The Age of Louis XIV.

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After this brief and imperfect sketch of the France of the seventeenth century, the question may naturally be asked, What share of credit for all this splendor and glory is due to Louis? Can he justly be considered as more than an idle spectator of the great deeds performed, of the great thoughts proclaimed, of the great results accomplished by the genius of others? Is he entitled to admiration for any more conclusive reason than the simple accident of his having been born in an age in which nature seemed to pour forth her treasures so lavishly? Can his influence be credited with having in any degree heightened the lustre of the age, or does he draw all his own lustre from it? The career of every distinguished man is to a great extent influenced and controlled by circumstances. Had O'Connell appeared a century earlier is it probable that he would have excited any attention? His life would in all probability have been passed in obscurity and exile, provided he had been fortunate enough to escape the pitch-cap and the flogging-post. Place Cromwell in the reign of Elizabeth—what more likely than that he would go down to his grave a simple country-gentleman, unwept, unhonored and unsung—and, if not entirely forgotten, remembered only as a sullen, narrow-minded bigot, whose existence had been passed in ferreting out scriptural quotations against the ungodliness of surplices or in devoting to perdition all who could not coincide with his extravagant theories on the scarlet woman or the man of sin. Suppose Napoleon's career begun a half century sooner—could even his genius hope for recognition from the Imbecility of the infamous Government which had rewarded La Bourdonnaye with confiscation and the Bastille for having alone and unsupported almost secured to France the empire of the East and which had sent the brave Lally to a scaffold after having upheld the honor of the French flag against odds of twenty to one? What chance of promotion could there be for the Corsican scholster so long as the caprice of a Dubarry or a Pompadoir is the tribunal by which military talent is estimated, or so long as a Soubise, a Rohan, or a Montmorency, with a pompous title and a prodigal court-favorite to second him, remains to be foisted on the public service. So it is with Louis. Fifty years earlier, it is very doubtful whether he would have found within himself resources to surmount all the obstacles which lay in the path of his grandfather, Henry IV; and it is, to say the least, improbable that he would have excited all the enthusiasm and devotedness called forth by the hero of Arques and Ivy. He undoubtedly had qualities, and great and brilliant qualities—and the altered circumstances of the times were calculated to bring them forth to the most advantageous display. Talents differ as widely as the men who possess them. It is one talent to know how to triumph over adversity, and another to know how to adorn prosperity. Though essentially gifted with the latter talent, occasions yet not unfrequently showed that Louis was not destitute of the former. By nature rather a Leo X, circumstances could yet bring to the surface the strength, of will and iron energy of a Sixtus V. Could we remember nothing of Louis but his theatrical fondness of display and effect, could we recall him to our minds only as hastening from his capital to the camp just as his experienced captains find their efforts crowned with success, and hastening back to Paris to receive the whole credit of victory and to hear court poets and flatterers compare him to a thunderbolt of war—could he occur to us only as the hero of those little anecdotes which were yet sufficient to stir up Versailles to such a pitch of admiration—as for example his throwing his cane out of the window, when irritated, lest he might be tempted to strike a gentleman—his receiving the gouty Conde with the flattering words: "One must walk slowly when loaded with laurels as you are," and the defeated Villeron with, "At our age we have ceased to be fortunate,"—could the name of Louis XIV call up only such associations as these, we might perhaps be justified in setting him down merely as a master of kingcraft, as a consummate actor of majesty, a sort of Booth or Macready of the royal stage in comparison with whom such everyday Florizels as George IV must sink into the merest insignificance. Fortunately, however, we have other records than these of the Grand Monarque. We have his incessant and unwearyed application to the business of the state for more than fifty years to prove that he was more than a giddy butterfly of pleasure,—to prove that however pampered he may have been by success and flattery, they had not become necessary to him; we have the constancy with which his spirit bore up when disaster and defeat were thickening on him, and when death snatched away in rapid succession the hope of his dynasty and the props of his throne; finally to offset his bombastic and theatrical "Go, my son, the Pyrenees exist no more," we have the noble words addressed to Villars when entrusting...
to him the command of his last army—the forlorn hope of France: "Marshal, I have all confidence in your ability, but still victory may not be yours; if you fail I will make one grand effort more, put myself at the head of my last troops, and with them either save the monarchy or be buried beneath its ruins."

It may be admitted as a general principle that few men have ever for any length of time fixed on themselves the attention of the world or captivated its admiration without having in themselves some of the material of which men are made. Nothing is so successful, says a French author, as success, but the reason may perhaps be because success is not so easily stumbled upon as may be imagined. We would have just as much difficulty in convincing ourselves that Louis without possessing any ability beyond the common, succeeded in exerting such an influence over the minds of men, and maintaining so commanding a position in Europe, as we would in persuading others that Kepler blundered into the discovery of his planetary laws, or that Grant and Sheridan blundered on victory before Richmond. Deeds speak more eloquently than words, and the best vouchers for the abilities of the fourteenth Louis are his. Deeds speak more eloquently than words, and the best vouchers for the abilities of the fourteenth Louis are his. Causes of all kinds had co-operated to paralyze his energies. Sorely had she recovered from the ravages of the English invasions when she was again torn by the fury of religious conflicts. Since the days of Francis I, France had found in the Huguenots and rebellious nobles an imperium in imperio, a state within the state. That Richelieu had not had time to perfect his system to which she was entitled. Causes of all kinds had co-operated to paralyze his energies.

