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VACATION is over, and everyone back at work. The old year, ending the nineteenth century, has taken its place with the uncounted multitudes of its fellows, and is now part of the irrevocable past. A bright new year beams upon us, full of grand possibilities, at once the heir of the ages and the precursor of better things yet to come. Let us fill its record with good things, make it replete with the accomplishment of worthy objects, so that when it, too, shall have silently passed away it may leave a blessed memory instead of a sigh of regret. Reinvigorated and renewed in strength by the happy vacation season, let each take up the round of lessons with a hearty vigor, especially in view of the "home stretch" that now lies between us and the mid-year exams. And to all the EVERGREEN wishes most heartily a Happy New Year!

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THE Y. M. C. A. of the college is certainly to be congratulated on its success in sending a man to represent it at the Pacific Grove Conference. This matter has a two-fold importance, as it will not only benefit the Association, but will benefit the college at large in showing men from other colleges, up and down the Pacific Coast, that "we are here," and are not lacking in enterprise in anything that will make for moral and mental progress. One thing every student in college must feel is that the W. A. C. can and will take its place in the front rank in all matters pertaining to the larger movements in education in the Northwest. This can be accomplished in no better way than by

awakening a true interest in all movements which interest many colleges, and the college Y. M. C. A. movement is certainly an important feature of modern college life.

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It is now time that the matter of the annual oratorical contest be worked up among the students. For the benefit of new students we had perhaps better explain that this contest is open to all collegiate students. A twenty-five dollar gold medal is the prize awarded. Besides this, the winner represents the college in the annual inter-collegiate contest, which will be held this year at the U. of I. These contests are becoming, year by year, a more and more important event. With the large increase this year in the collegiate ranks, we feel sure that there is much oratorical ability lying latent which the contest will develop. The interest taken thus far in the declamation and debating contests is most encouraging, and we expect great things of our orators. Students returning from their vacations with increased strength and vigor should be in particularly good form for putting themselves in trim for the contest. The event is a rare privilege, both as an opportunity for winning distinction and also for gaining experience—the most valuable thing in the long run. We certainly hope to see a large number of students enter, and make the contest this year the most brilliant one in the history of the Oratorical Association. Let each one entering feel that it is in their power to win, not only at home, but in the inter-collegiate contest.

Non-Subscribers, Attention!

It is still painfully evident to the management of the EVERGREEN that there are a number of persons in college who should be subscribers to the paper, but are not. To all of our readers belonging to this class, after you have borrowed, begged, stolen or "got" this copy which you are now reading, we would say that our patience has been untiring and our pleas unavailing, for it would seem almost long enough. The year is waning, however, very fast, and we realize that it does not seem good business policy to charge the full subscription price for the paper for the rest of the year, including back numbers which are so peculiarly pleasant for

the Subscription Manager to hunt up in the dark corners of his office. Therefore we offer the paper for the rest of the college year for seventy-five cents. Now, our handsome but peculiar friend, are you not ashamed of yourself for not having lent your support to the college paper thus far, instead of borrowing it from your neighbor on the way up from the postoffice after dinner, and then returning it with the encouraging observation that it was a rag, etc., etc., etc.? Furthermore, seeing that you have saved twenty-five cents by this remarkably honorable process, can't you do the proper thing by us, and turn the other seventy-five cents into the hands of the management and receive every week henceforth a paper all your own? Let your New Year resolutions materialize into at least this much, and we warrant that you will find a clear conscience and a paid-up subscription go well together, and both contribute largely to your success as a student.

—THE EDITOR.

Among the Exchanges.

Exchanges have not been finding their way to the sanctum as fre-

quently perhaps as we might wish. Among those we have received we note an ever-increasing number of high school journals, most of which are very creditable.

There are many articles in the average college papers which either smack strongly of the "Brittanica" or the "International," or have been written by members of the faculty of the institution whence they emanate. The scope of the vision of a callow youth when he mounts upon an encyclopedia is something wonderful. He

"Sees the world as one vast plain,
And one endless reach of sky,"
and from that lofty eminence there is nothing in all the wide domain of creation upon which he is not ready to elucidate a ready opinion. With regard to the other matter, all we can say is that this thing of publishing a paper purporting to be issued by the students of an institution, and then stuffing its columns with articles written by members of the faculty is a farce of a marked degree.

A man resembles a kerosene lamp;
He is not especially bright;
He also smokes, gets turned down,
And often goes out at night.—Ex.

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