

ber concerning a Gymnasium has brought a speedy and generous response. A thousand dollar grant for a Gymnasium must have carried joy to the hearts of the students. *Happy Haverfordians!*

The Holiday number of the *Wittenberger* comes clothed in goodly apparel, and sustains the reputation the *Wittenberger* holds as an ably conducted College Journal. The advice given in its Exchange columns to the *Kansas Review* concerning the number of advertisements in the local column is timely, and it might be as well for the Editors of the *Wittenberger* to prevent the recurrence of quite so many advertisements among their own locals.

"Vindensora" in the *King's College Record* for November seems to be in a sort of quandary as to whether Acadia did right in adopting the gown in all her classes. We hope some of the learned correspondents of the *Record* will aid him in his quest after knowledge, as such knowledge will undoubtedly prove wonderfully beneficial to him in his course through life. "College Mannerisms," in the *Argosy*, is very roughly handled by the *Record*.

The *Beacon* again throws a ray of light into the sanctum. In its pages we see much that fixes our attention and eulists our sympathies. "Wretched" describes the misery and ruin of an unfortunate student gradually sinking beneath the baleful influences of "Todhunter's Conic Sections." We trust our gallant Sophomore class will prove of sterner stuff and wade through Conic Sections and Differential Calculus with jovial indifference. "One Year in a Western College" is an entertaining account of the pleasures consequent upon attending at such an institution. To rise at 5 a. m., and retire at 9 p. m. throughout a whole term must be a source of happiness too pure and lasting for this world.

In the January number of the *Dalhousie Gazette* is a long letter concerning Mt. Allison College and in which occurs this characteristic sentence: "The *Wesleyan* well knows that as a College, capable of furnishing a student with a good liberal education, Dalhousie stands head and shoulders above each and every the *Sectarian* colleges of Nova Scotia." In this, as in many other instances that might be named, the editors of the *Gazette* laudably endeavor to blow their own trumpet, perceiving with their usual sagacity that no one else is capable of filling so windy an instrument. Truly, long continued practice has greatly increased their powers of blowing, and this peal of the trumpet gives forth no uncertain sound. Perhaps in the next number the *Gazette* will condescend to particu-

larize, and show in what respect Dalhousie has so suddenly mounted to such a degree of eminence. We heartily pity the pigmy *Sectarian* colleges that have dwindled to such an insignificant stature as that intimated in the above quotations. They must rank about as high as second rate Academies.

We trust the Provincial Government will carefully consider the sapient remarks of the *Gazette* concerning the Halifax University. We had some faint idea at the time of its establishment the *Gazette* was rather favorable than otherwise to such an institution, but, of course, we must have been mistaken. Doubtless the Government will now be convinced of its error, and institute a searching investigation after "*the Provincial University*." Such a search would probably prove as exciting and successful as any that ever had for its object either the historic sea-serpent, or even Darwin's Missing Link.

Tell me ye classic shades,  
That round my pathway soar,  
Is there no jewelled cave  
Beside the sounding shore;  
Or in the forest grand,  
Some deep untrodden glen  
Where stands a lordly pile  
Built not by hands of men,  
But reared by giant genii  
In the mighty days of old,  
Sparkling with fairy chrysoïte,  
Gilded with fairy gold:—  
Yeapt by learned Dalhousie  
"Provincial University."

### Literary Notes.

Harvard has 158 instructors.

There are now daily College papers at Yale, Harvard, and Cornell.

The life of Jonathan Swift is being written by Mr. Henry Craik.

A new volume of poems by Mr. Whittier is to be published at an early date.

Dean Stanley has in preparation a new edition of his essays on the questions of "Church and State."

The Great Mohammedan University at Cairo, in Egypt has 10,000 students and 300 Professors.

There are 170 colleges in the United States where *both sexes* are admitted as students.

Nine per cent. of the *Yale College* graduates during the past ten years have become clergymen.

Mr. Justin McCarthy is now writing a history of the *First Reform Period*, at the same time being at work upon a novel.