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WE have inserted an additional sheet, in order to publish one of the Junior Orations, since the Oration would have occupied too much space otherwise, and excluded other matter.

THE Junior Exhibition was a success. Everybody said so, and we concur in the sentiment. No doubt the Juniors are happy to have had the opportunity to air their eloquence and learning. The essays all exhibited care and thought in their composition, and the delivery as a general thing was creditable. Some did not exhibit gesture enough, and some had too much. Distinctness of utterance was lacking in one or two cases. The sweet singers, and the accomplished organist, Mrs. Van Buskirk, deserve much praise, especially for the last piece, "Victoria." We had purposed to give a more detailed account, but want of space prevented.

DR. WELTON's lecture, "European Travels" the third of the course, was delivered before the Athenæum Society, on Wednesday, the 11th December. Our Professor carried us, with his vivid description, over to England, and then to Germany. It is not necessary to say that the lecture was highly entertaining and pleasing, for the Dr.'s reputation as a speaker is well established. It was characterized by the well-known, easy-flowing and humorous sentences, yet vigorous and clear-cut expression. A larger audience (indeed a respectable one) than usual, listened to the lecturer with manifest interest and pleasure. We hope to hear him again.

THE holidays are past. The few students who remained on the Hill are not ignorant of the fact, and they welcome back their compatriots in toil to the labor of another term. The three editors who remained in Wolfville the greater part of the vacation, also join in the welcoming. Only those who have spent their vacation in Wolfville know the kind hospitality of its inhabitants, and their love and appreciation of the students in this most social season of the year. *O tempora! O mores!* We should scarcely have known that we were human and social beings, but for Mrs. Keddy, the Matron of the boarding house, who did everything in her power to make it pleasant for those who remained. To Mrs. Keddy and sister they will always feel grateful.

WE thank the *Truro Sun* for its friendly notice and kind criticism. The remarks made upon our motto are correct. When the *ATHENÆUM* was first started this motto was chosen, and appeared in its true form up to November, 1876, when a change was made in the style of the paper, and the motto was dropped. It was resumed this year, and by some unaccountable means the mistake was made. Through neglect it was not remedied in the last number.

Respecting "long-winded effusions from a Prof.," we are in a position to affirm that our readers peruse them with great pleasure,