

COLLEGE WORLD.

Cornell has registered 500 students in chemistry this year.

The National University at Tokio, Japan, enrolls 50,000 students.

The graduates of Yale number 13,444, one-half of whom are still living.

Harvard was founded in 1648, Yale in 1701, Columbia in 1739, Princeton in 1746, Dartmouth in 1766.

There is a movement on foot to establish a chair of the Irish language at the University of Pennsylvania.

A plan is on foot to establish in New York city a national university on the European plan, with an endowment of \$20,000,000.

WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Miss Scott is on her way home from India.

The foundation stone of the hospital in India was laid on the 4th of February.

The last meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, in connection with the college, was held on the 14th March. The sum of \$20 was sent to support a bed in the new hospital in India. Two dollars towards the expenses of the Cleveland delegate were paid over.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

- President—Miss Turnbull.
- Vice-President—Miss Hulett.
- Secretary—Miss Henderson.
- Treasurer—Miss McCallum.

Y. W. C. A.

At 9:45 on the morning of Easter Sabbath a large number of the members of the Y. W. C. A. met for an hour of praise and prayer. It was a meeting long to be remembered by those present. The Master himself was there, and truly there was communion of soul with soul. The breath of the meeting seemed to be more whole-hearted consecration—every daughter of Queen's for Christ and Him alone. Miss Margaret O'Hara (by this time Dr. O'Hara) told how she had been led to study medicine, with the prospect of becoming a foreign missionary. It was with joyful and yet sad hearts that the members at last reluctantly dispersed, knowing that at their next meeting there would be missing some of the most earnest workers wou'd be gone to "live Christ" in other parts of the world.

OUR TABLE.

AGAIN we are called to the thankless task of reviewing some of our exchanges. Least read of any column of the JOURNAL, we are fain to reduce the supply to the measure of the demand, but the Q. C. J. merits the best efforts of its most obscure contributor, as well as its most distinguished, so we brace ourself to the duty which after all we have never found unpleasant. Reviewers who are tied down to such a grade of literature as is found, for example, in the *Columbia Spectator* and the *Argus*, and who are expected to commend such comic almanac trash as is contained in those periodicals, must

frequently be disgusted with themselves and their employment. But fortunately for the reviewer of College exchanges, most Journals reach a higher degree of excellence, and indeed present an endless variety of subjects for review. It would be remarkable if any were free from faults, and extraordinary indeed if the exchange editor did not see them. By far the greater number err with the *Spectator* and *Argus*, though no others perhaps, to so great an extent; but the multitude of laboured jokes and far-fetched puns to be found in nearly all our exchanges tell a sad story of misdirected genius, to say nothing of incidental evils. A good joke scarcely ever grows old; you may always "stale 't a little more." Some of our best magazines are careful to spice their pages with the best wit, whether new or old, and reject all else. For example, the following story has been told hundreds of times in college papers, but still continues fresh: A certain Professor in a Scotch University, wishing to take a holiday, put this notice on the door of the class-room: "Prof. — will not meet his classes to-day." A waggish student erasing the "c" made "lasses" read "lasses," but learned that "he laughs best who laughs last" when the Professor himself, who happened to notice the mutilation, erased another letter, making it read: "Prof. — will not meet his asses to-day." But the miserable rubbish palmed off for wit by men who think that to be able to laugh at a joke is sufficient reason for supposing they can manufacture one to order, is to say the least disgusting.

Other Journals go astray in the opposite direction, and become so extremely dignified as never to attempt to provoke a smile. There surely is a "golden mean." A good joke cannot be called undignified, while a sprinkling of such spice will cause the heavier reading to be taken with a relish. We think every Journal should devote some space and a good deal of attention to a joke column. *Our Bulletin*, *Woodstock College Monthly*, *The Theologue*, *Knox College Monthly*, and several others, would be much improved by so doing.

Reviewing would be much more agreeable if more attention were paid to the professedly literary portion of our College Journals. Why are there not more contributions by students? Why do not all our editors discover the budding geniuses every college contains, and encourage them to contribute? We are glad to see some at least do so. The *Farsity* always contains several articles from the pens of students. The *Notre Dame Scholastic*, too, never fails to place before its readers most interesting articles written by students of Notre Dame University; but the great majority of the exchanges we receive seem content, if, after inserting a few editorials, a few college notes and a page or two of wretched jokes, the remaining space be filled up—somehow. It is amusing to note the devices resorted to in order to fill the space. One, of which we think at present, seems to have a lecture or a sermon delivered by somebody; always ready for an emergency. Another holds in reserve a promiscuous lot of clippings, and in they go hurly burly into the vacant space. Others still, when contributions are not forthcoming, select a story of the proper length from the writings of some obscure author and copy it