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TO ———

The flowers that flourish at your feet
Vie with the stars that beam above you,
The tale attempting to repeat
To listening angels that they love you.

But when we meet among the bowers,
Where many a leaf your light form covers,
My blush betrays the truth, that flowers
And stars are not your only lovers.

—:—:—
WILLIAM COLLINS.

Of the great English odes, one was composed by John Milton, one by John Dryden, one by William Wordsworth, two by Thomas Gray, two by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and three by William Collins. The ode on *The Nativity*, which was looked upon with contempt by the critics of Queen Anne's time, is now acknowledged to be superior, not only to the ode on *Alexander's Feast*, but even to the odes of Pindar. In the "Progress of Poesy," which is always musical, and in the "Bard," which is sometimes sublime, Gray attempted to introduce into English literature the strophe, the antistrophe and the epode of the Greek Theatre. Though the New Year's ode, which the *Morning Post* published for Coleridge on the last day of December, 1796, is probably surpassed by all the rest, his grand apostrophe to France has never, we believe, received its proper meed of praise. In the "Intimations of Immortality from the Recollections of early Childhood," Wordsworth describes the soul as roaming over the ocean of time, disembarking at birth on the shores of mortality, and re-embarking at death on eternity's sea. It was from the Greek philosophers that he got this grand idea, round which he has clustered such a gallery of gorgeous pictures. We come now to Collins, and we intend to linger longer with him than with any of the rest, not because we consider him a greater poet than Milton, Dryden, Gray or Coleridge, but because he was so long neglected, and is still so little known. His fame has not shared the fate of his grave, for though the latter has long been lost, the former gathers brightness as the globe gathers years. In 1746 he published a volume of poems, which contained his allegorical odes and his oriental eclogues, and to which he afterwards

added his ode on the popular superstitions of the Highlands of Scotland, and the sweet little lyric on the death of James Thompson. The "Passions," though the most popular, and perhaps the most musical, is by no means the best of his poems. Our literature has no finer lines than those in which Collins commemorates the death of the brave.

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest,
By all their country's wishes blest?
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallowed mould,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.
By fairy hands their knell is rung;
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
Their Honor comes, a pilgrim grey,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay;
And Freedom shall awhile repair
To dwell a weeping hermit there."

His ode to Evening, composed in a stanza which, Milton alone excepted, no modern poet has successfully used, reminds us of Milton's "Il Penseroso;" but the tone is more melancholy, and the pictures, appearing through a cloudy haze of tenderness, are, if not more imaginative, at least more pathetic. In his ode to "Liberty" he dwells with delight on the "wild, wide storm, even Nature's self confounding," by which

"This pillared earth so firm and wide,
By winds and inward labors torn,
In thunders dread was pushed aside
And down the shouldering billows borne,"

because it was in consequence of that "blest divorce" that England became liberty's "loved and last abode." Shelley is said to have been so fond of this admirable ode that some of his own poems unconsciously caught its spirit. Liberty's celestial temple is described in the second epode in lines in which Collins is almost superior to himself, and which he has nowhere surpassed except in his ode on "The Poetical Character." "The Fairie Queen" exercised over the mind of Collins an influence which is nowhere more apparent than in this imaginative ode. Let us leave him at the foot of the cloud-covered throne, whose thunders so often reverberated in his ears, whose music was so familiar to his mind, whose sublimity was so feelingly infused into his songs, and whose terrrors were never more tenderly painted than by him to whom God gave a glimpse of his glory, but whom fortune refused to favor with her smile.

FRESHMEN.

Who fill the College every year,
Foot all the dinners, drink the beer,
Attend each grind without a fear?
The Freshmen.

Who study hard, and fondly hope,
As with each bone and nerve they cope,
Their deeds will justify a "slope"?
The Freshmen.

Who in the manly sports excel?
(Their feats are known afar quite well);
Who ne'er 'gainst fair defeat rebel?
The Freshmen.

Who join in revel, swell the song,
Demand a right, redress a wrong,
And help a fagging friend along?
The Freshmen.

Who long to see the sessions close,
Bid fond adieu to friends and toes,
And long to welcome home's repose?
The Freshmen.

W. C.

OUR PHILOSOPHER.

