

We would remind these erring mortals that every institution the wide world over, having any pretensions whatever to be termed a university, has its Cadet Corps, for entrance into whose ranks the staid, philosophic senior often sues in vain. The strong and cogent reasons that recommend military drill as a beneficial exercise for college students were sufficiently discussed in our former editorial.

In conclusion, then, we would exhort the members of the Cadet Corps to be faithful to their duty. If they put into practice these counsels so few and simple, they will have, as of yore, one of the best drilled companies in the city, and what is of still greater importance they will possess the easy graceful carriage that should be the distinguishing characteristic of every well-educated man when he appears in society.

THE SAURUS OMNIUM RERUM.

Of all the faculties of the human mind, there is none which requires more and receives less attention, than does the memory, and yet it is the main source of all thought, the great store-house, which supplies the other faculties with the raw material necessary for efficient work. *Tantum ingenii quantum memoriae*, is as true to-day as when first penned. It matters little what may be our positions in life, whether as politicians, lawyers, doctors, judges, editors, or dispensers of the word of God, our powers of memory will be constantly tested. The strength, or weight of a speaker, or debater, lies not alone in his argumentative ability, but also in the accuracy and correctness with which he states the arguments of his opponent. The success of a lawyer or judge depends to a great extent on the exactness with which he remembers cases, and reports decisions. The author or editor is a sure

failure without a well trained memory, for he above all others is called upon for daily feats of this faculty. How many persons have we met, who like Artemus Ward boasted of having the power of oratory, but never "had it about them" when they wanted it. Their memories are, to use their own expression *treacherous*. The exact word or sentence or argument is always wanting. They are vanquished in debate, and ten minutes later, after the disordered memory has been thoroughly ransacked, the missing argument, which would have silenced any opponent, at last turns up. This want of memory reminds us of Falstaff's deafness, "Rather out, so please you. It is the disease of not listening, the malady of not working, that I am troubled withal." In this age of many books, and many poor memories, we are often astonished on reading well authenticated facts related concerning the extraordinary mnemonic performances of the men of former days. Cyrus knew the name of every soldier in his immense army. Pascal could recite the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Mozart, after hearing the *Miserere* song once in the Sistine Chapel at Rome, reproduced, next day, every note from memory. Macaulay, while yet a mere boy, memorized Scott's "Lay of the Last Minstrel," while accompanying his father on an afternoon call, and later on in life, offered as a wager to produce from memory every line of "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Paradise Lost." But though such feats as these are not to be expected from the students of the present day, whose minds are constantly flitting from one thing to another, and dwelling on nothing long enough to receive lasting impressions, still a great deal can be done towards the development of this faculty if the proper method is pursued. Definite rules or systems of mnemotechny cannot be laid down, as every person must frame for him-