True Beauty.

True beauty does not consist in regular features, clear complexion, lovely eyes, hair, forehead, &c., but rather in the truthful condition of the heart, and the good qualities of the mind. A young lady may be what the world calls beautiful, but she is not truly so, if she is not obedient, amiable, charitable, and thoughtful of the happiness of others. Are there many who possess true beauty? Alas, I fear that their number is very small. And why? It is because that so many in their youth yield to their desire to please themselves, by selfish indulgence in foolish passions. They cultivate the woods in their hearts, and trample on the flowers: cherish the wicked inclinations to pride, envy, anger, and jealousy, while they disdain the opposite virtues of humility, charity, meekness and kind judgment of others. If we are willing to be regarded as proud, we must expect to be disliked by those with whom we are thrown in contact, and there is no vice so inconsistent with true beauty of soul, as pride, because it destroys every other good quality in any one. Pride may cause us to lose our position. Indulgence in pride will surely subject us to the reproach and sarcastic views of the society with which we mingle, and this very natural interference will certainly arouse our anger, which may seriously abridge our ability to benefit our best friends. Pride prevents us from forgetting injuries, and we cannot hope for mercy to ourselves, while we are in such a disposition. This very fact takes all the joy from our spirits, for God cannot smile upon us, and where his smile does not rest, there is nothing lovely upon earth.

We should earnestly strive to secure the true beauty of which I am speaking. Should every one expend two thirds of the time he or she now wastes in aiming to appear beautiful, in endeavoring to be really so, earth would be far more like heaven than it now is. It would be a delight then instead of an annoyance to attend a party. Our minds would be diverted from pretty ribbons, silks and jewels, to the expression of good thoughts and emotions. One may possess this heavenly prize and it may be quite unappreciated, yet this fact should not discourage us in our attempts to secure it.

The power to soothe the turbulent and uncontrollable temper of those with whom we may chance to be, to calm those who are discontented, to cheer those who are sad, is a power far superior to the control over others conferred by more physical beauty.

To regard life as a mysterious fabric, in which we are to enmbrace wonderful figures, and in which every good action is a stitch towards the perfection of the heavenly tapestry, while every bad deed is a false stitch marring, if not destroying, the design, and to act upon this conviction, is the most secure method of obtaining those attractions which will not die, though dust may crumble back to its mother dust.

Arrivals.
Miss F. Grant, Warrenville, Illinois, Oct. 7th;
Miss Emma Pickett, New Carlisle, Indiana, October 9th.

Tables of Honor.
Senior Department—Misses J. Schutt, H. Brooks, Mary Twomey, Laura Lewis, Elmina Smith, Minerva Ryan, L. and M. Chouteau, Maria Druliner, H. Seeley, N. Thompson, Emma Roushead and Amelia Sissons.
Junior Department—Misses M. Shirland, Helen Sproncle, L. McKenney, Ada Metzger, Agnes Longley, Amelia Boyles, Julia and Maggie Walker.

Honorable Mention.
First Senior Class—Misses L. and L. Tong, Nora Maher, Emma Longsdorf, K. Cunnea, Mary Van Patten, Genevieve Arrington, K. Livingstone, Agnes Ewing and Lizzie Lyons.
Second Senior Class—S. Rooney, K. Young, Anna Cunnea, Mary Carraher, K. Graham, Anna Adams, Rosana Mukautz, C. Davenport, Virginia Brown, Mary Morrill, Mary Miller, Frances Gittings, Anastasia Darsey and H. Lill.
First Intermediate—Teresa Stapleton, Anna
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First Junior—Mary Moon and Mary Clark.
Third Junior—Little Leo Mills.

Pronotion—Miss S. Thomson, from the First Intermediate, to the Third Senior Class.

Rosary Society.

On the first Sunday of October, the Feast of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this Society held its annual election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Directress—Sister M. LaSalette.
President—Miss H. Brooks.
Vice-President—Miss Agnes Ewing.
Secretary—Miss Genevieve Arrington.
Treasurer—Miss M. Ball.

With the Rosary Society is connected that of the Nocturnal Adoration—all the pupils who have made their First Communion being members of both.

