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Dear Sir: There is, no doubt, a great deal of poetry in "Autumn leaves," but when it comes to the classic authors, how beautiful is the description given by Statius of his hero going about seeking for bitter herbs and fruits as a counter-irritant to assuage the bitterness of his feelings, and thus apostrophizing them:

"Ecce in remem varietate victus, cohibe, meum liceat.
 Quique multum deduct, multum elicit, qui multum
dedict, multum est, et solvens dolores, dolores
tempus.

"But the rosy persimmon 's the fruit, love, for me—
The rosy persimmon that falls from the tree—
How the sour persimmon tree
Improves each frosty hour
And rather honey all the day!
From every passing shower!"

Nor has the immortal Shakspere neglected all mention of this fruit:

"My young heart,!
Like the persimmon, in the summer season.
Was harsh and 'stringent. But maturer years,
Have tempered down its strict ungrateful pulp
To honey, to sweetness, to me!"

The peculiar qualities of the persimmon did not escape the notice of those attentive observers of nature, the classic authors. How beautiful is the description given by Statius of his hero going about seeking for bitter herbs and fruits as a counter-irritant to assuage the bitterness of his feelings, and thus apostrophizing them:

"Salve, O persimmon, atque omnis fructis acer-
Ceres, hoc fructo frumentum corporens.
Quem tunc fructus deplorabilis praebebat?
Scimus, mei, deplorabilis fructum.

"For the derivation of the word "persimmon" and its connection with the vice of parsimony, see Scenery on Fruit trees, Snipe on Trees, and other authorities.
To repay the earnest toil of the laborers in the field of social advancement, and to defend the honor of the common good. We must not only remove every vestige of human genius and social progress, but also sweep away the lovely creations of taste and labor, spreading death and desolation over the lovely shrine of genius and enlightenment; the ornaments and beauty of the world, become the light-house, so to speak, of the world. The time has come when the heathen apostles could be compared to the works of art. The Church was girding herself for the approach of the Christian era, and gathering in her mighty talons the vast dominion and legislation, restraining the power of the empire against each other. The previously conquered barbarians were then summoned from their forest haunts as auxiliaries, and this giving them an opportunity to learn the weakness of their former masters, their native spirit of freedom revived and with it their warlike ferocity now heightened and intensified by hatred from previous subjugation. The spirit of faction, a necessary consequence of feuds between the government and the people, gave rise to civil discord, which in a short time resulted in arresting the different parts of the empire, and splitting the mind of each other. The previously conquered barbarians were then summoned from their forest haunts as auxiliaries, and this giving them an opportunity to learn the weakness of their former masters, their native spirit of freedom revived and with it their warlike ferocity now heightened and intensified by hatred from previous subjugation.

The contemplation of the stary heavens has, in all ages, afforded many the present, sublime delights. Earth's pleasures may satisfy, its hours may weary us, but the study of the stary heavens so elevates the mind, that forgetful of self, we are lost in wonder and admiration, and the soul spontaneously adores Him, whose wisdom, power and
glory, we see so magnificently displayed in the starry heavens. Incomprehensible, indeed, are the beauties and grandeur of the heavenly bodies. Full of mystery, too, are they. For though deep-thinking minds, ever active, ever grasping after knowledge, have endeavored to explore these wondrous worlds, and though the science of these learned men, seems to the unlearned, vast and admirable, yet the most famous astronomers humbly and truthfully declare they have seen, but imperfectly defined, even the phenomena of the distant orbs. So much remains unknown, incomprehensible.

What must have been the admiration of Adam and Eve when, in the solemn stillness of Eden's first night, all animate nature tumbled by the soft music of the rippling waves, as they broke on the shore of terrestrial paradise, they first beheld the crescent moon, slowly rising above the eastern horizon! What, their delight to see the innumerable hosts of glittering stars all grouped in constellations, studding the blue arch of boundless space?

With what ecstatic admiration must our "great ancestors" have first beheld the starry heavens. They gazed with wonder upon the glories of heaven, and then gave to these phenomena, not the least impressed by the glorious vision of the celestial done, for to us it suggests subjects of holiest meditation. It recalls to mind the oriental majesty, that adored to the Gentile Kings, the coming of the Son of Justice.

Bright star of the east! With what joy did those wise astronomers hail your first gleaming, consulting with chilblains simplicity to your mysterious guidance, till they adoring knelt at the feet of the infant Jesus the true light of the world.

