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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 this paper a medium which shall truly reflect Hope College in all its particular phases to 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 embrace 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 re- 

Eating 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 trial 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 securing up arrearages. 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 pungent hoots would arouse them to a sense of duty. Faculty, aid us by your wise counsel. Alumni, if you have any "longings for your in-
tellectual 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 is necessary to remember that the past is gone and to make the usual quota of better promises and resolutions. Strange as it may seem, though 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 attention. With a view, then, to your physical, intelle-
tual, 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 so many resolutions. Finally, boys, the Ides have come.

We cannot refrain from calling the attention of the students to the intensely stirring times in which we are privileged to live. It certainly cannot have escaped the notice of the assiduous reader of current events that the year 1875 has passed into history with many feat-
ures, 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 dealing of the Powers with the "sick old man" excellent opportunity is af-

firmed to study European diplomacy and poli-
tics. The development of the Monroe doc-
try against English encroachments upon cis-atlantic territory must stimulate the student to a contemplation of the exacti-
tion this doctrine occupies in American states-

manship. The attitude of a Democratic execu-
tive towards Republican legislation can give us an insight into the nature of our own national politics. In the domain of science the discov-
ery of argon with its possibly attendant changes in atomic aggregation is an indication of our knowledge in this field of learning. In biolo-

gy it is interesting to watch how of late years a reaction has set in against Darwinism and materialism caused by the investigations and positive assertions of such scientists as Prof. M'Gillow of Berlin. Nor should the develop-
monts of sociology as a science entirely evade the student's cognizance. Though it is the all-

absorbing study of the intellectual world, the
science is still in a formative state as was re-
cently asserted by Prof. Gidding. He said:
"Several universities in Europe and America have introduced courses in sociology; yet there is no definite agreement among scientific men as to what the college is. The latter part of June and a great deal of July is consumed by the college.

We clip the following from The Echo:
"The Echo wishes to place Olivet on the list
of those colleges which appreciate the value of
work on college publications. A year's work in
this line of work is accepted for two years of
the subidiary course. It requires the lifelong
study of specialists to attain proficiency in
class, but can an educated man
of Minneapolis. It is state property. For-

merly it belonged to private parties, but the
state appropriated it to secure it against de-
scription from avaricious hands. The Park is
described considerably above the level of the
Mississippi. The latter river, from the Falls of
St. Anthony to Fort Snelling, has washed a
channel through the limestone rock to the
depth of a hundred and fifty feet. The
picturesque stream of Minnehaha, the out-
let of Lake Minnetonka, flows in from the
west, winding gracefully through the Park, and
then suddenly takes a leap downward over a
precipice sixty- feet in height. The action of the
water wears away the rock, so that during the
course of probably many ages the falls have recede-
and Missihah and hide themselves in romantic
seclusion beneath a mass of vegetation. Of
the wanderers who walk the paths of the Park he is not aware of being near a deep
gorge. Tall trees and bushes, clad in rich
clay from the sky. The atmos-

phere was delicious to breathe. It
seemed that the elements had conspired to
produce one of those days wherein Minnesota climate
reached its perfection. We entered an electric
car with the appropriate sign-board, and after
forty-five minutes riding had left the city be-
hind us. We stepped out on the green aw ard
of Minnehaha Park.

This pretty bit of natural scenery is situated
on the Mississippi river, five miles south-east
of Minneapolis. It is state property. For-

the student to a contemplation of the

That there are ladies in attendance at Hope is
known. That those selfsame persons have
of late organized a society is also known, but
the name with which they have christened it,
its object, and the nature of its proceedings
are all questions of public enter that causes an

significant proportion to the former as regards
amount. As to the cultivation of originality and
superiority, that belongs to editorial composition even
in a greater measure. The editor's hand must al-
ways be prominent in the college life. His
watchful eye must ever be intent upon even
the slightest event. He must be an acute ob-
server of tendencies and changes not only in
his college, but also in the outside college
world. He is also constantly devising to in-

duce new features to make its paper better and
more attractive. Besides, notwithstanding the
limited time at his disposal it is an editor's

reflection to observe that editorial work is
equivalent in every respect to rhetorical work
required in the course. The two essays or or-
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limited time at his disposal it is an editor's

highest aim to clothe his material thus gleaned
in as good English as possible. Does not all
this give mental discipline? And, finally, all
this sacrificial labor he is expending for the
interests of his college more than for anything
else. And it is for this reason especially that
the editor should receive due recognition of
his work instead of rebukes of professors, when he deigns to speak of too
long lessons. As things are at present he must
either still further reduce his limited hours of
sweet somnolence or suffer. He must harbor
the proud thought that he is the big man of
the college. Good ethics, indeed. One of
two things should be done; either more lenien-
cy should be exercised towards editors, or he
should receive due compensation for his work.