While there is no influence exerted over the minds of non-Catholic pupils, yet no pains are spared to cultivate devotion in the hearts of the Catholic members of the school. They are, accordingly, required to approach the tribunal of Penance, and to receive Holy Communion—the two most important acts of a Christian's life—once every month. The beautiful devotion of Nocturnal Adoration accompanies this monthly requirement. An hour for each young Catholic girl is allotted to Nocturnal Adoration on the last night of the month. The following morning all approach the Holy Table—that is, receive the Blessed Eucharist as a pledge of everlasting life.

Nocturnal Adoration.

This devotion is practiced as an act of reparation for the insults and forgetfulness of God, so common among His intelligent creation. As night is the period when wickedness is most frequently committed, when the robber, the debaucher and the murderer fancy themselves shielded from detection, it is an appropriate hour for innocent spirits to compensate as far as they can for the indignities offered to Infinite Goodness and Mercy. This is why the Society of the Nocturnal Adoration choose the last night of every month for this devotion, that each principal division of the year may be inaugurated (so to speak) by a fresh assurance of fidelity to God and His commandments. To a heart religious in its sentiments this practice seems quite natural. Night folds a cope of blue and gold, of stars and deep clear sky about her solemn form. With the thurible of silence she comes forth, and spontaneously the souls of those who acknowledge a loving Creator offer the incense of their adoration to be burned therein. But at what worthy altar shall they bow? The Pagan adores the sun and stars. We cannot. Enter this chapel door. What gentle rays are poured through all the spaces? They are from the lights around the monstrance, where the Blessed Sacrament (our Lord in the veil He has Himself chosen) is exposed for adoration. With the silence of night we here find their grandeur worthily administering to the homage due from "Nature to Nature's God."

The King of kings receives His loyal subjects in His own Audience Chamber, and we cannot wonder at the delight with which every Catholic child at St. Mary's looks forward to the night of Nocturnal Adoration, for they are then at home with our Heavenly Father, our Blessed Redeemer, whom they are soon to receive into their own happy hearts.

Favored children to assist the hierarchy of Heaven in their work of reparation! The grasping and the gay hoard their gold or expend it upon clothing and ornaments to deck the body. Upon the altar treasures are offered to manifest love for imperishable riches, while the fripperies of the world are ignored, and the quiet and loveliness of night consecrated in nocturnal adoration, to prayer and meditation by which the character is ennobled, the temper subdued, and the young girl prepared to make a pious, true and worthy member of society, and if true to her faith, a blessed citizen of Heaven when the world is no more!

Birth-Day Fete.

Not many days since Miss Elmira Smith, with invited guests, celebrated the fourteenth anniversary of her birth-day, picnic style, under the pavilion of the Holy Angel Guardian. A box of peaches, can of oysters, basket of cake, and numberless "delectables" of a like nature, were lying around in commercial rather than in artistic order, when Very Rev. Father Provincial, accompanied by Mr. Meneely, proprietor of the well-known bell foundry in Troy, paused at this very spot. The gentleman had visited Notre Dame for the purpose of hearing the grand church bell, lately imported from Europe, and the sudden
visit made the little ladies resolve "to be a little more formal in their preparations for picnics in future, yet they were pleased to have their festival cheered not only by the famous guest, but by the rich concert given by "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart"—we mean the bell itself, which boomed so richly and so joyfully in praise of its beautiful patroness.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Special Observations.

It must be distinctly understood that the Editor declines being responsible for the opinions of his correspondents.

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Philodemic.

On Tuesday evening the following question was debated in this Society: Is an Absolute Monarchy the best form of Government?

Affirmative—M. Horgan, H. C. Allen.

Negative—S. G. Moore, Wm. Walker.

The arguments brought forward by the first gentleman on the affirmative, were:

1st. It is found by referring to history, that as Governments proceed from a Republican form to a Monarchical one, the workings of their political systems are more peaceful and regular, as may be readily seen by the difference between the accession of a Russian Monarch who quietly receives the crown from his father, and the election of a Chief Executive in the United States and governments of the same kind; he also cited numerous examples to show that Republics and limited Monarchies had not produced orators or poets to compare with those of the Absolute Monarchies.

2d. That Russia and China, the two most absolute monarchies now known, have a greater population, a better system of education, and are more prosperous with respect to internal improvements, than any others. Hence he concluded that an Absolute Monarchy was the best form of Government.

