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#### LADY FRANKLIN.

BY JEAN INGELOW. ws build and the leaves break forth, My old sorrow wakes and cries, know there is dawn in the far, far north, And a scarlet sun doth rise: scarlet fleece the snow-fields spreads. And the icy founts run free, e bergs begin to bow their heads, And plunge, and sail in the sea.

lost love, and my own, own love, And my love that loved me so! never a chink in the world above Where they listen for words from below? I spoke once, and I grieved the sore; I remember all that I said, ow thou wilt hear me no more-no more Till the sea gives up her dead.

lidst set thy foot on the ship, and sail To the ice-fields and the snow; cert sad, for thy love did not avail, And the end I could not know; ould I tell I should love thee to day, Whom that day I held not dear? gould I know I should love thee away. Whom I did not love anear?

hall walk no more through the sodden With the faded bents o'erspread,

all stand no more by the seething main While the dark wrack drives o'erhead; all part no more in the wind and the rain Where thy last farwell was said; ghaps I shall meet thee and know thee

When the sea gives up her dead.

#### THE WILL-O'-THE-WISP.

BY G. D.

erhaps most young readers of the H SCHOOL already know all about Will-o'-the-Wisp or Ignis Fatuus," lest there should be any who have peard of one, I will give them a words to enlighten them.

n marshy and swampy places, genly during the warm months of sumand autumn the vapors and gases ch the heat of the sun causes to rise at be mistaken for a lantern in the of some person. In fact it has iently occurred that belated travelwho have lost their way, have been ived by it, under the impression that light proceeded from the window of e house, or from some other source ich might lead to a place of rest for

remember when I was very young mother told me of a little boy who ly lost his life by means of a "Willhe-wisp." One evening, late in sum-, when the sky was completely hidfrom view by heavy, dark clouds, ad occasion to visit the village, some nce from his residence, and, as he delayed longer than he expected, it very late before he was able to re-. Between him and his home lay a ewhat extensive swamp, which he en crossed by daylight in returning m school, in order to make what he ned a "short cut"—though his usual home was around by the roadway. had never ventured to pass through fter dark, lest he should miss the and tumble into one of the numerholes and ponds in which the place

This night, however, encouraged by clouds partly dividing and allowing moon to shine out, he thought he ght risk the journey without danger, thus save half an hour's walk.

He started out, and had reached the iddle of the swamp when the sky in became overcast and the moon s hidden under a thick cloud. How-The moved on as rapidly as he safeould, hoping that the moonlight tht shortly shine out; but the clouds his dreary route. Still he pressed not, the test of active life and time will 'efully on, straining his eyes in his ef- | prove.

forts to distinguish the outlines of some familiar object.

After long walking he was somewhat surprised not to discover any trace of the highway, and gradually it began to force itself on his mind that he must have got on the wrong path, and that probably each step he took was taking him further from his destination. He paused and looked around him in dismay, completely at a loss how to proceed, and was just beginning to despair of reaching home before morning, when he espied a light not far off. He at once supposed that it must be some one, who, like himself, was making a "short cut," and carried a lantern to direct his footsteps. He cried out loudly to the stranger; but the light moved steadily on. The man was, perhaps, too far away to hear him, he thought; so he started off in rapid

He followed the light as closely as he could, and, from the swift manner in which it passed along, he believed its owner must be well acquainted with the locality, and thinking there must be a safe path in that direction, he proceeded on with less care. After running hard for some time, he saw the light change its course, and as he was in the act of making a final effort to overtake it, he suddenly stumbled, and found himself to his shoulders in water. He called loudly for assistance, but his cries were perfectly unavailing. After struggling for half an hour he at the cry of "copy" would cease to trouble length succeeded in extricating himself, and, as he looked around, he beheld the sight just disappearing in the dis-

He knew now it was utterly useless for him to make any further endeavor | The undulating hills are covered with m the moist ground, form a kind of to get out of the swamp before morncor or luminous body, which may ing, and wet and shivering, he lay cause of their unprotected state, as if etimes be seen gliding smoothly over down on a little dry hillock, where he they had grown there without human asurface of the earth, within a few was in a short time overcome by sleep gency. There are no long lines of sentiof the ground, and, on a dark night, and fatigue. When he awoke the sun nel boards marking out meum et tuum was already up, and he perceived that he had wandered a considerable distance out of his way, and I need scarcely say that he lost little time in starting

> On reaching home he found his father and mother, who had been up all night, in great anxiety for his safety, and, as he told them his misadventure, he learned that what he took for a man with a lantern was nothing more than a "Will-o'-the-wisp."

> But, there is another and more treacherous "Will-o'-the-wisp" than the one which deceived the little boy,-one which leads those who follow it, into holes and pitfalls more terrible and dark than any which you can imagineit is Worldly Pleasure. Those who leave or stray from the highroad leading to Home—that Home where an effectionate Father watches anxiously for our coming-and proceed to run after this delusive light will find themselves deceived, and ultimately left deserted by their faithless guide.

