

The students at Ann Arbor have petitioned the Legislature to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within five miles of the university.

Over 1300 students at the University of Cambridge have signed a protest against the admission of women.

Wellesley, with 620 students, is pronounced the leading female college in America. Smith stands next with 367; then Vassar, 283; Wilson, 164, and Bryn Mawr with 70.

Union College has been without a president for four years. The students have threatened to withdraw in a body if some one is not soon chosen to fill the chair.

The University is to have the largest observatory dome in the world. It is being built at Cleveland. It weighs ten tons, and has a diameter of 45 feet 4 inches.

Tobacco is to be shut out of the Chambersburg Academy. No boy who uses it in any way will be admitted. The ground taken is that tobacco produces baneful effects on the mind and health of the students.

A course in journalism has been established at Cornell. It is conducted on a very practical plan. The class is organized like the staff of city papers, with the Professor as editor and the students as reporters. Assignments of work are made and the reports edited in the class-room.

At Cambridge University, England, a debate was recently held by the undergraduates on the subject, "Who wrote Shakespeare's plays." At the close a vote was taken. Many students refrained from voting, showing that their minds were not made up either way, but of the 231 who voted, 101 voted for Bacon and 130 in favor of Shakespeare.

The Lafayette Sophomores tried to "duck" the Freshmen with water containing sulphuric acid but failed, except to damage their clothing somewhat. The use of acid was unsparingly condemned by the higher class-men. The cane-rush on September 19th was very rough but no one was seriously injured. The Sophomores were victorious.

Secretaries Fairchild and Endicot are Harvard men; Secretary Whitney hails from Yale; Dickin-

son from Michigan University; Vilas from Wisconsin University and Garland from St. Mary's College, Kentucky.

Vassar College opened on September 24th with a brighter prospect than at any time in its history. President Taylor says: "This is the first year we have had no preparatory department and I am deeply gratified at the prospect. We have entered more than one hundred new students and the Freshman class will number seventy, the largest ever known. The total number of students will be about three hundred."

The number of "cuts" given in some of the leading colleges are as follows: At Yale, twenty-four to the Juniors and Seniors per year; to the Sophomores and Freshmen eighteen. At Williams, thirty "cuts" from chapel and recitations. At Dartmouth, twenty-five; at Amherst and Wesleyan a student must be present at nine-tenths of the recitations in each branch; at Hamilton, forty-five; at Harvard, Cornell, and Michigan University, and Johns Hopkins attendance at recitations and chapel is optional.—*Ex.*

#### EXCHANGES.

We are in receipt of the first issue of the *High School Register*, a periodical published by the High School of Evansville, Ind. It contained several good articles and taking it altogether, it is a very creditable little sheet.

The June issue of the *Dickinsonian* was the first number edited by the new staff. The thing most noticeable was the entire absence of a literary department. We doubt whether this is advancing in the right direction. It is true that some of our exchanges have so much literary matter as to become prosy and uninteresting to most college students. But on the other hand we think there is such a thing as making a periodical too local. This issue seems to us to lack weight and dignity.

We again send our greeting to the *Muhlenberg Monthly*. We were pleased with your very practical editorial on "Chronic kickers." We understand exactly what they are, as almost every college man does. For we think there are very few colleges without them. Your advice as to being systematic in study is what we have always preached and practiced.