A prince of the blood royal was three years after the battle of Leuctra brought as a hostage from Macedonia to Thebes. Of all that was worthy of admiration in military science, of all that was worthy of imitation in military organization and art, Thebes was then the metropolis. The genius of conquest was there, the conqueror of Macedonia was there, the victor of Leuctra was there, the Sacred Band was there. But Thebes was not long to remain the metropolis of that military genius and organization which had made her the mistress of Greece. Pelopidas was to perish at Kynos-Kephalæ, Epaminondas was to fall at Mantinea, and the Macedonian hostage, who had learned at Thebes the art of war, was to close at Chærona the career of the "Sacred Band."

The following old epitaph was dug up in the churchyard at Lydford, Devonshire:

"Here lies, in a horizontal position, the outside case of George Rutledge, watchmaker. Integrity was the mainspring, and prudence the regulator of all the actions of his life. Humane, generous and liberal, his hand never stopped till he had relieved distress. So nicely regulated were his movements that he never went wrong, except when set going by people who did not know his key; even then he was easily set right again. He had the art of so disposing of his time that his hours glided away in one continued round of pleasure, till in an unlucky moment his pulse stopped beating. He ran down November 14th, 1802, aged 37, in hopes of being taken in hand by his Maker, thoroughly cleaned, repaired, wound up, and set going in the world to come, when time shall be no more."

SCIENCE OF A CENTURY AND A HALF AGO.

In a curious and scarce folio, in the reign of William III., at the time Sir Isaac Newton was Master of the Mint, the following was vigorously and gravely taught and believed:

"Of occult sciences some shades are commonly accounted to be of a hurtful nature, and to cause either pain or some other inconvenience. Thus a *Serpent* sees the shade of an *Ash*, and those who sit down in shady places are to be overtaken with sleep. It is a common assumption among the catalysts that there is a great virtue in words. Upon pronouncing the words *Osg*, *Leva*, serpents stop their motion and lie still as if they were dead.

"The bones of animals are filled with marrow at the full of the moon, and crabs do more abound with flesh, whereas, in the wane of the moon both are dura-eyed.

"The skin of a stag, if it be put by *tanners* at the bottom of their vat, and the *hides* of other beasts laid, as soon as *water* is poured into it, never rests till it has got above them all at the top of the *tanners' pit*. Some plants have an antipathy against each other,—as the *Oak* and the *Olive Tree*, *Cabbage* and *Rue*, *Ferns* and *Reeds*, which cannot endure the neighborhood of each other, nor can touch one another without prejudice. It is commonly believed that a *man* who is seen of a wolf before he sees him grows *dumb* and is unable to utter a *word* or make the least noise.

"Tortoises, when turned on their backs, will sometimes fetch deep sighs and shed abundance of tears."

About the same time there were in the museum of the Royal Society these rarities, collected by Dr Grew:

"The quills of a Porcupine, which on certain occasions the creature can shoot at the pursuing enemy, and erect at pleasure."

"The flying Squirrel, which, for a good nut tree, will pass a river on the bark of a tree, erecting his tail for a sail."

"The leg bone of an Elephant, brought out of Syria for the thigh-bone of a giant."

"A humming-bird and nest said to weigh but twelve grains; his feathers are set in gold, and sell at a great rate."

"A bone said to be taken out of a Mermaid's head."

"The largest whale, liker an island than an animal."

"The White Shark, which sometimes swallows men whole."

"A Siphalter, said with its sucker to fasten on a ship, and stop it under sail."

"A stag-beetle, whose horns worn in a ring are good against the cramp."

"A mountain cabbage; one reported 300 feet high."

How strangely such things must have propagated error and perpetuated old erroneous notions!

FROM THE GERMAN OF HEINE.

And if the little flowers did know
How wounded was my heart,
Their tears with mine would ever flow,
Sweet comfort to impart.

And if the nightingales would guess
How sad and ill I be,
They'd strive to lighten my distress
By warbling joyfully.

And if the twinkling stars on high
Could tell how sore I grieve,
Their lofty places in the sky
To comfort me they'd leave.

But none of them my heart can know,
Or see my grief or pain,
Save one, and she has caused my woe,
And rent my heart in twain. F. S.

MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of this society was held on Saturday evening, the 10th inst. The President, Dr. Osler, in the chair.

