

BALTIMORE, under the influence of Johns Hopkins University, is beginning to assume the atmosphere of a university town, and bids fair to shortly rival Boston as a centre of culture.

THE University of Nebraska reports for last year as follows: In College of Literature, Science and Arts (not including preparatory, etc.), sixty-three; in College of Medicine, fifty-two; and total in all departments, 282.

SINCE Vassar College was founded, Wellesley and Smith have been established, and now Bryn Manor stands with them. These four include all the colleges for ladies alone. Meanwhile over one hundred and fifty colleges for young men have been opened for young ladies. But perhaps the greatest success of those advocating higher female education has been obtained in connection with the two great English Universities. Both Oxford and Cambridge have made arrangements by which ladies can attend a large number of the lectures. In England, however, the ladies of the reform were careful to explain that they had nothing to say to the principle of mixed classes; that all they desired was that women should not be debarred from obtaining the best teaching that could be had. Italy has opened no less than seventeen of its universities to women, and Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark have followed suit.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY possesses a court which is termed the *Concursus Iniquitatus*. It preys upon the Freshmen year. For some time past a storm has been brewing between the Seniors and the Freshmen. Last week the conflict began when several freshmen refused to be courted for indiscretions. There was a short dispute and some blackened eyes resulted; on Tuesday the dispute reached larger proportions. The court constables appeared, to take several freshmen, but the class in a body resisted, fortified themselves in a class-room and barricaded the stairway with benches. The seniors swept up the stairs, tramped down the obstructions and a rough-and-tumble fight occurred, causing bloody faces, blackened eyes, dishevelled hair and torn garments. Several professors tried to calm the rising excitement, but their efforts were unavailing. Principal Grant finally appeared, fought his way through the seething crowd to the top of the stairs, and succeeded in quelling the disturbance. The freshman who was to have been courted escaped, but was chased a mile or so by the seniors, who persisted in their determination to make the freshman respect the laws of the college so far as the privileges were concerned. The latest developments show that one man was rendered insensible by a fall down the stairs, and others were badly disfigured. Five men from each section met the Principal to discuss the situation. The seniors declare their intention of showing the freshmen that they will not stand defiance.

EXCHANGES.

THE *Argosy* is anxious for the appearance of the ATHENÆUM. We wish to inform our querulous contemporary that if the ATHENÆUM has not reached Mount Allison in due time the fault is not ours. The paper is mailed regularly between the 18th and the 20th of each month, and besides it does not "take as long to get out a paper at Acadia as it does at Mount Allison," that is if we are to judge from the fact that the *Argosy* never reaches us till nearly a month after the date of its publication. The March number, for instance, did not reach us till the 10th of April. The *Argosy* has likely been flattering itself that its recent assault on the ATHENÆUM occasioned the delay of which he complains, and that we have been ever since occupied in applying restoratives to our wounded and burying our dead instead of preparing copy for the press. If the *Argosy* ever gave way to such a delusion it has probably been undecieved before this. Our fighting editor does not expire at the discharge of pop-gun.

The *New Star* referring to one of our exchanges says: "Many of our older and more egotistical college journals would do well to take it as a model." Suggestions coming from a paper so well qualified to pronounce in such matters will doubtless be esteemed by the "more egotistical college journals" at their true value. It would be interesting to the public to know after what ideal standard of perfection the *Star* is modelled. Before attempting to institute comparisons between college papers the *Star* should pay a little more attention to its own appearance and literary character; and besides it should not indulge in generalities of this kind. If it has anything to say about "older and more egotistical college journals" it had better come out of its obscurity in a manly way and say it.

WE always believed that the Ex. man of the *Niagara Index* was in some measure responsible for his utterances and therefore deserved chastisement for his insufferable conceit and low buffoonery. This cue administered with a good deal of severity in a recent issue of the ATHENÆUM, but after reading the tirade of meaningless rant directed against us in the last *Index*, we are inclined to think that we have made a mistake. The unfortunate youth is more to be pitied than blamed, and the Preps. whom the *Index* informs us "went out to ensnare a fool," might have saved themselves the trouble, as a well developed specimen fills the editorial chair of their *Collegie paper*.

THE *Colby Echo* has once more condescended to visit our sanctum. We do not know in what way we have offended that the *Echo* should have treated us so coldly of late. However we are glad to welcome it once more. It is one of our best exchanges.