The same spirit of unity which appeared; from a state of comparative anarchy France suddenly was brought to the lowest point of weakness it had reached since the days when Charles VII was contemptuously styled the king of Bourges. When Louis ascended the throne, France, though containing all the elements of greatness, had yet never for centuries occupied in the world the position to which she was entitled. Causes of all kinds had co-operated to paralyze his energies. Sorely had she recovered from the ravages of the English invasions when she was again torn by the fury of religious conflicts. Since the days of Francis I, France had found in the Huguenots and rebellious nobles an imperium in imperio, a state within the state. That Richelieu had not had time to perfect his system of internal reform is proved by the two rebellions of the Fronde; when the monarchy, attacked at different times by both Condé and Turenne, was brought to the lowest pitch of weakness it had reached since the days when Charles VII was contemptuously styled the king of Bourges. When Louis ascended the throne, however, the scene was quickly changed. The influence of a master-mind, of a man's will—whether the monarch's or Colbert's let historians decide—was felt in every department of the administration. Civil war ceased; the rival factions disappeared; from a state of comparative anarchy France suddenly appeared on the theatre of Europe, great, powerful and united. The energies of the nation called forth during the agonies of civil conflict were now turned to purposes of national aggrandizement. Wornied with the strife of factions, torn to pieces by internal feuds, the fervent minds and restless ambition of the French longed for a field for national exertion, an arena in which civil dissensions might be forgotten. Louis opened up both one and the other. And must we not acknowledge with a contemporary essay, that "it is no common capacity which can thus seize the helm and right the ship when it is reeling most violently and the fury of contending elements have all but torn it in pieces? It is the highest proof of political capacity to discern the bent of the public mind when most violently agitated, and by falling in with the prevailing desire of the majority transport the desolating vehemence of social conflict into the steady passion for national advancement. Napoleon did this with the political aspirations of the eighteenth, Louis XVI with the religious fervor of the seventeenth century." Another benefit conferred by Louis was the unity which he established in the administration. Call his system despotic if you will, it had at least the advantage of substituting the despotism of one for the despotism of the many. The science of government is an experimental one; it cannot reach perfection at one bound; it must proceed by slow stages; and absolute monarchy is at least an improvement on feudalism. With society constituted as it is at present, large standing armies may not be entitled to be considered as blessings to a nation; but in the 17th century it was unquestionably better that a large body of disciplined troops should be subject to the central authority alone than that the great nobles should have the power and right of calling their men-at-arms into the field whenever it suited their interest or caprice to raise the standard of revolt or engage against one another in desultory warfare. The genius of the Franks is essentially martial and enterprising. By Louis it was turned into the career of conquest, and in conferring upon them the advantages of skilled discipline and unity of action he increased their power tenfold. He gathered the feudal array around his standards; he roused the barons from their chateaux and the old retainers from their villages, but he arrayed them in regular battalions of disciplined troops who received the pay of the government and never were allowed to abandon their banners. He first gave the army a uniform, and thus encouraged in the troops that esprit de corps which is such an important factor in military calculations. He accustomed large bodies of men to march in step, but the one essential point in which he thoroughly revolutionized the service was in accomplishing the troops to look for their supreme direction not to their immediate superiors, the feudal grandees, but to the king and central government. The same spirit of unity which he infused into the direction of the army he likewise communicated to all the other branches of the service of state. Since the Crusades and the days of Philip the Fair we find scarcely any record of a French navy, if we except the exploits of a few hardy mariners of the Champlain and Jacques Cartier stamp—whose expeditions it must be remembered were generally undertaken through private enterprise. Louis and Colbert created the French navy. Circumstances or good luck, or perhaps their own discerning judgment, found to officer it men like Duquesne and Tourville, and for nearly a half century it disputed against Holland and England the empire of the seas. He reduced the government of the interior to a regular and methodical system; governors of provinces, intendants, mayors of cities, all were taught to look to Versailles alone for instructions. 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He even seemed to seek to discipline thought as he had done his armies and his navies; he arrayed his poets, scientists and philosophers as he had arrayed his soldiers and sailors; the academies of which France is still and ever remembered were generally undertaken through private enterprise. Louis and Colbert created the French navy. Circumstances or good luck, or perhaps their own discerning judgment, found to officer it men like Duquesne and Tourville, and for nearly a half century it disputed against Holland and England the empire of the seas. He reduced the government of the interior to a regular and methodical system; governors of provinces, intendants, mayors of cities, all were taught to look to Versailles alone for instructions. The same system has under different forms been kept under every successive government, monarchical, imperial or republican.
the nation of which he was the head—to augment its power, magnify its resources and increase its fame that he considered he had received a mission. And it was only because his character and turn of mind coincided with the desires of the nation at the time when he ascended the throne that he was enabled to effect so many marvellous transformations."

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Magazine Literature.

At the beginning of the present century we may mark the dawn of that species of literature which was to be the channel through which modern genius was to give forth the eminently valuable results of its examinations in those vast chasms in scientific and political questions which had hitherto been considered impenetrable for ages to come. Magazine literature, properly speaking, may be said to have taken its rise in the first publication of the Edinburgh Review, which took place in 1802. Sidney Smith, J. J. Rey, and Lord Brongham first conceived the plan of starting such a periodical, and in the hands of such consummate masters of the English language it naturally attained an eminence of popularity and success, although its tenor was rather liberal, and ally corresponded with the advanced principles of the then existing administration. The Quarterly Review, started in 1809, and at first edited by Mr. Canning and Mr. Murray, was the rival of the Edinburgh, and under the masterly pen of William Gifford it reached a degree of popularity scarcely inferior to its contemporary. In 1817, Blackwood's Magazine appeared, and although carried on under the name of Mr. Blackwood, the guiding spirit was John Wilson,—so familiarly known under the name of "Kit North,"—who poured forth article after article with a wonderful fertility and fiery ardor that in a short time made the magazine both feared and respected.

Besides those above mentioned, there were many literary men who wrote for the Reviews, and whose contributions added not a little in giving those periodicals that elevating literary tone which made them the criterion of taste and literary excellence. Charles Lamb and Thomas de Quincey are especially distinguished in this regard, and their brilliant articles have not been rivalled by any of the more recent writers. The magazine was at this time the favorite species of literature, containing as it did the opinions of distinguished men on the then existing evils in moral, political and social circles, and that many of their baneful influences were checked is doubtless owing in a great measure to the magazine. Through its columns flowed article upon article—vigorous appeals to common sense and justice—in defence of that great principle, in fact the fundamental principle of liberty, and which has agitated the world for ages—Religious Toleration. Even its columns were illuminated with all the argumentative power which the writings of the dramatists of this age were evidently intended to produce in those who perused them or witnessed their performance. This tendency to destroy the love of virtue, which should be inherent in all, by means of literary productions, is indeed, and for apparent reasons, considered by critics of all time to be a great obstacle to the acquirement of that fame which is lasting. Let us take for instance Lord Byron; it is the opinion of critics, and eminent ones at that, that he will in future ages be almost entirely ignored. He was assuredly a great genius and a very great poet, and is even considered at times to have given expression to thoughts and shown a loftiness of imagination scarcely, if at all, inferior to Shakespeare. How sad to think, yet it is just, that this great man should not be remembered and spoken of and quoted with pleasure. We should however, though the fault is by no means to be palliated, judge this failing as lightly as possible. It is true that men are in most cases, if we may so say, speak, the creators of those circumstances which form their character; and furthermore we frequently find that those principles from which men derive their rules of action and which should be made subservient, gain the mastery. Therefore there were in this age those persons who labored under the influence of passions, which they had formerly, but perhaps to a certain degree unconsciously, cherished for so long a time that they were finally subjected, and it became a second nature for them to give forth on every page of their writings the poisons they had already imbibed.

