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DREAMING.

LULU SAFE.

Often sitting in the twilight
While the sun's last rays are red,
All our thoughts go outward, onward
Toward the paths we long to tread.

Dreaming in the misty twilight,
Of a future dim and great,
Where the brightest side comes forward,
But the darker side may wait—

Yes, may wait and wait forever,
For who wants the dark side in?
When we dream it's all for brightness,
We leave out the pain and sin.

Oftentimes our thoughts will wander,
Down the vista of the past,
That is checkered with the shadows
That the gloomy hours have cast;

Looking forward to the future
And backward on the past,
To a pleasant meditation;
But dreams cannot always last.

Dream on ye fair young dreamers,
Of the days to come and go;
Dreaming makes the bright seem brighter,
And it hides one half of woe.

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SIR WILLIAM BLACKSTONE.

To the student of law no legal work is more familiar than that of the great English commentator. The profound learning, the elegant style, the philosophical diction which characterize the commentaries obtaining for Sir William much celebrity in his own day, at the present time also greatly recommend this standard work to the general reader and the learned of all professions.

The subject of our sketch was born on the 10th day of July, 1723, in Cheapside, in the parish of St. Michael le Quern. He was the son of a London tradesman, and would probably have followed his father's avocation but for the early loss of both parents, and the responsibility of his education devolving upon his maternal uncle, Mr. Bigg, an eminent surgeon of London. When about seven years old he was placed at school at the Charter House, where his great abilities and industry were fully recognized, obtaining for him the distinction of being entered at the age of fifteen at Pembroke College on the 30th of November, 1736. The refined taste of Blackstone, constantly conspicuous throughout the commentaries is due to his æsthetic passion for the beauties of the classics. This Alexander of the law being as much attached to Homer as the conqueror of Granicus, Issus and Arbela, whom, if report be true, was spurred to fame by the prowess of Achilles, and the magic flow of the epic measure. The influence of Homer upon the world's advancement is from time to time especially evident in the lives of some of our greatest men. Gladstone has pronounced the first book of the *Iliad* the finest specimen of logical argument extant, and Schliemann has spent a fortune in endeavoring to prove that *Ilium* *fuit*. Together with the classics Blackstone also possessed a warm attachment for the exact sciences, and at the age of twenty published a treatise on the Elements of Architecture. He however decided upon the law as his profession, and was entered at the Middle Temple on the 20th of November, 1741. The pleasures of the imagination, the constant study of the great masters of Greek, Latin, and English literature, which he was to abandon for the cares and stern realities of life, are beautifully and feelingly depicted in a poem by himself, which appeared in the fourth volume of Doddsley's "Miscellanies," under the title of "The Lawyer's farewell to his Muse." Two of the eight stanzas of this poem, written in tetrameter verse, are well calculated to deeply impress all who have enjoyed the fostering care of an *Alma Mater*, or who have in youth, when the imagination is most fertile, traversed

with the vagrant Childe "Paynim's, shores, and crossed Earth's central line." They are as follows:
"Shakespeare no more, thy sylvan son,
Nor all the art of Addison,
Pope's heaven-strung lyre, nor Waller's ease,
Nor Milton's mighty self must please;
Instead of these, a formal band
In furs and coils around me stand,
With sounds uncouth, and accents dry
That grate the soul of harmony.
Each pedant sage unlocks his store
Of mystic, dark, discordant lore;
And points with tottering hand the ways
That lead me to the thorny maze."

"Then welcome business, welcome strife,
Welcome the car, the thorns of life,
The visage wan, the pore-blind sight,
The toil by day, the lamp by night,
The tedious forms, the solemn prate,
The pert dispute, the dull debate,
The drowsy bench, the babbling hall,
For thee, fair Justice, welcome all!"

The early efforts of Mr. Blackstone at the bar were of a nature most discouraging. It is said he promised none of the essential characteristics of an orator, attracting little notice, his progress was very slow, and the great commentator is to be classed with many an unfortunate in literature, science, and art who has dazzled the world with the splendor of their genius. All are familiar with the plaintive story of "Poor Goldy," with the pertinent exclamation of the imprisoned Galileo: "But the world does move," and with the melancholy circumstances under which Verdi composed, the soul-stirring melody of his divine *Nebucco*. Previous to 1753 he published several legal essays which procured for him a recognition of his marked abilities, and in the above mentioned year he commenced his lectures on the Laws of England. In 1758 he was unanimously elected as the first to fill the chair of Vinerian professor. It was in the duties incident to this office "which led him to investigate the elements of law and the ground of our civil polity with greater assiduity and attention than many have thought it was necessary to do; and on the 25th of the same month he read his first introductory lecture, so celebrated for the elegance of its composition, which, at the request of the vice-chancellor and heads of houses he published and afterwards prefixed to the first volume of his commentaries." These raised him to the pinnacle of legal fame, and were immediately recognized as an authority. He expired on the 14th day of February, in the year 1780, in the 57th year of his age. Such in brief is an attempted sketch of one to whom society is greatly indebted, and who will ever live in affectionate remembrance as long as justice, law and liberty are recognized by civilized man. W. E. P.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

I.
"A mass of towers, pinnacles and spires rising in the bosom of a valley, from graves which hide all buildings, but such as are consecrated to some wise and holy purpose."—DEAN STANLEY.

The origin of Oxford University is lost in the mists of antiquity. A school or academy seems to have existed here from a very early period: so early that Pope Martin II, in a deed dated 802, describes it as "ancient." Three colleges were established in connection with it, as is said, by Alford. In the reign of Henry II, it was a school of great resort, and according to Hallam, in the tenth century, was only second to Paris in the multitude of its students and the celebrity of its scholastic disputations.

It received its first charter from Henry III. At this time, if Wood may be credited, there were three hundred halls and thirty thousand scholars! From so extravagant a statement we shall be justified in making a very considerable deduction; but enough will



View of the Omaha High School Building.—From a Photograph by Eaton.

remain to show how great was its prosperity and how extended its fame. Towards the close of Edward III reign, however, and during a portion of his successors, Meycliffe officiated as professor of theology, and the novel doctrines which he so zealously preached, caused a wonderful commotion in the University. Such was the influence he acquired, that when his teaching was pronounced heretical, its condemnation went far towards breaking up the Oxford. When the revival of learning in England took place under the potent stimulus of the printing press, Oxford regained much of its old prosperity; although it suffered from the ecclesiastical changes effected by Henry VIII and afterwards paid very heavily for its loyalty to Charles I, it received no very important blow.

