

Nor runlet trickling from the rock ;
 Nor pastoral rivulet that swerves
 To left and right thro' meadowy curves,
 That feed the mothers of the flock ;

But each has pleased a kindred eye,
 And each reflects a kindlier day ;
 And, leaving these, to pass away,
 I think once more he seems to die."
 —J. E. WETHERELL.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE LIFE.

The first semester closed on the 31st ult. The last two weeks were principally taken up with examinations in all the departments. The senior announcements for commencement day will be given during the first two weeks of the new semester. Upon a petition from the present senior class, the faculty decided to change the commencement day programme in this way : There will be six honor speakers as before and two orators ; the orators will be chosen by the faculty.

George W. Cable lectured before the college on third-day evening, the 27th ult.

The competition orations for "the Phoenix prizes" were put in the hands of the judges on second-day, the 26th ult. From all those competing six will be chosen to speak in public for the two prizes offered by the staff of Vol. VII. of the Phoenix.

The Magill prizes in oratory have been discontinued this year.

Robert Haviland and Joshua Washburn, of Chappaqua, N. Y., were visitors at the college on First-day, the 18th ult. The former spoke very acceptably before the students at the morning meeting.

The Eunomian Literary Society holds its re-union on the 20th inst. A large majority of the 175 ex-members expect to return on that occasion. The re-union is held on the day previous to the meeting of the Swarthmore Club, in Philadelphia.

Dr. Edward H. Magill lectured before the college on Fifth-day evening,

the 29th ult. His subject was "Racine." His two lectures have proved very interesting and were well attended.

All the class and society elections take place in the first week of the present month.

At a mass meeting of the students, called by President Appleton, A. Mitchell Palmer was elected to represent the students at the inauguration of President-elect Foulke, on 3rd mo., the 10th

The retiring presidents of the four college classes are : Edward C. Wilson, of the senior class ; Benj. F. Battin, of the junior class ; John F. Thayer, of the Sophomore class, and Edwin P. Bond, of the Freshman class.

Those of the literary societies are : Esther Haviland, of the Somerville ; Edward C. Wilson, of the Eunomian, and Chester P. Martindale, of the Delphic.
 E. C. W.

"Day and night, summer and winter, seed time and harvest, shall not fail." Each succeeds the other in turn, all lovely in their different phases, and, while to the thoughtful they inspire gratitude, a sense of obligation settles deeper and deeper as time rolls onward. Even stern winter is grand, when the ice king rules with relentless sway over land and water. Fierce stormy winds have music in them, as they sweep on fulfilling the word of the great Supreme ; they purify the atmosphere, and cleanse infectious regions, as they pass, while fleecy clouds, "a beauteous semblance of a flock at rest," gather and then pass away, in quick or slow procession, scattering their treasures broadcast, like pearls and diamonds beautifying the landscape, and causing the embryo seed to generate, come to perfection, and crown the year with gladness. May it be thus with the immortal mind and all the gifts bestowed ; though doomed to pass through summer's heat, and winter's cold, and all the varied changes meted here. May it endure all in patient.