The annual jollification of the "Social Club" was held in the Chapel on Friday evening, June 15th, commencing at a quarter past eight o'clock.

In the afternoon the sky was overcast with dark clouds, and the rain began gently to descend, while the students as well as those who had attended former celebrations of the above-mentioned club seemed to wear most dejected countenances, the former fearing that their efforts would not be rewarded with such an audience as they knew would be present, were the weather not inclement.

However, notwithstanding the sprinkling rain-drops, the belles and beaux of the city when at the festive board, Sir Gobbler claims their presence is most acceptable—especially for so motley a subject cannot produce violation of the rules of the "Social Club" celebration.

To speak in our prose language would not do this speech justice. We quote from it.

"Let me beg you, gentlemen, to remember that the case is no trivial one; the criminal is arraigned on the charge of a deed than which a darker and more atrocious never lent horror to the annals of crime."

In speaking of the respective character of the criminal and victim, Mr. Tupper said of Mr. Gobbler that "it is most exalted opinion of himself has been reased, if possible, by the knowledge that even in the most refined circles his presence is most acceptable—especially on Christmas and birthday occasions, when at the festive board, Sir Gobbler claims the largest share of the company's attention, and in Oriental style reclines his august body at his request, to count the grasshoppers, and after running through his entire course, plunged to infinity." The gobbler is a "ministerial," and pursued the even tenor of his way. After a statement of the punishment, with reasons therefor, the causes for the deed were fully discussed. "We have heard of Brutus plunging the fatal blade into a Caesar; in modern times our blood has run cold in our veins to hear of a Jeffress breaking into atoms a twenty-five cent dipper over the head of a Motley, but the perpetrators of those deeds had their reasons."

In his peroration the speaker, after "appealing to the jury by the badges of mourning which hung from the left arm and hat band of a whole nation of grasshoppers, and demanding that a verdict of guilty or grasshopper side, be returned," he closed "in the pathetic lines of the Daily Dispatch obituary columns," as follows:

Farewell, Moses, thou hast left us,
We thy best most deeply feel;
But there's Justice to avenge you,
Spite of Powers and of Peel!

Mr. Powers, for the defence, followed the commonwealth's attorney, and right well did he defend, "against charges of high crimes and misdemeanors," his client, Mr. Turkey Gobbler, who was "descended from the great house of Turkey; his ancestors were no other than the northmen who discovered America." "My client is a philanthropist of the most beneficent type, in that he set sail to crusade against the remorseless grasshoppers, who were taking liberty by storm." To raise his client, he would have to "the diction, rhetoric and grandiloquence of Howard, Noteworthy's worthy son, who, in lauding one of Richmond's fair daughters, said, 'Miss M., I think you have the prettiest eyes I ever saw. They are grand, glorious, magnificent, beautiful, angelic, heavenly, big as a horse bucket, and black as a smutted crow.'"

The Professor of Chemistry speaks of the Hoa. Mr. Gobbler in the highest terms, recommending him as a warm friend, especially in cold weather."

The Professor of Mathematics attempted, at his request, to count the grasshoppers, and after running through his entire course, plunged into infinity. On hearing this, my client said that infinity expressed his sentiments to a giant's heart, as he felt that he could chase those grasshoppers to infinity."

Mr. Powers concluded as follows: "There shall be no violence, gentlemen, no violence; for so Motley a subject cannot produce violence. As I said I will yield, since my client has taken an appeal that he may get a repeal; and soon we shall have peace after peace from my friend Mr. Peel, who is a genuine "tar heel.""

Mr. Cosby next followed in a short, but characteristic speech. We regret we could not get his notes, so as to give a more extended notice.

Mr. Peel then pealed forth, and attempted to peel the poor grasshopper. The trial over, "Peter Gray" was sung with great effect; then Declaration by L. F. Whittle, inimitable in its way.

After the delivery of the Medal to the Macedonians, Mr. L. E. Bentley, and the happy rendition of "Hazel Dell" by the chorus, the performance of the "Virginia Mummy" was begun.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the...
excellent manner in which this little dramatic piece was presented.

