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THE PLACE OF KEATS IN MODERN FOETRY.

Read at Junior Exhibition, Cornell College, by A. C, Wakeley, of Omaha.

On the the 25th of February, 1876, an assembly of Americans and Englishmen were gathered in the Protestant cemetery at Rome, to perform an act of tardy justice. Then was unveiled a medallion effigy of John Keats. If ever genius deserved recognition, surely the qualities of this poet commanded all the respect shown by this little knot of admirers. John Keats was born in London, on the 29th of Oct., 1795, and died in Rome on the 23d of Feb., 1821. To go at any length into the personal history of Keats, would an ideal fixed in his own mind.

People were beginning to suspect that | yielded not to misfortune. On the conthere was something more in poetry trary he felt that what was to be done, than a certain number of syllables to must be done quickly. With this conthe line, and a regular, hobby-horse movement. Their poetic sensibilities were more keenly aroused, and all liter- St. Agnes, Lamina, An Ode to a Greary productions more closely scanned. What was the reason of this new-born odes and sonnets, and he had partially distrust? A few venturous spirits, following their natural impulses, had dared to strike off the fetters of formalism and conventionality, which hitherto, had bound the Muse. Byron, Words- felt it only too keenly. But now even worth and Shelley appeared almost critics were forced to see the beauty of simultaneously, champions of origin- his style. They were compelled to ality, earnestness and spotaneity in poetry. Against these were arrayed the conservative party, especially the successors of Pope advocating the formalistic and abitrary. The same dissatisfaction had taken root in France and elsewhere in Europe. The cry was, let us have earnestness, nature, true feeling in poetry, and away with the artificial and all that tends to keep poetry from the hearts of men.

It was in this period of change when Keats, in his twenty-second year, published his first volume of poems-a youth of humble birth, apprenticed to an apothecary, and with nothing but an ordinary education of the middle classes, but imbued with a poetic instinct which was to lift him from the condition to which external circumstances had apparently consigned him. Timid and self-distrustful, he was almost afraid to submit his productions to the public eye; not that he feared criticism, but the least apprehension that he might be wanting in true poetic capability threw him into despair. He was willing to work and improve, if any encouragement was given him.

His temperament was such that he could bear present failure and disappointment, if he had any prospect of ultimate success. Filled with these aspirations, and believing that the road to success lay only through study, application and thought, as he expressed it, Keats published Endymion, a poetic Romance founded upon Grecian myth-

renounce its former standards of per- three felt that genuine poetry had be- are now ended, and soon we will be fection, and place new idols upon its come a thing of the past. to this rule. Those arbiters of literary were not without great influence, but thanks to the kind friends who have

fate, Blackwood and The Quarterly, were only too eager to pounce upon their prey. For a youth apprenticed to an apothecary and the son of a liverystable proprietor, to enter the sacred halls of Poesy was too presumptuous. In the very nature of things there must have been something wrong. The imperfections of Endymion were mercilessly laid bare. Unusual expressions, awkward rhymes, and in short all the defects of youth and inexperience were thrust upon the public, as in everyway fatal to success, and he was told that a starved apothecary was better than a starved poet, and all this in spite of a preface deprecating his own feeble efforts. The eye of criticism had been blind to the merits of Edymion, but in the rich imagery, the beautiful word painting, and sublime flights of imagibe uninteresting, as his short life was nation which it contained, the friends marked by no unusual outward circum- of Keats perceived the elements of stances. It is rather the history of his poetic genius. The abuse which had inner life we wish, the life breathed been heaped upon him must have afforth in his poetry—a life filled with fected his very sensitive nature, alnoble aspirations and a yearning after though he treated it as too coarse to be noticed. He determined to avenge To comprehend better the situa- himself by writing better poetry. But tion of this poet, and the reception his lot was hard: his birth, in the eyes his early productions met with, let of many, was enough to condemn him, us take a passing glance at the but more than that he had inherited a poetical horizon at the commencement taint of consumption, and even now of the present century when Keats was when making his first efforts to place to make his appearance. It was a his name on the poet's scroll, he had turning point in the history of poetry. premonitions of his early end. Under Old foundations upon which poetic the lash of criticism and with the befaith was built began to crumble. lief that he had not long to live, he

> "The Cap and Bells." Keats had now given to the world all that he was destined to give. He recognize his wonderful portrayal of the picturesque.

viction we find him in the spring of

1820 engaged upon Hyperion, Eve of

cian Faun, To a Nightingale, and other

completed a humorous poem entitled

Few objects in Nature escaped his sympathetic eye. In St. Agnes' Eve he describes the action of the moonlight:

"Full on this casement shone the wintry

And threw warm gules on Madeline's fair

As down she knelt for heaven's grace and

Rose-bloom fell on her hands, together

And on her silver cross soft amethyst, And on her hair a glory, like a saint, She seemed a splendid angel newly drest Save wings, for heaven."

Most poets have been content to confine their descriptive powers to objects of sight, but not so Keats. His senses were abnormally sensitive to all impressions. He not only saw but touched, tasted, felt and heard more acutely than other men; and this sensibility we may say constituted his poetic nature; for the poet's feelings and passions are aroused when other mens' lie dormant.

When he describes the action of sweet sounds, we are in the fairy-land of song, when he dwells upon the obects of Taste, we sit as at an epicurean

But these are his lighter, airier pictures. His muse often takes a loftier flight. In Hyperion, Saturn and the Titanian deities are expelled from the domains of Jupiter and the younger

Like Byron and Shelley, he was try-



View of the Omaha High School Building.

Keats more than any of his contempothan any other poet of his time, a truly sympathetic nature, and it is his deep sympathy with nature that attracts us. The power of singling out the word which would convey his precise meaning, and in many cases present to our imagination a complete picture, Keats possessed to a wonderful degree.

In the youthful inexperience of Keats critics can find much to condemn. They can complain of the vagueness in his earlier productions, the dependence of the matter upon the rhyme, and a too evident straining after originality, but the unprejudiced reader will find in what he has bequeathed us, striking passages of beauty, of sublimity, and will see evidenced in all work the hand of a master. When we consider his birth, his education, the early age at which his poems were written, we can only wonder that such a youth should surpass in wealth of diction and appropriateness of imagery those who had made our language and its adaptations

a life study. Previous to his death his genius had not been universally acknowledged and when he thinks that all is to go for naught, he asks Severn to inscribe upon his tombstone,-"Here lies one whose name was writ in water." To him it seemed as if his name was written in water. But time has changed the epitaph. As the years roll on his circle of admirers has ever widened, and to-day his name is written upon the hearts of his countrymen. .

"Till the Future dares Forget the past, his fate and fame shall be An echo and light unto eternity."

VALEDICTORY AND ODE.

Read by Miss Constance Williams at Commencement of Class '77, Council Bluffs High School.

