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## Literary Department.

BAYARD TAYLOR.

How much the land had loved him it scarce knew,  
Till Honor, always tardy in her aim,  
Among the nation's foremost set his name;  
Then lo! before this honor its full due  
Had reaped, while yet the ocean breezes blew  
Its prophecy, a second honor came,  
Kindling in poet's souls a warmer flame;  
From voice to voice, from heart to heart it flew,  
His last and noblest poem. "Ah! this year,"  
We said, "hath crowned him with a double crown.  
The gods he sings so well have held him dear."  
Lo! while we spoke he laid his laurels down;  
The gods another costlier gift had brought,  
They held him dearer even than we thought.

—H. H., in *Independent*.

## CHRISTMAS.\*

BY MRS. IDA F. KENYON.

Around the two short syllables of this word there clusters such a crowd of facts and legends, thoughts and emotions, reflections and teachings, that it will not prove an easy task to select from the material what is necessary and proper for a distinct, connected outline of the subject, and to dismiss what is unessential. There seems a sort of Ariadne thread impressed upon the labyrinthine mass, leading in a triple direction—the first path pursuing an inquiry as to the historical origin of the festival; the second an investigation as to the manner of its observation, in ancient, more recent, and present times; the third gathering up the lessons of

\* A Lecture delivered at the Jubilee Session of the Alfredian Lyceum, Christmas eve, 1878.

spiritual import it is to convey to our souls as human beings and as Christians.

Boldly starting, then, upon the first track, we take up the fact that Christmas is the festival in commemoration of the nativity of our Lord, celebrated on the 25th of December. Coming to us in that portion of the year when days have just worn their longest gloom and briefest brightness, we first learn this: that Christmas is not the first occupant of that marked period in the cycle of the year, but that it has only taken the place of a far more ancient feast and sacred time, dating back into dim antiquity, even beyond historic ages—we refer to the great mid-winter festival of the system of sun worship.

When man was young upon the world, he soon observed that it was the great luminary of the day upon which his well-being, nay, his very existence, depended, and so from earliest date it became a source of wonder and admiration, and its worship was probably the very first form of idolatry. The chief deities of the several mythologies were primarily personifications of the sun, or of particular influences of it. The original solar nature of Jupiter, Zeus, Odin, Baal, Amen-Ra, Indra, and others, can hardly be mistaken. We, from our modern standpoint, can but with difficulty comprehend how the sun was imaged in the heart of its ancient adorer, and dwelt there forever; how the changes in the great light were associated with all his feelings and fortunes; how the dawn was hope to him; how the fierce midday brightness was power to him; how the declining sun was death to him; how the new morn a resurrection; nay, more, how the sun with its attendant train, the moon and stars, were his personal friends, as well as his deities; how he held communion with them, and propitiated

them with sacrifices and solemn rites. That under this form of faith all the turning points in the sun's course became periods of utmost significance to its votaries, is self-evident. The solstices and equinoxes, the beginnings and endings of the seasons, in turn were marked and celebrated with ceremonies of their own, in all of which fire, as the representative of the glittering god upon earth, played a conspicuous part. But the most important point of the year was held to be the Winter solstice, as the beginning of renewed life and activity of the powers of nature, symbolized to these worshippers in the form of their gods. In more northerly countries, this fact must have made itself peculiarly palpable; hence the Celtic, Teutonic, and Scandinavian races, from the oldest times, observed this season with solemn festivities. We shall return to an enumeration and specification of the more striking of these, as we pursue the second line of investigation, relating to the manner in which the festival used to be and is still observed.

As in course of time, Christianity came to supplant the various systems of pagan religion, its first effort was to battle and contest the existing forms of superstition; when these proved too deeply rooted in the popular heart to be obliterated, they were adopted into the new cultus, only being masked and overlaid by institutions of its own. Thus it was done with the ancient midwinter sun festival; being impossible to eradicate, it was chosen to commemorate the birth of Christ. The first certain traces of the Christian festival are found about the time of the Emperor Commodus (180-192 A. D.) In the reign of Diocletian (284-305 A. D.), while that ruler was keeping court at Nicomedia, he learned that a multitude of Christians were assembled in the city to celebrate the birth day of Jesus. Having ordered the church doors to be closed, he set fire to the building, and all the worshippers perished in the flames. It does not appear, however, that there was any uniformity in the period of observing the nativity among the early churches, some holding the festival in the months of May or April, others in January. It is, nevertheless, almost certain that the 25th of December can not be the birth-

day of the Savior, for it is then the height of the rainy season of Judea, and shepherds could hardly be watching their flocks by night in the plains. Yet there it was fixed by the church, and wisely so, and there it has remained up to the present time, becoming the parent of many other festivals, and gathering around it many other commemorative seasons, partly old and partly new, so that, what may be termed a Christmas cycle, sprang up, which surpassed all other groups of Christian holidays in the manifold richness of its festal usages.

