The January Thaw.

I've seen thousands and thousands of Januarys, and I
never saw one without a thaw yet.—Lady of Very Uncertain Age.

RECATIVLLO.
Let others sing the joys of Spring,
Or Autumn's glories feebly bring
Before our satiated gaze,
Familiar with their works and ways,
Such worn-out themes suit poets raw:
I sing the January thaw.

ARIA.
The cold snap is o'er and the breezes
From southerly regions blow;
No longer the wayfarer freezes
Though the earth be still covered with snow.
Its texture enables the boys
To mould that soft missile, which pelted,
The pompous too often annoys.

The snow with its ice-letters busted*
Descends from the roof with a rush,
The boys from the lake come disgusted
Unable to skate in the slush.
When Numia Pompilius invented
This month as the gate of the year,
Egeria kindly consented
To make it a month of good cheer:
"Though Borea" reigns at that season.
Some days we will snatch from his law;
The zephyr she breathes is the reason
Assigned for the regular thaw.

Justin Thyme.

* The r in this word adds nothing to its force, but rather detracts from it; so that energetic persons usually omit it, and the poet has judiciously followed their example.

The French Revolution.

T. E. STEELE, '84.

III.

The Uprising of the People.

But to make a constitution, many things are required. It is a building up by the people, through many patient years, of a general scheme for National Government. It is the expression of heart-deep tradition, custom, faith. But 1789 was not the time for building up in France. Intrepid representatives might declare that the old order had passed away; the people knew it had not. To deprive the king of a veto, sounded all well enough; but would it ever affect the price of black bread? The tiers-état might, indeed, be called the Constituent Assembly; but its mission—if mission it had—was to aid in the great tearing down. It is, therefore, of little interest to the real student of history to trace the interminable hair-splitting in that great assembly, over the making of a paper constitution for revolutionary France; unless it be to notice the division into parties—president of the National Assembly.

For the present, let us leave the crowded, noisy hall, and find ourselves in the streets of Paris. It was now the early summer, 1789. Everywhere was there to be noticed a tendency of men to gather in groups, and often, for the better obtaining of political information, to loiter in and about Versailles. The gardens of the Palais Royal were a favorite rendezvous for the vicious and desperate of all descriptions. These gardens, as it happened, adjoined the palace of the Duke of Orleans; and his disfavor at court, his supposed ambition, and his enormous wealth led many to believe that he was instrumental in collecting and inflaming large mobs of vicious persons, hoping to bring on a general anarchy, and obtain for himself the quasi dicta worship of France. It is simply ridiculous to notice how at every turn in affairs poor Orleans was held to blame. It is pitiful to think that anyone could gravely believe that an unpopular prince, by the aid of a few million francs, could incite twenty-five million people to a blood-thirsty revolution. Be that as it may, the crowds who gathered daily at the Palais Royal and adjoining coffee-houses were, above all others, the men who hurried France to revolution.
On the 30th of June, some soldiers of the Royal Guard, infected by the political excitement of Paris, were imprisoned, for insubordination, in the l'Abbé prison. At once the excited multitude—some four thousand strong—marched from the Palais Royal to the prison, liberating the soldiers in triumph. True, there were subsequently some formalities between the king and the assembly to indicate martial discipline: but far more clearly was revealed the power of the people; the power of the mob. The sudden accession of great authority will sober a man; it will intoxicate a people.

Accordingly, a week or so later, we come upon the “Days of July.” On the 11th, Necker, the Genevoise Controller of Finances, received his dismissal from the king; the patriotic ministry were succeeded by enemies of the people—De Breteuil, De Broglie, and Foulon, who said the people: “could live on grass.” At the same time, troops were arriving from the provinces to Paris, and rapidly concentrated in the Champ de Mars and the Place Louis Quinze. The wilder excitement at once prevailed; despotism, thought the Parisians, is once more to triumph! At the Palais Royal, when the news arrived of Necker’s dismissal and the succession of bitter aristocrats to the council board of the king, Camille Desmoulin, a young orator of the day, harangued the excited people. Plucking a leaf to wear as a cockade, and shouting “To arms!” he led the way from the gardens to Paris. At once trees were torn down to furnish cockades—emblematic of nature as triumphing over the artificiality of ages; emblematic, too, of hope.

And now that vast, angry crowd began its journey; who knew whither? From some depository of busts they found the images of Necker and the Duke of Orleans, which, draped in mourning, they carried in the front of the procession. Meanwhile, hardly knowing why they were marching, they spread over the many streets of Paris; crossing the Rue St. Honoré they met a detachment of the French Guards—ever-hateful to the people. And then began a scene of confusion and blundering seldom equalled. The guards fired into the people, killing, among others, a soldier of the French Guards; this, in turn, precipitated an exchange of shots between the two regiments, both of whom had been relied on to act together in quieting the people. And then the German commander, with scarce believable imbecility, led a terrific charge on the people assembled in the gardens of the Tuileries. For victims, one poor, old school-master was beaten down by the sword; while the people, driven before foreign bayonets, were rushing like mad-men over Paris, clamoring for arms. To the Hotel De Ville, where the Parisian electors were deliberating; hence to every armourer’s shop they rush demanding arms. Meanwhile, the municipality of Paris, with some semblance of people-given authority, was formed, and a sort of National Guard provided for. At the same time, the Provost Flesselles promised, on the following day, large quantities of arms to the people. Calmed by this promise, they awaited the morrow (the 13th).

