

On Cuban hill-sides set. When such expires—
My friends, I pray you, let it not be yet!
We'll smoke the homely but more soothing calumet!

Songs then became the order of the evening, Dr. A. Baines, Dr. W. H. Ellis, Dr. B. Spencer, Dr. A. A. Macdonald, Dr. W. A. Richardson, rendering songs appreciated as such can be only amongst a lot of college men. The president's song capped the climax.

Further social entertainment, was engaged in till up-town cars and early morning trains reminded all that the evening was growing old; when hearty good-byes and mutual congratulations on the success of the first annual gathering of the alumni brought the meeting to a close.

STATE MEDICINE

GENERAL HYGIENE.

Dangers of Pork as an Article of Food.

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In an extended article on this subject, the writer says on the sanitary aspect of the question:—

Few writers in America have studied the question of diseases communicated by pork aside from the single cause of trichinosis. Dr. G. P. Bissell, in a paper published in Philadelphia in 1817, claimed that enlargement of the glands in the hog is not more frequent than in the cow, and endeavored to prove that scrofula prevails where the swine is unknown.

In 1838, Dr. W. Pepper, of the same city, published a fatal case of pork poisoning, accompanied by severe inflammation of the stomach and intestines, with an autopsy and remarks. Dr. Pepper states that cholera morbus is induced by such food.

In 1865, Dr. Walter Dupuy, of Carrollton, Illinois, reported a fatal case of pork poisoning.

In 1865, a certain Wm. McAdoo, of Brookville, Pennsylvania, published one of the most curious pamphlets ever issued in regard to the pork question. This little work takes the theological side of the argument, and is full of originality, and not without merit. It was this same McAdoo who was called a Jew by a lady on account of his strong prejudice against the use of pork and who wittily retorted, "If you want to find the word Jew look after Solomon's day. He speaks of the hog but not much to his honor. (See Proverbs, chap. 1, verse 22), 'as a jewel in a swine's ear, so is a fair woman without discretion. Both look bad, but far better let the swine have the jewel of gold than the fair woman be without discretion.'" McAdoo also gives a short history of the Jews of Syria who were so cruelly murdered by the Christians because they would not eat pork; this was during the reign of

the tyrant Antiochus. To McAdoo the swine is as typical of the devil as is the serpent, the latter is always relished by hogs.

It may not be generally known that a sect of Baptists, of the Seventh Day order, who number some thousands of members in the United States, Great Britain, and Australia, issued pamphlets in opposition to pork eating.

Says this pamphlet, or Health Tract: "So numerous have been the cases of sudden death occurring during the past winter, the immediate cause of which was unmistakably traceable to the eating of pork, that the most observing people are beginning to entertain many very serious doubts as to the propriety of using as an article of diet that which is liable to produce direful consequences. The various forms of pork are largely used in America. In the case of no other animal is so large a portion of the carcass used as food. Yet this beast is not only unfit to be eaten, but is the prime cause of many loathsome diseases." The author then goes into such a realistic description of the filthy habits of the animals as to nauseate the healthiest stomach. Under the heading of "A dead hog examined" comes the startling inquiry, what is lard?

"Just under the foul and putrid skin we find a mass of fat from two to six inches in thickness, covering a large portion of the body. What is this? Lard, says one, animal oil; animal oil, truly, and we will add as synonyms, scrofula, torpid liver, erysipelas, etc., etc. So gross are the habits of the animal, so great has been the foulness of its body, the excreting organs—its liver, lungs, kidneys, skin—have been entirely unable to carry away all the impurities, which the animal has been a lifetime accumulating. Delectable article—a slice of fat pork; concentrated, consolidated filth."

No person with a delicate stomach will ever con-