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ITH the abrupt dispelling of the dark Semi-Annual cloud, and an equally rapid transformation of a short recess into a realization, THE TECH welcomes Senior and Freshman back to an apparently brief season of grinding, in the hope that vacation days have done much to leaven the potential bitterness which the struggle with a long series of examinations stored up, and to produce again a readiness to take work into hand. Very little change has been made in scheduled subjects, with the exception of a few Freshman studies, and the general courses of the term have been arranged as in other years. In the outside world of Technology, however, a number of events of peculiar interest are foreseen. March 9th should find a strong team, well trained, to run against Brown at the B. A. A. meeting in Mechanics Hall. The Junior Dinner, together with those of Ninety-seven and Ninety-eight, also call for the immediate attention of the members of these several classes. The long calendar of Junior Week will only be metamorphosed into an ideal chronicle, if each organization and each individual fulfill his part to the greatest extent. The New England championships in the South Armory, annually held under the auspices of our own Athletic Association, and the Inter-Collegiate games at Worcester, are important events in the athletic field and demand the co-operation of Technology. Nor, indeed, does the Ninety-five man forget Graduation, and the gala days of Commencement Week. In adverting to the more important occasions of the year, the entire list would appear distracting were it not remembered that a fair proportion of enjoyment and diverting activity only adds to the keenness and the zest with which the immediate object of college life is pursued.

As will have been learned from President Walker's Report, issued some three weeks since, the financial condition of Technology, while considerably improved during the past year, is, nevertheless, such as to cause no little anxiety on the part of the Corporative Board. For a long period, notwithstanding a curtailing of every item of expense, the expenditures have largely exceeded all receipts, and each fiscal year has closed with a large deficiency. In 1893 the deficit, from one cause and another, amounted
to somewhat over thirty thousand dollars, which was only paid by a falling back upon such money principal as was at hand. For the past year the deficiency was reduced to about thirteen thousand dollars; still a heavy burden in that our institution is practically unendowed.

In view of the gravity of the situation, a petition has lately been sent by the Board to the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts, asking for a yearly appropriation, extending over a period of six years, to cover the annual deficit which is now unavoidable. Technology has the benefit of an established precedent, from the fact that large sums were granted by the State legislature in 1887 and 1888; a justifiable claim must also be made, inasmuch as over one hundred and twenty cities and towns of Massachusetts are represented by students, making up a large proportion of the entire college.

The urgency of the case, the high standard which Technology has attained, and the scientific value of the work of her alumni, will be, it would seem, important factors in bringing about an impartial consideration, and the passage of bills which will insure the forthcoming of the necessary funds.

Technology preserves her reputation for being unique by numerous means, most of which tend to exalt her fame; but she also employs a few methods for establishing her individuality with which, it would seem, she might well dispense. Among these latter is the customary refusal of the Bursar to cash checks presented monthly by students of the Institute. Mr. Knight is forced to refer these applicants to the Shawmut Bank, by the fact that he usually has on hand only just enough cash to meet the regular demands which are made upon him. Technology stands almost alone in her refusal to uniformly advance money on checks presented by her students. Other institutions of like sort and prominence make a regular practice of acting the banker for the convenience of their respective student bodies, and the reason why Technology should not be willing to fall into line in this respect is not apparent. One plan, by means of which the students would be greatly convenienced and Technology in no way be a loser, is briefly this: let all checks presented to the Bursar by students be cashed, and a fee of one-half per cent of the face value of the check be charged. Estimating on an extremely low basis, say five hundred students present $50 checks each month for the college year of eight months, the amount accruing to Technology in that time will be $1,000; a sum which, although not prodigious, is at least worth a little trouble. Without doubt, a student would willingly pay his twenty-five cents in order to escape the necessity of spending valuable time in journeying down to the corner of Congress and Water streets the first of every month.

Some misunderstanding has arisen among the several members of the Freshman class in regard to the editorial published in the last issue of The Tech relating to the action taken by Ninety-eight men apropos to the class dinner, which will be held at Young's, Saturday, February 16th. A number of men have taken exception to the statements there published, and have sent sundry communications to the Board. We publish one, from Mr. Hall, as president of the class, which is representative, and exhibits the light in which the editorial is regarded. We regret that such an apparently simple matter should awaken any discussion. Further enlightenment, however, is evidently necessary, and The Tech reiterates the ideas of the last issue. Ninety-eight has yet been unable to prove the responsibility of its members, and although sufficient warning has been given in the action of other classes, an absolute bond has been
placed upon its members. Casting aside all ethical considerations, The Tech merely announced a regret that the action which was taken by the class was deemed necessary, feeling that the men were responsible, and that an interest in Technology would assure a proper behavior.