Ginger Blue (Rutledge) was the most natural of darkies, in fact, had it not been printed in the programme, no one would have known the real personage, so well was the character impersonated. As the mummy, all conceded that he was par excellence suited to the role he assumed.

Dr. Galen (Gore) was the veritable, pompous old quack, who proposes to make his fortune by restoring to life the embalmed bodies of the ancient dead. Withal the character was hard to beat.

Captain Rife (Hutchings) who Palmered off Ginger Blue on the old doctor as an "Egyptian Mummy," was one of the best sustained characters in the piece.

Charles (Woodward), a young painter, although a principal character, could not have been better carried out. The responses to his soliloquies by Ginger Blue brought down the house every few seconds, while O'Leary (Haynes) was no mean task indispensable. His attempts at humor were quite some of the number admiral. And what shall we say that will be too complimentary of Polly ("Miss" Georgie O'Hea)? It would be impossible to give justice to such a happy rendition of character like this.

To distinguish and say that one was better than the other would be doing injustice to all, but we confess Ginger Blue was a well-spring of humor to the audience.

Thus ended the evening's entertainment.

The chapel rang to the hasty echo with applause; the "honor" kept many a rim from growing to its side, and the crowd dispersed highly delighted with the entertainment, all acknowledging that it far surpassed any celebration given by the "Coedl Club" in former years.

Long may the Association live, and may it continue to furnish menus of such pleasant enjoyment after a session of laborious work as that offered on Friday, June 15th, 1877.

On Sunday night, at the First Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Williams, of Baltimore, preached the ANNUAL SERMON BEFORE THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

His text was from 1st Thessalonians, 5th chapter, 19th verse: "Brethren, pray for us." The reputation of this eminent clergyman was fully sustained by the discourse, which was replete with gospel truth, and pulpit eloquence. The house was filled to its utmost.

On Monday night, at 8 o'clock, a good audience assembled in the chapel, to hear the ALUMNI ADDRESS by the Hon. Fayette McMillen, of Greene county, Va. Mr. McMillen is well known to the Richmond people. At the appointed time, the orator of the evening came forward, after an introduction by the President of the Association, and announced his theme, "Truth and its Triumphs." He carefully noted the rise of the schools of philosophy and science, showed where, when, and how they combatted error, payed grand tribute to the ancient sages; in short, eloquently pointed out how full history is of truth, and how many numberless times she has with her excalibur warded off the deftly aimed strokes of error. For one hour and a half did the assembly attentively listen to the orator's address. We congratulate the Society in their success, and hope the next orator may so punctually do his duty.

On Tuesday night, 19th, the final celebration of the MU SIGMA PHI SOCIETY was held in the chapel. There was, as on all such occasions, a crowded house of "brave men and fair women," who came to cheer the orator, wrapped with the face of beaming with delight, and bouquets of flowers lovely to look upon. After a few well-timed and well delivered remarks by the President, Mr. A. B. Long, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Boyd, of Buckingham county, Va., was introduced as the orator of the evening. He announced as his subject, "Hugh Miller." After a brilliant introduction, in which the next interest was thrown around the little village of Cromarty, "For here amid the wild and beautiful scenery of highland Scotland, scenery well calculated to inspire the poet's flame, to swell the orator's heart with the loftiest flights of eloquence, and to stir in the patriot's breast the noblest emotions and sentiments crowned with as lofty a success."

But what shall we say of the noble Scot to the flight of heaven, to the modest lily that nestles in the sunshine, to the daffodil that sparkles in the glad summer sunshine, and to the passion flower, which, escaping from him, flew heavenward, to the modest lily that nestles in the sunshine, to the daffodil that sparkles in the glad summer sunshine, and to the passion flower, which, escaping from him, flew heavenward.

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It is related of Plato, that, when a boy, he once dreamt he was in the arms of a beautiful swan, which, escaping from him, flew heavenward. All through his life it was his endeavor to follow the course of that swan soaring amid the clouds. What more graphic picture, what more beautiful illustration could be found than the story of Hugh Miller, and his love of nature, and his"from nature he drew the speech with her varied and wondrous beauties, there is an inspiration no tongue can translate, an eloquence more magic than ever fell from the lips of earth's most gifted and polished orator."