And lo! good Flesselles had fulfilled his promise: here were many boxes marked “Artillerie.” Alas! once opened, the boxes contain merely rags! What are the people to do? Seemingly betrayed on every hand, shall they live or die? Whitened with the fear of terrible vengeance, knowing no power, save their own, which had not betrayed them, the mob roam wildly over the city: to convents where there is plenty of grain, but destitution of muskets; to the Parisian arsenal, where nothing is found but a few helmets and spears (a relic of feudal days), and a cannon, presented long ago by the King of Siam to the Grand Mosque. Let patriotism—ironically called sansculottism—in nowise be frightened. In the great city of Paris there must be many arms, if they can only be found. Meanwhile, the smiths are working night and day—all other work in Paris suspended. Streets were torn up, trenches opened, and preparations made to resist a siege. Distrust and terror ruled supreme.

Then day and night succeeded each the other, and there dawned the 14th of July. Already fifty thousand pikes had been provided; and now from old M. de Sombreuil was obtained some thirty thousand muskets. Patriotism was armed; was ready for the conflict. But where was the foe to be conquered? Aimlessly enough they wandered about the city, till there arose the cry of “A la Bastille! Yes, to the Bastille, furnishing with its many guns over the city—the stronghold of tyranny, the fortress of despotism! Let us, rushing hither, search its arsenal, mount at its port-holes friends of the people, and begin in deadly earnest the work of revolution!”

Accordingly, the great multitude rushed hither, filled at once with terrible dread and the sense of irresponsible power. Who can ever hope to describe that famous scene, the storming of the Bastille? Imagine the great city, nervous with the fear, wrath and excitement of three days and nights; everywhere all work suspended; men and women flying madly through the streets—and all of them towards the Bastille. There the great furnishing fortress, with its nine draw-bridges, secure from the mob; around about it 100,000 men, armed with pikes and muskets, among them the silver cannon already mentioned (a gift from the King of Siam). What but avail arms against walls inaccessible? So parleying began, but came to nothing. The messenger found the place practically ungarrioned, but brave De Launay the commander would never surrender; would rather blow up the fortress with his own hand. Reinforcements from the king arrived, but gladly surrendered their arms to the besiegers, now grown wild with wrath and impatience. For five long hours the great sea of people surged before the prison; now and then lashed into greater fury by the belching cannons above them. Meanwhile, De Launay sat by the magazine, loving honor far better than life, ready to blow the building into a million atoms.

But when five hours had passed away, both general and garrison were willing to yield. Stipulating for their own safety, they lowered the bridges,
and the great multitude rushed into the prison, sallying their triumph by the foul and dishonor-
able slaughter of the chivalrous De Launy and his Swiss guards. So the people triumphed, and from that day till Napoleon’s “whiff of grapeshot” on the “Day of Section” they ruled supreme.

That night, the Duke of ——, taking advantage of his office at the court, made his way to the king’s bedside, and narrated to him the tragic history of the day. “Why!” exclaimed the phlegmatic Louis with a start, “this is a revolt!”

“Sire,” answered the Duke, “it is revolution!”

Yes, here is where the real revolution began—and all France was quick to learn it. Foulon gave out that he was dead; many of the noblesse began to emigrate; the people were supreme. Meanwhile, Bailly, as Mayor of Paris, and Lafayette, as General of the National Guard, began the difficult task of restraining and guiding the power of the people; began, too, the even more difficult task of feeding Paris. Much, indeed, they accomplished, of which we shall speak hereafter; much, too, they failed to accomplish.

On the 27th of July, Foulon was discovered alive, was seized by the people, grass thrust into his mouth, and brought for judgment to Paris. Through the influence of Lafayette, he was brought for regular trial to the Hotel De Ville, and a respite, but for the old man’s imprudence in applauding, obtained. As it was, he was seized, hurried to the lanterne and hung. Meanwhile, his son-in-law, brought a prisoner to Paris, was shown the head of his father-in-law, interrupted in his very reasonable defense (he had been a tax-collector, and claimed always to have acted under authority), and hurried like Foulon to a violent death. From this time forth, the lanterne always figures in the scenes of the Revolution. The lanterne and the guillotine! both terrible remedies—yet the disease of France was loathsome and deep-seated; and the remedy, if severe, if administered with nervous haste, was sadly needed. The physicians were not kid-gloved Professors of Moral Philosophy; they were poor, degraded wretches; some of whom, while yet in the provinces, had been living on “meat-husk’s and boiled grass”—a not altogether desirable diet, and yet sometimes more effective than raw meat, to provoke Revolution.