At this point, we are ready to follow our second guiding thread, and see to what it leads. In the Edda, the ancient religious books of the Scandinavian races, the sun is styled *fagra vel* (fair or shining wheel), and from this root there seem to have sprung the old Norse *jul* or *julul*, even now the familiar name of Christmas among the Danes and Swedes, and the English *yule*, applied as the name of the Winter solstice, either in reference to the conception of the sun himself as a radiant wheel, or more probably to his wheeling or turning back in his path in the heavens. At the Summer solstice, the sun, in the acme of his power, was pictured as having risen to a dizzy height, wearied with his ascent, when a crafty enemy, taking advantage of his momentary lassitude, slew him, and he fell, gradually sinking deeper and deeper into the realm of night. Now at yule-time, the evil spell was broken. Again, Baldur, the sun-god, was climbing to bless the waiting world, and men were jubilant at his resurrection. For several days, the rejoicing was unbroken in sacrifices, banqueting, and revelry. A huge log was rolled, with special ceremonies, into the ample hall where the feast was to be held, to serve as the foundation of a roaring fire, and the representative of the divinity adored; the hall was decorated with greeneries and fruit, as symbols of faith in the power of the returning sun to clothe the earth anew with green, and hang new fruit on the then barren trees. Gifts were freely given to all the household, children and dependents sharing alike in the glad bestowal; the bondman for the time was free, and all were feasted with rich meats and an abundance of fermented drink called meth or mead,

brewed from honey and hops. Among the viands, a boar roasted whole as the animal sacred to the god of fertility was held the principal dish, and do we not here recall how in England, the boarshead on formal Christmas celebrations, still forms the dish of honor? its coming announced with a trumpet peal through the hall, when the giver of the feast arose, put his hand upon the sacrifice, dedicating it to the God who gave fruitful seasons, and making some special vow, for the performance of which the aid of the superior beings was invoked. Libations of mead from the wassail bowl followed, and while the drinking horns were circulating, the skalds were singing the histories of the mighty gods, particularly the praises of Baldur, who, in the image of the sun, personified to them brightness, innocence, power, peace, love, freedom, and all that was good. Most frequently these assemblies were held in the ante-courts of their temples, gathering thus the inhabitants of whole districts, the first day set apart for the slaughter of the animals that were to furnish the sacrificial feast, the second occupied with the rites of the sacrifices themselves, the third and following days devoted to social enjoyment, songs, and festivities. Sometimes yule-tide was celebrated in private buildings, and at the expense of princes or wealthy lords; but wherever held, there was always a reverent, religious sentiment permeating the jubilee, holding it down to the level of northern semi-melancholy dignity. With the Celtic and Latin races, though kindred usages prevailed, they had a tendency to degenerate into license and bacchanalian excesses. Among the Romans the great feast of the Saturnalia was celebrated at this season, avowedly held in honor of Saturn, the divinity under whose reign the fabled golden age was said to have been placed, but more probably in honor of a god Satur, the god of fertility, whose propitious regard was then invoked, while joy and thanks were expressed for the blessings of the year then ending. Through this idea, we can easily trace the connecting link of kindred origin with the festival of Northern races. At the Saturnalia, a temporary overthrow of all the class distinctions of ancient society took place; slaves then wore

the badge of freedom, and sat down to banquets in their masters' places; friends sent presents to each other; all business was suspended; law courts were closed; school-boys had a holiday; hospitality was indiscriminate. Here the reverent undertone has vanished; all has turned into frolic and extravagance. The modern carnival, with its masquerades and gayeties, where every wild impulse of rollicking, mischief-loving fun is carried out with impunity, is but the ancient Saturnalia put a few weeks later, occurring now just before the commencement of Lent, whereas the ancient feast took place about the 20th of December.

To be continued.

### CULTURE AND CHARACTER.

By character we mean pure manhood. By culture we mean that which gives attainments and mastery in art, science, literature, jurisprudence, and the like. Can such culture give character, as above defined? Let history answer. Greece was world-mistress in art. Her ruins are treasures. She worshiped beauty, and her dust is beautiful. Finished and polished scholarship was her glory. But the best fruitage of this rich culture brought neither cure nor salvation to her corrupted manhood. She was beauteous in all except soul life. No divine religion lifted the Grecian heart, and her history is hateful, a sad picture, because of moral debasement. Her religion was humanized, secularized, and animalized, until shames, which make the pages of history blush, were common, even in her sacred, beauteous temples.

