

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

The girls are forbidden to chew gum at Laselle.

The Brown Glee Club is preparing selections from the Mikado.

The University of Wisconsin is getting its new machine shop in working trim.

Part of the art collection of the sculptor Rogers has been received at Michigan University.

The Greek play to be given by the students of University of Pennsylvania is estimated to cost \$3,000.

Harvard has rescinded the prohibition of football, since the inter-collegiate game has been greatly modified.

Williams has subscribed \$1,200 for next spring's ball team. This refers to Williams College, not to our Williams.

The faculty of Yale have decided that Yale cannot grant a degree to a woman and the only female student that college ever had has left.

The Catholic students of Michigan University, numbering 247, have organized a lecture board for the purpose of having eminent Catholic speakers during the winter.

The *Press and Badger* is wroth because an exchange got the recent trouble concerning drill at Madison so twisted that twenty *Seniors* were expelled for refusing to drill.

It is reported that the Senior class at Cornell intend to raise a fund sufficient to give an annual income of \$50 to \$100 which shall be given as a prize for Senior oratory.

The various colleges in the Kansas State Oratorical Association have mostly finished their local contests and will soon try again for honors in a contest where "Greek meets Greek."

Johns Hopkins once said "Next to the hell of being utterly bereft of money is the purgatory of having a vast amount of it. I have a mission, and under its shadow I have accumulated wealth, but not happiness."

The Regents of the State University of Iowa in a late session abolished orations from graduates of the law department of that institution and have substituted there or an address by some prominent man *a la medics*.

Williams College has \$1200 to support her base ball club for the coming season. We would moralize on the good this money might do in other directions, but refrain because the money will probably go to the club any way and our breath is too valuable to waste.

Of *The Hesperian*, University of Kansas, we can only say that the cover is the most attractive feature about it. With this issue of the VANDERBILT OBSERVER an inexperienced person enters upon the duties of Exchange Editor. —*Vanderbilt Observer*. These are propositions which prove each other.

The *Berkleyan* in its last issue is marred by several typographical errors. Its principal article is on athletics and consists of reports from twenty four colleges, aggregating nearly seven thousand students. Each one of these reports advocates athletic drill and anyone searching for ideas in regard to the subject will find many useful hints here.

The *University Press and Badger* has an unusually good department of "Other Colleges" in its issue of February 16, but in another column it resurrects a question which, we thought, had been talked to death—the question of an exchange column. In its place it would have a separate column for the discussion of topics of inter-collegiate interest. We would mildly suggest that it wouldn't hurt such a column to have the old and appropriate name of "Exchange" at its head. The trouble is that "taffy" is cheaper than honest criti-

cism. If you want the exchange column livelier leave out the taffy, leave out the taffy.

THE HESPERIAN mops its perspiring brow with a bandanna and begs the girls of *Rockford Seminary Magazine* to wait just a little while. Charity begins at home, and until the girls in our immediate vicinity are supplied with taffy and gum we cannot conscientiously spend money on Foreign Missions. But when vacation removes some of our burdens we shall see.

The *Campus* in its last number commits the grave error of extracting from the *Century* an article by E. C. Steadman on "Keats" which would have been equally accessible in that magazine. The *Campus* attacks the *Academica* with considerable vim for exceptions which the latter journal took to an article in the *Campus*. It strikes us, however, that both journals belittle themselves in such a quarrel.

From the *Wesleyan Bee* we learn that the Unitarian Publishing House is distributing the complete works of Channing, neatly bound, to all "young theologians." Good! We forthwith renew our youth, and are henceforth theologians; only give us the address of the Unitarian Publishing House. Not that we value the works of Channing so supremely, but anything which can be procured for nothing in this mercenary age should not be neglected.

The University of Wisconsin has a class of five in Hebrew; but while Hebrew flourishes the students at that place seem to be "getting it back" on the military department. The bands and screws of all the light rifles were lately stolen and now the quartermaster discovers that a thousand rounds of cartridges have disappeared. If we were to express our opinion of it it would be in the words of Shakespeare: "There is something rotten in Denmark."

For some months THE HESPERIAN has been anxiously awaiting the appearance of the revised edition of Webster's dictionary, which has been promised at sundry times for the last year; but now comes the information that it will take two years. If that means two years from the time the work was commenced, there remains some hope; but if not, the present generation will never see the revised Webster. But maybe the *Vidette-Reporter* got a chestnut.

The *Vanderbilt Observer* comes out for February in a new and becoming dress. The material is fairly good—indeed some of its contents are really interesting. One article on "Licht, mehr Licht" is too pretentious, and the author, having chosen an abstract subject, makes a mistake common to immature writers and spreads himself literally and figuratively. Then such expressions as "We pour over the Bible" makes us wonder whether the writer or the typo is at fault.

The *Press and Badger*, in an editorial, bewails the decline of oratory. In touching pathos the fact is declared that only about one third of the graduating classes have orations. Oratorical contests are held beneath the dignity of the institution, and orations in literary societies are considered a bore. The mourner regrets all this because that student does not "go forth into the world well equipped, who has not at his command an oratorical style of speaking and writing." While we value the oration highly we wish to call the attention of our friend to the fact that, while an oratorical style may be extremely desirable for the speaker, the successful writer must cultivate an entirely different style. Nor is it every one that can be an orator with any amount of practice, and for a great number other things are of more importance. In fact, while the article contains good thoughts, the writer gushes rather too much to suit us.