Of Hugh Miller's love of nature, and his noble aspirations, he spoke eloquently, and with great force of language, the ambition of the noble Scot to follow the swan.

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Richmond, was next introduced, and took as his theme, "The Dream of one Age the Science of the next."

Mr. Curry sustained well his reputation which he bears among society men as a good speaker. He took a retrospective view, showing that theories which were but dreams, yet, the wildest vagaries which had been fondly cherished by the sages of other days were now acknowledged and accepted by the masses as facts. Then he "dipped into the future," and brought down the house by his unique method of illustrating how the dream of one age was the science of the next. We regret we could not get a copy of Mr. Curry's speech, so as to give a fuller outline. His felicitations and suggestions that it was out of the usual line of college orations, and when one step outside of the beaten track, no little amount of originality and talent is to be accredited to him.

Mr. Long then thanked the belles of the city, who, by their presence, had lent so much to the pleasure of the evening, and feelingly bade his fellow-dreamers good-bye, thus appropriately ending the exercises.

Mr. B. W. N. Simms, of Culpeper county, was the next orator, and showed that "in struggling with misfortunes, lies the prop of virtue," which was the subject of his oration.

In speaking of the spirit of noble, true, heroic youth, said he:

"True manhood is everywhere admired. Admired in the lad at the family fireside; admired in the young man of the social circle; admired in the advancement of business behind the counter; admired in the lawyer at the bar; admired in the statesman, an at his post of honor; admired in the king upon his throne. And yet, is also equally admired in the little shepherd boy that sports with the lambs upon the hillside, 'even though it gleam through the rifled clouds of adversity, or from the tattered garments of poverty.'"

"Prosperity is not always the true road to happiness; indeed it frequently proves the source of more than a discursive and superficial contemplation of the things which are permanent, the things which evermore require our attention."

"Does not the athlete become stronger by taking away the series of restraints and you make one of his lopped off the shorn arm of virtue and left his deficiencies in the combat with vice; for with all the external aid and incentives to morality, it is still a laborious task for the nobler part of man's nature to keep in shadow his base inclinations, and at the least diminution of the restraining power of society, and the most insignificant of the rules of the road tonight, we take away those restraints and social "nurture will come on you like night and moral decay will steal eternal darkness.""

A handsome eulogy was then paid to the noble, true man, and the orator turned from the individual to view the aggregate, the nation stooping to actions at the mere thought of which the basest of its component members would recoil and hide his head for very shame, and cited as an example the "nefarious attack of England upon her ally, the unsuspecting Denmark, in a time of peace, which may be celebrated in Campbell's most melodious verse, may add new glories to Britannia's matchless name, may heap fresh laurels upon the youthful Nelson," but the act differed morally and in the criminal aspect only, the intention of an individual only in magnitude.

"We have no more moral right in great national offenses than in individual wrong-doings, to soothe our concupiscences with the sweets of false honor, whatever it is, is right; thus shaving the guilt to which we make ourselves parties, the infamous upon the altar."

"We may, then, lay down the universal proposition, that virtue is the prop and support of the structure of society."
EDITORIAL NOTES.

The student has before him the last issue of the Monthly Musings for the session of '76-'77. We trust he will carry it with him to his home, show it to his friends and his sweetheart, tell them if they wish to note his future Collegiate course they must subscribe,—in case of the sweetheart he will subscribe for her, (banish the ungentle wretch who would not)—and put this paper in evidence, for we are confident it declares itself a faithful exponent of College life and glory.