The principal events which cluster around this venerable foundation have been ably brought together by Dean Stanley. The earliest doctor of this University, he says, was the sainted Noet, whose achievements real or imaginary, coincide with our earliest national deliverance. The long line of its colleges was parallel to the long struggle of English liberty. The first two of their founders shared in the conflicts out of which sprang the House of Commons. The charter of the last foundation was signed by the dying hand of the last sovereign of the House of Stuart.

From Phillipa down to Charlotte, the Queens of England have honored with their favor the college which bears their name. The most illustrious of England's heirs apparent—Edward the Black Prince, Henry, Prince of Wales, the 'Marcellus' of the House of Stuart—were educated within the walls of that college and Magdalen. The architect of the noblest of England's royal palaces was also the architect and founder of the most elaborate of the colleges, and the genius of Woolsey still lives in the graceful tower of Magdalen and the magnificent courts of Christ Church.

Probably no seat of learning ever exercised a more powerful influence on the genius, character and fortunes of a nation than Oxford. Its sons have ever been among England's leaders, and have been largely at work in moulding her literature, her science, her art, her government; they have biased the whole course of her social life and religious thought. Whether in the cabinet or the senate, the pulpit, the laboratory, the studio, in the council or on the battle field, they have helped while building up an empire, to erect an imperishable monument to their *Alma Mater*, and every thinking man who

is cognizant of the great debt of gratitude due from England to Oxford will pray that in effecting those changes which the national progress renders necessary, her administrators will reform not revolutionize, expound and develop rather than construct anew.

We have endeavored in a few words as possible to lay before our readers the history, the rise and progress of this great institution. We have touched briefly on the lives of the founders, her sons. In the next issue of the HIGH SCHOOL we hope to be able to give a short description of some of the more renowned of the colleges. We are well aware of the great task we are imposing upon ourselves. It is a subject which the greatest writers vie with each other in doing justice to. But we shall only speak of what we have seen ourselves, and gather together the fragments of our story from our note book, that inseparable companion of all who cross the "briny deep." BEAUFANT.

THE HOPE OF OUR COUNTRY.

Read before the Philomathian Literary Society by T. M. Gowdy.

It is evident to every thinking mind that the interests of our country are concentrated for the most part in the young men. When Cataline attempted to overthrow the liberties of Rome he began it by corrupting the young men of that city, knowing that when this was done the work was more than half accomplished. Corrupt by any means whatever the youth of any country, city or community and it is on the high road to destruction; hence how obvious the necessity of a proper culture of the rising generation. When we consider the advantages thrown around us at the present day we feel that our responsibilities are great. The very nation in which we live brings with it superior advantages, and we should rejoice that we live in such a favored country. The United States of America—"The land of the free and the home of the brave"—a country of vast extent, washed by two oceans, indented with bays and harbors, richly abounding in vegetable and mineral resources; a land of bibles; a land of schools and colleges; a land of Sabbaths, where no idols are erected and no dark superstitions hold sway over multitudes—such is the country in which we live, such the privileges that we enjoy. Surely the sun in his circuit looks down upon no such land as ours. And now we come forward in the midst of these privileges to take our position on the stage of action. As we take our position let us consider the

responsibilities, and form our resolutions to meet the demands of the age.

Let not the careless young man who has no aim in life say he has no responsibilities upon him, simply because he does not desire them. Responsibilities will come whether desired or not. No responsibilities upon the youths of America? None resting upon the officers of our beloved country? None resting upon the officers of the church? Surely the responsibilities are great, for a few years more, and those in responsible positions will step from the stage of action, and to us of to-day will be given the reigns of power, both in church and state. We should be prepared to fill those positions not only as well, but even better than they, for this is a progressive age, and we must profit by their experience, and prepare now for the battles of life. If you have determined to be something in life, and not make of yourself a mere wreck on the ocean, or driftwood along the shore, if you have determined to make your mark in the world and leave your footprints in the sands of time, then, first of all, have some definite aim and purpose in life. Select some business or profession; anything that is honest and honorable. Stick to it; live for a purpose, and success will crown your efforts. But alas how many are there who spend their time in the ignoble business of doing nothing; while others by their midnight lamps are toiling upwards. They are too proud to be mechanics, too poor to be merchants, and too lazy to study for a profession. They are the very driftwood of society and if they were to die would scarcely be missed, but would go down to the vile dust, from whence they came, unwept, unhonored and unused.

Foster says a man without decision can never be said to belong to himself. He belongs to whatever may seize him, and there are many things that do seize him, and arrest their claims upon him. He is continually drifted hither and thither by every little current upon life's ocean. How different the man of resolute purpose and of decision. He advances through life with an invincible determination of mind which seems to make the very train of circumstances around him obedient to his will. A Latin poet has told us that each one is the architect of his own fortune. How true is this expression, and how full of meaning, especially in this country, where the laws leave him free and unmolested, and if we make anything of ourselves it will be the result of our own energies and self reliance. Some may say they are too poor, and have not the means. If so, all the better for that, as necessity will arouse your energy and develop your latent power. Riches are often a curse, while poverty is sometimes a blessing in disguise. Then be self-reliant. Don't lean on somebody else. Don't look over somebody's shoulder, or ask any one to work out the problem of life for you. Solve it yourself. Work out your own destiny. Be self-reliant, and like those that have gone before, you may reach places of honor which even kings might envy and gold cannot purchase.

Without moral principle every thing else will fail. You may have talent, learning and refinement, but if you are destitute of moral character, you will certainly fail. How often do we find young men of superior talents, cultivated minds, and fine business qualities making shipwreck of the finest prospects through nothing else than a lack of moral principles. Let us remember that many are ruined by some besetting sin. One falls by dishonesty, another by intemperance, a third by falsehood and a thousand by associations with wicked companions. As one defect may ruin the finest superstructure; as one leak may sink the staunchest ship; as one stone removed will destroy the strongest arch, so may one defect in moral character ruin us both for life and eternity.

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SCIENCE AND HOUSEKEEPING.

