

language of the one languishing, of the other dead, both having played an important role in the theatre of the world, but too distant in time and place to have greatly affected its history, and both losing their identity in the larger life of the same mighty empire, while all the intermediate nations of kindred blood have either run a noble career and left their impress for all time, or still young and vigorous and full of lusty life and swelling hopes are preparing to assert a more authoritative voice in the councils of Europe and in the affairs of the world.

INITIATION TO COLLEGE.

THAT is always a momentous era in the history of every individual, when the period of youth is about over, and manhood goes forth to grapple with the stern realities of life. Existence has new responsibilities, new cares, new hopes, new motives, new trials, new joys. If the character were plastic before, and only moulding or developing, now it fast consolidates. The young man takes a new position. He selects his own associates, discovers and manifests his own tastes and congenialities. The magnetic needle trembling and oscillating before, fixes itself now to its pole, and there with little variation, remains till he goes to the last and longest home of all. Such an experience many of us who have now entered upon our college career, have felt. We have become acquainted with the oscillating motions of our plastic natures. The stealing tendency to drift with the current of society whither good or evil, regardless for the time of the injury done, is not unknown to us. We have frequently laid aside the principles which were inculcated while under our parental roof, anticipating no struggle in again adopting them after an evening's dissipation. What a sea of trouble we might escape by hesitating a few moments for consideration before taking the first step from that path which we know to be right and noble.

It is a characteristic of weakness to give way to the first, second or even the third invitation to join in partaking of the social glass when we are aware of its fatal results. Students do not let it be said of you, that at college you acquired those pernicious habits. If you have not given yourself up to the obnoxious weed or the juice of the grape, before entering college don't think that you will arrive at the stage of manhood more quickly by introducing yourself to the curling wreaths or frothy lager. Beware of the power of example. The instinct of imitation is seen in the child long before it is capable of any other instruction, and in after life the same propensity is discovered in the almost universal conformity of our morals and habits to those of the people around us. It is very humiliating, but we must see things as they are, and there is no disguising the fact, that many of our young men, have been, and are shorn of much of their power, not so much by any defect in their learning and eloquence, as by the sad discrepancies which their lives present.

JUVENTAS.

(Judging from the number of articles like the following, which we have received we are forced to the conclusion that there are members of Queen's College degraded enough to be interested in them. So for their sakes we publish this communication.—EDS.)

To the Editors of the Journal.

DEAR SIR,—

A CERTAIN student received in an envelope, which contained nothing else, the following paragraph which had been cut from a newspaper. And out of sheer madness and vexation of spirit, wrote the following reply :

Because John Timber married Annie Pine, recently, the Des Moines Register calls it a "regular wooden wedding to begin on." We suppose they will board while the honeymoon beams on them, for rafter that they will decide weatherboarding or housekeeping is preferable.—*Burlington Hawkeye*. We hate to lumber up this column, but must really ask, will the first boy be a chip off the old block?—*New York News*. We are rejoiced to hear that they still a-door each other. She bangs but does nothing that woodshed reproach upon their household.—*Yawcob Strauss*. We hope their children will be spruce and seldom require a shingle.—*Hubbard's Printers' Advertiser*. We pre-fir knot to say anything, but we would like to know if we maplease inquire whether people can beecherful under such circumstances?—*Oil City Derrick*. Yew may take the elm, as this has gone far enough.—*Erratic Enrique*. Oak come, now, give the boys a chance and we willow you our thanks.—*Yawcob Strauss*. We concedar that one rod of this stuff would make about five and a-half lumber yards.—*Printers' Miscellany*. We opine the boys mahugany of their daughters.—*Welland Telegraph*. If ever the girls get married, white wood be the most appropriate dress and box wood be the nicest color for trimming, and pulp making the best business to engage in.

The person who wood send such a treemendous list of wood-be puns through the post to a student who is a boarder, ought to be ashamed of himself, and as for the individual who framed the first, may the sun in the firmament never-after cast its beams upon him. May the elements combine against him. May his palmy days knot return. When dogs bark at him, may the street boy call out sycamore! May he cedarkly and pine away for his offence. I would feel rejoist if some one wood-bined him and pitch him into a hole, and wood pile earth upon him. Or I stand treet to anyone who woodland him in limbo, where he might rail and balsam, but, I would say, let him stick, as it wood beecharitable to allow him thyme forrestimating his atrocity fully. Finally maple-sation cease, and let him be berryed with the b-roots, where a dog-wood knot be seen.

Yours truly,

JEU DE MOTS.

❖ MEETINGS. ❖

THE SENIOR REUNION.

ON Tuesday, December 21st, the thought took hold of some members of the Class of '81, that it would be a fitting termination of the half session to have a Class supper. Those members who had not left for home or who had not made previous engagements, seemed to think with