Sophocles.

Sophocles is the greatest tragic poet of antiquity. He has reached in his art a perfection equal to that of Phidias in the art of sculpture. Before his time, tragedy had made great progress under the inspirations of Thespis, Phrynichus, and Eschylus; he brought it to a still higher perfection, and after him it again deteriorated. A celebrated writer represents the names of his predecessors and of his successors as so many steps on either side of a pyramid, so Sophocles forming the summit.

The origin of tragedy has exercised the patience and sagacity of a great number of modern scholars. The more advanced and more exact opinion is, that at the feasts of Eleusis the choruses that were sung during the dithyrambic dances were from time to time relieved by one chanter, who got on a table and entertained the assembly with extemporary songs, which were called monodies. The first step towards tragedy was made by substituting for these songs studied recitals, which received the name of episodes. This modification is attributed to Thespis. After him came Phrynichus, who paid a still greater attention to the episodes, and the choirs, which at first were the principal part, became more and more reduced. But as yet there was but one actor, who is believed to have changed costume and appeared several times. Eschylus continued the work. Instead of one actor he at first introduced two, then three, and, later, four. This fourth, however, was but a silent personage. The choir was now an altogether accessory thing. At the same time also the dresses, masks, backings and decorations were introduced, and when Sophocles came to dispute the prize of tragedy with old Eschylus the theatre was materially formed. The simplicity of the Grecian taste did not permit of a more complicated and extended plan. Free from all the hindrances which his predecessors had triumphed over, and profiting by what they had accomplished, Sophocles could exclusively devote himself to the dialogue and to the invention and combination of the plan, and so brought tragedy to its perfection.

Sophocles was born at Colonus, a beautiful little village situated about a mile from Athens, in the seventy-first Olympiad, 485 years before Christ. He was consequently 30 years younger than Eschylus, and 15 years older than Euripides. According to some ancient testimonies, his father was a blacksmith; but Plinius, the naturalist, on the contrary says that he descended from a noble and wealthy family. But whatever may have been the condition of his father, one thing is certain, that he did not neglect the education of his son, who gave early indications of extraordinary genius, and a remarkable aptitude for the higher branches of literature. In his tender youth he was carefully educated in all the literary and personal accomplishments of his age and country. His attainments in the palaestra and music were soon attested by the garlands which he won at the games, and a striking example of his early proficiency as well as of his personal beauty also is recorded in the fact that when after the battle of Salamis the population of Athens stood in solemn assembly around the trophy raised by their valor, Sophocles, then fifteen years old, was selected to lead with dance and lyre the chorus of youths who performed the paean of their country's triumph. That same day Eschylus was among the victorious soldiers, and Euripides was born on the island of Salamis. At the age of twenty, Sophocles composed his first piece, Triptolemus, of which there are but few verses extant. It was written to celebrate the return of the fleet which under the conduct of Simon had captured the island of Scyros and brought the bones of Theseus from their grave in that island to Athens. The Athenian people, says Plutarch, to perpetuate the memory of this event, instituted contests among the tragic poets to determine their excellence. Young Sophocles had his first piece played; 'the archon Aphepesio, who saw the spectators excited and agitated by party feeling, did not consent to have the judges balloted for as usual, but when Cimon advanced, with his nine fellow-generals, to offer the customarily to the gods for whose honor the contests were instituted, he detained them and directed them to take with him the requisite oath and seat themselves as judges of the performance. The dignity of the judges caused the highest estimation among the actors. Among the latter was the veteran Eschylus, then for thirty years the undoubted master of the Athenian stage. The tribunal proclaimed Sophocles the first victor, and the afflicted Eschylus departed for Sicily.

This remarkable triumph was an earnest of the splendid
career before him. From this event until his death, during a space of sixty-three years, he continued to compose and exhibit. Twenty times he obtained the first prize, and still more frequently the second. He never came down as far as the third. The life of Sophocles, however, was not exclusively devoted to the service of the muses. As the profession of arms was at that time more honorable, and probably more advantageous than any other, Sophocles had entered the army at the usual age and had the honor to serve under the great Pericles. His valor and conduct were here so conspicuous that in a short time he was appointed to a high military dignity, and in several battles is reported to have shared in the supreme command of the Athenian armies with his former leader. In his 57th year he was one of the ten generals, with Pericles and Thucydides amongst his colleagues, and served in the war against Samos. His military talents, however, were not of a superior order, and his generalship added no brilliancy to his dramatic fame. In his old age he was appointed priest to the hero Aphi, was commissioner upon the fatal termination of the Sicilian expedition, and in the revolution brought about by Pisander we find him in the committee of ten probationists investigating the state of affairs and reporting thereon to the people assembled on the hill of Colonus, his native place. As proboulos he asserted with characteristic calmness of temper to the establishment of oligarchy under the council of four hundred: "as a bad thing indeed, but the least pernicious measure which circumstances allowed."

The civil dissensions and the universal miseries which marked the concluding years of the Peloponnesian war must have fallen heavily upon the mind of one whose chief delight was in domestic tranquillity and who remembered that proud day of Salaminian triumph in which he took so conspicuous a part. And his patriotic sorrows were to be aggravated by the unnatural conduct of his own family. His son lophon, dispossessed in his eager wishes for his father's death, and solicitous for the immediate possession of his fortune, or, as others report, jealous of his affection for another son, summoned him at a very advanced age before the judges and charged him with doting and an utter incapacity for conducting his family affairs. The old man appeared in court to repel this charge. It is said that he himself pleaded his case, by developing the dilemma: "If I am Sophocles, I do not dote; but if I dote, I am not Sophocles," and producing the tragedy of Oedipus Coloneus, which he had just finished, he asked his judges if the author of such a work could be justly taxed with insanity. The judges, indignant at the imputation which had been preferred against him, confirmed him in the possession of his rights, and all the people who were present conducted him home in triumph.