MINNEHAHA FALLS.
BY WILLIAM MIEDEMA.

"When he goes upon soft and fair,
I stand on honesty and care.
And his eye swee the wondred scenery
Where wonder a stream with water of green.""
of elms and oaks; we dodge projecting rocks and pendent grape-vines, until we reach the bottom.

"Where the Falls of Minnehaha

Laugh and leap into the valley."

What an indescribable panorama bursts upon our eyes that run us are the Falls. High above the water comes dashing over the rocks, and spreading out in great sheets, which glisten in the sunlight, plunges in the seething abyss below, whence rise the rainbow tinted mists. On each side are perpendicular walls of limestone rock, ledge piled on ledge until they rise far above our heads like formidable ramparts of some ancient city. Trees growing from the fissures, wild grape-vines with their clinging climbing tendrils, festoons of trailing ivy relieve the barrenness of the rocks and enhance the marvellous beauty of the picture. To the gleaming waters of Minnehaha sing merrily at our feet. High over our heads, on the bluffs, forest trees are waging against the storm sky, and higher still, beyond the tree, the red walls of the Soldiers'Home loom up like a fateful castle on a rocky fortress. This is indeed an enchanted spot, a veritable fairy land. We follow a foot path down the stream and are transported with the variety of pictures in this grand gallery of nature. The scene shifts every minute as we move. Here the water laughs gaily in the sunshine, there it hides in a luxuriant mass of foliage, anon we ourselves are lost in the tangled growth and wild confusion of trees and shrubs. Thus the idyllic scenes continue to pass before us, the river leaps and splashes on rocks and falls, until it loses itself in the majestic sweep of the Mississippi. What a more appropriate name could the poetic fancy of the Dakota Indian have given to this stream than Minnehaha, Laughing Water?

We retread our steps. We cannot yet break away from the strange fascination of this wonderful spot. We feed our senses on the fresh fragrance of flowers, the delicious coolness of the air, the music of trees and water, the beauty of colors and form, and the effect is most peculiar to both body and intellect. There are the remedies which kind nature uses to heal her children. Here we draw very close to the heathen heart of nature and realize how near we are related to her. We feel as if we were entering an unacquainted realm.

The new Negro.

By J. STEFTER.

Thirty three years have passed since Abraham Lincoln issued the proclamation of Emancipation which made his name immortal, and which caused countless thousands of bondmen to be made free. That day brought to a close in America the reign of long suffering and of great endurance which can be best stated and comprehended by one word—slavel.

For over two hundred years slavery had been an institution in America. The history of that institution the history of the negro have been, to a very great extent, something which is very much in common. Indeed, the two are invariably used together; we cannot think of the former without calling to mind the history of the latter. This institution and this race shall ever remain associated in our history so long as we shall endure.

The day of emancipation marked the beginning of a new and prosperous era; it marked the beginning of joy and happiness to the enslather. Their characteristic had been that of hardship and misery. The past sufferings were forgotten in supreme joy occasioned by the thought of freedom and circumspect. Liberty and independence and gratitude for freedom were the only thoughts in their minds now. The opportunities and advantages offered to them were seized with avidity; the powers and abilities, which had been checked for so long a period, were now ready to burst forth with doubled energy. Ignorant and inexperienced many things were undoubtedly erroneously conceived and undertaken; but time and experience have been favorable to them, and, utilizing their opportunities to the best purpose, we-to-day find the negro possessing not only the qualities of the white man but a great deal more.

The negro has a voice, it has the desire to accomplish a complete brotherhood between members of the same race not only, but also, between members of different races. Let us make a study of the negro race which, for a part of the race, was the cause of the dissolution, is becoming the means by which the two factions are being conciliated. It is a fitting close of a great and grand century, whose history is among the most glorious of the centuries, and the twenty-first century dawn upon a people united by the strongest and most vital ties of brotherhood and the ambition of our citizens and of mankind in general.

