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### CALENDAR.—1878-9.

- Fall Term begins Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1878.  
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 Anniversary of Literary Societies, Monday and Tuesday, June 30 and July 1, 1879.  
 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Trustees, Tuesday, July 1, 1879.  
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 Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, Wednesday afternoon and evening, July 2, 1879  
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## Literary Department.

PLUCK.

c., '76.

Pluck is that indomitable spirit of persistence which compels men to conquer. It is found in a greater or less degree in all the human family—too often in the less. It was this spirit which characterized Ben. Johnson. He lay starving, dying, in a London-alley garret. The king sent him a gratuity, together with a paltry message. All unquelled in spirit, he returned the pitiful sum, saying: "I suppose he sends me this because I live in an alley. Tell him his soul lives in an alley." Pluck is always strengthened by opposition. Luther, when urged to recant an article concerning faith, exclaimed: "If I had five hundred lives to lose, I would rather lose them all than renounce what I candidly believe." Pluck derides discouragement, banishes irresolution as a thing too base for man to give lodging to, and a sure proof of a weak brain.

Success is not always an evidence of pluck. He who goes gracefully along life's stream, while an admiring world tugs at the oars and showers flowers at his feet, often shows a backbone of gristle if he is put at the helm.

Pluck animates with a hold-on-to-it spirit, when it has once taken possession of a man's soul. The plucky man will not become tennis ball to circumstances. He will not even dodge for an army of devils. He is a spiritual Titan, who would rather seek truth than laurels. Charles XII., of Sweden, kept a great portion of Europe in awe for nearly ten years through this element. He laughed at defeat, retrieved

it with victory, defied numbers, scorned armies, ridiculed failure, ignored danger, courted privation, and died as he had lived—his proud heart untamed, his plucky spirit all undaunted. From his first appearance on the stage of action, until the play ended, he never for a moment gave way to doubt. True, no herald, pompous and powerful, thundered forth the glory of a mighty conqueror, from a mighty empire. He was only the son of Sweden's ice-veiled mountains; but his helmet was pluck, his doublet was pluck, his quiver was pluck, and nobly they served him.

Pluck is the carbon that enters the soul, converting it from pig-iron into Bessemer-steel. The more it is used, the more it glows, and burnishes, and shines. Tempered and sharpened by action, it cuts its way in the world with keenness, not meanness.

The great demand of the world is for successful men. It is pluck that makes such. It incites one to walk in the paths of the gods; though, as Porphyry says, they are steep and rugged. It impels men forward, till, with Alexander, they weep that there are no more worlds to conquer.

Pluck never bemeanes itself with that puerile affectation, which society calls "respect for the world's tender feelings." Lamartine attributed his success in life to telling what he thought, rather than what the world expected he should think. The pluck of some individuals is, like diamond dust, in such small particles it can never become a crown jewel. It only serves as a sort of lapidary, polishing the world at its own expense. There is no guaranty of success so reliable as to do whatever one undertakes, with perseverance and vim; never to vasculate, never to play turn-coat. If I am the Devil's

child, and propose to keep him for father, shall I dissemble? Shall I pat and caress him in secret, and sneer at his deformed foot, in a company of saints, or shall I stick pluckily to what I believe till I cease believing it?

It is an egregious sin to be forever carping upon what some good soul, long ago buried, has done. Let his ashes rest in peace. He has done his part in life's drama. It is now our turn to tell what we think. It is a pitiable fact that only mean souls sneak through life. If they do a good act, it is with the air of a hangman. They apologize to the world, as though the world were divine, and they alone fallible. They utterly forget that self-approval is a higher tribunal than all of the canonized. It was a grand and daring thought of the scientist, who exclaimed: "Were truth a bird in my hand, I would let it fly again, for the exquisite pleasure of chasing it." He who makes pure truth his ideal, and has the grace and grit to sacrifice his dearest error on that altar—nay, more, to assist at the sacrifice—is "the noblest work of God—an honest man"—a voice of inspiration calling upward.

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### WAKING.

