

\* \* At the examination for the Baccalaureate degree, the Professor of Physics asks the candidate: "What is the best insulator known?" "Poverty," was the reply.

\* \* What if thy yesterdays be sadly fraught  
With disappointments, heart-aches, failures, sins?  
Touch not thy gloomy past with word nor thought,  
To-day another chance for thee begins.  
—Emma C. Dowd.

### EXCHANGE.

—Exchange editors wishing to receive THE FREE LANCE regularly should see that it is entered on their exchange list.

—The *Historical Journal* for November is at hand, containing interesting accounts of the lives of those whose names are well known in this part of the State.

—The *University Mirror* aims this year as before to cover all the ground of a "good and honest" representative journal. *Mirror*, did you not make a mistake in changing your publishing house?

—The *Pennsylvania Western* comes to hand with its columns well filled. Would not, however, a column of college news add to the range of the *Western*? In the article "Advice to Freshmen," is a sentiment which we cull and desire to repeat to the higher college classes: "The object of an education is to widen the field of knowledge, to make one consider more deeply the things that are taking place around him and to so expand his views that he may be able to pass a common sense judgment upon all matters of importance."

—The *Swarthmore Phoenix* makes its way forward among sister journals this year with its accustomed grace. The *Phoenix* doubtless means to inspire enthusiasm at home on the subject of field sports. Its manner of doubling every flank of the home question, as it were, is suggestive of the attitude of a college journal attempting to exercise a sensible influence at home in a given direction. We compliment the variety and excellence of the literary department, and also the local department.

—We are happy to acknowledge the late *Cornell Era*. It meets the requirements of excellence which a journal published with its advantages and backed by its support of ability might expect to attain. We wish most heartily to second the *Era* in the condemnation of the Sophs at Williams. We never could understand how any young man having any respect for himself could

so utterly lose respect for the rights of others as to engage in such despicable outlawry. It is a move in the right direction for such journals as the *Era* to fearlessly protest.

—The *College Student* is before us. The *Student*, in speaking of the Y. M. C. A. reception held at the beginning of the college year, says "A reception of this kind welcoming the students among us at least presents quite a contrast to the former custom of initiating them by 'stretching'." The *Student* shows further by the space and attention devoted to the Y. M. C. A. that the Association is an acknowledged feature of Franklin and Marshall, as well as of all colleges, and we welcome this element into college life as the probable remedy to the odious practice of "stretching."

—After an absence of some issues the *Pennsylvania College Monthly* again makes its appearance among us. We do not know the cause of the *Monthly's* absence, but we heartily welcome its return. We wish to quote the following from its article on "Ideal Education" as expressing sound principle which deserves more attention: "To enlarge and sharpen the intellectual faculties, without at the same time throwing over them the restraints of a quickened conscience, and of wisely directed religious intuitions, is a curse to man rather than a blessing, and consequently no State can afford to establish schools of a purely secular character."

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