



The *Sunbeam* is an interesting and sometimes a very instructive journal. Although some of its articles are of a somewhat trivial nature, yet a large number are choice and well selected. We will always be glad to hear that the *Sunbeam* is on our list of exchanges.

"Take your entire notes in class, only don't put down everything I say. The system of taking a few notes in class with the intention of copying more fully a little later is a snare and a delusion. Your intentions may be good, but you very seldom follow them out."

#### STUDENT LIFE.

Among the latest of our new arrivals is the *Albion Academy*, published during the school year by the students of the Albion Academy. It is a brisk and bright addition to the field of college journalism, and promises to be deserving of its company. Its literary department as yet is not very extensive, but the articles written are interesting and instructive.

The *Owl* finds its way to our table from Ottawa College. Its well arranged matter is a pleasing contrast to the appearance of some of our exchanges. The literary department is especially good, always containing articles that are interesting to students. The April number contains an excellent article on Tennyson as a poet of Nature. The article on "Responsible Government in Canada," is also well written and instructive.

There are three principal reasons why the College paper should be encouraged and supported. It gives to the world the real standing of the institution which it represents, and the kind of work that is being done. It provides for the students a medium through which they may express their sentiments, and thereby profit on each others' opinions of the topics of the day. To say that the pleasure and real satisfaction that a student gets from the perusal of the college journal is appreciated, is indeed saying but little.

Prof. C. F. Wright, of Oberlin, has recently come into possession of a small clay image that is attracting considerable interest among scientific men. It was brought up from an artesian well near Boise City, Idaho, from a depth of 320 feet. The image is about an inch and a half high and is well carved. There seems to be no doubt of its genuineness, though the question is being thoroughly investigated by the Professor. The material of which it is made is the same as the clay balls that are found in the same deposit as the image was found in, which was a coarse sand. Should it be genuine, it puts the antiquity of man on this continent farther back than any paleolithic implements yet found.

#### PROVINCIAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

The semi-annual meeting of this association is to be held at Woodstock on July 3rd. and 4th. The following interesting subjects will be discussed on Thursday:—Sheep Husbandry; Pork Raising and Packing; and Fruit Culture. Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, dairy commissioner of Canada, will attend and on Friday will address the meeting on the following subjects:—Morning, Dairy

Farming for the Dominion; Afternoon, Fodder Corn and the consideration of Silos; Evening, Agricultural Education. A large gathering of prominent farmers is expected. To those who are anxious to see this country take its proper place in agricultural pursuits, the meeting will be of special interest. Ladies are not excluded, but on the contrary, are cordially invited to grace the sessions with their presence.—*Ex.*

*The Cycle*, from Massachusetts Agricultural College, is always a welcome visitor. One of its numbers contains a very interesting article entitled the "Sophomore Experimental Plot," which treats of a new scheme for the students of that college. The plan, in short, is this: The Sophomore class in their spring term and fall term of their Junior year, are to carry on individual experiments on a one-sixth acre allotted to each. Each student has the choice of selecting his own experiment on condition that a plan containing the minutest details be made out during the winter term previous and handed to the Professor in charge. In carrying out the experiments each one is expected to keep a memorandum of all important observations, and a strict and accurate profit and loss account. The farm prepares the land, provides all seed, and agrees to take all crops raised, paying market value for them. At the end of the year profits made by all are to be placed together, one third of which will go as a prize to the one who has carried out his experiment the best, and the remaining two-thirds will be distributed among the remainder of the class.

It is right and manly to be a faithful student and intense in mental application, but a few of these little charms are fully consistent with such high aims, and when they relieve so much monotony and generate that most excellent quality we name University pride we ought to covet them as we do virtues. The value of college spirit shows itself in the formation of local alumni associations, each one of which can extend to some worthy boy free tuition. It stimulates a graduate to advertise his institution in the best possible way, and annually draws a good number of matriculates to our school. Separate ourselves from these things and we are without bonds of sympathy, and leaving college we would leave a treadmill and soon cease to care or think of each other. We would not feel that common desire of old students to further the interests of a fellow class-mate or lift a fallen friend of the mire. And so, let me plead that you correctly estimate the value of college spirit and college tradition, and that the delights of study may not tempt you to scorn them. If the beauty and power of youthful attachments have any claim upon your attention, give honorable recognition to the real, lasting influence of college spirit—the memories of pure friendship, of class rivalries, of athletic and political contests, of spiritual benefits. They will form an exquisite chapter of unwritten history whose pages we shall turn with pleasure and pride.

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—*Exchange.*