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## LONGFELLOW.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine, on February 27th, he is now in his sixty-seventh year. He enjoys a very favorable reputation for a man mind is unfortunately so constituted that no poet can hope to have his poetry appreciated while he is so indiscreet as to his native city, which he touchingly decribes in his poem, "My Lost Youth," as "The beautiful town that is seated by the objects around his home that it seems as if we must also remembe
The black wharves and the slips
And the sea-tides tossing free,
The Spanish sailors with bearded lips,
And the beauty and mystery of the ship
And the magic of the sea."
Instinctively we recall the words of th
Lapland Song" that haunted his boy hood's dreams-
"A boy's will is the wind's will,
And long long thoughts are those of his youth, for they shall live many years after the " forever, never" of the " old clock on poet's life, and into the eternity of his fame. He entered Bowdoin college at the age of fourteen, and graduated in 1825
Of his life in college we have at present no other record, but that he was a most
thorough student, evidently thinking in the words of his as yet unwritien poem, that " life is real, life is earnest." In the firs mall brig, visiting Denmark and Iceland and familiarized himself with the languages of those countries. Hawthorne, the great bright May morning, years after their chool-days were over, he followed his boyood's friend to the grave, he wrote-
"The faces of familiay friend
Their voices I could hear,
nd yet the words they uttered seemed to chang
or the one face I looked for was not there,

## And baffled my pursuit."

After graduating he commenced the study f law with his father: but neither his taste nor his talent inclined to this vocation, nd, perhaps, when he was trying to per found to do, came to his mind the vision of hic pelt

## Who through long days of labor And nights devoid of ease, <br> And nights devoid of ease, Still heard in his soul the Of wonderful melodies,"

He was appointed professor of moder languages at Bowdoin, and giving up law he accepted this position ; but previous to
taking it, he spent some time in Europe. In 1835 he was appointed to the same position at Harvard, which he held until 1854 His earliest poems were written for the United States Gazette. In 1834 was pub-
lished his first prose effort, "Outre Mer,"
 the unstudied freedom
of freshness and originWho will deny Mr Browning her plac $\begin{array}{ll}\text { among } & \text { poets, } \\ \text { "George } \\ \text { Eliot" } & \text { her }\end{array}$ among novelists? Mis Mulock's charming no vels and poems ar
known too well to nee more than a passing " A Noble Life," an A Brave Lady," a full of rare pathos an
beauty. They enchai
ur sympathies, and show the brave struggle Nerwhelming korro heart, and appeals to th heart, and we feel the
She elevates the thought by showing the superi ority of true natures over

In 1841 was published "Ballads and
other poems." This collection contains "The Skeleton in Armor," which contains known, was suggested by the digging up of round tower at Newport. "The Wreck of the Hesperus" came to his mind one night during the progress of a storm, and rising
from his bed, he wrote the entire poem without a light. In this book also, we fin the picture of the "brawny-armed village blacksmith," that perfect type of contented industry, who goes through life, "toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing," and "looking the
whole world in the face, for he owes not any man."
One of his most widely known poems was written while riding in a city car. Happening to pick up a piece of paper on which
was writien this single word, there flashed immediately into his brain the vision of a youth bearing "a banner with a strange
device, Excelsior;" and taking the first device, Excelsior;" and taking the first pened to be a letter that day received from Hon. Chas. Sumner, he crowded upon the back of the envelope the milliant poems. Longfellow is animated ir his ympathies; his poems have been calle the gospel of good will set te music." Glancing through his works, how varied
and beautiful are the impressions they call up to both ear and eye. With him we seem to hear "the wailing garments of the
the night, sweep through her ebon halls ; we stand with him in the arsenal at Spring field, and think
Were half the power that fills the world with terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and
courts, Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of arsenals and forts."
We, too, "stand on the bridge at mid night," and listening to the music of his hyme, our burdens fall from us and are with him we listen to the "tales of a way side inn," with him we seem to hear "the hurry of hoofs in the village street," to see "the shape in the moonlight, the bulk in the dark," ay, even the very sparks struc out of the flight of that steed that carried
Paul Revere on his " midnight mission," one hundred years ago. His poems speak o us so much like the voices of friends, that we say of him as he does of children