Mr. Moore, the first gentleman on the negative, said that form of government is not the best which crushes the energies of individuals, that trammels the just freedom of the press, and that imposes arbitrary and barbarous punishments. We find by consulting history that the Assyrian government remained for thirty generations in a state of oblivion, owing to its despotism of form of government and to the indolence and luxurious habits of its sovereigns. We also find that the liberty of the press, in Absolute Monarchies, is prohibited to a great degree, as in China and Russia. In Russia, if a person brought a charge which could not be sustained by witnesses, he was punished by having red-hot irons and boiling water put to his bare body.

Mr. Allen, the second gentleman on the affirmative, then threw his argument in the following form: that form of government which can be sustained with the least contentions, and which conduces most to the advancement of civilization, is best. He cited several examples from the history of nations, which proved that Absolute Government fulfilled these conditions.

Mr. Walker being absent Mr. Rodman volunteered and limited his discourse to some comments on the argument brought forward by Mr. Horgan.

St. Edward’s Literary.

The first debate of the St. Edward’s Association of the present term, came off on last Tuesday evening October 8th. The subject: Resolved, that the present system of common schools, is injurious to the morals of the rising generation, was carefully discussed by Messrs. J. McBride, J. Dickinson, and F. Jennings, on the affirmative, and Messrs. F. Guthrie, J. Rogers, and H. B. Keeler on the negative.

The Association holds two meetings weekly: one every Tuesday evening, for the discussion of Literary and Historical subjects, and reading of original essay; and another on Wednesday morning for the transaction of business, and reading of Elocutionary exercises. On the last Wednesday of each month, a mock court, will be substituted instead of the reading exercises, thus giving to each member an idea of the manner in which a real court is conducted, and instructive lessons in the art of legal pleading.

Promotions.—Lawrence Wilson, from 3d to 2d Arithmetic; Thomas Bateman, from 2d to 1st Geography; C. Mott, from 2d to 1st Geography; Joseph Harrison, from 5th to 4th Arithmetic.
A New Club.

On the 2d of October a new club was organized bearing the scientific name of Terpsichorean Club. We are glad to hear that such a club as this, has been organized, as it is highly commendable for the physical exercise, as well as the real enjoyment of the students.

We are surprised that such an organization did not take place ere this, considering the number of students of the University that delight so much in “tripping on the light fantastic toe.” Our friends are invited to join.

The officers are:

President and Musical Director—J. W. Watts.
Treasurer—R. Short.
Secretary—James Edwards.
Floor Managers—N. S. Wood and E. E. Hull.

The club numbers thirty-five members.

Fourth Grammar Class, Junior.

Mr. Editor: This class is now divided into two parties, Greeks and Romans. Each Leader returns to the lowest rank at the beginning of every week, and works himself up again, to the leadership by his own merits; so that every one, by not neglecting his duty, may in turn become Leader.

During the battles of this week, the Greeks were on the whole victorious; though both parties would have done much better if they had been more attentive to discipline. Hereafter, we hope to furnish you with a more detailed account of the conflicts of these hostile forces.

At the close of this week, we have to report

AUSTIN CABER, Leader of the Greeks.
JAMES WILSON, Leader of the Romans.

Additional List of Students of Notre Dame.

OCTOBER 5th.
Thomas Downing, Little Traverse, Mich.
Harry C. Schwab, Youngstown, Ohio.
David L. Brady, Reeder's Mills, Iowa.

OCTOBER 7th.
Joseph Campau, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Theodore Campau, " "

OCTOBER 9th.
Charles W. Dubier, Mount Vernon, Indiana.
Thomas W. Duvall, Terre Haute, " "

OCTOBER 11th.

Tables of Honor.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

MINOR DEPARTMENT.
John Bracken, Ernest Lyons, George Lyons, Martin Smith, Wallace Templeton and Charles Toll.

LOCAL.

St. Edward's Day.—As we go to press, Saint Edward's Day, celebrated this year on the 12th, because the 13th falls on a Sunday, shines brightly out, and the Base Ball boys are preparing for their matches. We drop the pen, and, wishing for double-plated armor, venture out on the field of bats and balls.

