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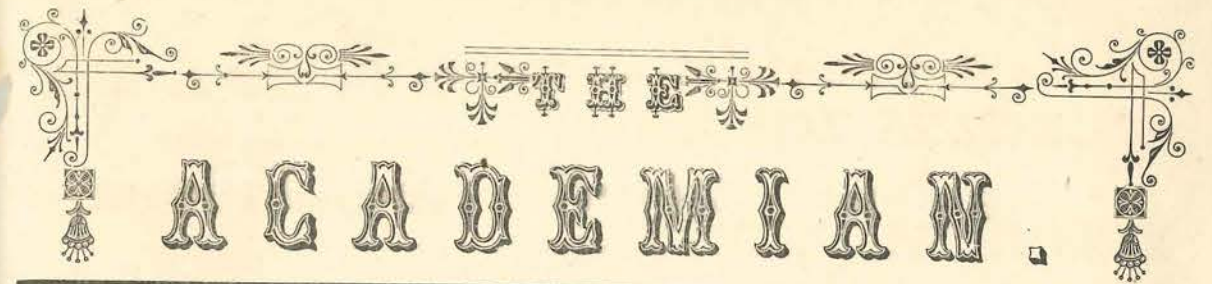
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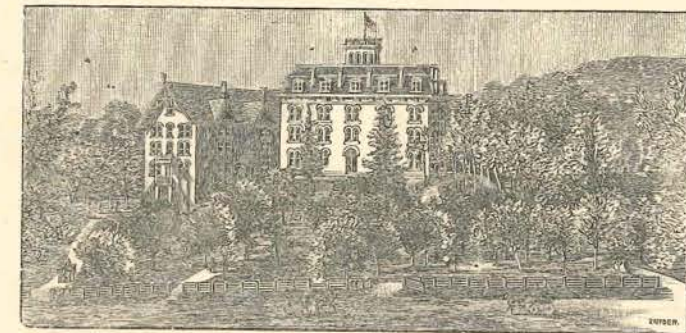
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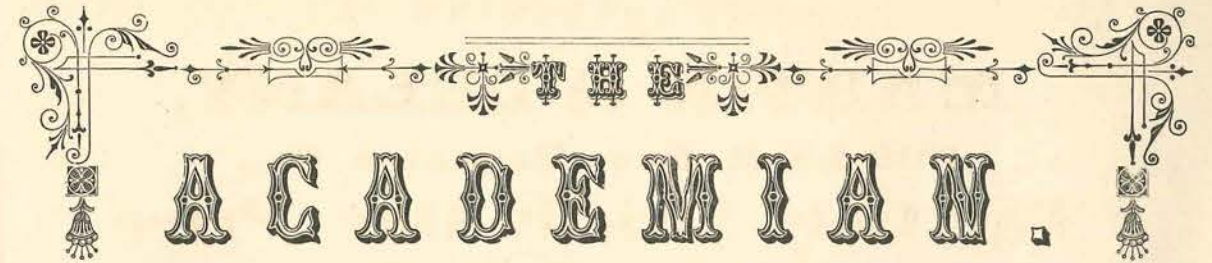
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Select Poetry,

THE POET'S SECRET.

"The poet's secret I must know,
 If that will calm my restless mind.
 I hail the seasons as they go,
 I woo the sunshine, brave the wind.

I scan the lily and the rose,
 I nod to every nodding tree,
 I follow every stream that flows,
 And wait beside the rolling sea.

I question melancholy eyes,
 I touch the lips of women fair;
 Their lips and eyes may make me wise,
 But what I seek for is not there.

In vain I watch the day and night,
 In vain the world through space may roll;
 I never see the mystic light,
 Which fills the poet's happy soul.

Lo hear through life a rhythm flow,
 And into song its meaning turn—
 The poet's secret I must know:—
 By pain and patience shall I learn?"

Literary.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Doctor Holmes was born at Cambridge, Mass., August 29th, 1809. His father, Doctor Abdial Holmes became celebrated as the author of the "Annals of America," a work which still enjoys a fair reputation. Doctor Holmes graduated at Harvard in 1829 and immediately entered upon the study of law, but soon exchanged the pursuit of briefs for the occupation of writing prescriptions; studying medicine in Paris and several other European cities for several years; he received the degree of M. D. in 1836 and returned to America the same year. Two years later he was chosen Professor of Chemistry and Physiology at

Dartmouth College, and in 1847 was transferred to the same chair at Harvard, the medical department of which is at Boston, where Dr. Holmes has since resided in winter; his summers being spent at a private estate on the Housatonic river in Massachusetts.