But once in a while there was a scene of passing interest in the Constituent Assembly. On the 4th of August the whole assembly was seized with the popular fervor, and adopted at once sitting the most sweeping resolutions—a bill of rights unparalleled in the history of Europe. Clergy and noblesse, one by one, renounced their feudal rights and possessions; and amid the greatest enthusiasm was their manumint acknowledged, and the next day a Te Deum sung to honor the glorious time. The unfortunate king, however, hesitated about accepting the “Bill of Rights,” thereby not only adding to the popular feeling against the court, but (still more unfortunately for him) causing the assembly to state plainly what else had been only a matter of tacit agreement. Listen how the all-gifted Mirabeau thunders at him from the tribune:

“We have not examined the superiority of the power constituent over the power executive; we have, in some measure, thrown a veil over the question; but if our constituent power is withheld, we shall be obliged to declare it... We should repeat frankly to the king what the fool of Phillip II said to that despicable prince: ‘What would you do, Phillip, if all the world say yes, when you say no?”

A few days later, Necker called for a large loan, reporting France on the verge of bankruptcy. The large number of noble emigrants had taken great amount of coin from out the country; what remained was eagerly hoarded, and a general panic forthwith prevailed. For three days and nights an inextricable debate ensued:—distrust and irresolution prevailing. As usual, Mirabeau came to the rescue; ascending the tribune, he depicted the terrors of bankruptcy, which only the plan of the Minister could avert, and by a sudden burst of eloquence so moved the assembly that the plan was immediately adopted. Meanwhile (October 1789), distrust and dim-shaped terror prevailed among the people. Many of the nobility had fled to the country and were rapidly congregating at Metz, whither it was well known they desired to bring the king. The Parisians, on the other hand, demanded that he should come to Paris. At the same time, the French guards who had once been in attendance on the king demanded to be reinstated; and, but for the influence of Lafayette, would have marched against Versailles. This fact coming to the knowledge of D’Estaing the commander of the life-guards at Versailles, was by him communicated to the authorities of the town. They, in terror of renewed danger, sent at once for the Flander’s Regiment, whose loyalty was unquestioned. Patriotism forthwith raised hue and cry against their coming; but they were, of course, warmly welcomed by the court.

Accordingly, on the second night of October, an entertainment was given by the officers of the life-guards to their newly-arrived comrades at Versailles. In the theatre let us imagine a scene of revelry now ever-historic. Dressed-uniformed officers and bediamonded beauties of the court, whirling together in the maddening dance; beside wine freely flowing, and tongues, once loosened, uttering heart-deep loyalty to the king, inborn contempt for the people. Toasts were proposed and gaily drunk to the king and queen, but the “Nation” despised or forgotten. And then, while the excitement was at its height (with some prudent, however, and the last word entered Louis and Marie Antoinette. The latter gray and care-worn, but the more saddened by the traces of her once marvellous beauty: the king sad and troubled, humiliated by the very populace in his own capital—following slowly after. Was it a wonder that all the chivalry of that gay assembly was awakened, needing but a trifle more to nerve it into action? Nor was that trifle wanting; for, as the royal pair walked sadly round, the band struck up “O Richard! O my king, the world has all forsaken thee!” O mad musician! driving far better men mad! In a moment, the tricolor is trampled under foot, and fair hands have pinned upon a hundred uni-
forms, the loyal white. Oaths are sworn—loyalty to the king and death to the people! Those in the theatre see the walls scaled and themselves rudely hustled. Despotism think they, with reason, is arrogant again. The next day a conflict took place between soldiers and people—the tricolor once more insulted; and then followed a general bitterness where before had been only distrust, between the court and the people. Two days later we come upon the "Insurrection of the Women." We have already mentioned the great difficulty of provisioning Paris. The peasants, suddenly finding all taxes and feudal services abolished, became excessively careless as to the reaping and threshing of the harvest. Even those who had not neglected their labors, infected by the general distrust, endeavored to hide and hoard the grain. And even at Paris, everyone, fearful of starvation, bought and hoarded all the provisions possible.* Both Mayor Bailly and General Lafayette worked at this truly Herculean task of feeding Paris; but too often the greatest scarcity of bread prevailed. Unfortunately, it was in the early days of October, when there existed the greatest political terror and distrust, that a general destitution of food prevailed. On the 6th of October, all the baker shops were closed, and there was no bread for Paris. "What is to be done?" was the question Parisians were asking. "What is to be done, ye wives and mothers? Shall we sit quietly at home, discussing propriety, ourselves meanwhile starving? Shall we see our wan children, pinched with life-hunger, fall famished at our feet? Or shall we demand and wrest from despotism power and food?" Questions too naturally asked; questions too wildly answered! for, in a few moments, an excited mob of women are demanding bread from the Parisian Commune sitting at the Hotel De Ville. And, lo! followed by a few brigands, they have entered the building, terrorized the electors, and begun tolling the great bell to gather the mob around them.

