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lengthened the countenances of the once jovial "Cads," and bowed their stalwart frames. The cause thereof was the unrighteous decree of our lynx-eyed teachers in the Academy, that, in the Greek and Latin Examinations, no books of any kind were to be taken into class. And as the injured "Cads" gazed sadly over their Greek and Latin, skilfully adorned with marginal references and quaint interlineations, can we wonder that they sank down sick and broken-hearted. Our only wonder is that the hard-hearted preceptors still live.

Wolfville is justly regarded as a very healthy locality. The students seldom suffer from any disease or epidemic whatever. Unfortunately, however, one of the students being exposed to scarlet fever during the holidays contracted the disease and brought it to the building on his return. Several have since been ill, some of whom, having sufficiently recovered, have gone to their homes. Preventitives are being used and every precaution taken to hinder its progress, and it is hoped no more cases will be developed. All are now recovering.

"The Hon. Joseph Howe," was the subject of the admirable lecture delivered before the Athenaum by J. W. Longley, Esq., ('71,) of Halifax, on Friday evening the 18th of February. The early announcement of this lecture, the well known talent of the speaker and the eminently interesting subject, combined in securing a large audience. Mr. Longley discussed the principles of Responsible Government and those of Liberalism in a broad and liberal sense, as held and advocated by Howe, and in a manner becoming his tact, talent, and good judgment. We have no hesitancy in pronouncing the lecture able and sound. We hope Mr. Longley may appear before our society again.

One of our fellow-students has been lately detained from class by some affection of the jaw. Whether caused by undue exertion in trying to twist down long German polysyllables, or by an unusually vigorous effort to masticate some of the venerable but yet sinewy beef which is here considered necessary to the building up of a mathematical intellect, we are unable to decide, thongh our judgment leans strangely toward the latter assumption. If indeed he had the hardihood to use his jaws as a mill for grinding those fossilized remnants of some putrified bovine, we pity him not, and consider he has escaped wonderfully well with only a slight fracture of the jaw. It would take an animal with two jawbones similiar to that with which Samson slew the Philistines to pass the ordeal uninjured.

Some new developments in the stove line have come to light since our last issue. A stove belonging to two of our worthy Seniors, and also possessing a goodly complement of pipe, has become so imbued with the ceaseless mental and physical activity that characterize the "Hill," that it is altogether discontented with its present standing, and, now and then, awakens our wonder, admiration and even awe by the preternatural agility with which it attempts to emigrate into a more congenial clime, where its undoubted merits as a stove will be more fully recognized. So far, however, the agile adroitness of the Seniors has prevented its escape, and, after a little fiery ebullition, it has subsided into its normal state of repose.

We understand that the Pierian Society lately debated upon this interesting subject, whether the single or the married state be preferable. We doubt not that the debate was skilfully conducted on both sides, and that the decision arrived at is a fair index of the opinion of the majority upon the question under discussion. That decision was, that single blessedness is preferable to the married state, and it was emphasized by a majority of nine. Now our views are in the fullest harmony with those of the fair members of the "Pierian," and we believe the decision to be the best that could be arrived at under the circumstances.

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