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But sometimes we find deceit wearing the livery of innocence, or the depth of meanness can be ascertained, we think deceit would be found in the lowest strata of the human body. The drunkard will disgust us; there is nothing in his person or speech for which we can form an attachment, and he is generally the victim of his own unbridled appetite. The manners of the profiteer may please for a while, but when the garb of a profligacy appears and pleasing address, under which the corruption lies concealed, the heart is good and a sound head will soon recoil from his presence.

On almost all occasions we can guard ourselves against the deceptions of a robber; but let a deceitful person have an object to gain, and it is next to impossible to defend ourselves against his arts—he appears under so many forms. At one time he presest himself clothed in the sacred garb of friendship. By his arts he makes professions which to him are dear, but others; last they are words to which we attach a world of meaning. He works himself into our lowest feelings. Poor fools! we imagine we have a friend, but perhaps at the next moment he is ready to betray us.

At another time he makes his appearance as a gay, rollicking fellow,—one who is bent on having a good time, and expresses his determination to take the world by storm. We feel that we are foolish to be playing away like a mule! and with a slap on the back to stir up our stagnant minds, he works himself into our inmost feelings. Poor fool! we imagine we have a friend, but perhaps at the next moment he is ready to betray us.

Let him who has once been seduced by the oily tongue of the deceiver seek to regain his former standing; let him, when the sight of his error falls upon the deceiver, endeavor to recover the situation where he has lost, and how he is to assist him? How many voices are heard cheering his shallow finery? Who will listen to his vows of penitence? Who will hear his prayers for forgiveness? Let his penance be all the same, if he be ever to attain this not one. The voice of society exclaims he has sinned, he has fallen, he is without wealth or influence. Let us make an example of him. We cannot tarn to pick him up; we will take our time to crush him down.

He is not worthy of our kind offices, therefore he endeavors to bring every one down to his own level, and to attain this object no means of the despotic, temper, of the poor, charmed by the venomous reptile, falls at last into the mouth readily to receive it, he is condemned by all, but death condemns him, whose lives have been but one continual crime, and who thus throws up their hands and cries out to divert the attention of others from their own villainies.

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Christian Charity, spirit of forgiveness! how often we are daily taught to what an extent thou hast taken up thy abode in our midst in this enlightened age. How much reason we have to rejoice that the fog of the Dark Ages has evaporated and that we live amid the brilliant virtues of the nineteenth century!

Do not think the gay laugh you hear is a sign of a light heart. If we only knew one half the misery that hides beneath it, we would be less inclined to censure it. When the victim of deceit is culling to hope, and striving to reach the level of virtue. Be not of the number, who continue to assail him, until, in the discouraged, hearten him, forsaken, despised, and God knows how miserable, he slinks beneath the tide of public opinion and is lost in the whirlpool of despair.

Decoy and Its Victims.

Read before St. Edward's Association, October 26.

By John E. Shanahan.

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On taking charge of the NOTRE DAME SCHOLASTIC, for the present year, we intend to publish it weekly, and reduced the price of subscription to two dollars. It has, however, been decided by the proper authority, to have the paper published only twice a month, or, rather, once a fortnight. The subscription to the paper consequently reduced to one dollar. Those who have already paid in their subscription ($2) for the year, will receive two copies of the paper instead of one, or, receiving orders from them, we will send the second copy to any address they may designate.

Molière.

As the Philistines intend bringing before the college public one of the plays of Molière, a short sketch of the great man and his comedies may not prove uninteresting to our readers.

Molière lived in a time that produced great men in every profession: great writers, great statesmen, and in every profession: great writers, great orators. It was the poet B. I. Saurin, who in the year 1778, published a collection of the incriptions on which is the blessing of the Academy, which the French solders had gained the well-deserved glory and the Academy's regret for the absence of its reflection upon them: nothing was wanting to his glory, he was wanting to ours. Alsie ne manquez pas de goûter, n'oubliez ce qui vous rendra heureux. It was the poet H. Saurin, who was author of the inscription, which was selected from many others presented at the same time (1778).

The present war between Prussia and France is a striking exemplification of the ups and downs of life. The French soldiers had gained the well-deserved reputation of being model soldiers; and now in this war, though we hear of them fighting well in this or that battle, or skirmish, yet the result of their fighting, or not fighting, is known to the world,—defeat and surrender.—sacrifice thousands upon thousands at a time.