To give a clearer idea of the writers of this period it might be well to treat of them in some definite order; acc-
cordingly, the poetical, prose and dramatic writers will be
spoken of in turn; also a notice of the rise of the English
novel and a short sketch of some of the political, philosophi-
cal and critical writers will be given. This, the Augus-
tan age of English literature, is noted for the grace and
polish which the writers of every department instilled into
their productions. The poetry of Pope, Prior, Gay, Thom-
son, etc., cannot of course be compared with that of
Chaucer, Milton, and Shakespeare; In this connection,
however, it must be remembered that there are different
species of poetry, and when a poet is said by critics to be
second or third class, these words are not to be accepted in
their literal sense; for certainly, though Pope is classed by
critics as a second-rate poet, the term is relative; for he is
undoubtedly the first in that species which he cultivated,
and therefore when it is said that he is second class, it is
not to be inferred that he was a poet of inferior rank.
"Pope's verse," says a critic, "can scarcely be a standard,
but it may prove a wholesome corrective." Pope is par-
ticularly noted for the studied exactness which is seen
throughout all his writings. It is evident that he did not
possess the true poetic fire and lofty imagination which
distinguish Shakespeare; his poetry is, as has been stated,
a studied production, and to a certain extent forced and
consequently artificial. There is however a standard of ex-
cellence below which Pope never or at least seldom falls,
and it is certainly to his credit that he spared himself no
pains to make his productions excellent and interesting. In
his writings the beauty of the diction is the principal fea-
ture; the suggestive and highly imaginative are by no
means superabundant. "It belonged, as does so much of the
poetry of France, to an age more marked by culture than
by nature. It was something which touched the ear rather
than the heart." To the list of the other poets of this pe-
riod, of whom the names of Prior, Gay and Thomson have
been mentioned, might be added Phillips, Parnell and Sav-
age. The merit of the above-named poets is generally esti-
imated by the degree of excellence to which Pope, the great
master of their time, has attained. They are therefore of a
considerably lower grade, yet there are some of their pro-
ductions that are destined to maintain an honorable place
in our literature; as, some of the shorter lyrics of Prior;
the "Seasons," and "Castle of Indolence" of Thomson; the
"Hermit," and "Hymn to Contentment" of Parnell, etc.
English prose attained its greatest height during this
age; Addison, Steele, and Swift were the chief representa-
tives. Addison is undoubtedly the prince of prose writers;
his style is acknowledged by all to approach nearer to per-
fected than anything yet produced; we may find writers
who possessed particular requisites more fully than he,
but in him all were combined, all shone with about equal
brightness. Especially did the essay receive that embel-
ishment from the master minds of Addison and Steele
which has not only not been excelled, but not even ap-
proached until the time of Charles Lamb. Addison ob-
tained a complete mastery over this style of composition;
he combined in himself all the requisites; he displayed
each to the best advantage; he also interspersed his writ-
ings with an abundance of tasteful, delicate and genuine
humor which will always serve to make them a source of
attraction for the general reader, and in combination with
their beauty and force of expression, a model for those wish-
ing to attain to anything like perfection. "It is praise
enough to say of a writer," says a reviewer, "that in a high
department of literature in which many eminent writers
have distinguished themselves, he has no equal; and this
may with strict justice be said of Addison." Steele did not
possess in so marked a degree the humor or force of expres-
sion of Addison; nor does he show the exquisite taste of
his great contemporary, but he is granted by the general
consent of critics the second place in his department of
composition, the English Essay. Swift is claimed by
competent judges to have been a man possessed of greater
originality than any of the other writers of whom he was
contemporary. He was a sort of unique character, and yet
one hardly to be envied. "His style," it has been remarked,
"is a model of clear, forcible expression, displaying a con-
summate knowledge of the follies and vices of mankind." The
character of Swift, apart from what is known of him by
his literary productions, is one that has not, nor can it be
understood, for we see in him inconsistencies unheard of;
actions which seem foreign to human nature. He spared
nobody; no person who challenged to offend him could
escape that scathing satire of which he was so great a mas-
ter; but to fully understand his powers of satire as also
those of Pope it would be necessary to read their writings
or study carefully an elaborate criticism on the subject, for
such would be required to do them full justice. Swift was
also a poet; and likewise Addison; in fact, the latter a
somewhat noted one; but the greater part of their writings
was in prose. It is said of Swift that "he has no sympa-
thy with the grander flights of the imagination; he never
rises above the earth. But in his sphere he is inimitable."
To Addison is given the distinction of being the forerun-
er of the English novelists; De Foe is, however, the first
who devoted we may say his whole energy to the writing of
fiction; and he is a brilliant star in comparison with the
great luminaries who have succeeded him. He was a man
who experienced pretty thoroughly the ups and downs to
be met with in this world:
"No man hath tasted differing fortunes more;
And thirteen times I have been rich and poor."
The work by which he is best known is "Robinson Crusoe";
considering this it is quite unnecessary to comment; there
are also other works of his equally interesting, as "Moll
Flanders," "Roxana," etc. It has been said of him "that
without any precursor in the strange and uncarved path
which he chose, and without a follower, he spu.i his web, of
course but with original materials, which no mortal had ever
thought of using before; and when he had done, it seems
as though he had snapped the thread and conveyed it be-
yond the reach of imitation. Wherever he has stolen a
grace beyond the reach of art, wherever the vigor and
freshness of nature are apparent, there he is inaccessible to
imitation."
The dramatists of this age were indeed distinguished for
their abilities as also for the licentiousness that disfigures
the pages of their writings. The principal writers of this
class were Congreve, Vanbrugh, Wycherley and Farquhar.
These were certainly endowed with talents of a high order,
but they abused them in the most shameful manner by
mingling with the offspring of genius the filth of immoral
minds. The drama, one of the best means of inculcating
good morals and cultivating the faculties of the mind, sharp-
ening the wits and giving a thorough insight into the char-
acter, was made by these men a weapon to destroy both
body and soul, and an almost insurmountable obstacle to
progress of any kind. Their style is easy, graceful and
witty; but, as I stated in the beginning of this article, the
damning feature is the total ignoring of every principle
of morals. It hink it quite proper to mention here the name of Collier, who battled with all his energy against these vicious men; he has also obtained not a little praise for others of his works; but his principal distinction was on account of the continued warfare he kept up with the deservedly contemptuous men of his time. He was a complete master of the rhetoric of honest indignation. He fearlessly attacked the terrible evil which he saw raging with all its violence, and finally came out victorious.

The principal political writers of this period were Bolingbroke, Pulteney, Steele and Swift; the two latter, how­ever, obtained no great distinction in that line. Lord Bolingbroke was perhaps the one who created the greatest sensation; he had talents of a high order, but his reasonings are shallow, and, led out to their ultimate consequences, as by Burke, show the absurdity of his premises, as also the immense amount of vain labor he performed. It has been said that "Bolingbroke's abilities were exactly of that stamp which astonish and fascinate those who come into personal contact with their possessor,—more brilliant than solid,—more showy than substantial." Bishop Atterbury, also a political writer of some note during this period, was a friend of Swift, Pope and Bolingbroke, and was held in high repute by them.