## MRS. LINCOLN OUT OF THE

ASYLUM. A correspondent of the Chicago Mail, writing from St Charles, Ill., in the vicinity of Bellevue Insane Asylum, says that Mrs. Lincoln is pronounced well enough to leave the Asylum and visit her sister, Mrs. Edwards of Springfield, and adds: "It is not likely that she will return to Bellevue Asylum, as there is some feeling evinced in the matter of her incarceration by friends who refuse to believe her insane. A leading lady lawyer of Chicago has been with her much of late, and, with the assistance of her husband, also a lawyer, will assist in Mrs. Lincoln's restoration to the world. She is grew darker and darker, until at decidedly better, sleeps and eats well, gth he was left in the deep shades of and shows no tendency to any mania; swamp, with nothing to guide him but whether the cure is permanent or



VIEW OF THE OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

#### IN THE COUNTRY.

Editor High School:-Our vacation trip was not a very extensive one, as you will remark, when informed that it consisted of a fifteen mile journey to a Nebraska farm house; but if we were to tell you all the wonderful things we saw and heard even in that short trip, your editorial ears for at least two editions. The first thing that strikes one who has been accustomed to the neatly enclosed farms of the Eastern States, is the entire absence of fences. fields of wheat and corn that look, bebut one broad stretch of crop-covered prairie. We like the no fence plan, it preserves the natural beauty of the scenery and leaves the hills as wlld and uncultivated looking as when they were the pasturing ground of antelopes. A friend who accompanied us, and who is fond of classical allusions remarked that it brought to mind how the hills must have looked in the golden age, when 'men held all things in common, and the earth brought fruit spontaneously.' But the sensible old farmer to whom she addressed this remark replied, that the no fence system was a nuisance, because it entailed a herd law that made no end of trouble and worry. Alas, alas, why is it, that poetry and beauty can never settle down and live quietly in the same country with common sense and utility? City-bred people are very much given to crying out upon the ignorance of county folks in general, but bring one brought up in the city, out on a farm among farmers and the shoe fits the other foot. Let me tell you privately, that my friend who is given to classical allusions, never cut a sorrier figure in her life than during those three days in the country. She did not exactly ask which one of the cows gave the butter-milk, but did other things quite as ridiculous. - For instance, she came running into the house with a face as white as the wall, crying out that one of the turkeys had gone mad, for he was all puffed out and his head was as red as a coal, and he ran after her making the most hideous noise she ever heard. It was as you will surmise only an old gobbler who was talking politics in the farm yard, and giving occular proof that he was a strong inflationist. We went

a fishing and caught, besides colds in

our heads, two unhappy looking fish,

that we threw back into the water, not

through pity but contempt. We were caught ourselves after a while, in the rain, and a more dilapidated looking crowd of fishers you never beheld. We went horse-back riding, but side saddles were scarce and it is not quite so easy to maintain your equilibrium or the other kind; I speak from experience. We visited the district school house, school not being in session, and found it much as you have heard them described by visitors at the H. S., who begin their speeches, "Students, when I was young we had not the educational advantages vou enjoy. I went to school in a district school house down in-" &c. There were some pictures of the "Teacher" ornamenting the wood work inside and out, that gave us a very exalted opinion of the beauty of that individual and the artistic talent of the school. On our return to town my classic friend brought with her as a curiosity, a goose egg, which she in her innocence supposed to be a remarkably large hen egg. Truly there are more fools than those beyond the Tiber. STACIA CROWLEY.

#### LOCUSTS.

The locust commences hatching about the middle of April in warm places, and continues hatching about six weeks, though most hatch in the first two. They deposit their eggs mainly in September and October. They have a spade on their tails, by which they can drill into the hardest ground, which they prefer. They will drill a hole so as to admit their bodies in an elongated form from tail to butt of wings, in which places they leave their eggs in a water-proof membranous sack. They generally leave from sixteen to twentyfour eggs. Whether the same locust failed to ascertain; but the number is fearful to contemplate.

The locust is a skilled navigator of and more visible shapes? the air. He will ascend from one current of air to another until he arrives in a current moving in his wanted ill-ventilated school-rooms is a subject course: often so high as to be invisible to the naked eye. Freezing has but little effect on the young or old locust. He may be frozen up in ice for many hours, and the warm sun will bring life back again. It takes many hours to drown him in clear water. In mud- | fell messenger alike, whether planned dy water they die soon. In coal oil they die instantly. Active poisons have no effect on them as far as I have is a notion, too prevalent among the tried. I believe there is nothing in the insect or animal families that will eat as much as the locust, according to ed him by his constituents. Hence a

imals, is not possible within the few duty of providing the warming and moments their food is retained. Locusts will eat each other up as fast as they die in the fall; and it is only a few of the last that die that can be seen late in the season.

The American locust is a plague that the nation will be forced to contend with, and the sooner the better. This year the locust hatched out in vast numbers from the base of the Rocky Mountains over a strip of country from three to four hundred miles wide. In 1864 they came here on the 26th of August. In 1865 they hatched out here and left in a southwestern direction. In 1874 they came from the north, as in 1864, and arrived July 22d. In 1864 they did not all get to this point in their southwestern course, and it took until late in the fall of 18-65 for all of them to pass. In 1874 they came sooner than in 1864, and it is expected they will pass this line of latitude, about 41 deg. N. longitude, about 105 deg. W., very early this year. It apparently takes the main host ten years to make the circle. Some get behind by being hatched out late, and a few may be coming for two or three years, or there may be offshoots in their ranks.

The sooner the government appropriates one million of money annually to pay for locusts by the bushel, according to size, in the infested districts, the better. If the government would annex the duty of watching them to the Signal Service, it would save millions of money annually, as their movements can be easily foretold; and people can be forewarned of their approach one year or more in advance, and govern their acts accordingly.