A great interest has been taken of late in the higher education of women. Philosophers have been studying over the question; metaphysicians have been endeavoring to prove that the feminine brain has not the capacity of the male, but the fact remains, that in comparison with its cultivation the mind of woman has yielded as fruitful results as that of man. We are enlightened people in this nineteenth century, and do not believe that a study is pursued merely for the purpose of cultivating the intellect. To us, an education does not imply simply a gaining of knowledge. Who will recognize the power of a mind that yields no practical results?

Education is the cultivation and development of ALL our faculties. The power of application then must be included in the word. Verily has this been clearly demonstrated. What did the twenty centuries of the use of the Aristotelian Philosophy produce? What has been the result of three centuries use of Bacon's inductive method? Give woman a higher education. Ancient philosophers based one of our greatest scientific truths upon the theory, that nature abhors a vacuum. The mind as well as nature abhors a vacuum. Why is it that you so greatly undervalue a woman's mental force? Has her education been such that the mind of woman will sustain a pressure of any thing else than nonsense and vain theories?

A century after them Torricelli proved that the reasoning of the ancients was defective; the liquid was sustained in the tube by the pressure of the atmosphere, a much more solid maintenance. When America holds her next Centennial birthday, will not some modern philosopher have demonstrated that the brain of woman is better sustained by its then acquired learning?

Will a higher education enable a woman to be a better housekeeper? Most assuredly it will. We know of a lady who is a most competent and highly educated housekeeper; she wanted her fire-place rebuilt, and making a calculation sent to the city for her bricks, allowing two for accidents. The mason built the chimney, and when completed, there was one brick and a half remaining.

Ah, you saving men, if you want an economical house-keeper, procure one who is capable of solving domestic problems. Set before her a great example of economy if you wish to make her saving, make it necessary that she should understand the science of nature's process of assimilation if you wish her to waste nothing. How wonderful is science, how scientific is nature! O, ye moderate imbibers who cheat yourselves into thinking intoxication is found only in distilled liquors, your educated house keeper will tell you that fermented liquor contains as much alcohol as distilled.

And ye exquisites, who admire taste in dress, impart a knowledge of chromatics to your daughters that they may know that orange is not the complementary color of red, and that indigo does not look well with green. If you desire good house-keepers, develop the tastes of women. Deplore not their present "love of dress and pleasure," but give them schools equal to those of men, and make it as easy for a poor girl to work her way through them as it now is for a poor boy.

Cultivate our intelligence, not with homeopathic doses of literature and language, but in good strong remedies of the higher mathematics and sciences, and you will no longer find it necessary to form clubs for the advancement and amusement of the lords of creation, but will have interesting and instructive society at home. I D.

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THE bicycle or velocipede is now the popular thing in English sporting circles. Telegraph messengers use bicycles in delivering dispatches, and sporting men often run fifty mile races with them.

Gen. J. C. McBride, and Major T. B. Clarkson, the latter gentleman well known as a prominent citizen of Schuyler, have commenced the publication of a new agricultural paper. It will be published at Lincoln under the euphonious title of *The Nebraska Farmer*. We haven't yet seen the first number, but the simple fact that Gen. McBride is going to edit it, is sufficient security for us to state in advance that it will be a good periodical.

To drive a span of horses attached to a carriage from morning till night is regarded as enjoyment, but if the driver were offered twenty dollars a month and his board for doing this he would immediately regard it as an infliction. On the same principle a boy will travel around all day on a hunt, or a man will climb a big mountain and call it pleasure, but if these labors were necessary they would be shunned. 'Tis singular, but were it not singular it would not be natural.

CREMATION of the dead is now fairly established in Saxo-Gotha. In a recent sitting of the town council, it was decided to erect the necessary apparatus in the new cemetery. Cremation is to take place only in accordance with the clearly expressed wish of the deceased, and under permit from the proper medical officer. The ashes are to be gathered in urns, to be preserved by the family of the deceased, or set up in a hall in the cemetery.

THE Grand Division of the Conductors' Brotherhood held a very successful convention in this city, commencing on the 7th of last month. The visitors were well treated by the "boys" in this vicinity. They visited Lincoln under the control of Abe Hagar, who was "off" one day for the purpose of showing them the capitol. They "went, saw, left, (Abe) and came" all in twenty-four hours. After seeing Lincoln, the next great city to visit was San Francisco, for which place they started on a special train.

HERCULEANUM and Pompeii were two cities of South Italy, overwhelmed, the former by lava, the latter by ashes and scoræ, in the same eruption of Mount Vesuvius, A. D. 79. In this eruption the curiosity of Pliny the Elder cost him his life. The site of Herculeanum was lost till 1711, when it was accidentally discovered in digging a well. Since then excavations have been conducted at intervals, by the Neapolitan and Italian Governments. As the lava in many instances formed a perfect mould of the bodies entombed in it, perfect statues of them have been obtained by pouring plaster into the cavities. Three of these statues were on exhibition in the Italian Department at the Centennial, and their history made them objects of more than special interest.

THE KIND LADY TEACHER.

There is no feature in our public school system so thoroughly beneficial as the employment of lady teachers. Fifty years ago it was an exceptional case where a lady was found in charge of a school, while now the proportion is the other way. The refining influence of a kind lady teacher does more toward molding the character and disposition of her boy student than perhaps she is aware of. Certain it is that this influence of this teacher can curb the spirit of the most refractory boy in the school when all other human devices would fail. Some teachers never realize how much influence a kind word or a sympathetic remark from them have on boy scholars, or else they would redouble their efforts in that direction, while many others who do appreciate this fact doubtless never fully realize the amount of good they accomplish. The small boy often loves his teacher more than he loves his parents, and he is ever watching for the slightest evidence that this feeling is reciprocated. Let the kind lady teacher then study this question and by her actions toward her little boy scholars, show them that she takes an interest in them, and she will be thus doing much toward making good American citizens. Although this part of a teachers' work is not made imperative by law, or may not be paid for in dollars and cents, it is recognized by all eminent educators as her noblest field of labor. We can assure her that she will be repaid, not only by the happy consciousness of knowing that she did right, but by the silent thanks of the many who in after years will look back to the time when her kind words turned the course of their lives.

EXCHANGES.

The *Central Collegian* of Fayette, Mo., is ably edited and well managed.

The "Masque of Pandora" and "The Literature of Triumph" are the titles of two good articles that appeared in the last number of the *Oberlin Review*.

The *Wittenberger*, of Springfield, Ohio, is improving. This does not imply that it needed improvement, for it has always been a good college journal.