His death occurred early in the year 45 before Christ, some months before the defeat of Egos Potamos, the finishing stroke to the misfortunes of Athens. The accounts of his death are very diverse, and all tend to the marvelous. Later and Xanthas state that he was choked by a grape kernel brought to him by a lover of his, immediately after he had finished reading aloud to a large company from his Antigone; others ascribe his death to extreme joy at being proclaimed the tragic victor at the Olympic games. Not satisfied with the singularity of his death, the ancient recorders of his life add prodigy to his funeral also. As Decelea, the place of his family sepulture, was in the possession of the Lacedaemonians at the time of his death, Bacchus is said to have twice appeared in a vision to Lysander, the Spartan general, and bade him allow the interment. Heralds then brought the permission to the Athenians, and they buried their poet with all due solemnity. After his death the Athenians erected him a temple at Delphi, as to a hero, instituted an annual sacrifice for him, and gave him the surname Dexion, which signifies not unhappy, because according to a popular belief he had received Aesculapius in his house and erected him an altar.

The Athenians held him in great esteem and affection. The purity and the nobility of his character and the sweetness of his manners had not less endeared him to his fellow-citizens than his genius had acquired him glory. A kindly and contented disposition, somewhat blemished with intemperance in pleasures, was in fine the characteristic of Sophocles. The following trait is related of his modesty. One day, when the Athenian generals, in the number of whom he was counted, were deliberating in council, Nicias called upon him to state his opinion first, since he was the eldest by age," answered Sophocles, "but you are older in consideration."

Sophocles is supposed to have written one hundred and thirty tragedies, only seven of which, with some other inconsiderable fragments, now remain. These pieces were received by his contemporaries with that applause which they so well deserved. It is remarked that he never himself acted in any of his plays, as Aeschylus and Euripides were accustomed to do, his voice being too weak and low for the stage; but he was always present at their representations, and received the applause of the audience, who seldom failed to signify their approbation at his entering and quitting the theatre. They moreover gave ample evidence of their appreciation of his merits by engraving on the famous monument which they had erected to him, a swarm of bees, in allusion to the name generally given him on account of his verses, which are indeed wonderfully soft and harmonious.

Among the number of dramas that have come down to us are some which the ancients considered his most excellent masterpieces, as both those on Oedipus, Antigone, and Electra; they have also been preserved to us tolerably free from mutilation and with the text uncorrected. We here give a brief account of each of them.

The "Oedipus Tyrannus" has been admired by modern critics as the most complicated and artfully sustained of Greek plays now extant. The story of Oedipus is perhaps the fairest of all the fables of ancient mythology the most ingenious. Its object is to set forth the glory of Athens as the holy habitation of justice and of mild humanity, and for eign crimes find in this domain their final atonement through a higher mediation. The argument of it is as follows: Laius, King of Thebes, having learned from the oracle of Apollo that he was to perish by the hand of his own son, commanded his wife Jocasta to destroy the infant as soon as it was born. The child was accordingly exposed on Mount Citheraon, where he was found by a shepherd of Polybus, King of Corinth. Polybus, having no children, kept the boy in ignorance of the circumstances of his birth, and educated him as his own son. When Oedipus had arrived at the years of maturity, he went to consult the oracle, which terrified him with the intelligence that he would commit parricide and incest. He now therefore resolved to return to Corinth no more. Travelling towards Phocis, he met Laius, and in a dispute which ensued, slew him. Ignorant of the rank of the person whom he had killed, he was attracted to Thebes by the report of the sphinx, the over-
throw of which monster procured him the crown and the hand of Jocasta, the widow of Laius. The Theban territories were at length desolated by a plague, which the oracle declared should cease when the murderer of Laius was banished from Thebes. After a minute investigation the dreadful secret was at length divulged, and Jocasta put a period to her existence, while Oedipus deprived himself of sight and was at his own request banished from Thebes by order of Creon, his brother-in-law, who then assumed the reins of government.

The "Edipus Colonus" is a continuation of the history of Oedipus, who, condemned to perpetual banishment from Thebes, arrived at last at the home of his daughter Antigone at Colonos, a little hill in the neighborhood of Athens, sacred to the Furies, where he solicited and obtained the protection of King Theseus. As the oracle had declared that victory would attend those among whom Oedipus should die, Creon and Polyneices attempted to bring him back to Thebes. But Oedipus, thankful to Theseus for his hospitality and services, revealed, to the latter the brilliant destinies connected with his tomb, and disappears amid a fearful storm.

In the "Antigone" the whole action turns upon the sacred rites of the dead and the importance of burial. The bitter imprecations which the unhappy Oedipus had uttered against his sons for attempting to bring him back to Thebes by force, were unfortunately realized. Eteocles and Polynices, sons of Oedipus, having equal claims to the kingdom, had agreed to reign year by year alternately. Eteocles first broke the contract, and maintained himself in the possession of his dominions. Polynices led an army against him, and after much slaughter on both sides the brothers kill each other in single combat. The kingdom of Thebes by order of Creon, his brother-in-law, who then assumed the reins of government, had agreed to reign year by year alternately. Eteocles first broke the contract, and maintained himself in the possession of his dominions. Polynices led an army against him, and after much slaughter on both sides the brothers kill each other in single combat. The kingdom was divided up among their sons. The Theban territories were at length desolated by a plague, which the oracle declared should cease when the murderer of Laius was banished from Thebes. After a minute investigation the dreadful secret was at length divulged, and Jocasta put a period to her existence, while Oedipus deprived himself of sight and was at his own request banished from Thebes by order of Creon, his brother-in-law, who then assumed the reins of government.

In the "Philoctetes" we find a striking contrast to the wearisome burden through years of suffering with persevering endurance. Philoctetes, the son of Pasco, had been bequeathed the bow and poisoned arrows by his friend Hercules. Notwithstanding an incurable wound caused by the bite of a serpent, he went, to the siege of Troy, where the infection of his wound and his continual cries and groans so annoyed the Greeks that he had to be removed to the island of Lemnos, where he suffered the most horrible pains for ten years. But when the oracle had informed the Greeks that Troy could never be conquered without the arrows of Hercules, then in possession of Philoctetes, Ulysses and Neoptolemus, the son of Achilles, were dispatched in quest of them. But the injustice of the Greeks was too fresh in his mind, and the very sight of Ulysses, his enemy, reminded him of all his injuries. Neither threats nor entreaties, neither the generosity of the young Neoptolemus nor the promise of health and glory, could determine him to return to the cruel Ares, until Hercules himself descended from the skies and conquered his scruples by his influence.

