

The general catalogue of Princeton, just issued, shows that the alumni of the college number about 5,500 of which 3,000 are living. A hundred and eighty-nine have become presidents or professors in colleges. The mortality has been greatest among the politicians, least among the clergy.—*Ex.*

The Class of '82, Yale, gave \$10,000 to the athletic sports. The grounds of the new Athletic Park are to contain thirty acres. They will contain a quarter mile track, lawn tennis courts, base-ball, football, lacrosse, and cricket grounds. The grand stand is to cost \$5,000.

Two hundred thousand dollars have been subscribed towards a Catholic University, to be founded at Chicago.—*Ex.*

Boston University is building a gymnasium for the accommodation of its lady students.—*Blackburnian.*

A "Student's Loan Fund" has been instituted at Central College, Fayette.

Miss Helen Gladstone, daughter of the premier, has accepted the vice-superintendency of Newnham College, Eng.—*Blackburnian.*

It was stated at a public meeting in Edinburgh last week that a bequest of £15,000 to the University had been revoked in consequence of Professor Rutherford's experiments in vivisection.—*Ex.*

A gift of \$250,000 is reported from the citizens of Cambridge, to Harvard College, for new dormitories, the rent of each of which shall not exceed \$50 a year.—*Ex.*

Mr. Robertson Smith, the great biblical scholar, has accepted the professorship of Arabic in the University of Cambridge, vacated by the death of Prof. Palmer.—*Badger.*

The Prince of Wales' two elder sons are being prepared for the next session at Oxford.

The Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of Cambridge University, has given £100 to the Gtilton College Extension Fund.

The Mayor of Manchester presided at a meeting held lately for the purpose of establishing a fund to establish a Natural History Museum in connection with Owens College. Towards the £50,000, which will be needed, about £20,000 has been subscribed.—*Ill. London News.*

A representation of the "Ajax," as given lately at Cambridge University, was given on the 3rd ult. in the College Hall, Eton. The original scenery and music were employed with excellent effect, and the performance was wholly successful; there was a large and distinguished audience.

An influential meeting was held in Denbigh lately under the presidency of the Mayor, to consider the question of Welsh education. Resolutions affirming that a Governmental offer of £4,000 yearly for Welsh education be thankfully received, and that Denbigh, in salubrity, healthiness, centrality, railway facilities and scenery, presented a most eligible site for a North Wales College, were carried, and a large committee was formed to carry out the work. A gentleman sent authority to contribute £1,000 to facilitate the scheme, which has received much popular and local support.

The will (dated July 30, 1873) of Mr. Francis Maitland Balfour, late of Trinity College, Cambridge, who died on July 10th last, on the Glacier of Treynay, Courmayeur, Italy, was proved on the 23rd ult. The value of the personal estate amounting to over £30,000. The testator bequeaths £1,000 to Dr. Michael Foster, Praelector in Physiology at Trinity College, Cambridge, to be applied by him in the promotion and encouragement of the Study of Physiology.

Selwyn College, Cambridge, was formally opened last October, when the Bishop of Ely installed the Hon. and Rev. Arthur Temple Jytleton, M.A. (Trinity College, Cambridge), as Master. A luncheon was afterwards held in the temporary hall. The college has been founded to perpetuate the noble name and labours of the late Bishop of Lichfield, and includes provision for the education of the sons of clergymen and others, to fill posts of missionary work whether at home or abroad. The present block of buildings will accommodate sixty-four students, and thirty will be in residence this term. The expenses incurred amount to £33,000.

Presiding at the opening meeting of the winter session of Liverpool University College last Saturday, Lord Derby remarked on the difference between the functions of it and London University—the one seeking to test knowledge, the other to impart it. Speaking of medical science, his Lordship said we now lived longer than our ancestors, and lived more intensely, which was mainly the result of a better study and the laws of health. Mr. Matthew Arnold gave the introductory address, the main feature of which was to insist on the advisability and importance of good middle-class schools. He urged that the State might make some such provision for these schools as was made in Germany.—*Ill. London News.*

In an editorial in one of our leading college journals last month, we were surprised to see the expression "the more preferable way" used. Probably the writer was labouring under excitement at the time.

