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considerable fortune, she felt at peace with all the world, and understood the beneficence of life assurance as it would have been impossible for her to do without an object lesson such as is here described.—The New York Independent.



College Humor.

We doubt if Tom Hood or Horace Smith, quick-witted as they were, could have made a happier reply than that made by a wit in Waterville College (now Colby), of the class of '45, to Professor Martin B. Anderson, afterward the famed President of Rochester University. One morning he read in the class-room a sparkling essay, and the Professor, knowing or suspecting it to have been cribbed from some public print, asked, as the reader sat down: "Is that essay *original*, Mr. Jones?"

"Why, yes, sir," said Jones, with imperturbable coolness and that pasteboard look which he always wore, "I suppose it is. It had '*original*' over it in the newspaper I took it from."



Nevertheless, there are some college *jeux-d'esprit* which time and the absence of their own sustaining atmosphere have not wholly desiccated; as, for example, the reply of a senior, whose class was studying mental philosophy, when asked: "Does an effect ever go before a cause?" "Yes, sir, sometimes." "Give an example." "A man wheeling a barrow." That student would certainly have distinguished himself at special pleading, if he had become a lawyer, who, when asked by his professor one Monday morning if he had attended church the day before, replied; "Yes, sir, I attended the First Church," and to the question,

"Are you not aware, sir, that there was no service at the First Church yesterday?" replied: "I meant, Professor, the first church I came to."



The punning joke of Dr. Henry Barton, of Merton College, Oxford, is well known. In 1759 he invited a Mr. *Crow*, of New College, to dinner, where he met with Mr. *Partridge*, of Brazenose College, Mr. *Woodcock*, of Christ Church, and Mr. *Rook*, of Merton. At five o'clock p.m., the appointed dinner hour, the merry host said:

"Well, gentlemen, I think I have a goodly share of birds of the air, but we must wait for one bird more"—whereupon Mr. *Birdmore*, of another college, made his appearance at 5.30, having been expressly invited to come at that hour.—Wm. Matthews.



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