

paying the penny and expecting the pound's worth. But I am not sure that even greater evils do not arise from the pursuing of that false economy which saves the penny and in so doing loses the pound. Life is so largely made up of the little things which a few pennies will purchase, and which to do without is to sacrifice much more than their cost. Three times a day usually finds a united household gathered round the family boards. These should therefore be seasons of more than mere physical refreshment. Certainly they are hours during which some of our strongest influences are imbibed. Let us not ignore the importance of little things, nor underestimate the power exerted by every detail of home life. We cannot afford to sacrifice any refining or elevating influence within our reach. Cracked or nicked dishes, unneat table linen or meals unattractively served are too expensive to be tolerated. They cost too much in the demoralizing influence they exert in the home in the carelessness or coarseness their continual reappearance is likely to beget in the household. In these days of cheap ware the poorest family may sit down to an attractive table. See to it, mothers and sisters, that the appointments of your rooms and tables are silent teachers. Let the flawless ware, clear glass, and, if you can afford it, shining silver set constantly before the household silent witnesses to purity and perfection of character. Slowly and unconsciously, but surely, lessons in promptness, politeness, neatness and order are taught and learned in the home dining room; and nowhere can they be more impressively or lastingly taught. Don't use china and silver on state occasions and rusty or discolored metal for your own family. It is not the stranger whose welfare you have most at heart, nor is it the occasional guest who will be most influenced or affected by your courtesy. A little difference you may naturally and justly wish to show your guests, but not in

such marked difference of household ordering that a lesson in deception is irrevocably driven home and the receptive and imitative young minds taught to don company faces and manners with their best clothes or to turn to the world the fair side of a naturally false face.

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### SWARTHMORE COLLEGE NOTES.

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The Somerville reunion was held on the 27th ult., and proved a very interesting and enjoyable occasion to all present.

The space enclosed by the quarter-mile track on "Whittierfield" has been graded during the past few weeks, and adds much to the appearance of the college grounds. Visiting foot ball and base ball teams that now come to meet our men will do so on a ground far superior to all former situations.

Members from the Sophomore and Freshman Classes have been selected to compete for the President Magill prizes, as follows: From '91, Josephine T. Aucona, William C. Sproul, Ester Haviland, John W. Hutchinson, Jr., Eliza R. Hampton and Z. E. Udell; from '92, Gertrude Hutchins, Georgia Porter, Charles B. Hart, Florence D. Reid, Laura M. Smith, and Edwin M. Underwood.

Seventy of Swarthmore's Alumni banqueted at the Hotel Bellevue on Seventh-day evening, the 13th ult. A pleasant evening was passed by the representatives of all former classes of the college.

At the in-door sports of the athletic association, held on the 20th ult., a large number of students and others were present. Six silver cups were presented by Dr. J. M. Shell, the physical director, for the following events: the running high jump, the pole vault, and the tug of war. The jump was won by Robert H. Brooke, '91; the pole vault by Walter Roberts, '90, and the tug of war by the seniors.