The proceedings were begun by Mr. E. J. Rogers reading "Edinburgh after Flodden," in a way which well deserved the applause it received. There being no specimens to exhibit, the discussion of the evening was then proceeded with. The subject chosen for debate was "Whether Science or Literature and Art had done most for the civilization of mankind," the champions for science being Messrs. Mills, Chisholm and O'Callaghan, and Messrs. Mignault, Guerin and Henderson for literature. The different speakers did their utmost to convince those present of the undoubted superiority of their claims, and many effective arguments were brought forward by both sides; but when a vote was taken it proved decidedly in favor of science.

The society is to be congratulated on the success of this their first debate. From the tone of the speeches, the quality of the arguments, and the ready manner with which the arguments were answered, it is evident that it has the material necessary for a good debating society.

It is no doubt pleasing to the society that this, the first discussion not purely medical ever held in the medical building, has proved such a success.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

Sit up to the table when you read; easy chairs abolish memory. Do not go on reading the same book for too long at one sitting. If you are really weary of one subject change it for

another. Read steadily for three hours a day for five days in the week: the use of wet towels and strong coffee betrays ignorance of how to read. Check the accuracy of your work as soon as you have finished it. Put your facts in order as soon as you have learnt them. Never read after midnight. Do not go to bed straight from your book. Never let your reading interfere with exercise or digestion; and lastly, if you can, keep a clear head, a good appetite, and a good cheerful heart.—*Medical Examiner.*

ALMA MATER.

I.

Nunc est bibendum fratres.
Since once again we've met,
As vigorous as young bay-trees,
A right good jovial set,
Nunc est bibendum, fratres,
As oft we've done before,
For well we know "*esprit de-vie*"
Keeps up "*esprit de corps.*"
Then—

CHORUS.

Here's to Alma Mater—
A bumper let us pour;
Rejoice within our ancient halls,
To meet our friends once more.

II.

Our governors so descending,
Sent us here to store our minds
With heaps of classic learning,
And various other kinds,
But we'll teach them "*Ipsius factus,*"
And what more do they need,
If we but reduce to practice,
And remember what we read.

CHORUS.

III.

What though we've left our homes, boys,
And all we love so dear,
We ne'er shall spend where'er we roam
Such happy days as here.
What though we've left our darlings,
Won't absence lend its charms?
And months fly by like starlings
To restore them to our arms?

CHORUS.

IV.

"*Αριστον μεν εσθω*, boys,
Cuspidum, do you see?
But I'll bet in the days of yore, boys,
τὸ meant *eau-de-vie*,
For old *Ovidius Naso*—
For so the story goes—
Derived his name and fame, oh!
From his jolly big red nose.

CHORUS.

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THE ANNOUNCEMENT made recently in the daily press, that a branch of Laval University is to be established in Montreal, has created considerable surprise and no little discussion. Many people seem to regard this move as an encroachment upon the rights and privileges of our own *alma mater*. This view of the case is, we think, quite erroneous, and the project should, in our opinion, meet with the approval of all who desire to see the advancement of liberal education in the province of Quebec. That the existence of a branch of Laval in Montreal—with faculties of Law, Arts and Medicine—would have any prejudicial effect on McGill we fail to see.

Our Medical Faculty is too strong, and the proportion of French-speaking students attending its classes too small and inconsiderable to give rise to any apprehension that the number of McGill medical students will be lessened in any appreciable degree by the presence of another French medical school in Montreal. We would go farther and say that if Laval would even swamp and overwhelm the small Victoria medical school, McGill men ought to hail the event with pleasure; for no one can pretend to say that the curriculum of Laval University is second-rate or below the standard in any respect. If the effect of this proposed scheme in its relation to our Medical Faculty would be inconsiderable, it would be felt even less by the Faculty of Arts, and every citizen who has the welfare of this country at heart should, and we venture to say will, cordially rejoice at the success of any measure which would tend to educate the French Canadian population in Montreal, and give to it the advantage of an university training, which has hitherto been denied it on account mainly of the absence of any university which French-speaking young men could with profit, and on an equal footing, attend.

The effect of this scheme on our Faculty of Law

would, however, be much more serious than on either of the other faculties to which we have referred.

In this faculty about one half the students are French Canadians, and consequently a great diminution in the attendance and revenues of the Faculty would result from the existence of a rival school, which would undoubtedly secure the patronage of all French speaking law students. Whether the directors of Laval could or could not secure teaching talent in Montreal superior to that of the McGill Law School, is of course a moot point on which we will not attempt to give an opinion. But this we will say, that if the scheme is carried out, and if it results, as we think it will, in the withdrawal of a moiety of the sources from which our Law School has drawn its students, there is only one course to be followed: the governors of McGill must, in a liberal spirit, so endow our Law Faculty that the diminution in fees will not be felt. And if this be done, sorry as we will be to lose our French fellow students, it will result in having our own Law School placed on a better footing.