If in the list of "honor men" you do not find your friend, gentle reader, you may know he was probably not a subscriber to the Musings. How could one fail who enjoyed the benefits of sound literature, who had read our editorial comments on chemistry, who had listened to the sweet notes of our poets, who had marked the enterprise of our local, who had enjoyed the spirit of our advertising columns, or who had been carried away

"On flowery beds of ease,"

by the lofty diapasons of Delta? Of course the editors are perfectly excusable if they are pitched, for whilst providing such a feast for their friends, they were actually too magnificent and polite to help themselves. This was carrying the "matter" to a pretty high degree. Some may think it was going too far. "But it is more blessed to give than receive," as the student observed when he emptied the proof hotel in Richmond, and he finds it uncomfortable sleeping in a Salamander safe. It is safe to say that most anybody would. As for the mummy, we are loath to quote the editorial chair until the mystery is cleared up.

We feel that our ability and enterprise as an editor is more or less called in question, by permitting the problem to be unsolved. Several theories have been advanced, but all seem hardly "the thing." We may be too incredulous about this matter, but it always struck us that there was some flaw in the reasoning that insisted this mummy was Charley Ross or Boss Tweed (very much) disguise. It is true that the mummy was brought here from Philadelphia, and Charley was stolen from Philadelphia, but at best this is only circumstantial evidence. We pass and leave the "mystery" to our successor. It is the only thing we can leave him, but with it he will have his hands full.

WITH this last issue of the Musings, there is nothing that would serve better for a "final" talk than the re-organization of the Law School—a subject of much interest to students as well as the College.

Those students who were so fortunate as to be here during the session of '73-'74 will remember that it was the most flourishing it has been the fortune of the College to experience. The number of students matriculated was, lacking a few, two hundred, and never before nor since has there been such a good attendance. Besides, the two societies have not had since their organization a more glowing record than that of the session above mentioned, for a number of their members were from the law class, and these were especially active in cultivating their debating qualities, thus creating a livelier interest in the discussion of questions.

That Richmond College is better suited for a Law School than any other institution in the State, it would hardly seem necessary to use any argument to prove. 'Tis a most difficult thing to prove to a man who has perfect power of vision, that the sun is shining; so to show that the metropolis of Virginia is by far the best place for a young man to pursue a course of instruction in the law seems to us just such a proposition.

As to professors, there were no better in the State than Messrs. Neeson and Maury, who last conducted the lectures. As to position, geographically considered, no place is more central and easy of access than Richmond. Everything combined goes to show that our institution is unsurpassed in that which is necessary to the establishment of a law school.

In those colleges which have such a school, and are so much more disadvantageously situated than our own College, the practice of the law is learned by the method of arguing supposed cases before what is termed a "moot court." Everyone will candidly confess that such a system of endeavoring to initiate the students into the practice is quite a different thing from bringing before his eyes a case as it actually would occur in his own experience in his profession in after life. The "points" and intricacies of the law cannot be clearly brought out from a mere statement of the question. There must be living witnesses, actual occurrences. A man may theoretically work up a case finely, but to put it into practice is another thing.

It was once said of a learned professor of law not a thousand miles away from here that he could very well teach his students how to do in such a case, but there was considerable doubt if he could work it up and practically present it before a court of justice.

Here at Richmond the mock court is a useless appendage to the Law School, for all the courts, from the Supreme court, with its weighty cases down to the police court, which is daily afflicted with its usual diseases of petty larceny, misdemeanors, &c., hold their session here, and the student can see the practical workings of the law, while the theory he learns in the lecture room; and the better to acquaint himself, he may assist an attorney in "working up" cases.

To enter into a long discussion of the advantages of Richmond with reference to a Law School would be useless, since they are patent to every one.

Since, then, opportunities here offered to young men would be much greater than elsewhere in the State, in fact more superior, it is a matter that should especially engage the attention of the trustees of Richmond College, and they should see to it that the revival of the Law School be a thing determined upon, and that done, and it established, a good work will have been accomplished for their College.

WANT of space prevents us from writing editorials. We would, however, call the attention of city merchants to the fact that the students only patronage those who advertise in our columns. We advise all who would wish to secure the College trade to bear this in mind.
Cherish the Millennium—Chapter I.