The *Niagara Index* continues to "keep up the racket" among its exchanges. Its local editor gets up an interesting page.

The *New England Journal of Education* has declined very much of late, so that it now presents but a sickly specimen of what it used to be. Its patronage has fallen off very much, and it will doubtless soon be among the things of the past.

The *Woman's Journal* has an endless theme in berating everybody who refused to let women vote at the late election.

The *School Bulletin* has formed a combination with two or three other educational journals in Wisconsin and Illinois, and it will hereafter appear as a weekly under the name of the *National Journal of Education*. May it succeed is our wish.

The *Midland Monthly* comes to us filled almost entirely with clippings uncredited. To take the articles of another writer, "body and soul," and palm them off for original, is not only illegal but dishonest. If the managers expect success they must discontinue plagiarizing. One article is placed in the November issue over the name of Brete Harte, when it is well known that this eminent writer does not write for this magazine. This is nothing if not down right stealing, and if the publishers who pay Bret Harte two and three hundred dollars apiece for these articles could get redress, they would undoubtedly sue for infringement. The article on the Convention of Governors that was held last month is disgraceful, and is mortifying to respectable citizens. In this article, Governor Garber is called "Gaber," Gov. Kirkwood, is dubbed "Kirky," and Prof. Thomas is accused of being drunk. The close of the article, which is a weak attempt at wit, is quite successful in producing nausea. We quote:

"4:15 p. m. Prof. Riley is still speaking.

4:30 p. m. Gracious Heavens!

4:40 p. m. Hah!

5 p. m. Your reporter expired tranquilly at his post of duty.

This is necessarily the end of our re-

porter, and, we regret to say, the end of our report. Whatever may be said of our reporter's efforts there can be no question of his personal presence on the spot, which after all, was the only thing we had our doubts about."

The *Hesperian Student* is lumbered down with an extensive "pome" by the Hercules who lately assumed editorial management. Any other editor would have thrown that sentimental slush in the waste-basket.

The *Nebraska Teacher*, for November, contains a five page clipping from the *Virginia Educational Journal*.

Among the many other exchanges on our table, we notice the *University Press*, *The Institute*, *Rural Home*, *Oxford Undergraduate's Journal*, *Oxford, England*, *N. W. College Chronicle*, *College Herald*, *College Journal*, *Simpsonian*, *Bates Student*, *Yale Literary Magazine*, *Galaxy*, *Alumni Journal*, *Home Companion*, *National Teachers' Monthly*, *American Journal of Education*, *The Western*, *N. Y. Daily Sun*, *Fremont Daily Tribune*, *Grand Island Times*, *Platte Valley Independent*, *Blair Pilot*, *Juniata Herald*, *Secand Reporter*, *Nebraska Watchman*, *Kearney Press*, *Beatrice Courier*, *Beatrice Express*, *Nebraska Eagle*, *Lincoln Globe*, *North Platte Nebraskan*, *Dakota Mail*, *Globe-Journal*, and many others.

"S. S." Sardonicly Smiles.

The *High School* is made the medium for the conveyance of his words of love to his innamorata.

"S. S." is the *nom de plume* of a young man who is somewhat entangled in a love affair. He has suffered so much of late from the thought that she believed he was only joking with her that he resolved to make a manifesto, and he allows it to be published in order that the world may bear witness to his fidelity. Read the following:

MY DEAR MISS.

Every time I think of you my heart flaps up and down like a churn-dasher. Sensations of unutterable joy caper over it like young goats on a stable roof, and thrill through it like Spanish needles through a pair of tow lined trousers. As a gossling swimmer with delight in a mud-puddle so swim I in a sea of glory. Visions of ecstatic rapture thicker than the hairs of a blacking brush, and brighter than the hues of a humming bird's pinions, visit me in my slumbers, and, borne on their invisible wings, your image stands before me, and I reach out to grasp it, like a pointer snapping at a blue bottle fly. When I first beheld your angelic perfections I was bewildered, and my brain whirled around like a bumble bee under a glass-tumbler. My eyes stood open like cellar doors in a country town, and I lifted up my ears to catch the silvery accents of your voice. My tongue refused to wag, and in silent adoration I drank in the sweet infection of love as a thirsty man swalloweth a tumbler of hot whisky punch.

Since the light of your face fell upon my life, I sometimes feel as if I could lift myself up by my boot straps to the top of the church steeple, and pull the bell rope for singing. Day and night you are in my thoughts. When Aurora, blushing like a bride, rises from her saffron-colored couch; when the jay bird pipes his tuneful lay in the apple tree by the springhouse; when the chattering's shrill clarion heralds the coming morn; when the awakening pig ariseth from his bed and grunteth, and goes forth for his morning's refreshments; when the drowsy beetle wheels his droning flight at sultry and hot noon-tide; and when the lowing herds come home at milking time, I think of thee; and like a piece of gum elastic, my heart seems stretched clear across my bosom. Your hair is like the mane of a sorrel horse powdered with gold; and the brass pins skewered through your waterfall fill me with unbounded awe. Your forehead is smoother than the elbow of an old coat; your eyes are glorious to behold. In their liquid depths I see legions of little cupids bathing, like a cohort of ants in an old army cracker. When thier fire hit me upon my manly breast, it penetrated my whole anatomy, as a load of bird-shot through a rotten apple. Your nose is from a chunk of Parian marble, and your mouth is puckered with sweetness. Nectar lingers on your lips, like honey on a bear's paw; and myriads of unfledged kisses are there,

ready to fly out and light somewhere, like blue birds out of their parent's nest. Your laugh rings in my ears like the wind harp's strain, or the beat of a stray lamb on a bleak hill-side. The dimples on your cheeks are like bowers in beds of roses, hollows in cakes of home-made sugar.

I am dying to fly to thy presence, and pour out the burning eloquence of my love, as thrifty housewives pour out hot coffee. Away from you I am melancholy as a sick rat.

Sometimes I can hear the June bugs of despondency buzzing in my ears, and feel the cold lizards of despair crawling down my back. Uncouth fears, like a thousand of minnows, nibble at my spirits; and my soul is pierced with doubts, as an old cheese is bored with skippers.

You are fairer than a speckled pullet, sweeter than a Yankee doughnut fried in sorghum molasses, brighter than a topknot plumage on a muscovy duck. You are candy kisses, raisins, pound cake and sweetened toddy altogether.

