

PETERHOUSE College, the oldest of the seventeen colleges in Cambridge University, England, has just celebrated the six hundredth anniversary of its founding. It was founded in the reign of King Edward I.—*Crimson*.

"A COLLEGE journal is the pulse by which the faculty may determine the condition of the student." The college journal must be wholly independent of the faculty, if it would perform its legitimate function.—*Dickinson Liberal*.

LOOKING through the UNIVERSITY GAZETTE, of McGill College, we notice that the ladies of that institution have passed their first examination in a very fine manner. We heartily congratulate them on their success. May they stand as well in the future.—*Cynic*.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.—The Artsmen are debating the advisability of holding annual dinners, which, it seems, have not been in vogue hitherto. Nothing can be more laudable than the attempt to establish this custom which has done so much to harmonize the classes in McGill.

It has been calculated that Vassar College girls eat 5,200 pancakes every morning. This is equal to 1,889,000 pancakes a year, which, with an average diameter of five inches, would extend 302 miles a straight line; or they could be built into a single column nearly eight miles high.

MORE than fifty per cent. of the students in all departments of the four leading American Universities are said to be avowed Agnostics, and, it is added, the percentage is even higher in some of the less prominent institutions. We don't know who is responsible for these figures and are inclined to doubt their correctness. In Canada at all events infidelity has not nearly so strong a hold.—*Queen's College Journal*.

UNIVERSITY FEDERATION IN ONTARIO.—The *Acta Victoriana* after dealing somewhat at length with this subject, concludes by stating that it sees no grievous hindrance, so far as the interests of Victoria are concerned, to the culmination of the scheme. *Queen's College Journal*, on the other hand, takes exception to the project chiefly on the ground that Toronto University will not be the degree granting institution but also the rival of the united colleges and will thus tend to absorb them or deprive them of their individual importance.

THE Illini defends its course in giving politics a place in its columns, and maintains that precedence should not in this reference be tamely followed, still, we think, however praiseworthy it may be that collegians should participate in the great political questions of the day, we fail to see how college journalism can be benefited by entering upon such discussions, the result would be in the majority of cases disastrous not only to the papers themselves, which cannot remain perfectly independent, but to the harmony of feeling among the students, who are their patrons.

THAT students and particularly Freshmen enjoy more privileges now than formerly may be seen from a perusal of some of the rules in force at Harvard 200 years ago:—

"The scholars shall never use their mother tongue, except that in public exercise or oratory, or such like, they be called to make it in English.

"None shall pragmatically intrude or intermeddle in any other men's affairs.

"No scholar shall buy, sell or exchange anything, to the value of six-pence, without the allowance of his parents, guardians or tutors.

"No scholar whatever, without the foreacquaintance of the president and his tutor, or, in the absence of either of them, two of the fellows, shall be present at or in any of the public civil meetings, or concourse of people, as courts of justice, elections, fairs, or at military exercise, in the time or hours of the college exercise, public or private. Neither shall any scholar exercise himself in any military band, unless of known gravity, and of approved sober and virtuous conversation, and that with the leave of the president and his tutors.

"No Freshman shall wear his hat in the college yard unless it rains, hails or snows, provided he be on foot and have not both hands full.

"Freshmen are to consider all the other classes as their seniors.

"No Freshman shall speak to a senior with his hat on; or have it on in a senior's chamber, or in his own if a senior be there.

"All Freshmen shall be obliged to go on any errand for any of his seniors, graduates or under-graduates, at any time except in study hours, or after nine o'clock in the evening."

ACCORDING to the report of the "Yale Field Corporation," the new athletic grounds still need a further expenditure to put them in good condition. Up to date \$53,184.25 has been spent and \$10,000 more is needed.

Mr. Moody is planning the establishment of a great training school for city lay missionaries in Chicago. The sum of \$250,000 is to be raised for land and buildings and an endowment fund.

The number of educational institutions, public and private, in the colony of New South Wales, including the University, is 2315, with 4543 teachers and 189,983 students and scholars, the average annual cost exceeding 30s. per head of population. This does not include technical classes, schools of art, etc. The number of churches and chapels belonging to the various religious denominations in the colony is 1521, representing 247,383 sittings. The average attendance is 202,059, which, with an average attendance of 41,310 at temporary or irregular places of worship, makes a total of 243,369, or about a quarter of the whole population of the colony. The number of ministers is 770, their salaries and allowances amounting to nearly £13,000.

The Maine Supreme Court decides in regard to college students voting in the college town: "The presumption is against a student's right to vote, if he comes to college from out of town. Calling it his residence does not make it so. He may have no right to so regard it. Believing the place to be his home is not enough. There may be no foundation for the belief. Swearing that it is his home must not be regarded as sufficient, if the facts are averse to it."