The "Electra" has for its subject the vengeance which a son, urged on by an oracle, and in obedience to the decree of heaven, takes on the murderers of his father, by con­signing to death his own mother. When Agamemnon was assassinated by his wife, Clytemnestra, and Äegistus, Electra, his daughter, preserved her brother Orestes, then an in­fant, from a similar fate, by conveying him to the court of Strophius, king of Phoehis, who educated him with his son Pylaides. From that moment she was continually persecuted by the murderers of her father, and with many tears she looked forward to the time when Orestes could revenge her injuries and the death of his father. The long expected moment finally came. With the assistance of Pylaides, with whom he had concluded an indissoluble friendship, Orestes deluded the criminal pair into a fatal security by propagating the report of his death, discovered himself to Electra, who willingly co-operated in the revenge, and slew his mother during the absence of the tyrant, who on his return also received the punishment of his atrocious guilt.

The play of the "Trachinian Women" is so far inferior in value to the others, that modern critics generally believed it was composed by his son Iophon, and erroneously attributed to the father. And in fact there are several circumstances that would seem to favor this supposition; still, as the genuineness of the piece was never questioned by the ancients, we must rest content with saying that the author has for this time remained below the usual height of his genius. The scene of the play is laid at Trachis, and the chorus is composed of young females of the country. The argument is briefly as follows: Hercules having excited the jealousy of Dejanira by his affection for Iole, she sent him as a love-charm the girmeat dipped in the blood of the Centaur Nessus. The poison took fatal effect; the hero became sensible of his approaching end, and in his rage threw Lichas, the bearer of the garment, into the sea. Then he directed his son Hylus to convey him immediately to Mount Citha and burn him there on a funeral pile; while Dejanira, in despair for the mischief she had caused, destroyed herself.

A philosopher has said: He who is passionate and hasty is generally honest. It is your cold, dissembling hypocrite of whom you should beware. There is no deception in a general pile; while Dejanira, in her despair for the mischief she had caused, destroyed herself.
The Fertile Fields of Science.

GRADUATING ESSAY READ AT THE ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT AT ST. MARY'S ACADEMY, 1877.

One day I sat upon the verdant banks of a rippling stream. Its bright waves were purifying over the shining pebbles, which bordered its clear channel. Before me, beyond the silver stream, a fertile field teeming with the fruits of lavish nature was spread. The ripening wheat, —wheat rich in golden hue as that gleaned by the lovely Ruth in the bountiful fields of Boaz, kissed by the soft zephyrs undulated like the waves breaking upon the beach before the coming tide. There were flowers too, brilliant in coloring, and rich with fragrance, bathed with the southern dews, and comparable only to those dreamed of and immortalized by the poet who sang of the "Yale of Cashmere." In contemplating this scene, I thought "How like the affections of Home is that fair irrigating stream!" Without it, what would the world be? The grain would be robbed of its nourishment, the flowers of their beauty, the landscape of its freshness. "And so it is," I said to myself, "with Science and Art, without the virtuous affections of home. The Sciences are well when they do not absorb the life of the soul and rob affection at its springs and rivers. It is said that woman jumps at conclusions, that the art of ratiocination is not her forte, and that her perceptions serve her and bring her at once to the point at which the lords of creation arrive by precise logical steps, by slow calculation, by deliberate reflection.

Woman (the personification of affection) and whose erudition which this fallen world affords, quench this inordinate craving for abstruse science! Tet it is an overweening, ruthless commerce. O for the quiet, O for the lofty contemplation of those ancient star-gazers! The level and extensive plains of Chaldea fitted that favored portion of the globe in a peculiar manner for the study of astronomical science. The clear nights which the inhabitants were accustomed to pass in the open air tended to draw the attention of the Chaldeans to the contemplation of sidereal phenomena, and led them to conjecture on the laws by which the stars are governed. Pythagoras, a disciple of Thales, taught important astronomical truths. To him is attributed the discovery of the system which after the lapse of many centuries was brought to light. Copernicus but revived that which Thales had taught. Pursuing paths already pointed out, he did little more than separate conjecture from certainty; but Kepler, by his own industry, made discoveries of which no suggestions are to be found in antiquity. Herschel, also, in the present century, made great discoveries in this department of science.

The study of astronomy is unquestionably one of the most ennobling, and serves to draw the mind of man from earthly desires to pure and exalted aspirations. For "the undevout astronomer is mad." These bright luminaries of which Astronomy treats guided the aspiring mariner on his trackless course. The constancy of sidereal rotation led to a spirit of more daring enterprise in navigation, and forced upon man the search after something more reliable, and this necessity led to the invention of the mariner's compass. Previous to that day, clouds obscured the sailors' guides (the "everlasting stars," and) darker superstition kept them within the shadow of the shore; but now, with the pole star for a beacon light, and with the unerring compass before him, old Neptune was conquered, and Tritons cowered beneath the triumphant shadow of many a fearless sail; then, at last, the dauntless Admiral of Genoa crossed the vast desert of waters, and laid bare a new world. Here we see Mathematics, Navigation and Astronomy united. Hand in hand they go forth to elaborate other wonders. In the study of the sciences every one must observe their mutual dependence upon each other. Everywhere, too, we trace God's merciful providence in satisfying our satiable thirst. In this we see the noble tendencies of the human mind asserting their superiority over the animal inclinations. They will never be satisfied with anything less than their Infinite Author, the end for which the immortal soul was created.

The search after knowledge when prompted by noble motives is an unmistakable evidence of a lofty character. We have seen that the investigation of astronomical science evolves mathematics. The brilliant polar star is the magnet attracting the needle which veers with the most perfect mathematical precision. In fact Mathematics may be styled the nucleus around which all other sciences cluster. In its stability, it may be compared to solid earth, as that planet relates to the vegetation, animals, and men upon its surface. Prominently arising from this central science we behold Architecture, that science which writes history in magnificent edifices. When men first felt the inclination of the seasons, it had its origin. The rudiments may be traced in the tent of the patriarch, in the hut of the Indian, and the Greenlander's cave, as well as in the proudest temples of ancient Greece.

