Secluded in one sense as is the true student, whilst engaged in his scholastic course, he cannot ignore the fact that the time is not far distant when he must understand and grapple with the vexed questions of the day. He must take sides for or against the innovations or proposed improvements of the age.

Neutral men are men without character, and there is indeed no safe neutral ground on any important moral question, for moral questions involve personal interests and influence are arrayed against each other, and it is of the first importance that we cast our influence on the right side. Good people may be deceived sometimes respecting right and wrong of momentous problems, but there is, strictly speaking, only one side true. The other must of necessity be false. Latitudinarianism, that doctrine which leaves the young mind to guess at what is right or wrong, good or evil, because it can present no just standard; latitudinarianism, which constantly obscures the principle that it makes but small difference whether one embraces truth or error, is the doctrine of moral cowardice. It is the mask of open error: the ever repeated echo of that sentimental love sick child of the rote note book, but the number of her "conquests" and the list of her fine dresses. If indeed a little book keeping and trigonometry are learned, the active lad of fifteen or sixteen, too soon is transformed into the insipid, effeminate insipid, whose most profound knowledge of trigonometry is applied to the make of his neck ties, and the fit of his boots, and whose chief book keeping is accomplished by the purchase of his hat, which he reads with the most shameless aversion.

Why are business men so at a loss to find trustworthy young clerks? Because most of the boys have been taught in mixed schools, and are completely dissipated. The money-graver is not safe when a "hoo" is to come off, because the aspiring beam must not be short of monev. To be detected by "an old fogy" like his employer would be nothing in comparison with losing the pleasure of captivating some little upstart whose shoe-buckles are a thousand times more brilliant than her intellect and whose knowledge of language and manners is shown by the number of her "conquests" and the list of her fine dresses. If indeed a little book keeping and trigonometry are learned, the active lad of fifteen or sixteen, too soon is transformed into the insipid, effeminate insipid, whose most profound knowledge of trigonometry is applied to the make of his neck ties, and the fit of his boots, and whose chief book keeping is accomplished by the purchase of his hat, which he reads with the most shameless aversion.

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Every young couple who desire to make a good start in life must keep two bears in the house and feed them well, bear and forbear.
for the Notre Dame Scholastic.

Visit to the Planet Saturn.

How wildly bright are the visions that flied
Across the youthful brain! They are like meteors
Flashing on the brow of night, when her robe
Was decked with stars, and the silver oars
Of her golden boats were gliding by.

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Is there no danger that a party in power may in regard to other publications than the Bible? Will the supporters of this measure accept as a substitute a section prohibiting the exercise of such power by the general assembly in regard to any book? If their object be the one they profess, I think they would certainly do so. If their object be to obtain personal notoriety, by exciting bitter dissensions, perhaps bloodshed, among the people of the State, they would as certainly refuse. I hope such is not their object. I hope it will not appear against them hereafter, that they have taken and used in vain the most sacred names; that they have interlarded their discourse with texts from Holy Writ for base purposes; that, in a word, they have stolen the livery of heaven to serve the devil.

I assume that the intentions of the gentlemen are good; that they have been actuated only by religious enthusiasm, however mistaken or misplaced it may appear to be. And I assume that the deceptive character of the proposition they support is not the result of design, but of an unfortunate use of words.

Now, let me ask the gentlemen and the convention, if the proposition I am about to read be not more comprehensive, more just, freer from objection, and more of the character of a constitutional provision?

The State shall have no power to require or prohibit the use of particular books in the public schools. The selection of such books, and the management of the schools, shall belong to the directors of each school district. If this proposition be better than theirs, would it not be possible that a still better proposition might be devised by the committee on education? And is it not apparent that all these amendments ought to go to them for their deliberate examination?

