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BY J. M. J. G.

I.
“O sad is the fate of a placeman upset!
The odor of Fame like a tench is
When Britain’s Lycurgus stands out in the wet,
Though in sight of the Treasury benches!
A Liberal, I, in this liberal day,
Have lost my exalted position;
Discontentedly biting my nails, I stray
In the cold shades of Opposition.

II.
“May the disease fly away with John of Tuam,
Though others have loud denounced me,
He’s my Old Man of the Mountain,—to him
I owe that my party has “bounced” me!
’Twas he that aroused the Hibernian breeze
That caught my proud sail in a “green squall”—
“Ye’l get up,” says he, “with the Tory fleas,
If you lie with the Liberal dogs, at all!”

III.
“I hoped that Dublin would back me up, well
I trusted Westminster would endorse me!
But they joined in th’ infernal Hibernian yell;
And entered the race to unhorse me!
They, Liberals!—bah!—They are no such a thing,
For, who but a vagabond high Tory rogue
Could over my hideous discomfiture sing.
And call me—proh! pudor.’—Ould Judas na Pogue!

IV.
“By Solon and Bion, Lycurgus, Justinian,
I’ll swear that each man of ye all is a Fenian,—
“No Popery! I’ll shout as loud as Disraeli!
Let Exeter Hall and sweet Shaftesbury’s crew
Forget puny Russell and Durham!
I’ll roar ye, sweet bigots, till all is blue,
And our Protestant horse, 0 I’ll spur him!

V.
“Does Manning forget I’m a real Double First,
Still hated by pitiful, pigmy prigs;
Didn’t Bab Macaulay, in a truthful burst,
Call me the “rising hope of the Whigs”?
Does Manning forget I wrote a book
(From printed, too)—on “Church and State,”
After all that, shall a Bishop’s crook,
Make me afraid to expostulate?

VI.
“Great measures make statesmen. Don’t you know
I crushed pious Protestants’ State belief,
For fear of our rascals at home and Repeal.

VII.
“My chances are gone: I am getting old:
Whatley’s place is vacant: I’ll step in.
If I can’t be Premier I’ll be prime scold,
And howl at Newdegate’s Man of Sin!
I’ll beat Disraeli at his own game,
The wily dog of a Jew I hate!—
My ‘Expostulation’ will bring me fame,
And my trick shall now votes postulate.”

Thomas Chatterton.

“I thought of Chatterton, the marvellous boy,
‘The sleepless soul that perished in his pride.”
—Wordsworth.

There lived in London in the latter part of the last century, a boy-poet, whose writings, or rather impostures, caused a great controversy in the literary world. That boy was Thomas Chatterton. Some poems written by him at the early age of eleven are not inferior to those of Pope at the age of twelve, or Cowley at the age of fifteen; and his imitations of the antique, at the age of fifteen or sixteen, showed such vigor of thought and facility of versification, to say nothing of their antique character, as to puzzle the most learned men of the day, and to stamp him a poet of the first order.

Thomas Chatterton, the son of a schoolmaster, was born in Bristol, November 20, 1752. He was educated at a charity school, where he was taught nothing but English, writing, and accounts. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to an attorney. He was passionately attached to heraldry, antiquities, and poetry, and was very ambitious of distinction. As he said, his ruling passion was “unconquerable pride.” In October, 1768, at the opening of the New Bridge at Bristol, there appeared a poem entitled “A Description of the Fryer’s first passing over the Old Bridge,” which the author, in an introductory letter to the printer states to have been copied from an ancient manuscript. It excited great attention, and was traced to Chatterton, who stated that it had been written by a monk named Thomas Rowley, a poet of the 12th century. Chatterton’s ancestors had long held the position of sextons of St. Mary’s Church, Redcliffe, Bristol, in the muniment room of which were several chests, among them one belonging to one Mr. Cannyng, a merchant of Bristol, who in the reign of Edward IV rebuilt the church. In 1727, this chest was broken open by the authorities and all the papers of value taken out, but a great number of manuscripts were left. Chatterton’s father, whose uncle was sexton, carried off a great number of these; and from those left, Chatterton—
claimed to have taken these poems, and he said that they had been written by Mr. Cangey, and his friend Thomas Rowley, a monk. He presented a citizen, fond of heraldry, with a pedigree which carried his name up to the Conquest; a religious gentleman with a fragment of a sermon on the Divinity of the Holy Spirit, by Thomas Rowley; a third was favored with a poem called the "Romana of the Cynghite," written by an ancestor 400 years before.

Chatterton sent to Horace Walpole, who was writing the History of British Painters, an account of the eminent "Carverellers and Prynters" who had flourished in Bristol. Gray and Mason, to whom Walpole showed this account, pronounced it to be a forgery. On this a warm controversy ensued, in which all the prominent literary men of the day took part, some claiming that the poems were written by the monk Rowley, others contending that they were forgeries of Chatterton.

In April, 1770, Chatterton went to London. At first he seemed to be greatly encouraged by his engagements with the booksellers, but not succeeding in obtaining an appointment he desired, he lost all hope of success, and at length was found dead in his bed, August 25th 1770, from the effects of a dose of arsenic. He was at the time of his death seventeen years, nine months, and five days old.

"No English poet," says Campbell, "equalled him at the same age." His principal poems are: The Tragedy of Ella, The Execution of Sir Charles Bawdin, The Ode to Ella, The Battle of Hastings, The Tournament, Our two Decalogues, and The Description of Cangey's Feast. These, he said, were written by the monk Rowley.

The poetry he wrote under his own name is inferior to that which he said Rowley wrote. The principal feature of Chatterton's poetry is his power of picturesque painting. His satirical and town effusions are often in bad taste, yet they show a wonderful command of language. As I mentioned above, the writings of Chatterton raised a warm discussion. Chatterton had so thoroughly imitated the peculiarities of ancient manuscripts, the grammar, the spelling, and the modes of thought, that the poems seemed certainly to be genuine; but the poetry was of so superior an order that the critics were sorely puzzled. "If it failed most in what it affected to be," said Horace Walpole, "a poet of the 15th century, it was because it could not imitate what never had existed." "This youth" said Warton, "was a prodigy of genius; and would have proven the first of English poets, had he reached a mature age." "Chatterton's was a genius," said Knox, "like that of Homer and Shakespeare, which appears not above once in many centuries." Warton, in summing up the authenticity of the Rowley poems, says: "However extraordinary it was for Chatterton to produce them in the 15th century, it is impossible that Rowley could have written them in the 15th. Chatterton seemed to take delight in deceiving others, not in striving for wealth or fame; he was one who despised the world, and tried in every possible way to make it his dupe. Yet all allow that he was a genius of the very first order, and if he had lived, that he would have attained a high rank in the literary world, and would, under the guidance of sound principles and a well-regulated mind, have added many treasures to the English language.

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Essays on Divers Matters.

BY J. M. J. G.

No. I.—Elocution.

In my opinion there is a deal of humbug in the world which is accepted by sensible people, simply because they do not wish to reflect. Look at Oratory, for instance. You may fill whole libraries with rhetorical tomes, and, ten to one if the whole collection suggest one practical hint on the matter under discussion. It is true, gesticulation is set forth with anatomical exactness. We have la motion concentrique and la motion excentrique of the hand, or, rather, of the very tips of the fingers, but all this, I dare assert, may be known, and yet an individual be far from justified in writing himself down "orator ad unguem." In Greece and Rome, oratory was carried to a high pitch of excellence. Since the days of Demosthenes and Cicero every age has had its orators, and Grecian and Roman eloquence still occupies the first place. It is the same with respect to the sister arts, Poetry and Sculpture. Homer and Virgil, Phidias and Praxitiles have left works which all ages have admired as masterpieces. Ordinary genius has stood baffled before those splendid conceptions of antiquity so far beyond its powers. Even Painting, that other form of oratory, which owes its superiority to Christian inspiration, can boast but little beside the sublime fragments which remain as a proof of the genius of Apelles.