In the early stages of society, genius expanded but little;
rude tents and huts, formed from the bark of trees, were erected as means of shelter; but man, becoming more cultivated in his tastes, combined ornament with utility, and plans became gradually more elegant until architecture reached its acme in the Gothic style, which involves the skill of the mathematician, the inspiration of the poet and the artist, with the grace of the saint. The faultless Pantheon at Rome is the perfection of Pagan architecture, St. Peter's, of the Roman style: the Cathedrals of Milan, Cologne, etc., of the Gothic. Within the sacred walls of each are elaborate paintings, rich in design and execution, for this beautiful and comprehensive branch of the Fine Arts embraces painting and sculpture, in fact, architecture might be styled a counterpart of each, while, still further, it deeply involves the higher mathematics. We find the various sciences interwoven in an intricate web in these grand cathedrals and basilicas. In the history of architecture we find its great master, Michael Angelo, possessing the united skill of all the architects from the time of Pericles. We find him at home in all branches pertaining to his art,—in history, poetry, and optics. Thus we see, through all ages, that the cultivation of the fine arts not only tends to expand and develop the intellect, but at the same time moulds and refines the heart. Yet a noble edifice no matter how complete its workmanship, is lacking unless its niches are filled with elegant sculpture and its walls ornamented with rich paintings. Be it so. The above named sciences suggest, and the fine arts realize these delicate decorations. By them the soul of man is elevated to the highest and purest aspirations, and is made susceptible of the most complete refinement.

True culture imparts a renewed likeness to the Godhead. It is, in one sense, creative, for genius is its outgrowth, and it is the mark of genius to lead the mind into new and unexplored realities of intellectual power. Science and Faith, we see, are twin graces which always go hand in hand. The encouragement of the one invites the approach, much less fathom; mysteries intelligible to God alone. He who in His infinite goodness bestows upon each and every one of us intellectual endowments and understanding, had some wise end in view for so doing. Everything created has its final end to attain. We are ultimately responsible for all these great gifts. We must strive to reach perfection at least in some degree. Science, when guided by noble motives, promotes moral superiority; influences not only individuals, but societies and nations, to appreciate what is lofty in its character. In short, it elevates the general tone of society and fixes a generous charity, a noble standard of refinement. Let us never forget the words of the metaphysical poet, Alexander Pope:

Trust not yourself; but your defects to know,
Make use of every friend, and every foe.
A little learning is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring;
There, shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely sober it again!

M. JULIUS.

The Church of St. Eusebius.

Of modern archaeologists none are more devoted in their work or more successful in their discoveries than M. Rossi. In his work, prosecuted as it has been for years, many valuable discoveries in Sacred Archæology have been made. Among these, one of the most important was that made a short time ago in the Church of St. Eusebius, lately doomed to destruction by the present robber-rulers of Rome.

The Church of St. Eusebius is known to be one of the most ancient in the Eternal City. It was in the time of Constantius, the son of Constantine, on the lot of the priest Eusebius, who suffered martyrdom for his defence of Catholic dogma against the Arians. In a very ancient catalogue, "de Titulis Urbis," written in the time of St. Gelasius, about the year 494, mention is made of a certain Valentine, archpriest, of the title of St. Eusebius upon the Esquilin. In this catalogue, published by Panvino & Ciacceno, we read: "Valentinus archipresbyter in titulo S. Eusehii in Esquiline." At a council at Rome, held in the year 498, a priest, Symmachus, signifies himself also tituli S. Eusebii. Hence it was evident that the Church of St. Eusebius existed at the close of the fifth century. But M. Rossi, upon the strength of an inscription which he recently discovered in the cemetery of Saints Peter and Marcellinus, proves that this title was erected under the pontificate of Pope St. Liberius, towards the middle of the fourth century. The inscription is worded thus:

OLIPi
LECTORIS DE
D. EVSEBI
LOCVS EST

which means: "Olympi, Lectoris de Dominico Eusebii Locus est;" and in English: "Here lie the remains of Olympius, Lector of the Church of Saint Eusebius." Now the word dominicum meant in ancient times the house of God, the church. There is also another very ancient inscription, "N. Acolyto a Domino Clementi;" viz. N. Acolyte of St. Clement's Church. Now, says Mr. Rossi, it has been clearly established in archæology that the word dominicum, given to the primitive churches, had ceased to be in use towards the middle of the fourth century, being replaced by the name of titulis or basilicas, which names have come down to us. In fact, all the documents which we know speak of priests, lectors, acolytes, etc., "tituli seu Basilicae S. Eusebi, S. Clementi, etc."

Thus by the discovery of the word dominicum engraved upon ancient monuments, and, as in this case, bestowed upon the Church of Saint Eusebius, we may safely conclude that they can be traced at least back to the middle of the fourth century, which proves that this church was already extant before that epoch.
On Sunday, Sept. 3d, the German national holiday, a monument to Karl Wilhelm, the composer of the "Wacht am Rhein," was unveiled at Crefeld.

A new life of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the most elaborate yet written, has just appeared in Paris, from the pen of Grangros Lacosta.

Herr Von Bilow is said to be leading a very retired life in Baden-Baden, avoiding all society. It is uncertain when and whether he will resume his professional career.

The private life of Schiller, the first volume of which has been written, with the aid of his letters, by Edward L. Pierce, and will appear in two volumes early in November.

An effort is being made by a London publisher to compete with the cheap, unwholesome literature of the day by the republication of good, healthy books at a cheap price.

Judge Biddle of the Supreme Court of Indiana has invented a musical instrument somewhat like a violin, and called a tetrachord. It may be made in different sizes, so that twelve instruments will constitute a full string band.

Theodore Thomas, in accepting a testimonial in Cincinnati, said: "My experience this summer in the larger cities of the West has fully demonstrated my belief that all we need to give musical art a home in this country is large halls and popular prices."

A Scotch clergyman, Dean Christie, has recently published a volume of the "Traditional Ballad Airs" of Scotland, with a view of accommodating the ballads to present use by expunging objectionable passages, and "epitomizing" those long drawn out.

The models employed for the picture that Holman Hunt has in hand in Jerusalem took it into their heads that they suffered from the effects of the "evil eye," and, pending recovery, declined to sit again. A new set of models has been engaged, and so the work goes on without much delay.

Mr. T. B. Aldrich is a very popular author in Germany; nearly all his writings have been translated for the delectation of the Germans. Carl Brunn, in the "Illustrierte Deutsche Monatsschrift," calls him "the most charming of American humorists," and says that he "has a marvelous gift for details."

London has had several marked dramatic failures already this season. A dramatization of Wilkie Collins's "Dead Secret," with Kate Bateman in the principal part, was unsuccessful at the Lyceum. George Fawcett Rowe, who calls him "the most charming of American humorists," and says that he "has a marvelous gift for details."

