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Next Saturday evening there will be a joint debate in Palladian hall between the Palladian boys' debating club and the Maxwell debating club. The question is, "Resolved, That the action of England in the Transvaal is justifiable." The Palladians have the affirmative and the Maxwells the negative. Everyone is invited.

Jean Ingelow's "Songs of Seven" was given by the Palladian society last Friday evening. The stage was decorated for the series of tableaux with beautiful ferns and palms. The following young ladies took active parts: Misses Lowry, Butler, Fowler, Erisman, Johnston, Cook and Payne. The hall was crowded and the audience enthusiastic.

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The university debating association held a very exciting meeting Saturday forenoon. A proposed amendment to the by-laws which provided for the selection of judges from outside the faculty was the cause of much controversy. The members present were nearly evenly divided on the question, the final vote standing 23 to 25. The proposed amendment was lost, a two-thirds vote being necessary.

Saturday evening a joint debate was held in Palladian hall between the Palladian boys' debating club and the Delian boys' debating club on the question, "Resolved, That the Philippine islands should be annexed." On the affirmative were C. M. Funk, L. C. Lightner and R. L. Waterman of the Palladians; and on the negative C. H. Hindman, R. A. Harrison and W. H. O'Connell of the Delians. Some good arguments were produced by each of the speakers.

COLLEGE NOTES.

President Schurman reports that the courses in civil engineering and in mechanical engineering in Cornell are so much in advance of those in other institutions that there are 192 graduates of other institutions taking the undergraduate courses at Cornell.

The University of California has established a chair of Cantonese, the principal dialect of the Chinese language.

The total attendance at the Chicago public schools during the month of October was 217,127.

The Georgia legislature has been asked to appropriate \$4,900 to found a summer school for teachers in the public schools.

Among the recent acquisitions of the museum at the University of Michigan is an interesting relic in the form of a tile from an old porcelain tower of Nankin, China. This tower was built in 1413-42 and was destroyed, with the rest of the city, by the insurgents of the Taiping rebellion. The tower was 200 feet high and octagonal in shape. In 1861 Paymaster Calvin C. Jackson of the navy, who was at Nankin at the time some United States marines were digging in the ruins for curiosities, secured the tile and sent it to Governor Felch of Michigan, whose grandson has given it to the university museum.

Johns Hopkins university now offers instruction in conversational Spanish.

NEW BULLETIN ISSUED.

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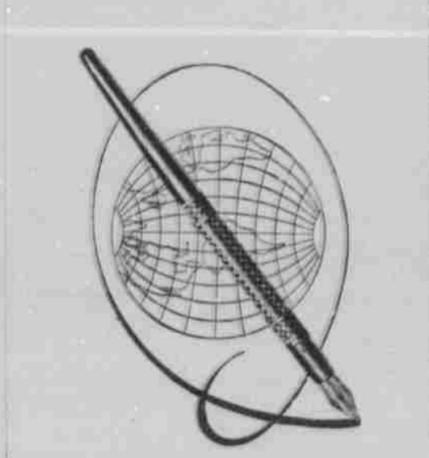
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