## "I will put you down into the dungeon, <br> In the round tower of my heart, <br> Yes, forever and a <br> Till' the walls shall crumble to ruins,

But while we praise his shorter poems e must not forget the longer ones, which are equally as beautiful. "Hiawatha"
he most successful American poem y written, and its " frequent repetitions and vild reverberations" have been echoed on both sides of the water. "The Courtship f Miles Standish," a tale of old colon days, in Plymouth, the land of the Pil grims, is equally beautiful, but not so gen-
prally read. But the sweetest of all his sordid cares and temptations. She show first suggested to Hawthorne by a friend, imitate and follow.
mitate and follow.
Mrs. Stowe's
Americanisms well Americanisms well. Her pictures of Yanke and Southern life, with their peculiar institutions, have had their own influence on the public mind. We see her exaggerated
coloring, but we recognize the true back ground.
Mrs. Whitney, who thinks girls and home-firesides not too mean subjects for fine painting, has given us an insight into New England, that we shall not soon for and analyses character with a master-hand In " Hitherto," how she has drawn contrast between the nervous, restless highly-organized woman, and the commonplace, practical worker, who sees lif as it is, not as she dreams it to be. Ho ture in contrast with its " surface gleam." She shows the jarring of phlegmatic temperment upon nervous, yearning natures text, "Put yourself in his Place," to our own discords, She shows us
houghts idealized and expressed
Frederika Bremner's quaint home scen Stal's de Stael's show us France, and as the
authoress of "Quits and Initials," carries us among the German and Swiss mountain. Then take us, Americans, into the old world and their introductions to these foreig homes and peoples, will be the closest mee ing some of us shall ever have with them. Jean Ingelow's beautiful poems carry into waving corn-fields and in deep forest' shade, and show their soothing influenc upon weary heart and brain. Picture afte picture rises,
upon it, where,

## Blue and green were glad together, With sunlight flitting through."

Crowds of bees are giddy with clover,
Crowds of grasshoppers skip at our feet
Crowds of larks at their matins hang ove
Thanking the Lord for a life so sweet."
Sweet Alice Carey's tender poems an
ballads are the outpourings of a pure, patient oul, breathing earnest th o pure, patie searching in every line. All who hav taught an impatient heart to struggle throug the life-worries and cares, into patience The wisdom that we suffer to says,
The wisdom that we suffer to, is better than a creed ships gone,
Plant thou thy

Adelaide Proctor's poems, too, breath weet patience and fortitude through thei graceful pictures.
From the poetess to the novelist again, to recall the variety of George Eliot's talents, the terse, epigrammatic apothegms and well-balanced inferences that seem like inspirations? She has shown the skill of a
Thackery in depicting the influence of the cold, narrow Casauban, upon the ardent impetuous Dorothea. Like him she has
shown, to the life, the misery of ill-assorted marriages, and the influence of circumstan and surroundings, in making or marring
insight into heart and motive has awakened cynicism. Her sparkles of thought and re
flection are worthy of a Bulwer. He aphorisms have been collected into a separate volume from her various works-an
honor seldom paid a writer-male or female. honor seldom paid a writer-male or female,
Of the "lesser lights," Mary Howitt, Of the "lesser lights," Mary Howitt,
Mrs• Hemans, Charlotte Dronte, "Fanny Mrs Hemans, Charlotte Dronte, "Tanny
Fern," Grace Greenwood, "Gail Hamilton George Sand, Miss Muhlbach, deserve at least a word of
and time forbid.
We have, I fear, already exhausted you he promptings of genius, within, pleadin or utterance, she can,
Gain an utterance that men know her by,
Create and fetch a something out of chaos, real
and
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## HISTOR

