

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

Chicago University is no more. Malady—rupture of the financial vein.

Three hours per week of gymnasium are required of Princeton Freshmen.

Attendance at recitations or lectures is optional at Cornell, subject to restriction if abused.

"Words are things" is the title under which the perfidious custom and continual use of college slang is very ably and uniquely discussed in the April number of the *University Quarterly*. To say that we agree with the writer does not sufficiently express our sentiments.

California Freshmen are unaccountably courageous. In this they compare favorably with our own Freshmen. It may not be believed, yet it is substantiated by the best of authorities that thirty of those valiants successfully kept five Sophomores at bay in a recent cane rush.

The *Lincolnan* is again welcomed, this time more heartily, for we fancy we see an improvement; perhaps more original matter to take the place of orations written by some one not connected with the paper, would make a still greater improvement. Nevertheless, we repeat, you are welcome.

Eastern college journalists are agitating a scheme for the organization of an "Association of College Journalists." This scheme is one which the American people should take immediate steps to frustrate. Imagine, if you will, the effect on the people at large if all the "brains" should assemble at one place even for the short time required for meeting. Destruction, inevitable destruction awaits if we permit it.

Yes, *Lawrentian*, Nebraska is rabidly awakening to the fact that her future welfare is to rest with the statesmen of our editorial staff. Delicacy forbade us to emphasize this fact, but after your kind article appeared we submitted to the inevitable and shall proceed at once to notify our executives that they should prepare to vacate soon. But, *Lawrentian*, we represent the State University and so the state affairs directly concern us.

Kansas papers are agitating the organization of a western inter-collegiate base ball association. Such a scheme, for the present, we believe to be impracticable. When we consider the distance between colleges in our as yet new country, the expense of transportation and the amount of time which of necessity a student must use in practice and in regular games, we are not surprised at the small number who would willingly join such an association. *Lawrentian* do not be impatient.

E. B. Cottingham, in a recent number of the *Alabama Univ. Monthly*, impartially reviews the long established institution "Capital Punishment." Stating that "Men were barbarous when this law was enjoined," he claims that "Now we no longer need such a cruel and unjust penalty. It prevents the reformation of the offender; it fails in the remuneration of the injured" and is not instrumental in the prevention of crime. The article is a just and humane plea for a system more in accordance with modern ideas.

The exchange editor of the *Washburn Argo* is—well, modesty forbids us to say what, but our Nondescript editor has donated a box of blacking and a lead pencil to the office and furnished an extra article for THE HESPERIAN. We were at a loss to account for such an unusual freak until we discovered a copy of the *Argo* concealed in his clothes, the exchange page bearing marks of "oft repeated porings," while another copy

was marked, apparently to send to some appreciative friend. Cease, or your compliments may work a financial wreck.

"The highest literary honors conferred by Yale are the six Townsend prizes given annually to the writers of the six best orations, the competition being open to all members of the Senior class. The significant feature of the award this year is, that of the six successful men one is captain of the base ball nine, one of the foot ball team, two have rowed in the class crew, one has played in the class nine, and the sixth is a good general athlete."

The captains of the base and foot ball clubs captured the first and second prizes.

The *De Pauw Monthly* bewails the fact that it cannot, from the representative college papers, glean any opinion concerning the institutions represented except that they are training schools for base ball, polo, etc. The condition of the editor who thus asserts his incapacity must be appalling. If this philosopher could but know the impression produced upon the unfortunates who, from a false sense of duty peruse his columns, he would philosophize no more. When a paper claims to represent literary societies and really represents fraternities, when eight tenths of its matter is either contributed or clipped, then it, indeed, befits the editor of such an intellectual paper to criticise.

If one might judge from the oft repeated admonitions given us by so many of our contemporary college journals, literary articles should form the fundamental part of a college paper. But if one judge from the real interest aroused in reading the different college papers, the literary department is the one least likely to arouse that interest and it becomes more and more evident that that department is the one instituted or rather used to lighten the work of the editors and to give the paper the most literary appearance with the least possible work.

In this, our friend the *College Student* shows unusual ability, in fact, excels all others in this particular line. In the May issue of that journal six out of seven literary articles, filling eleven out of twenty pages of reading matter were written by others than members of the editorial staff. Such striking originality in a college paper is, indeed, not universal, but the practice is carried too far by the majority of college papers to the serious loss of matter more interesting and more instructive. A reform is in order.

Our age is the age of invention. Daily papers are continually printing lists of the most recent achievements of the American mind. To notice these inventions because of their number and variety does not imply their value. Were it so, this article would not have been invented. On the contrary the inventions which accomplish the least good and show the least ingenuity are noticed because of those characteristics. The exchange editor of the *Simpsonian* belongs to that class of nonentities who invent such nonentities. His latest is his recent attack on the HESPERIAN. After telling us that from report he had gathered the idea that the HESPERIAN was so good that he awaited in suspense our first appearance on his table, he condemns us because we keep "two serpents, a stalk of corn, a cat's tail, an owl, an angel, a youth in classic apparel reclining upon the inanimate form of a buffalo, and the sun just peeping in from the Orient" upon our cover. As a subordinate fact he further remarks upon the absence of any "literary" matter. Even in this tirade he pays us a compliment, for which we doff our hat. Granting that our "outside" is original, he immediately says that we exclude all "literary" articles, which, of course, acknowledges our "inside" to be original. And yet the poor genius(?) deludes himself with the idea that he has crushed us "now and forever."

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