If these few remarks will enable you to see the inside of my soul, and me to win your affections, I will be as happy as a woodpecker on a cherry tree, or a horse in a green pasture. If you cannot reciprocate my thrilling passion, I will pine away like a poisoned bedbug and fall away from a flourishing vine of life. An untimely branch; and in the coming years, when the shadows grow from the hill, and the philosophical frog sings his cheerful evening hymn, you happy in another's love, can come and drop a tear and catch a cold upon the last resting place of

Yours affectionately, S. S.

DON'T GIVE UP.

A gentleman traveling in the northern part of Iowa, heard the voices of children and paused to listen.

Finding the sound proceeded from a small building used as a school-house, he drew near, and as the door opened, he entered, and listened to the words the boys were spelling.

One little fellow stood apart, looking sad and dispirited.

"Why does that boy look so sad?" asked the gentleman.

"Oh, he's good for nothing!" replied the teacher. "There's nothing in him. I can make nothing of him. He is the most stupid boy in school."

The gentleman was surprised at this answer. He saw that the teacher was so stern and rough that the younger and the more timid were nearly crushed. He said a few kind words to them; then placing his hand upon the noble brow of the little fellow, he said:

"One of these days you may be a fine scholar. Don't give up, TRY, my boy, TRY."

The soul of the boy was roused. His dormant intellect awoke. A new purpose was formed. From that hour he became studious and ambitious to excel. He did become a fine scholar, and he is now a clerk in a crockery store at Council Bluffs.

What Intemperance Does.

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innocence. It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the husband to massacre his wife, and aids the child to grind the parricidal axe. It burns up man and consumes woman, detests life, curses God and despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defiles the jury-box and stains the judicial ermine. It bribes votes, disqualifies voters, corrupts elections, pollutes our institutions and engenders our government. It degrades the citizen, debases the legislature, dishonors the statesman and disarms the patriot. It brings shame not honor, terror not safety, despair not hope, misery not happiness, and with the malevolence of a fiend it calmly surveys its frightful desolation, and unsatisfied with havoc, it poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins mortals, blights confidence, slays reputation and wipes out national honor; then curses the world and laughs at its ruin. It does all that and more. It is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crimes, the mother of all abominations, the devil's best friend, and man's worst enemy.—*Selected.*

Books Received.

The Popular Science Monthly, for November, containing interesting scientific articles from the leading scientists of to day. Many articles of special interest to teachers have from time to time appeared in this Magazine, and will continue in the future. Price, \$5.00 per year. D. Appleton & Co., New York.

The Galaxy for November.
The Scientific American.
The International Review.
Catalogue of Allen's Academy, Chicago.

Peterson's Counterfeit Detector, Philadelphia.

The first Fonakigrafik Teacher, by John Brown Smith, Amherst, Mass.

The American Journal of Microscopy, New York.

Circular to the friends of the University of North Carolina, in regard to specimens in natural history, compiled by Prof. W. H. Smith.

SUPT. LANGDON, of Sarpy county, informs us that he will hold an Institute at Papillion during the first week of December, to which the teachers of Omaha and Douglas county are cordially invited. Professors Thompson, McKenzie and others will be present, and the meeting will be one of interest to teachers.

How he started the Correspondence.

He ordered the HIGH SCHOOL sent to her for one year, and then dropped a delicately perfumed note telling her of that fact and asking her if she received it all "O. K." The business part over he carelessly threw in a line or two about the weather. O' course she answered, thanking him for his kindness and complimenting the H. S. after which she got reckless and "put in" a few "conunderfums" herself. They are still corresponding.

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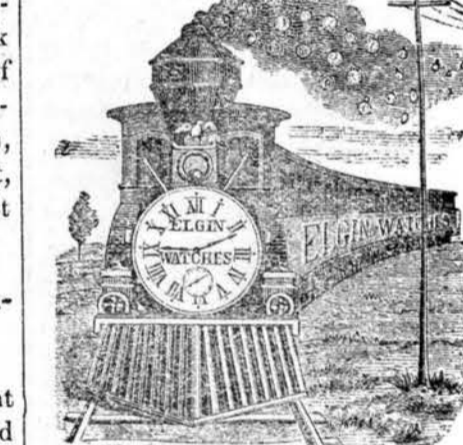
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There are some people in this world who have "lip" enough for two sets of teeth.

SOME editorial matter and an excellent poem will be found on fourth page this month.

THE many friends of Miss Mary Ostrom gave her a pleasant and agreeable surprise party on the 28th.

Just received, a large assortment of those Cardinal Red and Navy Blue collars and cuffs, at BUSHMAN'S.

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The Hartman Addition School has been well attended during the past term, and has amply demonstrated the necessity that existed for its erection.

The skating season has opened, and this pleasant and healthful exercise is much indulged in. The best ice is on the bottom just below Farnam Street.

MR. CHAS. M. WOOLWORTH, one of the most promising young lawyers in the state, recently formed a copartnership with his father, Hon. J. M. Woolworth.

THE writer wishes to return thanks to Mr. E. F. Holmes, the efficient local of the *Hesperian Student*, for various courtesies extended during our visit to the State University.

THE HIGH SCHOOL has now a corps of writers whose ability is unsurpassed in the west, and it will be better than ever next year. Don't fail to send in your subscription.

ONE of the most painful afflictions that ever befel a family was the loss, last month, by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dohle, of three little girls, who all died within the space of a week.

THE Juniata Herald comes to us with the name of our young friend W. J. Stinchcomb nailed to its mast head as one of the editors and publishers. It shows an improvement.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC is now taught at the State University by Miss Lucia Rodgers, of this city, who is an excellent music teacher. She has a large class and is meeting with success.

THE Bi-weekly Dancing Club, which is newly organized and consists of about fifty-five members, gave the first of a winter series of balls at Clark's Hall, Friday evening December 1st.

THE Pacific street school has been relieved of some of the superfluous attendants, owing to the commencement of the Third Ward institution, and now the remaining students have plenty of room.

Diphtheria attacked a few of the children in this city last month, and its prevalence in the city had the effect of keeping away from school, for a short time, many of the smaller students. It is all over now.

By referring to our advertising columns you will notice the card of Messrs. Bankes & Co. who have recently opened a new commission house on Dodge St., near 15th. Mr. Chas. Bankes, the head man of the firm, is a well known and reliable business man.

