

The holiday vacation is over, and in looking over the assembled students, we notice but few vacant seats, and there are many new faces. All seem to be beginning another term with the determination of making their studies profitable to themselves and pleasant for their instructors.

The *Journal* has several times of late published items which would go to show the uninitiated that there is a feud existing between the two literary societies of the University. That was our first intimation of there being anything but a healthy rivalry between them.

On account of the poor health of Prof. Collier, the Junior class is studying Ancient Law this term in lieu of Physics. The latter study will probably be taken next year.

The Freshman who lost the following letter, which he had written to his girl, may have it by calling at this office and paying for this notice:

Jan the 10th 1880.

dear— it is with pleasure i tak my pen in hand to wright yu A few lines to let yu now that I am well if yu care I begun to think yu diddent care, as yu promised to wright and tel me yure address I have re-seived no word from yu except fancy sed you was in — I trust these few lines will find yu wel tel the — boys to dis yu wance for me and when the chood out promice me yu will come up and yu shall have the wring yu spoke on or wone with your inishuls on it or wone to place on your sweet finger tel me how yu ar enjoying your self  
your Beloved friend

p s please excuse A bad wrighter  
forgiv all blunders

The Palladians held their first meeting of the term on Friday evening, January 9th. The officers elect constituted the class for the evening. The programme was carried out with the Palladian's usual

enthusiasm, and in spite of the densely packed hall, the productions were listened to with close attention. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wolfe, who delivered his valedictory, in which he laid considerable stress upon the thorough work of the Society during the past term. Mr. Wolfe then called the President elect, Miss Treeman, to the chair, and took his place in the audience. Without preliminary remarks, Miss Treeman called for the class of performers to come forward. The audience was then entertained by a declamation by Mr. L. N. Snell. It was delivered with force and clearness. Mr. C. H. Barnard then took the floor, and read an essay on the character of Confucius. Miss White's recitation was a good selection, and was well rendered. Clem Chase's impromptu speech on the "Electric Light" showed that he is well-posted, not only on the scientific principles of its construction, but in regard to the ill favor with which it is regarded by certain "moon-struck" persons who are accustomed to pass many evenings on the front doorstep. Mr. Fisher's essay on "The Attributes of Success" showed much original thought. The oration of the evening was delivered by Mr. D. H. Mercer—subject, "Woman's Rights." The speaker proved himself an extremist on the side of the woman suffrage movement. The question, *Resolved*, That religious forms and ceremonies should be excluded from State Universities, was championed by Messrs. Wolfe and Silvernail and rebutted by Messrs. Fossler and Marsh. The Palladians can congratulate themselves upon making a happy introduction to their term's work.

A society has been formed for the prevention of the decline of auburn-haired students. Any information in regard to qualifications for admission will be cheerfully furnished by

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