Dalhousie College has recently been left \$100,000 by the will of the late Alexander McLeod. We offer our congratulations.

President Porter, of Yale, announces himself as opposed to the lecture system of education—at least early in the college course.

The Johns Hopkins University conducts five journals devoted to original investigation in various fields.

Our friend the *Wolfebook Gazette* seems to be getting into general trouble on account of its pugnacious criticisms. Some spiteful people might wish to remind the editors of an old proverb about people that live in glass houses, but then these people must not forget that criticism is useful for more than one purpose.

Why will *Don Quixote* write so often in the 'Varsity? The editors ought to break through their rules and publish this very eccentric individual's name, for it deserves to be handed down to posterity.

The February number of the *Queen's College Journal* is largely taken up with religious matters.

The *Gazette* is agitating for the establishment of a Faculty of Law in Dalhousie. The Science Faculty has just been abolished, because very few students availed themselves of the course.

We thank the *Argosy* for its kind welcome to us. As the number of our students is largely recruited from the Maritime Provinces, we feel an especial interest in the exchanges which come to us from that part of the world, and in the *Argosy* perhaps not the least. In criticising our editorial on the question of admitting women to McGill, the writer seems to have missed the main point, probably because he forgot that we were dealing with a particular case. We did not mean to contend that we must wait until we arrive at perfection in educating men and then turn our attention to the women. The ground which we took was that in McGill there are several improvements urgently necessary but which cannot be effected from want of funds, and that these ought to be attended to before any large sum was expended in admitting women to the University. These improvements if they were effected would by no means bring us an educational millennium; they would simply place the College abreast of the times. The question unfortunately had to be treated as one of dollars and cents, and we are glad to see by the daily papers that our view of the matter has been adopted by the Corporation of the University.

The handsomeness of our exchanges is perhaps the *King's College Record*. It contains much interesting matter, but we are afraid the exchange editor is not severe enough in his criticisms.

Rouge et Noir is a small paper published at long intervals at Trinity College, Toronto. The general appearance of the paper is good, but we think that greater things might be expected from the editorial staff since they must have considerable time to prepare for each issue. It is not a fact that our staff support literary professors, doctors, and lawyers. There are neither doctors nor lawyers connected with the *Gazette*, while the insinuation that there are too many cooks does not, we are sorry to say, apply in the least. The writer's experience in College journalism is probably small, else he would not have fallen into this mistake.

We have received the following:—*The Portfolio, St. Mary's College Journal* (2), *The Acadia Athenaeum, The Dartmouth* (2), *The Dalhousie Gazette, Ada Victoriana, The Wolfebook Gazette, Educational Record, Varsity* (4), *L'Étincelle, Catalogue of the University of Vermont, The Queen's College Journal, The Argosy, King's College Record, Rouge et Noir, Morrill College Review, Astrum Alberti, Harvard Advocate.*

Between the Lectures.

A TRAGEDY.

A cat.
On wall,
Brickbat.—
That's all.

A young man who keeps a collection of locks of hair of his lady friends, calls them his hair-breadth escapes.

An amateur editor has made a fortune by his pen. His father died of grief after reading one of his editorials, and left him \$150,000.

Over the garden wall,
Apple trees big and tall,
No apples as yet so hard to get,
And you may bet,
I'll never forget
That night the dog on me was set,
Over the garden wall.

—*Madisonensis.*

"*Les Passages de Venus.*"—A jocose Frenchman has published the first number of a new astronomical journal under the above title. The journal explains the method of observing the transit, and was sold about the streets of Paris for 1 sou. The next number will appear June 8th, 2004.—*Argosy.*

"Talking of Sidney Smith's cool idea of 'taking off his flesh and sitting in