

ITEMS.

A COLLEGE joke to cure the dumps.—*Dean Swift.*

WHAT said the sun to the lily when he wooed her?
Wilt thou? (She wilted.)

WILL the boy take a bath? No, the boy will not take a bath. His clothes are off because he is going to an examination. That is a lead pencil tied around his neck. He cannot cheat now, because he has nowhere to hide a book.—*Ex.*

THIS is an examination. See how sad these boys look! Look at that boy in the corner. He will pass. He has studied hard. He has all his knowledge at his finger ends. See, he puts his knowledge in his pocket because the tutor is looking. Come away children!—*Record.*

IT is about this time of the year that the College press announces the amount of Harvard's bequests for the year. During 1881-82 \$400,000 flowed into her coffers.

THE number of matriculants this session in Trinity is about twenty. A new Professor has been added to the Faculty of Divinity.

THE announcement comes from Toronto that Trinity College, is to have a new chapel at a cost of \$20,000. The authorities say also, that an increase in the staff is something much to be desired. But with a nice dim religious chapel our Trinity friends will no doubt be happy.

Among the *elite* which we have found in the meshes of our Post Office box this session are the *Princetonian*, *Nassau Lit.*, *Crimson*, *Lehigh Burr*, *Cornell Era*, *Acta Columbiana*, *Trinity Tablet* and *Student Life*. There is of course the usual catch of small fry. The *Crimson* appears this year weekly, with every promise of being as vigorous and interesting as it was as a fortnightly.

THE *Acta* coterie is all alive, and T. Carlyle Smith continues to be amusing in his own airy, and extravagant style. The *Burr* shows strong marks of improvement and has firmly established itself in the first rank of papers. The exchange man of the *Niagara Index* makes the customary remarks about his being a new hand. But it is no use. There is no disguising our friend of last year. We hope he may continue to maintain the reputation of the paper, and scribble away with his old time assurance, and cool indifference. We miss as yet many old friends—the *L'house Gazette*, *Varsity*, and our fair friends from Whitby and Hamilton. We hope it will not be for long.

AT CORNELL, the weekly *non dies* has been changed from Saturday to Monday. The *Era* warmly approves of the change. This idea, as we have before suggested, has many good points about it. It is essential that in colleges there should be two days in the week for "rest and recreation," and one of these days should be given to reviewing the week's work. If the holiday is on Saturday, it is more than probable that that day will be the day of recreation and Sunday that for reviewing and grinding. Whereas if Monday were the holiday the reviewing would also come on that day. There is always a tendency to put off work till the last moment. And Saturdays generally slip away without much work being done. We again strongly recommend this matter to the attention of the Senate.

CONSIDERABLE controversy, interesting chiefly to theologians, has arisen in Oxford about two positions—the Vice-Chancellorship, to which Professor Jowett, Master of Balliol, and Professor of Greek, has been nominated, and the chair of Oriental Languages. It is claimed that the latter should be separated from the Canonry of Christ Church, which makes it requisite that the occupant should be in the church, and the nomination vested in the crown. In other words, that the chair may be occupied by a layman. As it is now, distinguished Hebraists such as Professor Robertson Smith, cannot apply for the chair, as they would be unable to hold the Canonry. On the other hand it is said that there is little inducement as it is, for the clergy to become scholars, as laymen are usually preferred in University appointments, and that as the Oriental Languages are so closely connected with theology, it is exceptional to find an English Hebrew scholar who is not in the orders of the Church of England.

The nomination of Jowett to the Vice-Chancellorship shows what a change of feeling may arise in a few years. A score of years ago, the present Professor of Greek was looked on as a rank heretic. It would have been thought at that time an unheard of thing to allow him even to occupy the University pulpit. In fact it was only as master of a college and having thus acquired an undeniable right to do so, that he ever preached to the undergraduates. Are Oxford men becoming more liberal? or is it merely Jowett's claims as a scholar that they wish to recognize.

MATRIMONY.—An insane desire to pay for the board and lodging of some other man's sister.

MCGILL COLLEGE defeated the cadets of the R. M. College at football last week.

John Jones, while out walking with Hannah,
Slipped and fell on a frozen banana,
And she came down kerslap,
Right square on his lap,
In an awkward, embarrassing manner.
But yet, though she ruined her pannier,
Hannah seemed rather pleased with the manner,
For after a while
She said with a smile,
"John, let's find another banana."—*Ex.*

FRESHMAN to a barber in whose chair he is now comfortably settled: "I say, what do you charge for a shave?" Ebony wielder of the edged tool; "Fifteen cents, sar." Freshman: "No reduction for the trade?" Blinking ebonite: "No sar." Then the Freshman gathered about him his mantle, and with tread stately and sublime sought another shop.—*Ex.* We suppose the Freshman's claims to being in the trade were on the ground that he was a little sha—. But we will give someone whose life is less valuable than ours the right of finishing this joke.

"What is that mother?"
"A masher, dear;
You will always find it standing here,
Posed on the corner of the street,
Proudly displaying its tiny feet,
Twirling its little ten-cent cane.
A stupefying its tender brain
With the smoke of a paper cigaret.
Don't touch it, dear—it was raised a pet."
"Will it bite, mother!"
"Well, I should shout;
It will bite a free lunch for all that's out."