Leaving trachy in high circles aside,—for it should not be charged without bringing forward good, positive proof, and that we cannot do at present,—what could have brought generals to surrender such large forces, in his very persons, on the base of his own demand? Doubtless some real cause of confidence in their troops. We heard lately the openly expressed opinion of an eminent Frenchman, long resident in this county, but keeping up close communications with the country, both by correspondence and frequent visits, and his opinion was that the French have degenerated; and certainly the result of the contest would go to sustain his opinion.

When France was a thoroughly Catholic nation, she had her reverses; like France I, her king, she may at times seem to have lost all except "honor." But now, after all classes, the lower as well as the higher, have been worked upon by the philosophers of the eighteenth century, and lamed with indifference for religion, or excited to active hatred against the Church, by admirers of the blasphemous Voltaire, who had the audacity to proclaim in a Christian country "Eternus Infami," they go forth to battle with only the shadow of a form,—they meet not even with glorious defeat, but they submit to inglorious surrender. They are demoralized. They have degenerated.

But is all lost for France? We do not believe it. Molière was not degenerated. A victorious foe occupies her territory and besigues her capital; she has no government; her schools are closed; her fields lie fallow. Anarchy and famine stare her in the face, even if she soon rid herself of her victorious enemy. We confess we cannot conjecture what will be the result, and we have heard no plausible conjecture from those who understand the position far better than we do.

The only hope we see for France is a return to her ancient tradition—we do not mean to the traditions of the Bourbon family, either of the older or younger branches, nor to those of Napoleon I.; but to those traditions of loyalty, of justice, of what is right, which must form the basis of every good government. Loyalty to God and to legitimate authority, justice to citizens a d to neighboring states, respect of the civil rights of all citizens, whether they wear the bliss of the workman, the beard of the tradesman, the soot of the priest, or the curl of the priests; a state which simply returning to the principles which Fiesco has so ably and nobly upheld, both by example and by deed.

When such men as Victor Hugo and Gambetta come to be the lowest trumpet in France; when such papers as Le Sidié cease to have the influence over the world, as they have so long had, a return to the above traditions may then be said to have been made, and we may say that the French government, whether republican or monarchical in form, founded on right, and France may then get rid of the make-shift governments with which she has been cursed so long, and under which her sons have degenerated, from the first revolution to the present self-elected members of the government of defance, through the unhappy years of the time-serving governments of the last of the Bourbons, of Louis Philippe, of the short-lived republic; and of Napoleon III. With a stable government in which all classes can have confidence, with a return to her ancient faith, France may again be a first-class power. If she cannot attain that, if she is simply degenerated as to still allow herself to be ruled by men who proclaim "liberty of the press, and gage, "religious liberty," and steal the property of the Church, then will she sink into a second or third rate nation, like some other countries of Europe that have enjoyed such "liberties" proclaimed by those blatant manufacturers of traitorous governments.

Our Right Rev. Bishop did us the honor of stopping with us, last week. During his stay he drove with us, last week. During his stay he drove

not only his horse but his carriage. He was much pleased to receive a visit from our friend, Father Walters, Pastor of Crawfordsville, Ind., for the special benefit of the classic, and scientific students. The commercial students are also invited to attend.

Vice President Colfax paid a visit to the College, last week, and was accompanied by several distinguished gentlemen, among whom we noticed our friend Judge Sanford, of South Bend. Our reporter gives a full account of the visit.
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INDIAN CLUBS will soon be in fashion again.

The bridge over the St. Joseph river is now finished.

We have had several brilliant displays of the Northern Lights.

The sure order of Bazine has cast a gloom over all the friends of France.

Trees “Bulletins” will be sent to the parents of the students during the course of next week.

The certificates for Good Conduct and Improvement in Class will be delivered at an early date.

Time Minims have been defeated lately in a rash contest with a larger base-ball club. They were not in earnest, and didn’t take an interest in the game.

The Juniors Base-Ball Club celebrated their late victory by partaking of a bountiful oyster lunch, to which they kindly invited their friends. So we hear.

Many letters sent to students here are badly directed. The name of the person should be legibly written, and the directions should be Notre Dame P. O., Indiana.