Right Reading.

Many children flee to the dime-novel literature, because they are not furnished good and interesting reading matter at home. In these times, when works of the best writers on all sorts of subjects are so available this lack is not only needless but criminal.
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ries who was to preside over his estate: "In-
principis, I give free leave to Owen Flood, my
trumpeter, gentleman, to be Lord of Misrule
of all good orders during the twelve
weeks, 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,
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thority to his lordship to break up all locks,
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One of the famous Christmas games in Eng­
land is Snapdragon; this game is something
like fishing for a penny in an electrified bowl of
water. Sometimes the raisins are put into a large, shal­
low dish and alcohol is poured over them and
lighted. The fun consists in getting one of the
raisins without getting burned. The lights
are usually put out so that the blue spirit-
d flame may show to the best advantage its
effect. Even if you were not afraid to be a remnant of the fire-worship of the
ancient Druids.
In olden times a party of merry-makers
called "nummers" used to go the round of
the houses on Christmas eve, dressed up in all
sorts of ridiculous costumes. At each house
which they entered they gave a burlesque perfor­
mance of "St. George and the Dragon"
with variations to suit themselves, which
gave the affair, to use their own words, "an aspect
of very tragical mirth." They usually ended
the performance with the following gentle hint—
Edition of 1938 continues.
One story is ended,
Five or six stilt-walkers would do no harm,
unless very short, or gold, if you can.

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.
In London, the solicitor who was chosen for
this office in the large estates, so much so that one of the
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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 the fraternity one becomes the active 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 fraternal call, "bother"? What is it that causes the face of an alumnus to brighten as you grip his hand and he recognizes a "frat"

Do you still doubt, then attend with the writer one of F. S.' informal re-unions, as was enacted on the evening of Dec. 13, 1895. Graduates and members assembled in Fraternity Hall, the most cheerful society room on the campus. Decorations were deemed necessary. Old Glory alone was insufficient, hence the portrait of the late Dr. Scott. Are visitors and members strangers? See how visitor after visitor is greeted by the members, not by any formal introduction, but by a warm grip, and henceforth they are on a common footing and are fraters. Informal is the rule in F. S. meetings. No program is prepared and set speeches are debarred. The usual opening exercises are dispensed with, while tables and seats are arranged around the room. As the company is seated, it again appears that graduates forego their college days, are past, and members are all fraters. Elaborate spreads are also forbidden. After partaking of light refreshments and fruit, the tables are cleared, and axes, hammers, and pieces of wood are placed before each person. Nuts are plated upon the center of each table and each one helps himself. Finally, Hon. G. J. Dickema is asked to act as toastmaster, and quiet reigns supreme while Prof. Kleinhelskel tells "Where's old Hallowe'en," or Prof. Nyker discourses on "The Economical Disadvantages of a Late Marriage." Time fails to tell of all that was done and said at the feast board. It is unnecessary to inform those who were absent that it was good to be there. May the time he hastened when we shall again assemble with delight to renew old associations and green memories of former years.

As the visitors were looking over the old minute books during the evening, and again enjoying some of the former meetings, the suggestion was made that the present society endeavor to obtain the "anonymous" papers, committee reports, or any other papers referring in any way to the F. S., and which might still be excised. Actuating upon this suggestion a committee was appointed to correspond or interview all former members to obtain such papers. Since its appointment the committee has been doing what it could, and already among other papers, has received "The Damascus Blade" and "The Astrologer" issued in 1895 and 1896, respectively. It is expected that every graduate will endeavor to make the collections of Fraternal Society papers a success. They will be highly valued by the library, and arrangements will be made so that none but Fraternal Society members and graduates shall have access to the papers.

GYNASIUM.

At the Annual meeting of the Gymnasium Association of 1889, to whose charge the officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President, Jac. Van der Meulen; Sec. and Treas., F. Mulder.
The past year in the gymnasium has seen some good work done, and this year we expect will witness still greater results, though at present the work is not so organized that other attractions continues to allure our boys.
At the close of the present school term a contest will be held in which all members will be allowed to compete. A beautiful gold medal will be awarded for the best "all round" work. Boys, here is a good chance to show your skill. Your exams will be graded, and even if you fail to get the medal. The physical training will do you good. We hope to see many competitors in this contest.

