EXTRACTS FROM THE
Bucknell Chronicles.

XXXVII.
1. And it came to pass in the eleventh month and the third day of the month, that eleven mighty men chosen from among the Bucknellites, met eleven men of the Stateites in battle; and all the host of the Stateites and Bucknellites assembled to behold the conflict.
2. And the chosen men of the Stateites were not able to stand before the men of the Bucknellites, but were driven backwards by them many times, and the hearts of the Stateites were filled with dismay; but the mighty host of the Bucknellites shouted a mighty shout, even a shout of victory.
3. And it came to pass that the Stateites inquired diligently of their wazards and soothsayers as to the cause of their defeat; they also offered incense and bowed down before their gods of wood and stone, but it availed them nothing.
4. Now the eleven chosen men of the Stateites were skilled in tricks and evil ways which their fathers had taught them of old, and they tried by means of them to gain the victory over the men of the Bucknellites.
5. Now the men of the Bucknellites were keen men, as well as men of valor, and the tricks of the Stateites were exposed by them to all the host of Bucknellites and the Cityites. So the men of the Stateites were disgraced in the eyes of the Bucknellites and of the Cityites, and their plots and devices returned upon their own heads.

XL.
1. And it came to pass that the students in French complained exceedingly of the tasks wherewith they were burdened; and their lamentations arose even unto the ears of the king of the institution, but he harkened not unto them.
2. Then said McCracken, the juniorite, “Go to, let us get for ourselves ponies that shall bear our burdens for us.”
3. And the thing pleased his fellows, and they did as he had said; and their work improved exceedingly, so that their taskmaster was amazed not a little, not knowing what had been done; and he straightway raised the grades of the members of the class 80 per cent.

XLIV.
1. Now in the ninth month and the twentieth day thereof, it came to pass that an alien tribe called the Freshites came to dwell in the land of the Bucknellites.
2. But the Sophites, who had dwelt in the land of the Bucknellites one year, looked on the Freshites with jealousy and scorn, and sought to belittle them in the eyes of the Bucknellites and Semites; howbeit the Freshites were brave and ruddy and, withal, fair to look upon.
3. And it came to pass on a certain day that the Sophites declared war against the Freshites and fell upon them suddenly, thinking to take them unawares.
4. But the Freshites did quit themselves like men that day in the eyes of the Bucknellites and Semites, for they repelled the attack of the Sophites and triumphed over them, so that all the people were moved to laughter at the expense of the Sophites.
5. However, not all the Sophites took part in the battle, for when the signal for the charge was given, certain fellows of the baser sort deserted their standard and got them away and hid themselves.
I.
1. Now the contest between the McKinleyites and the Bryanites waxed hot in the land; and Boyer, the Bryanite, went forth to speak against the McKinleyites.
2. And it came to pass, when the captains of the McKinleyites heard of it, that they were filled with dismay, and they consulted among themselves as to what they should do, for great multitudes because of him did desert the faith of their fathers and wandered away after the false gods of the Bryanites.
3. And they said, Go to, let us send forth Terrell, the Ethiopian, to answer him, and it may be that by him the people may be made to see the error of their ways.
4. And the captains of the McKinleyites did as they said, and Terrell, the Ethiopian, spake before thousands of people, and he prevailed mightily over Boyer, the Bryanite.
5. And the people of the land did vote on a certain day as to whether or not they would accept the gods of the Bryanites, and when the ballots were counted, lo! the people had rejected them, because they remembered and believed the words of Terrell, the Ethiopian.

I.V.
1. Now after these things the Bucknellites dwelt at peace among themselves and with all the world; and their fame increased so that many came from afar to behold them and the wondrous things which they did; and great numbers came, even from the ends of the earth to dwell among them.
2. But the Semites dwelt in the land adjoining that of the Bucknellites. Now the Semites were daughters of Eve, exceedingly beautiful and fair to look upon. And it came to pass that they waxed fat and prosperous, so that all the Bucknellites were moved to admiration. And the Semites did smile and wink with their eyes at the Bucknellites, so that the hearts of the Bucknellites did palpitate exceedingly because of it; and they had no peace day nor night for love of the Semites, and they did consult among themselves how they might win their hearts.
3. Then said Huff, the Seniorite, "Go to, let us send Ruch, the silver-tongued wooer, to intercede for us so that the Semites may look with compassion on us."
4. And the Bucknellites did as the Seniorite said unto them; and Ruch went on a certain evening, took his stand beneath a window, and did sing most melodiously, playing the accompaniment on his harp. And it came to pass as he sang, that a window of the Sem was opened, even on the third story thereof, and a bucket of water was thrown upon him so that he was compelled to retreat in haste and dejection of soul.