The reason of this superiority is, I think, quite evident. The ancients studied Nature profoundly and left theories and principles of art to critics and metaphysicians. Art, of course, has its principles, its theories; but the genius of antiquity grasped, with intuitive power, all that was necessary for the expression of the Beautiful, which has been well termed "the splendor of the True." The simplicity of the child reads Nature naturally; the theorist defaces her with a thousand abstractions. A child would give a Fiji a better idea of ice than could Plato or Aristotle, and in this childlike, natural simplicity consists the superiority of ancient over modern art. Ruskin deplores the striking debasement of art in this century. But it would be strange if it were otherwise; for in our day, not only the tribes but the prophets, not only the crowd but the Sages, are skipping madly around the Golden Calf. The world has always been a fostermother to wealth and a stepmother to genius.

The wonderful power of elocution, it should be remembered, is not so much in the orator as in his subject. A real, heaven-inspired speaker needs no rules. Red Jacket, that aboriginal word-magician, sat not under Bellew, neither listened he to Mistress Antony, yet he almost succeeded in forming an Indian Confederation of every tribe in North America; and the United States Commissioners,
with the British agents, acute and clever men of an advanced civilization, freely confessed that the unalterable severity was head and shoulders above any orator of modern times. Honest old Andrew Jackson, who did in Louisiana what Mephistopheles the Little is undoing, swore that Red Jacket had more brains than the whole United States Senate.

There is a something—a je ne sais quoi—lying above and beyond every orator, which elevates him as the mighty wave of the ocean raises the frail bark floating upon its bosom. Innumerable men and events conspire to make the orator; like a cloud heavily charged with electricity, a nation gathers in, from ten thousand channels, a latent power which agitates the popular mind without assuming any definite form. At last there appears a man a little wiser than his fellows, who studies the current of popular thought, of national aspiration, thinks patiently until he has grasped the subject and made it his own, and then speaks. Like a spark falling upon powder, his word causes a tremendous explosion. The pent-up national thought has found its expression, and the speaker is saluted as a heavenly oracle.

Uncharitable Opinions.

There are some men who drift through life without a hope, or thought, or wish, beyond the present hour; but they make up the very small minority of the human family. They are harmless, worthless nonentities, unworthy the name they disgrace; for with men, to hope, to toil and to desire, are agencies absolutely essential to their progress towards the purest and best ideals. It is only when they pervert these agencies to an all-absorbing greed, that they discover they have been undermining the walls of a temple whose full must surely crush them. And thus it happens that the former class grow dull, and torpid, and worse than useless through the want of danger, and darkness and sorrow, while their more enterprising neighbors have suffered destruction from the excess of the same power.

Men are not evil from inclination so frequently as from the pressure of circumstances. There, perhaps, never lived a human being in whose soul never dwelt the impulses and motions to a better, more exalted life; warnings and promptings which, if heeded, would form the ideal of a great and good man in an out of one who is now content to associate with the vilest outcasts of his race. We are prone to expend our energy in scorning and contempt for wickedness, never reflecting that it is with man as it is with trees,—if you abrade the surface of some vigorous branch into which the young energy of the tree is pouring its vital life-currents the incisure will encrust itself with waves roll silently away on their beautiful mission, and are caught up with loud acclaim by multitudes of bright angels on the unseen shore of immortality.

Two Pictures.

The Paris journal, Le Figaro, of a late date, contains the following beautiful pen-portrait of his Holiness Pius IX, which we give our readers in full:

This man, hallowed by a moral splendor, and who has known all kinds of temporal tribulations, when once seem never can be forgotten. How bright and happy were the first years of his reign, and how little promise they gave of an unceasing martyrdom! I was at Rome when the famous speech of M. Thiers came, an electric discourse, which began by those words: "Courage, Holy Father!" He needed courage indeed, but it was not necessary to tell him so. That courage was equal to all his trials. At the beginning of his reign, not one of the "Facines" but would have willingly worn on his cap the words "Pius Pio Xono!" The Roman police had nothing more to do than to protect him in his walks from the enthusiasm of the crowd.

There are princes who fear to let the itinerary of their movements be known in advance to lessen the chances of being shot at or poignarded—that of Pius IX was concealed to spare him the supplies of triumphant arches and daily ovations. This prince had to be defended against the zeal of his subjects, and against the movements of his own heart. He used to go and preach in the first church that lay on his path, and towards which the inspiration of the moment carried him. The Christian world, unaccustomed for centuries to see a Pope preaching, felt itself renovated.

And what a fine, intelligent and graceful countenance! A Roman cast of features, such as we see in many of the ancient busts in the museum of the capital. Something
like a Christian Trajan. In his gaze there is all the hal­
lowed light of evangelical inspiration; grace and peace emanate from it—gratia et paz, those two things so much admired by the prophet. And, above all, his prestige, that of simplicity and expansion.

If the temperature of Rome is unhealthy he will try to excuse the city for being so inhospitable to strangers. He will obligingly give you the best hygienic prescriptions to preserve you from the effects of the atmospheric changes, and in a flow of words, familiar, candid, falling from his lips like flakes of soft snow, and with them he would mix up sermons and deep-felt thoughts, that go direct to the heart—and all that in the tone of simple conversation, without thinking of playing a part, holding a rank, and still less producing effect.

He knows well how to hold his rank as a sovereign, yet he prefers to be a father. His house, so small to-day, and so well watched, is truly the house of the Lord. If you are four or five who have obtained a letter for an audience, you need no fear to make the snow-ball and take with you as many as you like (go to even thirty), and you will be all well received. From these audiences one does not only come away better, but quite different, and possessed by the Pope.

If it were possible for the Holy Father to be seen by every one, how few Freethinkers would remain in the world. Who even is not affected by seeing him and bearing him, is only susceptible of being touched by a fall or a blow.

Who would not prefer to be the captive and crucified Pontiff in the Vatican than to be William, the all-powerful Emperor of Germany, conqueror, with laurel-crowned head, of Austria and of France, alas!—for we must say so, and remember it? Who would not prefer to be the Pope, insulted and persecuted, than to be Victor Emmanuel with ten crowns, king of United Italy, and on his throne in the Quirinal?

Neither the Landwehr nor the Landsturm nor the Krupp cannon, nor the white Cuisses, nor the audacious Bersaglieri can keep aloof the war which despises kings and whose name is Death. There will be heavy accounts to render in the sixth chamber above according to the threat of Gregory XVI to the Emperor Nicholas, who grew pale under the quiet gaze and gesture of the old Pope.

The most incredible, and those who excuse everything by raisons d'etat, the most hardened against the protests and complaints for what is right and just, must sometimes think of him, and it is not probable that they do so without being affected in soul and body. He, the loved and venerable old man, will sleep gently in peace and in glory, blessed for his trials, his labors and good deeds, with the consolation of having borne up against misfortune, of having courageously accomplished his duty to the end, and of having given to the last hour of his life the example of faith and constancy to the millions of Christians of whom he was the father.

VICTOR EMMANUEL.

