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Lombard University pleads for special drill in Elocution.

Military drill is becoming very popular at Knox College.

Alleghany College has recently added a course in Engineering.

In Russia, women are prohibited by law from a university education.

Obliging Senior: "Allow me to assist you with your rubbers." Young lady: "Thank you, but I am afraid it will not be a pleasant task as my feet are somewhat dirty." Senior: "Oh, I won't mind that if your shoes are clean."

The HESPERIAN is willing to hazard considerable wealth on its belief that the "Waifs and Strays", man of *Harpers Weekly* is a fresh college graduate. His freshness causes him to make that column resemble the exchange department of the college press.

Williams.—There is lack of life and interest in the literary societies.—Two of the members of '84 are making a tour of Germany on their bicycles.

Princeton.—\$60,000 has been given for the endowment of a new chair in the Art Department.—The Faculty have decided that eleven shall only take part in inter-collegiate football games played up on their own college grounds.

Harvard. Inter-collegiate football has been positively prohibited by the faculty.—A course of lectures on Protective Tariff are to be given this term.—The total value of the property of Harvard, which yields an income, is estimated at five millions of dollars.

Dartmouth.—A thousand dollar scholarship has just been given to Dartmouth on the condition that no one who uses liquor or tobacco shall receive the benefit of it.—Dartmouth has a new chapel, with a seating capacity of 600. It will be dedicated next Commencement.

Ann Arbor.—There is a movement now on foot to transfer the Department of Mechanical Engineering from Ann Arbor, to the Agricultural School at Lansing. The University naturally prefers that funds and facilities be added not subtracted.—Efforts are being made to introduce military drill.

Madison.—Plans have been admitted for the rebuilding of Science Hall. An appropriation for this purpose is expected from the state legislature just convened.—A Students' Fire Brigade is the latest innovation.—At the close of last term the Junior class placed a fine Memorial window in the new hall of Physical Science.

Cornell.—A school of oratory is most earnestly desired; much dissatisfaction is expressed at the present state of this department of work in the College. Some steps are, however, being taken to satisfy this need, by securing a professor of Elocution and Vocal Culture.—The Persian language is a new addition to the curriculum.

A Harvard man assures us that in order to "be somebody" in that community it is necessary to spend much time in athletics. The real student is a good enough fellow, to be sure, but "digs" of the class-room stand little show when honors are bestowed by popular vote.

A record of the chapel attendance of the Professors of Kansas University was kept by an enterprising student and published in full. The per cent ranges from 0 to 100. Only two had a perfect mark, while five were registered as regular absentees.

The Japanese student is, as a rule, ambitious. Government patronage is almost certain after graduation, if he applies himself in mastering the course. This hard work is not balanced by nourishing food and physical exercise. The result is a race of students who have traded sound bodies for gilt edged-brains and a small salary.

The following letter handed to Prof. Wentworth, of Philips Academy, Exeter, N. H., explains itself:

St. Paul, Dec. 11th, '84

G. A. Wentworth;—

We use your Algebra in the high school. It makes me sick. You are a ————

Yours,

New York has heretofore been the only American city claiming to possess advantages to eventually make her the metropolis of the world. Chicago with characteristic cheek now walks up and unblushingly demands the honor. Facts and figures covering all municipal history since Romulus and Remus quarreled over the title—deeds of corner lots in Rome, proving beyond question that cities are made great by the extent and fertility of land tributary to them, have been triumphantly produced and quoted in the interests of the City of Lakes. New York's rejoinder is now looked for with anxiety.

The pancake joke has at last accomplished something. A Vassar professor says that the falling off in attendance during the past decade has been alarming, and explains it as follows:

"The cause is not in any deterioration of the college itself, for it is the same noble school as ever. The trouble is that Vassar has become a thing to poke fun at. Half the new jokes about girls are put upon Vassar students. Their doings are ridiculed, exaggerated, falsified, and the very name of Vassar is a synonym for feminine foolishness. The consequence is that girls are beginning to dislike to go there. I wouldn't be surprised to see the doors of the college shut in five years more. The newspaper paragraphs will have done it."