Now it came to pass in those days, that on the two and twentieth day of the month, the aspirants went forth out of the cottage, which is called De Land, seven young men, and they swept off of fast and valiant, and were mighty men at arms, and were aware of the policy of the times, and they were led by the President of the Society, and they went out of the cottage, and the cottage is called the Campus, and they entered and crossed the street, and the street is called the road, that is the railroad, and it came at last to a great water, which is in the tongue of that land, Bowin's pool, and here they rested and cast stones into the water to see them skip even as the young lambs. Seha! Now there went out of this pond a ditch, which was very deep, and the highway lay along it, and on the other side is a hill, called Sheep Hill, and in is the land of the Roughs. Now there came forth out of this hill a man, who is of the Roughs, and journeyed along the path, and to: as he passed by the young men, he came up to the ditch, and was in the ditch an hour. Then answered one of the young men and said, "Now would my heart be glad and leaped for joy if thou hadst fallen into the ditch, that some of thy companions may be taken in the very trap, by which they are now exceeding dirty." Therefore the Rough arose and commended the young men with compliments that were not very complimentary, and fell upon him and did him much evil. Then the captain, a valiant man and mighty, saw the deplorable plight of his fellow, and returned and took off the Rough, and answered and said unto the young man, "Brother, thou hast been a young man, I am an old man, and I am stout-hearted and strong, and I will follow thee." And they hastened and got up the hill with speed and left the Rough alone, because he was a dangerous man, and they went on, and with a flag went back to their land, and the flag went before them. And they told their mighty deed to their people and made a great feast of their captives; but their people were slow to understand and to see the greatness of the deed, and they laughed to scorn and derided the young man. But, verily, the laugh was turned when they saw the flag. And it was said that it was a 11, which is to say s o a h o X. Seha!

Now a week or a week ago we were awakened from our peaceful slumber by the most horrid din that ever greeted our ears. All the earthquakes and tempests that we ever heard were but the noises of a baby's rattle compared with this 1 ing.

After a short attempt to soothe the agitated nerves of our bedfellows, we arose and began, and for an hour and a half of walls echoed to the spirited renderings of fifteen eloquent declarations. The judges—Capt. Holoman, Maj. Stiles and Col. Evans—awarded the prize of victory to Mr. W. T. Heritchens of Danville, Va. The kind audience were lavish in their applause and bouquets, and the Society joyfully proud of the splendid manner in which her declamers acquitted themselves.

We were surprised and pleased to find upon our table, a few days ago, several copies of Mr. W. T. Heritchens's "The New Era," published by Mr. Heritches, of Danville, Va. The kind audience were lavish in their applause and bouquets, and the Society joyfully proud of the splendid manner in which her declamers acquitted themselves.

The police had attempted to join the sport. Now, our boys never like to associate with policemen. Therefore they stopped to await their departure.

One policeman took up the gloomy stairway of the dismal tower, blowing his whistle to keep up his courage: presently he comes to a suspicious looking door, he stops, listens, makes a faint attempt to push the door open, and when it gives way, imagines his ears suppressed laughter, whereupon he behooves himself down with as much speed as his knowledge of the stairs will admit, and reports thirty or forty "injured persons" leaving the door. The police then retired, and thinking that the affair was over, they went to attend to something for cold-thumps to plague us about. At last, however, they do wait for the success of the Utopian theory of our "College reforner."

Since we read the able article on College Reform we have spent the nights dreaming of college halls, gymnasiums, ten-pins, and billiard tables, and the days in the useless employment of looking out good sites for these new colleges. But when we ask, "Where are they or where will they be?" no one seems to answer, "Ask the softly blowing wind!"

The College is rejoiced to see the spirit of "reform" rising in its midst. When the time came for the public declamation and the list was made out, the hearts of faculty and students leaped for joy to see that only one man was going to "arry the "Elopes of "Eromy" and not a soul would arraign the Gladators at "Cappa. Although Aparacus is dying a natural death, the blood of imaginary Carthaginians is still chilled by the burning eloquence of Collegiate Beggar, "If you have tears prepare to shed them now." And Regulus has gained the medal by his "spread eagle face." And the soul of each one of them does not seem to be equal to the power and beauty in the hands of Mr. W. T. Derieux as to influence the judges—Prof. Valentine, Mr. Rutherford Wood, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Davis, and induce them to declare the aforesaid gentlemen the first declamers.

