

thought that it would be but fair to the music students if the charges made for their work were as reasonable as for the work of the art students.

To the editors of THE HESPERIAN: "Why is it that in days gone by the editors of THE HESPERIAN have always refrained—with scrupulous and painstaking care on their part—from publishing in THE HESPERIAN any articles of fraternity news, or I might say articles of a 'fraternal character?'"

"It is supposed that a paper is eager to publish that which is of most interest to its readers. It can not be expected that any one department in any newspaper or magazine will be equally appreciated by all; recognizing this fact many papers of general circulation publish notes on fashion, household decorations, etc., 'to please the ladies,' and I would like to suggest that the present board of editors devote one column to fraternity news which would be of interest at least to the fraternity members in school, the majority of whom are subscribers of THE HESPERIAN. I venture to say that the current 'Greek gossip' would be as readable as the items hitherto published in any department."

AN INTERESTED SUBSCRIBER.

HEARD HERE AND THERE.

There is certainly something at fault with the culture instilled into our students. But let us not blame the faculty. Seemingly, the prevalent idea here is that a male student must be a bad good boy: an overgrown Peck's bad boy held somewhat in restraint by a conscience. We do not need a fast set here and in fact have none, but we have a set who would like to be mischievous if they only dared to play their little pranks. A set of students who can only throw over shoes and yell "pie" in the halls, is a tame and sickening spectacle. Without sufficient energy to start an athletic association or even play foot ball some of them stand around like chickens in the rain and gasp only meaningless and sickly yells.

If some of their spare time was spent in reading accounts of student life in Eastern and European Universities, they might be induced to take an interest in college politics, and show some wholesome college spirit. A college yell, an *Annual*, a little more life, are among the numerous acquisitions needed.

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NOTE.—(The following review, which is one of the best we have yet seen on this popular novel, was written by a first prep and handed to the professor of elocution. The professor refused to give us the name of the writer of the clever production, and we regret exceedingly that we are unable to give credit to whom credit is due.)

"Robert Elsmere is no doubt, the best book that Amelie Rives has written. In this strange and interesting tale which she has so gloriously unfolded, one experiences all the feelings peculiar to a thinking person. From the opening chapter where Robert begins his courtship to the last where his wife dies, the interest is as uninterrupted as in 'The Potter of Texas,' or 'She.' Miss Rives makes a master stroke of genius in describing the costume of Miss Ward at the wedding ceremony. A very touching scene is portrayed where Robert Elsmere reforms and promises his wife to abstain from all intoxicating drinks and start a harness store. But it is useless to point out single rays of light in a space filled with brightness.

One could profitably spend a life time in the perusal of books. Even the paper-knife has a certain luster after having been used to cut the leaves of this pamphlet. If a piece of metal will take such a polish, what would the mind be capable of receiving? Miss Rives has been most appropriately named the female Shakespeare of the present generation. Her name will be handed down the bright corridor of time with those of Milton and Caesar long after we shall have ceased to be. Americans, let us be proud, that the author of Robert Elsmere has lived among us—been one of us, sharing our pleasant pastimes, and being a witness of our deeds. We should see that her name is perpetuated in our midst, by giving it to some public building, or university boarding house—a pleasant reminder of her greatness."

CURRENT COMMENT.

In New York, recently, a man attempted to attend divine service at one the fashionable churches, but, although there were many vacant seats, he could find no place to sit because the pews were all rented. Hearing of this, the Chinese priest published a card, saying that the joss-house was neat, clean, and always open, and that anyone desiring to worship any god in any manner was welcome to the use of the building. As the writer of this does not know whether Christ rented pews in the desert or issued tickets to the sermon on the mount he can make no comment.

As a rule the University students are fairly well civilized. Not long ago a few individuals felt it their duty to be exceptions to this rule and so prove it conclusively. They found an opportunity in the shape of the charter day lecture and proceeded to distinguish themselves. It is not known that they opened with prayer, but they read the hymn books from "Rock of Ages" to the index. They also wrote some notes, talked aloud, and commented upon the personal appearance of the speaker. While none doubt their zeal, many complain that they were too enthusiastic and threats of personal violence have been made. It is hoped that this explanation of their motives will cause a proper appreciation of their actions.

Again the aristocratic, landlord, tory party of England has lost a great battle. They have stooped to the use of forgery and perjury and the people of England know it. The London *Times* bought forged letters and used them to blacken the reputation of the Irish leaders. When any party is reduced to the use of such weapons its downfall is near at hand. The chances are that inside of a year the liberal party will be in power. This would mean home-rule for Ireland and would be the beginning of the end of the fight against landlordism in Great Britain. The landlords appreciate their danger and are trying to have the government buy their land and sell it to the tenants on long time and small payments. The liberals oppose this scheme. They say that it would be more just to compensate the robbed than the robbers. They also see that to substitute present ownership of the land would remedy the evil but would simply increase the number of landlords while the great mass of workingmen would receive no benefit at all. When men see this far their is little danger of their not solving the problem correctly.

The remarkable political triumphs of Boulanger show the unstable state of the French republic. Boulanger represents opposition to the present government. He has secured the support of factious whose ultimate aims are widely different. Bourbons, Bonapartists and many discontented workingmen