

Never tell a young lady you intend to marry her, unless you have already met her mother, and are satisfied with her. Never hope awful hopes such as Wilton hoped. You see how it has ended. He is now too big to go through the dining-room door, even edgewise.

Exchanges.

The first number of the *Albert College Times* contains an admirable article on *Student Life*. We think a synopsis of it is worthy the attention of our students:

Every student should realize that the years spent in college give the complexion to his whole life. If the student is idle and careless, it is likely that life for him will be more or less a failure. If he spends his time profitably when at college, he is likely to do the same in after life. He should do all his work independently, and thus learn to have confidence in his own views; he should not allow himself to be led by the crowd.

Many students spend too much time at books. Nature cries for a certain amount of exercise. He who studies and does not like exercise will accomplish much less than his fellow classmate who spends part of the time in exercise and recreation. Besides, it must be remembered that a thorough education does not consist in book knowledge alone. A student should rub up against his fellows, and in this way have the corners worn off (so to speak). The student societies are a great factor in this line. Hence every student should be an active member of the different societies.

We are pleased to receive the *Acta Victoriana* this year. It is a monthly which contains many articles of interest to all classes of students. One on "Our Country and College," is very timely. It speaks of the necessity of the cultivation of a cosmopolitan spirit, the need of rising above partyism and recognizing capable men in all parties. It recognizes that the colleges are naturally one of the great factors in advancing this spirit of broad-mindedness. A college that does not accomplish this to some extent at least is not living up to its opportunities. A student also who does not imitate the same of this spirit during his college course has to that extent failed in his education.

In the October number of *The College Chronicle of Nashville, Illinois*, we find an excellent speech entitled "Original Humor." We give you a couple of the more striking paragraphs:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I will not give you a lecture or make you a stump speech. Although you have the "speaker" before you he is lacking in two things: first, the stump, and second, the speech. Should he attempt

it without these, you would probably find the speech stumpless or the stump speechless.

I have made a careful study of "the rule forbidding "young gentlemen and ladies walking together for recreation," and found the solution, which I give for the benefit of all. In the first place, it is unconstitutional, because it goes against a person's constitution. Secondly, it embraces a great deal but allows no embraces; and thirdly, it conflicts with the laws in physics, viz.: "The angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection when both are in the same plane." Now, if one by incidence starts out, he cannot help but meet the object of reflection, and if reflection starts out it will surely meet with incidents (incidence.)

In *The Adolphian*, a college paper of Brooklyn, N. Y., there appears a short article on "small colleges," the substance of which may interest some of our readers. A large or a small college? Which is the better for one seeking his first degree? For a graduate, pursuing special studies, the large University has many advantages. It is likely to be fully equipped in its special lines and so the student is not confined in his work. But in the case of an undergraduate, no such simple answer is possible. Such a student is being trained not by the aggregate of all the appliances of culture, but by such items in that aggregate as he touches. If a man eats steak and potatoes for dinner he can dine just as heartily where only steak and potatoes are served, as at a hotel table where there are a hundred other items in the bill of fare. A small college usually has facilities for giving to ordinary undergraduates as much as they are capable of taking. A large university can give no more. Which is more likely to do the work most thoroughly? For some student the large college is the better. But for the average student it is better to come in personal contact with 150 students than to associate with 15 out of 1500 students, better to be taught by a professor who is making a reputation for himself, than worship the professor of a large university. There are advantages and disadvantages in both; but it is far from being altogether a misfortune to a man that his lot is cast in a small college.

AN EPITAPH.

Here lies the chronic office-seeker,
Michael T. McGout,
Who never sought a single place
But that he was left out.

'Twas in the month of August last,
The late lamented died;
And now he is in the only place
For which he ne'er applied.—Ex.

A TROLLEY DODGER.

There was a young maiden named Grace,
Once the prettiest girl in the place,
But she's changed a great deal
Since she took to the wheel,
For she now has a bicycle face.—Ex.