MR. CHAS. F. McLain of the Omaha Postoffice had a narrow escape some time ago, he having been followed one night by a highwayman, who shot at him several times. Charles, who is a valuable man in the postoffice, saved himself by taking long and frequent steps.

The young men in this city who have become notorious for going to balls and parties without the company of ladies, got a hauling over the coals by a contribution to the *Republican* last month. The young ladies are now forming an anti-dance-with-a-man-who-don't-take-agirl society.

The Third Ward School was opened on the 13th of last month, under the principalship of Miss Anna Foss. The primary department is in charge of Miss Emma Deshong, a young lady of ability in this branch, being a graduate of the Oswego Normal School. The attendance is good.

THE progress of the students of short hand under the instruction of Mr. H. Stull is very satisfactory. They learn the art of verbatim reporting practically, and as the instruction is always to individuals, and not by class, a student may commence any time. See advertisement for terms.

On our first page, will be found this month, an interesting article from the pen of W. E. Page, a young gentleman who recently graduated from Columbia University. Lulu Safe does herself credit in the poem "Dreaming." "The Hope of our Country," and "The Science of House-keeping," are also well worthy of perusal.

MESSRS. G. W. AND JOS. MEGEATH have recently bought out the cigar and tobacco store formerly owned by J. J. Sutphen and will conduct the same hereafter. They are both well known young men, and their popularity, together with the fact that they will always keep for sale the best and finest brands of cigars tobaccos, should ensure for them success. Our best wishes with them for the success of their new enterprise.

WE acknowledge a call from J. J. Carpenter, Esq., President of the Occidental Base-ball Club of Fremont. Mr. C. says it is the intention of the Occidentals to come down to Omaha early next season, and win back their lost laurels. The "Omahas" will be happy to have them come, but there will be a friendly dispute about those laurels.

SEND in your name accompanied by one dollar, and get the HIGH SCHOOL postpaid one year, from January 1st. THE HIGH SCHOOL, has now an extensive circulation in Council Bluffs, and it will continue to write up all the important news each month, thus making it of local as well as general interest to its large number of patrons in this city. Do not neglect to send in your name before January 1st.

THOS. A. MCHANE, one of the most successful young stock contractors that the great west has yet produced, passed through Omaha on the 25th with a large train of stock for the Chicago market. He has made a big fortune and will doubtless have with some fair young western lady before long, Tom is a thorough gentleman, and one whom we can safely recommend.

MESSRS. Whipple & Sanders, the jewelers, No. 264 Douglas street, keep a full line of Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, and Silverplated Ware. They also manufacture Jewelry to order and do repairing with accuracy and promptness. Parties who intend to make purchases for the holidays should make it an object to call on Whipple & Sanders and inspect their large stock of fine jewelry, gold and silver watches, etc., etc.

THE HIGH SCHOOL has always carefully avoided the deplorable habit of dunning delinquent subscribers, by grumbling at their indebtedness through its columns, and it will not fall into that groove at this time, but we would mildly suggest to a few of our delinquents the propriety of sending in their subscriptions. We do not care for the money to use—we only require it as an evidence of good faith on the part of our subscribers. Do you see?

With this number, volume three of the HIGH SCHOOL is completed, and with it the subscriptions of most of our patrons expire. Those accessible will be called on by the business manager in person, sometime during the present or the next month, and their subscriptions for next year collected. All who live at a distance from the centre of the city, and those who receive their paper through the mails, will please remit for 1877 through the mails.

THE *Midland Monthly* which was started in this city some six months ago did not prosper very well in a financial point of view, and the former owners have given the magazine over to J. H. Pierce (Ranger) who has agreed to pay all debts and make as much money out of it as he can for two years, after which time he will retain a half interest, and Messrs. Estabrook and Ross will take one-fourth a piece. Mr. Pierce will doubtless run it as long as he can make money out of it.

MR. H. C. WALKER died of consumption in this city on the 6th of November and was buried with the honors of the Fire Department on the 9th. He may be said to have been a martyr to the cause of a fireman, for it was working with the Omaha department, of which he was one of the oldest members, that settled upon him that fell disease which finally brought him to the grave. His record as a fireman has been one of faithfulness and hard work, and he will long be remembered by his many firemen friends in this city.

MR. CHAS. H. PIERS, who for some time past has ably filled the position of General Freight Agent of the B. & M. R. R. in Neb., left on the first of last month for the east. He was one of the few courteous gentlemen connected with the Nebraska branch of this road, and this being the case, the wide dissimilarity between himself and the management made it necessary for him to resign. His successor, Mr. Percival Lowell, is, we are happy to state, an affable, courteous and efficient railroad man, and will make friends for the road.

MESSRS. KIRNER & STEEL, of the Grand Central Barber Shop, will do ladies' and children's hair cutting and shampooing in their houses if called upon. They have employed a special artist of experience in this work for this purpose. This is a regular part of the business of first class barber establishments in large cities and Messrs. K. & S., who are progressive and enterprising young men in their profession, have inaugurated the system in Omaha. The convenience of ordering a tonsorial artist to call at your residence can be seen at a glance, and will doubtless be appreciated during the winter months by many of our best citizens.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL,

There is no senior class at the High School, as all the members who properly have constituted this class this year, graduated at the last commencement. The studies of the B class are Mathematics, Botany, Chemistry and German. A part of this class will soon begin English Literature, and one member will study Latin. The members of this class are Willie McCague, Sarah Jacobs, Frank Johnson and Fannie Herron. Albert Cahn, Wm. Redick, May Loveland, Placidus Ord, Chas. Sweezy, Belle Schaller, Frank Hill, Albert Fitch, Jared Smith, and Miss Becky Cook, formerly belonged to this class and would make a fair number for graduating day, if they had stayed. The history of the High School has been that more than half the members of every class have dropped out before the graduating day. For instance, the highest class in the High School to-day consists of only four members, while in the fall of 1874 it had over twenty.

The next class—Class C consists of 18 members, now in their second year. The members of this class are Clemmie Chase, Walter Crowell, Max Gladstone, Frank Hoel, Jno. Peabody, Alex. Streitz, Sue Badollet, Lottie Chubb, Mitie Dort, Mary Knight, Lizzie Fagan, Louie Jjams, Fannie Kennedy, Marcia Manning, Sadie Schwalenberg, Ida Overal, Maggie and Anna Trueland.