Maillard it was who, in a lucky moment, offered to lead them to the king at Versailles. Gaining time by every excuse—not knowing the soldiers had flatly refused to disturb them—he found himself by four o'clock at the palace gates. Here, after a long delay, twelve women as representatives sought out the king. Louis received them so cordially as to completely win their hearts, and sent them back to the people. Meanwhile ensued a scene of horror and confusion. The life-guards and brigands began to struggle, and a hue and cry was raised against the queen. Luckily, the arrival of Lafayette dispersed the brigands, and reconciled the people in a truly French manner to the king and queen.

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* The Government desired to buy food in the Provinces and sell it at loss to the people of Paris. Once found and bought there was still the greatest difficulty in the way of safe transportation.

All other knowledge is hurtful to him who has not honesty and good nature.—Montaigne.

Winter Moonlight.

By far the most difficult part of Hebrew Grammar is the verb. It is always a "bugbear" to beginners, and not without reason. I must admit that the Hebrew verb is about as difficult to master as any part of the speech in any other language. We find seven conjugations for each verb: these are called, respectively, i, kal; 2, niphal; 3, piel; 4, pual; 5, hiphil; 6, hophal; 7, hithpael. Kal has the primitive signification of the verb; as, for example, the Hebrew word katal, he killed, in Latin necavit. Niphal is the passive form of kal, and its Hebrew form is nikhal, he is killed, in Latin necatus est. Piel expresses an intensity or a repeated action, as, for example, kilel "he murdered"; in Latin, trucidavit, has the meaning of cruelty attached, as in a carnage; pual is the passive of piel, and means in Latin trucidavit. Hiphil is the causative form, as, "to cause death" or "to condemn to death;" in Hebrew khitlil means necem provocavit. Hophal is the passive form of hiphil and means "Ad necem provocavit;" in Hebrew, hokital. Hithpael is the reflexive form, and hitkafel means se ipsum necare, to kill oneself.
At first sight all this would seem to present difficulties that would require more than common perseverance to overcome; but, after all, the difficulties are not so great as one would imagine. This will become evident when we consider that the Hebrew verb has only two tenses—the past and future—or, more correctly, the perfect and imperfect; besides one form for the infinitive and participle, and four forms for the imperative. But a difficulty is again presented in having different forms to express several persons of the verb: thus the third person and the second singular and the second person plural have a masculine and feminine form, for the perfect; and the third person plural also for the future or imperfect.

The fact, however, that all the seven conjugations have the same terminations for the corresponding tenses and persons renders the study of the verb comparatively easy. The terminations of the perfect are: simple form of verb for 3d person singular, masculine; ah, 3d person singular, feminine; ta, 2d person singular, masculine; te, 2d person singular, feminine; ti, 1st person singular, masculine and feminine; a, 3d person plural masculine and feminine; tem, 2d person plural, masculine; ten, 2d person plural, feminine; nu, 1st person plural, masculine and feminine.

For the future, both prefixes and affixes are employed in the conjugation of the verb, which it is not necessary to give as these particulars may be learned from any elementary Hebrew Grammar. However, it might be of interest to know the Hebrew verb begins its conjugation by the 3d person singular of the perfect tense; and that, consequently, this is the simplest form of the verb, consisting always of only three consonants, the first of which has as vowel point kamez, and the second pathach if a transitive verb, and zere, rarely cholem when an intransitive verb.

Verbs are divided into regular and irregular. The irregular are sub-divided into guttural and weak verbs. There are three kinds of guttural verbs: (1) when the first letter is a guttural, as in amad, to stand; (2) when the second is a guttural as barak, to kneel; (3) when the last or third letter is a guttural, as shalach, to send.

Weak verbs are called pe-aleph, lamed-aleph, pe-nun, pe-yod, qin-qin, qin-vav, qin-yod, and lamed-he. With regard to the declensions, I will simply state that there are nine declensions for masculine nouns, and four for feminine; and besides there are about seventeen irregular nouns. There are also numerals, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections. Every numeral has two genders and two forms—the absolute and the constructed.

The cardinal numbers from 2 to 10 are nouns, but nachad, one, is an adjective. From 3 to 10, those having a masculine termination are feminine, and those with a feminine termination are masculine; for which anomaly no reason can be given.

To the adverbs belong, for example, the word ein, not; as, for example, osenenn, I am not; ish, there is (praesto), en and hinneh, here, properly behold; in Latin, ecce; ai, where; ain, where is, etc.

The prepositions are really nouns and, consequently, are capable of being construed like nouns; for example, tachat, in Latin, sub, loco, pro, and thus, with the suffix tachli, pro me, for me; ath, apud, cum, ailhi apud me, with me.

The most common conjunction is, undoubtedly, and—in English—for which the Hebrew use what is called vel copulativum. The interjections are ach, akkab hoi, besides those used to denote animated speech such as, hin and hinch, behold—in Latin, ecce; haunu agn, in Latin. With this I may conclude my notes on Hebrew Grammar. The subject of syntax cannot well be treated without the proper type; therefore the reader will have to excuse me for not speaking on this subject, which in itself the most important, would be probably also the most interesting. At the request of some friends, I had agreed to treat of the relation existing between the Semitic languages and the Indo-European, with a special application to Greek and Latin; the subject is too extensive to be introduced here; moreover, I did not intend to write a treatise, but merely to give some notes that I had collected during my two years' study of Hebrew under the able Professor, Mgr. Lamy, of the University of Louvain. At some future date I may return to this subject, when more complete study of the subject shall have fitted me to do it full justice. Meanwhile, I refer the reader to the lectures of Cardinal Wiseman on "Science and Revealed Religion" in which will be found a complete exposition of this subject.