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I have done, at length, with dreaming;  
 Henceforth, O thou Soul of mine,  
 Thou must take up sword and gauntlet,  
 Waging warfare most divine.  
 Life is struggle, combat, victory—  
 Wherefore have I slumbered on  
 With my forces all unmarshaled,  
 With my weapons all undrawn?  
 Oh, how many a glorious record  
 Had the angel of me kept,  
 Had I done instead of doubted,  
 Had I warred instead of wept!  
 But, begone! regret, bewailing,  
 Ye but weaken at the best;  
 I have tried the trusty weapons  
 Resting erst within my breast:  
 I have wakened to my duty,  
 To a knowledge strong and deep,  
 That I dreamed not of aforeside  
 In my long, inglorious sleep:  
 For to lose is something awful,  
 And I knew it not before;  
 And I dreamed not how stupendous  
 Was the secret that I bore—

The great, deep, mysterious secret  
 Of a life to be wrought out  
 Into warm, heroic action,  
 Weakened not by fear or doubt,  
 In this subtle sense of living,  
 Newly stirred in every vein,  
 I can feel a throb electric,  
 Pleasure half-allied to pain—  
 'Tis so great—and yet so awful—  
 So bewildering, yet so brave,  
 To be a king in every conflict  
 Where before I crouched a slave.  
 It's so glorious to be conscious  
 Of a glorious power within,  
 Stronger than the rallying forces  
 Of a charged and marshaled sin.  
 Never in those old romances  
 Felt I half the sense of life  
 That I feel within me stirring  
 Standing in the place of strife.  
 Oh, those olden days of dalliance,  
 When I wantoned with my fate,  
 When I trifled with a knowledge  
 That had well-nigh come too late  
 Yet, my Soul, look not behind thee,  
 Thou hast work to do at last;  
 Let the brave toil of the present  
 Overarch the crumbling past;  
 Build thy great acts high, and higher,  
 Build them on the conquered sod  
 Where thy weakness first fell bleeding,  
 And thy first prayer rose to God.

—Selected.

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### CULTURE AND REFORM.

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Among the students in our colleges there is a fair proportion of young men who propose to become reformers in some chosen field, or fields. Few aims are nobler. To foster such desires, and aid in such plans, we suggest one or two of the essential elements which must enter into the composition of the reformer.

He must be broad-minded. Narrow one-ideaism, is opposed to reform. The real reformer is such because he loves all truth, all right. He loves these for their own sake. Broad views and comprehensive knowledge of the different phases of truth are essential to a proper understanding of any one phase or department. Reforms can not be separated. No one can be carried forward successfully alone. The upward movement of humanity, is, more or less, general. He who would work for any given

end in the great onward movement, should know much of the whole field.

The reformer must be intense. Having accepted the especial work which his time and position demand, he must act as the lens acts, concentrating light until the rays burn where they fall. Every thought and movement should be intense, incisive, radical. All success in life in lower things comes through intenseness and earnestness. Much more is it imperative that he who would lift and lead humanity into higher and purer ways of living and thinking, must be intensely earnest. The reformer must not mistake weak notions and tame conceptions concerning what ought to be, as the end of his efforts. A man may talk glibly about principles, and issues, and abstract conceptions of right; may be able to chop logic, and split hairs, and yet be a coward in real reform. Fine sentiments, gushing emotions, and that sort of agitation (?) which never disturbs evil or disobedience, are not elements of reform. He who can go no farther than these will carry him, had better creep away in some safe corner and lie down, lulled by his laziness.

The reformer must be persistent. Evil and wrong die hard. Who scotches the snake without killing, increases danger and trouble. Reformers must often fight against hope, and stand fast where all probabilities are against them. Blow after blow, until the arm tires, the sword is hacked and bent, and yet the enemy seems unhurt and alert; such is a common experience. The enemy may be unhorsed, and apparently conquered; victory and promised rest may be at hand; but even then the reformer must not lay down his shield, nor suffer weariness to put away his battered blade. New forms of evil will spring from the grave of that which has been overcome. Eternal vigilance and eternal persistence are the price which the reformer must forever pay. Only one form of release can he know—death. That must find him at his post on the field of conflict. Falling where he fights, he must give himself a means whereon others may climb nearer to the heights of victory.

Over all else, like a cloud, distilling life, the reformer must be encompassed, permeated by

faith in God and truth. He must not only sing:

“Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;  
The eternal years of God are hers;”

he must know it; must be doubly assured of it; must never doubt it; must never forget it; his faith must be strong enough to laugh at doubt, and spurn the improbable. If a thing ought to be done; if God calls him to do it, he must essay to go forward, though the sea, lashed by double fury, roars in his path and hisses in his face. How the work will be accomplished, he may not know. God says, “Go.” That is the end of controversy. One step only may be possible when the command comes; God, and his own strong arm, must make way for the next. Every true reformer must learn the deeper meaning of the words, “duty is ours, results are with God.”