To write briefly upon the subiect of Hisory, and do justice to ones thoughts, and a he same time to do justice to the subject re well nigh impossible. Ranging through
he culture studies of any school, we will ot find one that will ofler equal attractions with History. It is not merely a political
r a social record, but it is the journal of the world's progression or retrogression ar course of reading must be self evident It is only in the light of past events, of the
formation and overthrow of formation and overthrow of govenments and dynasties, of the progress of the mechanics, arts and sciences, of the whims,
sentiments and customs of peoples generaions and centuries back, that we can se ur own position and status as a people
a knowledge of what a certain nation people posessed, their opportunities and what progress they made under those ei umstances, compared and contrasted wit what we have and enjoy, and what as a na-
tion we are now equal to and can do in the scientific, political and commercial world, nables even an ordinary intelligence to de ermine whether or not we are retrograding, To the student of human nature no bet which to study the peculiar and mutabl nature of man. There the force of the human will, the power of an individual mind, and strength of emotions, the inconsistencies of the affections, and the depravity of the his mental view.
The philosopher finds food for reflection nd ever varying fortunes of governments buman foresight and judgement. The Statesman has in History his guide. To be successful, he must be conversant with the
lives of the statesmen who, generations before him, ruled the destinies of a mighty people and government $\cdot$ their follies are to him practical warnings; their weaknesses, make for him his strength by avoiding the
mpediments over which they fall ; but alas or good intentions, how few of our modern statesmen profit by the misfortunes and erors of their predecessors
Few sabjects are more instructive than
hat of the changes in religious sentiments and ideas from the fourteenth century to the present day; how dogmatism, bigotry and atheism, each struggled for the supremacy, and how each in turn, gained the
ascendency, yet all ultimately yielding to the popular demand for a higher and purer religious knowledge, a greater range of
thought, and a deeper insight into the thought, and a deeper insight into the
mysteries and attributes of God. While mysteries and attributes of
the tramp of ages resounds to the acclamations of millions of worshipers of God, the the history of the struggles for civil and whose only monument is the verdict of history and the final triumph of the principle hey died for.
The histories of history are manifold. ruel, in which tyranny brought revolation, and upon the ruins of a former government higher plane of civil and religious liberty, teach to the arbitrary governments of to-
day that an enlightened and liberal policy is the only poliey upon which a nation can endure The histories of those nations
where intelligence and freedom are found make eloquent plea, in the development sm and science, and the prozress of the ism and science, and the progress
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necessity of living for our fellow men
s well as for ourselves, and also hold up
o the view of the rising generation the
he fact, that honesty of purpose, purity of
principle, and nobility of character, have
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## THE ANNIVERSARY

Four years ago, a few Omaha boys got together and started a literary Society, then known as the "Philomathian." The out growth of that society is the subject of these
notes, the "High School Literary and Debating Society. The first meeting was hel two years ago, November 27th, in Redick' Opera House. The main object of the so ciety, at that time, was to secure a room in accomplish this end, it had to work itse up to a respectable standard before it could material in those days was of the The kind, and ere long the society found itself the possessor of a commodious hall, well furnished and fitted by the Board of Edu cation. For this it has always manifested a feeling of gratitude, and the simple fac that it received this mark of appreciation, to act in a manner that would show their worthiness of it. During the last yea great improvements have been made in th conduct of the meetings as well as the pla of progression in debates and other exer-
cises. Among these might be mentioned the new plan of discussing a question twic or three times before deciding it. By thi method a question is presented with all it points and bearings, and that oft abuse functionary, the president, has an opportu nity of deciding the issue on what he heard, not what he lid heard. semi-monthly paper, edited by a differen
member each issue, has so far proved quit member each issue, has so far proved quite
a success. Taken all in all, the society can well feel proud of its past record, and i the coming years shall witness as many laudable improvements as the past, it wil yet be to Omaha what the Arcadian is New York.

EDITORIAL NOTES
The University $\overline{\text { Press addresses one pape }}$ to Omaha, California-a bad case from university.
Miss Anna Snow was just getting up to leave a train of cars a few weeks ago, when
she found a roll of bills of a large amoun in her lap, but how they came there she did not know.
The Oxford Undergraduates' Journal, England, has bemost educational journals of that the journal will hereafter be one of our regular exchanges.

An American Grand Duke who spent $\$ 1,500$ to graduate at Harvard is now a post-master in lowa, at a salary of $\$ 24$ per year. What would he have been but fo
The young man who made a "menagerie" of himself at the anniveasary last year, ver dexterously avoided a recurrence of such a
performance this year, by taking a part somewhat more proportionate with his abil

The Debating Society of this city has completely used up the usual list of questions admitting of discussion, and now pines for something fresh to hack at. Can't som of our college exchanges make a few sug
gestions in this line, and help the boys out
The University authorities in Ann Arbor, Michigan, are making a vigorou effort to enforce the State laws in regard to selling liquor to students, and have served ingly. There is no need of anything of kind in Omaha we are proud to state.