In my next paper I will begin to treat first of the Hebrew prose writers of the Bible, and then of the many poetic passages among the sacred writings, and the books that are professedly poetic.

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Reading.

"Dreams, books, are each a world; and books, we know, Are a substantial world, both pure and good; Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood, Our pastime and our happiness will grow."

—Wordsworth.

The American people devote no small time to reading. The large amount of information which they obtain, as a consequence, on almost every subject is incalculable. As students in college we read and constantly with a view to storing our minds with practical knowledge which will be useful to us in our future career. The benefits which may be derived from a proper course of good reading are so numerous that our limited space will permit us to mention but few of them.

There is an almost infinite number of subjects which may present themselves to us for discussion or consideration, in none of which we can become thoroughly versed without study, for which reading is a necessity. Of course, some may, and do learn by mingling and conversing with well-educated people; yet when we consider that this opportunity is afforded only to a few, we readily perceive that...
this method of acquiring knowledge is comparatively of but little avail. True, association with people of mental culture and refinement cannot but be productive of intellectual improvement, or, at least, a desire for it; but when compared to the benefits derived from the perusal of a few good books on good subjects, such results dwindle into insignificance.

By passing several hours in conversation with one well versed in the sciences, for instance, we may, perhaps, obtain but one little ray of that brilliance which would shine upon us in all its fulness had we but read the works containing not only this single ray, but the whole light of science. Such an individual’s vast scientific resources, cannot but excite our admiration—our envy, too, perhaps; but both of these will give way to eumulative sentiments when we realize that this knowledge was acquired by the individual’s studious application to the reading of scientific works.

Take our every-day intercourse with our fellow-students. Do we, as a rule, talk of matters calculated to improve us intellectually? Out of the daily routine of the class-room, do we generally open conversation with our teachers pertinent to a like object? A negative response must be given to both these questions. If we ask ourselves whether attendance at a course of lectures on any particular subject will make us thoroughly acquainted with that subject, a similar answer must be given. If we listen to a lecture on “Natural Philosophy,” for example, can we conclude that we are masters of that science? We may have treasured up many facts pertaining to the science which have been laid before us by the lecturer; but to think that we have become philosophers by listening to a few words on the subject no matter how weighty and worthy of consideration, they might have been, would be idiocy. Shakespeare’s immortal works, and the no less lasting works of Milton, might be spoken of repeatedly in our presence; but how little would the few paltry ideas obtained in conversation on their works amount to when compared with those consequent upon their careful perusal?

By carefully reading philosophical treatises we become imbued with philosophical principles; by carefully reading books on scientific subjects we become familiar with science; by reading, and by its alone, we can become acquainted with the beauties of poetry; and so for every other branch of knowledge—’’we learn as we read.’’

Having tried to show the necessity and a few of the advantages of good reading, let us say a word as to how we should read. There is no benefit derived from reading a work unless we understand it. In order to thoroughly understand what we are reading, our undivided attention to the subject is necessary. Do not skim through a book for the sole purpose of experiencing the satisfaction of having read it, but read slowly, digesting every sentence, and not allowing one to pass without knowing its exact signification, for it is in this way only that we can fully appreciate and comprehend the meaning which the author wishes to convey. There is an old English proverb: “Beware of the man of one book;” which means that the man who knows one book thoroughly is better than he who has skimmed over a whole library.

The memory must also be trained to do its part. We should try to recollect everything we read—that is worthy of being remembered. Useless, indeed, would be the time spent in reading up a subject, no matter how important, did our memory fail to retain the substance of what we have read. Novels should not be indulged in to excess, as they are apt to create a distaste for solid works. However, if we read novels, we should secure the best, and be sure to understand all allusions, reading carefully the descriptions. The most profitable course of reading is a mixture of the best novels and solid works. A prominent English writer has said that “A taste for good reading is worth £5,000 a year.” Now, many of us, perhaps, may never see $25,000 a year, but we can, all of us, cultivate a taste for good reading. ‘’It will afford us an unlimited amount of pleasure and, perhaps, have an influence upon our conduct in life. Lord Bacon says: ‘’Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others swallowed; and some few to be chewed and digested—that is, some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few to be read wholly, with diligence and attention. . . . Reading maketh a full man.’’

Let each one resolve, then, to adopt a regular course of reading, for in it is to be found the only sure road to the acquisition of a sound and thorough education.

Charles F. Porter, ’85.

Art, Music, and Literature.

—A new violinist from Prague, named Ondrizck, is creating a sensation in Vienna. He is said to approach Paganini nearer than any other violinist that has appeared.

—The late Father Ægidius Hennemann, O. S. B., of whose death a notice appeared in last week’s Ave Maria, was one of the most learned priests in the United States. He was a master of all the modern European languages, and a distinguished Oriental scholar. Rarely has greater erudition been united with more genuine modesty.