The last lesson has been recited, the last examination passed, the last essay read, the last oration delivered, and we are about to leave the school-room to enter actively upon the duties of life. We know not the fancies that fill the minds of each other, nor the course of action each may pursue, for there are many fields of labor open to all. To one of our number, and sad to say to only one, the glorious possibility is beckoning of becoming president of Criticism does not without a struggle ing to infuse Nature into poetry. All the United States. Our school days Byron, Shelley and Wordsworth separate, we all unite in returning

taken an interest in our welfare, and raries, changed the poetic form in which have shown their concern, by their verse was moulded. He possessed more visits and words of encouragement. Words fail to express our gratitude towards those, whose generous public setiment in behalf of education, has erected fine buildings and supplied us with earnest teachers, in order that all might store up riches that never flee from the pursuer. And if we have failed to accomplish as great results as our many friends have desired, may they be lenient in their criticism, remembering the frailty of youth. To the directors, whose judicious management and deep interest in the cause of education, have been the means of preparing us for our different stations in life, we extend our most heartfelt thanks. To you, our faithful teachers, who have directed our daily course of study, and pointed out the true path to success, we will be ever grateful. In our new sphere of action may we often meet you as friends, and receive the advice which your knoweledge and experience enable you to give. And schoolmates, we grieve to say the last farewell to you, since we have passed so many happy hours together. Tho' we must part, you have our warmest sympathies in the work that will fit you to fill honorably your place in life, and may your efforts be crowned with far greater success than that of your predecessors. Classmates, the long looked for time, when we have completed our school life, has come, and we must sever the ties that united us in a common work. In a few hours these ties will be broken forever. Some may seek their homes in the far west, others may find their way to foreign lands and the dark waters of the ocean roll between them and their former classmates. Still we will always cherish a fond remembrance of our once happy school days. Classmates, farewell, for

There is no joy that cheers our way, But has a kindred sorrow; There is no happy heart to-day, But may be sad to-morrow. Full oft beyond the darkening cloud A glorious sun is sailing, When shadows, with a sable shroud, The plain beneath are trailing.

If yesterday our hearts were glad That loved ones gathered 'round us-Should not, to-day, our thoughts be sad, When break we ties that bound us? To you, whose love has gui-led long-Our teachers-faithful ever. To you, our mates, one parting word, We speak-and then we sever.

And when this changeful life is past, When earthly scenes are ended, United may we stand at last, Where happy voices, blended, May sing of joys that shall not fade-Of bonds that ne'er are broken-No tears there fall, no griefs invade, No farewell words are spoken.

SUNSHINE AND SADNESS.

Essay read by Miss Ida Goodman, at annual re-union of the High School Alumni.

"I slept and dreamed that life was beauty I woke and found that life was duty."

There are some people who are al vays dreaming; they never wake; there s another class that never sleep, but are always on the watch for duty: Were I to have my choice between the two classes, I scarcely know which I would choose: they who never wake do not know the real pleasure of dreaming, for if we live in the sunlight all the time, we could not appreciate the bless ing that was being bestowed on us.

We must live in darkness a while to know how to value light. We never enjoy looking at the cloudless sky as duty. after two or three days of rain; it never looks quite so clear as then; why is it? Simply because we know what it is to be in the cloud.

A year of all spring and sunshine would doubtless be very pleasant and agreeable to most people, but it would never ripen the fruit, or bring the grain to a head. We think the trees clothed in green are beautiful, but it takes the frost to bring out their whole beauty. Duty is to life, what frost is to the forest us true and noble men and women. The beauty of life is duty, and a life without duty is like a flower without fragrance; it may be very beautiful and pleasant to see while it lasts, but it soon fades and is gone, leaving no fragrance or beauty by which it can be remembered. They whose life is beauty, live for themselves; they think only of what they enjoy or wish; they intend to enjoy life while it lasts, and if they succeed and are happy, what care they how much misery there is around them But those whose life is duty, live for those around them, and those that come after. The memory of their deeds and little kindnesses are ever fresh. What is a flower without fragrance? What

is life without duty? they have not.

the beginning, knew what was best, future to the future. and we would be wise if we thought so.

A life that is nothing but beauty, may be likened to a beautiful day, in newly married men are called Benewhich there is not a cloud; or a splen- dicts. The reason, we believe, is that did sunset, where the beauty is so grand, in entering on their new state of life. and yet so delicate and changeable that they are supposed to give up all the no artist could do it justice. It can bad bachelor habits to which they have only be appreciated by those who are benedicted. there, by those that see it at the time, it lasts but a few moments and then disappears as a dream,

be like those grand master paintings, a long distance away .- Harper's which are painted in strong and Weekly.

durable colors, and have been gazed at and admired for ages, and are likely to be for ages more.

To which class do you think the wisest and best people belong? Those who think life beauty or those who think life duty? Are our greatest men those who have always lived in luxuries and ease, or those who have had hard work to get along?

A life of beauty is as a name written n the sand.

A life of duty is as something del-

One goes with the tide; the other is always there; one is like a rock, firm; the other is washed by every wave.

It is very fittingly remarked that they sleep who dream life is beauty.

He knows not life who knows not

And so let my past stand just as it stands, and let me now, as I may, grow old, I am what I am, and my life for me was the best, or it had not been, I hold.

YESTERDAY.

Yesterday. The sound of the word brings to our minds the phantom of the past, and as it stands before us brings it brings us out of ourselves and makes to our remembrance scenes of joy mingled with those of deep remorse. We, at one time, see ourselves enjoying all the pleasures of life to our utmost capacity, at another, drinking the cup of sorrow filled to the brim; at one time, sitting by the bank of some smooth gliding stream, enjoying the company of "one," not a sister, in those days gone by, at another, prostrated at the dying bed to receive the last accents of some departing friend. All our deeds. good and bad, rise before us, and we, to-day, are almost afraid to speak with honest hearts, and tell what price we have set upon yesterday. Was it only characteristic idleness, or was it a track in the sands of time, to be swept away by the returning tide? Was it a word that melted away before it accomplish ed its mission? Was it a mere dream As a flower sends out fragrance to all you let slip before your eyes whilst you within its reach, and even after it is were reposing in easy idleness? Alas! dead, so lives a life of duty. They that with too many it was so. Yesterday, sleep and dream life is beauty, and have monarchs fell and the ruins of their never known anything but pleasure, or destroyed grandeur teach man a lesson seen anything but sunshine, have not in the future. When yesterday's sun discovered the real beauty of life. set in his golden sockets, he left behind They may deem themselves happy, but him the pulseless corpses of of thousat the same time they are not, and they ands who died with him, and was the often feel it, and long for something birth-place of as many more. Yesterday's beautiful morn saw the powerful Oh! if I were only rich, I know I man in all his glory, and its cloudy eve would be happy! What a common left him the complete wreck of his wish it is; and yet if we could only hopes. Think not too little of yesterlook into the heart of the rich, we day, for in that space all the capable might find to our surprise, that we, functions of the world have acted. The with all of our troubles, and many du- world has revolved again and rolled up ties, are the happier of the two. We to the judgment seat a mountain of your may fight against what seems our lot; deeds (good and bad,) where they have we may think that had we had the ad- been recorded, to hold in waiting for vantages and means that such a one has your coming. It has also left influences had (and wasted), we might have been that will extend to future ages. "What high up the ladder of fame. But would is man but the growth of yesterday? we have been so much more careful than Stamped with the marks of weal and others? would we have avoided all the woe?" To yesterday he owes his exissnares that others have fallen into? tence. Then, when his childhood days We may think so, but we would have were upon him he obtained his educadone no better, and probably not as well. tion, and learned his trade, letting the He who made us, and saw the end from "past bury its dead," and trusting the

A correspondent writes to know why

The new system of transmitting sound by electric telegraph enables a Lives that are duty, may be said to man to telephony story to his friends OMAHA, NEB., JULY, 1877.