But it is as a literary personage that the name of Holmes will forever live in the memory of the American people. As an essayist he is pre-eminent, and as a writer of songs and lyrics he stands in the foremost ranks. Early in his college life he attracted attention as a poet, some of his finest lyrics having been delivered before the literary societies of Harvard University. He has in his time been compared to almost every poet to whom it is worth while being compared, but it is generally admitted that in his satire his conciseness and precision he most resembles Pope, while in his mastery of the humorous and the grotesque Dr. Holmes is probably the foremost of English speaking poets. Among his shorter pieces may be mentioned "Old Ironsides,"—an indignant protest against the destruction of the old man of war, Constitution, which created a public sentiment that prevented the fulfilment of that ungracious design. And then we have that little lyric gem, "The Boys," a poem addressed to the class of '29, of which the Doctor was himself a member. The poem was written some thirty years afterward, and in it Dr. Holmes addresses his classmates as boys. But his fame does not rest so much on his genius as a poet, as on his prose writings. He has erected for himself an everlasting monument in his "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," his "Professor of the Breakfast Table," and the "Poet of the Breakfast

Table." The first appeared in the Atlantic Monthly in 1857, and was followed in 1858 by the second, "The Poet at the Breakfast Table" not being written until some time afterward. Of these the "Autocrat" is most widely read. The "Professor" is probably the best, while the "Poet" is rather inferior to the former. Still all three of them present a succession of brilliant and original thoughts which fill the mind of the reader with ever recurring words and delight, as when he says: "A man whose opinions are not attacked is beneath contempt," and "Every real thought on every real subject knocks the wind out of somebody or other." And again, "You may set it down as a truth that admits of few exceptions that those who seek your opinion really want your praise. Holmes is a little hard on strong-minded women and over co-education; but we find him ever respectful, ever just, ever open in his praise, whenever he meets a real woman in his sense of the word, as when he remarks, "God bless all good women; to their soft hands and pitying hearts we must all come at last." And "There is at least three saints among the women, to one among the men." Thus we see that he does them the fullest justice, and his belief in woman is boundless, his admiration sincere, open and honest. In religion he is no bigot, but belongs to the broadest of broad churches. "The church which has its creed in the heart and not in the head," as he himself expresses it.

We can only glance at Holmes as a novelist. A remarkable work is the singular romance, "Elsie Venner," published in 1861. In 1868 he published a second novel, "The Guardian Angel," which is inferior in style to the former, but still has found many readers and admirers. In 1870 he published "Mechanism in Thoughts and Morals." Besides these he has published a number of medical works and numerous articles in professional periodicals. He has also been a frequent contributor to the "North American Review," "The Knickerbocker," and the "Atlantic Monthly." His command of

language, his ready wit, his concise and pointed style are qualities that have firmly established the reputation of Dr. Holmes, while in professional character and success he has been equally recognized.

HEALTH STATISTICS OF FEMALE GRADUATES.

The question of how collegiate training affects the health of women, which for the last fifteen years has been bandied about among medical men and laymen, has at last received one definite answer. The Association of Collegiate Alumnae, an organization which had its origin in Boston but has become well nigh National, has collected the facts of that answer, and the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor Statistics has tabulated them and picked from them every important conclusion which they could furnish. The statistics are gathered from the graduates of a dozen colleges, all co-educational except Smith, Vassar and Wellesley, and including all those of high standard and exacting course to which women have been admitted. It was the aim of the association not only to collect data sufficient to settle this mooted question one way or the other, but also to gather information that would give a better understanding of woman's physical ability. To serve this purpose a schedule of questions was sent out to each of 1,300 alumnae. The questions covered the physical condition and nativity of parents, the surrounding influences, conditions, physical exercise, mental labor, of the alumna, from childhood until graduation and her health and occupation since that time. To these 1,300 circulars 705 answers were received, a sufficient number to make deductions worthy of trust. The fact that these papers were all turned over to the Bureau of Labor Statistics frees the conclusion arrived at from suspicion of special pleading, or of being twisted and colored to suit a special purpose.

The first and most striking fact elicited is that during the college-life of these 705 women 60 per cent. felt no change in health; 20 per cent. felt an improvement, and 20 per cent. a

deterioration. The average age at the time of entering college was 18.35 years, but for those who entered at sixteen years or under there was an increase in deterioration in health of a little more than 10 per cent, as compared with those who entered at a later age. Much of this decline in health appears to be the result of inherited tendencies rather of college life, for 20 per cent. of those showing a decline in health inherited a tendency to disease from their parents, but where there has been no such inherited tendency the figures show that there has been an increase in good health of nearly 3 per cent. But this decline in health is not as serious as it appears. The grades of health are classified under the heads of "excellent," "good," "fair," "indifferent," "poor," and one-third of the deterioration was only from "excellent" to "good." Those who studied moderately during the college course appear to have been benefited by college life, but about 7 per cent. of those who studied severely suffered in consequence. Worry seems to have been a more prolific cause of physical trouble than severe study, for those who worried over their studies and personal affairs show a decline in health of 15 per cent., while those who were free from this kind of care gained 10 per cent. in health. It is also noteworthy that nearly all of those who suffered in consequence of severe study report that since graduation they have recovered their normal condition. Over 78 per cent. of the whole number report their present health as either excellent or good. In comparison with this showing it is worth while to notice, in passing, the fact that Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi a few years ago obtained answers from nearly 250 women of all classes and conditions on the question of general health. Only 56 per cent. of these were in good health, a gain of 22 per cent in favor of college graduates. Of the 417 who report themselves as having some sort of ailment, only 81 consider their disorders to be the result of intellectual overwork, the same number,

by the way, as say they have been injured by had sanitary conditions.

