

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
NOTES.

All Friends of the college have learned with regret that Wm. Dudley Foulke will be unable to accept the Presidency of the college this year. He says, however that when the way is clear he shall be much pleased to assume the duties of the head of the college.

Pres. Wm. Hyde Appleton has taken a leave of absence for three months. He will spend the time in complete rest in his New England home. Vice-Pres. Benj. Smith will assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term. Pres. Appleton has promised to be present at commencement.

The Spring holidays were extended one week owing to sickness in the building. They lasted from 3rd mo. the 21st until 4th mo. the 7th. About thirty students spent the time at the college.

Prof. Appleton's series of Shakespeare readings closed on the evening of the 5th ult. with the play of "King Lear." These readings have been very largely attended.

The 3rd report period closed on the 21st ult. The last week was largely taken up with examinations.

Many of the senior class remained at the college during the vacation to write their theses. The papers have to be in by the 1st of 5th mo.

The five-o'clock meetings on First-day are growing in interest. Subjects which should be of great importance to the Society are freely discussed.

Owing to the change in the Spring holidays the lecture to have been given by Daniel Dougherty on the 21st ult. has been indefinitely postponed.

The contests for the Phoenix Prizes in Oratory, restricted to the junior class, and those of the President's Prizes,

restricted to the Sophomore and Freshman classes, will take place early in this month. E. C. W.

GROWTH OF EUROPEAN
CITIES.

The *Cleveland Leader* says:—"The census which has just been completed in Germany shows that the growth of cities is almost as rapid in Europe as in this country, and, in some respects, even more wonderful. Berlin has gone up past New York, with a population of 1,574,485. Hamburg, with its big suburb of Altona, has 715,170 inhabitants. Leipsic is credited with 353,272. Munich has a population of 344,899, and that of Breslau is 334,710. Cologne has 282,537 inhabitants; Dresden, 276,085; Magdeburg, 200,071; and Frankfort-on-the-Main, 179,850. In 1885, when the last previous census of Germany was taken, Berlin had 1,315,297 inhabitants; Hamburg and Altona, 410,404; Leipsic, 170,076; Munich, 261,981; Breslau, 299,405; Cologne, 161,266; Dresden, 245,515; Magdeburg, 114,298; and Frankfort-on-the-Main, 154,513. Such gains as are here shown can scarcely be matched by an equal number of American cities. The period between the two enumerations, it must be remembered, is only half as long as that from 1880 to 1890, which is used in all tables showing the growth of American cities, and yet while there are but four places in this country in which the increase in population has been as much as 120,000 in the last ten years, Germany has four cities which have increased from 121,000 to 259,000 each in five years. It is the same with some of the smaller cities. Magdeburg has gained about as much in five years as Detroit or Milwaukee in ten, and Munich is growing much faster than Cincinnati or San Francisco. The crowding into the towns which has caused so much comment in this country is found everywhere in the civilized world. Next year the census