

THE formal renunciation of anti-secret society principles by the Delta Upsilon fraternity at the convention with the chapter at Brown University, the more recent unconditional repeal of the anti-fraternity laws by the authorities of Vanderbilt University, and the radical change in policy announced in the last number of the *Occident*, of the University of California, until now a rabid anti-fraternity organ, are significant indications of the general breaking up of the hostile spirit that prevailed against college secret societies in many quarters some ten years ago. The reasons for this gratifying change of opinion are, in part, the almost total disappearance of those organizations that in the early days of college fraternities mistook the true purposes of those societies to be such as to lower the intellectual and moral tone of their members, the careful maintenance of a high standard of membership by the influential fraternities, the better understanding of the fraternity system by its honest opponents, and finally the sheer exhaustion of those that heretofore have maintained a vigorous tilt at the windmill for exercise's sake, on finding that the windmill stands the attack much better than they.—*High School Index*.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 5.—The largest mass-meeting held by Princeton students for several years met in the drill room of the gymnasium this afternoon to reconsider the boating question. After the misfortunes of the crew last year, the opposition to boating was prevalent. However, the question was much discussed, and, after some strong opposing articles in the *Princetonian*, a meeting was called to elect officers of the boating association and to consider the advisability of supporting a crew in the college. The meeting resulted in a unanimous decision in favor of the sport. The following issue of the *Princetonian* contained a leading article condemnatory of the meeting, and its action was sustained by a number of letters from the Alumni condemning boating. This policy was pursued by the paper through two numbers, and, as a result, and to afford the college another opportunity to express its opinion, the meeting this afternoon was called. Arguments were made at some length by speakers on both sides. Mr. Harlow, '84, managing editor of the *Princetonian*, announced that the ground taken by the paper was an expression of his own views, rendered without consultation with his colleagues. It was also stated that two-thirds of the members of the board were in favour of boating. A vote resulted in the sustaining of the boating association. The excitement caused by the *Princetonian's* campaign has been very great. The votes in opposition numbered a scant dozen, and the position of boating in the college is rendered more stable than ever. About forty men are now in training for the crew under the direction of Mr. Bird, '85.

THE WILL of the late Evangelinus Apostolides Sophocles, University Professor of Greek at Harvard College, has been filed in the Probate Court at East Cambridge. It bears the date of December, 1880, and has a codicil attached, dated April 4, 1881. The bequests are as follows: To the president and fellows of Harvard College, all the books of the deceased, together with the stereotype plates of his Greek Lexicon; to the daughters of T. W. Harris, fifty shares of railroad stock and the money now on deposit in the Cambridge Savings Bank; to the daughters and grand-daughters of the same person the income from certain railroad shares now held in trust, said income to revert to the female issue of said daughters and grand-daughters, and in case there be no such issue, to revert to the college. The rest and residue of the estate is bequeathed to the president and fellows of Harvard College, in trust, as a permanent fund, to be known as the Constantine Fund, in memory of the uncle of the deceased. The income of this fund is to be expended annually in two equal parts, the one to be used in the purchase of Greek and Latin books for the college, and the other to be devoted to the publishing of the catalogue of the library. Provision is also made for the use of a part of the income from the fund by the president and fellows of the college, and, at their discretion, for the publishing of an edition of the Greek Lexicon, in preparation by the deceased at the time of his death. Francis E. Parker, of Boston, is named as the executor.

A SYSTEM of instruction for working people has been organized with great success in Copenhagen. At a public meeting held in the autumn, the number of workmen desirous of attending the classes was found to be upward of 3,000. There are at present 136 classes, with 132 teachers, dispersed over the town in 17 different houses. There are 15 classes of women, comprising about 200 students, for the most part under female teachers. The women are taught hygiene and the chemistry of housekeeping, besides the elementary sciences and languages. Some of the male pupils have asked for instruction in book-keeping and the elements of law; others for help toward their own special employment. The painters wish to get information about the chemistry of colors, the smiths about metallurgy. Men who work by night have been formed into classes; the bakers get their instruction early in the evening; and the men at the gasworks, who work by day and night in turn, get their instruction during one month with the rest of the students in the evening, and during the next month have special classes in the day time. The whole undertaking has roused an interest among the working people which, based upon an increasing and more and more consciously recognized desire for knowledge, promises good results for the whole society, if directed rightly. It has been considered best to let the plan grow according to the wants and desires of the laboring classes, instead of obtruding any completely arranged plan upon them; and this way of proceeding has evidently met with their approval.

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Between the Lectures.

LIGHT afflictions—Gas bills.

Do you belong? No! Bully for you! Let's have a drink!

"The boy stood on the burning deck."—"Yes, because it was too hot to sit down."

MAY not death be called, "an indefinite, or unavoidable postponement of respiration?"

By special request, no reports of surgical (!) operations (on the cadaver) will appear in these columns.

It is said that nature has written a letter of credit on some men's faces which is honoured everywhere it is presented.

An old maid, who hates the male sex most vehemently, cut a female acquaintance who complimented her on the buoyancy of her spirits.

"What building is that?" asked a stranger, pointing to the school-house. "That," said the boy addressed, "why, that's a tannery."

A YOUNG lady, on being asked what business her lover was in, and not liking to say he bottled soda, answered, "He's a practising fizician."

THIS is how a parlour-maid the other day corrected the pronunciation of a fellow-servant, a page: "Don't say ax, you vulgar boy; say harsk."

JONES.—"What did you think of my argument, Fogg?" Fogg.—"It was sound, very sound (Jones delighted); nothing but sound, in fact."

A MAN sat musing upon a cane-bottom chair. At length he said: "I wonder what fellow took the trouble to find all them ere holes and put straw around 'em."

No, my son, do not learn to be an undertaker. If you settle in a healthy town, you will starve. If you start in an unhealthy town, you may die yourself.