The theories by which Dr. Clark put back the movement for collegiate training for women at least a dozen years, and the arguments which medical men have usually set against its course, receive a blow from the facts here brought together. The average age at which these women began to study is less than six years,—many of them began at three,—and they entered college at the average age of 18.35, leaving it at 22.39, thus bringing the period of preparation for college from the fifteenth to the eighteenth year. Of the entire 705 and out of the 417 having some kind of ailment, only 112 have had any kind of trouble peculiar to the female sex. There are not many disorders of either eye or brain among them, only 12 of the former and 30 of the latter being reported. The nervous system seems to have suffered most, there being 137 such disorders reported. But evidently not a great deal of this should be laid at the college door, for nearly one-third the entire number say they are naturally of nervous disposition and wear nervous before entering college.—*Exchange.*

ORIGIN OF THE WORD "SLANG."

If it were better known "slang" would not be quite such a favorite, I think. Slang's are the greaves with which convicts' legs were fettered; and they were so called because they required a sling of string to keep them off the ground. The irons were the "slangs" and the "slang wearer's" language came to be called "slangous" or "slangy." So that "slang" means the language of felons, not of honest people.

WHITTIER'S SCHOOL DAYS.

The class of 1827, Haverhill Academy, of which John G. Whittier was a member, held a reunion on the 10th of September last. We append the letter of Miss Arethusa Hall, first preceptress of the school, now over eighty

years of age, and also the poem written for the occasion by the venerated poet.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Sept. 3, 1885.

THE REV. MR. WINGATE :

DEAR SIR : I have your circular inviting me to meet Mr. Whittier at a reunion of his schoolmates of Haverhill Academy. It would give me great pleasure not only to meet one of the most distinguished of our American poets, whom I sometimes for the moment assume the honor of calling one of my pupils, but also to see again his young lady schoolmates, who were directly under my care and instruction. I remember Mr. Whittier well, as he was then, having enjoyed few opportunities for academic culture, and whom Mr. Duncan introduced to me as "a young man who, at the shoemaker's bench often hammered out fine verses." I recollect the assiduity with which he was reported to study and I have vividly pictured in my memory his appearance at a public examination in an embarrassed attitude, undergoing the well sustained ordeal. From that time I followed his literary career with interest, imbued as it was with the noblest principles of humanity no less than with the deepest poetic feeling. Only a few days ago I reread with intense delight, summer though it was, his "Snow Bound," picturing in many points my own early experiences. I regret very much that I do not see the probability of my being present at the proposed reunion. Failing in this you will please present my highest appreciation and regard to Mr. Whittier, and my kind wishes to any of my old pupils who may be at the gathering.

Respectfully yours,

ARETHUSA HALL.

Mr. Whittier's poem was as follows :

The gulf of seven and fifty years
We stretch our welcoming hand across,
The distance but a feeble toss
Between us and the youth appears.

For, in life's school we linger on—
The remnant of a once full list,
Conning our lessons undismitted,
With faces to the setting sun.

And some have gone the unknown way,
And some await the call to rest ;
Who knoweth whether it is best,
To those who went, or us, who stay.

And yet, despite of loss and ill,
If faith and love and hope remain,
Our length of days is not in vain,
And life is well worth living still.

Still to a gracious Providence
The thanks of grateful hearts are due,
For blessings when our lives were new,—
For all the good vouchsafed us since.

The pain that spared us sorer hurt,
The wish desired, the purpose crossed,
And pleasures found, occasions lost,
Were mercies to our small desert.

'Tis something that we wander back,
Gray pilgrims to the ancient ways ;
And tender memories of old days
Walk with us by the Merrimac.

That even in life's afternoon
A sense of youth comes back again,
As through the cool September rain
The still green woodland dreams of Spring.

The eyes grow dim to present things,
Have keener sight for bygone years ;
And sweet and clear in deafening ears,
The bird that sang at morning sings.

Dear comrades, scattered wide and far,
Send from their homes the kindly word,
And dearer ones unseen, unheard
Smile on us from some Heavenly star.

For life and death with God are one,
Unchanged by seeming change ; His care
And love are round us here and there ;
He breaks no thread His hands have spun.

Soul touches soul, the muster roll
Of life eternal has no gaps ;
And after half a century's lapse
Our school-day ranks are closed and whole.

Hail and farewell ; we go away —
When shadows bud we trust in light.
The star that ushers in the night
Is herald also of the day.

PASTIME PAPERS.

The *Literary News* has the following from the *New York Times* on the "Pastime Papers :

There never could be a more apt quotation than this :

"Some things are good ; pick out the best ;
Good wits compiled them, and—I wrote the rest."

It is an art, then to select properly, and when one has the power of arrangement, just such a pleasant book as the one under notice is the re-

sult. Recreation is a specific for a jaded and overtaxed brain, and in "Pastime Papers" the reader finds this recreation.

A variety of papers are discoverable in this volume, and the illustrative anecdotes innumerable. The one "on names" affords the amplest material for an amusing article. There was Mr. Ottiwell Wood, who, as a witness, was asked to spell his name, which he did as follows : "O double T, I double U, E double L, double U, double O, D." Then the examining lawyer said it was the most extraordinary name he ever met with. Appropriateness of names to professions are among those queer coincidences which often happen. Death was a London undertaker. One of his family had a son, who came when least expected, and was named Sudden Death. The name of Death is somewhat stripped of its terrors when divided up, for it is likely that a d'Ath or a De Ath was the founder of the family. When a duel actually did take place in Philadelphia some forty years ago, a Willing and a Schott blazing away at one another on the field of honor, the following verses commemorated the event :

"Schott and Willing did engage in duel fierce and hot ;
Schott shot Willing willingly, and Willing he shot Schott."