Bingley inquiry in the Monthly Review says, 'To trace the origin of man to the ape, in the following manner. Human beings (Die Menschen) are the only creatures who possess a nervous system, in the region of the head have attained their perfect development. With the "Pitheciidae" (a kind of apes) the respiratory organs, the ear and the region around the breast, are chiefly developed, which means that they represent (among the quadrupeds) most purely the bird-type (Vogeltypus); or, what means the same, the bat type (Pledermontypus). Anyone understanding this will never stumble over the crazy idea that out of an animal with most developed respiratory pectoral and auricular organs a being can be moulded with head, eyes and nervous system so fully developed and which is called man. Not one thousand but millions of modifications would be needed to construct out of an ape the most inferior human shape. Nature was so created as to design first a spinal cord, then the head, and finally the heart, lungs, and brain, while the brain itself was not given as a form or as finite the form of a magnificent temple."

The theater at Dresden, which replaces the exquisite old theater that was destroyed and which is called Maria Theresia. The theater has become celebrated since re-exposure to the atmosphere.

The first anniversary of Wagner's Bayreuth festival, the artists who had participated in it received silver medals from the composer.

Mr. Theodore Thomas, says the London Academy of Sept. 8th, "has done more than any other man for good music across the Atlantic."
is expected to remain abroad until he has completed the
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Church Music.

"We must not," says Plato, "judge of music by the pleasure it affords, nor prefer that kind which has no other object than pleasure, but that which contains in itself a resemblance to the beautiful." Now the beautiful has an absolute existence, and cannot vary; but pleasure is a matter of opinion, and changes according to the times, the nations and the customs, and hence cannot be the beautiful. Whatever, then, exalts the soul of man above the transient pleasures of the world, whatever calms it in its troubles, whatever banishes from it the cares and strife of life, whatever purifies it from the corruptions of the flesh, whatever cultivates in it the seeds of virtue—in short, whatever raises it to God, must partake, not of the mere faculty of producing pleasure, but must partake of the beautiful. Now music does this, but in different degrees. Hence music is founded on the beautiful.

All should cultivate the love of the beautiful, whether in poetry, music or art, and as God is the great Architect of all beauty it should be cultivated for His honor and glory. Our holy mother Church has always fostered this love for the beautiful. She has made the brush of the artist and the chisel of the sculptor reproduce the scenes which were enacted in Judea when Cæsar Augustus ruled the world. She has guided the almost inspired pen of the poet to write in glowing verse the majesty and mercy of her Divine Spouse, and the musician has hung with joy and gladness his harp upon her altar.

It is apparent to all that that style of music which inspires the listener with the greatest devotion is the style of music which should be used in the church. What is known as "figured music" has its charms and its beauties—aye, great beauties. Who that has listened to the opera can deny this? But the greatest feeling experienced by the listener is that of pleasure. His whole soul is, as it were, laved with the intoxicating pleasure of the melody of sweet sounds. It revels in pleasure until it is drunk with earthly joy or sadness—for sadness is sometimes, produced from pleasure. But it cannot produce devotion, for it is born of the earth, and can produce only what is "of the earth, earthy." Hence in our churches, where we wish to be inspired with devotion and to have our souls translated to heaven, "figured music" is out of place.

The Church, for the purpose of inspiring us with devotion, with the spirit of piety, has adopted another style of music as her own, which is known by the name of Gregorian, so named after Gregory the Great, who introduced it throughout the whole Church.

Not only in various passages of the New Testament, but in the writings of Lucian and Pliny the Younger, both pagan authors, we learn that there was the practice among the early Christians of singing the praises of God. Justin Martyr; St. Ignatius, a contemporary of the Apostles; Origen, and the early Fathers of the Church, also testify to this practice among the Christians, and this before their religion was recognized before the law. We are not in possession of any specimen of this music, but it is the probable opinion of authors generally that, except in Palestine and among the Hebrew converts, the method of singing first introduced by the Church was similar to that used for ages among the Greeks and Romans. In proof of this, authors adduce the versification used by the early Christians, and argue from the similarity of the metres with the pagan odes the similarity of the music. That there was between the music of the Christians and of the people a great similarity is claimed to have been especially true in the Eastern Church, where music was introduced into the liturgy at an earlier period than in the Western Church. This practice grew into a system, and in the age of Constantine the Great a regular choir and method of singing was established in the Church at Antioch. This method of singing was based on that employed by the Greeks, and formed the model of all Christian chant.

In the reign of Theodosius the Great, St. Ambrose, then Archbishop of Milan, ordered that the psalms and hymns should be sung in his churches after the Eastern manner, "in order," says St. Augustine, "that the people might not pine away with a tedious sorrow." What, then, is known as the Ambrosian Chant—and which has been held as the foundation of all church song—was the method derived through the Eastern Church from the Greeks, and St. Ambrose has the honor of first introducing it into the West.

The whole congregation joined with the choir in singing the Ambrosian Chant, yet we are so little acquainted with it now that we are unable to speak of its character any more than to say that it was constructed on the ancient Greek tetrachords, and embraced but four authentic notes. In the beginning, the Ambrosian music was limited almost to the singing of the psalms and doxologies, for it was apprehended among the early Fathers of the Church that heretical doctrines might creep into the Church by the use of original hymns. Nevertheless we meet with some original hymns composed for use in the Western Church. St. Ambrose himself composed the Te Deum, and it was habitually sung in his churches.

It was the intention of St. Ambrose to break the monotony of the church services by the introduction of a music which, though founded on the rules of art, should be of such a simple character as to render it easy and familiar to the people. St. Augustine, who was baptized in the church
of St. Ambrose, speaks with praise of the impression made upon him by the singing of the psalms and hymns by the people.

The Ambrosian Chant was used in the Western churches until about the year 590, when the method adopted by St. Gregory the Great superseded it. The Gregorian Chant was based mainly on the Ambrosian. To the four authentic or principal modes, St. Gregory, for variety and the convenience of the voice, added the plagal or collateral modes. His intention was to drive from the church all rhythmic singing, because he considered this as too lively for the occasion and the place, and to do this he substituted his own chant, called Canto Fermo, the gravity and simplicity of which he judged to be more suited to the solemn ceremonies of the Church. At Rome he established a school of instruction in which for three centuries the Canto Fermo was taught.