A YEAR OR TWO ago we advocated the holding of an annual university dinner. This subject has been discussed largely of late by the students of the various faculties, and the general opinion is heartily in favor of the idea. We would suggest that a meeting be called after vacation, and we doubt not the measure will be well received. The expense attendant on such a demonstration would be trifling, and its effects would be great in promoting a spirit of good fellowship amongst the different faculties, and in affording an opportunity to the students of becoming better acquainted with each other.

This is the last number of the *University Gazette* which we propose to publish till after the Christmas holidays, and we take this opportunity of wishing our our subscribers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A little moralizing may not here be amiss. Moralizing is in fact the most abundant thing in the world excepting toil and trouble, which no man can escape. Man in the midway of life invariably finds himself situated as Dante was when, surrounded by a dense wood, climbing a mountain side, followed by wild beasts, and losing his way in the gathering gloom of night, he met the Mantuan bard. But the boy knows nothing concerning the cares of the man. He dreams of the day when he will no longer be liable to the restraints of parental

authority; when he will be responsible for his actions to no man but himself; when he can do what he pleases, and go where he likes, and no man shall dare to demand of him where he proposes to go or what he proposes to do. He sees not the serpents that lie in the long, green grass of the fair, far future; he knows not that in manhood he is destined to wish back the time when he was a boy, when libel and slander never gave him a thought, when bills were never payable, when bankruptcy was never imminent, and when an empty coffer never filled his mind with care. He knows not the troubles of manhood, but he knows that boyhood is not a perfect paradise; he knows that he has lessons to learn; he knows that he can't go a-fishing when he likes; he knows that he has no sooner begun to taste the pleasures of life than he finds himself floundering in its troubles and its toils. Were there no intermissions of labor in life, the world would be intolerable. But Christmas comes, and the college halls are cleared, and dear ones are waiting and watching at home for those who filled those classic halls. Christmas examinations are over, Christmas pleasures commencing, gladness reigns, and jollity joins in the revel and the song. The trencher and gown are hung in the hall; Herodotus and Homer, Virgil and Horace, Galbraith and Houghton, are forgotten for the time. Life, that was lately a forested mountain, has now become a flowery meadow. Its toils and its troubles are drowned in the gladness of Christmas. And gladness will continue to reign till the ghost of separation stalks into the hall; till visions of vigils rising in the student's mind give ten fold intensity to his heart's warm wish that life was an everlasting Christmas.

This is a Christmas number, and our subscribers must not be surprised if it is a poetical number too. Our little lyrics are intended to enter the halls where mirth and merry faces are the order of the day, and sometimes of the night. Our warmest wish is that our verses were worthy of the musical voices by which we trust they will be perused. We could then carry away from the drudgery of examination work the conviction that we had contributed to the pleasure of those whom we would gladly please. Our college files do not create in our minds the conviction that college papers are generally chargeable with what is commonly considered the crime of coquetting with the muses. We have been accused of being a *college newspaper*. We wish we could return our critics even this poor compliment. If we have only the *corpore sano*, we fail to find in our Kingston contemporary either the *corpore sano* or the *mens sana*. We are

anxious, however, to show that since we are acknowledged to possess the one, we have the presumption to arrogate to ourselves the other. We know of no better method of proving that we are possessed of sound minds than by filling the ears of our critics with the sound of our songs. We will be reminded, we suppose, that they are nothing but sound. They will, at all events, be sounder than the criticisms of our Kingston critics, and we trust that since they can't give us sound criticism, they will at least give us more of what we are accused of giving them too much of, and let us have in their next number something more like knowledge than the news that we are nothing but a college *newspaper*.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the University Gazette:—

GENTLEMEN.—Among the many griefs of freshmen there is none that goes nearer to the heart, because there is none that goes nearer to the purse, than the time honored custom of paying his footing. It is a fee for the privilege of admission to a society by which he is destined to be abused. There is, however, one consolation which the freshman has, that if he is a freshman now, he will not be a freshman always, and that he will hereafter have the pleasure of treating others as he has been treated before. For the sake of this sweet pleasure, then, let every freshman pay his footing, pay it with as good a grace as possible, and pay it with the full conviction that he will sometime be demanding of others what he is himself refusing now, and that if he refuses now, he will forfeit his right to demand it again.