In a recent article in the Galaxy, Justin McCarthy draws the following portrait of the King of Italy:

I have before me now a silver coin picked up in Savoy soon after Italy became a kingdom. Now, the head displayed on that coin is not of kingly mould. The mint has flattered its royal master much less than is usual with such portraits. There is the coarse, bull-dog cast of face; there are the heavy eyebrows, the unshaped nose, the hideous moustache, the receding forehead, and all the other beauties and graces of the "blot king's" countenance. Certainly the face of the coin is not blotted enough, and there is too little animalism displayed in the back of the head. But it gave, when it was issued, as fair an idea as a little piece of silver could well give of the head and face of Europe's most ill-favored sovereign.

Some fifteen years ago, King Victor Emmanuel visited England. He was everywhere welcomed with a cordiality of interest and admiration not often accorded to a foreign king. He was not then nearly so blotted and burly as he is now; but even then, how marvelously ill-favored he was! How rough and coarse looking; how unattractive in manner; how brusque and unsmooth in gesture and bearing; how liable to fits of stolid silence; how utterly devoid of grace and dignity! His huge straw-colored moustache projecting about half a foot on each side of his face, was as unsightly a piece of manly decoration as ever royal countenance displayed.

Victor Emmanuel is a man of gross habits and tastes, addicted to coarse and ignoble immoralities. "The manners of a moss-trooper and the morality of a he-goat," was the description which my friend, John Francis Maguire, gave, in one of his parliamentary speeches, of King Victor Emmanuel. All things considered, this was not a bad description. Moreover, it was mildness, it was compliment—may, it was base flattery—when compared with the hideous accusations publicly and distinctly made against Victor Emmanuel by one of Garibaldi's sons, not to speak of other accusers, and privately whispered by slanderous gossip all over Europe. The man has the coarse tastes of a sailor turned ashore after a long cruise—and such tastes are not kingly. He absolutely wants all the elements of greatness.

An Extraordinary Inscription.

The following will, we are sure, prove interesting to our readers: "Amatelli speaks," says Schlegel, "of an strange inscription which has puzzled scholars at Rome not a little," and then the great classicist goes on to quote opinions from Swankers, Figiatti, D'Albert, etc., to the real signification of the words. The matter happened thus:—An ancient excavation at Pompeii revealed at a street corner a square marble post, about three feet high, upon which were sculptured a grotesque animal and this legend:—

FORAS SESTO HUBON.

Amatelli was of opinion that they referred, somewhat obscurely, to Caesar, and that the true rendition should be "Fur es sistera ad Rubicon." But Schlegel rejects this, and holds that the rude sculptor, in his own barbarous way, really intended a compliment to Caesar, or some other Roman ruler. "Be to outsiders (barbarians) a Rubicon," meaning a barrier they dare not pass—"Fur es sistera ad Rubicon."—Chap. VII.

Can any of our friends hit upon a plausible interpretation of this mystery?

R.

---There was a small boy in Pawtucket;
He bought him an orange to suck it;
He had a long nose,
And as you may suppose,
Into the orange he stuck.
**A Geographical Dinner Party.**

The following is the answer to the Geographical puzzle given in our last issue—A royal dinner-party was given by King William, Queen Charlotte, and their sons, Prince Edward, Prince of Wales, and Prince Albert. Everything was in perfect order. A Canary made sweet music for Edward, Prince of Wales, and Prince Albert. Everything was performed by King William, Queen Charlotte, and their sons, Prince Edward, Prince of Wales, and Prince Albert. Everything was performed by King William, Queen Charlotte, and their sons, Prince Edward, Prince of Wales, and Prince Albert.

The table was elegantly set with China and Silver, and bountifully supplied with good things, such as Turkey, Cod, Sardinias, Eggs, Sandwich, Onions and other vegetables, seasoned of course with Salt and Cayenne. Cod, Sardinias, Eggs, Sandwich, Onions and other vegetables, bountifully supplied with good things, such as Turkey, Cod, Sardinias, Eggs, Sandwich, Onions and other vegetables, seasoned of course with Salt and Cayenne.

**A Memorable Event.**

We find the following interesting item, relative to the late war, in the Louisville Catholic Advocate:

In the library of General Sherman's house, in Washington there was a picture over the mantelpiece which commemorated a notable event in the history of our country. The picture represents the cabinet of Admiral Porter's flagship and the conference held there by Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, and Porter, when they all met at City Point. The likeness of Lincoln is the best extant. Sherman and his army had not been heard from for some weeks, and the public knew nothing of the march he was making from Atlanta. When it was a certain fact that the Confederacy was crumbling and tottering to its fall, Sherman left his hosts and secretly went to meet the President at City Point, and receive from him instructions as to the terms of "Johnston's surrender." Mr. Lincoln was heartily sick of bloodshed, and, moreover, really loved the South as a part of his country, and only desired that they should lay down their arms, go home and become peaceable citizens. Mr. Lincoln drew up the terms, which were based upon these principles. General Grant and Admiral Porter approved. General Sherman returned to his army and closed upon Johnston's forces; but alas! by the time the surrender came, the patriotic President was dead, slain by the hand of the assassin, and the enemies of the South endeavored to implicate them in the deed. It is on record in the War Department that the very treaty which Mr. Stanton caused to be so fiercely rejected, and for which he tried to brand General Sherman with the epithet of traitor, was the same one which Mr. Lincoln drafted and Grant and Porter had approved.

—George Bancroft's threat to write a "History of the Great Rebellion" in two thousand volumes, as a supplement to his "History of the United States," has concentrated public interest upon a paragraph stating that old paper dealers are only paying two and a half cents per pound.

—An honest old farmer on being informed the other day that one of his neighbors owed him a grudge, growled out: "No matter; he never pays anything."

—Mary was the proprietress of a diminutive, incipient sheep, whose outer covering was as devoid of color as condensed vapor, and to all localities to which Mary perambulated, her young Southdown was morally certain to follow. It tagged her to the dispensatory of learning, one diurnal section of time, which was contrary to all precedent, and excited the exclamation of the seminary attendants when the children perceived the presence of a young quadruped at the establishment of instruction. Consequently, the preceptor expelled him from the interior, but he continued to remain in the immediate vicinity, and tarried in the neighborhood without fretfulness until Mary once more became visible.

**Beautiful Hands.**

[Written by the late William McCarrell, of Louisville, Ky.]

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! They're neither white nor small, and you, I know, would scarcely think that they were fair at all. I've looked on hands whose form and hue a sculptor's dream might be, yet are these aged, wrinkled hands more beautiful to me. Such beautiful, beautiful hands! Though heart were weary and sad, those patient hands kept toiling on, that children might be glad. I almost weep, as looking back, to childhood's distant day, I think how those hands rested not while mine were at their play. Such beautiful, beautiful hands! They're growing feeble now; for time and pain have left their work on hand, and heart, and brow. Alas! alas! the nearing time, and the sad, sad day to me, when, 'neath the daisies, out of sight, these hands will fold be.

But O, beyond this shadowy tomb, where all is bright and fair, I know full well these dear old hands will palms of victory bear; where crystal streams through endless years flow over golden sands, and where the old grow young again, I'll clasp my mother's hands.

**SCHOLASTIC.**

The likeness of Lincoln is the best extant. Sherman and his army had not been heard from for some weeks, and the public knew nothing of the march he was making from Atlanta. When it was a certain fact that the Confederacy was crumbling and tottering to its fall, Sherman left his hosts and secretly went to meet the President at City Point, and receive from him instructions as to the terms of "Johnston's surrender." Mr. Lincoln was heartily sick of bloodshed, and, moreover, really loved the South as a part of his country, and only desired that they should lay down their arms, go home and become peaceable citizens. Mr. Lincoln drew up the terms, which were based upon these principles. General Grant and Admiral Porter approved. General Sherman returned to his army and closed upon Johnston's forces; but alas! by the time the surrender came, the patriotic President was dead, slain by the hand of the assassin, and the enemies of the South endeavored to implicate them in the deed. It is on record in the War Department that the very treaty which Mr. Stanton caused to be so fiercely rejected, and for which he tried to brand General Sherman with the epithet of traitor, was the same one which Mr. Lincoln drafted and Grant and Porter had approved.