There was once, too, a tailor in Philadelphia whose name was Love. It is said he did not prosper because "Love is ever trusting." The attorneys in court may crack their jokes, but the learned Judge should not so indulge, but nevertheless his honor is to be forgiven at times. There was a witness in a judicial court in New York named Gunn, and the counsel in closing said to him, "Mr. Gunn, you can now go off." The Judge on the bench seeing the pun, gravely added, "Sir, you are discharged." Of course, an explosion in the court immediately followed.

The chapter on letter writing is replete with pleasing suggestions. "Letter writing is generally more good humored than witty, and more genial than clever. Friendship produces it, affection gossips in it, and civility—that exercise of benevolence in small things—bestows

upon it a delicate preservative aroma of good breeding." Sam Weller hit it just right when bringing his "Valentine" to a close he said : "That's the werry art o' letter writin', it makes you wish there vas more." Foote's mother wrote to her son : "Dear Sam : I am in prison. Come and assist your loving mother. E. F." To which the luckless wight responded : "Dear Mother : So am I, which prevents his duty being paid to his loving mother by her affectionate son. S. F." Why does the fair sex always indulge in a postscript and then again, what harm can arise from such an indulgence? Selwyn once affirmed that no woman ever wrote a letter without a postscript. "My next letter shall refute you," said a lady present. The promised letter soon came, and after her signature stood : "P. S.—Who is right now, you or I?" Was it Sir Boyle Roach who wrote that famous letter, rampant with bulls, concluding as follows : "P. S.—If you do not receive this, in course it must have miscarried ; therefore I beg you will immediately write to let me know."

"Touching Tailors" shows how the man of stitches is not a fractional proportion of humanity. There was that famous old knight of Edward III's time, Sir John Harkwood, who dropped needle and took sword, and fought his way up to distinction, and there was Doughty Dorfling, who, instead of shearing broadcloth, went for men's weasands, intent on cutting them with his hanger, and fought like a hero all through the Thirty Years' War. Of course we must have our joke about the tailor, and O'Connell once made a man sit down in the following way : There was a large audience to hear O'Connell, and one man insisted on standing up, and nothing would induce him to be seated. At last O'Connell waived his hand for silence, and then speaking to the police said : "Pray let the worthy gentleman have his way. He is a tailor, and wants to rest himself." This was a settler ; and down the worthy gentleman did sit amid tumultuous applause. Why are tailors melancholy men ?

Charles Lamb wanted to know that. "Do you ever see a tailor go whistling along the foot-path like a carman or brush through a crowd like a baker, or go smiling to himself like a lover?" We fancy the reason is that his trade being a sedentary one, and living in a close atmosphere, physically he is not as good an animal as the one who follows a more active or out-of-doors calling.

In the "Marvels of Memory" many of the extraordinary mental feats of individuals are presented. There is Porson, who, had he lived to-day, would have tried to drink kerosene, who never forgot anything. Porson was asked the meaning of a word in Thucydides, when he repeated the entire passage in which it occurred. "How do you know that is the passage I was reading?" inquired the gentleman. "The word is found twice in Thucydides, once on the right-hand page, again on the left of the edition you use. I saw on which page you looked and knew the passage." It is a mistake to suppose that people gifted with memory have that trait as a salient one to the exclusion of everything else. There was Macaulay, "the cock-sure man," who, to amuse himself when crossing the English Channel, repeated the whole of "Paradise Lost;" and there was Lipsius, too, who requested some one to stand near him with a knife and stab him if in repeating Tacitus from beginning to end if he missed a single word. It quite takes away one's breath to find among one's friends men with this special gift of memory. Magliabelchi knew where a book was in the Grand Seignor's Library in Constantinople. "It is the seventh book on the seventh shelf on the right hand as you go in," and Magliabelchi was in Rome. There is a gentleman in New York much given to hunting up volumes in the old book stores of this city. In such places order does not reign supreme. The writer of this article was once on the-lookout for a book, not a rare one, however. Meeting this friend he made his wants known. At once he was directed to a certain bookstand on the street, whose wares were exposed

to the passer by, and the exact open box, on the shop front, the precise line, the absolute place of the book was indicated, and, going there, the volume was found. The condition of the book, the edition, the binding, even the ribbon used for a marker, had been indicated. (Whittaker \$1.)

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EDITORIAL.

THE ACADEMIAN has been compelled to undergo a change in its board of editors. Our predecessors have much to be proud of in the manner in which they have built up and improved the paper. Starting under very discouraging circumstances they have fought bravely and manfully until now our paper is the pride of our school and friends, comparing favorably with the issues of any similar institution in the State. The present board of editors will do all in their power to maintain the high standing of THE ACADEMIAN and our only prayer is that a portion of Elijah's raiment may fall to our lot.

