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EDITORIALS.

The new staff which was elected by the association last month has assumed editorial authority and this is the first number of The Anchor published under its supervision. Having been elected to make the paper a medium which shall truly reflect Hope College in all its distinctive phases, the inside college world, we realize that ours is a responsible position. Yes, indeed, the editorial staff rests upon our poor mortal shoulders, but how worthily we shall acquit ourselves of our task, we do not venture to predict. Owing to the change made in the constitution, expiration of office having been changed from December to March, our responsibility will be but of short duration; and as we heartily endorse the principles upon which our predecessors conducted the publication of this paper, the same policy will be preserved. Changes will be effected only when improvement demands it. The retiring staff can without any censure pride themselves in having succeeded so well in elevating The Anchor to its present high standing and in placing it upon a sound financial footing. Thus entering upon our duties amid both responsible and auspicious circumstances, we promise our best efforts. With full confidence that students, faculty, and alumni will rally to our support and that all will make some trivial sacrifice to make our paper what it can and should be, we have accepted the trust imposed upon us. Fellow students, if you have any desire to make The Anchor a worthy exponent of our student body, manifest this noble spirit by contributing news and articles, by subscribing, by scouring up arearages. There are some whom we would like to disturb most vehemently in their Rip-Van Winkle snores, but we forbear, fearing that not even the most pontifical thadle will arouse them to a sense of duty. Faculty, aid us by your wise counsel. Alumni, if you have any "longings for your intellectual home," subscribe and be not too modest in contributing information about yourselves or others and in suggesting improvements for the benefit of your Alma Mater.

We now write 1896. With the advent of this new year we suppose it necessary to restate past evil habits, and to make the usual quota of better promises and resolutions. Strange as it may seem, through the student's single object is to acquire and educate, his duties are of such a multifarious nature. Recitations, societies, collateral and general reading, The Anchor, athletics, all these demand his attention. With a view, then, to your physical, intellectual, and moral culture, make the best of resolutions. And finally, remembering that it is leap year, add an extra number of them. Have your waste basket large enough for superfluous resolutions. Before long, the Ides have come.

We cannot refrain from calling the attention of the students to the intensely trying times in which we are privileged to live. It certainly cannot have escaped the notice of the absent-minded reader of current events that the year 1897 has passed into history with many feat-
themselves, fraught with the greatest significance to civilization, to its credit. First of all in the realm of politics is the Turkish question. In watching the dealings of the Powers with the "sick old man" excellent opportunity is af-

sforded to study European diplomacy and poli-
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manship. The attitude of a Democratic execu-
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COTTAGE IN THE DELL.

Mark what saucy crew are snuffing
From the cottage in the dell,
Wishing Yule which lights the ball
Of a mystic fairy spell.
Festal and the ring-quiver,
As if from a single bell,
And the hammers lightly shower
Tumultine to his tender swall.
Ah, how they tire it to adore,
With a tinkling story elastic,
Crossing, clearing, as they go,
Soul and mind and heart went in desire,
As they revel in their place,
And drink the fruit of
Fantastic melody.
Ah, the place where pleasant ruch
Are buried beneath owners seal.
And the bee of the dell
Is the honey in the dell.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS OF OLD

BY W. N. BIRCHER.

The Christmas season has always been a time of mirth and joy, even before our Christian era. In fact, Christmas Day was chosen to commemorate the birth of Christ simply because the Roman Saturnalia, celebrating the commencement of the sun's return, happened about that date. This fact is only one in the way in which many of our Christmas customs are relics of pagan rites. There is no other day in the year, around which custom and ceremony have gathered in the same mysterious ways incognito associations and observances, which, nevertheless, we revere for their hoary age, many of them dating back through the ages, and with irrational, mysterious times of which we have no record, except those incidental ones which archaology delineates.

In America, Christmas is not thought nearly so much of as in the old countries; here thanksgiving has, to a great extent taken the place of Christmas across the waters, but Christmas is coming more into prominence as the holiday festival. And in the fall, that most colleges have a week or two vacation at that time. In England, especially in the country towns and villages, there still remain many of the old customs of the old, which have been handed down from father to son for many generations.