—George Bancroft's threat to write a "History of the Great Rebellion" in two thousand volumes, as a supplement to his "History of the United States," has concentrated public interest upon a paragraph stating that old paper dealers are only paying two and a half cents per pound.

—An honest old farmer on being informed the other day that one of his neighbors owed him a grudge, growled out: "No matter; he never pays anything."

—Mary was the proprietress of a diminutive, incipient sheep, whose outer covering was as devoid of color as condensed vapor, and to all localities to which Mary perambulated, her young Southdown was morally certain to follow. It tagged her to the dispensatory of learning, one diurnal section of time, which was contrary to all precedent, and excited the exclamation of the seminary attendants when the children perceived the presence of a young quadruped at the establishment of instruction. Consequently, the preceptor expelled him from the interior, but he continued to remain in the immediate vicinity, and tarried in the neighborhood without fretfulness until Mary once more became visible.

**A Hemoralsle Event.**

In the library of General Sherman's house, in Washington there was a picture over the mantelpiece which commemorated a notable event in the history of our country. The picture represents the cabinet of Admiral Porter's flagship and the conference held there by Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, and Porter, when they all met at City Point. The likeness of Lincoln is the best extant. Sherman and his army had not been heard from for some weeks, and the public knew nothing of the march he was making from Atlanta. When it was a certain fact that the Confederacy was crumbling and tottering to its fall, Sherman left his hosts and secretly went to meet the President at City Point, and receive from him instructions as to the terms of "Johnston's surrender." Mr. Lincoln was heartily sick of bloodshed, and, moreover, really loved the South as a part of his country, and only desired that they should lay down their arms, go home and become peaceable citizens. Mr. Lincoln drew up the terms, which were based upon these principles. General Grant and Admiral Porter approved. General Sherman returned to his army and closed upon Johnston's forces; but alas! by the time the surrender came, the patriotic President was dead, slain by the hand of the assassin, and the enemies of the South endeavored to implicate them in the deed. It is on record in the War Department that the very treaty which Mr. Stanton caused to be so fiercely rejected, and for which he tried to brand General Sherman with the epithet of traitor, was the same one which Mr. Lincoln drafted and Grant and Porter had approved.
The Semi-Annual Examination, a most important college exercise, will take place next week. Earnest preparations have been made in all the classes, in order that the members of them may pass through the test successfully. All of our earnest young men, those who come here for the purpose of storing their minds, deem it their duty to do the best possible at the examination, because that will tell to all, especially to their friends at home, what has been their conduct in regard to their studies. It will tell more truly to the parents of the students in what manner their sons have spent their time, than would anything else inform them.

It is not necessary for us to state that the Examinations will be as thorough as possible, giving to each student the opportunity of displaying his ability and of giving evidence of his progress during the session. But at the same time we would caution all against that childish fear which grown-up young men often display when under examination; and not only when under examination, but which they even display before the day of trial arrives. There is no necessity for any to indulge in fears. The examinations are not held for the purpose of learning what a young man does not know, but to learn what he does know. Let every student simply do the best he can, in a frank, upright way, without ostentation and pertness, and without fear, and he has done his part. Let him not put on the air of knowing everything, for the contrary will soon be found out. He should not be afraid to tell what he does not know, nor should he work himself into such a state of excitement as to cause him to answer wrongly. Again we say, let him do the best he can. The notes given to him will be assigned faithfully and scrupulously, and should he be so fortunate as to obtain good notes, which we hope and doubt not but that he will, let him be grateful to God who has blessed his labors, and let him take courage from this, and derive a new impetus, a new courage to strive on until he reaches the bright goal which awaits the earnest student.

For a number of years there has been a great discussion among the Catholic scholars as to the propriety of substituting the Christian Classics for those of the heathen. In Rome and France the controversy was carried on with great acrimony by two parties, and it has not yet altogether died out. It is claimed by those favoring the Christian Classics that the great works of the early fathers, in Greek and Latin, should be read in Catholic schools, and that all those parts of heathen literature which treat of morality should be expunged from the works of Horace, etc., before they are placed in the hands of Christian youth. They argue that the lives of the poets, philosophers and moralists of Greece and Rome were the reverse of what they taught in their writings; that the reading of their books tends to paganize the minds of youth and imbue them with infidelity. For of what avail is it, they say, for teachers to show the excellence of Christian morality when the student is able to point out excellent precepts of morality in the works of the pagans, and argue that in matters of morals were natural teaching is sufficient?

It appears to us that their reasoning is good. We are not certain that the great revival of pagan letters which took place in the 15th century was of great service to mankind. On the contrary it brought with it much harm. From the time of this revival, there has been a constant endeavor on the part of the world to make little of the works of Christian civilization; not always by attacks on them, but by an exclusive study and an inordinate praise of what they chose to call pagan civilization. The admirers of that civilization took full possession of literature and of art. History was made to subordinate its ends, and the great deeds of Christian warriors, statesmen and Poets, were maligned; while the feats of arms performed by pagans were nobly exalted. The works of poets inspired by the spirit of Christianity were neglected and undervalued, while those of the poets of Greece and Rome were lauded to extravagance. The philosophy of the heathen was studied, while that of the great Christian philosophers were read by none save Churchmen. The grand style of architecture which was the creation of the Church, and in which she built her ministers and cathedrals, was pronounced barbarous and Glicthic, and ceased to be followed. Painting and Sculpture, which under the guidance of the Church surpassed all art of ancient times, was looked upon as unworthy of imitation, and art became pagan and dead. The social and political relations of antiquity were praised, to the prejudice of those institutions produced by Christianity. The Latin of the Christian authors was condemned by the purist writers, who condemned it as barbarous.

Under these influences it ceases to be wonderful that Europe should have lapsed into infidelity, and that the Church should lose many thousands of her children. Education having been completely paganized, it was but natural that those receiving that education should become pagans and infidels in spirit. And all the effects of this revival of ancient letters then, culminated in the dreadful revolution in the last century which deluged France and all Europe with blood. Its effects are still to be seen in our day. It has led to heresy and Communism and to the almost complete neglect of all principles of morality.

Happily, Catholics are beginning to see the consequences which have followed this paganizing education, and strong and many voices are heard calling upon Catholic educators to make their education Christian.

Why, they ask, should the Christian youth know perfectly the deeds of the soldiers of Greece and Rome and yet be ignorant of the glorious achievements of the Catholic heroes, those heroes who carried, amidst persecutions and untold of dangers, the faith of Christ into far-distant lands?

Mgr. Guasme has well fought the battle for the Christian classics in France. He has labored for years with his pen, urging upon the people of Catholic France to make education Christian. His work is beginning to bear their fruit; already one diocese has begun to act upon his sug-
gestion, and others no doubt will follow. His course has been sanctioned by Pius IX, who, in a brief addressed to him, approves the course which he has upheld as the proper one to be followed in the education of youth. After the Pope has spoken in this manner, it remains now for Catholic educators to act upon his words and make the education of youth thoroughly Christian.

