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THE description, given in another column, of the decorations of the Chapel last Sabbath, was ready for use on Wednesday, but was held back at the request of those interested in the work, in order that a fuller explanation of the meaning intended to be conveyed by the various emblems might be given.

THE silence of the Juniors in regard to class election presents quite a contrast to the wire-pulling of last year. The leaders have either lost interest, or else have changed their tactics, either of which would be much to their credit. There is no reason why animosity should exist in these elections; yet it is well known that at nearly every election many enemies are made, and the popularity of some man is greatly impaired. There are many men in '83 who would make excellent officers, and in filling out a ticket considerable attention should be paid to their standing in the University.

THE Senior class, for some reason, has not taken as prompt action as has its predecessors upon the subject of a photographer. The advantage of choosing this person early in the year, and thus giving him an opportunity to do his work without being hurried, have been sufficiently demonstrated in past years. If the sentiment of the class is in favor of an Ithaca photographer, it is fully time that he be allowed to begin his work; and if the person selected is an ar-

tist from some other city, the necessity for prompt action is all the more pressing. Let this matter be attended to at the next meeting of the class.

PROBABLY, within a week, the election for Senior class officers will take place, and before many days the tickets for this election will be in the field.

After the bitter experience of last year, it seems hardly necessary to urge that no discord should exist in the class. With the present small number of members such a division would be certain death to all hope of suitable success at the close of the year; indeed, anyone who attended Class Day last spring would hardly wish to see it repeated, unless some improvement could be made.

There seems to be little cause for trouble at this election, since the factions, if such we may call them, are so nearly equal in numbers. Last year parties of fifty and thirty, respectively, strove for control, but this year it would require a struggle at the polls to decide which is the stronger numerically.

Last year the political air seemed infected with discord; factions seemed to be in order, and splits occurred from the Senate of the United States down to the graduating class in the Ithaca High School, the members of which could not agree upon a day for the taking of a class photograph. This year, however, it is to be hoped that no such fashion will be prevalent, either in the legislation of national and State affairs, or in the councils of Senior classes.

The leaders of the parties in '82 will do well to profit by the troubles of their predecessor, and spare the class the long era of strife and bitter feeling, and the probable injury to the closing exercises. The last scenes of the Senior year should be free from any discord, and should linger as a pleasant remembrance in the minds of every member.

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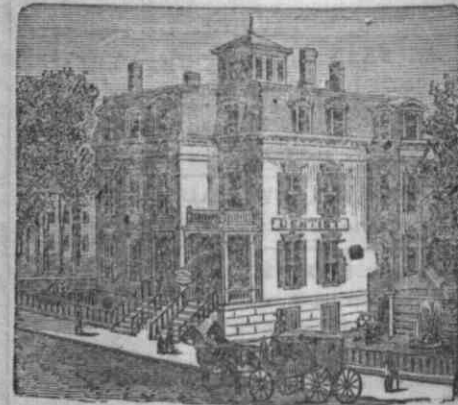
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two parties be represented as nearly as possible, and let the arguments, for or against a candidate, be simply and only his qualification or unfitness for the office to which he has been nominated.

Chapel Decorations.

The decorations of the University Chapel, last Sabbath, were far too beautiful to go unmentioned. They were the most tasteful and artistic tributes of love and respect to the late president, that were to be seen in this vicinity, and reflect much credit upon those who had the matter in charge. From the top of the great east window, heavy mourning curtains fell in deep folds and were partially drawn aside to disclose the prayer, "Thy will be done," written in immortelles, with the first word significantly separated from the remainder. Beneath this were inserted the dates of his birth and death, "'31, '81," skillfully wrought in crimson in the midst of the dark hemlock that covered the wall. In front of the pulpit, the monogram "J. G.," was placed above the crossed swords symbolizing his career as a soldier and as a Knight. At either side were foreign palms, emblematic of his peaceful fame, and of the love felt for him by all peoples. The draping of the central pillars—types of strength and firmness—between the chancel and the nave, was very suggestive, and combined with the other rich and appropriate adornments to produce an effect not soon to be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

Sunbeams.

