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ASTRUM ALBERTI! Is it a new discovery? Did the late *transit* disclose another among the familiar faces in the planetary world? If so you will doubtless be happy to form an acquaintance with the youngest of this large and most respectable family. The College Telescope has certainly done good service to the cause of Science in the contribution thus made, and the future will have reason to rejoice because of the discovery and appearance of "Albert's Star."

But what a mistake is here! A translation may affront the gentlemen, and if left in rugged Latin, the ladies may think our airs altogether too scholarly. The deed is done, however; we must abide the issue.

It is proposed to make of the new discovery a Star of the first magnitude. We shall not on this point disguise our intentions, in order to take our readers afterwards by surprise. We warn you at once that you may be prepared for what is to follow. If our Monthly Bulletin of Science, Philosophy, Theology, History, and Humor prove too severe a strain upon our patrons, we expect to be apprized of the fact by the paper being returned, and marked, "not called for." We need no fur-

ther explanation. We understand what it means. It is but a quiet way of stating that another of our subscribers has "shuffled off this mortal coil."

Our next issue will certainly be expected to contain an obituary setting forth all facts and inferences "collected on the spot by our own reporter." No surer road to fame and knowledge can be found than to become a subscriber. If you do this you secure the former by a deserving tribute to your memory in the columns of our paper. If you live and read our monthly budget nothing can prevent you from possessing the latter, provided the mental strain is not too severe; if such, however, should be the case government has already provided for you.

If anything should appear in the columns of our paper calculated to give offence, we beg to say that it was *not* calculated to give offence. We do not calculate to do anything of the kind. We shall do our best to please and instruct, and "Grip" could not promise any better. Just here we wish to state once for all that all mistakes of every kind and character will be put to the credit of the junior hand in the job office. You doubtless know his name. We feel compelled to take this course in justice to ourselves, and as a matter of injustice to him.

We have made arrangements with the proper authorities, and "our own reporter" is to have free access *incoq.* to all parts of the College premises, so that full and trustworthy accounts of the great world inside College walls will be conveyed to the few who have the misfortune to dwell outside thereof.

"To be, or not to be," is not the question. We *are*, and expect to remain so. If there are any sceptical Shakespeares among our readers, we beg to say that our future is already secured. You can simply add to the joy of that existence, but not to the existence itself.

We have on our editorial staff a poet whose duty it is to redress all grievances coming from any and every quarter. We mention this by way of caution, so that

"If any old lady, knight, priest, or physician,  
Should condemn us for printing a second edition,  
If good Madam Squintum our work should abuse,  
He will venture to give her a smack of his muse."