Meanwhile, let all differences of opinion in the class be thrown aside, and let all concur in making the affair one of which the class and Technology may well be proud.

The early part of the year has witnessed the evolution of a plan by the members of the Christian Union for the transforming of that organization into a regular branch of the college Y. M. C. A. The scheme is one which will undoubtedly meet with favor, and ought to induce a co-operation as hearty as that which has been developed in some of our sister colleges. For several reasons the work of the Christian Union has become somewhat limited, and the present idea is to undertake a line of effort which shall make a more direct appeal, and whose influence will be more directly and more widely felt. It is entirely reasonable to expect that such a religious organization will be warmly supported,—its field may well be made broad and important.

Such general satisfaction has been expressed over the results of the Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs' Concert, that it seems only just to acknowledge in a somewhat public manner the appreciation of Technology as a whole. It was certainly encouraging to note an improvement along several lines over the work of previous years. The Banjo Club maintained fully the enviable reputation which other seasons have accorded it. The Glee Club throughout showed a better organization and training, while its répertoire was vastly improved by the withdrawal from the programme of difficult solo parts, so often out of place and in ill accord, and the substitution of well-chosen songs "in lighter vein." Owing, no doubt, to the difficulty of obtaining suitable material, a few numbers were given which, although once pleasant and highly appropriate, are now in some degree stage-worn. If these be relegated to serve a purpose simply as encores, future performances will be, perhaps, less suggestive of a monotone. The standard of the Mandolin Club, in its initial season, was excellent, and promises a welcome addition in concert work.

To those who have frequented the Huntington Hall concerts in years past, the efforts made at a simple, but effective, decoration of the here-tofore barren and businesslike stage, were truly welcome.

Communications.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

To the Editors of The Tech:

Dear Sirs: In the last number of The Tech a member of the board makes some remarks editorially about the action of '98 in regard to the arrangements for their class dinner.

As it was decided to have the dinner on Saturday night, one may well see why it is desirable to have the dinner over with by midnight. The action in regard to wines was taken merely to defend ourselves as a class against the probable conduct of a comparatively few men,—who, as a rule, are always present on such occasions.

The remarks made by the "Lounger" in a recent number of Tech in reference to a class dinner given a few weeks ago undoubtedly caused this action to be taken. I do not doubt but that some such actions as were hinted at by the "Lounger" will take place at our dinner. If they do, however, '98 as a class cannot be held to account for them.

We regret that the action of upper-class men caused the necessity of our taking such a stand.

'98.
The Institute Committee will probably sit for its picture during the week.

More interest should be awakened in the competition for a new Institute pin.

A new set of tracings by the Architectural Society has been hung in Room 3 Arch.

Copies of the picture of the Varsity Football Team are for sale at the office of THE TECH.

Mr. Meade recently gave a talk on the principles of rendering to the second-year Architects.

The drawings in the Architectural exhibition room have been removed, to make room for new ones.

The second year Architects had as a sketch problem during the vacation, “A front entrance to a City Park.”

A new pedestal is being made for the large statue which stands in the lower hall of the Architectural building.

All men having books and tickets belonging to the Football Association should return them at once to J. A. Rockwell, Jr., Box 72, Cage.

The Football Association should elect a manager very soon, so that early arrangements may be made for games next season.

A few of the senior Architects are preparing designs for a “Primary School Building,” the competition being offered by the Beaux Arts Club.

R. R. Rumery, ’98, the newly elected secretary of L’Avenir, acquired his knowledge of the French language during a three years’ stay in Switzerland.

At the recent banquet of the Alumni Association, President Monroe, of the association, introduced Governor Greenhalge as “democratic in bearing, but not in politics.”

The Freshman Football Team held a meeting in Room 11, Rogers, at 1 p. m., Tuesday, January 8th. The fifteen members present elected Mr. Ulmer, center rush, captain for the ensuing year.

The Freshman dinner will be held at Young’s Hotel, February 16th. Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. Hutchinson, Fisher, and Hall, or by addressing Box 35, Cage. A large attendance is desired.

The competitive drill recently held in the first Battalion, resulted in the appointment of Messrs. Emery and Dodd, corporals in Company A, and Hall, sergeant; Godbold, Mara, Waldo, and Larrabee, corporals, in Company B.