Rome built on the ruins of Greece a commonwealth of world-empire. She worshiped law, and gave the world jurisprudence and legal lore, which live in the essential features of the best governments of our own times. "The grandeur that was Rome" is without parallel in the history of the science of government. She was mistress of the world, by right, through her grand theories, working out in resistless power. But her heart was full of moral stagnation, impurity, helplessness, death. Culture and statesmanship could not save from moral decay and national ruin. Each of the

centuries has brought similar examples; all combine to say, "Culture alone can not give manhood."

Culture and manhood are not synonyms even in our time, though culture grows more manly as the years go by. But too often culture covers heart-life which may not be uncovered. Cultured fingers and cultured intellect are doing much that is to be commended in some sense, but which is associated with such soul-impurity, such dishonesty, such sensuality, such disregard of all the elements of true manhood, that one must weep while he admires, and dread the death which must follow such corruption. This evil pervades our political life to an extent which ought to arouse every man to counteracting efforts, if not to positive alarm for the safety of our political institutions. When law-makers and law-interpreters are not noble and pure; when courts of justice are shields to injustice, no amount of culture or acuteness can compensate for the evil and decay which must follow. Perverted justice will surely have a day for settlement, though she wait for centuries.

How can such contradictions exist, such evils continue? Because men mistake culture for something higher, and worship at its shrine, rather than at the shrine of manliness and purity. Culture, physical and intellectual, lays little or no restraint on base passions. It simply demands more cultured forms of indulgence, and less bestial surroundings. But the gay scenes of crime on Fifth Avenue have just as dirty hearts as the slums of Water street. Cleopatra, with her diamonds, was as truly a "lost sister" as the blear-eyed one, whose brazen cheeks have forgotten the presence of modesty, and lost all sense of shame. Thieves who steal millions by false returns, altered balance sheets, and "business irregularities," are thieves still, as truly as is the detested tramp in dirt. The poor whisky-and garlic taint of a street bummer's breath is more uncultured than the odors which follow the broad-cloth-covered frequenter of the club room, when he is carried home by bribed policemen; but both meandrunkenness and damnation. Cypher dispatches, and tissue-paper ballots, may

be more cultured forms of perverting justice than shot-guns and bludgeons are, but they are not less unmanly.

College days ought to teach us how wide the chasm is between culture, without manliness, and cultured manhood. The latter is a glory; the former never else than shame and ruin.

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WE cede a large part of the space usually given to editorial matter to our "University and Town" Editor, to make room for a report of the "Mid-Winter Jubilees," and for other interesting local matters, which will not fail to entertain all our readers, and give, to those not here, a pleasing glimpse of Alfred; but we retain sufficient room to extend to all our patrons—teachers, students, and friends of the University—a "Happy New Year's Greeting," and express the wish that all may enter upon the

duties of the year so lately begun with better resolves, stronger courage, and higher purposes, and tread with firmer footsteps the paths of 1879; and, as the knell of the year upon whose threshold we are now standing shall be sounded, that each one may be found twelve months further on in the course whose end is success; and that the road all along may be full of successes—not that narrow success which means the prosperous termination of our selfish plans, but that larger success which means the attainment of that highest possible good of which we are capable, and the accomplishment of the most and the best for humanity and for God.

WHERE are the songs of Alfred University? We know that it is an idle question; but yet, have we not a right to ask it? Is there any good reason why our University is represented in no college *Carmina*? If we may be allowed to answer our own question, we say: No, there is not. We have men who write no mean verse; and, surely, the struggles of her founders and teachers, and the many associations which cling about her, ought long ago to have called forth their song. If they have not, they ought to now. No one of the little things of college life so binds students together, none so arouses patriotism for their Alma Mater; and, if they are characteristic and full of sentiment, as they should be, nothing in the after years will so pleasantly remind them of these happy days. "There is no song like an old song," and it is doubly true of an old college song. Will those who can, give a little attention to this? Adapt your songs to familiar and popular tunes; make them characteristic of Alfred University, and we will gladly sing her praises.

THIS from the *Hawkeye* is pertinent: "Do you think," writes a young student of human economy, 'do you think the human race is decaying?' Not at all, not at all. Part of it isn't decaying because it is yet alive, and the portion of it that is dead doesn't decay because the medical student don't give it a chance. Oh no, the human race was never, in all its history, so well protected against decay as at present.

Be thankful that you live in an age when the grave has been so shorn of its power that it can't hold a man so long as a sieve would hold a spoonful of quicksilver." Verily, a first-class metallic coffin isn't any safer than a Manhattan savings bank.

