

PERSONALS.

H. W. Moore, '82 is studying law in Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. S. McC. Black is taking post-graduate studies at Newton. He has been prostrated with typhoid fever lately, but is improving.

W. R. McCully, who studied with the class of '83 during the first two years of its course surprised his former class-mates and associates by making a flying visit to Wolfville last month. He is at present studying law in Amherst in the office of Hon. W. T. Pipes, Premier of Nova Scotia.

A letter was recently received from F. G. Harrington, who spent his Sophomore year with the class of '83. He is now at Moose Jaw Creek, N. W. Territory, 36 miles beyond Regina. An extract from his letter will show how he is spending his time at present. "Ego et frater meus have squatted on an elegant piece of land, and having, cum manibus nostris, erected thereon a palatial residence out of huge ash logs, now live in peace and plenty under our own roof-tree, cooking our own meals and mending our own clothes, no woman daring to make us afraid."

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

College Students in the United States number about 32,000.

Oxford University has 2,800 undergraduates. The classical departments still continue to attract the largest number of able men, being hard run, however, by the mathematical school. National science comes next, then theology, then history, and last of all law.

Mount Allison has again been visited by the fire-fiend. About half-past nine, on the evening of January 30th, a small two-story building used as the college gymnasium was burned to the ground. The building was joined to the college by a shed, but the determined effort of the people present prevented the destruction of the college, although it was damaged considerably. \$600 will cover the loss, \$200 of which will be required to repair the damage of the college property.

For the college year 1882-83, there were 1,096 students in attendance in the various departments of Yale. In the department of theology, 106; of medicine, 30; of law, 85; of philosophy and arts, 893. This gives a total of 1,119, from which 23 names are to be deducted for double insertion. On the other hand the Harvard catalogue for the same time shows an attendance of 1,057, of which number 27 study theology; 134, law; 229, medicine; and 221 are officers and instructors.

A writer in *The Independent* on "The Colleges and Religion," shows conclusively that, although the proportion of students preparing for the ministry has steadily lessened, the proportion of professed Christians, has as steadily increased. He refers to many colleges, in order to show what an increase of church members there has been. In reference to Brown, Yale and Harvard the following will be of interest: Thirty years ago Brown University had 243 students, of whom 80 were church members. To-day it has 270, of whom 115 are church members. Thirty years ago Yale's students numbered 446, of whom 130 were professed Christians. To-day from 613, 290 are professed Christians. Thirty years ago Harvard had 319 students, only 30 of whom were professed Christians. To-day out of 938 students, 300 are judged to be professed Christians. In statistics and estimates of this nature, mathematical accuracy cannot be obtained, but the comparisons undoubtedly indicate, in the case of these Colleges, a large increase in the proportion of church members. At Harvard the proportion has nearly tripled, advancing from 11 to nearly 32 per cent. In certain other colleges, a decrease has occurred, but, comprehending all, the gain is at once large, gratifying and hopeful."

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

Æstheticism is now defined to be the perception of the betweenness between things which have little or no betweenness between them.

A Vassar College miss reads the prayer book response thus: "As it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be, world without men. Ah, me."

Washington has "comet parties." "A good idea, by Jupiter," says young Spinks, "for the boys can now planet to get the girls away from their Mars."—*Clip*.

A student at Toronto University is noted for his easy and graceful sight translations. He rendered Cæsar, Book I,—"*Omnia Gallia est divisa in partes tres*"—All Gaul is quartered into three halves!

Rather suggestive—"An inefficient Detroit choir scored a hit the other day by singing a hymn, the closing lines of which were:

"O Lord we give ourselves away,
'Tis all that we can do."

A mathematical professor had been invited by a city friend to visit him at his residence in a certain square and had promised to do so. Meeting him some time afterward, the friend inquired of the professor why he did not come to see him. "I did come," said the mathematician; "but there was some mistake. You told me that you lived in a square, and I found myself in parallelogram; so I went away again."

A man pays fifteen dollars for a shot gun, one dollar and forty cents for powder, and sixty cents for shot. He goes hunting, and spends two day's time, falls into the river and looses his hat and pocket book, and on his way home buys a brace of ducks at the market for fifty cents. Find what ducks are worth per brace, and how many lies does he tell his friends about his expedition.—*McGill Gazette*.

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