Bishop Berkeley was the chief one of the philosophical writers of this age, and Bentley was one of the most noted of classical critics, not only of his time, but of succeeding ages. Bunyan was especially successful in the emendation of the texts of our Latin authors; he was also so exact, and displayed so much learning and ability, that it was extremely difficult to find fault with his work. Bishop Berkeley, apart from his merit as a writer on philosophical subjects, is worthy of remembrance for his philanthropy. He was a man of great learning and still greater humility, yet he was steadfast in his opinions. One of the absurdities he tried to force upon mankind was the non-existence of matter; he, however, had a tendency to believe that tar-water was possessed of great and peculiar powers as a medicine; in fact, he maintained that it was everything, and that all we see around us is a delusion, a nonentity. His teachings, however, were not without effect, for they influenced quite perceptibly, some of them, generally received opinions up to his time; both himself and his doctrine were frequently made subjects for ridicule.

"When Bishop Berkeley said there was no matter, and proved it, "twas no matter what he said."—BYRON.

The foregoing, it will be seen, is but a very brief and imperfect notice of the illustrious literary age of which I have been speaking; only the more noted authors have been mentioned, and one or two of them noticed but slightly; while some who are not exactly inferior authors have been entirely overlooked. Yet in the amount of space allotted me, further mention could not well be made. M. J.

The Delphian Sibyl.

The abode of the Delphian sibyl or Pythia was in strong contrast with that of the Cumean oracle. It was situated in the delightful region of Mount Parnassus, sparkling in sunlight and fragrant with bloom. The superb temple of Apollo was built over a similar chasm as that where the Cumean sibyl held her séances, so that it was secured from the approach of the vulgar. On its former site certain clefts in the rock are still visible, one of which forms a deep cavern, into which travellers, by clinging to its rugged sides, may descend as far as they dare. They then experience effects similar to those produced by nitrous oxide or laughing gas; and one writer, who has explored these caverns, asserts that it is this gas that produces the effects spoken of. This, however, is according to geological principles, highly improbable; and we rather suppose it to be some bituminous vapor, which (according to our present knowledge concerning petroleum and its derivatives, such as naphtha, ether, rhigolene, chymogene, etc.) has an effect, exhilarating, hypnotic, and anaesthetic, similar to that of nitrous oxide. All the descriptions agree that bituminous odors are exhaled from these volcanic chasms. Plutarch informs us that the most celebrated Pythia who served the Delphian oracle in the temple of Apollo was a beautiful young country girl from Libya, named Sibylla. From this was the name sibyl derived, and it was afterwards given to all clairvoyants of her day. Plutarch further says, concerning the first sibyl: "Brought up by her parents in the country, she brought with her neither art nor experience, nor any talent whatever, when she arrived at Delphi to be the oracle of the gods;" and further he says: "The verification of her answers has filled the temple with gifts from all parts of Greece and foreign countries." How very much like the innocent young mediums of to-day, who are often claimed to give the most astonishing revelations from the other world without ever having had the advantages of a scientific education. The sibyls of the ancients had, however, the advantage of the support, assistance, and promptings of a class of men highly interested in their reputation, the priesthood of the period; and this class not only consisted of the most educated individuals, but of men who had the greatest opportunity of obtaining information withheld from the vulgar.

—Scientific American.

Scientific Notes.

—Wire rope was first used in 1888.
—Palladium wire when heated to a white heat does not ignite the most explosive compounds.
—Dr. Carl Jelinek, the eminent and accomplished naturalist, died at Vienna on October 19th, after a protracted illness.
—Ammoniumhexanitrophenylamid is the name of a substance used for dying silk and wool, and gives a lovely orange color.
—The popular German poet and mineralogist, Prof. von Kobell, has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the day on which he was appointed professor of mineralogy at Munich.
—The death of Dr. von Walterhausen, Prof. of Mineralog and Geology at the University of Gottingen, is announced. His special merit consisted in his researches on volcanic phenomena.
—We regret to announce the death at Stuttgart on the 5th of November of the celebrated traveller and zoologist, Theodor von Heuglin. He was but 53 years of age, having been born in 1824, at Hirschlanden, near Leonberg, in Swabia. His special study was ornithology.
—Mr. Bryce M. Wright, in London, has procured from the Lias of Whitby one of the finest and most complete specimens of the Plesiosaurus. The neck is 9 feet long, and the entire animal about 17 feet. By this you may form an idea of the monstrous reptiles of the Lias formation.
—The Austro-Hungarian Arctic Expedition of 1872-4 reached 83 deg. 5 min. N., with The Polaris, in 1872, 83 deg. 16 min., N. Kane reached 89 deg. 20 min. N. Parry, 83 deg. 45 min. and the latest British Arctic expedition reached 83 deg. 30 min. N., the highest authentic lat-
tude yet attained. This latter latitude was reached by The Alert. The exact point is 53 deg., 20 min. N. latitude, by about 64 deg. longitude.

—Prof. James Orton, of Vassar College, the author of "Comparative Zology," has nearly completed its preparations for the erection of the Orton River, a tributary but slightly known of the Madeira River, the largest affluent of the Amazon. Prof. Orton's reasons for the survey are: 1, to solve some very interesting geographical questions; 2, to trace the most direct military roads, probably built by the Inca Yupanqui when he invaded that region; 3, to open the trade of the eastern slope of the Andes with the United States.

—in the 13th number of the Scholia.stic we remarked that a living gorilla had been brought to Berlin. We will now tell how well they succeeded in humanizing him. "At a recent meeting of the German Association of Naturalists and Physicians, Dr. Hermes described some interesting characteristics of the young gorilla in the Berlin Aquarium. He nods and claps his hands to visitors; walks up like a man, and stretches himself. His keeper must always be beside him and eat with him. He eats what his keeper eats; they share dinner and supper. The keeper must remain by him till he goes to sleep, his sleep lasting 8 hours. His easy life has increased his weight in a few months from 310 to 37 pounds. For some weeks he had inflammation of the lungs; his friend Dr. Fektenstein was fetched, who treated him with quinine and esen water, which made him better. When Dr. Hermes left the gorilla on the previous Sunday the latter showed the doctor his tongue, clapped his hands, and reached the hand of the doctor, an indication, the latter believed, of his recovery. In fact the gorilla is now one of the most popular inhabitants of the Prussia-lan. For Paris as the gorilla is called, a large glass palace has been erected in the Berlin Aquarium in connection with the palm-house. —Nature.

Art, Music and Literature.

—Longfellow's son is studying art in Paris.

—A "Drama in Mexico" is Jules Verne's next book.

