

At a recent meeting of the Sophomore class a committee of five—E. C. Strout, E. L. Blaine, C. E. Spaulding, W. F. Dales and W. B. Gwinnell—were appointed to nominate five editors for the Olla Pod. next year. This board of five will elect two business managers, which will complete the board. They intend to have their Olla Pod. out reasonably early in the year.

Personals.

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'33. WESLEYAN'S FIRST ALUMNUS.—"So you've come to ask about my college days? Take this easy chair, and I will try to tell you of them." These words were spoken by Mr. D. H. Chase, whose name stands first on the Alumni Record. Mr. Chase needs no introduction to our Wesleyan readers, for surely you have all looked into his pleasant face, and if you have not heard his story, you have perhaps wondered what Wesleyan used to be in his day. But let him speak for himself.

"My freshman year was spent at 'Columbia.' Prof. Anthon was one of my teachers there,—and such a teacher! Thorough? Why, yes; and you can scarcely believe the amount of work he put his classes through. It was an inspiration to be under the man, for he was so enthusiastic in what he taught, that almost before you knew it, you yourself would catch some of his zeal.

MIDDLETOWN.

"In the fall of '31, Wesleyan was opened, and I came here. I was expecting to be ranked as a Sophomore, but, thanks to the good drill I had been under, I was admitted to the Junior class upon certain conditions. * * * Yes, Middletown was quite a commercial place in those days. The trade with the West Indies was very brisk, and our streets, especially those near the docks, presented a real lively appearance. Our easiest way to reach New York was by boat, but in the winter we were compelled to go by stage. The stages jogged along at a provokingly slow rate, stopping often for passengers or meals. In fact, a good walker could cover about as much ground in a day as some of these old-fashioned coaches.

DR. FISK.

"Dr. Fisk was at the head of the college then. Yes, of all men I have ever met, I should place him in the front rank, and perhaps as the first. What a face he had! so dignified, so kindly, so expressive of that active mind and noble heart that was his! And then his voice,—have you ever heard a rich voice whose very words were melody? Dr. Fisk had just such a voice, and this and his manner, and your thorough belief in the man, compelled your admiration and your love. The Doctor

had an excellent command of himself. I never saw him give way to anger for a moment, though he had provocation enough, I assure you. I shall never forget how I came to love him. Some new rule had been established to which I objected. I went to Dr. Fisk, and entered a vigorous protest, ending with, 'Well, Doctor, I don't know what's going to be done about it, but I shall not obey this rule.' The Doctor made no reply, but looked at me—not in anger, but with one of those quiet, longing looks that were peculiar to him. The next day he talked to me on the subject. There was no harshness in what he said,—only a tinge of reproof for my hasty words. From that hour I was completely won over to him."

01 "EAAHNEE.—Dr. Kalopathakes, well known at Athens as the editor of the *Star of the East*, will probably be in town soon as the guest of Prof. Van Benschoten. Prof. Van Benschoten had until lately also expected a visit from Mr. Clarke, so prominent in archæological circles because of his recent excavations at Assos.

WORCESTER ALUMNI.—Wesleyan men seem to have an inside track in Worcester politics. Rather singular, but the Worcester "undergrads" are fond of tracks, too.

S. W. Cook '53, Emerson Warner '56, Alfred S. Roe '70 and Forrest E. Barker '74, were delegates from Worcester to the Republican State Convention held in Boston, April 30th.

'40. Rev. Joseph Denison has been appointed presiding elder of the Atchison District, Kansas Conference.

'46. Albert J. Whittaker, cashier of the Trenton (N. J.) bank, died in Trenton, March 28th. He was a man honored and respected by all.

'58. Rev. D. C. Knowles has been elected a trustee of this university.

'66. George C. Round is taking a prominent part in the Virginia Local Option Alliance, which is pushing the battle for temperance in the Old Dominion. The society, whose president by the way is a distinguished ex-governor of the State, has presented recently a forcible memorial to the legislature.

'69. Prof. C. T. Winchester has begun a course of lectures at Hartford upon the Elizabethan Period. The *Courant* says: "Professor Winchester's style is already known in Hartford, and the ease, the grace, and the felicity of his manner are too familiar to need comment. His delivery was somewhat more forcible than a year ago, but he is the same modest and charming delineator of men and of manners, of art and literature."

Apropos of the first lecture of the course, which was given last year in New York, is the remark of a student at one of the professional schools: "The lecture was surprisingly interesting. I could have listened all night with pleasure."

'70. Julia M. Dellicker, wife of E. Hill, '70, died suddenly at her home in Norwalk, Conn., April 22d.

'74. A letter from W. W. Martin, reports that he is teaching in the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, and