## University and Town.

### THE JUBILEES.

The public sessions of our four Literary Societies during the holidays of each year are only equaled in interest and importance by the Anniversary Exercises of Commencement Week. The "Anniversaries" and the "Jubilees" are occasions anticipated with interest and delight, and without which the routine of school work during the year would be devoid of much of the stimulus to literary and other outside study that preparation for these exercises requires. The Jubilees this season began with the

#### ALFRIEDIAN SESSION,

which occurred on Christmas eve. The exercises were opened with music, followed by prayer by President Allen.

The "Greeting," by Miss Alta Burrell, was a pointed preface to the session, in which the speaker said that, as the time for holding their Jubilee had fallen on Christmas eve, they had varied, to some extent, the accustomed tone of their exercises, and that, instead of displaying a high degree of literary merit, they had aimed to make the session entertaining, and to enter into the joyous spirit of the season.

"Christmas" was the appropriate theme of an able and interesting lecture, by Mrs. Ida F. Kenyon, A. M. It showed much time and patient study in its preparation, and contained many interesting facts, clustering around the "Queen of holidays." As the lecture is to be given our readers, a synopsis is unnecessary.

The recitation, "Song of the Christmas Stocking," was distinctly delivered by Miss Kittie Larkin.

The "Paper—Christmas Edition," was a novelty and surprise. At the conclusion of

the "Christmas Carol," which was admirably sung by about thirty members of the Society, the venerable Santa Claus, with snowy beard and jingling bells, appeared, bringing among the many wares with which he was laden, a diminutive Christmas tree, beautifully illuminated with wax tapers. On this were stanzas of original poetry, sent as Christmas greetings to the University, the Societies, members of the Faculty, and others, which were nicely read by Miss Jennie Green.

The valedictory, which was well delivered by Miss Hattie Morton, was in keeping with the rest of the exercises. Although there always has been, always will be much in the world that is evil, time can never efface the glory of the past eighteen centuries; nor can the powers of darkness dim the rays of the Sun of Righteousness. The unseen thread of Divine love runs through the conflicting events of history. Knowledge is being universally diffused, the study of God's word is increasing, science is revealing marvelous truths, in all of which is the hand of Him, the source of all wisdom, truth, and love, most plainly manifest.

It was emphatically a Christmas session, and as such was a gratifying success.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 28th, occurred the

#### ALLEGHANIAN SESSION,

which was open with prayer by Rev. Dr. Hull, followed by music.

In the opening oration, by Mr. V. A. Baggs, on "The Ottoman Empire," was discussed the corrupt character of the nation, the tyranny and oppression of its rulers, and the consequent degradation of its people. The production evinced careful study in its preparation, but the effect was somewhat marred by being imperfectly committed.

"Social and National Progress" was the theme of the oration by Mr. T. M. Davis, in which was argued that the basis of all progress and reform, social and national, must be integrity and intelligence. On the moral and mental elevation of the masses depends the best interests of society and the perpetuity of the nation. Had the oration been as well delivered as writ-

ten, it would have reflected credit both on the author and the Society.

The oration on "Decay," by Mr. C. S. Barney, was a well-written production, delivered in a distinct and spirited manner. Decay is stamped on every page of history, as is proven by the rise and fall of the great nations of the past. The corruption in our present system of suffrage, together with the dishonesty of high government officials, are just reasons for fear that our own boasted strength as a republic must, sooner or later, yield to the inevitable laws of decay, unless these evils are removed. The only remedy is in a general diffusion of education among all classes of people. We must educate, or perish.

The recitation by Mr. C. M. Marvin, Jr., entitled "The Book of Gold," was an interesting Christmas story, rendered in a manner that held the close attention of the audience.

The lecture was given by Mr. S. G. Burdick, who chose for his subject "Failure." Among the failures noted, or what in the speaker's opinion were failures, was the premature giving to the freedmen of the south the elective franchise.

The closing oration, "Character-building," was delivered with much earnestness and spirit by Prof. A. B. Kenyon, and must be acknowledged one of the finest productions which has been given during the sessions. Character-building may be likened to architecture, governed by laws just as fixed and unchangeable. Ability and genius are not the surest passports to eminence, but the patient, persistent culture and development of the powers with which we are endowed. As the great Architect of the universe has furnished us a guidebook to the formation of a perfect character, full of the wisest counsel and instruction, it should be carefully studied, that its teachings may be properly understood and applied. The production was replete with excellent thoughts, and would be well worthy a place in this or any other journal.

#### THE ATHENÆAN SESSION

was held on New Year's eve. Prayer was offered by Prof. H. C. Coon.

"John Chinaman," the subject of the first

oration, by Kittie Skinner, was a brief history of the Chinese, their laws, religion, education, their literature, and artistic tastes. The immigration of John to the Pacific Slope, and the consequent result on the labor market, were discussed, showing that much careful study had been given the subject.

