

examination papers of the previous one, so that the writers can see their mistakes and the corrections made. It ensures the correction of wrong ideas, and inculcates a better feeling between the professor and students.

A YALE senior is in doubt as to whether to become a dentist or a butcher.

THE word "university" is thus defined: Academies in winter of scholarship, and in summer of sculler-ship.

### EXCHANGES.

WHILE reading the January number of the *Hamilton Literary Monthly*, we almost forgot we were the exchange editor, and that it was therefore our duty, did we wish to read our other cotem's, not to spend too much time over it. The first article presents Andrew Jackson to us in rather a more favorable light than we had before contemplated him. Perhaps the gist of the article is contained in a sentence following the description of his victory at New Orleans, when the writer says: "It was not great generalship, perhaps, but it was fertility of resource, personal magnetism inspiring courage, invincible will, vitalized by pure patriotism." The article throughout is well written and in a most spirited style. When we consider the amount of literature, consisting of criticisms on Shakespeare which now exist, it would perhaps be too much to say that the author of "Shakespeare, the Poet of Conscience," has brought out a new phase of his character. But though he has not done this he has expressed well that peculiar feature of the great dramatist. The other articles of this number are also good, that on the Imagery of Longfellow and Tennyson, striking us as particularly so, perhaps because in our case it "oft was thought, but ne'er so well expressed." The nearest approach to a similar comparison we heard one moonlight evening last summer, when trying to define the difference between the soft loveliness of the Thousand Islands seen by moonlight, and the same beautiful scenery, viewed by daylight, it was suggested that they differed as did Longfellow and Tennyson.

THE concluding paper on "College Cheers" in *Acta Columbiana* is as interesting as those preceding it, and the series contain much interesting and well put information. The "Land Cruise" is well written and amusing, and like much of the other writing in the *Acta* is of a free and easy tone that is very attractive. We notice in this number the first of a series of papers on "The practical workings of co-education," the writer purporting to be an undergraduate in a University where co-education has flourished. While not advocating co-education where it can be helped, we think such papers as the one published are not worthy a place in the columns of the *Acta*. That must be a curious state of society in any college where the male and female students could be divided each into two such sets as he describes. We have no doubt all such could be found, but we would not care to believe except on much higher authority than that of the writer, that there are not many others of both sexes. Before saying more, however, we will wait further developments. A well written account of an interesting ceremony—the presentation of a baby cup, to a member of the Sophomore class who had produced the necessary qualification—concludes a most interesting number.

A HURRIED glance through the *Yale Courant* gave us the impression that there must be somewhere near by enticing attractions suggested by the rustling of ladies' dresses, the gentle sound of the light fantastic, and the mellifluous strains of some string band; and on a further investigation, we found that it was a case of infection and the reason for our hallucination was found in the fact that

the eds. of the *Courant* had been to the Junior Promenade, had had a good time and had not yet got over the intoxication of pleasure thereat. Well! we would not have minded being there ourselves. The small part of this number that does not refer to these festivities, is of that sensible nature which has made the *Courant* take so deservedly such a high place among College newspapers.

THE first article in the *Pennsylvania College Monthly* is one on the much vexed question, "Should our Colleges be open to both sexes?" The writer deciding that they should. In commenting editorially upon it, the *Monthly* does not commit itself, but invites discussion, saying rightly enough that the opposition hitherto is expressed rather by "spiteful flings and curt expressions of mere sentiment instead of calm argument." A Philosophical Essay entitled "Id ego sum quod cogite," and an article, "Jes' so," portraying humorously the prospects of the next few weeks to most students, fill out the literary part of this number, which devotes quite an amount of space to collegiate news.

### DE NOBIS NOBILIBUS.

A COPY of a recent publication, the *Gazetteer*, lies on our table, published by Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh, the typography and general appearance of which is very creditable. The book is valuable as a work of reference, an indispensable addition to every library. It contains in alphabetical order a very complete list of the cities, towns, etc. of every country in the world, giving, beside the correct pronunciation of the word itself, a concise description of the place. The volume has been prepared with much care from the latest and best authorities. Besides, it contains thirty-two maps of the countries of the earth, making in all a desirable possession, especially for the student and public speaker.

A GYMNASIUM was first called a "gym" through laziness, but now it is called a "James." Such is the origin of slang! And while we are at it, we might reiterate a former statement of the JOURNAL, just as a reminder, that we feel the need of this "James" very much.

AFTER our last issue came out, we struck these lines, which almost made us wish we had been bald, so strong was our inclination to pull our hair: A Dresden man owned an old she goat that was lately caught butting its head against the bucket, as it swung over the well. This act was referred to once by a poet, who wrote:

"The old doe can buck it,  
That hung in the well."

JUNIOR—What made that mark on your cheek, dear?  
LADY—It's that horrid breast-pin of yours. I wish you'd lose it.

ALMA MATER.—At the Alma Mater meeting on Saturday evening, 7th inst., Mr. H. Fowler argued that there should be more optional subjects in the Arts course, on the ground that as a student has not time, as things are now, to pay particular attention to any one subject, the result was that he had a partial knowledge of a good many subjects, but could not go deep enough to know anything thoroughly. Whereas, if enabled to follow up one branch of learning, he could master that at any rate, and have some chance of distinguishing himself. He deprecated compulsion in study, and thought a student should be allowed to prosecute those subjects alone, for which he had a taste. Messrs. O'Reilly, Davis and Smith also contended for more options. The negative side, led by Mr. Joseph Anderson, on the other hand, held that what a man needed in Canada was the foundation of a general education. If