

A word about labor unions, as they seem to and do control the vote of their members. It appears to us that the labor unions as conducted at the present time, seem to be decidedly detrimental to the interests of both capitalists and laborers. They recognize no rights of the former and allow him no freedom of action. Whatever they say must be done, he must submit and do it, whether it be in the matter of employing inferior or other workmen, paying certain wages or working a certain number of hours a day. The moral maxim that every man has a right to himself and so to all the results of his labor, either intellectual or physical is entirely disregarded by them, so far as we understand their principles. We paid enough for a certain kind of work to be done a year ago in this city, but this year we are told we cannot get the work done for less than a great deal more than was paid for *exactly* the same work last year. We were coolly told that they would not *dare* to do it for a cent less, because of the labor unions. Take another case which we read of not long ago. A boy broke 250 glass shades and the foreman discharged him. Immediately the union proclaimed a strike, and demanded that the boy be reinstated and the foreman dismissed. How equitable and just are some men's ideas. They try and seem to succeed in intimidating all otherwise honest and satisfied laboring citizens. In fact every man seems to be crazy to belong to some union. He thinks that his rights will not be recognized or protected if he does not succeed in doing so. We would like to say something against such unions, but we suppose we must not as we really have had so little experience and acquaintance with them.

We have noticed that several college journals complain of non-support from their alumnae. We may also say something on that subject. We do not think that there

are half-a-dozen besides the class of last year who are subscribers. This is surely not as it should be. We should be able to look to them for support. It is well for us that we have not depended on them, for the Portfolio would not be in existence if we had. They are the ones who should take the most interest in the college and all its affairs, and yet with the exception of an entertainment given at the close of the year they do very little for us. Everything, that is all the kindness and attention we receive, is left for those whom we might call strangers, to do. Let us complain a little more while we think of it. How many of the present students have aided us by giving contributions of any description. Not very many. Perhaps this is the reason why the paper is not as interesting to some as it might be. We are apt to like and be pleased with anything we are interested in. When working for anything we would like to make it a success. Girls give a little of your enthusiasm which we have seen you show for some other things, save even a small portion for the "Port." and it will be much more interesting to you.

General College News.

HARVARD still heads the list of American colleges as regards the number of students.

THE Cornell *Sun*, Yale *News*, Harvard *Crimson*, and the *Princetonian*, are the only college dailies.

BOSTON University has one young lady who studies Sanscrit and another who is a graduate of a German university.

CHICAGO university is a thing of the past. On account of a \$300,000 debt which has long been accumulating, there being no prospect of its liquidation, the college authorities felt compelled to close the doors.

THE five hundred and sixty jolly maidens of Wellesley college, enjoyed an old-fashioned