We have received the first number of the National Teachers' Monthly, a new publica tion of Chicago. It is a good sized magazine, and contains several well written articles on various topics of interest to teachers. Nearly all the eollege papers that reach our table are supported by college funds We would not be surprised if, some day he Board of Education did not grant us small subsidy
The High School Gymnastic Club, on the "things thst were," owned, at the time of its death, a very valuable pair o boxing gloves, and as their whereabout have not been known lately, it has bee uggested that some of the boys hand in heir depositions.
After a lapse of several weeks, the Uni ersity Review comes to us with the salutaory of a new Editor at the head of its ediorial columns. The Review suspended about the time that Grant vetoed the Fi-
nance Bill, and would only venture out nance Bill, and would only venture out gain after the ren.
was made known.
A very pleasant and at the same time instructive exercise, introduced by Prof Kellom in the High School, is an occasiona hour spent by the school in writing sketche. the kind, the subject was "Longfellow," and that occasion has since been known a the "Longfellow Matinee." One of the ketches there read is published in this num er, and will be found on another page.
The Georgetown College Journal will eld responsible for the following libel The High School reflects, by its appear nce, great credit on the typographical re sources of a place so remote aud so newl he organ of a flourishing school, and dedicated to public school interests, there is no one of exclusiveness or narrow-mindednes bout it. Its relation with other institu erance of any.
We are indebted to Miss Clara Campbell for a complete report of the proceedings of the High School, in honor of the great American poet, William Cullen Bryant. The action of the High School in this case was quite appropriate to the occasion, and it will form an important item in the hist ry of the High School. The article reterred to, which includes a letter from that distinguished gentleman, will be found in another column.
ROLL OF HONOR.

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following lines: following lines
"The melancholy days have come, the saddest of
the year, on wawn wind leant naked woods, and meadows
beapeen in the hollow of the grove the autumn
leaves lie dead leane lie dead,
The rustle ruste to the edving gust, and to the
rabbit's tread; The robin and the wren are flown, and from the
shrib the jay
And rom the wood top calls the crow through al
the gloomy day."
He then stated that this November Third is your eightieth birthday, that you had come to this great age by the constant practice of temperance and obedience
laws of life-that among all the American poets you best interpreted the aspects and voices of nature, and yielded to no one the lofty moral tone which has always charac-
terized your productions. After urging us to study your poetry, commit it to memory, imitate your virtues, and pray that many more birthdays, as bright as this, may be yours on earth, he sat down, when one of the pupils made a motion that we send to this favorite poet, as a token of our good wishes and regards, a photograph of the building in which we are taught, and in which his poetry is so often read and adopted and the undersigned appointed to forward to you the pieture.
Please accept it in behalf of the eight hundred pupils who, in this common schoolhouse, are taught all the way from the English Alphabet to the Greek Omega. By good judges it is pronounced the most expensive, convenient and beautiful Common School edifice in the United of the Missouri
situated on the west bank of River, nearly three hundred feet above the muddy waters, which ever flow from the mucdy waters, whis the Mexican Gulf, a
Rocky Mountains to the journey of 4500 miles.

Very truly and respectfally yours, Clara M. Campbeli, Stacta Crowley, Frank W. Baldwin,
Charles R. Redick.
Charles R. Redick.
Rosiyn, Lova Island, N. Y., Nov. My Friends :-1 thank you for the
notice you have taken of my birthday in notice you have taken of my birthay
sending me the photograph of that noble building in which you receive instruction, and which, I have no doubt, you are justly
entitled to call the finest Common School entitled to call the finest Common School
building in the United States. It is really a stately edifice, and I could wish nothing better for those who resort to it than that the instruction given there may be on the same noble scale.
Again thanking you and the teacher who was pleased to speak so kindly of my poem,