Though the Gregorian Chant is monotonous and extreme in its simplicity, yet on account of its simplicity, its grandeur and its dissimilitude to secular music it has been retained in the files of the Church, and more especially during the season of Lent it may be heard in all its ancient glory. In many churches no music other than Gregorian is allowed, though in most churches, outside the season of Lent, a less monotonous mode of singing is permitted. With all our prejudices against a music based upon a different system from that now used, we cannot fail to discover in it great beauty of character and a grand variety of expression.

Ritter, in his "History of Music," says: "In the Gregorian Chant notes of equal value accompanied the different syllables; but it cannot be said that it was void of all rhythm, as, in execution, the proper accents of the words were always considered. St. Gregory certainly chose this manner of chanting as being more majestic, more solemn, more adapted to the worship of a large Christian congregation. Although apparently monotonous, the Gregorian Chant bore within itself the germ of a more melodious independence than the so much praised Greek music, as it did not follow the syllables in such a slavish manner; for we already find groups of many notes sung as ornaments upon certain vowels, principally at the close of sentences in Masses, hymns, and psalms. The great influence and importance of the Gregorian Chant in music regarded as the modern Christian art, cannot be too highly estimated. A freer tone-life began to reveal itself in the art of song under St. Gregory: from the life of sentiment, deepened and enriched by the inspiring influence of Christianity, sprang a more independent tone speech. A tone-language, indeed, in which faith, belief, and feeling, expressed themselves in such a manner, that, in St. Gregory's time, it was said that the holy man had received from a higher spiritual world the power of creating such songs." The Gregorian Chant is the central point from which all other compositions for the Catholic Church proceeded, and upon which they rested. The classic forms of the old Masses, motets and hymns, including the works of Palestrina and his school, sprang from the Gregorian Chant. In fact, it will remain the foundation of all true Catholic Church-music.

In the sixteenth century, as now, the music sung in our churches had degenerated into pleasing, instead of devotional song. But God raised up a reformer of music, as he raised up the great St. Charles Borromeo to reform the ceremonies of the Church, in the person of Giovanni Pietro Alloia of Palestina. In the earlier years of his life Palestina composed his masses after the manner of his time, but being asked to compose a Mass in a simpler style he produced his celebrated "Mass of Pope Marcellus." In this Mass he took for his model the Gregorian, harmonized the Chant and arranged it for four voices. The production of this Mass in Rome created a complete revolution in church music. The flowers which were scattered throughout the hymns of the Church were cast aside and given over to secular music, to which they rightly belong.

It is related that the Pope, who was present when the "Mass of Pope Marcellus" was rendered, could compare the music of this Mass only to the heavenly melodies heard by St. John in his Apocalyptic vision.

It is to foster and encourage the introduction into our churches of this venerable music of the Church, a music which has received the homage of the greatest intellects of the musical world, that the Society of St. Gregory has been lately started in this country. May it achieve the success it undoubtedly deserves.

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Personal.

—W. F. McClain, of '69, is practicing law at Henderson, Ky.
—Jasper Mount (Commercial, of '88) is doing well at Hopedale, Ill.
—Rev. James Herbert, of Detroit, spent several days here this week.
—Dr. H. D. Rodman, of '67, is practicing medicine at Cedar Grove, Ky.
—We were honored with a visit from T. A. Dailey, of '74, on Wednesday.
—Clarence Roos (Commercial, of '76) spent several days at Notre Dame on a visit.
—J. W. Burke (Commercial, of '77) is clerking in a clothing store at Lincoln, Ill.
—John Reitz (Commercial, of '70) is proprietor of a saw manufactory at Evansville, Ind.
—Martin B. Synth (Commercial, of '77) is keeping books for M. J. Howley at Cairo, Ill.
—N. Monard (Commercial, of '68) is residing at Tremont, Ill. He is interested in a silver mine in Colorado.
—W. J. Pullertou (Commercial, of '76) has received an appointment as cadet, and has entered the Military Academy at West Point.
—Patrick J. O'Meara (Commercial, of '74) is now residing at Delmar, Iowa, where, according to latest accounts, he is doing exceedingly well.
—We are pleased to chronicle the return from Lafayette to Notre Dame of Bro. Alban, for the past seven years prefect in the Senior Department.
—Bro. Francis de Siles, for the past three years engaged in teaching at Notre Dame, has gone to Lafayette, Ind., to take charge of the Academy at that place.
—James E. Hagerty (Commercial, of '76) is keeping books for his father. We were sorry to hear that he had an attack of intermittent fever. At latest accounts he was convalescent.
—Among the visitors of the past week were: Mr. John O'Hara and niece, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mr. Fitzgerald, of Chicago; Mr. W. E. Leonard, of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Miss Foutz, of Burlington, Iowa.
—R. L. Aikin, Commercial, of '68, is residing at Tremont, Ill. He is interested in a silver mine in Colorado.
—Dr. A. M. Owen, of '67, is one of the leading physicians of Evansville, Ind. He is also Professor of the Principles and Practice of Surgery in the Medical College of Evansville.
—The Doctor is married, and is the happy father of a daughter.
Local Items.

—What has become of the Quartette Club?
—The Band members are prompt at rehearsals.
—The societies have made large accessions to their ranks.
—The monthly bulletins will be made out next Wednesday.
—Alley-bow does not seem to be much of a favorite just now.
—There is no falling off in the number of visitors to Notre Dame.
—The footballs on the Campus are pretty thoroughly kicked.
—The Junior canary departed this life on the morning of the 26th.
—The musical soirees will take place monthly, as in former years.
—The Philomatheans intend publishing their "Standard" regularly.
—The secretaries of societies should be prompt in sending in their reports.
—All communications to the Scholastic should be sent in early in the week.
—The moonlight evenings for some time past were as beautiful as could be wished.
—The Nimrods began work a week ago. A trip to the St. Joe Farm was made by them.
—Don’t some of the readers in the Junior refectory pause a little too long between the sentences?
—The steam-pipes are now only waiting for the cold weather to come and put them in service.
—So far the number of MSS. taken from the box in the hall has not caused us to perspire a great deal.
—Good students are like good business men—they mind their own business and do not idle their time.
—The regular weekly declamation will begin in the Junior refectory to-morrow evening after tea.
—In addition to "The Cross of St. John," the Thespians will, on the 13th of October, play "Do you know me now?"
—Readers in the refectories should sit up straight, and read in a loud, clear voice, so as to be heard in all parts of the chamber.
—The scar and yellow leaf is now in order. The maples are beginning to change their colors from green to scarlet and gold.
—Everyone interested in sending or receiving papers should recall that postmasters will not send them unless prepaid in full.
—"Youatt on the horse"—"Harris on the pig"! We’ll bet our boots on the pig—give him a chance and he’ll be sure to win the race.
—There has been very little fishing done this fall. There have been a number of fine monuments erected lately, notably that placed by B. Xavier.
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—The arrival of the "Corporal" caused quite a sensation in the Junior yard last week. He is bale and hearty, and was reported for active service last Thursday.

