“A polite man,” says de Morny, “is one who listens with interest to things he knows all about, when they are told by a person who knows nothing at all about them.” What an awfully polite man our Professor of Elocution must be!

The Rowing Association has appointed an Executive Committee, which is considering the feasibility of getting up a series of entertainments or lectures for the benefit of the Association. There is no reason why such an undertaking should not be successful. Three years ago the Association presented a farce, *Romeo and Juliet*, from which a handsome profit was realized. There is in College as much enthusiasm and confidence in the management to-day as there was then. It is to be hoped that the Association will push this matter through, for it is especially desirable that three or four hundred dollars be raised at home before an appeal is made to the alumni.

G—n, of the Practical Astronomy class, came very near making an important discovery the other night. He had been observing a star for some time, when all at once the star “went out.” Just as this remarkable phenomenon occurred, W— entered the Observatory, and at once noticed on G—n’s face such a look of utter astonishment, that he was led to inquire if anything unusual had happened, when he was told that the star upon which observations were being made had all at once “gone out.” “Hank” smiled his sardonic grin, and quietly remarked that clouds had heretofore been known to cross the line of vision of the telescope. Friend G—n made no further observations that night, but started for his room, saying that “if the star had gone out, it would have been a remarkable phenomenon.”

Why can’t we have a day set apart for field sports next Spring? If the Athletic Association would take this matter in hand, it might be so managed that it would prove a valuable means of training for the University crew and ball nine. The work which the crew and nine have to do is too apt to be looked upon as a mere drudgery which must be gone through, but which affords no pleasure. But if a series of field-day contests could be arranged for, it would tend to introduce a new spirit of enthusiasm among those who are in training. The only thing of the kind which we have had for years is the annual gymnastic exhibition, which consists simply of purely gymnastic work. What we want is a regular Field-day, with all the contests usually held on such occasions. The contestants would be obliged to take regular practice in running, walking, jumping, &c., which is just the work that our crew and nine ought to do. Besides this incidental advantage to the crew and nine, such a contest would tend to widen the interest taken in athletics by the College and bring us a little nearer abreast with the interest manifested in athletics in other colleges.

Our Eleven has been re-organized, with Prentice, ’82, as Captain. J. A. Saxe, ’85, is a substitute on the team, which now consists of seven Freshmen, three Juniors, and two Seniors. A game is to be played with the Williams College Eleven on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Springfield, Mass. Unless something is done in this game, the College will begin to think that Foot-ball is not our forte. We do not expect our team to win all, or even a majority of, the games it plays; but we have a right to expect them to make a good play once in a while. There seems to be a reluctance on the part of upper-class men to play on the Eleven, and the result is that we have what might well be called a Freshman team with a few upper-class men as honorary members. If the other classes had shown the enthusiasm that the Freshmen have, we would to-day have an Eleven that could play any other college team a good game. We wish our boys all success in Saturday’s game.

**PERSONALS.**

'It is earnestly desired that any news of interest concerning any of the Alumni or former students of the College should be sent to this department.]

'40. Among the members of the General Committee on Missions and Church Extension which has just closed its annual session in Philadelphia, was Rev. Joseph Denison, D. D. He has been twenty-six years in Kansas. During fifteen years of this time he was President, successively, of the Kansas State Agricultural College and of Baker University. He is at present pastor of the M. E. church at Valley Falls, Jefferson Co., Kansas, and would be glad to hear from old college friends.

'44. '56. Opening Day at Drew Theological Seminary as usual brought a large number of visitors to Madison. One of the chief features of the occasion was the installation address of the Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D., ’56, recently elected Professor of Pastoral Theology.

After this an informal celebration of the completion of the last volume of the “Cyclopedia of Sacred Literature," by Prof. Strong, ’44, was held. The work has been in preparation for thirty years, and is spoken of as a “truly colossal monument of painstaking industry, scholarship, and general information.” Some of the most prominent of the Biblical scholars of the different religious denominations of the country were present and extended their congratulations to Prof. Strong.

'49. Rev. Daniel Dorchester was chosen at the recent elections, a member of the Mass. State Legislature.

'51. Charles F. Gerry has been elected recently to the State Senate in Massachusetts.

'62. H. L. Dickinson died at Chicago, Ill., about Sept. 1st, 1881. He had been General Agent of the Conn. Mutual Life Insurance Co., for the state of Illinois for