The locust will flourish from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This year they hatched out healthy in Missouri, through Kansas, Indian Territory, and in Colorado, up to the snowy range. FRESHMAN.

#### VENTILATION AND WARM-ING OF SCHOOL-ROOMS.

The importance of a subject which affects the public welfare cannot always be judged of by the attention which it receives. Nor can the attention it practically receives always be determined by the amount of general talk it begets. This is singularly true in certain departments of hygiene.

Let one or two persons in a villiage become the victims of a mistake by a careless druggist, who should answer a a prescription of calomel by putting up arsenic, and what a sensation it creates! The newspapers are clamorous, and the public are profoundly moved. But let anthracite poisons from a wrongly-managed stove or furnace steal imperceptibly through the apartments of a school room, and sow in sixty or more bodies the seeds of disease and premature decay, and who gets excited over the fact, however well attested by medical skill ' deposits eggs more than once I have Is death by the insiduous malaria of an ill-ventilated school-room less to be feared than when he comes in ruder

The reckless tampering with human life in some of our wrongly-heated and too little thought of by the guardians of education. God never suspends the laws of nature to accommodate human ignorance. A furnace wrongly make and set, or misplaced ventilators, or a badly managed stove, will invite the and operated by a learned school committee or an ignorant janitor. There uneducated masses, that a professional man is competent for any duty assignsize. They are vegetable mills. Diges- lawyer of repute, or a learned divine, tion in them, as in other insects or an- are often charged with the important

sanitary appliances for a school-house. They may have studied the subject practically, and so be able to meet every requirement, or they may not know even the construction of a hot-air furnace, much less how it should be set up and operated.

We once visited a school-house built under the supervision of one of our ablest lawyers, where the ventilation was placed at the top of the room directly above the hot-air register, as far away from children as possible. In the same building were set two expensive furnaces, provided each with a deathdealing, back-check damper, which were pouring stealthily into the air of the room mephitical gas in quantity sufficient to guarantee to a majority of the children "delicate" health and an early grave. This is not the only instance within our observation where official ignorance has jeopardized life in masses. There is a growing need of practical intelligence in this matter of heating and ventilation; for were the death-records carefully studied, they would reveal the sad fact that thousands have sown in their bodies fatal deseases traceable to the atmosphere of public and private apartments.

The subject of providing warm air and pure air is one demanding more special study. The principles of fluedrafts and the flow of warm and cold currents, the chemistry of combustion and of respiration and the changes these affect in the air of rooms, the proper location of heaters and ventilators for effecting sanitary and economical ends—these are all subjects which everybody is supposed to understand, but in regard to which there is very little reliable knowledge. What is needed is some specific instruction, for the masses, on these vital matters.—A. W. Sprague, in N. E. Jour. Ed.

#### HOW AN AMERICAN LADY EN-TERTAINED A QUEEN.

Our fashionable readers will remember the beautiful Mrs. Hicks, whose wealth and attractions caused so much gossip at the national capital one winter. Well, this lady is to-day a distinguished feature in the fashionable world of London, and is followed, flattered, sought and sued in a way to startle one, for it is seldom an American lady, however accomplished, rich and beautiful, wins such success.

It happened in this way. Mrs. Hicks arrived in London a few days in advance of the Queen of the Netherlands. She took for herself all the best rooms, did Mrs. Hicks, of the Clarridge Hotel, the aristocratic resort of this great society center. Shortly after the Government notified the landlord that these same rooms had been selected for the Queen. The landlord informed Mrs. Hicks that he must have the rooms for royalty. Mrs. Hicks respectfully but firmly declined. She had engaged the rooms; she was in them; they made her castle, and, as an American woman, she, too, was a sovereign. The vexed lanlord was disturbed, he was excited. He would have torn his hair had he possessed anv. As he was quite bald he appealed to our minister, her cousin. The vexed question became a question of state, and no end of diplomatic correspondence passed before a compromise was effected. It was arranged, at last, that the Queen should occupy the rooms as the guest of Mrs. Hicks. The Queen did so, and she was deighted with out fair countrywoman. Mrs. Hicks received with her guest; was invited to court balls with her royal visitor; and now she is dined and wined and entertained in a way to endanger her constitution, and many a male member of the nobility, with an income and acres somewhat embarassed, looks longingly at the beautiful, accomplished and wealthy American widow. —London Cor. Washington Capital.

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#### ILLITERACY OF THE UNITED STATES.

DOES THE EVIL CALL FOR COMPULSO-RY EDUCATION AS A REMEDY?

It is a conceded fact that all things being equal, the system of free education is more acceptable and satisfacrory to the people of the United States than would be compulsory education.

It is, when compared with a compulsory system, more in harmony with the freedom of thought and action which we are accustomed to, and which we cherish as the greatest of blessings.

The nature of free born Americans directly opposes any law calculated to force them to do that which they may | tion that Nebraska is the best fruit

It is a principle in our constitutionand the rapid growth, prosperity, harmonious union, and power of the na- that Nebraska is a "Great American tion is attributed to it—that our peo- Desert," we gather from all parts of the pleshall have as much freedom in their State the best specimens of wheat, thoughts, speech, actions and own con- corn, vegetables and animals and distrol as is consistent with good order play them to the world; but when and safety.

which so naturally arise in the breast of to commence, if Nebraska's educafree-born Americans, we will endeavor tional interests are to be exhibited at to show that evils which are referred to the Centennial? We await an answer, in the support of compulsory education and offer as a special premium for are not occasioned by the want of in- the best essay or contribution on this terest in, and lack of attendance at our subject a year's subscription to THE public schools, and cannot be corrected | High School. by compulsory education.