It is impossible for a lady or gentleman to act with perfect ease and grace at the table unless they habitually pay attention to those minor points of etiquette which form so distinctive a mark of perfect good breeding. It is a patent fact that at boarding schools, table manners are much abused. Among the most fla-

grant faults to be noticed are noisy deportment, fast eating, a spirit of selfishness and inattentiveness to the wants of others. Hence a disorderly meal, lacking that grace and beauty which should so characterize a meal time. Plenty of time should be employed in which to replenish the inner man. Each should aspire to excel in politeness and little acts of courtesy, making the meal times the happiest and most enjoyable periods of the day.

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While we are expected to furnish the public with spicy articles, interesting news, and maintain the medium between the alumni, former and present students, yet our labors will be in vain unless they are appreciated in a substantial manner by our subscribers. The subscription is very reasonable and to one individual is a very small amount, but please bear in mind that THE ACADEMIAN is dependent upon its subscription list and a prompt payment of the the same will give a new impetus to the undertaking.

The American cup is still ours notwithstanding England's repeated efforts to capture it. This is a matter of great credit and shows that we are no mean ship-builders and that we should give all the encouragement possible to this branch of manufacture. In the late race between the *Puritan* and *Genesta*, our yacht was built for the immediate purpose of meeting England, and she came out victorious, thus demonstrating anew the American's capacity of solving special problems as they present themselves.

The Moral tendency at Keystone Academy is exceedingly good. Sabbath school in the morning is well attended by the students, those from the building forming two large classes.

Divine services immediately follow, when the Keystoneians form no small part of the congregation. In the afternoon the students form a bible class and devote an hour to the study of the bible, while at the evening service the Academy is well represented. This good attendance at the Sabbath services is all the more pleasing to note since it is not compulsory, but each one goes to the church of his choice, and when he likes. Each one is marked on his church attendance, and the high average should be encouraging to parents and the faculty.

It is quite universal among students to lose all track of the outside world, devoting themselves to their prescribed course. This should not be. Every student should make it a point to read a newspaper daily and make himself thoroughly cognizant of what is going on about him. Let not the local and personal items be the main object of his daily reading, but let him devote a short time each day on international communications, items on the finances and general standing of our country, and editorials on the important issues of the day. Should a man devote himself for four or five years to his scholastic duties, exclusive of the many changes which are continually going on about him, he will go out to baffle with the stern realities of life, into a world of which he is comparatively ignorant. We are maturing into manhood and are now moulding our own future. In a very few years the young man whom you now see grubbing away among Greek and Latin roots, and pouring forth all manner of maledictions upon Cæsar, will be called upon to take part in this great panorama of public life and now is the time to prepare for it. Never were there better opportunities or more advantages offered a young man than to-day. Poverty is no longer an excuse for ignorance. We have societies, college scholarships and philanthropists ever willing to aid the deserving. We are surrounded by free libraries stocked with the biographies of our great men, from whose lives we may profit, choose our ideal

and govern our actions accordingly. We live in an age when the truly deserving young man is given a helping hand and encouraged from all quarters. Indeed our privileges are great!

Unfortunately at the present time all manner of industrial pursuits are held back by the threatening invasion of a money standard. The cloud has been gathering for a long time and is now ready to burst. The silver question now promises to be the principle issue in congress this winter. We stand in such a position that if the U. S. declines to give a market for \$2,000,000 worth of silver bullion per month, the value of the silver dollar will depreciate still further than it has already, it now having a market value of but seventy-nine cents and seven mills. The U. S. can no longer afford to be a dumping ground for the superfluous silver of the world. Hence the necessity for some immediate action.

Students should form correct habits of study. Advancement depends not so much upon how much we study, as how we study. Now is the time when we are forming habits which are going to remain with us all through life. A person whose will power is not sufficiently strong to hold his mind fixed upon a certain subject as long as he chooses, without many conflicting thoughts arising is not master of himself. We once heard it related that a certain young man considered his mind very great since one idea would follow another of an entirely different character in his mind in quick succession. This is a delusion. The man with the truly great mind is one who can dwell on one subject exclusive of everything else until the object of his research has become entirely exhausted. Such were the minds of all the great men, who, by their patient, persevering toil, have left monuments behind more enduring than granite.

The time is rapidly drawing near that tries the young men's souls. It is customary at the

close of each fall term to have prize declamations among the male students. The benefits arising from this course are manifest. It awakens a greater interest in the mind, elevates the character of the selections and brings out that element which is necessary to all in order to succeed in this life, viz., desire to excel. But in this as in everything else there are draw-backs. A spirit of rivalry will inevitably arise and there are always some dissatisfied with the result. Every precaution should be taken in order to obtain an unbiased and independent decision. In speaking of this the *University* says: "In many oratorical contests it is customary to have slips prepared for the judges on which are divisions for marks. After the contest these slips are placed in the hands of an averaging committee, and from the sum of each man's marks, under these divisions, the relative rank of each man is determined. It is to be hoped that some such method will be adopted in coming contests. We believe it to be a fairer method than the present one of allowing the judges to meet after the contest and deciding as to the awarding of the prizes. One judge, who is a man of wide reputation, or who has a strong will, can often cause the other judges to agree with his estimate.

Local Department.

The time for pressing leaves!

The beautiful sunsets are attracting attention.

The practice of yelling like wild men is rather offensive.

