

phantoms lifted and bore the dead year through Times' cathedral, and the multitude followed with their burdens. Ere long they reached a stream, segy and black, where formless boatmen waited to bear the dead to the ocean. As I stood gazing, I remembered my own withered garland, a hope, a dream or two twined in the bright days when the year was young, but now dead and worthless, so I threw it thinking it might rest on the bier. The boat moved slowly off and my flowers sank in the bottomless river. As, with saddened hearts, we gazed after the shadowy thing that grew mistier in the distance, we heard the song of music and laughter; turning, we saw that the New Year had come golden and glorious. The children shouted for joy and the youth pressed forward to greet him. Even some of the sad ones, who had sighed for the dead year, lifted up their head and smiled as he scattered his treasures. But I turned from these things which I had seen so often and from the sad, dead year, and soon forgot in my dreams that all years, freighted with human hopes and sorrows, must pass from Time through oblivion to the ocean of Eternity.

THE ORIGIN OF FAMILIAR PHRASES.—The term "masterly inactivity," originated with Sir James Mackintosh. "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," which everybody who did not suppose it was in the Bible, credited to Sterne, was taken by him from George Herbert, who translated it from the French of Henry Estienne. "The cup that cheers, but does not inebriate," was "conveyed" by Cowper from Bishop Berkely, in his "Siris." Wordsworth's "the child is father of the man," is traced from him to Milton, and from Milton to Sir Thomas More. "There's a gude time coming," is Scott's phrase, in "Rob Roy," and the "almighty dollar" is Washington Irving's happy hit.

A MEDITATIVE man was roaming through an anatomical museum, and came across the skeleton of a donkey; "Ah," he said, in reverential tones as he adjusted his green spectacles, "we are indeed fearfully and wonderfully made."

## College Items.

BUSINESS!

SH—O—O!!

RATS and mice.

OH! ye gods inspire me.

DID you take Mr. S——'s hat? Do you know who did?

"WHY don't you have patent fascinators on your boots?" inquired a junior.

"I AM no longer a free bird, but a happy bird," wrote a student who had been recently married.

A YOUNG lady picked up an Apocraphy in a Senior's room and innocently asked, "Is it comical?"

THE chemical experiment was not successful, or at least we hardly think it had the desired effect.

A CERTAIN young lady in the College should not feign sickness, or be too economical with the truth while that celebrated herb lasts.

A STUDENT was asked if it would be justifiable to shoot a burglar in defense of property. She replied, "yes, if you did not shoot him dead."

SHE says that next to "Hamlet's Soliloquy," the following are the most sublime lines in the English language:

"There is a little mystic tie,  
That binds together you and I."

A YOUNG lady was in the reading-room, and catching a glimpse of the illustrated front which adorns one of our exchanges inquired, "When did you subscribe for the fashion paper?"

HISTORY CLASS.—History, page 29, says: "Chaldea is the only country in which wheat is known to be *indigenous*; other cereals grow plentifully." Teacher: "What are the products of the soil?" Pupil: "All the grains *excepting* wheat."

Two students had been racking their brains for about two hours over a problem in Trigonometry. One remarked, by way of encouragement, "Only two more problems in Plane Trigonometry." The other exclaimed, "If this is plain (plane), what will the rest be!"