Our colleges ought to nurture the spirit of reform. Their culture ought to equip men as leaders in the work of life. It ought to give to the battle fields of reform, soldiers—true, bold, devoted. It ought to awaken the better elements in all manly souls, and send them forth as the champions of every true, pure, noble enterprise. It ought to swear each man upon the altar of truth, goodness, and purity; and, hence, make him the avowed enemy of all corruption and unmanliness. Wherein college culture fails to do this, it fails to meet the demands of the hour; fails to fulfill the end of all true culture.

A WRITER in the SABBATH RECORDER, in an article on “Young Men in the Ministry,” offers the following as one of the discouragements standing in the way of young men desirous of entering that field of labor:

“To a young man anxious to succeed, the first reason for turning away from the work, is that we offer but little real chance for improvement. Church after church among us cuts away on the salary, and compels the men who serve them to work constantly outside of their regular field, to obtain an adequate support for their families. Every nerve is strained. Every exertion put forth to keep the wolf from the door, and time for study and self-improvement can not be had, even if the means were at hand. Many a young man thinks his chances for real

good are better as a *good* physician than as a minister with no chance for improving himself. . . . All who are constantly advising members to cut down the salary, to have their pastors work harder and earn more outside of their own church, are guilty not only of treating their pastors ill, but also of shutting the door in the face of others ready to enter upon the work."

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### FINANCES.

The great question of the hour, the one question now discussed above all others, and the one which needs to be discussed honestly and candidly, so long as the present fallacious theories obtain, is "the question of finances." What shall be the future policy of our government in relation to the trade and commerce of the nation and of the world? Shall money

have a fixed and unchanging value, or shall it be a "worthless promise to pay," a representative of nothing? Shall the great industries of the nation rest upon a secure basis, or shall fluctuation and uncertainty rule all business transactions? These are factors of a great question, and one in which trivial, unwise, and unstatesmanly legislation, ought to have no part. Indeed, legislation upon this question is not what is now needed; it is the absence of legislation, rather. The government has already adopted a wise, safe, and honest policy, in relation to the "money problem"—no, it is not a *problem*, because it is a settled *fact*, and one that all history corroborates, that honesty and fidelity to sacred promises, is the only true course for a just state to pursue. And now the need in Congress is not for men who will legislate on this question, but men who will guard against unjust and suicidal legislation upon it, men who will stand unflinchingly by the adopted policy of the government, and oppose every effort on the part of dishonest and foolish legislators to adopt and carry into effect their dangerous and fallacious theories of finance. The War of the Rebellion forced upon the nation an unnatural and abnormal state of things. We were not rich enough to carry on so great a war. It was necessary to inflate the currency, a measure always and everywhere dangerous; but one which must sometimes be resorted to. But the cost then was not measured by money; yet money had to be raised to equip and sustain armies, and so a great national debt was contracted, and large state and county debts. During the four years of its continuance, lives had to be given—the best lives—for it is the best blood of a nation that answers to such a call. The graveyards of Arlington and Gettysburg tell their own story of its fearful cost. The thousand unmarked graves, where blue-coats were the only burial robes, scattered everywhere through the South, tell the same story of cost. All over the land there are other sad reminders of what it cost the men who then at the cannon's mouth, squarely met the question of national honor, and even national existence. Dying for their country—and what more could man do?—they still were unable to

pay all the costs of that great struggle. These men did their part willingly; and shall the men who survived them, and the men who come after, murmur if some small part of the costs shall fall upon their shoulders. If they were willing to give lives, this generation ought to be willing to endure the hard times and financial depression that the war has left. It was a stern necessity that took them from homes, to endure the hardships and dangers of the battle field; it was a stern necessity that bade them give up their lives; and it is now a stern necessity—yet how light it falls upon this generation in comparison to that—that we suffer unflinchingly the costs that are thrown back upon this time. The financial troubles and business depressions through which we have been and are passing, and upon which there now dawns a star of hope, are the legitimate and unavoidable results of the war, and as such, they must be met with the same manly patriotism that suffered death that the nation, undivided and unstained by dishonor, might live. It is not only a question of national honor and integrity that the government fairly meets the obligations that rest upon it, but one of practical bearing upon the industries, the commerce, the prosperity of a great people. The last few years have been years of great financial suffering and embarrassment—there have been hard times; the hungry wolf has looked in at the door of many a poor workingman's cottage; the mansion of many a capitalist has been sold under the hammer; industries and trade have been paralyzed; and it is no wonder that men looked eagerly for some remedy—it is no wonder that false and delusive ideas respecting money have been adopted by those upon whom the hard times have fallen most severely. Yet, despite the sophistry of false theorists, there is a way out of the financial troubles other than through the door of repudiation and national disgrace. That way out is through honesty, integrity, and frugality in public and private life. Strict economy, in the administration of both governmental and individual affairs, is a virtue that must be practiced before prosperity can be assured. It may take another decade to place the business interests of the country