I remain, yours faithfully,
Miss Clara m. Campbeli
Miss Stacta Crowley,
Mr. Frank W. Baldwin,
Mr. Frank . Charles Rediek.
THE ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES
The Second Anniversary of the High School Literary and Debating Society which event was celebrated on Friday the 27 th of November, passed off very pleasant-
1 l , and the recollectiuns of the happy occasion only make all who participated look forward to the time when another year shal have rolled around, and the occasion present itself again. We regret that we have not space to enter into a more detailed account of the exercises, suffice it to say that he several participants acquitted themselve quite well.
Among the visitors present were the
of Brownell Hall, the Saratoga Literary
Society, a full delegation of the High Schoo young ladies, and several teachers, members of the Board of Education, and private citizens.
The following was the programme as arranged by a special committee appointed for the purpose:

Delamation-W. A. Redick,
Essay-J. M. Ross,
Delamation-C. MeDonald,
Essay-W. H. P. Essay-W. H. Potter, Declamation-C. J. Emery, Society Paper-F. R. McConnell. Debate-Resolved, That as civilization advances morality deteriorates. Affirma
tive, C. R. Redick, G. W. Shields. Nega tive, J. T. Ferguson, B. F. Stout.

## A TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

We are informed by Prof. John Rush that there will be a Teacher's Institute held in this city during the holidays, between Christmas and New Years. It will commence on Monday, December 28th, and continue during the week, or as long as will in necessary. The place of meeting will be ern Business College, the rn Business College, the use of which ha been kindly tendered by Professor G. R. Rathbun. It will be a County institute, but we are authorized to say that teachers in adjacent counties, and throughout the State, are invited to attend, and will be made welcome.
This is a move in the right direction Teachers' Institutes are very beneficial, inasmuch as a great many little points and deas in teaching are there learned. The Institute supposes to represent the intellect hat is engaged in least that portion of it that is engaged in teaching; and it is here that opinions are expressed and ideas inter changed on the subjects of teaching, govern ment of schools, recitations, \&c. Every teacher in the County should make it a point to be present, and help to make this, the first annual County Institute, a glowing ccess.
-Only One Price asked at Bushman's.
-Prof. Love don't love the way the boys tamp on the schoolroom floor.
-Col. E. F. Smythe has moved his law from Creighton: Block to the Odd Fellows Building, cor. Dodge and 14th Streets.
-Dr. E. Lewis has also moved over there, and his office will hereafter be found ne second floor of that building.
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-All communications to secure insertion must be handed in before the 20th of the month. This rule is imperative.
-We would state to parties now getting up clubs, or who intend to get up clubs for this paper,that we will furnish a Silver Brick, half the size and half the value of the one described last month, for a club of 25 .
-See Bushman's New Advertisement second page.
-Our learned young friend Mr. H. D. Estabrook, who has quite a good reputation $\$ 50$ composer of music, recently received operatta of his own composing.
-Students will please read our advertis ing columns and patronize the business firms who have enterprize enough to lend their assistance to a journal of this kind.

## -See Bus

-We saw some beautiful specimens of drawing on exhibition at the High School and upon inquiry we were informed that they were executed by N. J. Nelson, young man in the employ of Mr. Keyes He is quite an accomplished artist.
Elof Neilson is the name of a young man who commenced in the first grade last Christmas, and is now in the eighth, with a good prospect of going into the High School at next examination. Besides this he has worked mornings and evenings for his board and a small salary, and does as much good on the Sabbath as he can, by taking dollars a month. Keep on Elof.
-The office of the High School is now on the second floor of the Odd Fellows' new building, cor. Fourteenth and Dodge Streets, where subscriptions may be left.
-We have heard several complaints o subscribers not receiving their papers through the Post Office. To those parties floor, Odd Fellows' block.

