

In some sort the Christian Association seems inclined to run opposition to this Americo-Teutonic Kneipe and keeps open house with a good assortment of recent periodical literature, a piano, songbooks, and facilities for letter writing. The organization is entirely creedless except in so far as a certain form of belief is implied by the name, but its members are an earnest, manly lot of fellows and its not inconsiderable influence is for good.

In connection with the Johns Hopkins House of Commons I have even noticed at times a hint of political caucussing such as used to make the U. of N. hum through all its structure from THE HESPERIAN office to the band room; but it has always speedily subsided and the unmitigated grind gone on as before. As to the make up of this body more can be learned from the articles that appeared in the New York *Nation* some months ago than I know about it or should care to rehearse if I did know.

In his recent course of physical lectures on physical culture in America Dr. Hartwell, who has charge of our gymnasium here, pointed out the rather remarkable fact that no institution south of Mason & Dixon's line has ever distinguished itself in athletics. I realize as I did not before coming here that Baltimore is not at the east but at the south. Clubs from here have met Princeton men and others but not often with any degree of success. Towards the latter part of last season a football team from Swathmore, a little Quaker college in Pennsylvania, beat our players most wofully. It rather tickled us western men, however, to see this because we sympathized with the college cry of the Swathmoreans: "Rah, rah, rah; rah, rah, rah; co-ed-u-ca-tion, RAH!" The fellows here are rather given to lawn tennis (played in a brick paved court) than to anything more muscular, and this would of itself in some measure indicate the latitude. Aside from inter-collegiate competition however, the gymnasium is an excellent health preserver. Under graduates must, and post graduates may, have physical examination and get directions from Dr. Hartwell as to the best course of exercises for them to pursue. For this purpose the candidate fills out a schedule giving an account of his physical history and that of all his ancestors back as far as he knows anything about them. Then he is turned loose in a small room filled with villainous looking engines and told to array himself "in the close fitting costume of the Greek Slave", minus the hand-cuffs; then Dr. H. enters with a "steel tape", measure and proceeds to apply this and other instruments equally accurate, chilly, and disagreeable to the cringing form of the examined. The outcome of it all is a book and schedule carefully setting forth all his imperfections and telling him what to do and what not to do. A college without a gymnasium is sadly behind the times.

Elective studies and special work in single departments has been and is the hobby here. When young Dr. Ross, of Harvard, who prides himself on not knowing any history at all save what is connected with the history of land tenure visited here a year or so ago, I have heard it said that he and some of the narrower Hopkins students of history got together and had quite a time exulting over what they didn't know. At present, however, there is something of a tendency the other way. Two "minors" are required instead of one, and in the historical department the counter movement has taken the horrible form of examinations in general history. We have, or will have, had during the year six of the egotism extractors, covering the not brief period of history from the rise of Babylon to the fall of Napoleon Bonaparte. Such a programme opens up what I think Oscar Browning would call "a vista of eternal cram."

While in Nebraska I used to suppose that a good deal of the adverse criticism directed against the U. of N. was

induced simply by the fact that it was a state institution and because it had not yet won much of a name for itself. But neither its endowment nor its fame can shield the J. H. U. from the most virulent attacks. The Baltimore *Sun*, the leading democratic paper here, scolds continually and passionately about nearly everything the trustees see fit to do. It howls because the University was not located at Clifton (near which place the proprietors of the *Sun* own real estate); wails because so much money has been put into the buildings for the J. H. Hospital; gets sarcastic because so little has been spent on buildings for the J. H. U., and becomes almost profane over the fact that so many of the fellowships are awarded to men from the northern states. They even tried to make the legislature coerce the trustees in certain particulars but could not succeed in getting this done. To be sure the trustees are somewhat more independent than the U. of N. Regents but not all their ways are ways of pleasantness, and not all their paths are peace.

"There is neither far nor near,
There is neither there nor here,
Nor any long ago"
To that cranky, "Thus and so
Your college should be run."

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An editorial notice by a southern exchange of Charles Dudley Warner's late article in the *Princeton Review* on "Society in the New South" expresses sentiments which gain our hearty approbation. The writer affirms that, with the regime there also passed away much of the romance, pride, conservatism, exclusiveness and provincialism of the South. One thought we consider especially noteworthy: that the South had an aristocracy of blood; but in its place they must now choose between an aristocracy of wealth and one of education. The tone of the article speaks well for the character of the men who are to become leaders of this New South in the near future. With such men we can strike the hand of unity and good feeling.

The college press is now discussing the question of college honors. The question is well sustained on both sides. It is not necessary at present to declare an opinion on the subject, but it will be interesting to notice an article which appears in a late exchange, adverse to college honors. It should be remarked, however, that the term "college honors" should be defined or the champions of either side are liable to a misunderstanding of their opponents. The writer of the above mentioned article asserts that college honors (meaning class honors at the close of the course) are useful neither in business life nor in any of the professions, and consequently not at all useful for anything outside of college; that in college the system can be only good as an incentive to work and a source of personal satisfaction to the winner of honors. College honors are not a proper incentive to work and tend to blind the student to the true value of an education by holding before him the glittering bauble of a "college honor." Therefore college honors should go. So reasons our worthy friend. Next.

THE HESPERIAN has not been very industrious in reading the latest from Sam Jones and is somewhat astonished to learn from an exchange that the worthy gentleman has been classing the American College as one of the chosen instruments of Satan. As far as we can learn the Rev. Samuel bases his argument, or rather his opinion, on the fact that he would prefer to "learn his A B C's in heaven rather than translate Greek hell." The sentiment is true and perhaps elevating, but we certainly fail to see its bearing on the question at issue.