

as an eye witness of the whole affair, for I am the aforementioned homesick senior.

Exchanges.

The Notre Dame Scholastic pays us its regular weekly visits always, keeping up its good reputation as a College Journal. In the last number a very interesting article appeared on the "Songs of Death," showing that some of our most sublime poems have been written on mournful occasions. Many poets have a heart consuming grief, a yearning or desire, and numerous are the elegies written. As a balm to assuage his grief, Tennyson resorted to his pen and gave us perhaps the greatest and most patheticthrenody of the English language. Milton, also, on the death of his most intimate college friend gave vent to the feelings of his sorrow-stricken heart and composed his sweetly mournful poem "Lycidas."

The Art pupils have been very much pleased with the painting materials purchased at A. Hamilton & Co. Every new thing for oil and china painting, French decorative painting and the greatest variety of plaques are to be found there, as well as all the standard supplies necessary for the several departments of art.

Among the late exchanges we notice the *Times* of Upper Canada College of which the second number has appeared on our table. The literary productions of this paper are good and show the ability of the staff. We extend welcome to this new acquaintance and gladly enter it in our exchange list.

"Better late than never." Evidently the *Western Maryland College Journal* was struck by this maxim when they published their account of "A Thanksgiving Dinner" in the January Number. We hope they may always in the future enjoy and have as many pleasant recollections of these festal occasions as they seem to have had of the past.

The increase in the number of College Y. M. C. A.'s has been very marked. In 1887 there were less than thirty of these

societies in existence; now, there are three hundred and forty-five in the United States and Canada, with a membership of 22,000 students.—Ex.

The *Queen's College Journal* is ever prompt in paying us its weekly visits. The high literary tone and excellent taste displayed in this periodical, reflects much credit on the students. We were pleased to notice in a recent number that arrangements had been completed for a series of Sunday afternoon lectures, to be given by prominent men of the United States and Canada. No doubt these will be of great advantage to the students in affording them large scope for meditation.

Another exchange received since our last issue, is the *Illini*, a most enterprising and energetic college paper. The different departments are well represented and abreast of the times. The cuts are especially interesting and also something new in journalism. Another pleasing feature is the publication of the various books which have been added to the already immense library of the University. These numerous additions speak well of the deep interest taken by the students to improve every opportunity as much as possible.

We cannot lay down our pen without a word to the *Varsity's* Bashful "Old Roman." We would advise him to seek a home among the Nebulea, for the Solar system is too far advanced for him to find a congenial spot in it. To be sure if he remained here his name would probably be recorded in history as the male who lived ages after his time; and let this also console him that not the freshest of the freshwomen will ever look at him after his effusion. But it is pitiful to think of the degeneracy of the Varsity women for it appears as if the former female student had become a woman or a lady from her actions now-a-days. Think of them actually speaking to their friends in the hall. Horrible! Do they not know that these things may become habits, and they may be guilty of the same improprieties when they leave the Varsity's hallowed precincts and take their places in life! It is too awful for frail humanity to contemplate.