

ELUSIVE PRESENCE.

And didst thou come,
 thou long-lost, longed-for one,
 That day, when,
 thinking not of thee, I cried
 For respite from my foes
 on every side—
 Didst point the refuge
 whither I could run?
 And didst thou come,
 that evening drear and dun,
 When thinking not of thee—
 too sorely tried,
 I looked and saw
 the western clouds divide,
 And the fair setting
 of the full-orbed sun?
 And didst thou come
 on that dark, sighing dawn,
 Shadowed with troubles
 of the day to be,
 When, suddenly obeying
 thy still call,
 Were all those surging fears
 dismissed and gone?
 And dost thou come all hours
 and blessing all,
 Except the hour when most
 I think of thee?

—EDITH M. THOMAS in the September
 Century.

President Andrews' Administration at Brown.

In eight years President Andrews has increased the college from a membership of 268 to one of 751. This growth, perhaps unprecedented among the New England colleges, has been due mainly to one thing—to the remarkable attractive power which Dr. Andrews exerts over young men. It may fairly be said that nearly every young man at Brown university in the last eight years has regarded the president with unbounded enthusiasm. No conspicuous college president except Francis Walker, has, during this period, possessed such a hold upon the hearts of his students.

Passing to the qualities which have

been more especially evinced since Dr. Andrews from a professor became a college president, it may be said that one of the most salient of these is his organizing power. It has shown itself in large matters and in small. He has a genuine love of system and a practical grasp upon the details of business. He has systemized with unusual skill the clerical work of his office, the minor accounts of the university, and the business of the faculty. A multitude of practical details require the attention of a college president, many of them relating to things which ought to be transacted by lesser men—questions of repairs, of heating, of water supply, of all sorts of things. Dr. Andrews has attended to them all with patience, method and business ability. He has created a new organization of the faculty, whereby the bulk of its work is performed by committees, with great saving of the general time. He is, by the way, an ad-

mirable presiding officer, rapid and orderly in the transaction of business, watchful, disinterested and courteous.

THE CONTROVERSY AT BROWN UNIVERSITY.

President Andrews is a man whose interest in current questions is keen and intelligent. He is well versed in economics and has given very special attention to the money question. His position as a student of monetary science was sufficiently attested by his appointment in 1892 by President Harrison as one of the American delegates to the International Monetary Conference. For years Dr. Andrews has been well known to be a bimetalist. Last year, however, before the campaign opened, he went abroad for a well earned vacation, and has only very recently returned after an absence of a year or more. President Andrews has made contributions to this review, and our readers have been well aware of his belief in the feasibility of the rehabilitation of silver by the great commercial nations of the world as a full money metal. He is certainly not eccentric in holding this opinion, inasmuch as it is the view that has been repeatedly taken with absolute unanimity alike by both great American parties. We have kept a somewhat constant notice of President Andrews' utterances, and if he has ever on any occasion stepped forth to advocate the free and unlimited coinage of silver by the United States alone at the ratio of 16 to 1, we have never heard of it. He is reported to have said to somebody in private that he had become inclined personally to the opinion that American free coinage might of itself so affect the market for silver as to keep gold and silver at a parity. Most men who have studied the question as carefully as Dr. Andrews has, certainly think otherwise. But, happily, such men are all modest enough to understand that their opinions are not infallible, and they respect the sincerity and learning of a man like Dr. Andrews, who may not agree with them. It must be remembered that Dr. Andrews did not participate in the great political campaign of last year, and further that he has not been propagating any so-called monetary heresies among the students of Brown university. The professors at Brown who teach political, economic and social science are none of them free silver men; but President Andrews has confidence in them as honest thinkers and good teachers. They in turn have the fullest confidence in him.