The D class is composed of the members who were admitted from eighth grade. There are now 23 in this class, but it cannot be known how many will stay during the next three years. This class consists of Mollie Allen, Mora Balcombe, Fannie Hurbut, Lizzie Isaacs, Annie Jackson, Hattie Jones, Jennie Kennard, Becky Nelson, Ella Pomeroy, Jennie Sanford, Mamie Sanders, Millie Simpson, Lizzie Smith, Addie Spratt, Abby Taft, Lennie Wilson, Lizzie Walker, Geo. Roeder, Chat. Morgan, Chas. Witz, Will Killingsworth, Will Hamilton, Harry Goodman, Frank Fox, and Wm. Brown.

The eighth grade has now but 25 members all told, and it should have at least 100. It appears the higher departments of our public schools have not got that attendance which their excellence certainly merits, and the reason is mysterious.

C. S. GOODRICH & Co., have been very busy of late filling wholesale orders for toys, received from all parts of the country. This is one of the most extensive wholesale toy houses in the west.

Douglas County Teachers' Institute.

The regular annual meeting of the Douglas County Teachers' Institute will be held in this city during holiday week. It will be conducted by county superintendent Jno. Rush, assisted by all the teachers of the county, and many in the city of Omaha. Professors McKenzie and Thompson of Lincoln, and many other eminent Nebraska Educators will be in attendance and an interesting and instructive session is expected. The Institute will commence on Tuesday the 26th inst. and continue during the remainder of the week. A cordial invitation is extended to all teachers and others interested in educational matters to be in attendance.

Personal.

Alex. McCartney is now in Chicago.

Miss Anna Southard is now visiting friends at Indianapolis Indiana.

Miss Mollie Whitlock returned from Philadelphia on the 18th of last month.

J. Poland, "Centennial Jim," returned on the 18th from a two months' trip in the East.

Miss Cora Cummings has been absent for the past month visiting friends at Eldora, Iowa.

H. Burke left on the 10th of last month for San Francisco, Cal., where he will enter into business with his father, this winter.

Mr. Chas. M. Woolworth went over to Knoxville, Illinois, to spend Thanksgiving with his sister who attends a seminary at that place.

Miss May Higby, who formerly attended the 7th grade in the Central School is now completing her education at a seminary in Peoria, Illinois.

Judge Jno. I. Redick who came up from New Mexico on the 15th of November, reports that Charley is now enjoying good health, and will soon open a law office in Denver Colorado.

Mr. J. W. Morse resigned on the first of November, the office of general western agent of the C. B. & Q. R. R., and has since moved to Chicago, where he has gone into business. Mr. Morse was a general favorite among railroad men and railroad patrons in this section, and his departure is much regretted. He is succeeded by Mr. J. O. Philippi, a gentleman of ability and experience, and one who is thoroughly competent to fill the position.

We acknowledge a call from that prince of good fellows Capt. Phil. M. Liddy of St. Joe, and only regret we were not in our sanctum at the time. The Captain has hosts of friends, both in Omaha, and Council Bluffs, and these are not entirely among the young men, for he is quite popular with many of the charming young ladies, with which these two cities are well known to abound.

Thanksgiving Dinner Prayer.
Let hungry mortals here below,
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The High School Apparatus.

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In Mineralogy, a set of the forms of crystals, both fundamental and derived, made of card board, and a number of fine minerals.

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In Zoology, about forty prepared specimens, most of them belonging to the Insectivora.

In Botany, between 70 and 80 specimens of plants, which are neither mounted nor classified.

In Physiology, the greater part of a human skeleton.

In Physics, about 40 pieces of apparatus, half of which illustrates electricity.

In Chemistry, a good set of chemicals, but a limited amount of glass ware and other necessary apparatus.

In Astronomy, nothing.

In Physical Geography, nothing.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS ITEMS.

Philomathian Literary Society.

The meeting for the fourth Friday in November was held at the residence of Dr. Jeffers, on Ramsay St., and the attendance on this evening was large.

The exercises opened with a charming instrumental duet by the Misses Cook. Mr. C. W. Munger, the worthy secretary, then favored the audience with a declamation. Misses Parthenia, and Maggie Jeffers followed with a well executed instrumental duet; Mr. M. Treynor sang a song, and Mr. C. Maynard delivered a side-splitting burlesque on "Yohann Anderson's Velocipede." A declamation by the President, and an extemporaneous debate concluded the programme.

Miss Carrie Robinson, who was present, invited the club to meet next time at her residence, and the invitation was on motion accepted. The programme was then arranged for the next meeting which will be held on the 8th of December. It is as follows:

Instrumental Music.....Miss Edie Ross.
Declamation.....D. Stubbs.
Dialogue.....(M. Treynor).
Inst. Music.....Miss Carrie Robinson.
Essay.....Miss Lottie Oblinger.
Select Reading.....Miss Rose Brown.
Music.....Miss Emma Rue.
Stump Speech.....C. Maynard.
Selection from Shak.....Prof. Clarendon.
Song.....Miss M. Erb.
Essay.....W. C. Field.
Instrumental Duet.....The Misses Cook.
Dancing in the parlors will conclude the evening's entertainment.

ED. STREET has gone to Denver Colorado to accept a position in a telegraph office.

The Ogden House Ball.

The formal opening of this excellent new hotel washed on the 16th of November, and it was an affair that will long be remembered by the many who were present. Extensive preparations had been going forward for weeks previous, and everything that could ensure pleasure and happiness to the guests of that evening was done. The first thing on the programme was a grand banquet, and the spacious and tastefully decorated dining room was filled with guests at half past ten. We will simply say of the supper that it could not have been more sumptuous or better served than it was.

Dancing to the Delightful music of Prof. Hoffmann's string band was the order of the evening after supper, and not till half past five in the morning did the festivities close. There were about four hundred present, many of whom were from Burlington, Des Moines, St. Joe, Kansas City, Omaha and other towns. The reception committee consisted of Messrs. J. C. Hoffmayr, Geo. L. Bradbury, J. H. Marshall, J. R. Robinson, Samuel Haas, E. R. Page, R. J. Cory, Ed. Ryan. The floor managers were Messrs. W. S. Maxwell, F. Rockwell, H. W. Robinson, M. F. Rohrer, Chas. E. Dix, T. J. Clark, J. W. Perego.

