

pecially to relish the joke. We are not going to give a lecture tending to discourage such "dissipation," but we wish to drop a gentle hint. If we ever yield to the temptation, we keep it to ourselves. We do not tell it to all our friends. We do not write about it to the college paper.

When Byron, with charming simplicity, tells

"Of the rapture that dwells on the first kiss of love,"
or of Dudu,

"And she gave Juanna a chaste kiss,"

there is nothing to offend the most fastidious taste. But when a western student,

"Smacks his juicy lips,"

our poetic conception of art in nature, is lost in his brutish awkwardness.—*Ham. Lit. Monthly.*

It is not the doing but the telling of it which is the offence—and certainly in most cases it is told most offensively to good taste.

We did injustice to the University of Notre Dame in our notice of the *Scholastic* some time ago. That paper courteously explains that there is a small boys' school in connection with the University, and it was a member of this to whom which the *Scholastic* referred so patronizingly. The *Scholastic* also informs us that if anything the Faculty are inclined to let it (the *Scholastic*) alone. The Trustees show great generosity in paying all the expenses of the *Scholastic*, but of course the paper must make some return and make one of its features a "home record."

The following are some of the interesting statistics of the senior year in Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y.:

Complexion:—Blonde, 7; Strawberry-blond, 1; Albino, 1; Brunette, 21.

Capillarity:—Full beard, 1; Mustache and "Siders," 8; "Siders" alone, 1; Mustache alone, 12; No indications at present, 8.

Religious preferences:—Presbyterian and Congregational, 20; Episcopal, 2; Lutheran, 2; Methodist, 2; Unitarian, Materialists and Pagans, 4.

Political inclinations, before the Presidential election:—Republicans, 22; Democrats, 7; Greenback, 1. Since the election,—Republicans, 30.

Matrimonial:—Gone and done it, 1; Betrothed, 5; Would like to be, 10; No, never! 4.

Why did Julius Cæsar?—*Wittenberger*. Because she was too Nero.

What did Oliver Twist? And who, the Dickens, saw him do it?—*C.C., N.Y. Free Press*. What do you want to know for, Old Curiosity Shop.

ROBT. LINCOLN, the new U. S. Minister of War, graduated from Harvard in 1864; Hon J. G. Blaine, Secretary of State, from Washington in 1847; and Attorney-General McVeagh from Yale in 1853.

It is generally conceded that Oxford will win the University boat race.

A SOUTHERNER who desires to be long remembered has adopted a novel method. He left \$7,000 to the Georgia State University, with the proviso that it be invested and neither the principal or interest be used during the lives of twenty-one persons, all children. After the death of the last one, for twenty-nine years and nine months the money is still to remain at interest. It is calculated that, when available, it will amount to \$2,000,000.—*Ex.*

King's College Record:—"We regret that the editor of the *Register* betrays a tendency to hold up Harvard College as being a superior educational institution to either Oxford or Cambridge. One of the Harvard students writes to the *Christian World*, a third-class London week-

ly, a criticism of an able article by Dr. Greenwood, regarding the relative value of European vs. American degrees. The unfledged critic says:—

"Has Dr. Greenwood any suspicion that it requires as much scholarship to matriculate at Harvard as to obtain the ordinary B.A. at Oxford or Cambridge?—and that the Harvard B.A. means four years work on the top of this matriculation?"

This is startling news, which could only have generated in the mind of one wholly unacquainted with the subject. Every one will concede that the two chief things required in an Arts Course are Classics and Mathematics. Can Harvard compare with Oxford in classic lore? Can she ever aspire to compete with Cambridge in mathematics? Will her Divinity bear the test of even an ordinary examination, as compared with either Oxon or Cantab?"

Perhaps not. Still we are of the opinion that a degree from a good American University implies more scholarship than the ordinary B.A. of Oxford or Cambridge. Though of course this is not necessarily so.

"THE new order of college government at Amherst provides for regular reviews, which will take the place of the usual examinations, each student being ranked according to his standing in these, rather than from an examination at the end of the term."—*Ex.*

This is probably aimed against lazy men who rely on a "cram" at the end of the session. But it is hardly fair to the hard worker to keep the dread of examinations constantly before him, and it must surely interfere with any work collateral to the subject in hand.

ENGLAND has four universities, France fifteen, and Germany twenty-two; Ohio, with that simplicity which is characteristic of the West, contents itself with thirty-seven.

NATURAL SCIENCE.—HONORS.—I. What is the commercial value of city water as a fertilizer? Characterize its principal fauna and flora.

II. Trace the development of the kidney of a cellar slug. Describe the bicuspid of the oyster. (*Bradypus tridactylus*.)

III. Determine the temperature, centrifuge, of Residence butter, and the motive power of the cheese. To what extent would it be safe to employ the former in the manufacture of saponaceous compounds?

IV. If the Darwinian principle of "the survival of the fittest" be valid, how do you account for the survival of the College gown (*Thingum autediluvianum*), which nobody supposes to be fit for anything? (*Vide* Schleiermacher on Barbaric remains.)—*Varsity*.

DE NOBIS NOBILIBUS.

WE thought the indomitable "cheek" of a Freshman had received a check when after the concert last Friday evening on stepping up to a young lady and "doing the grand" with a bow, a scrape, etc., requested the pleasure—ahem,—he was met with a blank refusal. Well, we felt sorry? When, lo! to our astonishment, nothing daunting and determined not to be beaten, he made a second sally, and with the customary preliminaries, again offered his services to a second lady, but (sad to relate) was politely informed by her that she considered herself capable of getting home without his company. Not even yet crestfallen and evidently considering that "Where there's a will there's a way," he made a third advance, but whether he succeeded we are not as yet positively informed, other than upon his own testimony when shortly afterwards being derided upon his double defeat he defiantly remarked: "Went home with somebody all the same." If this be so we venture to affirm that "some-