—Gunnod is at work on a new operas, to be called "Clng Mars."

—Mr. C. B. Cayley's translation of the "Iliad," in quantitative hexameters, will soon be published.

—Five new operas have been produced in Italy during the four autumn months, and all have failed.

—The latest undertaking of the fertile Gustave Doré is a series of his old friend Dr. Volkstein was fetched, who treated him with quinine and esen water, which made him better. When Dr. Hermes left the gorilla on the previous Sunday the latter showed the doctor his tongue, clapped his hands, and reached the hand of the doctor, an indication, the latter believed, of his recovery. In fact the gorilla is now one of the most popular inhabitants of the Prussia-lan. For Paris as the gorilla is called, a large glass palace has been erected in the Berlin Aquarium in connection with the palm-house. —Nature.

—Tourguenoff, the famous Russian writer of fiction, although a noble of the bluest Muscovite blood, has always had strong democratic sympathies. He has of late years been in disgrace at court, and has been out of the country; but his recent political poem has so established his hold of popularity that he contemplates returning to Russia in February or March. Pan-Slavism is now the watchword of the hour in Russia, and every advocate of Pan-Slavic ambitions, who declaim to ability, is sure of a hearty welcome.

—William Stirling Maxwell, author of the "Cloister Life of Charles V" and other works, has been made a Knight of the Thistle. The circumstance is somewhat notable, inasmuch as the members of this order have hitherto been always peers. In old times the older, too, was given to commotions, and Sir Anthony Denny, one of Henry VIII's executors was a "K.G.," but Sir Robert Walpole is the only commoner who has had the garter for centuries although it was pressed upon Sir Robert Peel, Lord North, Lord Castlereagh, and Lord Palmerston are the only members of the House of Commons who have had it during the past one hundred years.

—The well-known writer on Ecclesiastical History in Great Britain, Dr. Wm. M. Brady—who was received into the Church three years ago—recently had the honor of presenting to his Holiness the second volume of his important work, entitled "The Episcopate in England, Scotland, and Ireland, from A. D. 1400 to 1875." The Holy Father benignly accepted the offering, and bestowed affectionate praise on the author. Mr. Brady is one of the Privy Chamberlains of His Holiness. Mrs. Brady, who has also become a Catholic, was also received by His Holiness in another hall. The third volume, which completes Mr. Brady's work, is now in press. —Catholic Standard.

—Under the title of "Vedhathayata, or an attempt to Interpret the Vedas," an edition of the "Rig-Veda"..."
has been commenced at Bombay, which for correctness and usefulness deserves high commendation. The anonymous editor, evidently a Marathi Bramin, has dedicated his work "to all his Aryan brothers and sisters." The Sanskrit text, printed both in the Sanhita and Pada forms and accompanied with translations into literary Sanskrit, English and Marathi. An explanatory commentary, in Marathi, is added to the last-mentioned. Every month a fresh portion of four pages is to appear; and as the fifth, just issued, reaches only to the thirty-first hymn of the first Mandal, many years are likely to elapse before the completion of the whole publication. An edition in English, on a similar plan, but without an English translation, was begun at Calcutta many years ago, but was not continued beyond the sixty-first hymn of the first Mandalas.

Books and Periodicals.

—the American Journalist and Advertisers' Index is the title of a pamphlet published by the Common Co., p饺子 printed on tinted paper and containing a list of cities and towns in the United States in which newspapers are published, with their approximate population. By the way, the Journalist gives Noce Dame a populous area where she should be about 100, nearly three times the number given.

—the December number of the Catholic Record is fully up to the standard of merit which has distinguished its predecessors. We welcome with pleasure the monthly visits of this popular Catholic magazine, and rejoice to see improvement with each number. The contents of our December number are: I. Progress and Retrospection—The Old and the New; II. Christmas Memories; III. A Woes' Fulfillment; IV. "The Chronicles of St. Anthony of Padua;" V. At Last; VI. Half a Lifetime Ago; VII. Early Christian Art; VIII. The First Sister of Mercy; IX. Editorial Notes; X. New Publications.

—the Catholic World opens the year 1877 brilliantly. The articles in the January number are as varied in subject as they are interesting. The opening article, "John Greenleaf Whittier," reviews not only that writer's works, but the whole course of American poetic literature. It will seem severe to many, but none can doubt the ability of the writer or the force of his reasoning. It is only another instance of many that The Catholic World can bring to bear on matters not so exclusively within its province as brilliant pens as it can always command in polemics.

"The Brothers" is an excellent example of what it can do in the department of religious controversy—a calm yet close argument applied to one of the leading religious minds outside of the Catholic Church that this country has produced. The "Dean of Caxton's Pulpit," shows profound reflection and scholarship, yet is so lucidly written that every line of it is open to the intelligence of any reader. Wonderful and most important are the revelations it discloses, confirming from the most ancient written records the account of creation as given in the Bible. The "Testimony of the Catacombs to the Priymacy of St. Peter" is a continuation of the very able review of Mr. Withrow's work on the Catacombs, which was begun in the last number of The Catholic World. "Modern Thought in Science" deals with no gentle hand with Professor Huxley, who has certainly found his match, if not his better, in the Catholic reviewer. "The Year of Our Lord 1876" is the annual review of the chief moral and political movements or events of the year which we always look for in this number of The Catholic World. The outlook is for innumerable events or the year which we always look for in this number of The Catholic World. The outlook is for the coming year.

"Sir Thomas More" comes to a conclusion worthy of such a romance. "Six Sunny Months in the Desert," is an excellent example of the average of magazine poetry, the stanzae having a massiveness and ring about them that are quite Byronic. If The Catholic World continues to send out numbers of such general interest and value as it has in the past, there is no reason to wish it "a happy new year," for that is guaranteed beforehand.

—Modesty is the ornament of virtue, the angelic grace of loveliness, the amiable criterion of innate purity of heart, the index of refined sensibility, the polish of the graces. When this heaven-born quality is wanting, beauty is a scentless rose, manners insipid, purity of heart doubtful, and sensibility unamiable.

—Cardinal Antonelli's colossal fortune will, it is said, be divided with six of his brother, Count Angelo Antonelli, and three other members of his family, and he has left his valuable and unique collection of precious stones and rare marbles to the Vatican Museum. He inherited much wealth from two uncles. His salary as Cardinal Secretary of State was, it is reported, only $2,500 a year. It is mentioned as one of his admirable traits that, even when most overwhelming with business and the cares of state, he never omitted for single day to visit his mother, for whom he entertained the most filial affection.

