

serious tone in the rest of the paper. We are glad to see that the number of students attending the College is increasing.

THE Students' Guild of Cornell University was organized about seven years ago, to assist students who might be taken sick while pursuing their studies. The membership consisted of three members of the faculty, and one student from each of the four classes. The guild as first organized was allowed to lapse in consequence of Mrs. Fiske's bequest for the erection and maintenance of a hospital, but since this bequest is rendered inoperative by litigation, it has been thought best to reorganize the project.

A FRESHMAN named Moulton was hazed at Bowdoin lately, his room being entered and his property disturbed and injured. Under the new jury system of college discipline, a hearing of the matter took place a few evenings after. The case will require the attention of the full board for such cases, and will be the first in which the jury chosen by the students from the various secret societies will have a part. The best results are expected. The sentiment of the college is in decided support of the jury system.

PROFESSOR SYLVESTER has been elected to the Savilian Professorship of Geometry at Oxford, in succession to the lamented Henry Smith. The contrast between this and the last appointment to the Chair is remarkable; for while Henry Smith was a young man much below the usual professional age, and was not known beyond a small circle of experts, Professor Sylvester is already a long way past middle life, and has long been known in both hemispheres as one of the most profound mathematicians of the age.

THE Harvard University Catalogue for 1883-84 makes a volume of 278 pages. The government teachers and other officers of the university number 231 persons, of whom 167 are teachers. The senior class numbers 209, the juniors 195, the sophomores 248, the freshmen 253, and the special students 67, a total of 972 students. There are 21 students in the divinity school, 146 law students, 26 scientific, 243 medical, 30 dental, and 88 others, making a total of 1,522 students in all the departments.

The November number of the *Portfolio* contains a "woman's rights" tirade by Adonis. The writer thinks that Venus must soon take her seat in the legislative assemblies of the world. When this happy time arrives (happy for Adonis if he happens to be a legislator then), it will be only fair that our regiments and police be recruited from amongst the gentler sex. They will probably like to have some share in carrying out their own laws. A far different spirit is breathed in the pretty little poem "Dear Mother" in the same number.

THE late Professor Sophocles was once approached by a visitor of the Shapira genus, who had some manuscripts alleged to be autographs of some of the early Fathers of the Church. The venerable Greek exposed the pretensions of several without losing his composure; but when at last the original manuscript of the Athanasian Creed, in the writing of St. Athanasius (?), was produced, he called his visitor's attention to a large club in the corner of the room, and pointed significantly toward the door, by which the terrified man made his escape with some precipitation.

THE report of the Board of Medieval and Modern Languages recommending the establishment of a Modern Languages Tripos and containing the regulations for the same was discussed. The report met with general approval, Professor Seeley expressing a hope that no further delay would occur in bringing it up for adoption by the Senate, as he knew cases of men anxious to read for the Tripos. Mr. Tilley, Mr. Oscar Browning, and Mr. H. W. Eve expressed their pleasure at the prospect of an early establishment of the examination. The meeting then separated. —*Camb. Review*.

THE proposition of Washington C. De Pauw, of New Albany, to give \$240,000 to Asbury University at Greencastle, Ind., in return for \$180,000 additional endowment and the change of name to De Pauw University, has at last been

accepted, and the millionaire manufacturer's name will now supersede that of the early Methodist divine and bishop. Mr. De Pauw has also, with the consent of his wife and children, signed an agreement to give the institution forty-five per cent. of the remainder of his estate at his death. It is estimated that the endowment will aggregate about a million and a half of dollars.

THE *Dalhousie Gazette*, of November 23rd, contains a good article on Elective Studies. The writer thinks that the standard of matriculation should be raised, and that the student, after the first year, should be let choose his own studies. This is pretty much the opinion which we ourselves entertain with regard to a university course. The difficulty, however, is to get the universities to make their matriculation examinations sufficiently difficult to allow of the plan of special courses being properly carried out. The law school has been already presented with 2,785 volumes, and subscriptions to the amount of \$1,100. We wish Dalhousie every success in its new department.

THE *Sunbeam*, in its November number, discusses the question of the study of medicine by women. It claims that every advancement gained by women is opposed by a certain class of men, merely on the ground of their losing just so much as women gain, and that their opposition is selfish and mercenary. Though women by nature are tender and careful nurses, and would make equally good doctors, yet the *Sunbeam* thinks that they will never, to any great extent, compete with men, but they should have every encouragement to qualify themselves for greater usefulness at home, and as missionaries. The same number contains a history of the *Sunbeam* from the time it left the sun until it struck mother earth, on November 1883, A.D. A contribution on the subject of "Betraying Confidence" is somewhat lengthy. It appears to be written by a man, an ex-aid surgeon of the French army, Dr. Souvieu. As parts of this looked familiar, we were going to accuse the *Sunbeam* of plagiarism, but not having an account of a taffy pull, we concluded he was called in on account of some cases of consumption that resulted from it, and that his marvellous cures gained him the favor of the profession.

THE *Monthly*, published by the ladies of the Hamilton (Ky.) Female College, opposes co-education. The November number, in one of its editorials, defends the study of the ancient languages. "The work of translation alone," says the writer, "causes the constant exercise of reasoning, comparison and taste. By these faculties being brought daily into play, accuracy of thought, elegance of diction, and a correctly educated taste, are effectually acquired." Again, "It seems strange that anyone who has had an opportunity to study, should be content to pass through life totally ignorant of the great writers of antiquity; to see Virgil and Sophocles mentioned continually by modern writers, and hear the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* daily spoken of, without being able to understand. No one can study and appreciate the works of the great ancient writers, without delighting in the study of his own literature, and appreciating its master-works. He whose mind is so cultivated as to derive pleasure only from the works of the best authors, has certainly attained one great object of education. Surely the majority are in favor of liberal education, and no education can be considered very extended which does not embrace some knowledge of the master-pieces of antiquity."

ALMOST simultaneously with the revival, if it may be so called, of the "Birds" at Cambridge, the Philothespian Club at Oxford began its legitimate existence by the production of Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*. The Philothespians are to be recognized by the University so soon as they shall have satisfactorily produced a play of Shakespeare. The club is naturally anxious to attain as soon as possible to such an enviable position. But there was one more injunction laid upon them by the Vice-Chancellor—all female characters are to be played by ladies. The *Merchant of Venice* was put into rehearsal. Ladies whose names are not unknown in Oxford were found to kindly volunteer their services for Portia, Nerissa