The festivities commence on Christmas eve with the burning of the Yule log, which custom takes us back to the old Scandinavians who used to burn huge bon-fires in honor of Thor. This huge log is brought in and laid on the immense open fire-place amid demonstrations of good-will and gladness. It is the most joyous of all the Christmas eve ceremonies for it is to burn out all old grudges and grievances and crackle a welcome to all comers. It is considered essential that this log be lighted by the charred remains of the one which grated the heart of the hearth during the previous Christmas eve, which have been carefully preserved for this purpose. At the same time with the Yule-log, a great candle, called the Yule candle was burned to give light to the "merry company." The time-honored custom of hanging the mistletoe is a relic of an ancient Druid rite. This curious parasitic plant was regarded by them with the greatest veneration. On the day of the winter solstice, which falls on December 21st, it was afterward knighted by the king. Here is an extract from the "articles" drawn up by a nobleman of that time, defining the duties of one of these functionaries who was to preside over his estate: "I,pronimis, I give free leave to Owen Flood, my trumpeter, gentleman, to be Lord of Mistletoe of all good orders during the twelve days. And also, I give free leave to the said Owen Flood to command all and every person or persons whatsoever, as well servants as others, to be at his command whenever he shall sound his trumpet or music, and to do him good service, as though I myself were present, at their perils. . . . . I give full power and authority to his lordship to break up all locks, bolts, bars, door and latches, and to cling strange, all doors out of hinges, to come at those who presume to disobey his lordship's commands. One hundred and twenty silver "pluck"s will be the reward of the person who shall begin his lordship to begin his reign was by announcing to the company that he abolished them of all their wisdom, and that they were to be just wise enough to make fruits of themselves." We cannot, without regret, watch the gradual disappearance of these old and so full of historical interest, from the observances of our Christmas season. They served in this time to lighten the somewhat monotonous life of the middle classes of former times, and, as is recorded by an old journal, "lightened the poor man's load for many a month." But their time is passing away; we, with our times of relaxation more equally distributed through the year, do not feel the need of such a complete abandonment of all things serious as did our ancestors. Nevertheless, the time will not soon come when the merry Christmas-tide will cease to be welcomed as a time for gladness and rejoicing.

THE COSMOPOLITAN SPREAD.

If you pursue pleasure, let it be that which follows toil, not that which precedes it. In accordance with this advice from the great "tub dweller" of ancient Greece the Cosmopolitans, who reverence much the sages of the past and their wise words and noble deeds, closed their society work of the term with an edible symposium, or banquet. A short literary programme consisted of an address by the president, Benjamin Franklin, and is being helped by the American Children, and music. Then the guests assembled in patriotic mood around the festive board. The banquet plate was graced with each guest partook for himself. "Lady's fingers" served the place of lady's hands, which were the only lacking feature of the evening. Post quam exempta fames et amor compressus edendi symposii arch magister bibendi asked for responses from the following gentlemen: Hermiphilus, Van Bismarck, and Isd severe of the蜂潮. In accordance with the members and ex-members of the Cosmopolitan. "A life without a holiday is as a long road without an inn," likewise it seems that a jovial reunion of the old and the new marks a fitting diversion in the ordinary course of society duties. Our Christmas eve in Eng land during the past term has been distinguished by commendable faithfulness. It may be said, with modest pride, that the affair, to use their own words, "as aspect of very tragic mirth." They usually ended the performance with the following gentle hint—

"When the guests sit down, three glasses of whiskey shall be passed round the circle, each guest to drink the glass of his neighbour in memory of the three匣子 of the ancient Druids.

One of the most prominent personages of an old-time Christmas, was the fantastic, mirth-inspiring "Lord of Misrule." He was very much like our master of ceremonies, and all must obey him during his short reign, which lasted from Christmas-eve to Twelfth Night. It is to be supposed that there chose for this office in the large estates, so much so that one of the Lords of Misrule chose to preside over the court of which he was afterward knighted by the king. It is an extract from the "articles" drawn up by a nobleman of that time, defining the duties of one of these functionaries who was to preside over his estate: "I,pronimis, I give free leave to Owen Flood, my trumpeter, gentleman, to be Lord of Misrule of all good orders during the twelve days. And also, I give free leave to the said Owen Flood to command all and every person or persons whatsoever, as well servants as others, to be at his command whenever he shall sound his trumpet or music, and to do him good service, as though I myself were present, at their perils. . . . . I give full power and authority to his lordship to break up all locks, bolts, bars, door and latches, and to cling strange, all doors out of hinges, to come at those who presume to disobey his lordship's commands. One hundred and twenty silver "pluck"s will be the reward of the person who shall begin his lordship to begin his reign was by announcing to the company that he abolished them of all their wisdom, and that they were to be just wise enough to make fruits of themselves." We cannot, without regret, watch the gradual disappearance of these old and so full of historical interest, from the observances of our Christmas season. They served in this time to lighten the somewhat monotonous life of the middle classes of former times, and, as is recorded by an old journal, "lightened the poor man's load for many a month." But their time is passing away; we, with our times of relaxation more equally distributed through the year, do not feel the need of such a complete abandonment of all things serious as did our ancestors. Nevertheless, the time will not soon come when the merry Christmas-tide will cease to be welcomed as a time for gladness and rejoicing.
THE FRATERNAL BANQUET.