—Swift once preached a charity sermon at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the length of which disgusted many of his auditors; which, coming to his knowledge, and it failing to stop, he congratulated another after a similar performance; in the same place, he took special care to avoid falling into the former error. His text was:—"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath lent will He pay him again." This text in a very emphatic manner, added: "Now, my beloved brethren, you hear the terms of this loan; if you like the security down with the dust." It is worthy of remark that the quaintness and brevity of this sermon produced a very large contribution.

—"All good Americans go to Paris when they die." If there are any students among the number, they will have a chance to do some reading by judging the official returns contained in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Imperial and Real Estelle, which contains 1,700,000 volumes, 80,000 manuscripts, 1,000,000 engravings and maps, and 120,000 medals; the Mazarin, 200,000 volumes, 4,000 manuscripts, and 80 specimens of Pelagian sculpture collected from Greece, Asia Minor, and Italy; St. Genevieve, 160,000 volumes, and 35,000 in manuscript; the Arsenal, 300,000 volumes, and 8,000 manuscripts; the Sorbonne, 80,000 volumes; and the Medical (School of Medicine,) 35,000 volumes, making in all 2,875,000 volumes.

—in one of the books of Solomon, eternal wisdom is compared to the plantations of rose-trees at Jericho. Princess Nourmahal, the most lovely lady in the harem of a Great Mogul, had a canal filled with rose-water and rowed about on with her a cabinet consort. The heat of the sun dissevered the essential oil from the water, and their majesties having observed the fact invented ottar of roses. The Emperor Heliogabalus filled a fish pond with rose-water; it is nowhere said whether the fishes approved of this proceeding. When the Soldan Saladin, who had so much trouble with hardfisted English King Richard and his turbulent Christian friends, took Jerusalem in 1188, he would not enter the Temple, which he profanely called a mosque, till he had its walls washed with rose-water, and Saunt assures us that 500 camels were no more than sufficient to carry the purifying liquid. Also, after the taking of Constantinople by Mahomed II. in 1453, the Church of St. Sophia was solemnly purified with rose-water before it was converted into a mosque. The high priest of the Hebrews wore a crown of roses when he offered up certain sacrifices under the Mosaic dispensation; and it was perhaps in remembrance of this fact the Synod of Nimzhas, which was held in the third century, enjoined every Jew to wear a rose on his breast as a distinguishing mark of inferiority. In many countries, the still celebrated Festivals of the Fathers, during which they ornament their laments, chandeliers, and beds, with roses. Thus it happened that these flowers were hateful to the early Christians, and are often condemned in the writings of the Fathers. It is possible that pious people could think with equanimity of roses when they remembered the crown of thorns; afterwards this hostile feeling seems to have died out—Exchanged.
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The Indian Missions.

There are within the territory of the United States some 260 different tribes of Indians, numbering from 40 to 16,000 persons each, making an aggregate of about 300,000 Indians, men, women and children. These people do not possess the rights of citizens, as do the white and colored population of the United States, but are controlled by the United States Government as if they were children; their money is expended for them and the country in which they are to live is marked out for them. The land allotted them is called a reservation, and varies in extent according to the number of each tribe, from a few hundred acres to the size of a county, and larger in some cases. Indian agents are appointed by the United States to live on or near the reservations, these agents or governors having charge of all the business relating to the tribe over which they are placed. The Indian must live on the reservation selected for him; he cannot leave it, nor do any business with or hold communication with the whites or other Indians without permission of the Agent. Such is the civil order of the United States as if they were children; their money being a civil office, I determined to give all the agencies to such religious denominations as had heretofore established missionaries among the Indians; and perhaps to some other denominations who would undertake the work on the same terms, i.e., as missionary work," the Catholic Church was in undisputed possession of nearly the whole missionary field in the United States, and it would be reasonable to suppose that it would under the Peace Policy obtain even greater means for evangelizing the savage Indians and bettering the condition of those who were already Christians; but no—she was deprived of all but eight of the agencies, thirty of them being given to other denominations, and from which Catholic missionaries were excluded. There were then 106,000 Catholic Indians in the United States, and now there are but 80,000, many of whom are denied the religious ministrations of their choice.

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taught in it, wherever such Indians may be asserting their right, under all circumstances, to profess and practice the faith of their choice. That the association may be facilitated in their work, it has been divided into working bands of fifteen, the leaders of which are to forward all money received by them to the treasurer of the association.

This is truly a noble work and we take great pleasure in recommending it to our Catholic readers. Those who may be desirous of forming bands may receive the necessary information by writing to Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren, Washington, D. C. Those wishing to contribute money to the association can send their donations to Mrs. M. E. Woodward, of the same city.

The St. Cecilians' Entertainment.

When we say that the 19th annual winter entertainment of the St. Cecilia Philomathean Association was up to the high standard of merit which has ever been demanded of the members of the Association we are saying much in its praise. The St. Cecilians have in former years numbered in their ranks the brightest and best students in the Junior Department, and the mere announcement that they were to appear on the boards at Washington Hall was sufficient to draw a good and appreciative audience. Some of the most efficient members of the Thespian Association, not only of this, but of former years, began their career as society boys here at Notre Dame in the St. Cecilia Philomathean Association, and it is difficult to name any of the well-known students now away from the College walls who was not when in the Junior Department entered on its rolls. Having such a record, it is always expected that this Association gives an Entertainment worth the listening to, and on Tuesday evening it fulfilled all expectations.

Of the music we need not say much, for the character of the music given at our entertainments is so well known that any extended criticism would be superfluous. The music by Buchanan Read's "Drifting"—almost too difficult to declaim such an artistic piece of word-painting as Buchanan Read's "Drifting"—almost too difficult for a young person; but Mr. Crawford succeeded in a remarkable manner in portraying many of its beauties. Mr. Read's "He's My Riff," was given by the students under the name of "The Broken Word." It was—so says the same tradition—a great favorite in its day, probably from the fact that it is very easy to change the female character, and from the simple yet exciting nature of the plot and of the scenes developing it.

On this occasion, though we might possibly have made some change in the cast of characters, the play was given to the satisfaction of mostly every one. With the exception of some two or three, none of the performers had ever before faced the footlights, and as a consequence there was some trepidation, a little awkwardness, and some few mistakes made; yet the audience willingly forgave these faults in consideration of the really excellent acting which marked the efforts of quite a large number of the youthful performers. It requires a thorough knowledge of the stage to make the actor and attract our admiration, but there is something in the artlessness and innocence of young boys while on the stage that charms and delights. We pardon the faults, and give our applause.