upon a firm basis, and set in motion all the wheels of trade and manufacture; but a judicious and honorable policy on the part of the government, and industry and economy on the part of the people, are the sure precursors of an era of prosperity. Nothing can be gained by dishonesty and breaking the national faith. That legislation which proposes to launch the ship upon new seas of uncertainty, can but prove disastrous. Without laying ourself open to the charge of giving the STUDENT a political coloring, we may say that we favor the calling of those men to legislative and executive offices who place themselves squarely and positively upon the platform of national integrity, national honor, national unity, and national purity, for only through these can come national growth and prosperity.

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We have spoken in a general way on the "Finances" of the nation; we now propose to speak briefly in a particular way on the "Finances of the ALFRED STUDENT."

1st. We want immediately, *now*, what is due us, for volumes four and five, on subscriptions and for advertising. To be so explicit that the most obtuse mind need not misunderstand us, we repeat, We want it bad! There is now due us, and mainly from parties who are perfectly able to pay, a sufficient sum to cover our indebtedness. It is not a large sum, a matter of something over a hundred dollars, but it will meet our obligations and make us square with the world. We want to be honest and pay our debts, and we can do it very easily if those who owe us will make good their promises. Someway we feel a sort of delicacy and embarrassment when our debts become over-due; but we may get over this when we get out into the world—some do (no reference, of course, to delinquent subscribers). The establishment that has done our printing has carried our debts long enough already, and now duty and honor demand that we pay the deficit on Vols. IV. and V. If our delinquents can not be moved to settle, then this deficit will of course be met without a murmur by the societies, in whose interest the STUDENT is published. But as long as the money is due us, we do not feel any

hesitancy in asking for it. The societies can meet this deficit, but, struggling to build up libraries and to make their rooms comfortable and attractive, they can ill afford to pay bills that are justly due from others. My delinquent, careless, sinful friend, shall we not hear from you?

2d. In regard to the future financial prospects of the STUDENT, we can frankly say that the outlook is favorable. Despite the murmurings and evil prophecies of a few chronic fault-finders, kickers against every enterprise that does not laud them to the skies, the STUDENT will not give up the ghost during the present year at least. One of this class has very wittily remarked that it will devolve upon the present Editorial Board to "carry out the corpse of the sickly brat"—a wish was father to that thought, we know; but we affirm very positively that the "child" is in a healthy condition, and even if it should be found necessary to "carry out the corpse," our grumbling friends will not be asked to assist in the obsequies. The friends of Alfred and Alfred interests will not allow the prophecies and wishes of a few fault-finders and cinics to be realized, even if it does cost something. The societies, after having put their hands to the plow, will not turn back. We are not altogether a spiritless community. Had there been no deficits to make up for previous years, and had all our patrons paid their bills, the STUDENT would have more than paid for itself last year, and we feel warranted in saying that the present year will be still more prosperous. The fact is, we are encouraged! We can, however, find room for a few hundred more names upon our subscription books.

Owing to the extreme modesty of our "University and Town" editor, it devolves upon us to record an item of local interest. A few weeks ago, our local quill driver made a sensation! In making a profound courtesy to some ladies passing down the Brick steps, he backed off the steps at the highest point, and was completely "telescoped." He was taken up insensible, and carried to his room. For sometime his condition was serious—it was

thought that internal injuries were received; besides the huge, unseemly gash upon his head. He was indeed considerably "shuck up." For several days he was confined to his bed, during which time he did not lack for the tenderest and most sympathetic attentions. It is even said (but of course we don't believe it) that after he was able to attend evening parties, the young ladies insisted upon carrying his meals to his room. We are happy to state that he has now nearly, if not quite, recovered from an accident that momentarily "snuffed out" our local editor, and came very near being fatal. Our readers will find, however, that our local columns have suffered nothing by the fall, as they are as bright and newswy as ever. The only thing that troubles him now is whether or not he did it gracefully.