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tendents' convention to be be held at ately remarked "Well, give me wealth Plattsmouth, Neb., on the 9th of the and I'll get the character." We were present month and continuing to the struck with the aptness of the remark, 19th, promises to be both instructive for it very nearly expresses the opinand entertaining. It is gotten up by ions of the great mass of Americans Supt. Thompson, who acts under the of the present day respecting their provision of the general school law, choice of these two commodities. This which makes the duty incumbent on premise may provoke dissent from the first lady that passes up the aisle carries him, and likewise makes it a duty for idealist, who wishing it otherwise, deteachers living within the district for clines to admit it as a fact, but we in- less hats, which are deposited in the which it is called to attend.

is to prepare superintendents and will grasp for the mighty dollar and Of course the hats which have been young men, was suspended on the 18th teachers for managing and instructing let character take its chances. The teachers' institutes. The exercises will consist of

and means of institutes.

of some good work on teaching.

of the convention, with criticism by from the eye of the public, while a ers to wear them them hame. Next to tellect, I had made the 1stly, 2dly and the leader and others.

line manual of institute instruction, always have to allow his worst side to placed. Statistics show that out of ces that would be brought to bear on embodying the best thoughts brought be exposed. An honest man without every one hundred hats thus situated, me at the time of my first sermon, out at the convention, and suitable for means to pay his debts, is often put sixty are sat upon by their owners, hence I chose what I thought to be a use at institutes.

to the college it represents. We do ces-no matter whether they were ob- the creed than after reading the Psalms anticipated, and rather more than I denot however hold the entire corps of tained by a government steal or at a or performing any other other perpen- sire. I entered the pulpit, read and elitors to account for the idiosyncrasies gambling table—and is regarded as an dicular part of the service; and an- prayed and then announced my text. German and French. exchange column, We advise him to shining light in fashionable society. fall on his sword.

WHAT THE HIGH SCHOOL

and that cause is fashion. Of late it only thing that can be said about this institution is that it has a poor attendance, and as yet has turned out but few graduates. How can this be otherwise when the very elements necessary to make a good high school are withheld? Thus far the high school has been doand universities, and it will have to continue to do this just as long as our best citizens will persist in ignoring it to eastern institutions, many of which afford no better facilities for imparting For a long time we have been in- instruction. The present course of in-WE acknowledge receipt of invita- large one, it is sufficient to more than narily good one, and certainly not worth her boot from the interior of the hat; meet the requirements of the limited the time and money necessary to go so while in any event the hat is certain to on the minds of hitherto strictly ortho- graduates, this year, numbered nine. selected, is a thing not explained, but dox young men, and if this modern The faculty of this school consists of we will only say that, waiving the matphilosopher is allowed to run at large Principal and one assistant, neither of ter of convenience to its great majority much longer, he will transform much whom claim, nor are credited with any- of members, there is left a sufficient month. It is published by our old christianity into atheism and infidelity. thing more than ordinary ability and reason why this selection should not friend Charley Collins, who, though WE have received from D. H. secret of success lies in the fact that the of holding a poorly attended and un-Wheeler, Secretary State Horticultural sons and daughters of the very best citi- instructive session. Society, a report of the transactions of zens are sent to this school, and those this body for the past year. The re- citizens encourage their home instituport is quite lengthy; in fact, too volu- tion. Two of the graduates of this inminous in our opinion, when we con- stitution are the wards of a millionaire, sider what must have been the expense another the son of an independent capiof publication. We do not wish to talist, and another the daughter of a disparage the Secretary of this board gentleman who was a representative at who, we are sure, does what he thinks the Geneva Arbitration. On the commencement evening the Mayor and but the report is much like a patent members of the Board were on the office report and every one knows that stage, and the representative families such reports are seldom read by any of the city were in attendance. This one. The main contents of the report is as it should be in Omaha, and we earnestly hope our representative citithe State press, and the various essays zens will unite in supporting the high

WEALTH vs. CHARACTER.

A young man picked up THE HIGH School of a recent issue and noticing the headings of two articles, to-wit: THE Institute and county superin- "Wealth" and "Character," immedisist on the correctness of our position shape of a terminal moraine in front pursuit of money is the national mania. Wealth wields more influence than 1st. Lectures on objects, methods, character, education, or deep-seated of the glacial action on granite bouldwisdom. In this false world, a man ers. However interesting they may be 2d. A regular study and recitation of wealth may commit all the crimes to the geologist, they are of no further imaginable, and by the use of his 3d. Specimen lessons by members money, keep the knowledge of them into a shape that will allow their ownpoor man, though he may have lofty the aisle, the pew is the most danger- 3dly. 4th. The preparation of an out- instincts, and the best of motives, will ous position in which a hat can be

Money is the great ruler; the only exerts on a fat person. Neither of notes and divisions, and on raising my

Do you want to be considered "respect- general notoriety. A man may enter curious to know what next, everything The great drawback to the Omaha able?" Ask your pocket-book. Do a remote pew in a strange church, and but the text left me. I quoted it High School, is want of attendance. you want to be considered a paragon place his hat on a seat in a position again, "None of these things move There lies at the back of this a cause, of virtue and a lover of all that is where it is impossible for a fat man to me." Its truth and forcibleness were good? Ask your pocket-book if you perceive it on entering the church. never so appreciated before by myself, has ceased to be fashionable among our can found a church, or rent a front pew Nevertheless, experience has shown and they seemed doubly so by the wealthier citizens to send their sons and in an aristocratic one. Do you wish to that in six cases out of ten the sexton congregation when an old sister whisdaughters to the High School. The be considered charitable? Ask your will show a fat man in that precise pered a little louder than she thought hundred dollars for a charitable society, or for the aid of some worthy object. Do you wish to go to the halls of congress and rise to eminence? Ask sire of ascertaining if the hat is still a good one then. Once more the text your pocket-book. Money is the great elevator, and the great leveler of man. ing the drudgery for eastern colleges There is but one thing we are told it which needs to be definnitely formula- I left feeling that if actions spoke wont buy, and that is a passport to heaven when you die.

ASSOCIATION.

MEN'S HATS IN CHURCH.

Of all the various expedients by which ingenious church-goers have endeavored safely to dispose of their hats, there is not one that has not proved to be fallacious. To hold one's hat continually in one's lap is practicable only in a Quaker meeting house, where the worshippers remain seated during the entire service, and never use any that all or nearly all the ministers devotional implements, such as prayerbooks and hymn-books. No man could successfully balance a hat in one hand and find the epistle for the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity with the other hand, while to stand up in order to repeat the creed or to sing a hymn with a hat under the left arm, would be the height of absurdity. The hat, then, must be laid aside during divine service, and our churches being constructed with exclusive reference to souls instead of hats, afford no resting places for the latter.