Master A. J. Burger, as Col. Rigoio, the heavy character in the play, made few if any errors in the rendition of his rôle, and at times was excellent in his acting. In that scene, one of the most difficult as well as the most exciting in the play, when he endeavors to escape from meeting young Myrtillo, and again in the last scene where he is confronted by the son of Count Luneda, whom he had murdered, his acting was excellent, the best of all the young actors, and justly received the applause of the house. Master M. Kaufman, as Capt. Xavier, made a very good bluff old sea-captain. The part of Agostino was taken by Master Colly Clarke in that easy, quiet manner which, combined with a handsome costume and good form, made his acting quite acceptable. The acting of Master R. Hayes, as Claudio, was much admired and will with some cultivation show to great advantage. The characters of Pablo, Estevan and the Baron were respectively taken by Masters J. Hagerty, J. Ohlman and G. Sampson, who rendered their parts with great fidelity. O. Lindberg, as Myrtillo, the Dumb Orphan, was easy, sad and graceful, as became the part assigned him. His acting in the last scene was worthy of especial commendation. Masters R. C. Mayer, F. Cavanaugh, G. Faxon, G. Sugg, J. Mossil, C. Walsh, T. Nelson, J. Phelan, C. Olinger, J. Healey, G. Crawford, N. Vannamae, T. McGrath, T. Fischel, and J. Perea took the subordinate rôles with all the excellence which could be expected or desired.

"The Dumb Orphan" was followed by the farce entitled "The Virginia Mummy," which was received with roars of laughter. The part of "Ginger Blue" was taken by Master W. J. Davis, who brought out the comicalities of his rôle with great drollness and naturalness. The great Dr. Galen was well personated by Master Charles Hagan, and Capt. Rife found a fit representative in the person of Master W. Sheehan. The part of the young artist, Charles, was assumed with great credit to himself by Master A. Wildiccombe; and O. Lindberg, as O'Leary, brought down the house with his wit and good humor. Old Reliable, the Schoolmaster, found an able representative in R. J. Golen; Lucas, in W. Hake; and Patent in G. Cassidy. The farce was extremely enjoyable.

After the usual remarks, made by Rev. President Colovin, who in behalf of the audience thanked the young performers for the enjoyment they had given to all, the Entertainment closed with a retiring march from the ably conducted and well drilled band, which by the way gave us most of the music during the entertainment.

—When our hatred is violent, it sinks beneath those we hate. —Rochefoucault.
Personal.

—Rev. T. O'Sullivan, of Laporte, spent two days with us last week.

—W. F. Watson (Commercial, '04) is Probate Judge of Arapahoe, Colorado.

—James Taggart (Commercial, '67) is in the live-stock business at Aurora, Nebraska.

—Wm. M. Adams, with Charles Stewart, Cincinnati, Ohio, dropped in to see us on the 19th.

—J. W. Hogan, of '73, is studying theology at Mt. St. Mary's of the West, near Cincinnati, Ohio.

—J. McClintock (Commercial, '70) is keeping books for the firm of McPhee & Keating, Denver, Colorado.

—Very Rev. Father General arrived home from Waukesha, Wis., last Tuesday, perfectly restored to health.

—We had a pleasant visit from Rev. Father Shortis on Wednesday last. We are pleased to see him looking so well.

—J. A. Rice (Commercial, '75) is in the office of the Secretary of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway, Detroit, Mich.

—Rev. Mayr, who is well known to the musical students of '61 and '65, recently gave a concert at Sedalia, Mo., where he is now teaching music. An enthusiastic Wagnerite, most of the selections were from that master.

—We see by the Chicago Times that a law association has been formed among the younger members of the bar, and the Rev. W. A. Henrotin, of '71, was elected Vice-President and D. H. Hogan, of '74 Treasurer. Mr. Hogan's partner, Mr. Fanning, was elected President.

—Last evening, Mr. Joseph Beegan delivered a very able and impressive lecture on "Temperance," before a large and appreciative audience at the Library Hall. His strong delivery was very effective, and the numerous arguments which he furnished in support of total abstinence were heartily appreciated, judging from the enthusiasm manifested by the audience. On the whole, nothing could be said except in praise.—Fort Wayne Sentinel, Dec. 11.

—Of Charles Henrotin, of '58, the Chicago Tribune says: "Mr. Charles Henrotin has received the official letters of Leopold II, King of the Belgians, dated Oct. 39, 1876, appointing him Consul of that Kingdom in Chicago. He has also received his exequatur bearing the signature of President Grant and of the Secretary of State, dated Dec. 4, 1876. Mr. Henrotin succeeds his father, the late Dr. Henrotin, who was Belgian Consul in this city from 1857 until his death last spring."

—Among the large number of visitors attending the St. Cecilian Entertainment were Prof. Howard and lady, Prof. Myers and lady, Prof. Tong and lady, Prof. Stace, Sheriff Hardy, T. A. Daily, of the Herald J. F. Gallagher, D. J. Woodworth, E. R. Vanderhoff, Chas. G. Campau, of '75, Chas. Trainer, W. B. McCracken, Miss Durant, Miss Talley, Miss Trainer, Miss Predmore, Miss Maguire, Miss McGowen, Miss Nellie Talley, Miss Sommers, T. B. Chalifant, Benjamin Coquillard and D. B. Creviston, besides a great many whose names we could not learn.

—John W. Ball, of '39, died at Lafayette, Ind., on the 10th of December. The Sunday Leader, of that city, says: "His decease was not entirely unexpected as he had long been a sufferer from a lung affection. The deceased was born in this city and at the time of his demise was about thirty-four years of age. His urbanity of manner, gentleness of disposition and uniform integrity commended him to the most favourable consideration of all who came in contact with him. No citizen of Lafayette more fully possessed the love and confidence of her citizens than did John W. Ball. We knew him closely from his boyhood to the day of his death and never heard an unmanly act whispered against him. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the afflicted parents, brothers and sisters of the deceased, in their hour of great affliction. And all their sorrowing relatives who have been so much afflicted, that they are now free from suffering and a dweller in the House of the Lord. The funeral took place from St. Mary's Church in Lafayette on the 12th inst."

Local Items.

—The Band plays excellent music this week.

—The monthly Conference was held last Wednesday.

—There are very few sick people in the Infirmary just now.

—A great many South-Benders took occasion on last Tuesday evening to enjoy both a sleigh-ride and attend the Entertainment.

—The wild rabbits on the Scholasticate grounds are getting impatient. One took up his quarters in the building and is now boxed up.

—It is said that fishermen on the lakes here are very successful in catching fish just now, by cutting holes in the ice and dropping lines.

—It is expected that every one will begin the new year with a firm determination to work steadily and faithfully until Commencement-day.

—A merry Christmas to one and all! May all our readers enjoy their turkey on Monday next and may they receive from Santa Claus all that they desire.

—The amount of snow which has fallen the past two weeks was simply immense. No one should complain of not having good sleighing this year.

—Vespera to-morrow are the First Vespers of Christmas, page 64 of the Vesperal; on Monday they are the Second Vespers of Christmas, page 26 of the Vesperal.