WASHINGTON HALL.—The destructive properties of plaster are making themselves felt in this building. The paint is, as it were, devoured by the lime, and the color has become almost white. The wood-work, however, appears in all its originally destined glory, and turns as naturally into marble as the college walls have turned into wood.

THE INFIRMARY.—The habitues of this institution are becoming pretty well known. We have no reference to those who occasionally have to go thither to cure the tooth ache or other ills to which our flesh is heir; but to those who seek that BLESSED ABODE in order to sleep some time longer, on the morning, and to shirk from class during the day.

WHAT WILL HE DO WITH IT?—Or rather, what will the St. Aloysians do with the marly quagmire they are enclosing with their newly extended fence, to form part of the appurtenances and desmeses of their novitiate? A neighbor suggests that they are going to open amateur lime-kilns for amusement and relaxation during their leisure hours. If so, we advise them not to burn
their fingers. The fence itself is architectural in its character and worthy of a better fate. The avenue to St. Mary's is much improved in appearance thereby.

We learn from Brother Boniface, the Superior of our Brothers in Cincinnati, that some day last week, the Most Rev. Archbishop visited their numerous classes at St. Francis', and gave each teacher and each scholar a medal blessed by the Holy Father, thus making hundreds of young hearts perfectly delighted. The Archbishop was surprised to see the classes so crowded. Another Brother, the fifteenth, has been sent there since, to lighten the burden of his confreres. They teach at this time in Cincinnati, over 1600 boys, all Germans. We should be pleased to know the names of the best.

CHOOSING SIDES.—Do not say that you cannot study Grammar. This ungrounded assertion is now plainly refuted by the members of the Fifth Grammar, (Junior). We will publish, next week the names of the victorious divisions.

We highly recommend the system of rival divisions in each class, which creates emulation among the pupils. We hear of the Excelsior Base Ball Club, Star of the West Base Ball Club, and of many others with high sounding names. Why should we not have in our Grammar and Arithmetic classes, as well as in Reading and Spelling, the Washington Division, or the Excelsior Division, or whatever name you wish? and let earnest and peaceful battles be fought that will exercise the brain and kill nobody.

CALLIGRAPHY.—The monthly compositions of the Junior Writing Class deserve a special mention for the very fine manner in which they were produced. They cannot be surpassed in cleanliness, nor in application. Indeed, it took the examiner a long time to decide which were the best compositions; and it is with the hope that none would be offended, that he selected for publication the following names, as those of the best writers:


Next month we will publish the names of those who shall have made the greatest progress, and we will carefully preserve their first compositions for comparison hereafter.

THE EAGLE.—We are sorry we omitted to notice this useful and ornamental creature in our last issue. The cage has been removed, though not to the locality suggested in a former issue,—a want of appreciation of the value of editorial hints to be reprobed by all who are sensible of the benefit they enjoy in the freedom of the press, and in having a fearless monitor of public morality. An additional apartment has also been provided, regardless of expense, as a dormitory, for the accommodation of the noble fowl. The Eagle has latterly shown a disposition to occupy the highest perch, where he sits watching the turgid conversations of the boys in the playground, and commenting inwardly on the follies of humanity. He occasionally turns up his aquiline nose at too intrusive visitor. These beautiful traits of character, thus gradually developing, accord well with the lofty and majestic view taken of the eagle by our national poets, and impress the beholder with sentiments of veneration. It may truly be said of him, that those who come to scoff will sometimes to execute their original intention.

REV. FATHER PROVINCIAL returned last Saturday from a short visit to Joliet and Morris, and seems to have been much pleased with what he saw and heard in both places. At Joliet, there are seven Sisters all actively employed in a large parochial school, and in a select school. Rev. Father Farrelly is now engaged in building a beautiful convent, which he expects to have ready for occupancy by the first of May. The site on which the building is being erected, about one hundred feet from the church, is one of the finest in the city. Nowhere is Catholic education better appreciated. At the time Father Provincial chanced to be in Morris, the pupils of St. Angela's Academy were celebrating the festival of St. Francis, the patron saint of their beloved Superior,—of course all was merriment and joy. This Academy seems to be more than ever, in a flourishing condition; the numbers of its inmates is fully one third larger than last year. Eight Sisters are engaged in it and two more in the parochial school. Their zealous Pastor, Rev. Father Ryan, cannot be too much praised for the pains he takes in the wel-
fare and development of this Academy. He does
well-nigh as he pleases in Morris, having not
alone the esteem but the affection of all around
him.