—The game of baseball between the Pie-eaters and the Pelicans on Wednesday was very exciting. B. Bruno, the Junior refectorian, treated the winning nine to a lunch.
—Baseball on Wednesday: Pie-eaters, 11—Pelicans, 9; 3d nine Mutuals, 15—3d nine Young Americans, 9; Enterprise, 20—Star of the East, 9; Minutis, 38—Junior picked nine, 12.
—The members of the Thespiian Society intend making their mark at their first Entertainment. By the way, we think their first will be a taking one, as it will be short and sweet.
—The usual out-door sports will take place on the 13th of October. By the way, we hear that O’Leary, the pedes­trian, will come over from Chicago to see the foot-races on that day.
—B. Xavier, in the building just east of the Infirmary, has on hand a fine collection of choice lace pictures. He has his store-room opened on Wednesdays from 9 to 10 o’clock a.m.
—Could not the Boat Club get up a scrub-race for the 13th? Say, for instance, they get two crews, among whom there are none who have ever handled an oar, to row one length of the lake.
—About thirty or forty Juniors were out prospecting on Wednesday. They returned with a large quantity of grapes. They expect to reap a rich harvest of papaws and nuts within a few weeks.
—The regular rehearsals of the Orchestra began on the 26th, and will take place every Wednesday morning at 9 o’clock. There is no organization in the house to which we wish more success than the Orchestra.
—The psalms to be sung at Vespers to-morrow are: 1, Dixit Dominus; 2, Confideri; 3, Beatus Vir; 4, Laudate, pueri; 5, Memento, Domine, David. The hymn is Ide Cons­fessor. Let everyone take his Vesperal with him.
—Some of the Juniors have been wishing that the scrappers so busy on their walks would now turn carters. We are afraid that there will be one prefect less in the department unless such a change takes place. Joe, however, says as long as he lives there will be no danger to the pre­fect.
—The regular meeting of the St. Stanislaus Philo­mathean Society took place Thursday evening, Sept. 19th. Masters Reitz and McNellis were elected members. The Society was honored by a visit from Bro. Leander, who is tended to several declamations by Masters Sievers, Scanlan, and Pleins.
—The Atlantics seem to have a strong team this year. They have succeeded in vanquishing the two strongest clubs in the Junior and Senior departments. It is said that the pitcher is a phenomenon, and that his delivery is such that the best batters fail to make more than one or two base hits in a game.
—The fourth regular meeting of the St. Cecilia Philo­mathean Association was held last Tuesday. The following delivered declamations: Messrs. A. Widdicomb, A. J. Burger, F. McGrath, J. Healy, and C. Hagan. Essays were read by Messrs. Bloom and J. Keenan. Master Jones was elected a member of the Association.
—The graveyard, bordering on the road leading to the College from South Bend, is improving in looks every year. B. Xavier takes pride in keeping the lawns, walks, hedges and shrubbery in good order. There have been a number of fine monuments erected lately, notably that placed by the President Corby, Rev. Fathers Walsh, Kelly, and Zahm, and Bros. Leander, Paul, Lawrence and Philip, who are present. In the first combat, Ad. Widdicomb's side won; in the second, Chas. Hagan, of John Healy's side, spelled down their mark at their first Entertainment. By the way, we hear that O'Leary, the pedes­trian, will come over from Chicago to see the foot-races on that day.
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—Those thoughtful people who for the past few years have tied their horses to the fine maple near the Infirmary building, may now have the satisfaction of knowing that they have at last succeeded in their benevolent and aesthetic purpose. The tree is now about completely girdled, and will undoubtedly offend the eye with its green leaves no more.
—The students in the Junior Department held a grand spelling-bee on Monday evening last, at which Very Rev. President Corby, Rev. Fathers Walsh, Kelly, and Zahm, and Bros. Leander, Paul, Lawrence and Philip, were present. In the first combat, Ad. Widdicomb's side won; in the second, Chas. Hagan, of John Healy's side, spelled down over one hundred young gentlemen.
THE NOTRE DAME SCHOLASTIC.

—The Columbian Literary and Debating Club is now in a flourishing condition. At the third regular meeting Mr. Fitzgerald was elected Vice-President and Mr. Claggett Secretary. Secretaries of the Literary Club, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. John and Timothy were elected honorary members. Declarations were delivered by Messrs. Fitzgerald and Claggett, and essays were read by Messrs. Fischel and Keenan.

—We welcome to our sanctuary the first number of the Niagara Index, the lively and vigorous exponent of the Seminary of Our Lady of the Angels, Niagara Falls. We have every reason to believe that the Index will continue to sustain, as it has in the past, with ability, the fair fame it represents. So far it is the only Catholic college paper which has reached us.

—The following are the crews for the race of the 13th of October—Hinawla: J. Coleman, stroke; P. Mattimore, captain and second; M. McCue, third; P. Hogan, fourth; V. McCinnon, fifth; J. Quinn, sixth; J. G. Ewing,coxswain. Minnehaha: L. D. Murphy, captain and stroke; J. Hoffman, second; J. Houck, third; J. Knobel, fourth; W. O'Connell, fifth; J. Perez, sixth; J. McGough, coxswain.

—The Juniors are desolate. At nine o'clock precisely, on Tuesday morning, little Donatus breathed his last. No more will the ears of the jolly Juniors be charmed by the warbling of the little canary,—his songs have ceased forevermore; an angel pure and fair! The loss to the Junior department is doubly felt, inasmuch as Donatus's little companion, Crowny, the gift of a kind lady of Fort Wayne, made his escape a few weeks ago, and it is hoped that the students' office can procure the atonement of a copy of the Kyriale and the Vesperal. There is no charge for them, but they are to be returned before the student leaves for home. Let everyone get these books, sing from them, keep them in good condition, and return them before Commencement-day. If a student is not a singer he can use these books to follow, while others about him sing, and he will find the time pass much quicker.

