

## EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

The "Book Table" of the *Hamilton Review* for December is exceptionally good.

A lady is the prize-winner in the oratorical contest at the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The *Critic*, December number, has no exchange department. Is the omission permanent, or only a temporary necessity?

The *Earlhamite* is a remarkably good paper. Its editorial department is well conducted, and there is no lack of news in its exchange column. It is always welcome.

At Amherst, the examination system has been entirely abolished, and a series of written recitations given at intervals throughout the year has been substituted.—*Hesperus*.

The *S. H. S. Sun* is a new high school exchange. Its holiday number devotes two pages to a roll of the students. Such lists may be of interest to some people, but to the majority they are a dreary waste of monotonous initials and numbers.

College journalism originated at Dartmouth in 1800, with Daniel Webster as one of the editors. In 1809 the *Literary Cabinet* was started at Yale, followed shortly afterward by the *Floriad* at Union, and the *Harvard Lyceum*.—*Muhlenberg Monthly*.

Amherst has a senate composed of four seniors, three Juniors, two Sophomores and one Freshman, presided over by the president of the college. Matters relating to order and decorum fall under its jurisdiction, and so far, it has been a great success.—*Ex*.

We are more than ever struck by the interest being taken among college men in general, regarding literary work, and particularly, oratorical work. Nearly every college journal that comes to this office deplors the lack of better oratorical training, or rejoices over the prospect of improvement in the near future, as the case may be.

The ladies of the Minnesota State University have petitioned the faculty to be allowed to drill. There, as here, the male students drill, and the ladies are not satisfied that their brothers should monopolize the benefits derived from the exercise. The exercise, together with the rigid discipline is what the majority of girls need.

And now the *Doane Owl* is offended because we do not say that we expect to be defeated in the state oratorical contest. When we are beaten then we will keep still, but till that time we intend to have all the fun we can out of the affair. It it pleases the *Howl* to "wait," it will not be long till it will have a chance to turn loose its Ciceros and squelch us.

The following restrictions have been placed upon those who receive scholarships at Amherst: Every recipient must sign a document that he has not entered a billiard room, except the gymnasium, nor used tobacco, nor drunk liquor, nor paid money as tuition for dancing, and must also send in a signed account of his expenses for the year just passed.

Since our own Sophomores and Freshmen live in an air of "sweet balmy peace," it is refreshing to read of a college where '91 hates '92 as it ought. Where the Soph. at dead of night rises and bedews the sleeping features of the Freshy with vitriol or H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or breaks his back with a baseball bat, there and there only does proper class spirit exist. A college without its monthly funeral as a result of hazing, is behind the times, and is dead, dead, dead.

The *Haverfordian* accuses us of exaggeration in our report of a riot among Dickinsonian students on Hallowe'en. If we have stretched the truth it was not our fault, as the article criticised was taken from an associated press dispatch. Still the results of that row, as given by the *Haverfordian*, were bad enough, "a few were slightly injured, and a few more arrested." Of course the affair at Dickinson was an exceptional case, and if we have made a wrong statement of facts we are heartily sorry, but as said above it was not our fault.

There is a great deal of talk among college journals as well as in other publications about the wickedness and vice of a certain class of students at Harvard. Everyone is condemning Harvard, more or less, for this state of things. There is a "fast crowd" in every school, and in a case like this, he that is guiltless should be the first to attack. How many who deplore the sad state of things as reported to exist at Harvard, stop to think that there is something of a precisely similar nature here, only on a less extensive scale? How many, instead of lamenting the "fearful degradation" of a few eastern students, try to do something to better the condition of our own school? Reform, like charity, begins at home.

The *Index* from Gates College at Neligh, Neb., rebukes us for rejoicing over our freedom from restrictions regarding chapel attendance, and goes on to say that we disparage the discipline of Christian institutions. In the first place, the implied statement that the University is not a Christian school is all wrong. The members of the faculty are as earnest, truthful, God-fearing men as can be found, and their liberality in not making compulsory an action which should be voluntary, is no proof of irreligiosity on their part. In the second place there is as much good done by chapel services here as though students were compelled to attend. What good will it do a person to go to chapel against his will, and curse the faculty and the rules for depriving him of a few moments of his liberty? And that is what will happen. You can't force men to pray, and if you could, those forced petitions would be but a mockery.

With this issue of THE HESPERIAN the association suffers a severe, and well nigh irreparable loss, a loss that has saddened the hearts of all for a week past. The present editorial board will soon cease to exist as a board, and new men will have to take the paper in charge. But everyone feels that the present management has done nobly, in spite of serious drawbacks and hindrances. We have been hampered by lack of room, lack of materials, lack of sympathy, lack of respect. In this connection it may not be out of order to say a few words about a being that lives to make the ex. man's life a burden. Before the paper is out, the election will be over, so no harm will be done. We mean the careless, selfish individual who takes the liberty to disarrange and confuse the nicely assorted exchanges on the editorial desk. Such confusion makes systematic treatment of the exchange department impossible, and causes only sorrow. It will always remain a profound mystery why it is so much easier to throw a paper on the floor or in the waste basket than to put it in its proper pigeon hole. Not until that phenomenon is explained can the trouble-maker, so prevalent here, be rendered harmless.

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