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—BULLETINS were made out and sent off on Wednesday.

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promises this past week, clearing paths and roads for the accommodation of students and everybody else at Notre Dame.

—The usual holiday privileges will be granted to those who remain at Notre Dame during Christmas week. However, every one should wait until they are announced by the proper authority.

—On Christmas day, when your heart is filled with joy, remember the poor orphans, who have no kind parents to give them Christmas-boxes. Endeavor to be a benefactor to one of them, and give plentifully at the collection on Christmas day.

—The members of the St. Cecilia Philomathae Association return thanks for favors received in connection with their late Entertainment, to Rev. E. Lilly, to Bros. Edward, Pauinus, Alexander, Leander, Paul, Wilfred and Columbille, and to Prof. J. P. Edwards.

—We learn that it is the intention of the members of the St. Aloysius Philodemic Association to give two entertainments next session. The first of these will consist of oaths and songs, and the second will be a debate on a subject to be given them by their worthy President.

—Those having charge of Entertainments in Washington Hall suffer a great deal of annoyance from people not having anything to do with the entertainment going behind the scenes. It should be understood that only those who are appointed by the board or those invited by the director have any right to go there.

—The majority of the students who will spend the holidays at home on the 321. We notice that this year fewer students went home than in former years. They did well, for after all there is plenty of amusement here, and they will be able to pass just as pleasant a time as if they had gone away, perhaps even a pleasanter.

—It has been proposed to have a grand sleigh-ride to St. Joseph in January. We advise the students of the different departments to go together, for no doubt, if it takes place, the good people there will have turkeys and oysters in abundance. We will announce definitely next week whether the trip will be taken or not. Get your songs ready anyway.

—There were competitions in 3d Arithmetic, 3d Geography, and 4th Grammar, for prizes, last Thursday. A. Abrahams, having the highest percentage in 3d Geography, was awarded the prize. G. Peitler was awarded the 1st prize in 3d Arithmetic, F. Rheinhold 2d. In 4th Grammar J. Johnson received 1st prize, J. Knorr 2d. C. and R. Johnson, having the same percentage, both were awarded a prize of equal value.

—A fine lathe with tools, etc., for working on wood and metals was received a few days ago by the Prof. of Physics from the Centennial, and placed in the Laboratory, to which it forms quite an addition. It was on exhibition in Machine Hall, and can be worked by either foot or power. We might here remark that this is only one of a large number of valuable and interesting relics of the Centennial secured by the Cabinet of Physics and the Museum.

—We would call the attention of parents to the fact that it not unfrequently happens that students returning from home after the Christmas vacation spend three and four days in South Bend before coming to the College. As this is not desired, and they lose quite a number of valuable opportunities, it would be well for parents to form the authorities here of the time when their son leaves home and authorize them to see that he comes to the College promptly. Classes will begin January 2d.

—We return thanks to the Catholic Philopatriae Literary Institute for invitations sent us to attend its Anniversity Exercises, which took place on the 23d of Dec., and to the free Sunday Lecture to be given to-morrow evening by Chas. A. Eising. We are pleased to learn that the Philopatriae has been quite successful in its labors this year past. Societies such as this Institute are of great good, and we trust that when a student leaves here he will make it a point to attach himself to some such society as the Philopatriae in Philadelphia.

—A gentleman in Chicago, writing to us, says: "I have just read with special interest the introductory part of the very admirable address on "The Age of Louis XIV." It deserves great praise, and I am sure that I shall read the continuation with no less zest and pleasure. The author's modesty, I know, will not admit of any eulogies being lavished on his treatment of the subject; but this I do want to say, that the publication of this and similar historical studies is of great advantage. To be able to study them, one must be a student. My college professors and teachers are content to let the fruit and result of their investigations be limited to the narrow circle of the class room or lecture-ball—ignoring the wider sphere and the broader audience afforded by the newspaper or magazine. Who can estimate, for example, the utility of the service to the cause of historical truth and the vindication of Catholic principles performed by Colonel Maguire in his inaugural address and analysis of the apparent wandering of the CHURCH from the scene. This is the work and field for Catholic scholars. Stick a pin in the bubble-reputations of the so-called literary luminaries of modern literature; expose their fabrications, and their dishonest use of history and its materials. Hardly a historic name or theme suggests itself which has not been, in their hands, droit de seigneur. I am glad you perused— to let that lecture in the light of print, and I congratulate you on its treatment of the subject.

—On Wednesday evening, Rev. Father Zehm favored us with the second lecture of his course. The subject chosen by the worthy lecturer was "Astronomy." Having given a brief introduction of his subject, namely, the wonders of the many realms of space, he proceeded to the subject, which he stated would be illustrated by the lantern. I would remark that the slides were all very fine and show great taste and love for the subject in the selector. First calling attention to the heavenly body with the sun, the earth, the lecturer gave us the proofs of its rotundity, and then explained the cause of day and night, which follow from it. He then showed and explained the motions of our attendant moon, and also the eclipses of the sun and moon resulting from it. This lecture took us to the motions of the other planets, which was the next step. He showed and illustrated the motions of our universe around it, and how, and the consequently apparent wandering motions of the other planets from the earth. Having shown the motions of the planets, he by means of the gyroscope, illustrated the tendency to parallelism of axis of the revolving planets and the consequent re-occurrence of the seasons. And lastly, he exhibited the means we possess to determine the combination of the heavenly bodies by the spectroscope, and the methods used to ascertain the weights, size and distances—by means of which we can determine things as accurately as we can any given quantity of matter on earth.

Roll of Honor.

[In the following list are the names of those students who during the past week have by their exemplary conduct given satisfaction to all the members of the Faculty.]

SENIOR DEPARTMENT.


JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.


MINOR DEPARTMENT.


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Class Honors.

[In the following list are given the names of those who have given entire satisfaction in all their classes during the month past.]

COMMERCIAL COURSE.


MINNIE COURSE.


List of Excellence.

[The students mentioned in this list are those who have been the best in the classes of the course named—according to the Competitions, which are held monthly.—DIRECTOR SUGG, J. Bell, C. Koos, A. Congar, J. Silverthorne.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 21.


HONORABLY MENTIONED IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, DEC. 16.


2D CLASS—Misses G. Wells, M. Julius, A. Harris, A. Byrne, L. Kirchner.


7TH CLASS—Misses M. Cox, L. Lmbin. 2D DIV.—Misses E. Drue, E. Wooten. HARP—1ST CLASS—Miss E. O'Connor. 2D CLASS—D. Cavenor. ORGAN—M. Usellman.

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HONORABLY MENTIONED IN VOCAL MUSIC.

1ST CLASS—Misses B. Spencer, and E. O'Connor. 2D DIV.—D. Cavenor.

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FANCY-WORK.


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