches in some of the rooms, can't be converted into kindling wood, and something more conducive to the attention and interest in recitation, be placed in their stead.

Tight-fitting doors have been placed inside of the three entrances thus making it probable that when the steam arrives, it will not be obliged to warm the campus instead of the halls. The improvements about the building are slow but sure.

What is the cause of so many "blue" and discouraged students this term? Is it because we are all unusually dull, or is it because the work laid out to be done is more than should be required of any student? Our own judgement is that it is the latter.

The Senior class in American History is composed of but two members, and they claim to be enjoying the study better than anything hereto met in the course. There is much fascination in unearthing the records of the first colonies, especially that of Virginia, on which the class is now working.

About 700 volumes have been added to the University Library so far this term. Many others which have been ordered, have not yet arrived. The Scientific students will be pleased to learn that a choice selection of books for that department have been ordered and will soon be available for reference.

Every one is obliged to experience at some time during his life, the chagrin caused by some egregious blunder. Our bus. man. is not an exception. Just ask him if he succeeded in wrapping his papers for mailing, by using Knight's varnish which he supposed to be mucilage; and then if you survive to do it, ask him why he intended putting a stamp upon each paper.

The members of the editorial staff deem it their duty to call upon the former business managers and also the present incumbent, for an explanation of the presence of the suspicious bottle recently found in the Hesperian office. If they can throw no light upon the subject, we shall be obliged to conclude that the occupants of the office are responsible for its presence there. How is it Knight?

Prof. Bessey has just received sixteen new microscopes—Beck manufacture—which were imported direct from the manufacturers. Fifteen are of the same size and power as the old ones. One is much larger, and is similar to the one used by Prof. Bessey in Iowa. Its magnifying power is about 10,000 diameters. "A beautiful instrument" is the spontaneous verdict of all who have been fortunate enough to see it. The botanical department is now equipped with forty-seven microscopes—twenty two compound and twenty-five simple ones.

Exercises were held in the new chapel for the first time on the 14th. inst. Rev. Mr. Gregory of the Congregational Church read the Scripture lesson, after which an anthem was rendered by the choir. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Mr. Curtis of the Presbyterian Church. Every one was shivering with cold, but the dedicatory talk by the Chancellor was listened to with much interest. He gave a brief review of the work that had been done and also presented statistics showing that there are nearly 60 per. cent more students in the four regular college classes than were in them last year; and a corresponding decrease in the number of students in the Latin School. This is as it should be and we welcome heartily this state of affairs.

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

The College Speculum comes to the front with several pages of proceedings of an Alumni Reunion. It talks of changing from a bi-monthly to a monthly.

At the bank—Robber, (leveling his revolver at the head of the paying teller), "Hold up your hands, I'm the leader of the new James gang." Paying Teller (going on with his counting), "Sorry, sir; don't know you! You'll have to be identified."

For the benefit of the Sophomore who translated, "Aviez-vous les jou joux," "had you the jim jams." We are authorized to state that the Prof. is now considered out of danger, and his classmates are slowly recovering, so that he may safely return.

Seventeen students were recently severely injured in a cane rush at Harvard. From this might be inferred that the results of these contests and our girls debating clubs are practically the same. We condemn both however as altogether too violent.

Mr. Howells, whose novels are so widely read and admired will conduct a regular editorial department of a purely literary character in Harper's Monthly, beginning with the January number. His position in first rank of American novelists is almost universally recognized.

THE HESPERIAN STUDENT appears improved and with its name shortened to *Hesperian*. We enjoyed the discussion of the character Horatio, and think it an excellent place for college students to put more study upon the characters portrayed in our greatest authors.—*The Sibyl*.

The Chicago University, which closed some time ago because its funds were all of a minus quantity, has again opened its doors. Rev. Geo. E. Lorimer has been offered the presidency which he will probably accept, if the expected rift in the financial cloud which at present envelopes that institution, makes its appearance.

The autumn leaves are fading fast:
They cannot stand the chill;
So military spirits fade
When forced in the rain to drill.

Ohio State University has ninety-nine new students this year. There are more entering in the course of Civil Engineering than in any other one. The others rank as follows: Philosophy, fifteen; Mechanical engineering, twelve; Arts, fourteen; Science, twelve; Agriculture, fourteen; Pharmacy, five; Mining Eng., two; Veterinary Medicine, one. The short course in agriculture seems to take.

We are always glad to see new exchanges on our desk, whether good or bad. Therefore we note with pleasure the arrival of the *The Lantern* of Ohio State Univ. It is as good as it usually is. The editorials must of course say something about athletics,—that is to be expected. It also contains a good description of a balloon trip. We should like to see the exchange column longer and would suggest that we spell it "Hesperian" not "Hesperion."

The literary societies at Kansas State University have contracted the bad habit of meeting on Friday afternoon instead of Friday evenings, and they are now trying to reform.

The Courier has an argument pro in the last issue. There seems to be a fear that the students will demolish something if they are turned loose in the building when it's dark. That's nonsense. If students are trusted, they are, as a general thing, trustworthy. It would deprive society going of some of its chiefest charms to have it in the day time. By all means, brethren, have your societies in the evening.