The position of Assistant Business Manager of THE TECH is now vacant. Men who desire to try for the place are requested to consult the Business Manager, H. P. Coddington, at the office of THE TECH, Saturday, at 12 M.

Professor Chandler sailed Saturday, January 19th, for Genoa. He will spend three months abroad, and return before the term closes. Warren A. Rodman will conduct Professor Chandler’s classes in Specifications and Working Drawings.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Francis H. Shepard, at one time the electrical engineer of the St. Paul, Minn., Street Railway Company, is to leave Technology. He departs for Baltimore, Md., to aid in the setting up of the electrical locomotives recently built for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.
The Architectural Society will soon be ready to distribute among its members blue prints of the tracings which have been made during the past term. This system enables all members of the department to collect copies of the best examples of architecture in the world at a very reasonable price.

The KσS Society omitted its regular monthly "smoker" last month, on account of the examinations. The Society has recently been presented with one year's subscription to the *Journal of the American Chemical Society* and the *Chemical News*, by two of the professors in the Chemical Department.

On Friday, January 4th, the fourth-year class in Textile Coloring made an all-day excursion to Lawrence, where they visited the Pacific Cotton and Woolen Mills, the largest of the kind in the country, and after a dinner at the Franklin House, went through the Washington Woolen Mills and the Arlington Mills, investigating the new "Cop" method of dyeing.

The Society of Beaux-Arts Architects in New York has opened another competition to beginners, which will close on the 18th of February. The subject for the problem is a schoolhouse, to accommodate about seventy students, in the vicinity of some city; the building to be surrounded by appropriately arranged grounds. First, second, and third mentions will be given, but no medal will in this case be awarded.

The Technology Orchestra adopted a constitution and elected officers at a meeting held toward the close of last term. The constitution, drawn up by a committee composed of Messrs. Kleinschmidt, Mason, and Weymouth, was voted on by sections, and finally adopted after a few changes were made. The election of officers followed: John Taylor, '97, was elected President; William W. Eaton, '97, Vice President; Earl P. Mason, '97, Secretary; and Fred Kleinschmidt, '95, Business Manager and Treasurer. These officers with the leader, Mr. Carl Schindler, form the Executive Committee.

The first dinner of the Andover Club was held recently at Marliave's. After the dinner a business meeting was held, at which officers were elected for the coming year: Mr. Azel Ames, Jr. was re-elected President, Mr. J. M. Howe was chosen Vice President, Mr. George Moore was again elected Secretary and Treasurer. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent with stories and songs by Mr. Ames, Mr. Abbott, and others, and mandolin and guitar music by Messrs. Hall and Moore. A resolution was passed and sent to Phillips Academy to the effect that the sentiment of the club was strongly in favor of a revival of the Andover-Exeter game.

An important meeting of the executive committee of the Class of Ninety-six was held in *The Tech* office during the week preceding the Semies. It was decided to begin Junior week with the fourteenth of April, Easter Sunday. During the week the Junior Prom., the French and German Plays, and the Spring Concert of the Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs will be given, and exhibitions opened by the Photographic and Architectural Societies. The Committee on the Prom. was elected as follows: Messrs. H. G. Fisk, E. A. Baldwin, C. Young, M. E. Pierce, and C. G. Hyde. The committee to take charge of all the events of the week will include the Prom. committee, and Messrs. H. Poppenhusen and B. Shepard. It was voted, also, to officially accept the photograph taken by Chickering as the class picture, which will appear in the "Technique."

The following statistics have been collected with reference to the employment of students in the Department of Civil Engineering during the past summer. Out of a total of twenty-nine men in the present fourth year, who were then Juniors, nineteen, or sixty-five
per cent, were employed during the past summer. The average length of time employed was about two and one-half months, and the average rate of pay was sixty dollars. Ten men, or about thirty-five per cent, were not employed, but some of these probably did not desire work. Out of a total of forty-one men in the present third year, who were Sophomores last year, fifteen, or about thirty-seven per cent, were employed, while twenty-six, or about sixty-three per cent, did no engineering work. The average length of time during which those who worked were engaged, was two and three-fourths months, and the average pay received was about forty-five dollars per month. It must be remembered that the past year was a dull one for engineering work, and it is fair to presume that in ordinary years the demand for men during the summer would be much greater.