Yours very truly,

SOPHOMORE.

—:o:—

ANGELS' VISIT.

An angel visited a home,

And heavenward carried in his arms,

One who a short time since had come

To make home happy with her charms.

She scarcely was a season old,

When from the world she went to heaven;

The lamb from the celestial fold,

Was back to God, who gave it, given.

EXCHANGES.

Among the best of our exchanges the Harvard papers are always to be found. The number of the *Advocate* before us contains some very choice pieces: "A Lesson to Seniors," the ballad of "Thomas and Ellen" and the first of a series of "Letters from Germany;" "A Lesson to Seniors," which is a little love story, is admirably written, and shows considerable care and ability in the writer. The ballad of "Thomas and Ellen" relates the mishaps which befel two youthful lovers. Thomas Green, the hero of the ballad, leaves *Anna Ma'er* at dead of night to visit his lady love at Wellesley College. Having arrived at his destination, he ties his horse to a tree, and hies to his lady love's bower.

"Neath the room of his love, who was waiting above,
He whispers his sweet serenade,
In a voice soft and low, like the falling of snow,
Or the kiss of a bashful young man.

Then follows the serenade.

* * *

The maiden she hears, and 'midst smiles and tears
She ties up her blankets and sheets.
"O, Tom, wait a trice! How awfully nice!
Oh, la! how my poor heart beats!"

She ties fast the sheets to the window seats,
Round her ankles she ties her skirt,
She sighs many sighs, many "Ahs" and "Oh, my 's,"
And looks like a lamb getting hurt.

But true love we know has not a smooth flow,
And, alas, for so loving a pair!
She let herself out, then she gave a shrill shout,
For the window had caught her back hair.

The lover, quite brave, though from fear very cold,
Very soon clambered up to the fair;
His buttons got mixed, in her oversight fixed,
And their screams rent the midnight air.

They are released from their unpleasant position,
and

"A student named Green by them all is seen
Spurring away or the moonlit ground."

"In an attic so cold, and covered with mold,
Fair Ellen is kept for a time;
While trunks are soon seen, inscribed with 'T. Green,'
And bound for a different clime."

The *Crimson* has also some very good articles, chief among which is "A Tender Story," and a sonnet.

The *Bowdoin Orient* is chiefly notable for a "Memorial Address on J. W. Perry, LL.D., Bowdoin '46," which was delivered before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. As this was by the Hon. G. F. Choate, it needs no commendation. The little literary space that is left is well filled by a piece of poetry entitled "The Poplar Tree," and an article on "Intellect."

The second number of the *Dalhousie Gazette* is to hand, and, on perusing it, we were somewhat struck at the size of the first article, "A Trip to Cape Breton." This would have covered nearly five pages but for the skill and forethought of the editors, who commenced the article in large type, but about the middle suddenly went off into small type, with which it finishes the

"trip." This horribly disfigures the page. Here is the break:

"If I remember, the Queen's Mines are the oldest in Cape Breton. It was my custom to rise quite early, &c."

It abounds in words in italics, some of which we consider out of place, for instance:

"Its scenery has been described as most picturesque, its lakes most beautiful, its mountains most grand." And again: "Which is still quite a small boat, but very comfortable, and traverses the waves in a manner worthy of its name." Also: "If she has no manufactures, what of her oil and salt springs, marble quarries and coal mines?"

With the exception of these errors in judgment, the paper is quite readable.

ITEMS.

—Onion has strength.

—Lectures in medicine end Friday, 21st inst.

—There is a good deal of cackling among the freshmen with regard to exam's.

—The annual meeting of the Hockey Club has not been called yet. Where is the secretary?

—*On dit*, a Soph was politely shown the exit of Molson Hall for cribbing in mathematics.

—Keep up your courage, Hamilton, the March winds may blow round your Christmas present.

—Although there is but one party concerned in rheumatism, it never fails to become a joint affair.

—Puzzled Freshman, to by-standers:—"Why is that called the azygos vein?" Voice in the crowd—"Because it runs zig-zag as it goes, of course." The good old days of McGill when that wretch would have suffered the inevitable fate of all punsters are gone, and he now roams free among us—in a broken study.