A FRIEND of the STUDENT, in a business letter, says: "There never ought to be another word said about the failure of the STUDENT. It is not an experiment, it is a *fact*, just as much as Alfred University is a fact. It is needed; it is a needed part of the University, and for the whole to let a needed part die, is suicide. It is a success, and any man or any thing that is a success, has a right to live and prosper." Such kindly words do us good.

NEXT month we shall present a brief exegesis of the Gymnasium. In the meantime, let every life-member of the Association visit the gymnasium building, or what there is left of it. The door is open; but if you have conscientious scruples against going in by the door, you may crawl in through any one of the nine hundred broken window lights.

OUR readers will please observe that Mr. M. Bourdon Cottrell is now our Business Manager, and he means "business." Any favors addressed to him, will receive his earnest attention.

In a domestic journal we read this head-line in bold type, "Wanted—1,000 bright young women." If an Alfred student insists that he wants even one, he gets himself into trouble.

We call attention to our Hornellville advertising patrons.

Is it now the proper time to toll the Babcock Methodist Bell?

## University and Town.

HANGING—over the front gate—is played out.

THE twitter of returning snow-birds is heard in the land.

WILL not some one send us a poem on "beautiful snow?"

MISS IDA BARREN, of Addison, made a brief visit in Alfred a short time since.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONER A. B. Cottrell examined a large class of teachers at this place Oct. 22d.

A RECENT issue of the *Hornell Times* pays the last number of the *STUDENT* a very high compliment.

Is THE *STUDENT*, after having passed the critical period of infancy, to die on our hands? "We apprehend not."

"MAY I get under the shadow of your mustache?" is now the poetical way the young ladies have of putting it.

SOME spirited Chapel speeches by professors and others, have agreeably varied the usual routine of Chapel exercises of late.

A LARGE number of students, now in school, expect to teach the coming Winter, and will soon be leaving to begin their duties.

PROF. H. R. PALMER recently left for Waterloo, Iowa, where he is to hold a musical convention. Mrs. Palmer remains at Alfred.

A FRESHMAN struggled with commendable pluck to conjugate an "ear regular verb" in the past "tents," in a recent examination.

MRS. T. R. WILLIAMS delivered a lecture on temperance at Scio, N. Y., Saturday evening, Nov. 26th, to a large and appreciative audience.

THE voters of Alfred gave the Republican nominee for Congress 196 majority, at the recent election.

SINCE our last issue, work on Memorial Hall has been pushed as rapidly as possible. The walls are now completed nearly to the top of the window casings of the second story.

A TEACHER, not a hundred miles from Alfred, received from a little girl in primary geography the following novel definition of a waterfall: "Water flowing over a preceptress."

CONSIDERABLE grading has been done during the past four weeks below the Chapel and about the Gothic, which will add much to the attractions of that part of the campus.

THE Pipe Organ Association gave a dime concert at the church one evening early in October, which was well attended, and proved an interesting and enjoyable entertainment.

REV. WARDNER C. TITSWORTH, of Farina, Ill., who recently visited relatives and friends in Alfred, preached an interesting discourse before the students, Sunday morning, Nov. 3d.

A VERY interesting communication from the pen of Mr. J. S. Van Duzer, editor of the *Husbandman*, at Elmira, was read at a recent session of the Orophilian Lyceum, of which he is a member.

By invitation of Rog. and Sam, a small party of young people recently passed an evening very pleasantly at the house of Mr. D. R. Stillman where they were very hospitably entertained.

SOME resolutions against the practice of letting the Chapel for the use of political meetings, which were recently adopted by the students in Chapel, were received too late for publication.

MR. N. W. WILLIAMS left Alfred not long since for Boston, where he is to resume his studies at the Boston Conservatory of Music. His many friends at Alfred and elsewhere follow him with their best wishes.

REV. BERT ROBERTSON, of Clear Lake, Iowa, has been preaching a series of sermons on various themes, at the church in this place, during the past few weeks. He is regarded as a speaker of unusual eloquence and power.