We clip the following from the Boston Transcript of January 14th: "Among the petitions received in the House this forenoon was one from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. . . . The petitioners ask for an appropriation of $25,000 per annum for the term of six years, to be expended under the direction of the corporation for the general purposes of the Institute. The petition recites the facts that the Legislature in 1887 and 1888 granted the Institute $200,000; that the number of students is now 1183, 120 towns and cities of the State being represented; that the annual expenses of the Institute are now $295,332.32; that it has been necessary to erect new buildings and purchase more land, and that including cost of buildings and land purchased the whole amount expended to date has been $4,600,000. To this total the contribution of the State and national governments has been less than nine per cent. The petition further represents that the annual deficiency is now about $23,210, presenting a condition fraught with the gravest danger to the future of the school."

The London Athletic Club has accepted a challenge of the New York Athletic Club to an international contest in track athletics.

Brown is attempting to stir up enthusiasm over the cross-country runs. If a suitable number of men can be obtained a run will be held for which prizes will be offered.

The annual convention and election of officers of the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association will be held February 9th, at 11 o'clock, in the Quincy House, Boston.

A proposition is being discussed at Harvard in regard to making athletic culture count toward an A. B. degree. It is believed that this incentive is needed to induce all classes of men to consistent exercise.

The Chauncy Hall A. A. held their annual games in the Gym, last Friday. It will be remembered that Sargent, '98, the sprinter, first came into prominence by breaking several of the school records last year.

It has been proposed by Williams College that the N. E. Intercollegiate meeting this year be held in or about Boston, and under the auspices of the B. A. A. They claim it is more central for a majority of the members of the N. E. I. A. A., and surely it would be approved by Technology.

In all probability the Athletic Club's annual games will be held in the South Armory again this year in conjunction with the First Regiment A. A. Not long ago the military association was dropped from the list of membership of the N. E. A. A. U., because of its listlessness, and it was feared that Technology would not again have the privilege of holding the
New England Indoor Championships in the largest building for the purpose in New England. But new blood has been infused into the First Regiment Association, and they are once more on their feet, and also wish to take an active part in the management of this big athletic meeting. The games will undoubtedly be held March 9th.

There has been much talk in athletic circles about the coming B. A. A. games. At this meeting Technology runs Brown a relay team race, and it behooves every student at the Institute to be present at Mechanics Building on this occasion, and cheer our fleet-footed runners on to victory. Last February the Worcester Polytechnic Institute was easily defeated by Technology's team of four, and with two of that team, and the two selected from the other promising athletes of this year, there is no reason why we shouldn't show the Brown contestants our numbers. At Providence the college athletic association has built a board track around the six-lap enclosure for the team to train on; while here, at Technology, the management is obliged to utilize our small gymnasium for purposes of long-distance running. In spite of these disadvantages the race should prove close and exciting, and one of the star events of the evening.

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With a Collarette.

About thy throat so fair and white,
Now bind this band with buckle bright.
A pretty sight I know 'twill be,
But not so fair as thee to see.

Beneath each bow a kiss I'll press,
A guardian true, a fond caress.
Oh would I were a sentry there,
To guard thee, love, with constant care!

R. H. S.

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SO SAY WE ALL OF US.

I took her to the promenade,
And spent my last lean bill.
I have not ridden since that night;
I'm promenading still.

—Yale Record.

One hour a week of debating is required of each Amherst Senior.

It has been definitely decided to support a University crew at Columbia this spring.

The centennial of the Harvard Hasty Pudding Club will be celebrated this year.

Yale and Harvard have debated together seven times, and Harvard has won each time.

Cornell has abolished the system of examinations, and will graduate students upon their term work.

Eleven of Harvard's prominent athletes were among those who received honors at Commencement.

Harvard has in her libraries a picture of every graduate since 1752. The total number is about 26,000.

The Presidents of the colleges in Indiana have decided to prohibit football at the institutions they represent.

Among the three thousand students registered at Harvard University, four hundred are actively engaged in athletics.

Seventeen thousand eight hundred dollars have been given in subscriptions during the past year to Haverford College.

W. Gordon Parker, the interscholastic tennis champion, is now traveling abroad. He intends to enter Harvard next fall.

Wesleyan has received a gift of $50,000, to be used in the erection of a fire-proof library at the Ohio Wesleyan University.
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W. O. Hickok, '95 S., has thus far attained the highest standard of physical measurements which has ever been made at Yale.

