

It requires just a hundred persons to constitute the Faculty and professorial staff of Yale.

NINETEEN per cent. of the boys at Oberlin profess religion.

GLASGOW, Scotland, has the best ventilated university in the world. The central spire rises to a height of two hundred feet. One million cubic feet of air is forced into the building every hour.

IT is said that the Vassar girl who caught cold by drinking water from a damp tumbler is convalescent.

THE Roman Catholic Church has in this country no less than 687 seminaries, colleges, and academies, besides 2246 parochial schools.

FIFTY-SEVEN students of Wooster University, who voted at the October election in Ohio, received notices from the street commissioner to appear at the public square with picks and shovels to perform two days labor in payment of their poll tax. The boys marched in a column to the appointed place and clamored for work. The weather was inclement, and a council man, after praising them for their promptness in applying for work, dismissed them with the announcement that they should all be credited with one day's work each.

OBERLIN takes the palm. Having got rid of the liquor sellers and billiard saloon keepers, the saintly inhabitants are now trying to drive out the tobacco dealers.

PINAFORE has been translated into Russian, and Butercup will appear on the bills at Churncreamofcourski.

PROF. (calling the roll before examination)—"Has any one seen Mr. X. this morning?" Omnes silent.

Prof. (smiling sarcastically)—"The prudent man foreseeth the evil and he leth himself."

Senior (on back seat)—"Humph, yes, and the wicked pass on and are punished." Omnes plaudunt.—*Ex.*

THE *Cornell Era* comes to the rescue bravely with the following method of introducing the phonetic system of spelling in the U.S., which might be adopted in Canada as well, as we consider it a very reasonable method:

"Very many wise men, including several distinguished linguists and editors of college newspapers, have recently given the world a great deal of advice upon the subject of phonetic spelling, but if somebody don't suggest some seemingly rash and precipitate means of exit from the wilderness, the discussion is quite likely to end in smoke. Every method proposed for the change is too slow a coach for this age of the world. If it is really a serious matter, we should make the language phonetic before the year 3001 A. D. The only way to reach the desired result in a comparatively short time is to legislate American English out of existence. Let congress enact that all English books in the United States be cremated, and that all persons, except government instructors, exceeding the age of three years be compelled under penalty of death to desist from writing their thoughts upon paper for thirty years. Then let the government printing office issue hundreds of thousands of books prepared after the phonetic method, sending them gratuitously all over the land, finally, let no foreigner be allow to land on our coast. This means of accomplishing an end is certainly a harsh one, but it is the only one which could bring the phonetic spelling into general use in less than three thousand years. If the would be reformers think that the benefit derived from the substitution would be greater than the inconvenience occasioned by our remedy, we hope they will aid us in getting our plan before the people."

EXCHANGES.

WE think we would like our Nova Scotian friend the *Dalhousie Gazette* a good deal better if it did not look as if it were printed on brown paper. We admit this is expressing a regard for outward appearance which may not be becoming, but it is our opinion nevertheless, and as style is coming to be considered as one of the necessary qualities of a college paper, we do not consider it out of place to mention it here. The *Gazette* and *King's College Record* are our only visitors from Nova Scotia and both look as though exposure to the sea air had given them a bronze tint from which they never could recover. Looking still at the outside we would like to ask the managers of the *Gazette* whether or not the public have been wasting their sympathy upon them. Some time ago the announcement was made that Prof. James De Mill had departed this life and as a consequence all the Canadian Literary World deplored his loss and sympathy was tendered from all parts to Dalhousie College. But we still see on the cover of the *Gazette* that James De Mill, M.A., is Professor of History and Rhetoric there. Now we don't want to quibble but we think that announcement should hardly be made several issues after Prof. De Mill's death, that is unless the announcement is a correct one. As to contents we still enjoy the *Gazette*, that is, all but Inner Dalhousie. Apparently that is under the same control as it has been since we made its acquaintance. When we first read it we were consoled by the hope that the man in charge would soon have to retire for a short sojourn in a Lunatic Asylum, and after a few issues a new hand would come and we would be able to obtain some information from that column generally most full of information about a college in a college paper. But no. Issue after issue there is the same quota of bad Latin, Italics and obscure jokes. One or two issues of that kind would be pardonable, but to have the thing maintained throughout a whole session is excruciating, and that that particular editor has not before this been mobbed by his infuriated fellow students, says either that that part of the *Gazette* is never read by them or that they are so absolutely cowed that they are insensible either to insult or injury. There now! We have made the criticisms that we have been meditating for a long time and which we determined we would make before we threw up the critical pen. There are at least two things in which the college papers of the United States excel our papers in Canada, and those are style of publishing and style of local news. Were these improved in Canada, some of our college papers would soon take a position second to very few on the continent.

THE *Cornell Era* must be numbered among the advocates of an Intercollegiate Press Association. The idea doubtless is for some reasons a good one, but there seems to be a good deal of trouble and expense involved for the benefit to be derived. Once the Association is started, however, we hope it will succeed. The *Era* contains some very sensible remarks on the subject of using "ponies" at examinations. Riding horseback is doubtless very good exercise but it may be carried too far, and when the exercise is indulged in inside the college walls, some people are apt to complain. We join in with the *Era* in condemning the practice which is becoming far too prevalent in all our Colleges. The *Era's* editorials are well written. Besides a goodly number of these is a contributed article entitled "Chums Cram," which is well written and entertaining.

WE sympathize with the *Archangel*. Sympathize with its editing board generally, but especially with its exchange editor. He has dyspepsia. We know he has, we can tell from the way he writes. He first reads a lecture on the