What Dr. Andrews' views on the silver question may or may not be is, after all, a wholly irrelevant matter. The question is whether a board of trustees acts wisely in trying to supervise the religious, political, philosophical, economic, or scientific orthodoxy of the

president and faculty of a university. The trustees of Brown university are excellent gentlemen who have meant well, but who have made a serious blunder in trying to muzzle one of the most loyal, fair-minded and sensible men who ever presided over an American college. It has been said that the trustees were afraid that President Andrews' opinions on the silver question might prevent certain prejudiced persons from giving money for the endowment of the institution. But the stories about men ready to give great gifts but for their conscientious opposition to the president are of course apocryphal. The greatest mischief that the blunder of the Brown trustees has accomplished has been the strengthening of an opinion, already too prevalent, that our American colleges and universities are becoming so eager to secure large gifts from multi-millionaires that political economy must now be taught with constant reference to the alleged susceptibilities of those persons. In actual truth, the teaching in most of our higher institutions of learning is admirable for its fairness and tolerance. To return to the particular case of Dr. Andrews, the trustees should have remembered that he is exactly the same kind of man he was when they selected him with full knowledge of his qualities. They must have known that so forceful and energetic a personality would always have opinions of his own, and that his opinions could not be expected at every juncture to coincide with those of the corporation. They seem to have been unduly led by the strong will of the Hon. Joseph H. Walker, of Massachusetts. Mr. Walker is a member of congress and holds the important position of chairman of the committee on banking and currency. Mr. Walker is not famous for an easy toleration of opinions different from his own. To express it in the amusing manner of a private correspondent, "This Brown affair is going to be historic—it is Roger Williams' battle over again, and it is Massachusetts, in the person of arrogant, blundering Joe Walker, that precipitates the controversy." Of course Mr. Walker is wholly sincere in his attitude.—From "The Progress of The World" in American Monthly Review of Reviews for September.

She—Wouldn't you like to be a genius, Mr. Dulle?

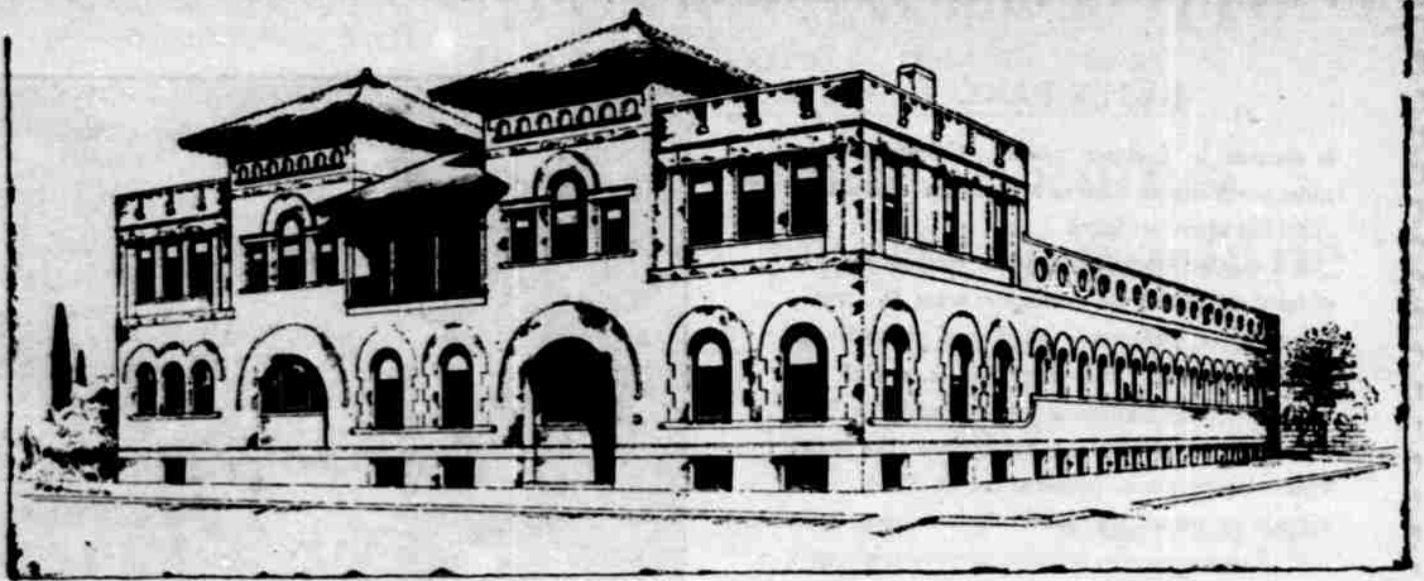
He—No, thank you. I have no desire to be shunned by everybody.

Bunker—Did you have any trouble in kissing her?

Hill—I had to propose first.

Author—I have a joke about Adam and Eve.

Editor—Which one of them wrote it?



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