The little acorn has grown into a wide spreading oak, and prophecy, as uttered by W. A. Shields, has been fulfilled. The F. S. now numbers three hundred and five members and graduates, twenty-three being the number of active members. By becoming a member of this society one becomes a brotherhood, but he becomes one in a fraternity which is bound together by bonds, than which none are stronger. Some perhaps smile as we speak of being united with F. S. graduates, who now hold positions of the highest honor. But what does it mean when a member of the class of '78 reaches down (by mail) and extends to a member of the class of '97 the simple words, "What is your brother?" What is it that causes the face of an alumnus to brighten as you grip his hand and he recognizes a "frater"?

Do you still doubt, then enter the library and, with its attractions, continue to allure our boys.

The class of '79, consisted of six members at the time of graduation, only three of whom have deemed it worth while to respond to our questions. The class can take pride in having among their number two students of foreign extraction. They were K. Kimura and M. Oghini, two native Japanese.

J. A. De Spelder, '79, conducted chapel exercises one morning, during the course of his studies.

Rev. E. Smits, '75, of Crystal Falls, Mich., was in town New Year's day visiting friends.

J. M. Van der Meulen, '81, student at Western University, was married to Miss Cornelis. J. M. Van der Meulen, '81, student at Western University, was married to Miss Cornelis.

J. J. Merzen, '92, medical student at the University of Michigan, spent vacation in Holland.

Rev. F. A. Force, '76, was installed as pastor of the church at Owasco Outlet, N. Y., January 14.

Wm. O. Van Eyk, '93, and A. Van Duren, '94, students of law at Ann Arbor also spent vacation in this city.

Jas. F. Zwemer, '70, principal of the N. W. Academy, Orange City, Ia., was in Holland the latter part of last month.

Rev. S. M. Zwemer, '87, writes that they have just received a printing press for their mission station at Muscat, Arabia.

Rev. A. Vennema, '79, has recently located in Fassu, N. J., as pastor of the old Ackquemonk Ref. church, of that place.

Rev. J. G. Fagg, '81, has recently entered upon his new charge as assistant pastor of the College church, New York City.

Rev. M. Kolyn, '74, after having taken a few months of needed recreation, has returned to his pastoral work in Orange City, Ia.

Mr. H. G. Koppel, Ph. D., '89, instructor in mathematics at Northwestern University, spent vacation with his parents in Zeeland.

J. C. Grosenevelt, '74, has moved from New Orleans, La., to Raimond, Miss., where he is pastor of a Christian Ref. church.

Rev. Jas. Osswaarde, '90, of Pella, Iowa, was married to Miss Cornelis J. Den Herder on the evening of December 25th. Miss Den Herder is a graduate of the Grammar School here and of the Female Seminary at Kalamazzo. The Axonox extends congratulations.

Mr. Oran S. Flanegan, a former editor-in-chief of the Axonox, has been married to Miss Cattota A. Spencer of Douglas, Mich., Christmas evening at five o'clock. The couple started out on their wedding trip and will be at home in Douglas, where Mr. Flanegen is engaged as principal of the public schools, after January 1st. The Axonox extends congratulations.

Orange C. Flanegen brother of Oren S. also a former editor-in-chief is an attorney-at-law in Grand Rapids.
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We are extremely sorry to think that we have no Y. M. C. A. news to publish in this issue. They were one of the features of the paper in which we took intense pride. Shall this continue to be thus, fellow students? We sincerely hope that we may have Y. M. C. A. notes for our next number.

Contrary to expectation the cataloguing of the books in our library is not yet finished. Although excellent advantages are open to us by having access to the reading room, during any part of the day, we would very much like to enjoy the privileges of the whole library. We are now almost entirely debarked from collateral and other reading. We do not wish to be captious, but we desire kindly to express our impatience.
rendered by a chorus in Greek costume. Besides this some of the best talent in Western Michigan will take part and the program will be delightfully instructive, interesting, and enjoyable. The proceeds are for the benefit of our gymnasium now the most needed but most important department of our institution. Particulars will be given in our next issue and be published in the city papers and our press committee will tell you all you want to know about it.

EXCHANGES.

A considerable number of new exchanges has come to our table. Some of them are excellent.

The College Review is one of our best exchanges. It takes the lead of many of its contemporaries in regard to literary excellence.

The Selice Regina, which bails from some southern institution, makes some of her pages sparkle with literary gems.

At Yale University a course is given in Modern Novels by Dr. Phelps. It has become so popular that there are over two hundred and fifty men in the class.

Several college publications came to our exchange table last month in beautiful Christmas outfit.

The Anchor staff feels very much gratified on account of the praises it received upon our Christmas number from the local papers. It certainly is gratifying to know that these local publications are taking an active public interest in our college.

The university of Chicago is to have a course in Japanese.

The first exchange which appears before us is that newish little journal, the Anchor, from Hope College, Michigan.

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