

These were chosen from the several rhetorical divisions as excelling in oratorical ability. The entertainment was a highly creditable one and reflects much honor upon Prof. Davis as an instructor as well as those who took part in it. This manner of proceeding necessarily puts a premium upon public speaking and we trust in consequence to hereafter see much more interest shown in Rhetoricals.

A NATURAL ERROR.

They met at a church reception ;
A ninety girl was she,
He came from o'er the ocean
And registered ninety-three.

In the course of the conversation,
She spoke about her brother,
Said, "He's a Michigander,
You ought to know each other."

Up spake the foreigner then,
His English rather loose,
A blush o'erspreading his features,
"Are you a Michigoose?"

—*Cornell Era.*

The work upon the new steam plant has been pushed to its utmost. The open season has been much in favor of its progress. Temporary buildings have been erected which has enabled them to go ahead and place in position the two large boilers, that will be required to heat the different buildings. In a few days it is expected the fires will be started. This one plant will furnish steam to heat the Main building, the Armory, the Ladies' Cottage and the Laboratory. While there may not generally be noticed a great difference from this manner of heating the main building as compared with the old, yet to the thoughtful student there will be much satisfaction in the knowledge of the additional safety gained by the removal of the boilers from underneath the building to the isolated position they now occupy.

On Sunday morning, January 12th, the Sophs were agreeably surprised to see floating

upon the armory tower a flag in Freshman colors; agreeably surprised, not because it was Sunday morning, for they deplored very much the fact that such a morning was chosen for this Freshmanic demonstration, but because a long looked-for opportunity was at last given to teach the Freshman the respect that was due their superiors. No attention was paid to the flag until after chapel. Then they very deliberately walked over to the armory in a body and in a short time they gained and held possession of the lower part of the tower. The Freshmen seemed quite panic-stricken after this and did not give further trouble. They had cut the ladder which ran from the first landing to the second, about twenty-five feet, but Aull, who is an expert climber, soon succeeded in scaling the wall and reaching the top of the tower. Fifteen minutes after the Sophs had left the chapel the Freshman flag was in shreds, the different strips decorating the button-holes of the Sophomores. So endeth the first chapter. It might be well to state (in order that no one should be led astray) that the above piece was written by a Sophomore.

The college library is now undergoing a system of cataloguing known as the Decimal classification or the Dewey system. Miss Fernald, daughter of President Fernald, of the Maine Agricultural College, has charge of the work. The cataloguing will scarcely be finished before next June. While there is a great amount of work and time required to complete this classification, yet when it is completed it will be so much more convenient than heretofore, that all will wonder how they tolerated the loose and unsatisfactory plan of past years. Whereas at one time it took hours to find any great amount of information upon some particular subject, it will now take scarcely as many minutes. A catalogue of subjects and numbers will be kept upon the table in the reading room, which will refer to a system of cards, which in their turn will