I regret that I have been compelled to take part in this debate. My feelings were averse to it, but I could not resist the call of duty. I owed it to my constituents, a large portion of whom have, with their co-religionists, been misrepresented and slandered on this floor, charged with the design to overthrow the free institutions of this country, and who are themselves seeking to change the Constitution of the State in the interest of their own sectarian schemes. I owed it to the cause of truth and justice; I owed it to popular conviction of existence here of an array of enemies who have, to save the flag, I owed it to religion, in whose sacred name, under whose holy garb, this great wrong and outrage is sought to be done. I will notice the aspersions upon that portion of our people who belong to the Catholic Church. I regret that there is not in this body any professed member of that Church to speak for it. Is it certain the courts would hold that the word "bible" is so restricted in its meaning as gentlemen contend? The lawyer has introduced his Doubt Bible, the directors attempt to exclude it, and in sue an order to that effect. The teacher refuses to obey, and asserts that he is using a Bible, and that the constitution forbids its exclusion. Upon an appeal to the courts, what would be the decision? Would it be in favor of the teacher or of the directors? Who can tell? Then the phraseology is uncertain, deceptive, opposed to order and the constitution. From the day when Lord Balmain is charge? I challenge investigation. I ask, where is the evidence to support the design to overthrow the free institutions of this country? Did they mean the English version of James the First, or the Catholic version, would the directors have a right to control him? But suppose this teacher, construing the constitution for himself, has introduced the text-books, as in the teachers, for example, and that the function of the directors is simply to exclude from use those which they find objectionable.

Do gentlemen mean to overthrow subordination and discipline in the schools? Do they mean to provide in the constitution that if a teacher chooses, which makes the Bible a trifle in a majority of the public schools? But it may be said to mean that, whether used or not now, no order shall be issued by those in charge of the schools to prevent its being brought into use by the teachers. I supposed that the books used in the public schools were enjoined by the school directors. If that be so, this amendment contains another false assumption, namely, that there is a right somewhere outside of the school directors and lawful governors to prescribe the text-books, as in the teachers, for example, and that the function of the directors is simply to exclude from use those which they find objectionable.

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masculinations of the evil one who sometimes tempts the ambitious and unprincipled to make a career of inculcating the bad passions of men, for their own selfish aggrandizement.

I feel justified in denouncing the measure under consideration as an unholy measure. As I have shown, it is deceptive and untruthful in its terms. It assumes the existence of a state of facts which does not exist. It is without precedent in any of the American constitutions, because it is a direct stab at civil and religious liberty.

It is true that on a former occasion, I offered an amendment, providing that persons desiring to educate their children by teaching to be received, not at school, but in the families and by the teachers.

Now, after compelling all the people to use and attend those schools, or to double expense for education, we find members of this convention trying to deprive the people, of all shades of opinion, the use in those schools by their children of a version of the Bible which has been adopted by the people of all sects and opinions, and only secular learning taught there, that the religious instruction should be received, not at school, but in the families and by the teachers.

The state may forbid the exclusion or non-use of one book, but it may, with the shifting majorities of a representative government, install Paine's Age of Reason, the Mormon Bible, or the Koran of Mahomet in the same place of authority. It may compel the education of our youth as Buddhists, as materialists, or as atheists. It may also perpetuate the power of any party in power, by compelling the use in the schools of books in support of that party, and excluding all books opposed to its theories.

A power so dangerous as this cannot be exercised in a free government. It is, or should be, prohibited in our bill of rights. The direction of the education of children should be with their parents and guardians, and with the director chosen in each school district by those who send their children to the schools. And that direction should be of a character to do no violence to the consciences and convictions of any portion of the people.

Our people have always been jealous of their right to freedom of conscience. Now, that freedom is sought to be violated. They have ever opposed the union of Church and state. Now, a precedent is sought to be established, by which, hereafter, Church and state may be united, on what is for worse—infidelity and the state. The case is at issue.

I trust we are a Christian people. I believe we recognize by our common laws and the statutes of the Lord's day as a universal day of rest from public secular employments. I hope we will always do so. But we have also, in every form, declared the right of all persons and all classes to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. We have, in every form, denied the right of the majority, or their representatives, in any way to do violence to the consciences of the minority.