HON. SETH MILLIKIN, ex-Congressman from Maine, made an eloquent and scholarly speech on the political issues of the day, in the Chapel, Saturday evening, Nov. 2d. A large audience was in attendance.

THE *Hornellsville Herald* of Oct. 16th contains a poetic communication, said to be from an Alfred student. The author signs himself "Ami Green." Judging from your production, dear Ami, you are, *very*. Now give us something hard.

MR. A. W. SULLIVAN, while at work on Memorial Hall, some time ago, fell from the second story, and narrowly escaped serious results. Some bruises were received, which disabled him for a few days, but no permanent injuries were sustained.

REV. W. H. ERNST, of Portville, N. Y., one of the "Mound Builders" of '77, was in town recently, in attendance upon the Ministerial Conference then in session. He preached an excellent discourse before the students Sunday morning, Oct. 27th.

MR. F. C. DAVIE, of Friendship, N. Y., an old student, after leaving school five years ago, studied medicine, took a course of lectures first at Ann Arbor and afterward at New York, and after receiving the degree of M. D. from Long Island Medical College, practiced his profession two years in Friendship. He then sold his practice and re-entered the University this Fall, and will graduate with the class of '79. He then purposes taking an advanced course of medical lectures in the University of Berlin, Germany.

MR. R. H. WILLIAMS, an old Alfred student, has been elected School Commissioner in the second Assembly District of Steuben county. He has already served six years in that capacity, and is highly esteemed by his constituents as an able, efficient officer.

THE editor of this department, in order to prevent monotony, has sacrificed considerable time and personal comfort to furnish an item of local interest for the *STUDENT*, an account of which is given in the Editorial Department; now will not some one else try the experiment?

MR. P. B. McLENNAN, well known and pleasantly remembered by many readers of the *STUDENT*, made Alfred a short visit about the middle of October. He is now practicing law in Syracuse, N. Y., and has already achieved considerable distinction in the legal profession.

PROF. E. P. LARKIN was thrown from a wagon at Hornellsville some time ago, and received so serious a bruise on his ankle as to render necessary a trip to New York in order to have an operation performed on it. He is now so as to be again superintending the work on Memorial Hall.

REV. E. M. DUNN, of Milton, Wis., who graduated from the University with the class of '52, was in town several days the first of October, visiting relatives and friends. He preached a spirited and practical sermon before the students, Sunday morning, Oct. 6th, on the theme of "Personal Holiness."

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REV. D. H. DAVIS and wife, of Shiloh, N. J., visited relatives and friends in this State in the forepart of October, and were in Alfred two or three days before their return home. Mr. Davis now occupies the pulpit at Shiloh, which Prof. A. H. Lewis resigned to accept his present position in the University.

PROF. ——— and wife were in one of the small rooms at the Brick not long since, when Mrs. ——— went out, and unthinkingly locked the door, and went down town, leaving him to decide whether he had better jump out of the window and break his neck, or remain in solitary confinement until her return. He chose the latter.

PROFESSOR AND MRS. T. R. WILLIAMS gave a reception at their rooms at the Brick, Tuesday evening, Oct. 22d, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. The Faculty and some of the Trustees of the University were present, also quite a number of the citizens of the place. Few social gatherings result in more genuine pleasure and merriment.

HON. SEYMORE DEXTER, of Elmira, an old Alfred student, has been elected by the Republicans of Chemung for County Judge. After graduating in '61, Mr. Dexter studied law, was admitted to the bar, and now ranks with the first lawyers of the Southern Tier. His election is a merited compliment to his professional ability and personal worth.

WE notice posters about town announcing a course of lectures to be given by Prof. A. H. Lewis, in the church at Alfred station, of which he is pastor. The course comprises six lectures, respectively entitled as follows: "Amusements," "What Shall we Read?" "Courtship and Marriage," "What Shall we Eat, and Wherewithal Shall we be Clothed?" "Will the Coming Man use the Weed?" and "Help Yourselves." Prof. Lewis's reputation as an orator is a sufficient guarantee that these lectures will be both entertaining and instructive, and we doubt not that they will be well attended. We suggest that an effort be made to induce him to give the same lectures here.

SOME excellent stone steps are being constructed at the west entrance to the Brick—steps in the right direction surely. And then, gentlemen, step around and build some at the front entrance. We don't wish to dictate at all, but if it is all the same to you, please put a railing at the sides.