DE ALUMNIS.

The class of '99, 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. Ogihara, two native Japanese.

Dr. E. J. De Spelder is at present located at Drenthe, Mich., practicing medicine. After graduating from Hope, he entered the medical department at the University of Michigan in the fall of the same year, and received his degree of M. D. in the spring of '83. For a time he was located at East Saugatuck, but owing to the distance he went on a trip to the West. Here he found several good openings but having learned, to use his own words, that no Western city or hamlet was cyclone proof, he soon returned to his native state, and finally settled at Drenthe, his present location.

George Niemeyer entered the Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., and after graduation in the spring of 1882, he was installed as pastor of the Reformed church at Detroit. His subsequent positions were at Vriesland, from 1884 to 1886; Cleveland, O., 1886-1890; Oakland, N. J., till 1893, when he became pastor of his present charge, the churches of Shuken and Shandahen, N. Y.

Ame Vennema also took a theological course after he had finished his studies at Hope. His first field of labor which he entered immediately upon graduation was New Paltz, N. Y. While here, he undertook the authorship of the "History of the Reformed church of New Paltz, Ulster county, N. Y., from 1683 to 1883," which was published. Leaving his charge here, he served the following churches in succession; Second Ref. of Kalamazoo; Second Ref. of Rochester, N. Y.; Ref. church of Deer Park; First Ref. of New Paltz; and Second church of Pausa, N. J., his present charge which he has just entered. Rev. Vennema has received calls from several of the most prominent churches of the Ref. denomination. He is one of Hope's most illustrious sons, and his occasional visits to his Alma Mater are always heartily received by the students.

The first productions are a pamphlet entiled: "Is the Koran Infallible?" and the Lord's prayer, Arabic, both of which have been received by us.

J. M. Van der Meulen, '91, student at Corning Seminary, has accepted the call tendered him by the Second Ref. church of Kalamazoo. He will enter upon his work in April.

A. Kulpur, '93, was elected president of the newly organized society of Equiry of Rutgers Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J. Mr. G. Pilip, kena, also a former student of Hope, is treasurer.

J. A. De Spelder, '79, conducted chapel exercises one morning during the year.

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

J. J. Mersen, '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 Osawasco Outlet, N. Y., Januyary 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. Zweemer, '70, principal of the N. W. Academy, Orange City, Ia., was in Holland the latter part of last month.

Rev. S. M. Zweemer, '97, writes that they have just received a printing press for their mission station at Muscat, Arabia.

Rev. A. Vennema, '79, has recently located in Fasssick, N. J., as pastor of the Old Auckplusmon Ref. church of that place.

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

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

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

J. C. Groeneweel, '74, has moved from New Rochelle, Long Island, N. Y., to Detroit, MI., where he is pastor of a Christian Ref. church.

Rev. Jas. Ossewaarde, '90, of Pella, Iowa, was married to Miss Cornelina J. Den Herder on the evening of December 29. Miss Den Herder is a graduate of the Grammar School here and of the Female Seminary at Kalamazoo. The Axcon extends congratulations.

Mr. Oren S. Flaneage a former editor-in-chief of the Axcon extends gratulations to Mr. Karlotta A. Spencer of Douglas, Mich., Christmas evening at five o'clock. The couple started at once upon a wedding trip and will be at home in Douglas, where Mr. Flaneage is engaged as principal of the public schools, after January 1st. The Axcon extends congratulations.

Orange C. Flanegage brother of Oren S. also a former editor-in-chief is an attorney-at-law in Grand Rapids.
Van Houte has been trying to gain a point in Hamilton. A large number of students stayed in Holland during vacation. A. Van Arendonk preached in Grand Haven one time during the holidays. Isaac Hoppers, ’99, spent vacation with his brother in Cleveland, Ohio. Agreed at last! Bre’r Rabbit and Bre’r Fox are going to the Gym Benefit together.

Gas. Bachman, of Burns Jorners, Mich., is back again to resume his studies at Hope. Dr. Kollen was in Chicago on business a few days during the latter part of last term. The Juniors will soon commence a course of daily instruction, Prof. Bergen.