George Leighton surprised us with a short visit recently. His presence is always welcome.

Prof. Harris gave an interesting talk on "Coinage" to the students on tue evening of the 10th.

Mrs. J. E. Perry has been visiting her friends in Lewisburg, and during her absence Prof. Perry took his meals in the Academy.

The East Lemon nine defeated the Factory-

ville base ball team in a series of games. The Lemon boys are first rate players.

Mr. A. H. Fassett made a flying visit to his home a few weeks ago. He returned much invigorated in body and mind.

Prof. J. H. Harris spent several days in Philadelphia during the tore part of the month in the interest of the Academy.

Arrangements have been made for enlarging and remodeling the Brick church. The plans are already drawn, and the work of raising money has begun. This step was much needed.

The post-office has changed hands, and is now located in Mr. S. Hinds' hardware store. He is an accommodating gentleman and will be a worthy successor to the former polite and energetic official.

Mr. Milton Evans recently gave his classes a surprise by announcing written recitations. He was on duty at Mr. Milton Lowry's wedding, and came within one of being the "best man."

Through the kindness of Mr. Samuel Manchester we enjoyed a rich treat of grapes. Such fruit is a rarity to school boys, and the opportunity of eating it is eagerly sought—by moonlight.

Master Herbert Harris brings the mail to the Ladies' Hall, and wins much praise for his activity and kindness. Many older ones covet the business, but civil service keeps him secure in his situation.

Great improvements continue in Factoryville. A neat board walk has been laid which nearly covers the muddy places between the school and the village. We feel grateful for the public spirit manifested by the property holders in the borough.

If any one in the neighborhood wishes to contribute toward the Library, but hesitates lest he might give what we already possess, we will suggest the biography of either Wesley or Knox or Whitefield, or any of the leaders in religious thought.

One of our gallant young men sent his best girl a bottle of hair dye instead of cologne. He wants to know the best way to commit suicide. Let her strangle you.

The Cabinet was increased by several fine specimens of claystone from Martha's Vineyard. These were given by Samuel Manchester, who spent sometime during the summer in the East.

A kind friend, censuring a companion for tight lacing, received the rejoinder, "I lace on pure economical grounds." "How is that?" asked her reprover. "I lace tight in order to prevent waistfulness."

Preparations are being made for the "Book Reception" to be held at the close of this term. The library needs to be increased in all kinds of reading matter, and we hope the friends will remember us.

A new call bell has been hung on the second floor of the main building. The chapel gong was not loud enough to be heard in both buildings; hence the necessity of a large bell to summon us to classes and roll calls.

In New Hampshire a fine of \$20 is attached for selling a cigarette to a boy or girl under sixteen years of age. The prevalent use of this cylinder is so injurious to the young, and especially students, that it demands attention.

The habit of going home so frequently and missing one or two recitations every few weeks is a bad one. No student ever makes up such lessons, and the practice of looseness in work is formed. Better determine to stay and work than lose so much valuable time.

A lady's man sat in his room on third floor. His head had fallen on the table, and deep grief shook his manly frame. He muttered: "You must know a girl well before you get struck, for they are fearfully and wonderfully made." He had been conversing with a lady of enamel, and the "bloom of youth" was evidently applied with swadown.

Our campus is usually full of squirrels, but not one has been seen this fall. The unusually severe winter of last year no doubt killed them. Owing to the absence of squirrels, nuts are abundant.

On Friday evening, Oct. 16, Mr. Evans gave a talk to the students on the subject of "Banks." After the lecture we enjoyed a general social time until the hour drew nigh for our departure. Au revoir.

Messrs. Harris and Perry attended the General Association, held at Pittston, Oct. 20-25. They represented Keystone Academy at that gathering, and presented the claims of the school upon the people of Pennsylvania.

One of the young ladies remarked to a gentleman friend that sixty bachelors had committed suicide during the first quarter of this year. She intended to arouse his feelings on the subject. He blandly replied that death was preferable to fulfilling a promised engagement.

At the middle of the term many of the ladies went home to see their papas and mammas, while the boys went to visit their paternal protectors, or—their enamoratas. In any case the visit was highly appreciated, and Monday returned them almost all to their work.

The "silver" dollar agitates the public mind just now, because of its value. We will take all the dollars any one will send, even if they are worth only seventy-nine cents or more. If, however, the subscriber or advertiser wishes to call the dollar eighty cents, the business manager is very willing.

The habit of reading trashy novels, written by disappointed women, should not be formed. The will becomes weakened, and the attention is never fixed on the subject. Such reading produces intellectual stupor, which increases with the habit of reading. It is a notorious fact that more injurious literature is written by females than by males.

LADIES' HALL.

Gum-chewing is out of style; grapes are all the rage.

Apples are now plenty in the Ladies' Hall, enquire of Nos. 4 and 30, where you may be sure of a good article for a small sum.

Most of the young ladies went home the middle of the term and came back in excellent spirits, feeling equal to another six weeks of study and—

As winter is approaching we can better appreciate the many conveniences of the new Hall. We hope to see every room well filled next term.

The young ladies would render thanks for the kind invitation received from the Phi Mu's to visit their society a few evenings since. The invitation was gladly accepted.