—The Borgia Museum, at the Propaganda, Rome, founded by Cardinal Borgia at the commencement of this century, and including very rich numismatical, geographical, ethnographical, and palæographical collections, has been recently much enlarged by the addition of several spacious halls on the second story of the Propaganda. The museum is continually enriched by the contributions of missionaries from all parts of the world.

—The one hundredth anniversary of the Paris Conservatory of Music will be celebrated in April, and preparations for the event are in progress. This conservatory was founded by Louis XVI for
the purpose of educating operatic singers and actors. It has gradually been developed until it now stands at the head of schools for general and operatic music. In 1666 the first academy of music was established in Paris, and was confined almost entirely to the encouragement and development of sacred music.

—Some of the recent art discoveries in Rome, made under the direction of Signor Lanciani, are very interesting. In a trench twenty feet long and ten feet wide, in the Via di S. Ignazio, has been found, among other objects, a column of gray granite, richly sculptured in low reliefs representing Isaiah ceremonies. There are several figures of priests, standing on square stools and holding in their hands lotos flowers, canopis, branches of palm trees, situlae of water, etc. A crocodile was found, one and a half metres long, cut in red granite. Also what seems to be an altar, or the pedestal of a candelabrum, of white Carrara marble.

—An interesting discovery has been made at Nimes, in southern France, so rich in Roman remains. It consists of a block of mosaic masonry twelve metres in extent, representing a Roman emperor enthroned, with a female at his side. He is surrounded by a group consisting of a warrior with a helmet and a number of slaves. Before him are two figures of men leading along a lion and a wild boar. The tesselated pavement is in perfect preservation, and has escaped any injury from the workman's pick; the designs are good, and the colors as fresh as if they had been applied yesterday. Competent authorities who have inspected the mosaic declare that no museum contains its equal. If a price could be set upon it $200,000 would not be too high.

College Gossip.

—Thirty-seven university students at Moscow have been arrested by the government authorities for supposed participation in nihilistic plots.

—The oldest university student in Berlin, and probably in the world, is sixty-nine years of age. The oldest student at Notre Dame University is fifty-five.

—We learn from the University Press that the suit mentioned by us some time ago as brought against Bates College by the heirs of the late B. F. Bates for the recovery of $100,000 conditionally granted the college, has been decided against it.

—Six nuns from the Ursuline College of the Sacred Heart, Toledo, Ohio, started last week for Dakota to establish schools among the Indians. Mother Amadeus, sister of Judge E. F. Dunne, LL. D., Commencement Orator at Notre Dame, '80, directs the expedition.

—It is reported that three members of the last year's class at Harvard agreed upon graduation-day to exchange telegrams at midnight—Cambridge time—Christmas Eve; as one is in Europe, one in New York, and one in Japan, the result was rather unique.—Herald-Crimson.
Notre Dame, January 19, 1884.

The attention of the Alumni of the University of Notre Dame and others, is called to the fact that the NOTRE DAME SCHOLASTIC has now entered upon the Seventeenth year of its existence, and presents itself anew as a candidate for the favor and support of the many old friends that have heretofore lent it a helping hand.

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—In a recent circular from the Very Rev. Superior General in regard to the late sad calamity in the destruction by fire of the convent and school at Belleville, Illinois, while expressing his sympathy with the sufferers and their friends, he shows the confidence that all can have in the security of Notre Dame and the safety of its inmates, as far as human means can avail. But more than that, they have the assurance of the protection of Heaven. As the Very Rev. Father says:

"We may mention that, from the foundation of our Congregation, not a single life has been lost in any configuration in Europe or in the New World. The reason is, no doubt, in the continual prayer of all its members against fire, and especially in the fact that all our Houses have acted alike in entrusting to St. Joseph the care of their properties. The reason is that St. Joseph, wise and faithful in the defense of the teachings of Christianity had better be employed at something else. Any fool can readily make objections that very few wise men can promptly refute. The best and most convincing proof that can be given of the divinity of the Church is the virtue of its members. Men are more easily influenced by what they see than by what they hear. Nearly every reader has admired Napoleon's testimony to the divinity of Christ, but its influence on their minds is very much strengthened by the fact, that the great Emperor, when the shades of death were stealing over him, turned for comfort to the religion to which for many years he had been unfaithful.

For most persons it would be to attempt the impossible to endeavor to become skilled in philosophy, theology, history, archaeology, and all the other branches of knowledge in which the defenders of the faith find their weapons; but it is in every one's power to lead a pure life, which is the best apology for Christianity in this world, and the only testimony that will avail in the world to come.

The Orpheonics and the Euglossians.

