

We therefore most heartily endorse it. The *Windsor Mail* has darkly hinted that the majority might be induced to change their minds, but, in behalf of our "Pierian" friends, we need not hesitate to hurl back such an insinuation, and declare that the decision is as unchanging as a decree of the Medes and Persians. And now we ask the "Pierians" to sanction our declaration by remaining true to their decision, and heeding not the blandishments hinted at by the editor of the *Mail*.

Notwithstanding the short notice given and the fact that only one week had elapsed since Mr. Longley's lecture, the Academy Hall contained an unusually large audience on Friday evening, the 25th ult., to hear Rev. C. B. Pitblado deliver his lecture on, "Our Great Northwest." The gentleman evidently seemed to have a deep consciousness of the great importance of that portion of the Dominion, and believed it to be intimately connected with the future commercial and political welfare of our country. By contrasting it with the United States and our own Province he gave a clear conception of its vast extent and extraordinary fertility. He held that the country itself could amply pay out of its own resources all the expenses of railroads and other means of opening it up to settlers. Mr. Pitblado vigorously denounced the meanness of that spirit which would prompt a man to barter away his national birthright for the sake of mere personal gain, and strongly urged the nourishment of a loyal and patriotic sentiment, which, in its ennobling and exalting influences on men, he deemed worthy of a place among the highest religious and moral emotions. Several eloquent passages were enthusiastically applauded; and the audience dispersed happier and wiser than when they assembled.

More noble souls have been smothered in luxury, than were ever killed by hunger.  
—*Froude*.

## Exchange Notes.

In the *Beacon* we find two poems peculiarly appropriate to a college paper, entitled respectively, the, "Freshman's Lament" and "A Local Lyric." Sympathy and pity welled up in our hearts as we read the former, and applauded "Freshman's" heroic resolve. A few more such poems and we also would cause Olney to describe a Logarithmic Spiral, and then seek our fortunes in the Golden West. Perhaps we might here encounter Old Olney himself. And how we would shake his shapely hand, while tears of joy would run down our cheeks, and then how adroitly we would steal off at a tangent and train him with the polar axis, of a parabola. We would not advise our musical Sophs. to read the "Local Lyric," or, perhaps; "Golden Slippers" may have to take a back seat, and the classic chorus:—

"Psychology! Psychology!

Farewell old time frivolity," &c.

henceforth render night hideous. Don't do it now! *Don't do it!*

In the *Haverfordian*, and also in other of our Exchanges, we notice articles about "Cramming." Some designate the Crammer as a lazy student, passing the term in indolence, and then devouring the whole term's work in a few weeks. Not so the *Haverfordian*. Whilst we roundly condemn all such crammers, we yet hold that the best and most diligent student, however he may toil during term, is compelled at its close to systematically cram. An ordinary memory cannot retain a heterogeneous mass of Greek verbs and Grammatical References, geometrical and chemical formula, &c. Nor is it necessary so to do. No one unless he have the memory of a Seneca or a Macaulay can pretend to memorize the work gone over in a college term. 'Tis only by much despised *cramming* that one can expect to stand the test of an examination, such that it would be impossible to answer all the questions given even though the answers thereto distilled ready-made from pen or pencil.

We have received the *Thirteenth Annual Report of the British American Book and Tract Society* and also a number of periodicals circulated by said Society. The work done during the past year has been unusually successful, and we trust that the Society may be abundantly blessed in the future. The Periodicals we have received are of a varied and useful character, but as they are already well and favorably known, we forbear comment.