

courtesies of our department we have in most instances found it easy to be pleasant. We have found so much of forbearance toward ourselves and so much real merit that it has not been a task to respond but a task to respond so as to give as good help as we received. We are frank to confess and indeed glad to own in your favor that criticisms wisely and honestly made have done us good. Your words were well weighed as you may guess, and almost, though perhaps not quite, always we have been able to discover kind motives. And while we speak thus let us give this parting opinion to whom it may concern: That exchange editor who fondly dreams that his own paper has risen above the suggestions of its competitors and seizes upon such suggestions as offering opportunity to "show his fighting blood," and whose "eyes in a fine frenzy roll" where'er he sees or thinks he sees defects in others, truly prostitutes his column to ends far beneath its possible accomplishments. But we must say adieu and why should we consider our own pleasure and speak farther to you since our parting must be of less importance to you than us.

—As a Pennsylvania journal we were interested in the article entitled "Labor Troubles in Pennsylvania" which appeared in the *University Magazine*. The *Magazine* is very pronounced in its statements yet we may not deny them. We may say indeed that we are glad to see college bred young men not afraid to protest earnestly against the unrighteousness perpetrated by a patrician element. Here is a sentence we believe and will quote: "The cruelty, obstinacy, and duplicity of such men as Austin Corbin will bring a terrible retribution at some future day."

—Here is the *Dickinsonian* welcome and worthy of welcome. We had a word to say to the exchange man of the *Dickinsonian* in our last number but lack of space forbade. It is this: The FREE LANCE was perhaps more innocent in its inquiry for the reason why Dickinson declined to play our team than he may imagine. We don't choose to be sarcastic as our friend occasionally appears to us to be, and we only say to him: You and I can't play that mooted game of the past on paper; we prefer the campus and eleven men on our side.

—In trying to decide which one of the rest of our many exchanges claims mention now we feel very much as the squire who after hearing a law suit decided that both parties were right and the constable should pay the cost. We have learned lessons from you all.

—In perusing the late *Phaetra* we were

pleased, and we confess that we said to ourselves after having enjoyed every page: "How entertaining those ladies are!" We almost feel like asking to call upon them.

—From the *University* we gather that fraternities work practical detriment to that "*esprit de corps*," which is most desirable everywhere, among students in the University of Vermont. Are we correct in our conclusion?

—The *Varsity* professes to be a journal of literature, university thought and events, and such it is in truth.

LANCELETS.

You who long for work of nobler mould,
Oh, learn how common things may aid;
Whoever digs for diamonds or gold
Must needs use first an iron spade.—*From the German.*

WARNING.

My dreams have chased o'er the land
Of night, till seared by the flash
Of light and dew of the grand
Daybreak they timidly dash
Away to hide 'neath the wing
Of waking thought. Now the dreams
Of day dance round, and they bring
Her form so near that it seems
To me I push back the hair
That wreathes her brow and place there
My best kiss.

Our actions on this world-stage tend
To find a mark—to reach an end.
Yet in the broad immensity
Of life, itself a tossing sea—
They seem to lose identity.—*Harvard Advocate.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

STATE COLLEGE

BAKERY

FOSTER'S BLOCK,

—: STATE COLLEGE, PA. :—

Bread, Cakes, Pies, &c.

ICE CREAM, WATER ICE
and SODA WATER in season.

Fine Confectionery and Choice Fruits

A SPECIALTY.