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In Memoriam.

P. D. Brennan.

With sincere regret we chronicle the death of one whose brilliant mind, joined with a noble spirit and unblemished disposition, not only rendered him a universal favorite at Notre Dame during the five years which he spent here, but also inspired the hope that he would ere long be an able and efficient member of the community to which Notre Dame owes its existence.

Five years ago Mr. Brennan entered as a student at this University, but with the intention of attaching himself to the Congregation of Holy Cross. Accordingly, after o. e. year spent in the College as a student, he entered the Novitiate of the Congregation, in the mean time continuing to pursue his studies, and discharge the duties of his zeal in this respect, he continued to devote himself to study and teaching till compelled by physical weakness to give up.

Believing that a change of climate would be serviceable, he obtained leave of the Superiors at Notre Dame, and went to Clifton, where he remained till a few days before his death. By the advice of his friends, and the occurrence of his Superiors, he was about to try another change of climate, and had started for Galveston, Texas, where a branch house of the Congregation has lately been established. He had proceeded as far as, St. Louis; but on his way from the hotel to the boat which was to take him to New Orleans, he was seized with hemorrhage of the lungs, which proved fatal, even before he could be borne back to his lodgings.

His death was not surprising to those who knew his enfeebled condition; but its manner and suddenness were not at all expected. Yet we have every reason to hope that, although sudden, it was the will of God. Mr. Brennan will remember him as a sternest and his consequent disregard of himself, to no doubt, aggravated the disease which resulted in his only death.

About one year ago, Mr. Brennan showed signs of pulmonary consumption, yet for a long time he would not be persuaded that such was the case, and following dictates of his natural strength, continued to devote himself to study and teaching till compelled by physical weakness to give up.

The musical organization of the St. Aloysius Association was held Tuesday evening, October 4th.

At this meeting Messrs. F. Carr and R. Crean- shaw were elected members of the Association.

The debate concluded, the debaters made the decision, viz.: "That Woman Suffrage is justifiable." Affirmative: Messrs. Finley and Murphy. Negative: Messrs. Maginnis and McLaughlin. The last-named gentleman being absent, Mr. D. B. Hibbard volunteered in his place. Mr. Carr spoke as a volunteer in favor of the affirmative, and did credit to himself and the side he espoused. Mr. Finley, in his closing remarks, spoke in a very able manner; nevertheless, stronger points were produced by the gentlemen on the negative side, and the President rendered a decision accordingly.

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tribute to the memory of Mr. F. X. Derrick, S. S. C.

At a special meeting of the Theatini Association, held Tuesday evening, November 1st, the President announced the death of Mr. Francis X. Derrick, a former Director of the Association.

A committee of five, composed of Messrs. Justin A. Fox, Thomas H. Dillon, James F. Wilson, John H. Gearin, and Marcus J. Moriarty, appointed to draft appropriate resolutions, reported the following:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst one of our proudest young members, Francis X. Derrick; therefore it is

Resolved, That the Theatini Association of Notre Dame University, most sincerely regret the death of that esteemed and beloved friend, teacher, and Director, Francis X. Derrick.

Resolved, That in the death of this good and faithful friend, the Society is called upon to deplore the loss of one of its original members; and while expressing the general and sincere grief of his associates, feel proud of the high reputation of the deceased, for those rare qualities which constitute the character of the generous Director, faithful friend, devoted Christian, and profound and accomplished scholar.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family, and to his many friends, who have, however, a well-founded belief that he is now enjoying in Heaven the rewards of the Just.

Resolved, That a copy of this tribute of respect be forwarded to the family of the deceased, and be published in the NOTRE DAME SCHOLASTIC.

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The CYCLE OF EARTHQUAKES.—Severe earthquakes, almost if not quite simultaneous in their action, occurred last spring on several parts of this continent and the opposite sides of the world in Japan. At Oaxaca, in Mexico, the first occurrence occurred at half-past eleven o'clock on the night of May 11, continuing on the following day, May 12, and at a distance of twenty minutes past three, on the morning of the 13th, an earthquake of similar intensity, and occurred at the same hour. At Oaxaca, which is a station in a hundred miles, heavy convulsions and piles walls and towers were shaken into ruins, killing and maiming many unfortunate people. The known deaths were one hundred and three. The whole city was so badly shattered that an additional shock should have thrown it all down.

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