

EXCHANGE.

The famous open literary society of Princeton, the Whig, is to have a new \$40,000 hall.

The *News Letter* and *Pulse* of Iowa college have succumbed to that grand law that in union there is strength. Hence a new paper, the *Unit*, has come forth.

Every exchange thus far reports encouraging increase in every way in the attendance at their respective colleges. Surely the future of America ought to be assured if this increase continues and if the colleges do their duty in the matter.

This editor wishes now to give expression to his surprise at an article he read in the *DePau Adz* of May last. The writer of the article and an editor of a department had the audacity to accuse the fraternities of "cruelty" and of giving vent to "cruel hatred." It was indeed shocking but yet perhaps it was no more than was to be expected from a paper that would deliberately insult a gentleman of the standing of ex-Governor Crittenden as a means of excusing a wrong act.

The summer months have come and gone and with them the long vacation; the fall and winter months are coming on, and with them that burdensome query, How shall the exchange man make his columns original and readable? How much clipped matter shall he use, how many notices make, how many and how harsh criticisms hurl, how many and how great commendations give? 'Tis such vexed questions that weary the unused brain of the editor just from his vacation. And what can he, poor fellow, do beneath their weight. He can but yield and do his best.

In the first issue of the year the exchange editor has but little material to work upon. It is true that many college papers are published during the entire summer and very fair papers they are too considering the season of the year, but nevertheless, the disputes, the discussions, the criticisms, the commendations, the friends, the enemies, the general run of college affairs and papers has been well-nigh forgotten and dropped. Old students have gone, new students have come, college life for the year has not yet settled down. And so the exchange man must rely much on his own verbosity, but if he has none, what shall he do? Alas! 'tis not related.

This department had occasion in one issue of last year to call attention to how little reliance is to be placed on the accuracy of many items in some exchange columns. The *Napa Classic* of California furnishes a good illustration of this in its issue for September. It has an item as follows: "Madison University of Wisconsin will hereafter be known as Colgate University." One might almost suppose that a girl wrote this item on account of the manner in which the conclusion has been jumped at. The truth is that Madison or Colgate University is located in New York and had its name changed on account of the bequest of the millionaire of New York City. But credit should be given where credit is due and the same paper has the following item, which is correct; "A capital punishment—to be hugged to death."

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