Compulsory education is advanced as a reform. The argument in support of such a system is generally a recital of the great number of illiterates in the United States, ascribing as a reason therefor the lack of attendance at school and proposing as a remedy to diminish these numbers, a system of compulsory education.

As consequence of illiteracy, and secondary arguments, the pauperism and crime of a country, and instability its government, are urged forth with all the powers of oratory, and usually in the most exaggerated forms imaginable.

The base, however, upon which all other arguments rest, is illiteracy, and the proposition advanced is to eradicate this evil and all its attendants, by a system of compulsory education.

The number of illiterates in the United Stats is five and one-half millions; of these five millions are natives. These enormous figures, taken as a whole are what give weight to the assertions that America as a nation is noted for illiteracy. This fact is admitted-it cannot be contradicted, but when the same individuals who so perseveringly urge forth these facts, propose as a remedy for the evil, the adoption of a compulsory system of education, without having first inquired into the cause which produced this evil then we think they have wandered from fact into fancy. Before proceeding further we might state that we would not regard a compulsory law as either obnoxious or injurious, but the enactment of such a law as a remedy for an evil that was Oaklawn private retreat for the insane, not occasioned by the lack of attend- at Jacksonville.

ance at schools in the past, is wrong in philosophy, and therefor uncalled for.

Of the five million filliterates in the United States, four million are in the southern states, and the former condition of three million of these who were until lately held as slaves, the rebellion which, according to Chas. Sumner retarded the educational advancement of those states not less than twenty years, and the lack of schools, (there were but twenty-three thousand schools in the South at the last census, while there were ninety-six thousand more than that number in the north) to say nothing of the lack of energy and enterprise in the erection and maintainance of good schools, need only be referred to as the cause of this showing.

The simple facts are that the illiteracy, upon which the would-be reformers base their arguments in favor of compulsory education, was not caused by wilful neglect of attendence at schools in the past, but is the natural outgrowth of other circumstances, one of which was the want of schools to attend, had that desire been ever so great; and until some more logical reason is advanced for a change to a compulsory system we shall maintain that it would be unnecessary and uncalled for.

WILL NEBRASKA'S EDUCA TIONAL INTERESTS BE REP RESENTED AT THE CENTEN-NIAL? IF SO, HOW?

"Popular governments depend on the ntelligence and virtue of the people." How can we prove this axiom at the Centennial? What shall be done in the way of an exhibition that will furnish a forcible illustration? When we are asked to substantiate the assergrowing State in the Union send on a collection of fruit for exhibition; when we are asked to disprove the assertion we are asked to prove the fact that It is in this light that we would re- the educational interests of Nebraska gard the establishment of a system of are equal if not superior to those of compulsory education as an infringe- any State in the Union, in proporment on our constitutional rights, by tion to its number of inhabitants, then abridging that freedon of thought, ac- we are at a loss to know how to tion and own control, which we have commence the work. Cannot some become so accustomed to, and which live Nebraska teacher or school officer offer a plan that would give a defi-But laying aside all those protests nite idea of what to do, and where

### EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The Faculty of Nebraska Normal School is now constituted as follows Principal, A. Nichols; Mathematics, H. H. Nicholson; Natural Sciences, D. B. Stone: Rhetoric and English Literature, Miss E. C. Morgan; Languages, Miss H. Burt; Elementary Department, Miss I. Bell; Music and Gymnastics, Miss Kate Dickerman.

The Board of Education of San Francisco has declared that the Lord's Prayer is sectarian and partizan and refused to allow it to be read in the

At the close of the last yearly term of the State Normal School an informal meeting of graduates was held for the purpose of forming an Alumni Association. Geo. E. Howard was elected temporary president, and a committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for adoption at the next annual meeting, when there will be a sufficient number of graduates to make a strong association.

A State organization of Illinois adies has been effected with a view of making a proper collection of articles of women's handiwork, design, or literary production for exhibition in the Women's Department of the Centennial. Mrs. Gov. Beveridge is President. Are the Nebraska ladies going to make a move to fill the space in the Women's Department allotted to this

Mrs. Lincoln has gone to visit her sister, Mrs. Edwards, at Springfield, and arrangements have been made, in case of necessity, to place her in the [Communicated.] MINISTERS.

souls this is the most fitting.

In the scale of human avocations the highest place is accorded to the Christian ministry. In view of the sacred character of the work of saving ov Aug. 3:

Of those engaged in the ministry there are many who will justly "shine as the stars forever and ever." But themselves ministers who are as useful in the cause they pretend to represent as the camp-followers are to an army. Their great fault is ignorance (Ignorance is a lazy sin) and this insures a catalogue of evils in which conceit and pride and jealousy stand prominent. can eazily be dun. Shal we accept For want of space I must pass by these this offer from England? I, for one, fruitful points and consider briefly the say yes! relation of such men to the people.

