

College Note Book.

STUDENT LIFE.

Clothed in her fleecy robes of snow, the flush of beauty on her cheek and the light of pleasure in her sparkling eyes, with a frosty coronet of diamonds resting on her shining tresses, amid which glitter a myriad of rosy-hued stars, her bounding pulses set to the music of the North and a song of joy upon her lips, the bride of the Frost King, Queen Carnival, has come and gone! Reindeer-drawn, and gemmed with a million crystals her silver car swept past like a mountain storm bursting across a placid lake, the rush of her icy breath stinging our cheeks and the circling snow-wreath swirling in our faces; and with it has gone the Arctic blast and driving snow, the cold and storm and darkness, leaving the winter clear, and still and peaceful; and the memory of her visit is like the remembrance of a storm of passion, overpast, when the weary breast has sunk again to silence and repose!

And the tired student, sated with visiting and being visited, with tramping and frolicking and sight-seeing, can once more resume his studies with new vigor and determination, for the examinations are looming ominously ahead and only a few weeks separate us from the March assizes. When a student is busy he seldom does anything—worthy of report. And now, when the “midnight (t) oil” is so assiduously cultivated the little knot of loafers has melted from the stair landing, the deserted halls are silent, and the slightest attempt at diversion brings down a howl of indignation from some adjacent study, upon the offender’s devoted head.

On Friday, the 8th ult., a happily rare sight was seen by the startled students, the reels of the fire company in the college yard. It seems that an unextinguished match, thoughtlessly thrown into a waste-paper basket in one of the dormitories, was the cause of the blaze. The flames, spreading from the basket, caught on the table and floor, charring them badly together with part of the adjacent wall. Smoke issuing from the fan-light attracted the attention of a passing student and the news was instantly spread through the College. Immediately on discovery an alarm was sounded, and in a few minutes the reels arrived; but a few pails of water and a Babcock extinguisher had already put an end to the flames, and only the smoke remained of what might, but for its early discovery, have proved a disastrous fire.