THE seventieth birthday of Rev. Dr. Hull, which occurred the 18th of October, was the occasion of an informal, and to him unexpected gathering of his friends at his house during the evening. To the many hearty congratulations, Dr. Hull made an appropriate response, thanking the assembly for their expression of sympathy and good will. Both to pastor and people the occasion was one of genuine pleasure and enjoyment. Dr. Hull has been pastor of the church in this place over thirty years, and few ministers enjoy so entirely the confidence and esteem of their people; few there are whose public and private life has exerted a more potent influence for good. His many friends will join us in the wish that he may yet live long to proclaim the gospel, the truth and beauty of which his life so admirably exemplifies.

A PLEASANT and profitable custom of our Lyceums is that of interchanging visits with one another. The Athenæans visited the Orophilians, at their session room, Saturday evening, Oct. 26th, and express themselves well entertained with the programme of exercises prepared for them. After prayer and singing, Mr. J. J. Jeffrey read an essay, which was followed by a recitation by Mr. J. R. Hatter. Mr. J. McLennan delivered an oration, containing some excellent ideas in regard to the political issues of the day, and Mr. C. B. McDowell read one of Bret Harte's poems with admirable effect. E. A. Higgins read the Lyceum paper, "The Radiator and Review," in which was a very spicy communication from Mr. L. C. Van Fleet, of Kalamazoo, Mich., also one from G. W. Haight, now in San Francisco. The exercises closed with an oration by Mr. L. D. Seager. Both visitors and visited enjoyed a pleasant session.

A LITERARY and social entertainment was held in the Chapel, Wednesday evening, Oct. 30th, for the benefit of the Ladies' Athenæan. The exercises were opened with prayer by Prof. A. H. Lewis, followed by music. Miss Miranda White delivered a well-written oration, entitled "Echoes," which was followed with a soliloquy by Miss Belle McCray. Mr. L. E. Dunn and Mrs. Hattie Wilson sang, with excellent effect, the amusing duette, "I'm Talking in my Sleep." An amusing comedy, entitled "One Must Marry," translated from the German for the occasion, was creditably acted by Mr. J. McLennan, Mr. L. E. Dunn, Miss May Allen, and Miss Ida Lewis. The vocal solo, "Waiting," by Mrs. Hattie Wilson, which was beautifully rendered and heartily applauded, closed the literary part of the programme. The remainder of the evening, during which refreshments were served, was pleasantly and sociably passed. The net proceeds of the entertainment were over forty-five dollars.

THE Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Green was appropriately celebrated at their house, Monday evening, Oct. 14th, by one of those pleasant but rare occasions known as a "Silver Wedding." The entire arrangements had been made by friends in town who had given them no intimation of the event until a short time previous, and before they hardly had time to comprehend the situation the house was filled with guests who had come to present their congratulations. The guests having all assembled, and the arrangements being complete, the bride and groom were reunited by an appropriate and impressive ceremony, pronounced by Rev. Dr. Hull. After a rich repast, to which all did ample justice, a poem, written for the occasion by Mr. Silas C. Burdick, was read, also letters from absent relatives and friends. A beautiful set of silver, consisting of about a dozen pieces, of unique and exquisite design, valued at about a hundred and twenty-five dollars, was presented in a happy speech by Prof. T. R. Williams. A splendid serenade by the band did much to heighten the enjoyment of a happy occasion, long to be remembered.

SINCE our last issue, Alfred has been enlivened by a sensation that is considerably spiced with romance. A young Alleghanian had sought the pleasure of escorting a fair Athenæan from the Lyceum room of the latter, at the close of the session, and his overtures had been gratefully accepted. With hopeful hearts and cautious footsteps, they descend the winding stairways of the Brick, and pass to the steps at the front entrance. By some strange fatality, a misstep is made, which prostrates the twain, and together they roll from the topmost stair to the landing below. She escapes unhurt, although having reluctantly impressed a kiss on every step while making the descent. He complains of a bumped head and bruised shin. They walk home in a silence that is broken only by a smothered giggle on her part, and a half-suppressed groan on his; and an hour afterward the soft rays of moonlight, as they stream through his window, reveal a figure with bandaged head bending tenderly over an injured shin and an arnica bottle. It may be comforting for our hero to reflect that in Rhode Island, from whence he hails, he could scarcely have tumbled as far as that without rolling into some other State.

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## Alumni Notes.