The "Correspondence—Metropolitan Gossip"—was a spicy letter from New York, by Miss Lucie Wood, distinctly read by Miss May Allen.

A recitation, entitled, "Spinning Wheel Song," was given by Miss Jennie Collier.

A paper on "Switzerland and the Swiss," by Mrs. H. R. Palmer, admirably presented by Miss A. E. Nelson, was a very entertaining and instructive production, giving graphic glimpses of the Swiss, their schools, industries, and philanthropy, written from observations taken while the writer was a tourist among them.

A comparatively short lecture on "Self-reliance," was given by Mrs. Dr. McCray. Every one has an individual life of his own. Each must stand alone, work out his own destiny; else over against his name shall be written, "failure." All those whose names adorn the pages of history, attained their eminence by dauntless courage, and determinate, self-reliant energy.

The "Readings," by Miss Eva Allen, which followed, were among the most pleasant features of the evening. Her selections, "The Last Hymn," "The Night Before the Execution," "Snyder's Nose," and "The Tramp," were rendered in a manner that added to the enviable reputation that she has already achieved as an elocutionist. She was listened to with marked attention.

The closing oration was a thoughtfully written, pleasantly delivered biography of Adelaide Proctor, by Mrs. Jennie Stillman.

The last of the four entertainments was the

OROPHILIAN SESSION,

which occurred on the evening of New Year's day. The exercises were opened with prayer by Prof. E. P. Lakin.

The opening oration, "Why do we Study?" by Mr. C. D. McDowell, was a carefully pre-

pared production, and delivered with excellent effect. In it were discussed the two prevailing opinions of an education: the practical theory which regards an education merely as a means of gaining a competence, and the liberal theory which believes that all the faculties of the mind should be thoroughly disciplined and developed, and a culture obtained that will prepare one for usefulness in any calling. The one aims at sensual gratifications, the other at the elevation of mankind. Only in the latter lie true culture and reform.

The recitation, "The River Fight," was creditably given by Mr. M. J. Raub.

Mr. W. Barnettson read an essay on "The Need of the Times." It bore hard on some of the popular fallacies of the day, and named as one of the great needs of the time, an impartial public opinion, free from prejudice, that would discountenance an evil in man or woman, be his or her social position high or low. It was received with hearty applause.

"The Southern Policy," was the theme of a spirited and patriotic oration by Mr. John McLennan, in which the difficulties engendered by the rebellion were thoughtfully discussed. President Hayes's Southern policy, although not an entire success, has done much to show the friendly spirit of the North. But more than the legislation of statesmen; more than persuasive speeches by angling politicians, has the noble response by the people of the North to the cry for assistance from the fever-stricken South, accomplished to reunite the two sections into one common brotherhood.

The lecture on "The Highest Excellence," by Rev. W. H. Ernst, was a logical and scholarly production. Not only is there a prevalent misapprehension in the world of what the highest excellence is, but a manifest indisposition to attain it. Physical and mental culture, or mere moral rectitude, are insufficient to attain this excellence, but in the Bible we find the guide book, and in spiritual culture the pathway leading to the lofty ideal.

The closing oration, by Mr. F. C. Davie, was an ably written history of "The Anglo-Saxon Race," delivered in a distinct and effective manner.

## JUBILEE JOTTINGS.

The song, "The Wanderer," the only solo of the sessions, was sung by Mr. L. E. Dunn in a manner that called out a hearty *encore*. He politely declined to respond.

The Alfriedians had each of the Chapel windows illuminated with twelve wax candles, on the evening of their session, which, while they lasted, produced a brilliant effect.

The part of Santa Claus, on the Alfriedians' programme, was acted by Mr. L. E. Dunn, in a manner that, had his Kris Kringle ship been present, he could have found no fault with.

Among the old students who visited Alfred during the Jubilees, were Miss Mary Barrager of Canaseraga, Miss Hattie Morton of Angelica, Mr. D. C. Hopkins of Almond, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Meddaugh of Portville, N. Y.

The Athenæans were considerably disappointed in regard to the music that they had prepared for their session. Mrs. Hattie Willson had been appointed to sing several solos, but was unable to reach Alfred in time, on account of the trains being blockaded with snow.

Prof. S——, when requested to make the opening prayer at the Orophilian session, asked to be excused, saying that he would be very glad to pray for the Oro's, could he do so with any degree of faith. He was referred to a grain of mustard seed.

The music for all the sessions was vocal selections sung entirely by members of the Societies, and was regarded by all as exceptionally fine. We heartily commend it, as much more appropriate than orchestra or band music for literary occasions.