Big Apples.—The Minims of Notre Dame are
certainly the biggest-hearted and most whole-
souled little fellows in the world. It is undoubt-
edly true that Very Rev. Father Provincial takes
great pleasure in giving them “treats” whenever
his many duties allow him to think that he, too,
oconce was young, and that though he is advanced
in years, his heart is still young, and naturally
gravitates to the innocent hearts of the Minims.
Nor can it be questioned that they—the afore-
honorably-mentioned Minims—have the advant­
ge of their Junior, though older, dwellers at
Notre Dame in this, that they oftentimes receive
occasional cakes and surreptitious apples, and va­
rious other goodies from sources they know well.
Nevertheless, we can vouch that they “do as
they would be done by”—and whenever one of
them receives a box, the contents of that box are
shared—with others. Even we, gruff and grum
though we be, are not excluded from this large-
hearted liberality, and to prove that we are not
ungrateful, though—we must
publicly, here and now, return our thanks to
Master Toll for a whole lot of the finest, largest,
juiciest, mellowest apples we have seen this sea­
son. They would have thrown into the shade
all the apples we saw at the County Fair, had
they arrived sooner.

Mrs. P.’s Visit.

We announced in our last that Mrs. Partington
was expected to visit Notre Dame, and accord­ingly the old lady made her appearance one day
during the past week, stepping out of the South
Bend Express with her customary “specs,” green
cotton umbrella and benignant smile. Master
Ike, now grown into a somewhat gawky lad of
5 feet 11½ inches, slouched up the steps after her
in a new butternut suit and paper collar. His
pockets were filled with peanuts, which he was
eating to beguile the tedium of the journey.
“Air yeu the President?” inquired the old lady
of Brother Peter, who happened at that time to be
passing through the hall. A polite reference to
Father Superior was the result of this, and the
terms of Ike’s education having been settled, al­
though the old lady’s views of the economical
were not exactly suited, she sallied forth to in-
spect the objects of interest in Notre Dame and
its vicinity. Father Superior, perceiving Profes­
sor — at some distance off, summoned him and
entrusted the distinguished visitor to his cicerone-
ship. They first proceeded through the college
itself, where Mrs. P. was struck with admiration
and delight at the various objects that met her astonished gaze. “But I should think it would
look better if they were all in unicorn,” said she,
after expressing her pleasure at seeing the order
kept by the students in ranks. “So it would,”
replied the Professor, “and there was a proposi-
tion to that effect some time ago, but I suppose
it has fallen to the ground.” “I hope it didn’t
fall from very high up,” remarked she, benevo-
lently, endeavoring to fathom the height of the
staircases with her spectacles. “Let us enter one
of the class-rooms, and see them at their studies,”
said the Professor, opening a door. A mathemat­
cal class was reciting within, and an intellect­
ual-looking young gentleman was covering the
blackboard with x’s and y’s and crooked lines.
“You see, my dear Madam, it all depends on the
relation of the sines and co-sines,” said the Pro­
fessor, in his usual bland explanatory style.
“Does it, indeed? Wal, now, I think depending
on one’s relations is a very poor way to get along
—especially if they are only cousins. What’s the
use of the Declaration of Independence if a man
can’t make his own way in the world?” “Very
true,” said the Professor, and they went to look
at the big bell.

This morning, the 12th, Very Rev. Father Pro­
vincial celebrated Mass, with Benediction, in the
College Chapel, before an unusually large con­
gragation. At the close he made some interest­
ing remarks, relating the narrative of a miracle
performed by the intercession of the Blessed Vir­
gin, by which a child was restored to life after
being buried for three weeks. He also alluded to
a subject nearer home, and which is likely to be
taken up with considerable enthusiasm; but we
shall forbear making any further or more definite
mention of it in this issue, as we believe it would
be premature.

We visited St. Patrick’s School, South Bend,
the other day, and were courteously received by
our old friends, Bros. Philip and Nazarius. To
judge by the appearance of the bright, intelli-
gent faces surrounding them, their office is a
pleasant one, though not a sinecure.
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