

### +BON MOTS.+

A WESTERN paper says, rather ambiguously, that the Cornell Freshmen this year will embrace twenty young ladies.—*Ex.*

This problem is sent by an enquiring correspondent to the *Boston Journal* :—

Mr. Editor : Tell me why colonel  
Is sent in a style so infolone? ?

Shed one ray of light  
On a sorrowful wight,

Who for years has subscribed for the *Jolone*.—*Ex.*

There is a metre prosaic, dactylic,  
There is a metre for laugh and for moan,  
But the metre which is never prosaic,  
Is the "Meet her by moonlight, alone."—*Ex.*

The *New Haven Register* says: "Two car-loads of cigarettes and a bundle of text books were switched off on a side track at the depot yesterday; college begins today."—*Ex.*

A ST. LOUIS editor received in his morning mail, by mistake, proof sheets intended for the employes of a religious publication house. After glancing over them, he rushed to the sub-editor, yelling, "Why in the world didn't you get a report of that big flood; even that slow old religious paper across the way is ahead of you. Send out your force for full particulars. Only one family saved. Interview the old man, his name is Noah."—*Ex.*

A Maine ceontemporary recently announced that no poetry would stand the least chance of insertion unless it were distinguished by brevity. The next day he received a composition which its author recommended as a model of terseness. Its title was "The Ballad of the Merchant"

"Trust —  
Bust."

The poem was inserted.—*Ex.*

A pretentious orator said to a resident of a country village, "How would a lecture by me on Mount Vesuvius suit the inhabitants of your village?" "Very well, sir; very well, indeed," answered the resident. "A lecture by you on Mount Vesuvius would suit them a great deal better than a lecture by you in this village, sir."

Every editor, ex-editor, contributor, manager, and even the printers and publishers of the JOURNAL, will appreciate the story of an Irish Editor, who being left without assistance in a busy time, found himself unable to cope with all the intelligence, late, later, and latest, that flowed in upon him, so that toward four in the morning he wound up his night's work by penning a notice extraordinary, in these words: "Owing to a most unusual pressure of matter, we are compelled to leave several of our columns blank!"

SCENE.—Dinner table, mother on one side, two youngsters on the other, sitting close together. Mother—"Freddie, my dear, what dirty hands you have. Cleanliness is next to godliness you know, my love." Dick, to Freddie, "That's so Freddie, you're next to me, you know."

It must be true that Boston is slow, for the following joke, which the *Globe* of that city prints for new and original, was one to greet Columbus in the New World:

"Do you see that old man near the frog pond on the Common? Well," continued he, "thirty-two years ago that old man came to Boston with one suspender and a sore toe. He also had a basket of apples which a farmer in Lexington had given to him. He peddled the apples on Washington street and netted eighteen cents the first day. How much do you suppose he's worth now?"

"Oh, a million and a half," said one.

"Two million," cried another.

"Six million three hundred thousand," was the estimate of a third.

"I give it up, remarked No. 4. "How much is he worth?"

"Not an infernal cent and he still owes for the basket," was the answer.

Professor to Student leaving the room, "Sir, if you leave the room before the hour is up I must mark you absent. What is your name, Sir?" Student, "You will see on the roll book, Professor."—[Exit. Student.]

### PERSONALS.

D. A. GIVENS, B.A., '78, who studied for some time in the office of Britton & Whiting, in this city, has removed to Toronto and entered the service of Messrs. Foster, Clark and Bowes as their Managing Clerk. James O'Reilly, B.A., '82, is in the same office.

CHARLES J. CAMERON, '85, now proudly walks the streets of Kingston and filled with parental pride talks about "my son."

JOSHUA R. JOHNSON, B.A., '82, Carleton Place, has been made Head Master of the High School there. He was formerly the assistant master of the same school.

REV. JAMES CORMACK, B.A., '72, son of Mr. John Cormack, of our College and lately of Alexandria, was inducted on the 24th of October, into his new charge at Lachine.

JOHN ROBERTSON, Kingston, an Alumnus of Divinity Hall and a licentiate of the church, has been placed as an ordained missionary over the Presbytery of Mill Haven and Ernestown.

The retiring members of the University Council are M. Sullivan, M.D., Jas. Burgess, M.A., Rev. M. Macgillivray, M. A., Rev. J. B. Mullan, R. V. Rogers, B. A., Wm. Caldwell, B. A., M.P.P., Rev. Jas. Gordon, M.A.—[See Calendar, page 11.

### UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

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A. P. KNIGHT, M.A., Kingston.