## sensible and useful with his present at

 Bushman's.-The class now studying zoology wants to go into chemistry this winter, and only needs the chemical apparatus necessary make a start. It seems from what we ca learn that the Board of Education does not feel disposed to furnish them this fall, the reason for which we know not. 1 The ap paratus will ${ }_{c}$ have to be bought some time and as only the simplest and least expensive parts are asked now, there is a great deal of disappointment felt by both pupils, and teachers at the action of the authorities in this matter.
-Among the new contributions to the $\mathrm{High}_{2}$ School Cabinet are two very large petrefied bones, pronounced by Prof. Smith to be the end of the radius and ulina at the elbow joint of the mastadon; also a fragment of the same animal's jaw. These petrefactions were presented by Chauncy Wiltze, who found them while travelling through Western Nebraska with his surveying expedition last summer. Dr. Graft of this city will also accept the the thanks of the High Sohool for a very valuable collection of mineralogical specimens. Two roceiv eceived from Prof. O. C. Marsh of Yale which favor that gentleman
himself is highly appreciated.
Santa Claus is always liberal as well as sensible and useful with his presents at Bushman's.

## PERSONAL

-Arthur Huntington and Henry Sharp have recently returned from a two weeks and up at the Santee lakes. The noiss was a little annoying to the geese up there, but otherwise they did no harm.
-Prof. Robt. King, of Kalamzoo, Mich., a traveling representative of the American York, recently called at the High School, and in company with his former classmate, Prof. Smith, also visited the smelting uable mineralogical specimens for exhibition in the museum he represents.
-Through a note from Prof. A. F. Night ingale, we learn that Miss Marion Murdock has re-entered the "School of Oraory" of the Boston University, at
-Miss Libbie Wood, formerly of the Junior class, High School, is now teaching school in this state.
-Miss Lizzie Hatton, of the sophomore class, has left the High School, and will try and learn all there is to know about the Great Western Business College, in which she has commenced a full course.
-Messrs. Geo. Jewett and Chas. Sweesy intend to take a pleasure trip to Europe, next spring. Jewett will go along to watch the morals and manners of Sweesy, while he is away from home.
-Miss Ida Goodman, of the sophomores, will teach school at Grand Station through the winter months.
-Our young friend, Master Henry Rusin, was recentiy presented with a pony and saddle, and will hereafter do his traveling on horseback.
-Harry Sperry, who has been holding he ribbons over a pair of fast mules in the interior of the state, has returned to the city.
-Mr. Henry Bushman has gone to Sarpy Centre, a flourishing little town in Sarpy County, where he conducts a branch dry goods store.
-George Lake has just returned from n extensive pleasure tour through several eastern states. Among the places he visitJersey City and New Haven, Pittsburg, looks well and says he enjoyed his trip.

The Elements of Physics, a book for Acadmies and Common Schools, by Sydney A. Norton A. M., is a new publication by Wilson Hinkle \& Co., and atter having arefully reviewed it, we have no hesitancy in asserting that it is a very desirable work. The object is a systematic and symmetrical
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An SA，now，I mean 2 write
2 U，sweet KT J－，
$\stackrel{2 \mathrm{U}, \text { sweet } \mathrm{KT} \mathrm{J}-}{\text { The girl without } \mathrm{a}}=$ ，
The Eelle of UTK．
11 der if U got that 1 1 wrote 2 U B4
1 sailed in the RKDA，
And sent by L N Moore．
My MT head will sarce contain，
A calm IDA bright；
But 8 T miles from you， I must
M —nthis chance 2 write．
M－～this chance 2 write
And 1st，should NY NV
$\mathrm{BEZ} ;$ mind it not：
B EZ；mind it not；$;$
Should NE friedshbip show， B true
Shound should not B Agot；
They shen
But friends and foes alike DK，
As U may plainly O
In ev＇ry funeral RA
15 Derore next reuruar
THE ANNIVERSA
And if you cannot cut a
Or cause an ！，
I hope U＇ll put
21 ？
R U 4 anXation 2
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$A$ \＆2，of land．
Ho says he loves U $2 \times \mathrm{xs}$ ，
UR vir2ous and YY
In XLNO XI
，
All others in his II．
This SA ，friend，till U I O
1 pray U 2 XQQ ，
And do not burn in FEG，
My young and wayward muse．
Now fare $U$ well，dear KT $J$－ I trust that U R true；
When this U C，then U can ray，
＂An SA IO U An Salou．＂

