

in the land somewhat that the average collegian has no other employment than playing base-ball, breaking Freshmen's doors, "sequestering" gates, or howling round the chapel on the occasion of any public exercises there, to the terror of ladies and disgust of gentlemen. And we believe this popular delusion is in great measure due to the occasional failure of the students to discriminate between what is in place, and what is not only out of place but bordering on asininity and freshness. The undergraduate loves fair play, and has an enthusiastic regard for the fame of his college. And we believe a little thought as to the rights of the speakers and the effect upon the citizens of the better class who attend the oratoricals would result in a marked change in the character of these exercises.

There is a *Wesleyan Bee* published by the students of Ohio Wesleyan, Iowa Wesleyan, or some other one of our numerous western namesakes—blamed if we know which—and some of our esteemed exchanges seem disposed to hold fast to the erroneous idea that this same *Bee* is the organ of the one, and only, *bona fide* Wesleyan University. We receive requests to exchange addressed to the *Wesleyan Bee*, and get all sorts of startling information about Wesleyan quoted from the *Bee*. For instance, we read in the *Occident* that Sigma Chi has been suppressed by the faculty at Wesleyan, "for stealing apparatus from the laboratory," and the members suspended. Now we wish to request the exchange editors to "cut this out" and cease circulating base slanders on Wesleyan.

And we would like to inquire if there is no right of property in the names of colleges as well as plays and books. And if so, wouldn't it be well to get out an injunction on those semi-fitting schools in the West which flaunt the name of Wesleyan, with a local prefix which can be conveniently omitted at times? Or can't the college fill its depleted coffers, so as to build a new dormitory, gymnasium and boat-house, endow some more professorships, increase the library, etc., by collecting dama-

ges from these institutions for the use of our name, for the honor it has given them, and the discredit and misapprehension it has brought upon us? At least let us try for a royalty, if one-half of the western Methodist universities (?) are to use so promiscuously the name which our college had made famous nearly a half century before they came into existence.

Wesleyan's record in rowing has been a good one. In 1873, '74, '79, and '82, her crew took second place in the inter-collegiate regattas, and fifth place fell to her lot in '75 and '76. In '82, on the Harlem, the Princeton, Atalanta, and New York Athletic crews being competitors, our boys led the way over the line. In '73, again, our Freshman six-oared crew took first place at the Springfield regatta. This record is surpassed by few—perhaps we may say, considering the size of the college, by none. Its excellence becomes still more apparent when we remember the unfavorable circumstances which have surrounded the efforts that have been made. Lack of money has at nearly all times been a serious obstacle. We have had boats not the best, and a boat-house (if such it may be called) almost the worst. Without any permanent building for the use of the crews, with no endowment fund to rely upon, with comparatively few men to choose from, without the reputation that belongs to larger institutions, Wesleyan has certainly done "most excellently well."

But we must not be content to rest on our oars. These former successes should be only preliminary to more pronounced victories. Second place in these regattas does not satisfy us; the lavender should float at the very front. To attain this object, the boating interests of the college should now be placed upon a firm footing. Even if we cannot at the present time obtain a fund which shall secure the annual expenses of the Rowing Association, we ought to, and we can, build a good boat-house. The work already done towards it will probably bring the association \$700. Yet this money is not the gift of the alumni generally. Although a thousand circular letters have