One of the most noted literary societies in the world is the Arcadian Society which now exists in Rome. It is composed of learned churchmen, scholars, poets, artists, musicians and people of education. It is its custom to give literary and musical entertainments, at which only the more cultivated persons attend. Not long since they celebrated the centenaries of St. Thomas and of St. Bonaventure, at which the élite of Christian Rome attended; but on the 17th of December, 1874, they gave the greatest entertainment ever given by it, in commemoration of the poet Petrarch. The exercises were mainly musical, and were given in the hall of the Alberghería, which was crowded to excess. In a prominent position in the hall, the -cluity had placed a bust of the famous Christian poet, garlanded with flowers. His Eminence Cardinal Borromeo presided, with that grace for which the Roman Cardinals are so famous. A correspondent of The Catholic Review, speaking of the entertainment says: "Count Campello, a young nephew of the Cardinal [Borromeo], read a fine paper on the poet, which was frequently applauded. Several ladies, who are members of the club, sang, and amongst them was the celebrated Signora Parisoti Giaconi, one of the best singers in the world, and Signora Armellini, another distinguished vocalist. Signora Laura Amati delle Seta, a Jewish lady, and member of the society, was greatly applauded and complimented personally by the Cardinal-director, for her exquisite singing. She is a most charming and cultivated lady, and enjoys a high reputation for her learning and accomplishments, and has been for many years a distinguished member of this society, which was recently revived through the generosity of Mgr. de Morode. The programme was very long, and many a celebrated man and woman figured in it, including Padre Giovanni Giordano, Signor De Dimeuccio Torri, Signor Giuseppi Galliari, Signora Augusta Morell, and the pianist Signora de Marchis. At no period of its existence has the Arcadian been so flourishing as at present, for it includes some of the most celebrated men and women in the world amongst its members, belonging to every rank and profession and religion."

The Catholic Church has been accused of not honoring genius, but assembles such as that which met to honor the memory of the greatest of all writers of sonnets, are a refutation of this calumny. Indeed if any body of people honor and encourage genius it is the Catholic Church, which was the founder of all the great universities in the world, the protector and promoter of science, and the patron of poets, of painters, of sculptors, and of musicians.

Francisco Petrarch, or Petrarch, as he is known to English-speaking people, one of the most illustrious of the poets and scholars who flourished in Italy, was born in 1304. His father had him educated in the law, for which he had no relish. His studies were pursued at Montpellier and Bologna, where he made at an early period the acquaintance of many persons distinguished in different avocations of life. His passion for Laura, which gave shape and color to the rest of his life, was kindled in 1357. She was at the time in her 19th year, and had been married to Hugues de Sade. Petrarch's affection for her was true and permanent, but it was not returned by Laura, whose conduct, throughout life, was marked by purity, kindness, and good sense. In order that he might overcome or weaken the force of his hopeless passion, Petrarch travelled frequently, and lived for a length of time in the secluded and lonely valley of Vaucluse. He then took an active interest in the political affairs of his time. He attached himself to the Pope, to whom he became a warm friend, and by whom he was entrusted with many and important negotiations. It was while taking part in the affairs of state that he rendered himself of great service to literature by his learning, by his laborious and diligent researches and collections of ancient manuscripts hidden away in the libraries throughout Italy. It was he who, by a liberal donation of books to the Church of St. Mark, at Venice, became the founder of its famous library.

Petrarch was the warm friend of Boccacio, the greatest of story-writers, and with him was the instrument in causing the revival of Classical Literature. He was also attached to Rienzi, with whose enterprise, as tribune of Rome, he warmly sympathized.

It was in 1341 that Petrarch received the highest testimony of renown which he had acquired as a poet and a scholar. In that year he was solemnly crowned as laureate by the Senate in the capitol of Rome. This crowning of the poet was, in his day, the greatest reward which the poet looked for, and the greatest honor which he coveted; it was the public recognition of the genius of the poet, made manifest to him by the city whose Pontiff's sway extended over the whole of the then known world.

The Arcadian Society has done honor to itself and to Catholic Italy in celebrating the anniversary of the great poet. It argues well of the culture and education of a people when they commemorate the anniversary of men who have honored their country by their genius in literature.
Personal.

([We will give each week a great number of Personalia, for the purpose of letting the old students know the whereabouts of their former comrades.]

—Bro. James is still in delicate health.

—John Quill, of '73, is in the grocery line.

—Thanks to Bro. Bonaventure for a morning mail.

—J. H. Ward, of '73, is studying law in Chicago, Ill.

—M. H. Smith, of '71, is doing well in St. Paul, Minn.

—G. M. Madden of '73, is hale and hearty in Mendota, Ill.

—T. Finigan, of '73, is in the grocery business in Joliet, Ill.

—K. J. Espe, of '70, is prospering in Fort Madison, Iowa.

—Rev. Father Cappon, of Niles, was at the College last week.

—Rev. Father Letourneau called at our "den" on Saturday last.

—G. Combs, of '93, is clerking for Finigan & Co., in Joliet, Ill.

—Bro. Thaddeus, of La Salle, spent a few days with us last week.

—James B. Crummey, of '74, is staying in Chicago for his health.

—J. A. Fox, of '70, is in the C. B. & Q. R. R. office, Alton and St. Louis R. R.

—Frank Sweger, of '73, is in a wholesale tea house in Chicago, Ill.

—P. J. O'Connell, of '73, is assistant County Agent in Cook County.

—M. J. Spelkeney, of '69, is looking for wealth in the oil regions, Pena.

—J. Rhey Boyd, of '69, is practicing law with success in Paducah, Ky.

—Joseph A. Rodot, of '73, is doing a rushing business in Joliet, Ill.

—WM. M. Jones, of '64, is Principal of the High School in Lemont, Ill.

—Robert Kelly, of '73, is in business with his father, in Minneapolis, Minn.

—S. O. Hibben, of '73, is shipping-clerk for Hibben & Co., Chicago, Ill.

—Will. Lyfield of '71, who was lately married, is doing well in Joliet, Ill.

—The McKenna Brothers are in the real-estate business in Indianapolis, Ind.

—Geo. V. Burbridge, of '74, is in the hardware business in Springfield, Mass.

—G. W. Warren, of '70, is one of the best compositors in the Times Office Chicago.

—M. Spullin, of '83, is reading law with Haley & O'Donnell, in Joliet, Ill.

—F. B. Shepherd, of '71, is in the Banking Business with his father, in Jerseyville Ill.

—John Cochrane, Jr., of '68, is conductor on the Chicago Alton and St. Louis R. R.

—Al. Randel, of '69, is accumulating much wealth in his business, in Joliet, Ill.

—Jimmy Taylor, of '61, is with Moseback & Humphrey, importers of teas, Chicago, Ill.

—P. T. Shanahan, of '70, is attending Medical Lectures in the Chicago Medical College.

—Jas. Winterbotham, of '83, is in the manufacturing business at Michigan City, Ind.

—J. B. Comer, of '73, is keeping the books of a wholesale house in St. Paul, Minn.


—We have seen the third article on Astronomy in the Watertown Republican, by Bro. Peter.

—Father Spillard, of '04, is now holding a fair at Austin, Texas, for the benefit of his new church.

—R. Stevens, of '70, is, we understand, doing a prosperous business with his father, in Joliet, Ill.

—Rev. Thos. Kennely, of '63, is Chaplain of the Monastery of St. Francis of Assisi, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

—J. K. Finley, of '72, an old member of the "Happy Family," is in the real-estate business in Chicago, Ill.

—John Murnane, of '71, is the assistant book-keeper in the wholesale house of Beaupre & Kelly, St. Paul, Minn.

—Rev. Father Cooney arrived here last Saturday, after having preached successful missions at Monroe, Mich., and other places.