I am aware that many regard the minister, by virtue of his office, above criticism-and just here I will begin:

This inferior class of ministers do most to keep alive the idea that to question the propriety of what a preacher says or does, savors of sacrilege. It is worthy of remark that those who uphold this idea stand most in need of the immunity which it affords. Perhaps this is one reason why they advocate it. But another reason is because these men (ignorantly, I believe) attempt to sustain a false relation to their churches. They practically consider themselves in the light of priests-mediators-dispensers of God's providence. As such they are above the rest of humanity, and have little to do with the world expect to attend to the forms and ceremonies of the sanctuary. They are sacred in (not to) their office, and in their presumption they wonder that one can criticise them and live. This state of things was proper in the time of Moses, but not

The office of the minister should always be revered—and so should the minister-just in proportion as he fills his office well. The true function of the minister is not that of a priest, but that of a teacher. He should then, so a model man. To be such he has need of every variety and degree of cul-

As a teacher of the Christian religion in all its endlessly varied applications to individual, social and political life, to defend it from all attacks, and to commend it to various minds, he has greater need of a broad and any other avocation.

But how do vast numbers of socalled ministers fill this high office? Their ignorance utterly unfits them for efficient teachers and leaders of the people. They know just little enough of theology to be bigoted sectarians. They know scarcely anything of men, political affairs, or social culture. In business they are ignoramuses and in the pulpit they are bores. Some are so lamentably deficient in the rudiments of education as to make it agony to listen to them. They yell for enthusiasm, and when weary subside into the proverbial "nasal twang." One in a short sermon (?) pronounced the word Jonah, Joner, sixty-nine times. Another persisted in saving "Chroist" in a tone of such quality that it lacked only quantity to chill the universe. Another sagely remarked that Christ was crucified on the only dry spot of earth at the time of the flood. And these are public teachers!

I do not deny that a man of deep and earnest Christian experience, and who knows little else, may do good as a minister, but such cases are rare, and when a large proportion of the ministry is so wofully ignorant, nothing but feebleness can come from it; in living, teaching ministry this cannot occur. There is need of a Lucian with his satire to scourge the stragglers into the W. A. H.

was approached by a lad who carried in string, but appearing to be full of sponged on them for the larger part of are an honest boy, my son," said the that he owed his thrifty boarder \$76, admiring blue-coat, and he slipped a the amount credited him for absence at shinplaster to the lad. Ten minutes | meals over that charged for presence at afterwards it was discovered that the meals. It was a Western Reserve man wallet was stuffed with waste paper. | did it.—Exchange.

CONVENSHUN OF SPELING The REVIZERS.

Mr. E, Jones, ov Liverpool, England, one ov the most zelus laborers for a revized orthografy, and one ov the most judishus, writes under date

"Wud it not be possibel to get a convenshun ov speling reformers ov aul English speeking peepel at the Philadelfia Centenial? It wud be a glorious thing to doo, or even to atalong with them are many calling tempt, so as to hav an interchainj ov

This is certainty a favorable time, and a grand opportunity. No insuperable obstacle stands in the way ov carrying out this propozishun. If thoze interested wil moov at once, it

N. E. Journal of Education.

Editor High School—Dear Sir. Please give the above the benefit of your circulation. The proposed revision would be an immense benefit to all, and has finally becom possible. We cannot yet tel just what the revision shud be in all its details, but, surely, ther is not wanting sufficient skil and skolarship to effect it.

Truly Yours. D. P. LINDSLEY. Office Rapid Writer, Andover, Mass, Sept

Mrs. E S. Edwards has excited the wonder of Postmaster-General Jewell. by resigning the Postmastership of Shawneetown, Illinois, with a salary of \$1200, without giving any reason for

Éx-Queen Isabella continues to reside at Trouville, France, with her three daughters. They all ride out daily in a carriage drawn by two horses and surmounted by the French and Spanish flags waving side by side.

Mrs. Collier, a spiritualist of Spring-field, Ill., says: "I have long thought, and I now know, that it is absolutely impossible for a medium to be absolutely, strictly honest, and get an adequate remuneration for the time and trouble expended."

Miss Ada Luck, of Carthage, O., won a cook stove at the Cincinnati fair, as "as the best and most expeditious far as possible, be a capable leader and | cook." In thirty minutes she cooked, cooked well, potatoes, chicken, porterhouse steak, tomatoes and corn, and made coffee, tea, pie and biscuit, and set the table in the neatest style.

Of course she did. A middle-aged woman fell as she was descending a pair of stairs, and the first man to help ner reach her feet was a banker who happened to be passing. "Did you fall, madam?" he inquired, as he seized her arm. "Fall! Of course I thorough culture, than if he were in | fell, you fool you? You don't suppose I'd sit down here to rest. do you?" she snapped. He didn't say.

Two colored citizens Saturday had a little trouble on the postoffice corner. "Sir, I stegmutize you as a falsehoodfier!" exclaimed the first. "And you, sir, are a cantering hipelcrite?" replied the second. "Ah! talk away!" growled the first; but my character is above disproach." "And your influenzoes don't detach from my reputation one Iowa!" growled the other And thus they parted.

A better retort is rarely heard than one made by Andrew Johnson, in a speech delivered from the steps of the White House when he was President. Some one in the audience interrupted him with the remark. "You used to make clothes!"

"Well, if I did," responded Mr. Johnson, with the coolest self-possession, "didn't I make them well?" Can anybody say that when I was a tailor I didn't make good clothes, and make them to fit?"