On last Saturday evening, the Orpheonics gave a musical entertainment in the Rotunda of the University. The programme as printed in our last issue was carried out, with some few exceptions. The opening chorus, "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" by the Minims, was well rendered; the solo was taken by Master W. Devine, and creditably given. In the song which followed, Master Frank Garrity showed himself the possessor of a pleasing voice. With a little more practice he will make a good soloist. Master George Schaefer sang the song "My Heart's O'er the Deep Blue Sea," with great taste and accuracy of expression. In this and another more difficult solo, "Der Wanderer," which he gave later in the evening, it was seen that, without doubt, he is one of the best singers in the Vocal Department. Master T. Cleary also appeared in two solos: "All's Well that Ends Well," a pleasing song by Ciro Pinsuti, and the famous Aria by Rossini, "Una Voce Poco Fa!" This latter was justly called the pièce de résistance of the evening. In it Master T. Cleary displayed all the resources of his rich and beautiful voice; revealing a remarkable compass of more than two octaves from low G to high B2. The song is a difficult one, at least for amateurs; but the difficulties were mastered, and the piece sung with great accuracy and expression. Master Henry Foote sang "The Bend of the River," a tenor solo, in which he sus-
tained his reputation as a good singer, though he was somewhat lacking in expression. "Why are Roses Red?" inquired, in musical accents, a Minim, W. P. Devine. It was a difficult number for one of his years, but it was given with great skill and preciseness. He was warmly applauded, especially for his imitation of the nightingale. "Lardy dahl," by Ryan Devereux, was well received, though the piece is of an inferior order of music; Master Devereux appeared in another solo, which was creditably given. "Conquer or Die!"—a martial song—was given in real military style by Mr. J. Guthrie. The Choruses were given as indicated in the programme of last week, and were very well sung. The whole reflected great credit, not only on the singers, but also on their worthy director, Bro. Anselm, C. S. C.

On Wednesday evening, the Euglossians appeared in another of their "winter series" of exercises. The programme presented on the occasion will be found in our local columns. The entertainment was opened by the College Orchestra with the overture, "Enchantment," which was executed in a manner to sustain the well-known reputation of the Orchestra and redeem any past defects. Mr. Joseph Farrell addressed the audience on the subject of "Law." The production itself reflected energy, though, as a whole, his rendition was somewhat monotonous—a defect which was, no doubt, occasioned by the lack of some one to personate the character of Brutus.

The musical portion of the exercises was given as marked on the programme, with the exception of the last three numbers, which were omitted on account of the lateness of the hour. The pieces sung and played were creditable to the performers.

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Exchanges.

"Among our Exchanges" in the Pennsylvania University Magazine is quite an interesting department, giving as it does the cream of the college news from the Magazine's exchanges, but it hardly takes the place of an Exchange department proper. "Literary Post-Mortems" is the best article that has appeared in the University Magazine this year. "A University Club" is good.

—A new exchange, but not a new paper—we see it has reached its third volume—comes to us from Ypsilanti, Mich. The Normal News has two or three good articles. The first of these—"Shall the Average Woman Read the Average Novel?" by Ermine Howe, gives some sensible advice to the fair sex in regard to the "yellow-covered literature"; but we fear the average woman—and the average man, too—will continue his "pass-time, or rather kill-time," as Coleridge puts it, of novel-reading. While on the subject of novel-reading, it may not be amiss to call attention to the fact that while Mrs. Southworth, Miss Braddon, and a host of writers much inferior to these, are read and talked about so much, the two best American lady-novel-writers of our day, Miss Alice Tinecker and Christian Reid—the latter the nom de plume of a sprightly and talented young Southern lady—are seldom heard of except in the more refined circles. One of Miss Tinecker's stories—"Sig. Monaldi's Niece"—which, like many others from her pen, was published anonymously—created quite a stir at the time, and many surmises were made as to who the author might be.

—The Exchange Editor of the Alabama University Monthly tries very hard to give us a piece of serious advice in a light and jocular manner, but it is evident that the effort doesn't suit him. Had he, before writing, read Pope's couplet,

"All fools have still an itching to deride,
And vain would be upon the laughing side,"

the Exchange editor of the Monthly would probably have written in a different manner. We do not wish to place, or seem to place, the Monthly's editor among fools—he is far too serious and writes too well for that, but his recent effort at criticizing the Scholastic shows that with all his good sense he is liable to grave blunders occasionally. Take the following as an example:

"Oh, Notre Dame! wilt not thou bestow something upon us that does not come from the cloister, and is not as old and as solemn as ye everlasting hills?" We adore your martyrs, we give all praise to your saints, but do your sack-cloth and let us have something that pertains, at least, to the eighteenth century. Discuss living questions, and leave to fanatics on the subject of oddities those themes of the metaphysical and spiritual world."

The Exchange editor of the Monthly is en-
tirely too generous—gives us credit for too much. If he "adores" our martyrs he does more than we do. We honor the martyrs and saints and the Blessed Virgin, but we neither "adore" them nor make a fetish of them. Catholics are not, and never were, guilty of idolatry or superstition of that kind.