One of the young ladies was the happy recipient of a large box of chestnuts; we would like to thank the donor personally, but as he came on Saturday, but few had the pleasure of so doing.

All young men desiring to "go up higher" than the dining room, must tender the passport, "May I see my sister?" It is strange how many rooms that extravagant sister seems to occupy.

Our gymnasium has become as dark and silent as the tomb, for the young ladies having been early taught that it is proper "to be seen and not heard," object strongly to being heard and not seen.

A young man, said to be a professor, and two young ladies of respectable but rather drabbed appearance, were seen to pilfer sweets on the train a few mornings since. This might never have reached our ears had not remorse caused the young ladies to confess and tearfully declare that hereafter they will buy their sweets before eating.

Personal Mention.

NOTICE.

This department is given to notices of graduates, old students and those now connected with the Academy. In order to fill up the columns with interesting items, the editor wishes the help of the Alumni. Any such information will be received with thanks by the personal editor. Address P. O. Box 12, Factoryville, Pa.

Mr. Harry B. Briggs serves as telegraph operator at Green Ridge.

Mr. Cyrus W. Dean was married in the Ladies' Hall to Miss Kate Shelly, of Mill City.

Rumor says: "Geo. E. Resseguie is preparing to enter the lecture field." Subject, "Grant and Napoleon."

Charles W. Dawson is teaching a select school at Black Walnut. He will shortly take charge of the district school.

Sherman Fassett has been engaged to teach school at Black Walnut for the ensuing year. He has had some experience in the business.

Ralph Little is attending school at Lewisburg, where he finds everything to his taste. Happy boy!

G. Albert Gay took a trip recently through the interior of the State. He visited incidentally some of his former associates in school.

Miss Grace Ingals teaches school at Jackson, where she will doubtless make many friends. All her friends wish her abundant success.

On Sept. 26, Mr. Lewis B. Dennison was married to Miss Eva Hitchcock. Miss Hitchcock spent several terms at Keystone.

Miss Josie Rivenburg sailed for the scene of her work on the 23d of September. She carries with her the best wishes of many friends. Her address is Stuttgart, Germany.

Miss Mattie Watkins, formerly assistant teacher in the graded school of this place, has received a position in the Hyde Park graded school. Miss Watkins is a first-class teacher.

Mr. Frank H. Bush has taken Greeley's famous advice, and has gone to California, where he has secured a position as a telegraph operator.

Intelligence reaches us of the death of Aaron Brown, a respected citizen of Exeter, Pa. His son, Aaron Brown, Jr., was formerly a student here.

Fred Overfield teaches a select school at Dunnings, Pa. He is rather successful in the vocation, and may his success be secured is the wish of friends.

Mr. Byron Townsend is in Leadville, Col.

Mr. Frank L. Reynolds, a former student of Keystone Academy, starts Nov. 1, to try his fortune in the West.

On the evening of Sept. 30, Mr. Charles Bender was married to Miss Ella Turrell. This is the fourth wedding in the buildings of the institution.

Miss Stearnes, member of the class of '84, is teaching school in Susquehanna county. This is her second term, and the success that she has thus far met with is very flattering.

We regret to chronicle the death of the young son of Mr. Benton T. Jayne. Mr. Jayne was formerly instructor here. The funeral occurred at the M. E. Church of this place on Sept. 27.

Mr. Thomas Moore, the honored President of the Board of Trustees, has so far recovered his health as to attend to daily business. His complete recovery is expected in course of time.

Mr. Milton Lowry was married to Miss Annie Lowry, of Green Grove, on the 8th of October. They were the first couple in Lackawanna county to take out a license according to the new marriage law. The wedding was a brilliant affair, and many handsome presents testified to the good wishes of their friends.

Mr. Lincoln Hulley, besides attending to his duties as Sophomore in the University of Lewisburg, is acting as a private tutor to a young man, a graduate of the West Chester State Normal School, who is trying to make up enough to enter the Freshmen class of the University.

By the efforts of Dr. G. A. Brundage we will soon be connected with Scranton, Nicholson and Tunkhannock by telephone. This will be a very convenient arrangement for the business men of Factoryville.

Mr. Ed. Evans, who was compelled to leave school and undergo a re-amputation of his leg, which was becoming exceedingly painful, is rapidly improving. He is now able to walk with the aid of crutches and suffers but very little pain.

Mr. Burton B. Stone, of the firm of B. M. Stone & Sons, of Beaumont, was married to Miss Jennie Avery, of Centremoreland, on Sept. 30. Mr. Stone attended Keystone Academy several terms, and has a wide circle of friends among students and teachers.

A prize to be given at graduation to the best scholar in Latin, as shown by recitation during the Senior year, has been established by Mr. George Leighton, of Glenburn, in memory of his brother, James Leighton, class of '77. The prize will be given for the first time in 1886, the class of the present academic year.

We note that several of the fair sex, among Keystone former students, have lately taken the marriage vows. Mr. H. M. Bennett to Miss Nellie Payfair, of Scranton; Mr. E. C. Winters to Miss Annie Kern, of Falls; and Mr. Amzi Bogert to Miss Sarah Townsend, of Falls.

The reputation of Keystone Academy is steadily extending. A building committee in Kentucky wrote inquiring the plan of the Ladies' Hall. The Principal is in receipt of frequent requests for information as to methods of instruction from the Principals of schools in this and other States.