The selections sung at the Alfriedian session were all admirably appropriate for a Christmas Jubilee. The opening chorus, "Calm on the listening ear of night," was beautifully sung by thirty ladies of the Society, who marched up on the stage to instrumental music, each bearing a lighted taper, all of which produced a splendid effect.

The following are the names of the officers presiding at the Jubilee sessions: Alfriedian—President, Miss Mary Sherman; Secretary, Miss Ollie Collins; Marshal, Miss Susie Burdick. Alleghanian—President, Mr. B. I. Jeffrey; Sec-

retary, Mr. D. M. Cass; Marshal, Mr. M. B. Cottrell. Athenæan—President, Miss Callie F. Randolph; Secretary, Miss Lucy Cray; Marshal, Miss Nettie Sisson. Orophilian—President, Mr. J. J. Jeffrey; Secretary, Mr. E. A. Higgins; Marshal, Mr. J. T. Horton.

## CHAPEL REPAIRS.

The repair of the Chapel has furnished a fine opportunity for the citizens of Alfred to exhibit their public spirit and interest in the welfare, both of the school and of the town; especially did the work appeal to the business men. The following list of the subscribers to the repairs speaks for itself. It should have appeared in the October number of the STUDENT:

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To be continued at an early and future day, with additions, and the names of the committee appointed to secure subscriptions for reseating and furnishing the Chapel.

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Advanced Academic Examination.—Scheme of Subjects for the Academic Year 1878-9.

November 6, 7, 8, 1878:—Physiology, Plane Geometry, Botany, Book-Keeping, S. and D. Entry, English Literature, Latin, advanced, French, Elementary.

February 26, 27, 28, 1879:—Chemistry Physical Astronomy, Mental Philosophy, Trigonometry, Science of Government, Greek, Elementary, German.

June 4, 5, 6, 1879:—Geology, Moral Philosophy, Rhetoric and English Composition, General History, Zoology, Greek, advanced, French, advanced.

The examination in Drawing, free hand and mechanical, will be chiefly by specimens, which may be submitted at the June examination.

The above subjects, together with those provided for in the recent examination (June 5th, 6th, and 7th inst.), comprise the entire course announced in the Circular of April 15, 1878, to which reference may be made to ascertain what subjects are indispensable, and what ones optional, and how many are required to entitle a candidate to a diploma.

By order of the Regents,  
S. B. WOOLWORTH, Sec.

PROF. SCOTT made a visit of several days at Cornell University, during the recent vacation.

THE following item, entitled, "The Providential Brick," which we clip from the *Hornell Times*, will be read with interest by the many old students and friends of Alfred, who are interested in the erection of Memorial Hall: "It came by express one day to the agent in charge of the erection of the Kenyon Memorial Hall, at Alfred Centre. He was in trouble by reason of a disappointment which threatened to delay the completion of the building another year. The brick which had been contracted for could not be furnished, and without brick the work must stop. The specimen came just in time, for with it were proposals to furnish enough brick for the whole building, and that, too, on the most favorable terms. Suffice it to say that the offer was accepted, and that the Thacher Brothers, of Hornellsville, furnished the brick for the building. This liberal and enterprising firm not only furnished the brick at a fair price, but also donated 10,000 brick to the enterprise. The specimen brick which came so opportunely will be preserved in the cabinet of the Hall as 'the providential brick.'" And it is but justice to add that Mr. R. M. Tuttle, an alumnus of the University, and presumably the writer of the above, has also aided the enterprise by generous contributions, as have several other old students now living in Hornellsville.

Few days at Alfred pass more pleasantly and result in as much genuine enjoyment as did the recent New Year's day. Many of the ladies had announced that they were to "keep open house," and quite as many gentlemen prepared to improve the opportunity thus offered. New Years came, and such hearty hospitality, such mirth and merriment are rare, even in Alfred. The following are the names of the principal parties that received calls: At Mr. Wm. C. Burdick's, Misses Etta and Susie Burdick, Miss Ollie Collins, and Miss Mary M. Green; at Mr. T. W. Williams's, Mrs. Williams and Miss A. E. Nelson; at Mr. M. J. Green's, Miss Jennie I. Green and Mrs. Allie McNair; at Mrs. Ezra Crandall's, Miss Corabelle Crandall and Miss Calla Stewart; at Mrs. F. A. Marvin's, Mrs. Marvin and her mother, Mrs. J. B. Cottrell;

at Mr. J. P. Mosher's, Mrs. Mosher, Miss Zina Saunders, Miss Mary L. Green, Miss Mary Sherman, and Misses Pauline and Corinne Stillman; at Mr. A. A. Shaw's, Mrs. Shaw and Miss Selinda I. Green; at Mr. T. B. Titsworth's, Mrs. Titsworth, Mrs. C. D. Reynolds, Mrs. A. Brown, and Miss Nellie Green.

