

though it has an undergraduate course, is preeminently a school for graduates. In some departments the advantages are much greater than at our own University, in others we are equal and even superior. Johns Hopkins has no English department. Its course in history is certainly inferior, notwithstanding the greater advantages in libraries etc. Perhaps no city of this country affords greater facilities for historical studies than Baltimore. The remarkable strength of this department in our University, is owing entirely to the ability of the man who has built it up by his own exertions. The merits of Prof. Howard are known and appreciated at Johns Hopkins. Mr. Botsford's impression of the institution as a whole, is favorable. Our own institution, however, so far from sinking into insignificance when compared with its more fortunate sister, becomes even more admirable in the eyes of the returned student. Mr. Botsford, after a year's course at Johns Hopkins thinks of taking a course in Latin and History in our own institution.

### Exchange Bric-a-brac.

From the ugly faces made by the *Scholastic* we judge that every thing is not serene in the Indiana Oratorical Association. If another facial contortion like the last is given, the audience will begin to move out.

The Rockford Seminary *Magazine* takes strong exceptions, to the alleged slang used by this paper. It is all on account of our sincerity. We say exactly what we think, a bit of frankness that if indulged in by the editors of the *Monthly* would make the publication unreadable.

The *Badger* has just elected a new board of editors. We are not officially informed of the fact, but base our assertion on the appearance of a lengthy article on the "Editing of a College Paper." In the good times of the future, when sense becomes more prevalent, this stock editorial will no longer be written.

*Randolph-Macon Monthly*, a little sheet from a little Virginia College wants a notice from our gifted pen, and in order to get it, abuses us for criticising the *Vanderbilt Observer*. Never mind, sonny, we won't quarrel over that insignificant paper. Bring out something worth a fight and we will take off our necktie and sail in.

A Swedish Baptist Academy has been located in Stromsburg, this state. It is said to be the only one in the country controlled by that denomination. Ten thousand dollars and forty acres of land were given by the citizens of the town, and the regular support will be derived from the churches of the country. Rev. J. A. Edgren, brother of our Professor of Modern Languages, has accepted the presidency of the new institution.

In the recent debate upon the gymnasium question, in the Wisconsin legislature, it was stated that for years before the introduction of gymnasiums, Pres. Stearns, of Amherst, had kept a record which showed that freshmen enjoyed the best health, next the seniors. Since the founding of the gymnasium, twenty five years ago, the health record shows that among freshmen, 20.20 per cent have been sick. Among sophomores, 28.28 have been sick. Among juniors, 23.27 per cent, have been sick. Among seniors, 10.5 per cent, have been sick. Thus the previous record is entirely reversed.

Iowa State University boasts of the largest and best drilled college band in the country, excepting, of course, the mythical organization with 180 pieces that the College Press insists on giving Harvard. Thirty-five uniformed men are on the roster and their music is said to be elegant. The boys have just made a trip to New Orleans and Mobile, accompanying an Iowa military excursion.

A southern monthly, entitled "*The University Magazine Published at Athens, Georgia, May number, Horace L. Cranford, Printer, Athens, Georgia,*" attempts to sit on the HESPERIAN. If you don't keep calm, valued friend, we will print extracts from your widely circulating periodical and give you away. "Don't fool with the buzz-saw."

Editorial from the *Alabama University Monthly*. "Rainy is the chief man on his stoop." Pretty profound, that.

Class feeling is defunct at the University of Michigan. Elective studies and "a multiplication of courses" are responsible for murder. The same institution is beginning to feel that it has a "long felt want" to provide for in the matter of fellowships. The *Argonaut* says; "For years it has been a matter of great regret among professors of the various departments, that each year the most energetic and promising students are attracted from this to eastern colleges to continue their advanced work. The reason does not lie in the fact that the facilities offered are always superior to our own; in some courses they are even inferior, notably so in chemistry: the true cause seems to be that the student, having spent a small fortune here in getting his bachelor's degree, naturally steers for some institution where he may, at least, have the prospect of encouragement and pecuniary assistance in the pursuit of his studies."

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