Whenever the contrary doctrine shall be insisted on elsewhere, as it is here, its assertion will be opposed and resisted. The attempt to enforce it will lead to discussion, to sectarian wars the most bloody and terrible. Let all lovers of their country strive to preserve peace.

Let us send this proposition to the committee there to be buried out of sight, never to be revived.

Conclud. Whv should a drum with both heads mashed in be regarded as a very superior article? Because it "can't be beat."
The horoscope forewarns us; as ye prize AU Emirs of all lands, by every means We, Emir of Ptnlmais, do exhort Duke Godfrey, read the papers. "Wounded and trembling fluttered from the clouds, All Bethlehem is ablaze, and but one thought Sent to all the Emirs.

To all the Emirs of Arabia."

A harem of fair women; lovely maids Allah, defend the Turk, and curse his foes! I saw our Lord no more: the test was done!

Lo! from its point a thousand lucid streams The mystic power that drove the Paynim Turks. "Those streams," our Saviour said, "shall flow To make rich conquests for my BLEEDING HEART."

Aye! we saw, we saw!"

I beheld."

ACT V.—Scene I. [Golgotha alone. Enter Hugh with a dead carrier-dove in his hand.] Hugh.—Duke, see the wonder! This unwilling foe Has proved a traitor to our enemies. (Holds up a letter.) Letters from Emir of Potomais Sent to all the Emirs. Godfrey.—(Eloquently) Ah! how did it happen? Hugh.—A vulture chased the bird, and the poor thing Wounded and trembling fluttered from the clouds, Gaspèd, spread her wings, and died at Conrad's feet. Duke Godfrey, read the papers. Godfrey.—(Takes the papers and reads.)

S. BRIDGET'S COLLEGE, ROSE, April 13, 1870. MISSISSIPPI: Please give space, in the columns of your valuable papers, to the following account of a newly organized body, now known as the "S. Bridget's Literary Association": The members of this institution, though rich in point of time, is rich in talent, and can justly vie with any similar organization in the "Eternal City"—JAMES CONNAN, Cor. Sec. For the "Notre Dame Scholastic." "Ship Ahoy!"

"Aye, ay, sir!" Such was the prompt and sailor-like response to our nautical shout yesterday, as we "signaled," for the first time, a fairy-like craft speeding through the waters of Lake St. Joseph. Sturdy arms and flashing oars soon brought the vessel to shore, when, springing on board, we transferred the following items: "The sea-dogs of Notre Dame, pining for "A life on the ocean wave, "And a home on the rolling deep," raised the "rhino," sent it to Mr. Bagley, via Chicago, and by "next tide" got in return for their $100 a graceful little "barque" 25x-t feet, "palling" oars, and "drawing" only 3 inches. Being "piped to quarters," the jolly tar unani­ mously resolved that they should be known to fame as the "Notre Dame Boat Club," and their "craft," as the "Santa Maria," a vote by ballots resulted in the election of the following officers: President—Rev. A. Lemosnier, S. S. C. Vice-President—J. R. Boyd. Secretary—D. H. Bihbaid. Treasurer—L. B. Logan. Commanders—J. Mulhall.

The "time" made on the lake by four inexperienced rowers, was one mile in 5 minutes and 58 seconds, which, though very good, we opine, is nothing to what their speed will be after a few lessons in "nautical" from the experienced "pilot" who now holds the "helm." That they may "steer" a "straight course," as well as the stormy ocean of life as through the placid waters of "St. Joseph's Lake," is the sincere wish of their "life-born" and sea-loving "shipmate."
We now see the mistake into which we have been of one "intelligent servant" to say the Amen's! in the daily habit of singing hymns, and of pray­
ing the " devoted house" with anything "pi­
Our contemporary's masterly familiarity in reference to the " devoted house" from which

Excursion.