—Father Ford gave the Missions a grand reception at the St. Joe Farm on Sunday last. He is just the man to make little fellows happy.

—The Editors of the Ana Maria return their thanks to Mr. P. J. MacNally, of the Brooklyn Post Office Department, for favors received.

—We are pleased to see that Father Freres has recovered from his late sickness and is again at his post in the church, where he is so much needed.

—Mr. Jos. Rice, of Milwaukee, called at the office on the 14th. He is an accomplished gentleman, and we hope to see him at Notre Dame frequently. He brought a son with him, whom he placed in the College.

—It gives us great pleasure to announce that Dr. T. A. Daly, of '69, has been appointed City Physician of Rockford, Ill. Dr. Daly, after having graduated at Notre Dame, entered the Bellevue Hospital College, New York City, where he obtained his degree of Doctor of Medicine, standing first in a very large class. We wish the Doctor every success.

—We meet the following in the Keokuk (Iowa) Daily Gate City, concerning John Gibbons, of '68:

Mayor Jaeger received a telegram from Hon. Geo. W. McCrady yesterday, stating that the Iowa City coupon case has been decided in favor of the city. This was a case tried in the United States Supreme Court and the decision is one which materially affects the interests of Rockford, since there are claims against the city for large sums of accumulated interest on coupons, which have been outlawed by the statute of limitation, which claims are by this decision rendered invalid. It will also prove very advantageous in the settlement of our city indebtedness.

The point, as we understand it, is this: The statute of limitation commences to run against the coupons of bonds from the maturity of such coupons, and not from the maturity of their bonds. This point was first raised by John Gibbons, City Attorney, at the Hay terrace, 1873, of the United States Circuit Court at Des Moines, in the case of Austin Corbin vs. the City of Keokuk, upon which point Judges Dillon and Love were opposed in opinion, Dillon holding that the statute did not begin to run against the coupons until the maturity of their bonds. Mr. Gibbons procured a certificate of division and appealed the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and prepared a strong argument, which was printed in this office, in support of his point. He proceeded to Washington to be admitted to the Supreme Court and present his brief in the case, but was prevented from so doing by the action of the City Council in compromising the case. As this decision will be of incalculable value to this city, as well as to all cities and counties in the Union that have given aid to railroads in the way of bonds, we deem it just to state who was the first to raise and ably advocate the important point.

Musical Notes.

—Bro. Philip will play the contra-bass in the Orchestra.

—They have very good music at the Novitiate at the morning Mass.

—The "new society" (we can't learn its name) had a rehearsal on the 17th.

—The Junior Branch of the Gillespie Choral Union had a rehearsal on the 17th.

—Bro. Leopold will play the cello in the Orchestra.

—It is expected that there will be a great deal of first-class music at the Examination next week.
whether he does so because his piety is founded on a rock?

—Our friend John says it don't pay to play off sick. He says he was in the Infirmary last Monday; his reason for making the prophecy. Who can tell us why that week, more than any other, should bring sickness?

—The Minims went to the St. Joe Farm on a visit last Sunday. They had a grand time. After paying their respects to Father Ford, they sat down to a table loaded with good things prepared for them by the good Sisters at the farm.

—We paid a visit to the Novitiate the other day, and were shown through the building by the Rev. Master of Novices. Everything is in an excellent order. We were particularly pleased with the many beautiful windows, in the chapels, etc., which, though not of stained glass, are in appearance almost equal to it. The Novitiate building is almost too small for the number of Novices, and it will be necessary to build if many more persons are entered.

—in the Commercial Department they have been having some fun lately. In an Orthography Class, the 2nd of the Junior Commercials, the members of the class separated into two factions, the Websters and the Worcesterites, and a real old-fashioned spelling match took place. The Worcesterites were defeated after a very gallant fight. The best spellers were, on the Webster side, Messrs. Colton, Haffey, Beckman, Budd, Davis, Harvey and Hoffman; on the Worcester side, Messrs. Lynch, Goldsbury, Jewell, Foley, Wood, Palmer, Jenkins and others.

—Our friend John and Uncle Dave were at the Infirmary last week. They saw one of the men engaged in working there put a bottle wrapped in paper in one of the rooms. The man had just come from the wine-cellar. It must be wine, they thought, and have some they were determined. After paying their respects to Father Ford, they sat down to a table loaded with good things prepared for them by the good Sisters at the farm.

—Bud and Sol attend to biz. these cold mornings.

—Our friend John always sits in a rocking-chair by the fire of the Old Reliable when reciting his Office. Our friend John wants to know if he ever made his lesson.

—A clerical friend of ours always sits in a rocking-chair when writing his Office. Our friend John wants to know whether he does so because his piety is founded on a rock?

—We understand that a lecture is being prepared by one of our friends, but it is not anything to the box which he got on the ear when our friend John met him after coming from the Infirmary.

—We wish that the man who owns the dogs that frequent our sfe, that is in the second story of the building, would keep them at home. There will be murder soon, of dogs—if he don't.

—One of our friends at the Infirmary has a fine collection of pictures at his store. All persons desiring pictures of the late Rev. Fathers Gillespie and Lemoineur can be accommodated by him.

—There is a clock at the farm house here at Notre Dame which has reached the venerable age of two hundred and fifty years. Pretty old, isn't it?

—On Tuesday last in one of the book-keeping classes there must have been something extraordinary on hand. Those right arms were going at lightning speed, and oh! weren't they tired!

—Signor Gregori is engaged in painting the Stations, or Way of the Cross, for the new church. When these paintings are finished they will be superior to anything of the kind in the United States.

—There is plenty of work at the Manual Labor School. There will be murder soon, of dogs—if he don't.

—The boat-house was a great accommodation to the skaters, the short time they had good ice.

—See the description of the First Station in this week's issue, and then see the Station itself.

—Every one has been seeing the thermometer the past two weeks.

—Excellent little libraries are at both the Scholasticate and the Novitiate.

—Some young men forgot the week, and were in the Infirmary last Monday.

—Mersey's Border Warfare has given much pleasure to certain persons at the presbytery.

—Every week we endeavor to publish articles on the minor American and English writers.

—What is the matter with the N.Y. Sun? For one week last week there was not a word in it about the greater good man.

—We have been promised a number of papers on scientific subjects. Good short ones for general reading are just the thing.

—There is plenty of work at the Manual Labor School. The man met him after coming from the Infirmary.

—The Class of Elocution will now be commenced by our friend John.

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—Our friend John says he never did make much by cribbing.
jump; oh no! He jerked and tugged for a half an hour at that plaster, but it wouldn't come off. Then he jumped from the bed, and taking a pair of shears he cut all the strings loose and left. And now he says he won't go to the Infirmary any more.

The New Stations.

Signor Gregori has finished the First Station for the new church at Notre Dame. The picture, as it now stands in the parlor of the Presbytery, is five feet high by three feet and a half wide; but will appear on the wall of the church in a Gothic frame five feet high. The beauty of the composition itself on the pointed canvass strikes us at a glance, and the closer it is examined the more is this impression confirmed. The head and figure of Pilate, on the extreme left, who is washing his hands while a young page pours the water, is that of a pagan Roman; haughtily and worldly with a certain regularity which might have true beauty in youth. At his right hand stands the lictor with his official bundle of rods, an attendant and standard-bearer; the standard being the Roman eagle and the wreath of bay-leaves, with the S. P. Q. R. below, standing for "Seuetae Populorum Romanorum." In the foreground at the right appears the figure of Our Divine Lord, much patient, and of exquisite delicacy, led by a brutal ruffian who seems to regard Him as a condemned wretch worthy only of blows; while a Roman soldier looks into the suffering face of our Lord with a sort of venerating pity. The mildness in every line and incumbrance of Him who was bruised for our healing, is contrasted with the coarse, muscular strength of His pagan guard, and the selfish unconcern of His pagan judge. The flesh tints in the figure of the Redeemer have the peculiar tenor-nesses of Bartoli's flesh tints in his Madonna, the blue giving an almost ethereal transparency to the sorrowful face and irresistible hands. The draperies are all carefully painted, and the tone of the picture, as to the local colors and light and shade, shows the true Italian feeling and taste.