More Blue Glass—Our boys have not escaped the "blue glass mania." The missiles invariably went off in that form, and many of the students have mounted those "gig lamps" on to their hats, reminding us very forcibly of "gig lamps" of so chilling a greenness that our eyes were almost blinded by the glare of light they emitted. In one case, however, the students have characteristically preserved the green, to the other time.

Tira Wood's medal was borne off with great honor by Mr. W. T. Derieux of Essex. The number and formidableness of his rivals added new glories to his hard-won victory. The contest was held in the Second Baptist church, or May 38th before. Bouquets were abounding and superlative, and the good wishes of which they were the evidences, more than compensated the other declamers for their efforts though unsuccessful.

On the evening of the 18th, we, who were so happy as to attend the vocal and instrumental concert at the Richmond Female Institute, were regaled with a rich treat of music and beauty. The young ladies of the institute displayed themselves splendidly, and reflect great credit upon their talented instructor, the College sent a numerous delegation of its members, as is usual on the occasion, as is usual on the next evening to the Commencement Exercises.

We congratulate the principal and the young ladies of the Institute on the charming success of the evening, which surpassed even the usual interest of such occasions.

We have had dark, threatening weather on almost every evening of our Final week, but the kind people of Richmond have not been deterred from encouraging our speakers with crowded halls; but adding another form to the inestimable debt of gratitude which we owe them.

The Reader's medal of the Philological Society was awarded, after a long and doubtful contest, to Mr. B. W. N. Simms, of Culpeper. The judges were Prof. E. B. Smith, Mr. R. B. Lee, and Mr. Carlton McCarthy. The contest took place on the afternoon of May 31st, to our bed and pernicious questioning of our inquisitive spouse. After tormenting us for some time, however, she let us go to the office and sit on the door. The office is a good one, and the thing for colts to our bed and gastronomic questioning of our inquisitive spouse. After tormenting us for some time, however, she let us go to the office and sit on the door. The office is a good one, and the thing for colts to...
As earnest in his kindly advice to those who were about to enter the stadium of life. The speech to that is gave him great pleasure to convey the hopes of the future to the young men, since he had a strong attachment for Mr. Curry's father (Dr. J. L. M. Curry), for they had been together in the 'tired men's' society. The noble old chiefman was greeted with denfathing applause, and after he had taken his seat, a most touching incident occurred upon the rostrum, arose, bearing in his hand a beautiful bouquet of magnolias, and addressed Gen. Johnston's house.

I am requested by a few of your friends—,- thousand or more, and still a few of your neighbors, to announce that the University of the South, which has worked with them in the 'tired men's' society, is ready to assume the responsibility that he by so many knew a great philosophy, which was worthy of being a life study. He urged him to preserve the philosophy of the true and the real. In conclusion, he advised Dr. Bitting to write to old Virginia, and do as he once did—marry young.

Dr. Curry then delivered the diploma, and made, as he was custom, an appropriate and eloquent address. He said that to be a Bachelor of Arts and most distinguished in the School of Philosophy, to be a graduate of the University of Virginia, and to be a member of the University of the South, is a great honor. A great many students, and an ancient order, womanly in speech and strength, is the noblest of chieftains, and the noblest of chieftains is the noblest of orators, and to be associated with such a body, and to be associated with such a body of students, is a great honor. He asked the assembled students, and to be interested in the exercise, which is characteristic of the Richmond audience.

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W e copy the following from the Chattanoog a Dispatch:

Marriage and Death.

At Mrs. Montgomery Lee's residence, Cleveland, Tennessee, on the 23d inst., was performed a very solemn ceremony, Mr. Thomas Gault and Miss Mary Lee were married only a few minutes before Mrs. Lee, the bride's mother, breathed her last.

The marriage took place at the earliest request of Mrs. Lee, who desired most ardently to see her daughter safely settled before the event of her own. The ceremony was performed very soon.

Mrs. Lee was the widow of Hon. R. S. Montgomery, a well-known citizen of this city in the early times, andlinky, and leaves a large circle of friends.