—And now Princeton is growing in disfavor with the University of Pennsylvania.

—No lecture in Physics to-day. The first recitations in this subject will be held next week.

—Graduates from all the Eastern colleges have united in forming a university club in Philadelphia.

—The Alphabetical List of Students, with the places of their residence in town, will be out on Saturday. Each student is entitled to a copy, which he can get by calling at the Business Office.

—Two hundred students of the University of Wisconsin refuse to pay for fuel and light, and the matter will be tested in the courts. The students claim that, as the Uni-

versity is a free educational institution, any charge is illegal.

—Great difficulty seems to be experienced in making up a Freshman crew at Yale. Though there will be either three or four places to fill in the University boat, yet this does not seem to be sufficient inducement to the entering class. The *News* is making some strenuous appeals to the students on this point.

—The firm of Campbell, Richardson & Co. has been awarded the contract for getting out the stone for the foundation of the Physical Laboratory to be built by the University. The material is to be taken from the quarry on the University land. The contract for constructing the building has not yet been awarded, but it is expected to be soon, as it is intended to have the foundation walls completed before snow flies.—*Journal*.

—Prof. Anthony reports a pleasant and profitable summer abroad. The work on the new Physical Building will probably progress more rapidly, now that he has returned. Several new and very valuable pieces of apparatus have been added to the equipment of this department during the summer. Especially noticeable among these are a spectrometer, an elaborate chronograph and a very accurate and expensive clock.

—Mr. Harry Paris, of the firm of Paris & Emig, has some crystalized wheat-heads that he intends to present to the University Museum. These wheat-heads were dipped into the famous "Sprudel," a hot-spring near Bresleau, Germany, where Mr. Paris has been visiting during the past summer. The Sprudel is famous throughout Germany for its health-giving properties, as well as on account of the heavy deposits of mineral quickly made on any object held in its waters.

—Rev. Thos. R. Slicer, of Brooklyn, preaches at the chapel next Sunday. Mr. Slicer has been here quite often, having preached already at least four times before our students. He is a young man, apparently about thirty-five years of age, and has acquired quite a reputation for eloquence. He speaks without notes, and has always left a very favorable impression upon his hearers here at Cornell. Judging from the past, we can promise the

students a rich treat on the coming Sabbath.

—The order of work for the Junior class in Essays and Orations this term will be as follows :

Oct. 11th—Essay. The subject is under three topics, upon each of which about a page is to be written : 1. Praise no man until you see he is dead. 2. Smallest things make known a man's true bent. 3. The man who fears hears noise on every side.

Oct. 27—An imaginary speech. Subject: Alexander's speech at Arbela.

Nov. 17—Essay. Subject: Perhaps there is no species of exercise in early life more productive of results useful to the mind than letter writing.

Dec. 8—Oration. Subject: Leaders who can inspire enthusiasm.

Sonstrokes.

SCHUMM, '81, is about to start a paper in Madison, Wis.

E. F. CHURCH, '76, is drafting for the Greenwood Machine Co.

B. H. REEVE, formerly '80, entered the Albany Law School, this month.

LOUIS L. SEAMAN, '72, is chief of the medical department of the Charity Hospital at Blackwell's Island.

SAGE W. SCHUYLER, formerly '75, is engaged in the freight department of the L.S. and M. S. railway at Chicago.

DR. F. P. STEVENS, '73, who is situated in New York City, made a lengthy visit to Ithaca the early part of this month.

W. A. BAKER, '80, enters this year upon his second course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in New York city.

J. F. SEYBOLT, '73, who is an attorney and counselor at law in Port Jervis, was married last March to Miss Carrie Fowler of Huguenot, N. Y.

W. L. SPRAGUE, '73, is practicing law at Naples, N. Y. In a recent letter to a member of the University, he says, "glad to see Cornellians at any time."

E. F. WILSON, '84, spent the greater part of the summer in Cayuga County, conducting agricultural experiments and introducing new agricultural implements.

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