The proprietor of the hotel, Mr. Geo. T. Phelps, and the manager, Mr. Frank H. Poindexter, are both affable and courteous gentlemen, and are ever on the alert to make their guests feel comfortable and perfectly at home in the Ogden.

MR. CHAS. ROSS, who spent about four weeks at the Centennial returned on the 10th of last month.

The HIGH SCHOOL acknowledges a call from Mr. W. P. Taylor, a handsome and erudite young gentleman of Wilmington, Delaware.

WE are pleased to note the fact that our young friend Ed. Troutmann has been selected as one of the clerks at the Ogden Hotel.

MISS NELLIE ROCKWELL has gone to Duluth, Minn., where she will stay this winter with friends, and devote her time to the study of music.

MISS ANNA CLAXTON, of Cincinnati Ohio, spent the past two months at the Bluffs visiting her old friends, Misses Mamie, and Hattie Rue.

Jno. Baldwin who is reported to be at the head of his class, in the Mount Vernon College, paid a flying visit to Council Bluffs on the 19th of last month, and returned to attend his studies.

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'Tis often sad to mark the change
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In looking back upon our life,
And the friends we used to know
How few, how very few there are,
We love as we loved of old;
Though some are scattered, some are dead,
With most 'tis love grown cold.

We daily meet the very face
That once we held most dear;
We daily hear the very voice
Once music to our ear;
We careless pass, we careless bow,
And some we don't know,
'Tis very sad to mark the change
That o'er our feelings grow.

The strongest love, the strongest ties,
We find upon this earth:
A few short months, or e'en say years,
And then what are they worth?
A rope of sand is stronger far,
The changing wind more true,
So inconstant is the human heart,
But loving what is new.

With men and women, 'tis the same—
'Tis earthly of the earth;
It is a trait of the human kind,
Born with us with our birth.
This change, this longing love of change!
In everything 'tis so;
But saddest 'tis to mark the change
That o'er our feelings grow.

W. L. M.

Misspent Evenings.

The boy who spends an hour of each evening lounging idly on street corners, wastes in the course of a year three hundred and sixty-five precious hours, which, if applied to study, would familiarize him with the rudiments of almost any of the familiar sciences. If, in addition to wasting an hour each evening he spends ten cents for a cigar—which is usually the case—the amount thus worse than wasted would pay for ten of the leading periodicals of the country. Boys, think of these things. Think of how much time and money you are wasting, and for what? The gratification afforded by the lounge on the corner or the cigar is not only temporary but permanently hurtful. You cannot indulge in them without seriously injuring yourselves. You acquire idle and wasteful habits, which will cling to you with each succeeding year. You may in after life shake them off, but the probabilities are that the habits thus formed will remain with you to your dying day. Be warned, then, in time, and resolve that as the hour spent in idleness is gone forever, you will improve each passing one and thus fit yourself for usefulness and happiness.

A Cheerful Face.

Carry the radiance of your soul in your face. Let your cheerfulness be felt for good wherever you are, and let your smiles be scattered like sunbeams, "on the just as well as on the unjust." Such a disposition will yield you a rich reward, for its happy effects will come home to you and brighten your moments of thought. Cheerfulness makes the mind clear, gives tone to thought, and adds grace and beauty to the countenance. Joubert says: "When you give, give with joy, smiling." Smiles are little things, cheap articles to be fraught with so many blessings, both to the giver and the receiver, pleasant little ripples to watch as we stand on the shore of every-day life. They are the higher and better responses of nature to the emotions of the soul. Let the children have the benefit of them, those little ones who need the sunshine of the heart to educate them, and would find a level for their buoyant natures in the cheerful, loving faces of those who lead them. Let them not be kept from the middle aged who need the encouragement they bring. Give your smiles also to the aged. They come to them like the quiet rain of summer, making fresh and verdant the long, weary path of life. They look for them from you who are rejoicing in the fulness of life. Be gentle and indulgent to all. Love the true, the beautiful, the just, the holy.—School and Home.

THE SECRET OF BEAUTY.

The secret of beauty is health. Those who desire to be beautiful should do all they can to restore their health if they have lost it, or to keep it if they

have it still. No one can lay down specific rules for other people in these matters. The work which one may do, the rest he must take, his baths, his diet, his exercise, are matters for individual consideration, but they must be carefully thought of and never neglected. As a rule, when a person feels well, he looks well, and when he looks ill, he feels ill. There are times when one can guess, without looking in the glass, that the eyes are dull and the skin is mottled. This is not a case for something in a pretty bottle from the perfumer's, or for some lotion that advertisements praise so highly. To have a fresh complexion and bright eyes, even to have white hands and a graceful figure, you must be well. Health, and the happiness which comes with it are the true secrets of beauty.—School Church and Home.

A DELUSION.

A young man who thinks that he can lead a reckless and profligate life until he becomes a middle aged man, and then repent and make a good citizen, is deluded by the devil. He thinks people are all fools, destitute of memory. He concludes that when he repents that everybody will forget that he is a dissipated wretch. This is not the case; people remember your bad deeds but they soon forget your good ones. Besides, it is no easy thing to break up in middle age bad habits that have been formed in youth. When a horse contracts the habit of balking, he generally retains it through life. He will generally perform well enough until the wheel gets into a deep hole, and then he will stop and hold back. Just so it is with the boys who contract bad habits. They will sometimes leave off their bad tricks, and do well enough until they get into a tight place and then they will return to their old habits.

METRIC SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

There has been recently incorporated in Boston an association of teachers and others interested in the introduction of the metric weights and measures, under the name of the American Metric Bureau. The Metric System of Weights and Measures has been adopted in France, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Southern Europe, and South America, and has been legalized in Great Britain and the United States.

Certain persons have strenuously urged that the adoption of the International weights and measures would be a source of great inconvenience and expense to the machinists and manufacturers. The advocates of the system, having made inquiries of machinists and manufacturers in various countries of Europe, reply that the objection is one of theory and not of fact, as those who have actually tried the experiment testify. As the old machinery wore out it was replaced with the new, and a little time being taken the greatly dreaded confusion and expense were largely obviated. The identical "arguments" used some centuries ago against the introduction of the Arabic instead of the Roman numerals used in England are to day brought forward against the International Decimal weights and measures,—the Metric system. England was 400 years behind the Continent in adopting our present arithmetic.

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