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Editorial Notes.

SINCE the time of Elizabeth nearly all young men so fortunate as to be sent to either of the Universities, were intended by their parents for the church or the law, but many chose literary pursuits even though accompanied with hardships and privations. There has been a growing tendency to avoid these professions ever since, and now it is more noticeable than ever. The Universities of Switzerland have 1058 students, but of these only 113 study* theology and 158 law.

SINCE the great improvement in our laboratory, it is both pleasant and profitable to work in this department; besides there is no danger of injuring the health under the present arrangement. More students are taking the study of Analytical Chemistry than heretofore and the last class have succeeded admirably. Indeed, they have become so proficient as to be ready for special orders to analyze any subject whatever. We wish so encourage all who are interested in this department, and so will give the following as an illustration of the excellent work done. Analysis of a joke:—It is composed of ten parts of gastriloquy, ten parts of aqueous humor, ten parts of nitrous oxide, ten parts of jocularity, ten parts of chuckle, and the balance in winks on the sly.

T. W. HIGGINSON notices complacently the fact that as the Women Suffrage amendment is introduced one year after another in the Massachusetts legislature

it provokes more discussion each time. He says that the sight of birds is not a surer indication that an ocean steamer is nearing land than is the increase of attacks that a reform is nearing port. The outworks of conservative fortifications are chiefly strengthened by laziness or inertia, and when reformers can once master these outworks they have already obtained an advantage, and if their cause be a just one may soon hope to force the conservatives into the "last ditch" of sheer prejudice. Nebraska decided that she could get along without the reform of Woman Suffrage and so the reform is simply going ahead without Nebraska. Good luck to both of them.

Horace Greely could make suggestions that he thought ought to be final on all questions from the general trend of the national policy down to the proper method of curing ague. (He came very near being the ideal editor.) Among other things it was his firm conviction that wood-chopping was the best exercise in which a man of sedentary occupation could engage. Gladstone seems to be of the same opinion, and rests from his exertions as Premier of England not only by "paroxysms of learned labor," but by long walks and the felling of gigantic oaks. We used to know a boy that sometimes got tired of sawing wood; his superiors would then kindly tell him that a change of work was as good as a rest, and so for a rest he might split what he had already cut. He didn't at the time believe what they told him and does not believe it yet. If a man can rest from one kind of work by engaging in another, it simply proves that he has vitality enough for two.

EACH meeting of the board of Regents this year has been the cause of high hopes and expectations on the part of the students, but those same hopes no less certainly have been broken and blown to winds like empty bubbles, when the meeting adjourned. We are still without a chancellor and as the regents do not meet again before June, the last hope is gone and the University is doomed to be without a head the rest of the year. It is to be regretted that the largest class our Alma Mater has ever honored with her farewell blessing at one time, cannot have a chancellor to express those words. Not that it is to be presumed the class will be any the less successful in life on account of it, but that anything connected with Commencement day, lingers in the memory like the perfume of the beautiful flowers, so for this reason the farewell address is important. The many associating ideas cause it to be better remembered and business men—men who have known and experienced the trials and discouragements in the struggle of life—testify to the remembrance of these words often inspiring, cheering and encouraging when all else fails.