There is a volume of instruction in this little anecdote. It does not follow that every young man who makes it a rule to do well whatever he undertakes will one day be President of the United States; but it is very certain that without that rule no person can attain to great success in any walk of life.

A member of the last Ohio General Assembly did this: He bargained for board at the United States Hotel, at Columbus, and arranged that he was to pay 50 cents a meal, and whenever he was absent from a meal he was to be credited that amount. He then hunted up some cousins in the vicin-The other day a Detroit policeman | ity, an old schoolmate, a man who had once courted his (the member's) wife, hand an old wallet tied up with a and several other relations, and money. The boy stated that he had the session. When he settled up with picked it up on the street and wished the hotel on the day of adjournment, the officer to take charge of it. "You the landlord was astonished to find

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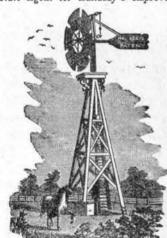
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wo hundred and ninety-seven in the High and Central Schools entered their names for the study ferman, and a few more back ities yet to hear from. So says Decker.

wish all our young friends send in at any time, personals heir friends, newsy items, and communications. By this means an present each month a more exe and interesting budget of news.

High School Literary and De-Society organized on the fourth month for the fall and winter sesand elected the following officers: R. Redick, President; J. M. Vice President; W. H. Potter, ling Secretary; E. W. Simeral, ponding Secretary; W. A. t, Treasurer.

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RE-OPENING OF THE CITY SCHOOLS.

ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS.

The following is a correct list of teachers, grades, classes, and number of pupils in our City Schools. With the exception of the High School, they all re-opened on the first Monday in September. The attendance is taken from the reports of all the teachers up to Friday, September 18th.

High School-60 Pupils. Prof. W. H. Meritt, Principal.

Central School—735 Pupils Miss Nellie M. Weeks, Head Assistant. Miss Sarah Niles-8th Grade.

Miss Lucy Green-7th Grade, A and B

Miss H. H. McKoon-7th Grade, A Miss Laura W. Morse-6th Grade, B

and C classes. Miss Maggie Gilchrist—6th Grade, A

Mrs. Bremigem—4th Grade, B and C

Miss Posey—5th Grade, A class. Miss Fannie Drake-4th Grade, C class. Miss E. E. Johnston—4th Grade, B

Miss Fannie Butterfield-4th Grade, A class.

M iss Minnie Wilson-4th Grade, B and 3d grade classes. Miss Anna Monteith-3d Grade, A and

B classes. Miss Sarah Rollinson—2d Grade, C

Miss Libhie Rollinson—2d Grade, A and B classes.

C classes.

Miss Nellie Weeks—1st Grade, A class North School—380 Pupils. J. B. Brunner-Principal and Teacher

of 6th Grade, A and C classes. Helen Ashbrook-5th Grade, A and C classes.

Mima Richards—4th Grade, A and B

Emma Folsom-3d Grade, B and C Aggie Berlin—3d Grade, A class.

Kate Foos—2d Grade, B and C classes. Miss Leffin—2d Grade, A class. T.E. Burns-1st Grade, B and C classes Hattie Stanard-1st Grade, A class.

South School-274 Pupils. Anna Foos, Principal and Teacher of 4th Grade, A and B classes.

Carrie A. Coates-3d Grade, A and B classes.

L. J. Rav-2nd Grade, A class. Dacile Johnston—2d Grade, B and 1st

Maria Davis-1st Grade, A and B

West School-69 Pupils. J. M McKoon, Principal and Teacher of 1st and 2d Grades.

Mrs. Champlin—3d and 4th Grades. Cass Street School—84 Pupils.

Maggie Mayers-2d Grade, A and 1st C classes.

Miss Balch—1st Grade, A and B classes. Dodge Street School-20 Pupils. Mrs. D. S. Field-3d Grade, A and 2d

C classes. Jackson Street School-53 Pupils. J. M. Houghton-1st Grade, A B and

C classes. Hascall School-30 Pupils. Lucy Hoel-1st 2d and 3d Grades.

3,000 copies of The High School are issued this month.

Owing to the crowded condition of the rooms in the Central School, a class has been lately occupying the club room of the High School Literary Society. The occupants are students in the 4th grade, and they look just about as smart as the debators who meet there every week.

The course of instruction for the High School which was published in a recent issue of this journal, has, with a few slight modifications, been adopted.

Geo. Shields has entered a suit against J. N. H. Patrick, for fifteen thousand dollars damages. That is what he proposes to charge him for his

At the time of writing there had been no assistant elected for the High School, he who has never witnessed this and Prof. Meritt, was attending unaided to the whole school. We are inon of talented artists, will do formed that a lady has been sent for to 1 t occupy the position.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Jas. Chambers has gone to Sidney, Nebraska.

September for Cornell College, Ithica,

Charley Canfield, well known among the Omaha boys, is clerking at | Jas. W. Moore, Treasurer, Neb. City. the Palmer House, Chicago.

Master Will Millard and Miss Carrie Millard went East last month to attend school.

Miss Lesbia Balcombe is now at Mt. C. MATHEWSON. Pleasant, Iowa, where she has recently | James W. Moore. entered upon the duties of preceptress J. T. Allan. in a school for young ladies.

Miss Ida Doolittle left last month for Le Roy, New York, where she will enter the Ingham University and take a three years' course.

