

"Prof., what's the difference between assembly and assemblage?" "Why, the latter has not the dignity of the former. You can speak of an assemblage of almost anything—of old dry goods boxes—but you could hardly speak of an assembly of old dry goods boxes."

*Earnest Speaker:* "Mr. President, I tell you that the best part of our exercises, the debates, are being neglected. Mr. President, I am sorry to say it is becoming the custom of our members, the minute the debate is announced, to grab and run!—" *Voice,* (from back part of the hall,) "Grab what?"

The ladies' reception room received considerable attention from George, last week. Its appearance is much improved, but the walls sadly need a coat of calcimine. As it is the observer is stunned by inscriptions like "Nellie —; darn school!" or something else equally pointed.

The Faculty meeting of week before last was unusually brisk. Volumes of eloquence came rolling out from the Chancellor's office, reminding one of a Freshman oration or a Sophomoric debate. Of course students are not expected to know what matters are discussed at these happy little gatherings.

The financial condition of the STUDENT is at present more satisfactory than it has been for years. The expenses of the term have been met and a neat balance remains which will be applied to the "old debt." Let the students only give us the necessary support and we promise that their organ will be worthy of the institution it represents.

The Conservatory of Music is spreading. During the vacation the room west of the chemical laboratory was fitted up and is now in use by that department. It is also reported that a new teacher has been engaged by the Director, and other preparations made for extending the work. We are glad to note these evidences of the prosperity of the conservatory.

The professor of modern languages explained to the class that *Maedchen* meant simply a servant girl, while *Maedlein* meant much more, a neat, sweet, little girl. He did not wish the class to confound them, either. He was compelled to acknowledge, however, by a determined Junior, that a *Maedchen* sometimes, under some circumstances, might be called a *Maedlein*.

The unruly telephone in the Chancellor's office is to be moved to some other part of the building. It talks too much during recitations. When the removal is made, we respectfully suggest that the wires be run to the building from the side and not the front, as at present. The

ungainly poles are a nuisance where they are, but would attract no attention if placed at either of the side entrances.

The following beautiful poem was left in Chapel the other day by some young lady. We offer a pound of gum to the girl plucky enough to claim it.

Wives of great men all remind us  
We may have our wives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Widows worthy of our time.  
Therefore, give your wife a send-off  
By the life insurance plan;  
Fix her so that when you glide off  
She can scoop another man.

He read a long and dreary essay aloud. The class observed that the instructor was growing sleepy over it and they amused themselves at the reader's expense. The reader was just too solemn for anything and thought his grave production was being listened to with marked attention. When he turned the twentieth leaf and sat down the professor opened his eyes with a start and said, "Yes, yes, very good,—ah,—had a very soothing effect on the chair."

The modest Missouri girl who tells strangers that during the war the enemy threw up bust-works on her father's farm, has been excelled by one of the fair Universities, and that dapper young clerk in the O street dry goods store was the victim. At the first snap of cold weather she went to the store for leggings, but her innate bashfulness caused her to ask if he could sell her a pair of limbings! *Hose* joke is that?

The STUDENT office can boast of but window, and that a small one on the north side of the building. It affords light enough for one compositor during a few hours in the middle of the day. If the Regents will but assign us one of the large, well-lighted rooms in the basement we will be deeply grateful. The only expense, that of flooring and plastering, will not make a very serious inroad into the money-bags of the University.

The sociable held in the society halls on the evening of the 23rd was a success, notwithstanding a large number of the students had gone home for the recess. In point of numbers the affair was not as good as we have seen, but in enjoyment it was immense. Now let these sociables be held often. They are needed. Without acquaintance and sociability the life of a student is a dull one, and perhaps our University is behind in this matter.

Rev. James Worley, ('80) has received the appointment from the Methodist General Council, of missionary to northern China. This is a field of the gentleman's own seeking and we wish him well. He will be accompanied by his wife. Six months are to be passed in a missionary school in China, at first, learning the lan-

guage. The salary is larger by some hundred dollars than Mr. Worley's present stipend and the traveling expenses are paid. When he returns he proposes to do it by going on west, around the world. What will our graduates do next?

We are always on the look out for something startling, and we've found it. A little Prep. girl confided to us, the other day, the following scheme which will make the trade in peanuts better than that in handkerchiefs: Breaking the shell gently, I am mashed on you. Crushing it savagely, Why will you break my heart? Slipping the shell in the pocket, We must be secret. Throwing it away, You are fired out. Swallowing the peanut whole, I am yours alone. Eating mincingly, Go slow. Tossing it up and catching it in the mouth, Some other evening. Awful, isn't it?

The very latest scheme is that of the Palladian society in the way of promoting interest in debates. There are to be three preliminary debates in which any member of the society can take part, speaking five minutes the first time and three minutes the second. The question to be debated is to be given by a committee consisting of Prof. Howard, E. E. Brown and Judge Mason, who also keep a score of marks and announce the six best debaters. From the best speakers found in the preliminary debates six, the highest six of all, are chosen to take part in a grand prize debate on the 2nd of June. The first preliminary debate takes place January 6. Mr. Don Clark is the originator of this scheme, and the STUDENT thinks it a good one and hopes the boys will take hold heartily and makes the debates close and interesting.

Persons are liable to be mistaken and then, while laboring under certain delusions, to make very wild statements. We heard a capital story the other day to illustrate this. A professor, who was a bachelor, gave a little "spread" one evening to a couple of the students. On the table stood a very pretty cut glass decanter filled with something that looked wonderfully like sherry and which lit up well under the lamp light. By the decanter were two dainty glasses which the professor filled with the sparkling liquor, after supper, and offered to the boys. One hesitated to drink. He didn't know—he really thought—would the faculty—perhaps he—hadn't better—drink with a professor? The good natured host would take no excuses, said it was all right and thought his guest would recognize the drink the moment he tasted it. Upon this the modest youth tasted, found it good, but could not tell what it was. The professor said he could pardon his ignorance of wines, but was surprised that he did not know the flavor of cold tea.