

THE PORTFOLIO

"VITA SINE LITERIS MORS EST."

VOL. XIII.

HAMILTON, ONT., OCTOBER, 1892.

No. 1.

The Portfolio.

Published monthly in the interests of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, Ont., its students, Alumnae and friends.

EDITOR-IN CHIEF, - ELEANORE MOORE.
ASSISTANT EDITORS { BELLE FAIRFIELD.
 { GEORGIA CLARK.
LITERARY EDITOR, - LOUIE DECEW.
EXCHANGE EDITORS, { CARRIE BOND.
 { LELA KENNEY.
LOCAL EDITORS, - { SUSIE TAYLOR.
 { ADA CHAPPLE
BUSINESS MANAGERS, { S. BLACKSTOCK.
 { LELA KENNEY.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

Per Annum, One Dollar; Single Copies, 15 Cents

Address all Communication to "THE PORTFOLIO,"
Hamilton, Ontario

We invite correspondence and contributions from the Alumnae and former Students.

Notes.

The holidays with their attendant pleasures have come and gone; we have enjoyed them thoroughly, and with renewed vigor are now ready to assume the duties and responsibilities pertaining to our separate offices on the Portfolio staff. Our duties are new to us, therefore kind readers judge us leniently. If any glaring faults appear in the columns of our paper, tell us of them, and we will endeavor to profit by your kindly criticism. Surely with the illustrious example of our former companions, Class '02, ever before us, we cannot go far astray. Yet, only by practice comes perfection, so keeping this truth ever in mind, thus our first literary effort should be indulgently received by the Portfolio's many readers. Former students of our College give us a tangible expression of your kindly interest

in our success and welfare. Correspondence from you will indeed be highly valued. The Alumnae have in former years offered us a helping hand; we hope that this year will prove no exception, and that the columns of our paper may be enriched by bright and instructive notes from them.

Christopher Columbus.

More than four hundred years ago, a sailor, adventurous, studious and ambitious, dreamed of another world hidden behind the mists of the Atlantic, and when he told his dream he was ridiculed as a fanatic. This dreamer was Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America whose fame all nations are about to commemorate.

The birthplace of Columbus is uncertain. It is supposed he was born at or near Genoa. His father sent him to school at Pavia, where he studied geometry, geography, astronomy, astrology and navigation, leaving these schools at fourteen he sailed for several years on board trading vessels and ships of war. Having always a great fondness for geography and navigation, in the intervals between his expeditions he would draw, engrave and sell his nautical charts. After his marriage he continued making his maps and globes which were much sought after on account of their accuracy by Portuguese Mariners. The age in which Columbus lived delighted in geographical exploration, and was ever eager for information concerning hitherto unknown lands. Great interest was taken in Map construction and Chart-making. The Portuguese were the leaders in exploration. Their discoveries had

Note well Reading Matter at foot of Pages.