—Hon. Wilfred Laurier, the new Minister of Inland Revenue, is a graduate of McGill. He obtained his B. C. L. in 1864.

—The student who purchased the *London Illustrated News* has been looking round the reading-room for a number of it since the day of the sale.

—There is a young ladies' seminary, not 100 miles from Cobourg, where the boarders are so numerous and dignified, that in order to get an airing they hire a band wagon and four-in-hand to take them out driving.

—It was a very suggestive answer for a final student in medicine, who, when asked if he would send his patient to a cold climate, replied that he would rather send him to a warmer place.

COLLEGE WORLD.

- No hazing at Dartmouth.
- Memorial Hall at Harvard has 620 boarders.
- The University of Virginia has twenty fraternities.
- Pach, of New York, will photograph the Yale Seniors.
- Oberlin has prohibited tobacco, liquors and secret societies.
- Trinity College is furnishing five halls for its secret societies.
- "That Wife of Mine" is the favorite among the Bowdoin students.
- The Cambridge Local Exam's begin on Monday, Dec. 17th.
- Report says that the Queen's College Glee Club has been disbanded.
- The University of Michigan has 1,100 students and 55 instructors.
- Amherst now holds matriculation examinations in Chicago and Cincinnati.
- The Sophomores of Kenyon have been suspended in a body for hazing.
- Yale was defeated by Harvard in the Freshman match by one goal.
- Oxford University has given Mr. Darwin his well earned degree of Doctor of Laws.
- A member of Harvard Senior class graduates at the age of 18 years 7 months.
- Every Senior in Trinity College is required to write a poem of one hundred lines.
- Tufts has challenged Amherst to foot-ball, and the challenge has been accepted.
- The Wesleyan juniors, sophomores and freshmen have appeared in Oxford trenches.
- Pres. Bartlett, of Dartmouth College, has been made Doctor of Laws by Princeton College.
- Over \$40,000, in 112 scholarships, is annually given or loaned to the poor Harvard students.
- Harvard has not yet decided to row with Columbia again, in connection with the race with Yale.
- French is added to the list of requirements for admission to Amherst, and German at Princeton.
- Prof. James D. Dana, of Yale College, has been given the Copley Geology medal by the Royal Society of London.
- Amherst had a novel game of foot-ball by moonlight on the 20th inst., by 30 or 40 students in night-shirts.
- At the University of Vermont the valedictorian was a woman, and the graduate of highest rank a negro.

—Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever at Wesleyan College, the authorities have temporarily suspended the classes.

—Dartmouth possesses an electric battery once owned and operated by Dr. Franklin, and hallowed by the touch of Dr. Priestly.

—The Sophomore class of Wellesley College gave each of the new-comers of the Freshman class a banquet, and invited them to a reception—not a hazing.

—The Vienna University, founded in 1365, is probably the largest in the world. It has 131 professors and 114 other teachers, with 3,152 matriculated students.

—Burlington has 184 students, including 12 women. The seniors number 20, juniors 22, sophomores 27, freshmen 25, and 90 meds.

—Dr. P. S. Conner, of Cincinnati, O., has been elected lecturer on surgery in the Dartmouth Medical College, in place of the late Dr. Crosby.

—The faculty and students of Trinity Medical School held their annual dinner at the Queen's Hotel, on the 21st ult., at which there was a large and brilliant gathering.

—The Yale College Faculty has voted not to permit the annual Thanksgiving jubilee of the students, which has of late years grown to be an entertainment of considerable magnitude. The immoral tone of the last year's festival is given as the reason for this decision.

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—A letter written by Hawthorne when he was a sophomore at Bowdoin in 1822, has turned up in Maine, in which he says to a young friend: "There is no news here, except that all the card players in college have been found out. We have all been called before the government, two have been suspended, and several more, myself among the number, have been fined. The president has written to all the parents of those who were found out, and to my mother among the rest. If Uncle R. hears of it, he will probably take me away from college. I noticed in the paper that No. 14,885 had drawn a prize of \$1,000; is not that one of your tickets? If it is, I congratulate you upon your good fortune, and only wish that it had been \$100,000. I have been much more steady this term than I was last, as I have not drank any of spirit or played cards, for the offence or which I was fined was committed last term. The reason of my good conduct is that I am very much afraid of being suspended if I continue any longer in my old course. I hope you will write to me very soon, and tell all about your prize."

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