Will some one kindly inform us whether Kooiker is trying to cut a figure in the ice or on the snow? It is rumored that a Lucy Parsons Club is about to be organized. Good spirit. Vive l’anarchie!

Those hirese spicileae on the inferior maxillary jaw of Mr. Huizinga are causing the Juniors considerable amusement.

Mr. Jacob Adams, our Persian, recently enjoyed a visit of his brother who has just returned from Persia, where he was engaged in missionary work.

That mysterious Ladies’ Society has elected the following officers: Miss Meenngs, President; Minnie Witterlink, Vice Pres.; Jeannette M. Vaaspeel, Sec.; and Miss Van der Ploeg, Treasurer.

Manhood, Knowledge, Culture, are the end of man’s life. The Gymnasium Benefit has these for its end. Read the notice.

We are sure of all the students 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 immense 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 popular 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 extra­lateral and other reading. We do not wish to be captious, but we desire kindly to express our impatience.

Hamilton is evidently the cynosure of some of Hope’s youthful aspirants. We have heard the echo of that plaintive strain, “too much Physics,” so often uttered by the Juniors last term, in one of our exchanges. Be confessed, boys, you have brethren in affliction.

We are pleased to see again in our midst, after an absence of two years, the beaming countenance of S. B. De Pree, of Sioux Center, Ia. He has resumed his studies with the Freshman class.

The recent debate on the Macbeth question by the Sophomores, proved to be both an interesting and a beneficial feature in the study of English literature.

H. L. Yonker, ’92, had his vacation holidays sadly marred by the sudden death of his brother. The Aanchor and the students sympathized with Mr. Yonker in his sorrowful affliction.

The “A” class have organized and at a recent meeting the following officers were elected: A. T. Brook, Pres.; J. G. De Rey, Vice Pres.; Jeannette M. Vaaspeel, Sec.; and J. Tanis, Treasurer.

G. J. Huizinga, ’92, at times seems to exhibit traits of Kantian absent mindedness. One morning after chapel exercises, he started for his recitation room with hymn books under his arm instead of Physics, Logic, Latin and History.

Some, ”99, never grows weary of his favorite song, “My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean.” You have our heartfelt sympathies, old boy.

We are extremely sorry to learn that Miss Hazersten was to pursue her studies in the Netherlands.

The election of officers for the ensuing term held this week resulted as follows: President, Socrates; vice-president, Wm. Pitt; sec. and treas., Erasmus. Though the society is not so strong as in previous years, it has nevertheless established itself for an enviable record, and is still flourishing with all the vigor usually characterizing of youth.

At their recent election the Fraternity elected the following officers: Geo. E. Cook, President; Jas. E. Moore, ’93, Vice President; and Wm. Prakken, ’99, Sec. Being thus presided over an officer of such dignified stature, no doubt the society will preserve exceptional decorum.

The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table. That’s the Gym Benefit nowadays.

The winter term of Hope College was opened Jan. 7, with a full attendance of students. After the usual exercises Dr. Kollen made earnest remarks before the students, wishing them a Happy New Year in the deepest sense of the term.

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The winter term has arrived, and it should be a term of hard work and one in which the most is accomplished. Students often say that during the latter part of the winter season, they feel more disposed to work than any other time. But shall nothing be done to render college life pleasanter during the dreary days of this term, and to relieve us of the melancholy monotony of daily routine? Can we not have literary entertainments of some kind, such as public debates between societies, oratorial contests, or class exercises? It has become a matter of precedent to have something of the above nature on Washington’s birthday, and we hope that we may have something this term.

The Aanchor wishes to present for election the Or­ dipus Tyrannus in the original Greek which has seemed impracticable for the present. The class looking toward graduation know that our students have been relinquished, much to the regret, we are sure, of all lovers of classic art and beauty. The instruction to be derived from it would be truly great. In gaining it, to say nothing of the intense interest aroused by it and the culture and pleasure to be derived from it. With this in view and desiring to give up the idea entirely, a Gymnasium Bene­ fit has been arranged for and the program of the evening will include the Chorus from the First Scene of The Oedipus. This will be
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 Salve Regina, which hails 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 Anchorn 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 newly little journal, the Anchorn, from Hope College, Mich.

The University of Berlin is the largest in the world. Over 8,000 students are enrolled.

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