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### ALUMNI.

'47. Dr. H. H. Nye is practicing medicine at Wellsville, N. Y.

'50. Mrs. J. Maxson McCray, M. D., is following her profession at Alfred Centre, N. Y.

'51. Judge Ormanzo Allen resides at Santa Barbara, Cal.

'53 Rev. E. M. Dunn is preaching in Milton, Wis.

'58. Silas C. Burdick is a merchant at Alfred Centre, N. Y.

'65. Charles R. Thacher is a gardener in Hornellsville, N. Y.

'74. O. D. Sherman is supplying the pulpit of the Seventh day Baptist Church in New York City.

'74. Mrs. Martha J. D. Estee is teaching with her husband, in Ashaway, R. I.

'75. Prof. E. L. Maxson is teaching in Wood-hull, N. Y.

## FORMER STUDENTS.

Tina McLennan is attending school at Cornell, Ithaca.

Rod. McLennan is in Oberlin College.

Albina Hunter is at her home near Syracuse.

Albert S. Hunter is in business in Syracuse.

Mary E. Barrager is at her home near Canaseraga, N. Y.

Amanda Salisbury Utley is residing at Brookfield, Mo.

Belle Crawford is at her home in Rathboneville, N. Y.

Ralph Rowley is in the mercantile business with his father at Richburgh.

J. Max Rudiger is at Cornell.

Julia MacWarner is spending the year with her friends in Little Rock, Ark.

M. E. Van Duzer is attending lectures at the New York Medical College.

Fred C. Cobb is a member of the sophomore class at Cornell University.

D. C. Barney is studying law in Hornellsville, N. Y.

P. J. Hallett is practicing law in Canisteo, N. Y.

George W. Haight is practicing law in San Francisco, Cal.

E. A. Witter is working in a printing-press manufactory at Westerly, R. I.

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## The College World.

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## ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

The Rochester *Campus* has changed its appearance somewhat, by a contraction of its literary department, and corresponding enlargement of the alumni and personal.

It has a good editorial note on the increasing expensiveness of the college course, in the way of class entertainments, which leave students with limited means burdened with debt, and alas, too often burdened with shameful habits.

The Scientific course, which has formerly been deficient, is this year filled with valuable instruction for students in that department. Scientific Juniors are reading Piere, the Plow-

man, and Freshmen are studying Rawlinson's Manual of Ancient History.

## NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The Northwestern University greets its friends and patrons with two papers, the *Tripod*, and the *Vidette*, both of which are fully equal to the better class of college publications.

The University is to be represented at the coming contest of the I. C. L. A., by W. H. Harris, '78, as orator, and W. H. Wait, '79, as Latin contestant.

## COLBY UNIVERSITY.

The Colby *Echo* is with us again, in all of its old time fineness.

Now the college enjoys the luxury of a band; "Music hath charms," &c.

Spanish is taken as a study by some of the Seniors.

The Directors of the Base Ball Association are trying to arrange a series of games with Bowdoin and Bates, for the college championship of the State.

## TRINITY COLLEGE.

The College enters upon its new school year under very happy auspices. It marches a little regretfully out of the old college buildings, into new ones, whose excellence in point of convenience and architecture, delighteth ye student exceedingly.

The College enjoyed a short visit from Dean Stanley.

Freshman class numbers forty-five.

The Freshmen have made a solemn compact with the Faculty, to abstain from rushes. The *Tablet* is pitifully crying out to know how they can support their claim to be a college, *without a rush*. A question, gentlemen(?)

The Term Themes for the Seniors are, Oct. 13th, "England's Recent Course of Diplomacy;" Nov. 13th, "The Philosophy of Intellectual Revivals." For the Juniors, Oct. 17th, "Difficult Methods of Expressing Thoughts, and their Relations to each other;" Nov. 12th, "Spenser and his Friends."

## RACINE COLLEGE.

The students commence the year with renovated halls and an increase in numbers.

Prof. Wilson is engaged to teach the stu-

dents in elocution. He comes four times during the year, and stays a week each time.

President Hayes has honored the college with a short visit.

The College Nine have "resolved themselves" into a foot-ball team, with the addition of new members to make out the eleven. By the way, we should consider it a decided improvement in the *Mercury*, if it could collect its thoughts a little more in the mental training grounds of the college. There is a reformed proverb which reads, "All play and no work makes Jack a *little stupid*."

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