The Law Class had its annual excursion on the 7th inst; the objective point being, as usual, the thriving city of Niles. Arrangements had been previously made with the proprietor of the Read­ing House, by a special committee deputed to provide for the comfort of the party; and it may be said to the credit as well as the good taste of the imprudent commissariat, that nothing was found wanting to satisfy the lawful aspirations of the excursionists.

Prof. P. Foote, LL. M., with his usual courtesy, had extended an invitation to several members of the Faculty, among which were our ever cheerful Prof. J. Lyons, our happy vocalist. Prof. M. T. Corby, and the non-descript writer of these lines.

Niles, and all that it contains worth admiring, passed once more under the benignant gaze of its many visitors. To the banquet hall of the hotel we had put on its best attire, and the luxuries of the season covered the inviting board, round which the festivities were often delighted by the trickling of its crystal.

Meridian.—For a few weeks past we have been enjoying beautiful spring weather, with the exception, however, of some few disagreeable rainy days, but they serve to heighten the more our appreciation by the evident contrast they afford. A slight shower, accompanied by the first thunder and lightning of the season, fell one evening last week. The weather at present is quite cool and some signs of rain are quite ap­parent; still, linen coats and straw hats are very common, but not to such an extent as they were last week.

North of May.—As announced in our last issue, the month of May—at Notre Dame most truly the month of Mary—was inaugurated in an imposing manner, on Saturday the 30th ult.

During this delightful season all the inmates of Notre Dame assemble each evening around the shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, and there honor that Virgin Queen whom the Almighty Himself so much honored. Several hymns are sung by our very excellent choir, and a short appropriate sermon is preached, setting forth some distinguished quality of her to whom this month is dedicated. A large and beautiful statue of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart purchased by Very Rev. Father General in Paris, was blessed with appropriate ceremonies on the evening of the 30th ult.

Baseball.—As might be inferred from the numerous reports from Baseballdom appearing in our paper, match games are the order of recrea­tion days, and are quite fond of amusement. We would not be surprised to witness the star of the East deprive the Facilities of the first time of the championship belt, which the Enterprise of last year purchased by Very Rev. Father General in Paris, was blessed with appropriate ceremonies on the evening of the 30th ult.

The lakes.—The season is now at hand when the vicinity of our lakes afford so much needed repair, and is now the best of times to throw forth its beautiful crystal jo d'eau. May our ears be often delighted by the trickling of its waters.

The Leaves.—The season of leisure is now at hand when the large venerable foliage adorning the entrance to the garden has undergone much needed repairs, and is now the best of times to throw forth its beautiful crystal jo d'eau. May our ears be often delighted by the trickling of its waters.

FLY CATCHERS, At­ten­tion!—Tou are evidently the careless glance of its indignant eye has discovered in what it confesses it has "not caught" that its "playing days" are brought out in no fewer than fifteen "pious" characters in the columns of the Scholastic! (Horribile diclu! Pious Harperian.) Also that italicized conjunction can be put to such base use! The Vidette, a "publication that has a de­

If you want good board in Chicago—go to a lumber-yard.

The Yale Gourmet contemplates some changes in its editorial conduct. It is an excellent college paper, and worthily represents a venerable ins­tute of learning.
College Bulletin.

Tables of Honor.

Senior Department.

Junior Department.

Most Distinguished.
April 14th—H. Quan, C. Campeau, D. Waldon, L. Kermann, E. Forrester, A. Clarke.

Honorable Mention.

Botany.—J. Zahn, D. A. Clarke, L. B. Logan.
Geology.—J. Gartman, W. Waldc.
Physiology.—J. Emerick, A. Rankin, H. Waldc.


First Geography and History.—R. Metzger, T. Armstrong, J. McMurphy, W. Carson, M. Roe.


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A.F.E. vs. Red Stockings.

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Fatal Curiosity—"Queen of the Night," Mr. Taberty

Music—"Fairy Fingers," Mr. Ewing

Address from the Fairies.

Vocal Duet, Misses Smythe and Davenport

Fair Scene—Tablean; Fairy Queen, A. Clark

Music—Piano, Mr. Arrington

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