The extreme danger of placing a the pew, is universally known. The with her a confused mass of defencecovered with scratches, reminding one faculty liked it or not. value as hats, and can rarely be bent

autocrat; the only power that man these facts have been satisfactorily ex- eyes from the Bible and looking over that this has not yet been done.

As to putting one's hat on the floor The Jewell. and sending their sons and daughters THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL underneath the seat, no one who follows this reckless course can expect any thing but disaster. If there is a The seventeenth annual meeting of small boy in the pew he will infallibly tending to give our numerous ex- struction is so arranged as to adapt it- the National Educational Association discover that hat, and kick it to the changes a general review, and we self to the wishes of all, in regard to will be held in Louisville, Ky., on the further end of the pew within the first promise to attend to that matter with- preferred studies—the classics being 14th, 15th and 16th, of August. The thirty minutes of the service. If optional. The faculty has been faultless | programme, a copy of which we have | there is a lady in the pew, a surgical in every particular, and though not a received, is by no means an extraordi- operation will be required to remove View High School, presided over by number of attendants, and would cer- far from home to attend. We think absorb every particle of dust within a Prof. A. F. Nightingale. The pro- tainly be increased if there were more there will be as much to learn at the radius of eight feet, and to fasten itself gramme of exercises gives evidence of students to instruct. We say the great Plattsmouth Institute and County to the floor with the aid of forgotton much ability in that school. The drawback to the high school is the lack Superintendents' Convention, to be held Sunday School gum drops. Neither graduating class numbers six young of support and approval from the lead- July 9th to 19th, inclusive. We do under the seat, nor in the ing citizens of Omaha, and this with- not wish to discourage the officers of aisle, can the worried hat find rest, and held has a worse effect than all the the Association in thus alluding to the the plan of establishing a hat pound this summer is the unbleached balbrig-Bob Ingersoll did more to tear down open-handed blows that can be dealt programme; we only speak the truth; in the vestibule, where hats could be gan, almost a golden hue, and verried religion while on his recent lecture by avowed and out-spoken enemies of if it was a good one we would say so. ticketed and kept during the service, over the ankle with a delicate silk tour, than all the divines in the United education. As an illustration of what The reason why it is not a good one is would simply convert a church into a vine. States can counteract in a whole year. this approval and support of leading because the northern lights of education hat exchange, where the sinners would His free-thinking doctrine, put forth and wealthy citizens will do for a high find it too far south to attend with con- sceure all the good hats, and the saints in such a logical way as only he is ca school, we have only to cite the case of venience, and hence must decline par- be compelled to content themselves pable of doing, has a wonderful effect a neighboring city whose high school ticipating. Why Louisville, Ky., was with the worn out and worthless ones.

> Volume 1, No. 1 of the Black Hills Champion came to our desk last the performance of their duties. The have been made, and that is, the effect battered and bruised by ten years struggling against the ever uplifted hand of misfortune, refuses to "down" but on the contrary perches himself on a high mount in the New Eldorado and proclaims to the world his invincible determination to rise. Charley Collins was the first man to put faith in the Black Hills, the first man who wrote a line in commendation of them, and he has the best right of any one we know to make a fortune in them.

> > A New York City preacher made the fearless assertion in a recent sermon nowadays were preaching for money, not to win people to Christ and save souls. Take away their salaries, he said, and they would be lawyers, insurance agents, or merchants, trying to get a living by doing nothing.

The speaker was accused of being

THE average college student, when he goes home on a vacation, nowadays, doesn't fling Latin quotations at the defenseless head of his parents; but when he gets to talking in his sleep he says: "Hold your second! Put it home livehat in the aisle immediately outside ly now! Take your third-plenty of time." Then he clutches the sheet convulsively, and, rising up on one elbow, he cries out: "Judgment."

THE class of '80 of Princeton Col-The special purpose of this institute in asserting that the average American of the pew which is her final goal. lege, numbering about one hundred subjected to this process are reduced by ult. and ordered to leave town. The attrition to a rounded form and are class would haze freshmen whether the

MY FIRST SERMON.

My text had been chosen for many a day, and by a slow process of the in-

I had thought of the many influendown as a swindler and "dead beat," thirty-five are sat upon by other peo- most appropriate text, Paul's memorwhile a dishonest and base-hearted ple, and only five escape uninjured. able words: "None of these things The Westminster Monthly is a very neighbor living next door, pays all It is a curious fact that more men sit move me." The words however. creditable publication and an honor obligations out of his unlimited resour- down upon their hats after repeating proved more appropriate than I had of the baboon who presides over the honest and respectable citizen and a other curious fact is the attraction As I had great antipathy for essays in which a hat thus exposed upon a seat the pulpit, I had thrown away my 222 Dodge Street, bet. 14th and 15th,

will acknowledge his subservience to. plained, although they are matters of the audience, which was now quite pocket-book if you can afford a few pew within ten minutes after the hat for, "If none of these things move is in position, while other and further him, what will?" I had often heard fat men will, from time to time hover man's extremity was God's opportuabout the locality, with the evident de- nity, and I thought He certainly had susceptible of further smashing. There was read in vain, and then I asked a is clearly a law of nature at work here song to be sung. 'Twas all over and ted, and it is discreditable to science louder than words I had impressed my hearers with the truth of my text .-

FASHION POINTS.

Dressmakers are using fine steel springs in place of whalebone, as they conform to the figure and keep their shape better.

A Newark journal states that some of the best girls in Jersey are making shirts in the factories of that city for three cents apiece.

An unmarried lady in Port Chester, who had been jilted six or seven times, has arrived at the conclusion that she is fearfully and wonderfully maid.

The new style of hosiery for ladies

Women should never be given free access to the ballot box so long as they persist in offering a twenty-dollar bill in payment of a paper of pins when they have abundance of small change in their pockets.

An exchange remarks: "The only okes women like to read are those which reflect ridicule on men." "Yes," adds another exchange " on taking up paper, a woman invariably turns to the marriage column."

And now the season is very near at hand when the young man will go fishing with his girl, and wear himself to a mere shred baiting her hook and taking off her fish and unsnarling her line, and getting nothing himself bu a most uncomfortable headache.

EARLY DEATH OF TEACHERS.

A correspondent of the Sanitarian

My attention has been recently call ed to the fact that so many of the teachers in the public schools of Philadelphia die young, and I am asked if there is anything in the profession of teaching calculated to induce this mortality. I think there is. The amount of arithmetic the teachers have first to cram into themselves, and then into a succession of pupils, is enough to sap their nervous energies. It must be an awful thing to spend days in driving such barren facts into vacant minds, and to waken up each morning knowing the same dreary routine lies before one, I do not think the community knows how really good and self-sacrificing the majority of our public school-teachers are. How, in winter, they gather clothing and shoes for many of the poorer pupils. How often they feed and help them, and visit them, in sickness, at their homes. Often but poorly paid themselves, they share the little they have with those so much worse off. After all, how touchingly sad are the struggles of the poor for education.

