

should have nothing to do with matters of the kind." But even the formation of the Gymnasium Club did not solve the problem for in Feb., '82 we find an appeal for better support; with the statement that the fee of 50c. had been paid by only 40 members. The Gym. was clearly going down hill. The fall session opened with little improvement. In the Journal of Nov. 8th, '82, we read "Gym. stock appears rather below par as yet this session. We trust . . . that the officers will make a determined effort to have all necessary improvements made . . . so that we may have a properly equipped Gymnasium." This does not seem to have been done for the comment made, Feb. 7th, '83 is "In midwinter the Gymnasium is resorted to . . . but only by a few. Let a ray of sun-light pierce to this arena and what a study for an atomist in the dust kicked up by the agile company."

Things naturally could not continue in this way. The climax was reached in the following session, '83-'84. In the Journal of Jan. 12th, '84 the Editor says, "For long we have wished to point out the wretched condition our Gymnasium is in, and for as long we have waited in the expectation of improvement. Some barbarians have by "horse play" and other innocent amusements made the Gymnasium as bad as it could well be. . . . Our hope however is strong that soon from sheer necessity we will have a Gymnasium well equipped and systematically regulated." In the same issue a correspondent in graphic language gives us a vivid picture of the ruin. "Almost every pane of glass in the six windows is broken. . . . After each snow storm the floor is covered with fancy little snow drifts which for a time half-conceal the muck with which the floor is strewn—broken glass, bits of fallen plaster, straw and dust from old mattresses. When the snow melts, the cleanliness of the floor can be imagined better than described. However this is the only time when it is safe to use the Gymnasium, for when the floor is dry it is impossible to exercise without inhaling dust at every breath. . . . The Gymnasium has never been properly managed, but this year it has not been managed at all. Nothing whatever has been done, not even has the floor been swept or cleaned in any way. The boys have not been asked to contribute their annual fee and none of the few who go to the Gym. seem to know whose duty it is to collect money for it and to keep it in repair." The end truly was near; and it came before spring as we learn from an editorial of Mar. 22nd, "Are we to have a Gymnasium next year or not? For some time our Gym. has been shut up. Four years ago the Senate placed the old Convocation Hall at the disposal of the students for a Gymnasium . . . some students paid their fees regularly every year, others never paid anything. Each year the successive committee appointed grew more and more negligent until at last it might be said that the Gymnasium was without regulation and was open all the hours of the day and night, summer and winter. . . . The Senate seeing that the Gym. had become practically useless and desiring to prevent further destruction of property closed up the building. The students failed to make a proper use of it, and the Senate have now very properly withdrawn it. But what is to be done for the future? . . . The