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EDITOR SCHOLASTIC:—Deeming that it would be interesting to many of your readers to take a glance at the names of the “immortal few” who won honors at the “first Commencement” of Notre Dame University, I send you the list, which I found among my “papers” last week.

By way of introduction, I may state that the board of examiners for that year was Revs. E. Sorin, Theodore S. Badin, (pro-ducens of U. S.) Francis Cointet, and A. Granger. The examination took place the last of July, and the exhibition, etc., was held in the Study Hall. The play was one of Molières, and the music came from South Bend. The only piece the Band could play with any skill was ‘Home, Sweet Home.’ I give these notes from tradition as I did not enter Notre Dame as a ‘seeker after wisdom’ until the October of 1845.

Yours, E. B. K.

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Honor—Premium, Mr. L. L’Etoileau, of Detroit, Mich.; Accesserunt: Messrs. Noel Dagenet, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Michael Clark, of Carthage, N. Y.; Michael McNichols, of Mansfield, Ohio, and Jas. Whelan, of Buffalo, N. Y.


Preparatory Course—Reading and Spelling, premium, Thos. Whelan; Accessit, Alex Metzger; Writing—premium, J. Campau, Detroit, Mich.; Accessit, Alex Metzger.


Linear Drawing—Premium, James Whelan; Accesserunt, Messrs. L. L’Etoileau and M. Clark.

Book-Keeping—Premium, Moses L’Etoileau; Accesserunt, Messrs. James Whelan and Wm. F. Hacquin.

Parity of Language—Premium, James J. Whelan; Accesserunt, Messrs. L. Murphy, Wm. F. Hacquin and B. F. Allair.

Public Reading—Premium, Fred. Steber; Accesserunt, Messrs. L. Murphy, Allair and Wm. F. Hacquin.

Music—Premium, Moses L’Etoileau; Accesserunt, Messrs. L. Murphy, Clement Reckers, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Theodore Comparet.

French Class—Premium, James Whelan; Accessit, L. Murphy.

Manual Labor School—Reading and Spelling—premium, Patrick Whelan; Accessit, L. Derouin; Writing—premium, Edward Dowling; Accessit, L. Derouin; Arithmetic—premium, L. Derouin; Accessit, P. Whelan.

N. B. The scholastic year will commence on the 3d day of October, 1845.

E. SORIN, President.

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