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St. Johns N. B. was burned up on the 20th ult. There were no Babcocks in the town.

MR. W. A. McElroy, formerly connected connected with the A. & P. telegraph office. has been appointed General Western Agent of the B. & O. R. R. This is a well merited compliment to Mac.

THE meritorious poem entitled "The Poet." which appeared in our last issue, was, by an exceedingly disagreeable oversight, credited to Miss Lulu E. Safe, when the same was written by Mr. W. E. Page, of this city.

THE subscription of a portion of the subscribers of THE HIGH SCHOOL - those who date from the middle of the year instead of the first-expired last month, and they may expect to be called upon by collector.

FRED NYE of the Fremont Tribune, was married on the 24th to Miss Carrie Hayes, a young lady of rare beauty and sterling worth. Fred and Carrie will please accept the kindest wishes of THE HIGH SCHOOL for their future happiness and prosperity.

THE HIGH SCHOOL sanctum was visited by Abe Hager, of St. Joe, Mo., who passed through Omaha last month, on his way to the Black Hills. Abe is one of the oldest conductors in the west, and his host of friends wish him unbounded success in his new field.

JUST as the forms of THE HIGH SCHOOL went to press last month, the sad announcement was made of the death of little Lillian Morris. She was a pupil in the Central school, pretty, good natured and smart, and her untimely death was a severe blow to her parents and her little friends at school.

THE word "aint" is perfectly proper, and you can use it with propriety as often as you like. The word has been legalized by custom and will be recognized in the next edition of Webster's Dictionary In the mean time do not restrain yourself in using it and if any one asks your huthority just cite THE HIGH

THE High School Debating Society, an association which once figured quite prominently in the history of the city, passed from earth to heaven some two years ago, and at the time there was about twenty-five dollars in the treasury. At a meeting of the old members called by C. R. Redick, last month, this money was, upon motion, donated to the Ladies' Relief Society.

THE examinations in all the schools preparatory to the close of the term, were long and severe, and both pupils and teachers were glad when they were over. The results generally show advancement on the part of the pupils and hard work on the part of the teachers. Ninety five per cent. of all the pupils in the city are advanced one year in their onward march toward the high school the admission to which, some day, is the happy expectation of nearly every little one in the

THE Young Men's Literary Club held a meeting the parlors of the Omaha National Bank on the 12th ult., and concluded, inasmuch as specie payment was resumed, Geo. Francis Train had quit the stage, the Black Hills were a grand success, the O. & R. V. R. R., was completed the great principles of right were established, the difference between 7 and 8 was discovered, and all the great questions of the day were settled, that it had no further mission on this earth, and formally disbanded. All the money that each member had paid into the treasury was refunded, and a balance of 4.50 was set aside as a fund for the erection of a college.

THE ALUMNI REUNION.

The annual meeting and reunion of the first high school graduating class took place on the evening of the 26th. An introductory address by the president came first and was followed by Miss Maggie McCague's essay entitled "Cobwebs." Miss Jacobs read "Malibran and the Young Musician," with good effect. H. C Curry delivered the wellknown eulogy on Alexander Hamilton, and he acquitted himself quite well. Henry only needs to keep on, to reach the position as an orator now held by Douglas. Next came an essay by Miss Ida Goodman, read in a clear tone. It will be found entire on our first

"The Witch's Daughter" was the title of a selection read by Miss Addie Gladstone, who has a commanding style and a well modulated

voice. Miss Stacia Crowley read the "Annual Alumni Poem." Her subject was "Omaha"

and the poem was a good one.

The last and best of the programme was the declamation by Miss Bertha Isaacs of Longfellow's beautiful poem "The Hanging the Crane." Miss Bertha has always had The reputation of being a good speaker but this effort was the gem of all that her friends ever listened to.

At the conclusion of the literary exercises the floor was cleared, and dancing commenced to the delightful music of Hoffman's band. Altogether the affair was a grand success and great credit is due to the young ladies and to tions to get it up.

PERSONAL.

Miss May Higby, who for the past year has attended school at Peoria, Ill., is now visiting her sister at Beatrice.

Miss Jeannie Woolworth, and Misses Nora and Maggie Boyd returned last month from St. Mary's School, Knoxville, Ill.

Mr. Horace Speed, for a long time chief clerk in the Commissary Department at Government Headquarters, has resigned his position and gone home to Kentucky. He will enter the practice of law, which he has been studying for several years.

Mr. C. F. McLain has returned from a trip to Washington, Indianapolis and Chicago.

John H. Kellom has returned from Troy, N. Y., and will hereafter reside in Omaha. The local department of the Herald is now

presided over by Mr. Platt Lewis, a young gentleman who came from St. Louis. Miss Lizzie Brown passed through Omaha on the 23d, on her way from school in Cincin-

nati to her home in Salt Lake City. She was accompanied from here by her brother, Char-

Nate N. Crary, who has been at Sidney for the past year, returned home on the 26th.

G. W. Megeath has gone to Camp Robinson, where he has entered the employ of the govern-

member of the board of education to fill Naomi Knight, Charles Champlin, Lizzie vacancy in the third ward.

Miss Mima Richards has gone to Knoxville, Ill.; Miss Emma Folsom to Boone, Iowa, and Miss Alling to Chicago; Miss Laura lie Wilbur, Adam Johnson, Lizzie Sharp, Lil-Morse goes to Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Belle Merwin will soon leave for Oakland, McCandlish, Ida Overton, Mary Brooks, and

Miss Carrie Milliard has returned from school in New York City. Miss Anna Burley from Cincinnati, Miss Nettie Collins from New York City and Miss Mollie Horbach from Philadelphia.

Mr. Robt. Patrick now a member of the Junior class of Yale college, is spending the summer vacation with his parents in Omaha. He will graduate in two more years.

Fred Millard and Arthur Wakeley are home from Cornell University.

THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL.

Exercises Attending the Last Days of the Summer Term-The Alumni Re-Union.

In accordance with the time-honored custom, the higher departments of the public schools distinguished the last day with rhetorical exercises. No attempt at display was made in any of the schools. The exercises consisted simply of essays, declamations, dialogues, etc., interspersed with music and sing-

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The closing exercise took place in the auditorium Friday afternoon, June 22d. The programme was as follows:

Essay, "Change,"-Fannie Hurlbut. Recitation, "Rome and Carthage-Fannie Ken-

Declamation, "Supposed speech of Regulus to the Carthagenians,"-W. Crowell. Essay, "Seeds,"-Sarah Jacobs.

Recitation, "June,"-Anna Truland. Declamation, "The Irreparable Past,"-W.

McCague. Mary Knight, Lizzie Isaacs, Lulu Ijams, Jackson, Lida Wilson and John Peabody.

MUSIC.