Miss Lou Hamlin, of Buckley, Ill., is in the city, visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom. Lemon.

Miss E. T. Stewart passed through this city recently on her way to her home in Loudonville, Ohio.

Prof. A. Brown, of Chicago, who was elected Principal of the High School, resigned that position shortly after, and in his stead Prof. W. H. Merritt of Boston, has been elected.

Prof. W. H. Smith was recently in this city on a visit. He expects to engage in business and remain here permanently.

Misses Mary E. Leffin and Teresa E. Burns, graduates of the Oswego Normal and Training school, have been elected teachers and assigned to positions in the North school.

Miss Mima Richards has returned from Knoxville, Ill., and resumed her position as teacher in the North school. Martin Cahn will return from Germany about the latter part of October.

Mr. J. F. Sweesey departed last month for the wicked city of Chicago, where he will attend the Union College of Law. We regretted to see Mr. Sweesey leave Omaha, but in common with the rest of his friends, are glad to know that he is on the high road to success as a member of the legal poofession. In giving Frank a parting salute THE HIGH SCHOOL would add in the words of an immortalized poet-

> From virtU nevR DV8; Her influence, B9, Alike induces 10dernS, Or 40tude Dvine.

The Board of Education Changes the Boynton Furnaces for the Ruttan

At a recent meeting of the Board of by mail when they go home. Education a change was made by which twelve of the old furnaces (Boynton) were taken out of the various schools and nine new ones of Ruttan patent replaced instead. The Ruttan furnaces are mannfactured by the Ruttan Heating and Ventilating Company of Bloomington, Ill., and are conceded by all who have had any experience with them to be the best and most economical now in use. One feature which commends the furnace is that it burns soft coal, and it is guarteed to furnish more heat from a ton of soft coal than from the same quantity of hard coal, thereby saving in the cost of fuel an enormous sum. The main inducement for the change was the worn out condition of several furnaces that had been in use but three years, and the main argument in favor of the Ruttan was the indisputable fact that one of those furnaces that had been in use three years was then in good order and capable of running several years longer, while the saving in fuel by this furnace was eighteen dollars each month that it had been in use. These facts came under the personal supervision of a majority of the members of the board, and in voting for the change they felt that they were doing the wisest thing that could be done under the circumstances. On the basis of the observations taken from the Ruttan furnace that has been in

exposes a case of soap in his shop window with the pertinent inscription, 'Cheap as dirt.'

use for the last three years, it is esti-

mated that the change lately made will

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The reapers bend their lusty backs; Their sounding sickles sway; At every stroke the golden sea Recedes to give them way; The heavy ears fall bowing down, And nestle at their feet. Such will, such work as theirs, perforce, Must win-must homage meet.

So careless of fatigue they go, So true, so steadily, The admiring traveller on the road Leans o'er the gate to see; With marvel of the soon-fallen breadth. The lounging gossips tell; But the reapers labor for us all; 'Tis need they should work well.

Ere the great sun that burns above Shall crimson in the west, And the children's poppy nosegays fade, And they lie down to rest, Each golden spear that upwards points Shall fall upon the field, And the farmer drain a sparkling glass, Rejoicing o'er the yield.

Ply, bonny men, your sickles bright, And give the people bread! At every conquering stride you take, On want and woe you tread. Drop, heavy ears, and give the strength You gathered from this plain, That man may rise refreshed and firm And do great things again.

God bless the hands, all hard and brown That guide the cleaving plough, That cast abroad the shining seed, And build the wealthy mow; They rear the bread our children eat 'Tis by their toil we live; Hurrah! give them the loudest cheer That greatful hearts can give!

#### EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

Nebraska.-The Nebraska State University opened for the winter term on the 6th of September. The attendance was very light.

The Normal school at Peru Neb., has lately changed the head of the faculty, it is claimed by many, to return but a very meager benefit for the expense it is to the state.

The Omaha public schools opened on the 6th inst., and at the next succeeding meeting of the Board a request was handed in by the superintendent asking more seats and more room for the increased number of scholars. OTHER STATES.

CALIFORNIA.—The Board of Education of San Francisco has declared that the Lord's Prayer is sectarian and partisan, and has refused to allow it to be read in the schools.

MICHIGAN.—The Legislature has abolished the office of County Superintendent; substituting that of town Superintendent-Supt. Doty has entered a well known Detroit firm of booksellers, and is succeeded by J. M. B. Still.

MINNESOTA.—The Legislature has appropriated \$82,000 for school education. Institutes get \$3,000, and normal schools \$3,400.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. - Ten thousand fewer children attended the public schools in 1874 than in

New Jersey.-The Board of Education of Newark have voted, eighteen against two, that the reading of the Lord's Prayer shall be re-

tained in the public schools in that city.

Оню.—The compulsory education bill provides that every person who has children under her or his control, between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall afford them common school advantages for a period of twelve school weeks per annum, six weeks of which must be consecutive, unless the pupil is excused, from satisfactory reasons, by local directors of the boards of education.

TEXAS.—The Educational law passed by the last Texas Legislature fixes the compensation of teachers of public schools in that state at ten cents per day for each pupil in actual at-

DELEWARE.—The Legislature has supplied the efficient school system by an enactment providing for a State Superintendent and board or Education. The board is to be made up of the President of Deleware College, the Superintendent, the Secretary of State and State Auditor. The Superintendent is to receive \$1,800 a year.