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MISCELLANEOUS．
－Nothing blunts the edge of ridieule like good humor．
－＂Gentlemen who expectorate on the floor cannot expect to rate as gentlemen．＇
－A Senior gave the following excuse for an imperfect recitation in Latin：＂Profes－ sor，I have not secured a grammar yet and beg to be pardoned．＂－Wittenberger．
－Twenty－one Freshmen were recently suspended from an English College because the Professor couldn＇t find out who put that earpet tack in his chair．$-E x$ ．
－A Chicago paper says that no one man in fifty knows how to carry a ladder easily The best way is for a man to carry the holes，and hire a boy to carry the rest of it．
－＂Dear me，how fluidly he talks，＂said Mrs．Partington，recently，at a temperance meeting，＂I am always rojoiced when he mounts the nostrils，for his eloquence warms every cartridge in my body．＂
－A wit is sprouting，all unknown to fame，under Comimon＇s fare．Grubber．－ ＂What could these chickens have lived on， to make them so tough？＂Punster．－ ＂They lived on from year to year．＂－Yale Record．
－When Napoleon was a small boy he was asked whether he could tell of what nationality he was，and he indignantly re－ plied，＂Of Corsican．＂When Chang and Eng was a small boy he was asked whether he was a native of Siam，aud he indignant－ ly replied，＂Of course Siam．＂
－There are twenty－four Colleges in Pennsylvania，representing ten religiou denominations．It either speaks badly for those Colleges or well for Wooster，that the names of so many students from Penn－ sylvania are found on the roll of our Uni－ versity．Come along，gentlemen，we gree you．Who next？
－This matter of fact epitaph may be found in our cemetrey ：

> It was a cough That carried her off; And a coffio They carried her off in.一Ex.
－Item for Trench．－The Japanese have no equivalent for our word＂baptize，＂ and a learned American，in composing an English－Japanese dietionary，could find no word more nearly corresponding to＂bap－ tize，＂than＂soak．＂Afterwards，translat－ ing the Bible，for＂John the Baptist，＂he was obliged to substitute＂John the Soak－ was．＂$\quad$－Packer Quart to substitute
－A＂hard case＂was interrogated the
other Sunday，by a friend who had just seen him at church，but whom he now found swallowing a glass of brandy and water at a public bar－room：＂I saw you in church this morning listening to a dis－ course upon righteousness and temperance，
how comes it that I now see you here drinking＂＂＂I always thirst ater ripht drinking？＂＂I always thirst atter right－
eousness，＂was the answer．－Index Niag．
－＂The Hesperian Student，＂speaking of the Literary Society and the work that is necessary for its continued success，in quires very pertinently of every student a to his intentions，and classifying as follows asks to which class he wiil belong：

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＂I stood upon a hill top，
A moonbeam struck a dew dro A hoove a sigh．＂
－Boys Using Tobacco．－A strong and sensible writer says a good slarp thing and a true one，too，for boys who use to－ bacco：
＂It has already ruined thousinds of boys．It tends to the softening of the bones，and it injures the blood，the spinal marrow，and the whole nervous fluid．A
boy who smokes early and frequently，or boy who smokes early and frequently，or in any way uses large quantities of tobacco， energy，and generally lacks muscular and physical as well as mental power．We would warn boys who want to be anything in the world to shun tobacco as a most baueful poison．＂

PREP．SONG．
Oh，I wouldn＇t bo a Freshman，
But I needn＇t fret about it，
For I couldn＇t if I would．
what a teacher should do．
Make few if any rules．
Should govern himself
Take care of his health．
Visit the schools of others．
Avoid governing to
A void governing too much．
Call on pupis promisucus． Call on pupils promiscuously．
Cultivate a plessant counte Cuttivate at pleasant countenance．，
Teach both by precept and example． Require prompt and exact obedience． Encourage parents to visit the school Require prompt and accurate recitation Labor diligently for self－improvement． Subscribe for some educational journal．－ Say，the＂High School．＂ Insist upon attention from the whole class．
Prepare himself for eocl Prepare himself for easch lesson assigned．
Attend teachers＇associations and institutee He tend teachers＇${ }^{\text {＇associations and institutes．}}$ Make the school－room cheerful and attractive． He should be courteous in language and action． Banish ail books at recitation except in reading． Theroughly understand what he attempts to teach it．
Manifes
anifest an active interest in the studies of his
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