PROF. A. H. LEWIS delivered his lecture, "Lying as a Fine Art," in the lecture course at Wellsville some time ago. Hon. E. B. Washburn had lectured there a short time previous, and the *Hornell Times*, in commenting on his lecture, said that Mr. Washburn would make a good candidate for Vice President in the coming campaign. The Wellsville *Democrat*, regarding Prof. Lewis's lecture better than Mr. Washburn's, suggests that the Republicans nominate the former for Chief Executive, whereupon the *Times* remarks: "All right. Thanks for the suggestion. For President, Prof. A. H. Lewis, of New York; for Vice President, Hon. E. B. Washburn, of Illinois—subject of course to the Republican Nominating Convention in 1880."

AFTER the Orophilian session on the evening of New Year's day, the Senior Class assembled at University Hall, and did ample justice to a sumptuous Class Dinner, prepared by Mrs. Baker. Toasts were given to the University, President Allen, the Societies, "to our noble selves," &c., and were responded to in happy speeches by different members of the Class. Class statistics, class prophecies, and a class song, composed by one of the members, were also pleasant features of the evening. From the statistics we learned that the aggregate weight of the class is 1,974 pounds; height, 84 feet. The occasion was truly "a feast of reason and a flow of soul."

PROF. D. M. ESTEE, better known among "the boys" as "Dan," Principal of the Canistota Academy, spent the holiday vacation in Alfred. He has labored several years in the position he now occupies, and is highly esteemed by the people of Canistota as an able instructor and a reliable man.

THE shades of night were falling fast, as through our classic village passed a youth who bore, despite his chum, a dinner pail in which there swum—oysters. His brow was sad, his eyes were damp, yet flashed up like a kerosene lamp; but still he cried, in accents weak, while tears rolled down his cheeky cheek—but just then Prof. Lewis's little black and tan dog ran out and barked so frantically emphatic that we were unable to catch the exact word.

THE Sabbath-school connected with the church in this place went sleighriding to Almond on the afternoon of Christmas day, and on returning were served with refreshments in the vestry of the church. After refreshments, all were pleasantly entertained with brief speeches and music. The affair was gotten up under the charge of Mr. T. W. Williams, the enterprising Superintendent, and was a decided success.

MR. EARL P. SAUNDERS was taken completely by surprise by a party of young people who assembled at his home on Saturday evening, Jan. 4th, to pleasantly remind him that it was his twenty-second birthday. A pleasant, social evening was enjoyed, during which the company presented Mr. Saunders with four volumes of Dickens's work as a substantial evidence of their regard and esteem.

MISS EVA ALLEN recently returned from Philadelphia, where she has been several weeks, studying elocution. She will remain at home for some time, and will be glad to make engagements to give readings wherever desired. At the expense of much time and patient study, she has developed an extraordinary ability as an elocutionist, and we are confident will delight and entertain any audience.

THE lecture on "Old Homer and the Wonderful Verification by Schliemann of the Story of Troy," which was given in the Lecture Course at Hornellsville, Tuesday evening, Dec. 23d, by Hon. Wm. Parsons, an ex-member of the British Parliament, was one of the most scholarly and instructive ever delivered in this vicinity.

MR. L. C. VAN FLEET, who will ever be remembered by many old Alfred students, visited Alfred not long since, and, in accordance with the time-honored custom, made a speech in Chapel. Mr. Van Fleet recently returned from Kalamazoo, Mich., where he has been practicing law, and will probably locate somewhere in this State.

MISS VELMA K. CRANDALL left Alfred recently for New York, and will spend the Winter in the city studying at the Grand Conservatory of Music. Miss Crandall has already developed an ability for music, particularly as a singer of a high order, and we bespeak for her abundant success

APPROPOS of the present popularity of coasting, we would timidly submit the following:

Oh mother may I go out to ride?

Oh yes, my darling Hanner,

But if the sled should from under you glide,  
Arise in a graceful manner

MISS VANDELIA VARNUM, memorable as the Local Scribe on Vol. IV. of the STUDENT, visited friends in town during the recent vacation. She is now teaching one of the departments in the Park School at Hornellsville.

MISS ZINA SAUNDERS and Miss Mary L. Green, the efficient teachers in charge of the Graded School, visited friends at Hornellsville, Horseheads, and Elmira, during the vacation at the close of their Fall term.

MR. D. K. DAVIS has bought the stock of books and stationery of Mr. A. W. Coon, in the store on the corner of Main and University Streets, and has established himself in the business.

PROF. A. H. LEWIS has been lecturing on "Lying as a Fine Art." We are entirely at a loss to know how the editor of our Literary Department became conversant with the subject.

