

THOUGHTS AMONG THE EIGHTIES.

How oft' does some wild, dark delusion,
Engendered by a love of self,
Extend its bane through all the nation
With pleasure's plea of greater wealth.
While some above their fellows tow'ring
O'er shadow all of weaker growth,
Prevent in them a due uprising,
That might result in general worth.

And here we find the first great lesson
Impressed upon the yielding mind,
Too oft' is but this trite suggestion :
"Look sharp, or you'll be left behind."
We hear it by the father given
As maxim for his lisping son :
"My boy, be sure to watch the pennies
And always look for *number one*."

We hear the pedagogue repeating,
To all the members of his class :
"There's nothing like your still aspiring
To trip the weak, and upward pass."
We hear it from the man of business,
Ever adding to his store ;
He says that all is fair in buying
At *less* than worth to sell for *more*.

'Tis plain such teaching is delusive ;—
When for general good we seek,
We will not crave a high position,
Gained by trampling on the weak.
The rule Divine for human actions,
Briefly shown and simply true,
Is, "what ye would from hand of others,
That, be sure to them ye do."

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SWARTHMORE COLLEGE LIFE.

About ninety members of the graduate classes met at the Bellevue Hotel, Philadelphia, on the 15th ult., and celebrated their college days and associations by an annual banquet. No under-graduates were present, as the occasion is exclusively for those who have severed their connection with the college.

The seniors will receive their allies at a reception to take place 3rd mo., the 8th, in the college reception parlors. This is the last class reception of the year.

Professor George A. Hoadley, of the chair of physics, delivered a lecture on "The Methods of Teaching Physics." The lecture was given before the class

in pedagogics, in the Scientific Lecture Hall.

The commencement speakers were announced on the 10th ult., by Acting President Appleton. They are as follows:—From Arts, Abbey Mary Hall, Beulah W. Darlington and Mary D. Palmer, of Pennsylvania ; from Letters, Mary Pancoast, Pennsylvania ; from Science, Emma J. Bromell, Maryland ; and from Engineering, Robert S. McConnell, of Pennsylvania. The young women will be in a great majority on commencement day of this year. The honors usually fall equally among the young men and women.

The Somerville Literary Society will hold its annual reunion on 3rd mo., the 22nd. Active work is now under way in the east wing for this, the greatest event of the college year for the young women.

The portion of land inclosed by Whittierfield, the athletic track, will not be used this spring for base ball, as it is not in suitable condition.

Florence M. Yost, A. B., instructor in Latin for the preparatory classes, has resigned her position on account of ill health. Alice M. Atkinson, A. B., Swarthmore, '88, Cornell, '89, will take her position.

All the class and society elections are now past. William E. Sweet, of Colorado, received the presidency of the Senior class. This position for the second half of the Senior year is always closely contested.

The Fifth-day evening chocolates of the Senior Class form a very pleasant change for one night in each week. These entertainments are given by the young women of that class to the young men.

The recently organized Photographic Club consists entirely of members of the preparatory school.

Acting President Appleton is delivering a course of lectures before the new Century Club, of Wilmington, Delaware. The series will embrace a number of lectures on English literature.