Essay, "Silence,"--Addie Spratlin. Recitation, "A legend of Bregenz,"-Marcia

Manning. Declamation, "The character of Napoleon

Bonaparte,"-W. Hamilton. The exercises closed with a song by the class, under the leadership of Prof. Decker, whose musical instruction is a noticeable feature. At the close of the song, Miss Jennie Ostrom, in a neat little speech presented Prof. Decker with an elegant gold pen and holder as a testimonial from his German and musical scholars.

THE EIGHTH GRADE.

The closing exercises of the eighth grade took place Saturday afternoon June 23d. The following was the programme:

Song, Miss Dovie Wylie. Reading, "Hannah Jane,"-Tiny McChane. Essay, "Slang,"-Fannie Wood.

Declamation, "Parting of Marmion and Douglas,"-Gresham Streitz.

Reading, "The One Hoss Shay,"-Alfred Kennedy. Essay, "The Cocoa,"-Miss May McClure.

German Reading-Miss Carrie Bishop. Song, "You and I" - Miss Lizzie Calder-

Essay, "Uses of the Handkerchief,"-Callie McConnell. Declamation, "Curfew must not ring to-

night."-Miss Ida Duggan. Reading, "Eternal Goodness,"-Miss Mary

Declamation, "The Curse of Regulus," Miss Jessie Allen. Declamation, "Horatius at the Bridge,"-

Chas. Deuel. Music, Fantasia,-Miss Dovie Wylie. A neatly bound book, the title of which w

could not obtain, was presented to Mr. Scott, the teacher, as an evidence of the affection held for him by his school.

SEVENTH GRADE EXHIBITION. Programme of exercises consisted of: Select reading-Miss Minnie Maul.

Drama, "Miss Willis' Will," Misses Jennie Ostrom, Mattie Kennedy, Minnie Maul, Fannie Morris and Lizzie Sharp.

Recitation, "Zenobia's Ambition," Maria

Prof. Merritt, who was untiring in his exer Declamation, "The Childrens' Hour," Naom Knight.

Recitation, "The Dead Doll," Josie McCague. Essay, "The Philosopher's Stone." - Josie posed of Jno. Griffith, captain and catcher Recitation, "The Rich Man and the Poor Man,"-Jennie Ostrom.

Farce, "A New Way to Pay for a Dinner." -Lucien Stevens, Thomas Kimball, F. Schneider and Albert Crowell.

The exercises were interspersed with music and singing.

STUDENTS PROMOTED.

The following students of the Eighth grade passed the examination necessary to enter the high school and have been promoted accordingly:

Jessie Allan, Ida Duggan, Carrie Bishop, May McClure, Lizzie Calderwood, Dovie Wiley, Carrie Kumpf, Aggie McAusland, Callie McConnell, Mary Hower, Mattie Sharp, Mary Goodman, Belle Jewett, Rose Starkey, Aggie McDonald, Emma Fitch, Gustavus Streitz, Edward Steel, Charles Deuel, Solon Emery, William Wakeley, Thomas McCague, Warren Rogers, Seth Sherman, Alfred Kennedy, Curtis Turner and Walter Sanford.

[Note-Miss Fannie Wood passed the examination very creditably, but as she will not enter the high school, her name does not appear above.-Ed.1

The following pupils of the Seventh grade -Miss Lucy Green, teacher-passed required examination and are promoted to the Eighth:

Minnie Maul, Fannie Morris, Lucien Stephens, Frank Schneider, Walter Ware, Ossie Rhoades, Addison Parker, Henry Mr. Chas. D. Woodworth has been elected Copley, Maria Wilson, Thomas Kimball, Bartholomew, Clara Roeder, Josie McCague, Fannie Wilson, William Connelly, Maggie Hower, Willie Cummings, Annie Martis, Lillie Parrish, Etta Gwyer, Frank McGovern, Ida Willie Kennedy.

BROWNELL HALL COMMENCEMENT.

The commencement excercises of this institution took place Thursday June 21st.

An iustrumental duet by Misses Jessie Mason and Clara Richardson opened the excer-

Miss Rebe Yates read an essay in French on the subject "Marie Stuart."

This was followed by a finely executed quartette by Misses Guerney Belcher, Flora Barden, Bertie Steell and Jessie Paine.

"Loreli" a German recitation, and "Les adieu de Marie Stuart" a French declamation came next in their order.

"The voices of the sea" was the subject of Miss Mary E. Townsend's graduating essay. It was well written.

Miss Josie Goodale followed with her essay entitled "The Beautiful" and closed with the valedictory.

The various prizes were then awarded by Bishop Clarkson as follows:

Doane prize, for Natural Sciences and Woolworth prize, for Higher Mathemetics, Jessie Paine; Patterson prize for English Composition, Mary Townsend; Hawkins prize for writing, Kate Trabing; Second prize, Florence Yates; Chase prize for Rhetoric, Clara Richardson; Deans' prize, for Drawing, Mariah A. Reed; Directors prize, for Study, and Easter prize, for History, Grace Mason; Yates prize, for Reading, Jennie Hayden; School prize, for French, Nellie Wakeley; Redick prize, for General Improvement, Lillie Welch; Loomis Medal, for Scholarship, Bessie Stephenson; Woolworth Medal, given by Mrs. Woolworth, for Scholarship in Collegiate Department, Josie Farce, "A Thorn among Roses," participated Goodale; Clarkson Medal, given by Bishop in by Misses Mittie Dort, Maggie Truland, Clarkson, for Morality and Good Deportment, Nellie Wakely. In awarding this medal the Mora Balcombe, Will Killingsworth, Annie Bishop highly complimented Miss Wakeley, who has won this medal five successive years. Medals for English Literature and Painting, Reading, "The Death of Little Paul,"-Nellie recently established, will be added to the list of awards next year.

COUNCIL BLUFFS ITEMS.

Miss Lottie Martin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa is visiting her friends Misses Maggie Dohany and Mamie James.

Miss Minnie Mead who has been visiting friends for the past few months, returned recently to her home.

Page now resides in Sioux City.

Jno. Baldwin who graduated and took the degree A. B. at the recent commencement of Blues," of Crete, Nebraska, which occurred the law department of Iowa State University, on the 23d. The game was not characterized has returned and will immediately enter into by brilliant playing on either side. The "Omathe practice of his profession.

Will Sapp has returned from school in Andover, Mass., to spend the summer vacation. Mrs. Rue, accompanied by Edward, Miss Mamie and the rest of her family left on the 25th for Santa Rosa, California, her future

Mrs. Kirkpatrick has gone to San Francisco. She was accompanied by Miss Alice, whose departure from the Bluffs will be regretted by a large circle of warm friends.

Misses Lucy and Constance Williams, who graduated with the highest honors of the class of '77 intend to leave for Denver, Col. sometime during the present month, there to reside.

THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The commencement exercises of the Councli Bluffs high school took place at Dohany's Hall on the evening of the 22d. The attendance was very large, many people having been compelled to stand during the whole performance. The graduating class num bered nine -eight young ladies and one young gentle man. The order of exercises was as follows: Music by the Independent Band. Salutatory-Josie Knabe.