The German University crews are to compete annually for a trophy, valued at $1,200, presented by the Emperor William.

A race is talked of between Columbia College and U. of P. This is the first year Columbia has had a crew since '89.

In all the Universities in France there are no classes, no commencement days, no periodicals, no glee clubs, and no fraternities.

The profits from the Christmas trip of the Cornell musical clubs will be given to the navy, to aid in sending the crew to England.

The old gymnasium at Harvard is being fitted up as a workshop for the mechanical department of the Lawrence Scientific School.

Harvard has more books than her library can accommodate. About 15,000 old books are stored away to make room for the new ones.

The faculty of Boston University has decided to allow work on the college papers to count as a certain number of hours toward graduation.

The athletic team which the London Athletic Club is to send to America, will probably consist of men from the various clubs and colleges of England.

It is likely that the nine of Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Univ. of Penn., and Princeton will each play two games with the N. Y. League team at the Polo grounds in April.

The faculty committee of the University of Penn. has decided that no student can take part in more than one branch of athletics, except under special circumstances as to class standing.

A committee has been appointed at Lehigh to present to the college a practical scheme for self-government, with the intention of having the examinations conducted on the honor system.

Of the thirteen principal collegiate track records, Harvard, Yale, Princeton and the U. of P. each hold three. The odd one is made by a Washington man by a jump of 23 feet 6 inches.

The Columbia Spectator says: "The Spectator now enjoys the distinction of being the only newspaper published in New York whose circulation is not greater than that of any three other papers combined."

A team race has been arranged between Harvard and Pennsylvania, to take place at the indoor games of the Boston Athletic Association on February 9th. No race between Harvard and Yale has been arranged.

Cornell has decided to take the affirmative in the debate against the University of Pennsylvania. The question is: "Resolved, That the most effective means of restricting the liquor traffic is the elimination of the element of personal profits."

The Universities of Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia held a chess tournament during the vacation. Each University was represented by two men. It was won by Harvard with 9 points, Princeton and Yale scoring 6 each, and Columbia 3.

The Harvard-Princeton debate will occur on March 22d, at Princeton. The subject of the debate will be: "Resolved, That if it were possible, a reasonable property qualification for the exercise of the municipal franchise in the United States would be desirable." Harvard will take the negative.

The University of Chicago has purchased The Journal of Astronomy and Astro-Physics, the leading journal of the kind published, and will continue to publish it under the title Astro-Physical Journal. The editor will be Prof. Geo. E. Hale, and he will be assisted by professors of astronomy in the leading universities of this country and Europe. Professor Hale is a graduate of the Institute of the Class of '90, Course VIII.
Once more has the Technology mill started on its fifteen weeks' grind, and old Rogers corridor again contains the busy, uncertain throng who, doubly fortunate in averting double flunks, have blithesomely returned to stick it out another term. The Lounger viewed with concern the pale and grind-emaciated faces of his friends as they grappled with the intricacies of another "first day." Verily the results are direful. Some with characteristic luck have again succeeded in making it evident that they had sufficient excuse for paying the second term's tuition bill; others, in despair at the baneful effects of "Technology's Semiannual Nerve Medicine," have packed their little trunks like the Arabs, and as silently stolen away. The Lounger admits the metaphor is somewhat violent, but the subject is a distressing one, and may permit the license. However, it's all the same. The Semies still maintain their reputation as efficient and surprising agents for repressing vaulting ambition. The hard-working, hyper-conscientious grind receives a flunk in his pet subject; the gay and festive sport jolies the prof., and on the tenuous and iridescent evidence of the blue book receives a large and satisfying P, and merrily goes his way. The Lounger cares naught for marks. Such trifling criteria of ability have long ago shown their weakness in grappling with his case, and he is, as ever, in despair of raising the Profs.' impressions of his scholarly attainments.

Be this as it may, in one quarter, at least, the Lounger's efforts are not unappreciated; for have not his utterances provoked the approbation of the English Department? It was not long ago that a subject for a theme was announced as "What the Lounger Says." Such attention is indeed flattering, and the Lounger acknowledges it with his politest bow. He is not sure that "What the English Department Says" might not prove an equally interesting and more instructive subject. Though the Lounger has not yet viewed many of the results which followed the assignment of so fruitful a subject, he trusts that they exhibit marked improvement over the weak pratings which the Sophomores recently exhibited. However, the Lounger learns that the subject matter of these essays was remarkable alike for interest and strength of treatment. He has heard that one speculative scribbler is sure that the Lounger is one of the Profs., and that another dreamer is equally positive of the Lounger's identity with some other improbable character.