Illinois. A writer in the Chicago Tribune avers that to put the boy who must leave school at fifteen, through all the branches of a course intended to fit the pupil for the High School is equal to the folly of purchasing a ticket for Boston from Chicago via San Francisco and round Cape Horn! He says that "of the 48,000 pupils taught in the public schools last year, but 64 reached the goal"this is, the contemplated terminus of the laborious series of useless studies. The writer asserts that it is both stupid and wicked to ask the boy who wants only a common business education to seek so simple a thing though the complex slough of our present system-comparing the cruelty of such a course to forcing a striving man to seek for a grain of wheat in a barrel of chaff.

Indiana.—The Salary of County Superintendent has been reduced from \$4 a day to \$3; the number of days to be spent in visiting schools must not exceed one-half the number of schools in the county, and not more than twenty days are allowed for office work.

MAINE.—The compulsory act embraces children between 9 and 15. Teachers Institutes are no longer provided for-Lewiston, in proporton to its size, appears to have the largest average attendance of any city in the country. Last year out of 3,856 children to have received instruction in the public | Charles the First, which would you choose?" schools.

ran against her husband for school commissioner, and beat him two to one.

A French school-paper gives the following details on the educational condition of Saxony, which country is generally held to come next to Prussia in educational estimation. The entire kingdom, with a population of two millions and a half, possesses 2,143 public schools, in which establishments 430,000 scholars are instructed by 5,000 teachers. To these must be added 124 private schools with 8,200 pupils and 711 masters. Saxony, in addition to these, has 91 infant schools on the Froebel system, aud these institutions are yearly increasing in number. Elementary education is compulsory from the sixth to the fourteenth year, and attendance at the supplementary (evening) schools from the fourteenth to the seventeenth year for the male population. In most elementary schools one of the modern languages is generally taught. The expenses of elementary instruction fall upon the municipalities assisted by the State. In the normal training college for teachers, of which there are fifteen Protestant and one Catholic, the curriculum of studies extend over six years. These colleges are all "internates," and attached to all of them is an application or practice-school.

Bates College has a fund of \$178,412, invested as follows: \$85,300 in railroad and other bonds, and bank stock; five-sixths of Lisbon Block, and lots on Lisbon street, \$45,000; outstanding notes, about \$47,000. If the additional \$30 000 wanting to make up the conditions of Mr. Bates' last subscriptton, can be secured, the fund will then reach about \$300,000.

A bronze statute of Dr. Horace Welles, the dicoverer of anæsthesia, was recently placed upon the park in Hartford. It was executed by T. H. Bartlett, sculptor, by the orders of the State of Connecticut and city of Hartford.

Miss Julia P. Smith, one of the Smith sisters of Glastonbury, whose resistance to taxation has made them famous, it is said has complet ed, unaided, a translation of the Bible from the original tongues, which is soon to be pub-

Switzerland has subscribed 250,000 francs to defray the expenses of the Swiss exhibition at the Centennial. The Turkish minister has been furnished with a plan of the Turkish bazaar and coffee-house to be erected on the Centennial grounds

#### ANSWER TO PUZZLES IN SEP-TEMBER NUMBER.

1. Proverb of Solomon: -1. Peter. 2. Herod. 3. Seir. 4. Derbe. 5. Pentecost. 6. Repent. 7. Obed. 8 Ruth. Pride goeth before destruction.

11. Centennial Pyramid: B

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IV. Blank Acrostic:-Jonquil Upas Nettle Elder

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Athletic sports for ladies: Jumping at conclusions; walking around a subject; running through a novel; skipping full descriptions; throwing the hatchet; and, during the holidays, boxing the eass of troublesome young brothers.

"We read in de good book," says a colored Baptist brother down South, "of John de Baptist-nebber of John de Methodist." And that, says a Charleston correspondent of the New York Observer, is the reason most of the colored Southern people are Baptists.

A newsboy, seated on the post-office steps, counting his pennies over and remarked: Seventeen cents in all. That's five for the circus, three for peanuts, four for a sinking fund, four I owe to Jack, and there's one left to support a widowed mother until Saturday

"It's well enough for you to name your boy Elias," said Aunt Hepzibah, "but for goodness sake don't name him Alias, 'cause the Aliases are always a'cuttin' up bad. Here's Alias Jones, Alias Brown, Alias Thompson, Alias One-Eyed Jack, all been took up for robbin' and stealin'."

It was 12 o'clock at night when Mr. Berger' of Macon, Ga., discovered a colored preacher in his stable untying a horse, and the preacher only observed-"Jess what I said all de time, Mistah Berger, your horse is bay sure enuff. and dat 'spute between me an' Brudder Jack-

"Four doctors tackled Johnnie Smith, They blistered and they bled him; With squills and anti-bilious pills And ipecac, they fed him. They stirred him up with calomel. And tried to move his liver; But all in vain-his little soul

Was wafted o'er the river."

A colored preacher remarked: "When God made de fust man he sot him up against de fence to dry." "Who made de fence?" interrupted an eager listener. "Put dat man out!" exclaimed the colored preacher, "such questions as dat 'stroy all de th'ology in de world."

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"I declare" said Susan, as she watched the people coming into church, "that man looks like a piece of dried beef." "Hush!" said her sister, "it isn't meet in you to talk so."

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