Mr. Otis Stearns is now acting as telegraph operator at Carbondale. He graduated a short time ago at the Oberlin School of Telegraphy, and is counted an expert in manipulating the telegraphic key. Mr. Stearns attended Keystone Academy a number of terms.

The present term of school will close on Friday evening, Nov. 13. The winter term of four months will begin the following Tuesday. Heretofore there has been a vacation of two weeks between the Fall and Winter term. This vacation will now be taken during the holidays. It is believed the new arrangements will suit the students better than the former.

Rhun.

—A scene from *real* life seen in the gymnasium—a waltz.

—The poet writes about a summer idyll; the school boy talks of his summer's idol—or one of them; and the lazy man expatiates about an idle summer.

—"When I was young," said a boastful dame to Lord Houghton, "half the young men in London were at my feet." "Really? Chirpodists, eh?" was the rejoinder.—*Ex*

—Prof.: "Why does a duck plunge his head under water?" Pupil: "To liquidate his bill." Prof.: "And why does he go on land?" Pupil: "To make a run on the bank."

—Teacher, "Who was the first man?" Head scholar, "Washington, he was the first in war, first in—" Teacher, "No, no; Adam was the first man." Head scholar, "Oh, if you're talking of foreigners, I s'pose he was."

—'Twas Harry who the silence broke:
"Miss R— why are you like a tree?"
"Because, because, I'm board," she spoke.
"Oh, no, because you're woo'd," said he.

—"Why are we like angel's visits?" said a pretty girl to her bashful lover, who was sitting lonesomely on a chair at the other side of the room. "Really," he stammered and blushed, "I must give it up. Why are we?" "Because," she replied significantly, "we are few, and far between." He instantly destroyed the similarity.

—An epitaph on a garrulous school girl:
"Here lies, returned to day,
Miss Arabella Young,
Who on the first of May
Began to hold her tongue."

—A mathematician being asked by a stout fellow, "If two pigs weigh twenty pounds, how much will a large hog weigh?" "Jump into the scales," was the reply, "and I'll tell you in a minute."

—Don't borrow trouble. The story of a worthy gentleman who imbibed the idea that his pigtail of hair was on the wrong side of his head, and worried himself into a world of trouble is described by Thackery as follows:

There lived a sage in days of yore
And he a handsome pigtail wore;
But wondered much and sorrowed more,
Because it hung behind him.
He mused upon this curious case,
And swore he'd change the pigtails place,
And have it hanging at his face,
Not dangling there behind him.
Says he, "The mystery I've found;
I'll turn me round." He turned him round,
But still it hung behind him.
And right and left, and round about,
And up and down, and in and out
He turned; but still the pigtail stout
Hung steadily behind him.
And though his efforts never slack;
And though he twist and twirl and tack;
Alas! still faithful to his back
The pigtail hangs behind him.

—A poet in composing a piece came short of English and supplemented his short lines with Latin:

Felis sedit by a hole,
Intenta she, cum omni soul—
Prendere rats;
Mice ecurrunt over the floor,
In numero duo, tres or more—
Obliti cats.
Felis saw them oculis;
I'll have them, inquit she, I guess—
Dum ludunt;
Tunc illa crept toward the group,
Habeam, dixit: good rat soup—
Pingues sunt.
Mice continued all ludere,
Intenti they in ludum vere,
Gaudenter,
Tunc rushed the felis unto them,
Et tore them omnes, limb from limb,
Violenter.

MORAL:

Mures, omnes mice be shy,
Et aures praebe mihi,
Benigne;
Si hoc fuges, verbum sat,
Avoid a huge and hungry cat,
Studiosae.

—A negro preacher recently, in Virginia, referring in a desultory and characteristic discourse, to the day of judgment, said, with great earnestness: "Bredern and sistern! in dat day de Lord shall divide de sheep from de goats; and bress de Lord, he knows which wears de wool!"

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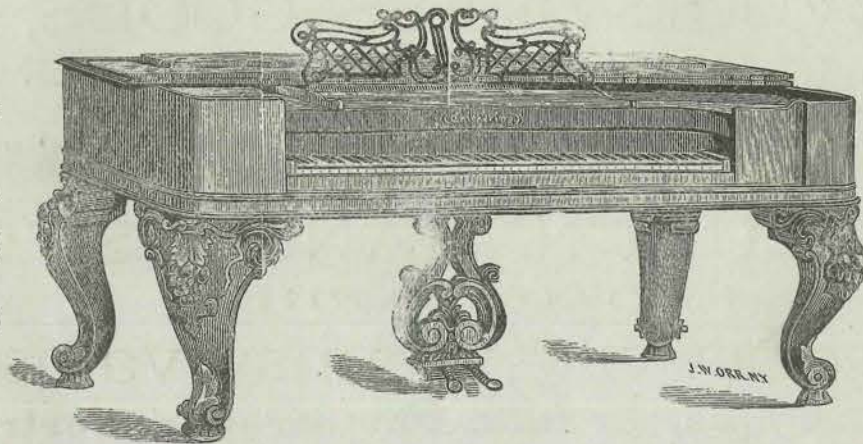
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