

ABOUT COLLEGE.

Bound Rhea-ward,—going to the "Grand" next week.

We congratulate Mr. L.— upon his class, but but particularly upon his gigantic—but why say more? let us rather bow our heads in awe of such sufficiency.

A Japanese Young Man.—'I say, come and look at my room. I've just got three more umbrellas and half a dozen fans; they look no end.'

The piano has arrived and is back in the old place—it is a German one this time—we thought it had a far in tone; it takes such a lot of thumping to bring it out.

The "Yokahama" has proved a mine of wealth to the lovers of decorative art amongst us, but does the attraction arise purely from a love for inanimate beauty? How about the animate? She can't make change, but she has lovely golden hair.

Now the freshman, sad and dreary,
Lays him on his couch, awearry
With the toils of lectures four,
Thinks that strain of "too much beer" he
N'er shall hear again—but query,
For it comes with muffled roar,
Stealing up the corridor,
Quaking freshman, sleep no more,
Shall steep those eyes, with watchings sore.

The improvements made within the building during the vacation were manifold, a d tho' new paint and paper may be detrimental to the preservation of our ancient and venerable appearance, yet the comfort obtained therefrom fully compensates for any loss we may suffer in that respect.

"O why this gloom upon thy brow?
I prithee brother tell,
What is the cause, or why or how,
And art thou ill or well?"
He ground his teeth, a look of hate
Buried in his coal black eye;
"I got 'late' leave, but 'extra' late
I failed to get, and I
Am fined trade shekels three,"
Quoth he.

From the reports presented at the annual business meeting, it would not appear that the general condition of the Institute for 1881-82, could hardly be designated as flourishing.

Although the average attendance reached a higher figure than it has attained for years; although too, many improvements were effected in the Library, and finances were in a most satisfactory state, we regret to have to record the prevalence, during the year, of a spirit of indifference, which impeded sadly the successful working of the Institute.

This spirit, the existence of which is much to be regretted, was displayed in the non-preparation of debates and essays, inattention at meetings, &c. But the feeling of gloom which comes over us as we think of this is quickly dispelled by the cheering prospect ahead. In addition to the happy disappearance of the evil above mentioned, the attendance has largely increased, we have had no lack of good essays and readings, the debates have been vigorously sustained, and altogether the meet-

ings held so far this term have been far more lively and interesting than has been the case for some time back.

We heartily congratulate the Institute on the revival which has taken place, and only trust that the interest which has been aroused may be well kept up throughout the year.

Following are the officers elected for '82-83:

President,—J. Gibson, B. A. '81.
Secretary,—J. C. Davidson, B. A., '82.
Treasurer,—E. A. Oliver, '83.
Librarian,—R. N. Hudspeth, B. A., '82.
Curator,—T. B. Angell, '84.

1st Non-official member, - - W. Moore, '83.
2nd " " " - - J. A. Ritchie, '84.

We love to perpetuate the good old customs, which have been handed down from year to year, until they come to be looked upon as almost sacred in themselves, and their origin wrapped in the mystery of tradition. Venerable indeed are these mellowed offsprings of our forerunners, and hand-in-hand with the St. Simon and St. Jude's dinner has ever proceeded the annual steeplechase. Over a rugged course for upwards of a mile and a quarter, during which hill, stream and many an inconvenient fence have to be passed, right well do the victors deserve their hard-earned prizes. The race this year was keenly contested, and the winners were close upon each other at the finish. Of the seven entries four reached the high fence, and mounted in the following order:—Davidson, N. F., Farncomb, G., Broughall and Jones, W. W. Farncomb then gave out, and Jones quickly overhauled the other two, while from a few feet from the flags Broughall spurred past Davidson and secured second place. The other competitors straggled in one by one in comfortable time for dinner. Considering the nature of the course, the time was creditable. We think some record of the races should be kept, and regret that the ruthless hand of the carpenter and mason will soon have destroyed our picturesque course.

There is an expression about puzzling a Philadelphia lawyer, which is significant of extreme difficulty, and which may we think be applied with great justice to the present fine system. Anathemas not loud but deep, and involving the expression of what has been euphoniously termed early English, might have been heard on the day when the bursar's little document was presented, and the item of fines loomed up to a considerable extent. A few days since, we met the revered head of this College, and upon his usually benign countenance was a fine expression of the deepest disgust. On our venturing to inquire what had happened, he informed us that, finding an unusually large amount of fines had been debited to him, he resolved to have an immediate interview with the Dean, and the result of that interview was the cause of his expression. He had for the first time during his long residence here penetrated the mystery of the distinction between "late" and "extra" leave; for having carefully procured "late" leave for one occasion, he did not return till after midnight, and was promptly charged twenty-five cents for not having taken the precaution to obtain "extra" as well as "late" leave.

It seems only fair that the authorities should issue a code specifying the exact distinctions which their subtle intellects have drawn, so that men after having gone to the trouble of procuring that mystic piece of paper, which involves as much formality, and as many signatures as a royal warrant, may not find all his trouble in vain.