Essay,-" I slept and dreamed that life was beauty; I waked and found that life was duty."-Laura Scott.

Essay, "Littie things."—Kate Payne. Essay, "View from the High School Hill." Constance Williams.

Oration, "Woman's Worth." -Kate Hooten.

Knabe.

developement of Genius."—Frank Evans. Recitation and Essay-"Three Fishers."-Lucy Williams.

Essay, "Originality,"-Susie Baldwin. Poem, "The Guardians of the Soul,"-Lizzie Randall.

Valedictory and Graduating Ode-Constance Williams.

Bouquets innumerable were showered upon the stage at the end of each essay and oration. At the conclusion of the above exercises Prof. Gow stepped forward and made a few remarks after which he presented each graduate with

The eighth annual reunion of the Council Bluffs Alumni Association occurred on the evening of Friday the 29th. The attendance owing to a severe storm which came up just at the time for assembling, was not as large as it otherwise would have been. Those who were there, however, were well entertained as the programme was an excellent one. These facts we glean from the Nonpariel of the 30th. We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present and regret that circumstances prevented our attending.

NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

Fourth Annual Commencement.

The fourth annual commencement exer cises of the State University, took place on the 27th, in the Lincoln Opera House. Chas. S. Brainard of Grant, Neb., one of the four graduates, came forward after the introductory remarks of Chancellor Fairfield, and delivered an ab.v written oration on "The Education of Farmers." He was somewhat embarrassed as he commenced but soon forgot all but his subject and finished with perfect

Mr. Allen W. Field, of Lincoln, who grad uated in the scientific course, next spoke of 'Social Problems — their Solution." He by the President, and the same accepted: passed in review some of the questions in social life. He spoke of conscience; the beief to-day that men should have liberty Attempts would be made to dwarf the conscience in the future, but it would not be as strong an attempt as in the past. The benificent law of freedom holds in the intellectual world. Absolute freedom is the ultimate and final condition of humanity.

Francis M. Lamberton, of Salem, graduate of the classical course, then spoke upon "Personal Freedom." He said that mankind was not free, free as our fathers were a hundred years ago, but these party fetters, and and unclean rags that smell of prison chambers, must drop. Man must raise himself. Perfection must be aimed at, and the ladder leading there must be ascended, round by round.

The great thing men needed was culture. son. If a man think, he is free, and personal freedom becomes the primary condition of

personal perfection. His oration was well received and he was

loudly applauded. Mr. William McAllister of Columbus talked about the fallacy of the Darwinian theory and also the weakness of some of Ingersoll's finally rallied and finished.

The Chancellor then conferred the degree of Bachelor of Agriculture upon Mr. Brainard; man and French, teaches the sons and daught-Bachelor of Science upon Messrs. Field and ers of some of the best families in the city McAllister, and Bachelor of Arts upon Mr. He is a graduate of a German University, and Lamberton, with diplomas to each, and stated that he was authorized by the Regents to con- terms, which are very reasonable, may be obfer the additional degree of M. S. upon the class of '74: Messrs. W. M. Stevenson, F. S. Hurd and U. H. Malleck.

Hon. A. J. Poppleton then delivered the Baccalaureate address. It was a brilliant and able one, and contained much of sound advice to the graduates.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Base ball has been the leading amusement for the past month, and a few very fair games have been played. The first of the season was the match between the "Omahas" and "Boys Joe Swan has gone to Chicago, and Lyman in Blue," which resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 22 to 5. The next game was one between the "Omahas" and "Big has," however, showed considerable nerve in Its name has also been changed to the Rutgaining seven in the last two innings. The game consisted of only two innings.

BIG BLUES. OMAHAS. OMAHAS.

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Umpire—Mr. Chester Pratt, of Omaha. Scorers—W. A. Brilges, Big Blues; W. J. Ouddy,

The Excelsiors reorganized last month for the summer campaign. The members play in the following positions: Herman, c; O'Toole, p; Moran, ss; M. Barnes, 1st b; Reynolds, 2d b; Mills, 3d b;

McAvin 1f; Barry, cf; Ed. Kosters, rf. The officers are: Morris Barnes, captain; Ed. Kosters, treasurer, and Jno. McAvin, property man. The club played its first game on the 24th ult., with a nine from Co. K, Omaha Garrison, and was successful by a score of

18 to 6.

The clerks of the different banks in the city have formed themselves into a base ball club and, we understand, will compete for the highest honors of the diamond this season. They sail under the euphonius title of the "Close Cuts," and their officers are, Ed. Balch, prest.; Creda White, sec'y. The playing nine is com-

Fred. Phillbrook, pitcher; Jno. Ross, short Oration, "The advantages of Poverty in the stop; Fred. Knight, 1st base; E. Frank, 2d base; J. Ross, 3d base; Skip Hyde, left field; Sam Nash, centre field, and J. C. Sharp, right field. The club will play the "Otoes," of Nebraska City, on the 4th of July.

In the games for the League Championship and '77 pennant, the Bostons stand at the head by a small majority, but there is nothing by which anything sure can be foretold. The following list will show the number of games won and lost by the league clubs, and their relative positions, as we write:

The defeats sustained by League nines at the hands of non-League clubs this season show that the Chicago nine have been defeated six times by non-Leage clubs; the St. Louis nine six times, once without scoring; the Louisville team five times: the Cincinnati three times; the Bostons twice, and the Brooklyns once. The full record shows a total of twenty-three

WE are informed by Maj. Burt that the Cheyenne Base Ball club desire to come to Omaha if arrangements can be made to play a match game. Communications may be addressed to Mr. Glover, Secretary, Cheyenne.

The return game between the "Boys in Blue," of the Omaha Barracks and the "Omahas," was played on the afternoon of the 29th, and resulted in a score of 35 for the "Omahas" to 27 for the "Boys in Blue." Eleven innings were played.

At a meeting of the Omaha Base Ball Club, held Friday evening. June 29th, arrangements were made for playing with the "Stars," of Fremont, on the 4th of July. A motion was carried instructing the Captain to issue a challenge to the "Close Cuts," and it was also de. cided to challenge the "Otoes" of Nebraska City some time soon. The resignations of Elmer Frank and J. G. Benster, were accepted. The following letter of resignation was sent in

To the Members of the Omaha Base Ball Club. Gentlemen :- I hereby tender my resignation s President and Treasurer of the Omaha Base Ball Club. My reason for this is that I cannot properly perform the duties devolving upon this office without seriously neglecting my own business. Trusting that the club will continue in the successful career thus far in augurated, I am.

Very truly yours, OMAHA, NEB., June 27, 1877. J. F. McCartney.

THE Fourth of July will not be the occasion of any general celebration by the citizens of Omaha, but most of them will leave on excursions, three or four of which have been

An exhibition was given Thursday evening, June 28th, by the scholars of the seventh and Culture is revelation, whose handmaid is reae eighth grades. Our report of the separate exercises includes most of the programme.

BUSINESS NOTIJES.