We hope that Signori Gregori's inspirations will bear him through all the fourteen Stations as admirably as through the first one.

Literature.

—The Catholic Publication Society have in press Dr. Newman's answer to the Guizotone pamphlet.

—Messrs. G. Bell and Sons, London, are about to issue a translation of the Shakespeare sonnets of Prof. Ulrici.

—The Letters of Lord Chesterfield have been translated into Guzerathee by a Parsee lady, and published at Bombay, India.

—The Catholic Record for January, 1875, contains a number of interesting articles. Many interesting facts are given in the article on "The Pope," by the Rev. John O'Brien. "A New-Year's Welcome," has a very pleasant ring in its verses. Mrs. M. M. Warde contributes a very pretty sketch entitled "Two Pictures—Merely Suggestive." There is an entertaining essay on "Christian Schools in the Middle Ages," by George D. Wolf; and another, by C. H. A. Esling, called "Sunbeams from Schools in the Middle Ages," by George D. Wolff; and "The Pope," by the Rev. John O'Brien. "A New-Year's Welcome," has a very pleasant ring in its verses. Mrs. M. M. Warde contributes a very pretty sketch entitled "Two Pictures—Merely Suggestive." There is an interesting essay on "Christian Schools in the Middle Ages," by George D. Wolf; and another, by C. H. A. Esling, called "Sunbeams from Schools in the Middle Ages." Mr. Esling also contributes a translation of "An Ancient Christmas Chant." Rev. Dr. Moriarty is the writer of "Letters to a Protestant Friend" and "How the Esquimaux Live"; both are well written and instructive. Besides, we note in the contents: "Old New-Year's Customs," "The Church of the Cup of Water" and "Father and Child." Altogether, the Record is very instructive and entertaining. It is well worth the subscription price, which is $2.50 per annum in advance. Hardly & Maloney, 605 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, are the publishers.

—Lessons of Bible History for Catholic Schools.—By a Teacher, New York: P. O'Shea, 1875.

We have examined this book with some care, and can safely recommend it as a class-book of superior merit. The book is intended for the use of pupils from the age of ten to fifteen, and for the capacity of their minds we know of nothing more fit. The author seems to have had the end for which the book was written always in view, and has succeeded well in accomplishing the task of preparing a suitable text-book of Bible History for youth.

—"The Vatican Decrees and Their Bearings on Civil Allegiance," by Archbishop Manning, and "The Mistress of Novices Enlightened upon her Duties," from the French, are announced as in press, by the Catholic Publication Society.


—The contents of the Catholic World for February are up to the usual high standard which characterize the contributions to that Magazine. Aubrey de Vere contributes a letter written to Sara Coleridge, on "Church Authority and Personal Responsibility." This is followed by an excellent poem, which, if we are not mistaken, was written by A. A. B. who is well known here; it is in his vein. "Are You my Wife," a continued story, is very entertaining. "Religion and State in Our Republic," is a thoughtful article, well worth reading by all Americans. "Release" is a poem happily executed. "The Veil Withdrawn," by Mrs. Craven, is still continued. "The Brooklet" is a very pretty translation from Goethe. The remainder of the articles are: "The Colonization of New South Wales," "A Summer in Rome"—very pleasant reading, by the author of "The House of Yorks," "A Matter," "Robespierre," "Robert Carvelier de La Salle"—of much interest to us out West. "Birthdays," "The Future of the Russian Church," "The Bells of Prayer," and "New Publications." The subscription price of the "World" is $3.00 per year; published by the Catholic Publication Society.

Society Notes.

—The Scientific Association will meet soon.

—Elections will be held in most of the Societies next week.

—The 16th regular meeting of the Saint Stanislaus Philopatrian Society was held on Thursday, January 14th, 1875. At this meeting, J. French was unanimously admitted after fulfilling the rules of the Society. Messrs L. Pilliod, F. Hoffman, and J. Delvecchio each delivered declamations.

—The 20th regular meeting of the Saint Cecilia Philomathean Association was held on the evening of the 9th inst. Masters Meyer, Soule, Minton, Wood, McNamara, Walker, Riopelle, Best, McIntyre, Weisenburger, Byrne,
Arnold and O'Connell delivered Declamations, most of which were of a serious order and were excellently well spoken. Masters Meyer and Best convulsed their hearers with laughter; the former by his impersonation of a Hoosier stump orator, and the latter by personating Hans Breitman in a match game of base-ball. Master Beegan read a well-written composition entitled "The Choice of a Vocation."

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**Scientific Notes.**

—Contributors, to the number of 86,696, have given $9,191.94 to the Agassiz fund.

—A fine collection of shells—mostly univalves—has been sent to the Museum by its former curator, Rev. F. Carrier.

—The velocity of galvanic electricity is about 18,000 miles per second; that of statical electricity, 288,060 miles per second.

—The gyroscope, a fresh-water fish, found abundantly in the waters of the Oronoo, has four electrical organs, running from the tail to the head of the animal. So great is the electrical energy of the animal that a fish 40 inches in length, has given a shock which, it has been calculated, is equal to that emitted from a Leiden battery of 15 jars, expending 3,300 square inches of coated surface.

—Mr. Faraday has calculated that the electricity produced by the decomposition of a single drop of water in the battery by the action of the zinc plate, is equal to that furnished by eight hundred thousand dis-charges of a powerful plate electrical machine, or that the decomposition of one grain of water evokes a quantity of electricity sufficient to charge a surface of 400 acres, an amount hardly exceeded in the most violent storm. If this amount of electricity were spread upon a cloud two-thirds of a mile distant from the earth, it would exert an insective force upon the earth beneath it, of 1,664 tons and that if the atoms of oxygen in this grain of water were attached to one thread 1-20th of an inch long, and those of hydrogen to another, the force required to separate the thread in one second would be 7,250 tons.

—M. Melsens has proposed a simple method of liquefying condensable gases by making use of the powerful surface action of charcoal. With chlorine, for example, he saturates the charcoal with its own weight of the gas, places a Y-shaped tube with both ends thereof, applies boiling water to the tube containing the charcoal, and dips the other limb in a freezing mixture. The chlorine, volatilized by the heat, condenses, by the pressure generated in the confined space, into a liquid in the cool limb, which boils and yields the gas, volatile, hydrogen sulphide, hydrogen bromide, ethyl chloride, and cyanogen have been liquefied.

—**Latest Form of Electric Light.**—A thin ribon of carbon is suspended between two platinum poles, and covered by a globe containing dry carbonic acid gas. The ribon receives an electric current from a battery, and while in the atmosphere of the gas becomes brilliantly incandescent. The carbon is not consumed, and the light is said to be perfectly constant. The method was invented by Professor Osborne, of Munich University, who at first thought it necessary to use very thin strips of carbon; but the light is now produced with much larger ribbons, and with little combustion. The heat generated is very great, as the small glass globe containing the ribon, by the small glass globe containing the ribon, by the method of Mr. Faraday, is sufficient to charge a surface of 400 acres, an amount hardly exceeded in the most violent storm. The method was invented by Professor Osborn, of Sluami University, who at first thought it necessary to use very thin strips of carbon; but the method was useful to scientific men for it evokes a quantity of electricity sufficient to charge a surface of 400 acres, an amount hardly exceeded in the most violent storm.

