

still greater advance. We would suggest this: At next annual meeting let the retiring treasurer come prepared to give a *report* worthy of such an office, that the society may have at least some idea of its financial position.

The question everybody is tired of asking now is: "are we going to have a glee club this year?" It seems too bad that, at a college where over four hundred students attend, a musical organization of some kind cannot be formed. The singing of college glees is not by any means an unimportant event in college life, and especially in "good old Queen's," where so much that is historical and traditional clusters round the old songs, the old spirit should not be allowed to moulder and decay. We have lots of talent in every department; we have always received sympathy and help from our musical Professors; then why not begin at once and organize a glee club that will astonish the natives.

The Medicals are busily preparing for their Re-union, which comes off next Wednesday, and promises to be a great success. Among the musical attractions is Mrs. Whitehead, of Rochester, formerly of Guelph. She comes very highly recommended, and there is no doubt but that she will meet our highest expectation. We understand that the dancing will not occur in Convocation Hall as heretofore, but will be relegated to a more exalted position. This is as it should be, for certainly no concert can be a success held in a crowded ball room.

COLLEGE WORLD.

A FOND mother called the other day upon President Patton, of Princeton, and asked anxiously if her son would be well taken care of at college. Said Dr. Patton: "Madam, we guarantee satisfaction or return the boy."—*Ex.*

Michigan University has established a course in the art of writing plays for the stage.

The largest library in the world is the Bibliotheque National, in Paris, founded by Louis XIV. It contains 1,400,000 volumes, 300,000 pamphlets, 175,000 manuscripts, 300,000 maps and charts, and 150,000 coins and medals. The collections and engravings exceed 1,300,000, contained in some 10,000 volumes.—*Ex.*

The oldest college periodical and the oldest monthly of any kind in America is the *Yale Literary Magazine*. Wm. M. Evarts was one of the five students who started it fifty years ago.

An astronomical expedition is being fitted out at Harvard for the purpose of observing the total eclipse of the sun in California, and of going to Peru to observe the Southern heavens.

A Sophomore, stuffing for examination, has developed the ethics of Sunday work in a way to render further elucidation on the subject unnecessary. He reasons that if a man is justified in trying to help the ass from the pit on the Sabbath day, much more would the ass be justified in trying to get out himself.—*Ex.*

The new Arts College for Women, affiliated with Trinity University, Toronto, was opened on the 15th October, in its temporary location, number 48 Enclid Avenue. The college is to bear the name of St. Hilda, who was abbess of Whitby in the 7th century, and took so prominent a part in the intellectual and religious progress of her age.

Of the 1,400 students in Michigan State University, President Angell states that the parents of 502 were farmers, 271 merchants, 93 lawyers, 83 physicians, 52 manufacturers or mechanics, 61 clergymen, and that 45 per cent. belong to the class who gain their living by manual labor.

Before another month there will be nearly 900 lights in the different university buildings. Notre Dame has now quite an electric light plant. There are no less than seven dynamos for the incandescence and arc lights with which the buildings and premises are lighted up, and for supplying current for experimental purposes in Science Hall.—*The Notre Dame Scholastic.*

Harvard College is progressive, not alone in its advocacy of electives, of the woman's annex, of "non-attendance at prayers," and other organic modifications, but the internal arrangements and class-room methods are continually advancing. In 1880 the professors, by the aid of the librarian, began to assist the pupils systematically in their reading and study. A professor has an alcove assigned him, under his name, to which his students have access at all hours of the day with the privilege of taking a book from the room over night. In this alcove are placed the volumes the professor wishes his class to study. In 1880, thirty-five professors reserved for their alcoves 3,330 books, and in 1886 fifty-six professors reserved 5,840 books. In 1880, 41,986 books were taken from these alcoves, and in 1886, 60,195 were taken. It is said that this simple departure has had a remarkable effect upon the intellectual activity and habits of the students.

DE NOBIS NOBILIBUS.

VENI! VIDI! —!

OR, A LEAF FROM A DESERTED NOTE BOOK.

I AM not sure whether I am generally recognized as a genius or not. But after all it matters little, for in every atom of my organism I feel and know that I *am* one. I was never more convinced of the fact than when, having wrestled with my first finals and having completely and gloriously vanquished them, I became a sophomore. A SOPHOMORE! True, I did not win any medals nor capture a scholarship; but let me earnestly assure you that this was not so much due to my ignorance as to the superior aptability of a few dozen other fellows to answer questions more correctly than I.

Having reached, then, this exalted position on the ladder of fame, I incidentally learned from my room mate that a few more rounds still remained above me. One of these he called Philosophy. This was said to unnerve me, to cast me down from the dizzy heights which I had