

nearly half the reading matter of the paper. Much of the editorial space is quite properly given to a sort of jollification over their Gilchrist scholars; but the editorial man has made a sad mistake in introducing that "Mamie and Sadie" affair into his department. We would strongly recommend that such a class of writing be published elsewhere, if it must appear in print.

We have also received the *College Journal* (Milton, W. Bronsin), *The Varsity*, *Colby Echo*, and *Oberlein Review*.

### QUIPS AND CRANKS.

A Harvard student translates: "Ponos corrupunt mores congressus mali,"—"more corruption in the congressional mail."—*Clip*.

A philosopher says: "The person who laughs is the sympathetic being." It is wonderful how many sympathizers a student at Acadia has when he falls down in the vicinity of the Sem, and nearly breaks his neck?

The students at Cornell have petitioned for a course in short-hand. There is a certain class of students in this part of the world—those who wear small cuffs—who should follow their example. Examinations are approaching, and this *multum in parvo* invention would prove of good service.

#### TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir:  
As a classic I rise to protest  
Against clipped and imperfect quotations,  
I cite but one instance, reserving the rest  
For some future assaults on your patience.

'Twas said long ago by a poet of note,  
"Fas est et ab hoste doceri,"  
And the way this is mangled by writers who quote  
Far exceeds mere *suppressio veri*.

By omitting the "et," which they do to a man,  
Much harm to the meaning is wrought,  
While without that enclitic the verse will not scan,  
For "ab" before "hoste" is short.

"Et" is here no conjunctions; translated it may  
Be deemed about equal to "even"  
So I hope you'll apprise the pen-public if they  
Continue to write in this slovenly way,  
'Twill neither be condoned nor forgiven. —*Clip*.

The following is an interesting case of the association of ideas which we clip:—

"One of the queerest instances of the recurrence of phraseology in some point resembling that on which the mind is supposed to be engaged is that of an Anglican clergyman, who, when on his way to church on a saint's day, heard a showman inviting a crowd to inspect his collection of curious animals. At the close of each oration the keeper of the small menagerie repeated the words "Alive, alive, all alive, O!" After taking his place at the lectern, the clergyman, with this formula, so out of harmony with his surroundings, still ringing in his ears, began to read. The sentence he selected was the first in the prayer-book: "When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive (Ezek. xviii, 27). As he came to the last word which chimed in with the showman's address, before he could check himself, he added the refrain, "Alive, alive, all alive!"—of course, to the utter astonishment of his congregation, who thought he had taken leave of his senses.

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### COLLEGE NOTES.

Vienna has 4,853 students: more than any other European university.

The average age of the graduation of United States students is 22 years.

The University of Michigan has already had 128 students apply for admission to the literary department.

Yale has the champion college baseball club in the United States, with Harvard a good second, and Princeton third.

Ambert's Freshman class numbers 81. Brown's has 90 members, while Harvard has the largest in the history of that Institution. It numbers 290.

Dalhousie College was publicly opened the first of this month. The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. Schurman, on the subject "Shakespearean Manhood."

Columbia is by far the richest college in the United States. Its available and prospective funds exceed those of Harvard by over a million dollars.

The flourishing condition of Vassar College is well worthy of note. She has 100 new students which gives her almost as large an attendance as she ever had.

The library of the late George P. Marsh, United States Minister to Italy, has been purchased at the cost of \$25,000 by Hon. Frederic Billings, for presentation to the University of Vermont.—*Clip*.

In the Matriculation Examination for London University last June, Mr. J. P. McLeod, of Dalhousie, stood next to Mr. Tweedie, the Gilchrist scholar, in the Honours Division. The fact that these two students have won second and third place among the whole number of candidates is somewhat remarkable in the history of the competition.

### Deaths.

At his father's residence, Upper Canard, Cornwallis, after a lingering illness, Rev. George W. Thomas, aged 31 years.

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