The Lounger admits that he was somewhat unprepared for this unexpected attention on the part of the authorities, yet unwilling that he should appear disconcerted at these honors thrust upon him, he will, after this becoming acknowledgment, gracefully retire.

The Lounger was glad to note that impending exams. had no undue effect on the size of the audience at the Glee and Banjo Club concert, for goodly numbers of youths and maidens, papas and mammas, instructors, profs., and others, were on hand to witness the great function of the year known as the Mid-Winter Concert. The Banjo club plunked lustily, and were more than gracious in granting encores. The sedate figures in the frieze shivered chillily at the thought of the cold without. The gilt eagle looked benignly down from his perch in the bunting, the lusty zither players coaxed sweet sounds from their instruments, Mr. Schmitz played Kappellmeister to his heart's content, and all was well. The concert was voted a success, but the Lounger does not despair. He looks forward hopefully to the time when,

"There was an old woman,
There was an old woman;
There woz an old woman!"

shall be laid securely in her well-earned grave, and be surmounted by a hundred-ton granite slab. He joyfully anticipates the period when the managers of the Glee Club shall consign "Hannah," "Zwei Bier," and other favorites (of theirs) to a deserved oblivion whence resurrection shall be unknown.

As Hood says:—

"Pick them up tenderly,
Handle with care;
Fashioned so slenderly,
Ancient, threadbare.

"Lock them up solidly,
Nail them down tight;
Coffin them splendidly,
Keep their graves bright."
Why is it on the Sabbath day
That we can work so long?
Because the rest are all week days,
But Sundays we are strong.
—Brunonian.

“Oh, return my deep devotion!”
Cried the man on bended knee.
And she answered, “With great pleasure;
It is of no use to me.”
—The University Herald.

So let us sing: Long live the King,
Long live the Queen and Jack,
Long live the tenspot and the ace,
And also all the pack.
—Ex.

ON AND ON.
My daughter’s on her dignity,
My son is on the sea,
While I am on a howling lark,
And my wife is on—to me.
—Bowdoin Orient.

A SHY LITTLE MAID.
A love-lorn lad wooed a coy maid once,
All of a summer’s day he plead;
Oft he spoke of the bonds of love—the dunce!
And shyly she shook her head.

When from his heart hope had almost fled,
He spoke of bonds he had in town;
Still the silly little maiden shook her head,
But she shook it up and down.
—Ex.

BETWEEN DANCES.
The music sounded soft and low,
As though the angels played.
He bent and whispered, “Is it true
That you’re a bachelor maid?”

A crash of brass—the tune was changed,
Her partner came to take her;
She laughed, and screamed back in the din,
“No; I’m a bachelor maker!”
—Yale Record.

THE GIRL OF POETS.
Her brow is “slabaster,”
Her hair is “ruddy gold,”
Her “shell-like ear” is “coral,”
Most lovely to behold.
Her lips are always “rubies”
Concealing “teeth of pearl,”
And with her “eyes like diamonds”
She’s quite a costly girl.
—Williams Weekly.

A PRESENT NEED.
In good Vespasian’s palmy days,
When Rome became a learned state,
A worthy wight, as Bennett says,
Wrote down upon his waxen slate
A work he called—“Dialogus De Oratoribus.”

And now, as worthy students note
The touches of the master hand,
They wonder why he never wrote
What these misguided times demand,
Another work—“Diabolus De Professoribus.”
—Red and Blue.

TURNING THE TABLES.

June.
A Yale youth and a maiden
Went sailing out to sea;
The sun was shining hotly,
White caps danced merrily.

The Yale youth and the maiden,
Bound homeward, trod the strand,
His cheeks as brown as seaweed,
Hers whiter than the sand.

Quoth Yale youth to the maiden!
“Isn’t it ‘smooth’—the sea?”

“Well, no;” she answered, dizzy
And faint; “I can’t agree.”

January.

The Yale youth and the maiden
Went skating on the lake;
The wintry sun shone coldly,
The ice, without a break.

The Yale youth and the maiden
The deep snow plodded through;
Her cheeks a glowing crimson,
His forehead black and blue.

To Yale youth spoke the maiden:
“Wasn’t it ‘smooth?’” said she;
“Wait, no;” he answered, seeing stars;
“Can’t say that I agree.”
—Vassar Miscellany.
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