We desire to call especial attention to the advertisement of the Home School. It is very highly recommended by others, and we have no hesitancy in joining them in the praise of the Home School.

COLLEGE REFORMS.

One who has been a college student cannot help being moved by the warm friendship. I may say love which springs up between students. Who can help being moved by the good-natured spirit shown by those who are made the victims of a practical joke on a rough reparte? A stranger going into one of our Literary Societies would, no doubt, be shocked, and expect a free fight, when, at the election of officers, one member would nominate another, who had not the slightest chance of election, for President, the nominator stating that he has no confidence whatever in the gentleman's moral character and a very poor opinion of his mental endowments, but having heard him say that he would "treat" if he got an office, has determined to nominate him for every office until he is elected, and yet all these pleasurabilities, rough though they be, are taken quietly, and the victim watches for a chance to retaliate.

Inasmuch as we are so bound together, and are so free in our language and actions toward each other, I think I will be pardoned for making a few suggestions and proposing some corrections in our conduct.

First, Kalythumping. I don't know that there ever was, at any college, a better set of boys than we have this year. They are wholesouled, generous, brave, and I say without fear of contradiction, all of them gentleman. Boys must and will have fun. It is not, however, the fun that they should. The college ought to furnish them with a gymnasium, base-ball and football ground, perhaps, billiard tables. The students should not be deterred from engaging in sports which are not pernicious to morals, men's souls in sans copers. Being given these means and allowed these privileges, students should not seek fun at the expense of unoffending persons, and this kalythumping undoubtedly is. It arouses the neighborhood at the dead of night by hideous noises; not being able to account for them, delicate persons are thrown into a nervous state and their health endangered. And besides, a more unjust and unforgivable act, a great number of boys on a kalythumping it would be hard to find.

Take for example, the late disturbance. One of our Professors, whom we all love, is just recovering from a long and serious illness, caused by ceaseless devotion to his work and the welfare of the students; he is still weak.

He lost a whole night's rest by this fun of the boys. A night's rest to a healthy man is a matter of little importance; but to him it is serious. The President's professor was kept at work all night and, in the depth of his heart, walked down to the station-house at midnight to release two of our comrades who were so unfortunate as to fall into the clutches of the law. And his thanks were a charge of having sent for the police. It is a custom more honored in the breach than in the observance. It is not kind. It is not right. It is not just. I am certain those engaged in it had no intention of disturbing injuriously any one, but how could they make such a "fuss" as they did without evil effects? Kalythumping should be abolished.

Second, Dress. Every student ought to feel himself bound to support the good name of the College, and to do all in his power to raise it in the estimation of the citizens. This he cannot do by going down the street in a dusty coat and a hat as innocent of the brush as his shoes are of blacking. He excuses his slovenliness on the plea that no one knows him. All students must and will have fun, but having heard him say that he would "treat" if he got an office, has determined to nominate him for every office until he is elected, and yet all these pleasurabilities, rough though they be, are taken quietly, and the victim watches for a chance to retaliate.

Third, Societies. The college and the societies should be separate. Now, if a mass meeting is called and a committee appointed to make the societies one, the fault is the committee's. The societies may be rival, but it is the fault of the societies themselves. But the greatest fault is the way in which the members of both societies "honey-fuggle" and "boot lick" a "rat," trying to induce him to become a member of his own particular society. It not only tends to lower the dignity of the societies, but creates disgust for those who will do it. Many evils growing out of this practice might be mentioned, but verbum est. Both societies should pass resolutions discouraging the practice, and thus give the new student a chance to judge coolly and calmly between the two, and when he does join you can rely on him, and we will never again hear the complaint of unfulfilled promises.

And lastly, at commencement the two societies should have an orator at large, some distinguished speaker from a distance. This would give the students an opportunity to hear some of the greatest orators of the land. When we had such men as Sedgwick and Hoyt to speak for us the city was delighted and the societies honored. Other colleges in the State are hearing the eloquence of national orators, and we should blush with shame that a petty feud two years ago should keep us from enjoying the same privilege.

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