MR. IRA A. PLACE, now a Cornell Sophomore, has been home during the holidays.

WE have no particular fault to find with any of the Jubilee exercises; but, from the delivery of some of the productions, one would infer that they were picked before they were thoroughly ripe.

THE usual routine of chapel exercises was agreeably varied on Christmas morning, by a splendid speech by President Allen, the introduction of which was, "A merry Christmas to you all."

MANY households in town are called upon to mourn the loss of valued house-plants blighted by the icy breath of J. Frost, during the sudden and unexpected visit that he made here.

MISS CHRISTIE SKINNER made a brief visit in Alfred a short time since. She has accepted a position as teacher in one of the departments of the Park School at Hornellsville.

WE regret to learn that Mr. N. O. Stillman, who left school in the Fall to teach near Wells-ville, was recently so unfortunate as to break both bones of his leg.

THE fountain in the University Park is now embedded in a huge monument of ice which it has formed about itself—a fountain of hard drink, as it were.

A YOUNG man living at the University Hall had set a time to chop the ice off the steps at the front entrance, but he slipped up on it.

THE unique stone building of President Allen will be ready for occupancy in a short time. More will be said of it hereafter.

BEGINNING with the Thursday after New Years, the wind arose in its fury and blew its snows so that it was noticed all over town.

DR. MARK SHEPPARD gave an able and instructive lecture before the Science and Art Club, at the session held Jan. 7th.

MR. W. I. NEWITT has retired from the management of the Burdick House, and Mr. T. B. Titsworth is now proprietor.

## Alumni Notes.

### ALUMNI.

'44. Serena White *Sayles* is spending some time in Whitesville.

'62. W. R. Prentice is Principal of the Union School in Horseheads.

'72. Ella E. Eaton is teaching in Battle Creek, Mich.

'72. Sarah M. Ayars, M. D., is teaching in Delano, Minn.

'74. O. D. Sherman is pastor of the Seventh-day Baptist Church in New York.

'67. John Hendershot is farming at Stevensville, Ontario, Canada.

'54. George W. Maxson has been elected to a Professorship in the State Agricultural College of Alabama.

### OLD STUDENTS.

'52. H. M. Teller, United States Senator from Colorado, has been appointed Chairman of the Blaine Investigating Committee.

'62. Isaac N. Fassett has been elected Surveyor General of Nevada.

'65. J. S. Stearns, M. D., is practicing in Coudersport.

'68. John Eagan has been elected to the State Legislature of Florida.

'72. Lyman Cobb is practicing law at Coudersport.

## MARRIED.

BABCOCK—SISSON—In Alfred, N. Y., Dec. 5th, 1878, by Rev. N. V. Hull, D. D., Mr. Henry L. Babcock and Miss Ida Elmina Sisson.

BURDICK—STILLMAN—In Almond, N. Y., Dec. 19th, 1878, by Rev. W. Spicer, Mr. George L. Burdick and Miss Fanny Stillman.

## The College World.

### WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Examination Hall is being newly seated and furnished, so that the whole gives a pleasing and inviting appearance.

The college has secured as one of its lecturers for the coming season, the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, of happy memory here in Alfred.

The Washington *Jeffersonian* gives this maxim: "It is only the perfect fool and idiot that goes through life without notice, and without injuring any one." Hear, hear! All good people should sigh for fooldom.

The Freshmen and Sophomores have matched their skill by representatives in a game of football. The game was declared a draw, each party having gained one "hail."

### BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

The *Beacon* is urging upon the seniors some decision respecting the observance of class-day. Class is small, but perfectly competent for said entertainment.

With the December number of the *Beacon*, the present board of editors lay down the burdens and honors of editorship with a "joyful next, and a commiserating look toward their successors."

A junior is so impassioned with chemistry that he talks about "consecrated sulphuric acid."

There is a yearning after a glee club.

Juniors are sighing over Psychology, which comes next term.

### CLIPPINGS.

It was on regular debate.. It was his first effort and was to produce great effect on the society, and it did. He began: "Gentlemen and ladies"—but no ladies happened to be present, and the loud smiles which ensued confused him. "I mean—I am—mean—mean!" Another stifled smile. "But there's another point I wish to make—Lord, I can't think!" The great effect was produced.

"We don't know everything," remarked the Professor, "and we don't find many that claim to, except now and then one or two in the Sophomore Class."—*Ex.*

Logic — Mr. H.—"Professor, when a dog dreams, does he exercise any other faculties than those which man possesses?" Prof.—"I am not a dog and I don't know."

The last words of President Raymond, of Vassar College, were: "How easy—how easy—how easy it is to glide from our work in this world to our work in heaven,"

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