Messrs. Bennet & Co., practical Hatters and Furriers, are two gentlemen, recently from Canada, who have opened a new Hat and Fur store in Creighton Block. They keep on logic. He hesitated once during his address | hand a large stock of fine hats, caps, furs, etc., as though he was going to break down but and respectfully invite you to call and see

> Prof. Martin Pflaum, an instructor in Gerhas had much experience as a teacher. His tained by calling on him at 222 Dodge street between 13th and 14th.

Messrs. Becker & Baumeister of the Nebras ka Marble and Granite Co., put up, last month, an elegant Italian marble monument of Joseph Baumann, 15 feet high, and cost \$500. They

are turning out some fine work. Messrs. Corey & Griffin are two young gentlemen who have recently formed a partnership in the life and fire insurance business. with office in Clark's block. They are the general western agents of the N. Y. Life Insurance Company.

Dr. C. H. Paul has fitted up neat and commodious dental rooms in Campbell block, 509 13th street, and is now prepared to attend to anything in the dental line.

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They've torn the school house down, I see And leveled-what a shame !-The old familiar maple tree That bore our teacher's name. He used my knife to carve it with, And labored half a day; It looked like this-"LycurGUS sMitH." (No criticism, pray.)

Alas! beneath the daisies' bloom The poor old master sleeps, And o'er his lone, neglected tomb No kinsman ever weeps. The scholars loved him every one, And chatted with him noons: He warmed our jackets though, like fun, Likewise our pantaloons.

Where are the boys that used to play With me along the creek? Ah! some of them have passed away, While others vainly seek Their fortunes in a foreign land Poor Barber wandered thence-I'd like to take him by the hand And-get that fifty cents

Heigho! while gazing on the place Where the school-house used to stand, A tear drop trickles o'er my face, And drops upon my hand. Oh, memories of the days of yore! Oh, blissful childhoods morn! I wish that I was six once more, And-Betsy was'nt born.

Oh, cherished spot, I'll ne'er forget The scenes that hallow thee! And though I cannot linger, yet I leave reluctantly; For sitting on these mouldering logs, I feel such perfect peace-

Why, hang it! there's a million hogs Inspecting my valise.

-School and Home

LEAP YEAR BALL.

Describing a leap year ball that lately took place in Boston, the Woman's Journal says:

As in duty bound, on this occasion, the ladies claimed and exercised the privilege of choosing their own partners, and all invitations to dance were given by them. It is said that this this is what you like, Nellie?"—Nelchange of attitude wrought its visible lie .- "Yes, it is nice. But I rode on seemed for the moment adorned with an unaccustomed modesty. Looking invite them to dance, or to suffer them to taste for once all the unpleasantness out crowding the bones.— $\hat{E}x$. of the wall flower position. Some youths, who have never troubled themselves in society about any one's pleasure but their own, had the tables turned upon them, and were left to amuse themselves as well as they could in viewing the amusement of others No one took them in to supper, or disturbed their solitary sitting. From all that we can learn, however, the young ladies were merciful, and whatever of them was very gently conveyed.

Still, the occasion cannot, we think, to the dancing and driving throng. crabs had tails either." Exit young Commission Merchants, Its lesson is this: place a man under man.—Ex. the same disabilities which everywhere as much crippled by the artificial restriction as any woman can be. On the other hand, give to women, for one hour even, the freedom which men claim, and they will show quite the same power of enjoying it, and will possibly display more delicacy and generosity in its use.

LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS,

Time was when the average theatregoer believed in the spontaneity of the floral offerings with which pretty actresses are favored. But now they are generally known to be mere business shams. What is known as the business bouquet is a shameful fraud on all but those whom it reaches, and this is generally some aspiring actress who purchased it to be presented to her at a time when it is likely to attract the most attention—that is, when the performance is about half through, and the actress has just sung or played some important part. Very often the

in succession. The messenger boquet is an entirely different affair, often elegant and costly, and is used for quite a different purpose, more hor orable at least, than a "business boq iet." It BOOTS AND SHOES, generally contains a note from the sender, who is either very old or very young, requesting an introduction, an interview, a drive, perhaps an invitation to dinner, but at all hazards an answer. To such a present, the reply, which is only to often and willingly given, is likewise a floral one. Thus, if the actress makes her next appearance upon the stage with a flower in her bosom it means "all right," a flower in her hair signifies "highly pleased," while if she drops one of those pretty productions of nature upon the stage, it interprets her assent to an interview. But if she appears with no flower at all, it means a flat refusal, and he who sent his costly bouquet has spent his money and schemed in vain. The spontaneous bouquet is rare now-a-days but when offered may be safely accepted as an assurance of respect.

COLLEGE PRESS CLIPPINGS.

Interesting to bankers: What is the difference between the day rate of gold and the nitrate of silver ?- Cornell Re-

Theologically considered how should the hen be classified? Undoubtedly as one of the laity.

A young man who mistook a bottle of varnish for a bottle of hair-oil, concluded that dancing was a frivolous amusement and kept away from a masquerade ball. But when inquisitive friends asked why he stayed away, he did not hesitate to tell a plain unvarnished tale-Cornell Review,

The Beacon mentions some "new college buildings, capable of accommodating two thousand students of the most improved style of architecture." Are they ladies?—Ex.

"It was pitched without," said a clergyman in church, and a young base ball player, who had been calmly slumbering, awoke with a start, and yelled "foul." The first base came down from the choir and put him out. J. J. BECKER.

Fair charmer (who thinks that she knows everything about college affairs) -"Is it possible, Mr. Tomkins, that you are unacquainted with my brother at Harvard? Why, he sings second base in the University Base Ball Crew."—Lampoon.

"Comparisons are odious." The Major (rocking Nellie on on his knee for Aunt Mary's sake.)—"I suppose effects upon the young men, who a real donkey yesterday—I mean one with four legs, you know."-Ex.

A very precise person remarking even a little shame-faced as the young upon Shakspeare's lines, "The good ladies eyed them, doubtful whether to invite them to dance or to suffer them terment can generally take place with

When a Harvard student has his lesson well prepared, he says he has it "cold." Hamilton has it "pipped." Pennsylvania College has it "red hot." Madison men have it "dead." Syracuse has it "perfect." So! And the Elmira girls have it "lovely." Ah! And Wittenberg has it "pat."

Literary young man at a party: E. C. BURT'S "Miss Jones have you seen Crabbe's Tales?" Young lady, scornfully: "I was not aware, sir, that crabs had admonition these circumstances had in tails." Young man, covered with confusion: "I beg your pardon ma'am, I should have said, read Crabbe's Tales!" Young lady, angrily scornhave been without its instruction, even ful: "And I was not aware that red

A student thus describes his efforts restrain woman's free natural action, and to attract the attention of a young he at once feels his impotence, and is lady the other evening at a reception, and his success: "I performed a slight oscillation of my cephalic appendage in fiducial expectancy of witnessing a reciprocal manifestation of affability on the part of the æsthetic cynosure of my obeisance, but was intensely discommoded in the sensitive region of my psychological entity by the consciousness that my attempt at congeniality was not appreciated, as the fair form refused to make a perceptible deflection from a vertical posture of rigid inflexibility."-Argosy.

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