—At a meeting of the Mutual Baseball Club the following officers were elected: Bro. Leauder, Director; Bro. Paul, President; C. Hagan, Vice-President; C. Walsh, Captain, R. Keenan, Secretary and Treasurer; W. Cox, Censor. The positions are as follows: G. Sugg, catcher; C. Hagan, pitcher; W. Cox, inositol; L. Sievers, first base; A. Widdicombe, 2d base; C. Walker, 3d base; C. Walsh, left-field; R. Keenan, centre-field; L. Garceau, right-field. The positions are as follows: G. Sugg, catcher; C. Hagan, pitcher; W. Cox, inositol; L. Sievers, first base; A. Widdicombe, 2d base; C. Walker, 3d base; C. Walsh, left-field; R. Keenan, centre-field; L. Garceau, right-field.

—The Atlanticites beat the Mutuals by a score of 10 to 9, on the 28th. We would print the full text, but it property written out for us. The score by innings was:

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—Practice in church music has commenced, but of course little could be done in so short a time after the opening of the session. Next week the arrangements for classes will be completed, and we hope for a rapid progress in this to some seemingly unimportant but really very important matter. It is intended, we believe, to have two divisions in the classes: one for such beginners as do not understand music, where the rudiments will be taught; the other for the more advanced pupils, for the practice of the masses, hymns, etc. We have no doubt that the professors of music will have their heart in the work, and will spare no pains or labor on their part for success in the matter, and it is plainly to the interest of all who have good voices to place themselves under instruction. Proper booklets can be had at the students' office a copy of the Kyriale and the Vesperal. There is no charge for them, but they are to be returned before Commencement day. If a student is not a singer he can use these books to follow, while others about him sing, and he will find the time pass much quicker.

—The following are the crews for the race of the 13th of October—Hinawla: J. Coleman, stroke; P. Mattimore, captain and second; M. McCue, third; P. Hogan, fourth; V. McCinnon, fifth; J. Quinn, sixth; J. G. Ewing, coxswain. Minnehaha: L. D. Murphy, captain and stroke; J. Hoffman, second; J. Houck, third; J. Knobel, fourth; W. O'Connell, fifth; J. Perez, sixth; J. McGough, coxswain.

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Answers to Correspondents.

[Our vacation correspondence was voluminous, owing to the boys having had little else to do than to write letters. Some few of them contain a vestige of common sense, and we will take the present opportunity of answering their questions.]

Genealogist.—Yes; John Jacob Astor was the lineal descendant of Mollie Bawn Astor. Bawn was her maiden name, which she retained after marriage with Mr. Astor, like Harriet Beecher Stowe, and other distinguished females of antiquity. Astor dropped the silent e from his name through a conviction of its utter worthlessness, and removed the accent to the first syllable because of its equivalence to a beast of burden, wherefore he thought it would be better able to bear the stress.

Ophthalmologist.—Chimney-swallows are so called from their
habit of swallowing chimneys. Barn-swallows—but not there is a limit to all things; and we must draw the line somewhere, you know.

Darwin.—The difficulty of finding the missing link between humanity and the brute was successfully grappled with by Shakespeare, centuries ago. Read his "Timon of Athens," and you will find the missing link in the character of Ape-man-tus.

Veterinarius.—Your question: "Do horses have corns?" may be answered by analogy. Oxen have corns, otherwise we could have no coined beef. Now corns are produced by tight shoes, and if oxen, which wear no shoes, can have corns, much more, or, à fortiori, as we say in Logic, should horses, which are always shod as tightly as possible, have corns. But ask your mare.

Léaue.—You have been looking up a French school book in use some years ago, and you find in a vocabulary headed: "Les sons des animaux," or, "Sounds of Animals," and under such specimens as "the horse neighs" and "the dove coos," a final remark to the effect that "the hen lays eggs"; and you are inclined to be captious as to the propriety of the remark in that place. But you must reflect that eggs are always sound when newly laid.

Troubadour.—You ask who wrote: "The trail of the sunshine, over the flowery beauties of the American Atlantic MontMy..." It is a parody anyhow. Some years ago, there appeared in the Atlantic Monthly a number of articles all gloating, more or less, over the floral beauties of the American spring season; and our poet, wishing to compliment the writer or writers, composed some commendatory verses, in which occurs the striking line: "The trail of the sunshine, over the flowery beauties of the American Atlantic MontMy..." Hence the parody.

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MINOR DEPARTMENT.


MINIM DEPARTMENT.


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

COMMERCIAL 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 were held monthly in course of Exams.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.


St. Mary's Academy.

—The readers of Sunday evening were the Misses B. Wilson and Mary Way, in English; Miss Anna McGrath in French; and Miss Ada Kirchner in German. After the reading, Very Rev. Father General remarked one circumstance, more or less, over the floral beauties of the American spring season; and our poet, wishing to compliment the writer or writers, composed some commendatory verses, in which occurs the striking line: "The trail of the sunshine, over the flowery beauties of the American Atlantic MontMy..." Hence the parody.

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11:32 a.m., Mail, over Main Line, arrives at Toledo 5:50 a.m.; Cleveland 10:30 p.m.; Buffalo 5:20 a.m.

7:16 p.m., Special New York Express, over Air Line; arrives at Toledo 10:54 p.m.; Cleveland 1:44 a.m.; Buffalo 6:44 a.m.

9:13 p.m., Atlantic Express, over Air Line. Arrives at Toledo 2:54 a.m.; Cleveland 7:54 a.m.; Buffalo 1:52 p.m.

4:38 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Way Freight.

**GOING WEST.**

2:43 a.m., Toledo Express. Arrives at Laporte 3:35 a.m.; Chicago 6:00 a.m.

9:05 a.m., Pacific Express. Arrives at Laporte 5:50 a.m.; Chicago 2:25 a.m.

4:38 p.m., Special Chicago Express. Arrives at Laporte 5:35; Chicago 8:00 p.m.

8:03 a.m., Accommodation. Arrives at Laporte 9:00 a.m.; Chicago 11:30 a.m.

8:45 and 9:35 a.m., Way Freight.

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**CONDEMED TIME TABLE.**

JUNE 24, 1877.

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Cor. Canal and Madison Sts. (West Side).

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