—The invention has been in successful operation for several months past in the New York and Boston offices of the Company, and is satisfactorily performing an amount of work upon the wire quite equal to the capacity of four wires worked with the ordinary Morse apparatus.

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**The Examinations.**

The Semi-Annual Examinations will take place next Monday, January 23th. The Examining Committees are as follows:


The Senior Preparatory Committee will examine classes numbered, 18, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30 and Pennmanship.

The Junior Preparatory Committee will examine classes numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 97, 98, 99 and Pennmanship.

The Commercial Committee will examine classes numbered 4, 81, 82, 20, 11, 28, 15, 29, 8, 28, and Pennmanship.
The Classical Committee will examine classes numbered 22, 34, 35, 33, 37, 33, 32, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52. The Scientific Committee will examine classes numbered 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 55 and 96. The Committee of Modern Languages will examine classes numbered 78, 79, 80, 81 and 82. The Committee of Fine Arts will examine classes numbered 88, 87, 88, 89, 80, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95 and 96.

We hope that all the students will understand that the class lists have undergone a thorough revision, and it will be expected that everyone will be on hand promptly when the classes are called. By their promptness they will prevent much delay, and save the necessity of sending for them. As there is no possibility of escaping the examination, everyone should be prepared at any moment for his classes to be called.

Additional Arrivals.
Albert J. Wiener, .......... Chicago, Ill.
John W. Egbert, .......... Goshen, Ind.
Martin Reagan, .......... Oconto, Wis.
Henry H. Rice, .......... Milwaukee, Wis.

Roll of Honor.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.


JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.


FOR THE WEEK ENDING THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.


SAINT MARY'S ACADEMY.

The Classical Committee will examine classes numbered 22, 34, 35, 33, 37, 33, 32, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52. The Scientific Committee will examine classes numbered 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 55 and 96. We hope that all the students will understand that the class lists have undergone a thorough revision, and it will be expected that everyone will be on hand promptly when the classes are called. By their promptness they will prevent much delay, and save the necessity of sending for them. As there is no possibility of escaping the examination, everyone should be prepared at any moment for his classes to be called.

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we saw this first effort at composition on the part of one who had been studying a little over a year according to the method of instruction at St. Mary's, that in this very same way did the old Dominican convent of St. Mark's, in incentives to devotion, and well-springs of piety.

TABLET OF HONOR

For the Week Ending January 15, 1875.

For Politeness, Neatness, Order, Amiability, Correct Department and strict observance of academic rules the following young ladies are enrolled:


Junior Department.


Minim Department.

Misses N. Mann, A. Ewing, A. McGrath, I. Mann, C. Hughes, R. Goldsberry, L. Schunnerr, A. Schunnerr.

Honorably Mentioned in Lessons.


3rd Prep. Class—C. Malgry, L. Brownbridge, A. Lehman.


1st Gr. Class—Misses J. Nunning, S. Harris, A. Lehman, M. Kirkner, M. Faxon, L. Green, A. Harris.


Honorably Mentioned in French.


3rd Div.—Misses E. and B. Spencer, J. Bennett, A. St. Clair.

Conservatory of Music.

Honorably Mentioned in Music during the Holidays:


Harp—Miss M. Walker.

Organ—Misses E. Cody, S. Moran.

Vocal Music.


2nd Class—Misses J. Rimpmaelle, J. Kearney.

2nd Div.—Misses B. Spencer, L. Bradford, M. Riley, E. Dougherty, J. Locke.

2nd Class—Misses C. West, L. Arnold, C. Morgan, A. Cur2inx.


School of Design.

Drawing.

3rd Class—Miss R. Neilor.


Water Colors.

5th Class—Misses E. Sweeney, B. Wade, C. Morgan.

Plain Weaving.


105 Michigan St. - - South Bend.

Dec. 5-1875.
THE SUN.

WEEKLY AND DAILY FOR 1875.

The approach of the Presidential election gives unusual importance to the new and developments of 1874. We shall endeavor to
scribe them fully, faithfully, and fearlessly.
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cooper. Its readers are found in even State and Territory,
always, we trust, treated in the news for 3 cents. Subscription, po^tace prepaid,
and its articles will always be found fresh and useful to the
Any one who sends one dollar and twenty cents will get the paper,
guarantee this newspaper's circulation- Under the new law, which requires payment of post­
or twenty cents the cost of pre­
of every sort, but will print nothing to offend the most scrupulous
throughout, and threatens the overthrow of republicin institutions. It has not
without fear of knives, and seeks no favors from th-.-ir supporters.
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the news for 3 cents. Subscription, po^tace prepaid,

Michigan Central Railroad.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Taking effect December 27th, 1874.

Going East.

Mail. 3:00 a.m. 9:22 a.m. 5:45 p.m.
Day Express - - 3:29 a.m. 9:47 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Accommodation - - 3:25 p.m. 7:35 p.m. 8:45 a.m.
Atlantic Express. - - 8:55 a.m. 3:20 a.m.
Night Express - - 9:00 p.m. 12:45 p.m. 8:00 a.m.

Going West.

Mail. - - 5:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Day Express - - 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Accommodation - - 10:00 p.m. 6:00 a.m. 10:55 a.m.
Atlantic Express - - 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 a.m.
Pacific Express - - 10:00 p.m. 5:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.

NILES AND SOUTH BEND DIVISION.

Leave South Bend—8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Arrive at Niles—8:45 a.m. 4:55 p.m. 7:10 p.m. 9:40 a.m. 7:40 p.m.

Going West, via Niles.

Depart at 4:30 p.m. Arrive—9:42 a.m. 5:10 a.m. 1:32 a.m. 5:32 p.m.

NOTRE DAME STATION.

Going East, via Niles.

Depart—8:07 a.m., 6:38 p.m., 9:07 a.m., 7:07 p.m.
Arrive—7:01 a.m., 9:42 a.m., 5:46 p.m., 1:32 a.m., 5:32 p.m.

Going West, via Niles.

Depart—3:30 p.m. Arrive—6:40 a.m.

CHICAGO ALTON AND ST. LOUIS LINE.

Edward, trains leave West Side Union Depot, Chicago, near Madison Street Bridge, as follows:

Leave. Arrive.
St. Louis and Springfield Express, via Main Line. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Kansas City Express, via Jacksonville, Ill., and Louisiana, Mo. 10:45 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
St. Louis, Quincy Mail, and Illinois Central, via Illinois-Southern Division. 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
Joliet Accommodation, St. Louis and Springfield Night Express, via Main Line. 4:45 a.m. 6:45 a.m.
St. Louis and Springfield Night Express, via Main Line. 10:00 a.m. 8:20 a.m.
St. Louis and Springfield Night Express, via Jackson Street. 10:00 a.m. 8:20 a.m.
St. Louis, and Quincy Mail, and Illinois Central, via Illinois-Southern Division. 10:00 a.m. 8:20 a.m.
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Pennsylvania Central.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO.

Three daily Express Trains, with Pullman's Palace Cars, are run between Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York.

1st train leaves Chicago 9:00 a.m. Arrives at New York 11:30 a.m.
2nd train " 3:00 a.m. " 6:31 a.m.
3rd train " 9:00 a.m. " 11:30 a.m.

Connections at Crestline with trains North and South, and Mansfield with trains on Atlantic and Great Western Railroad.

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