—Apropos to the cutting remarks of the Springfield Republican upon the Barlowin Orient, the Havefordian says very justly that "no one can deny that a paper is of much benefit to an educational institution"; further, that a little encouragement often does much good, and in no place is it more needed than among the conductors of the college paper." This is all very true. What with plenty of work, without the additional burden of editorial labor, essay-writing, gathering and arranging of news, etc., the task of a college editor is an onerous one; and when in addition to all this the "cutting" remarks of exchange editors are applied to his work his lot becomes hard indeed. It is true that youngsters should not be allowed to play too freely with edged tools, but it is also true that unless they become early accustomed to their use they can hardly be expected to excel with them afterwards. We fully concur in The Havefordian's condemnation of the action of the party press of the country in "again resorting to the old cry of 'The Solid South' in order to influence the minds of Northern voters and acquire party capital by arraying one section against the other." The time for that has passed; the South has accepted her situation, and is no doubt trying to make the best of it and in the best way she can under adverse circumstances. With a colored population far outnumbering the whites—many of whom will not work and still persist in living, or rather eking out a subsistence in questionable ways, the lot of the Southern white population is often a hard and exasperating one. If local disturbances arise, each State is expected to regulate its own affairs, but popular opinion in the other States will no doubt have a weighty influence upon local issues if it is not presented in a way more likely to exasperate than do any good. It would hardly be rash to prophesy that those who dig up the hatchet buried eighteen years ago shall perish by the hatchet.

—The Earthamite is a neat little Magazine in appearance, and the contents bear similar marks of painstaking care, both as regards matter and writing. The "Literary Notes" are a model of their kind, and even the Locals are written with a commendable precision that is rarely seen in the majority of college publications. With such care we can scarcely account for the fact that The Earthamite shows the most bitter feeling for everything Catholic. In Europe, and even in America; some of the most eminent members of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, as they are commonly called (we use the term because it is common; if we thought it obnoxious to those to whom it is applied we would never write it or give it countenance), have been on the most intimate terms of friendship with equally eminent Catholics, like Father Mathew, the Bishop of Cork, and Frederick Lucas, M. P., but for some unaccountable reason Catholics, Catholic customs, or the Church, are never mentioned in The Earthamite except in terms of reproach. Surely Catholics and the Catholic Church in America give no cause for such prejudice. Even in the present number the Hermits of Thebaid are stigmatized as Christian fanatics who were both stupidly indolent and dirty—who "ignored cold water and wore their clothing till it actually fell from their body, rotten." We dare assert that the hermits of Thebaid were neither stupidly ignorant nor dirty—they spent their days in labor and their nights in prayer. In the list of hundreds or thousands of canonized saints there can be found two or three exceptions to the rule that godliness and cleanliness go together, and it is an axiom that exceptions prove or confirm the rule. In this connection is the rather singular fact that in Catholic Maryland only, outside of Pennsylvania, could the early members of the Society of Friends find a home undisturbed by persecuting laws and fanatical dignitaries. We would commend to the attention of the bitter and misguided writers in The Earthamite an apposite sentence in that paper's Exchange notes: "Anyone can find in the best of writings some expression which, taken out of its proper connection, will be pure foolishness; he may ridicule this, and imagine he is doing a smart thing, but to analyze and point out the merits and demerits of an article is quite a different thing, requiring brains and culture on the part of the critic." The application is obvious. To criticize justly Catholics, Catholic customs and the Catholic Church it is necessary to know exactly what these are, and not what they are represented to be by our enemies. One thing is evident, that a single rotten sheep from the Catholic fold draws more attention than a thousand worthy and irreproachable members within the Church.

Semi-Annual Examination, Commencing Friday, January 26th.

(Under the general supervision of the Rev. Director of Studies.)

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Personal.

—Moses L. Foote (Prep), '83, is prospering in business at Kewanee, Ill.
—Edward Gall, Jr., '83, is engaged in business with his father at Indianapolis.
—Hugh O'Donnell (Com'l), '82, is prospering as book-keeper for Carson, Pierie & Co., Chicago.
—Will. Smith (Com'l), of '82, is clerk in his father's hotel, the American House, Watertown, Wis.
—H. M. Hess (Com'l), '83, is chief book-keeper in his father's large establishment in Wheeling, W. Va.
—Geo. C. Foster (Prep.), '80, has been so successful in mercantile pursuits that he now owns a one-half interest in one of the largest dry goods stores at Yankton, Dakota.
—Signor Pio P. Gregori, son of our distinguished artist, took his departure last Wednesday night for Italy, to resume his duties as one of the Professors of the University of Bologna.
—We are glad to learn that Bro. Alexander, C. S. C., whose health had become greatly impaired by years of close attention to teaching in the University, is now rapidly regaining strength and vigor.
—M. J. Carroll (Com'l), of '82, is a partner with Stanley Clark in a book store, at Watertown, Wis. Mike was in business for a year in Grand Forks, Dakota, was burnt out, and now starts in his native place, thinking "There's no place like home!"
—We learn from the St. Paul Pioneer-Press that W. Ad. Hardenbergh, of '79, "is receiving the congratulations of his friends on his admission to the firm of P. R. L. Hardenbergh & Co." His many friends here also extend their congratulations and best wishes.
—C. Zeigler (Com'l), of '83, is in business with his father and brothers in Milwaukee. Charley recently piloted two of his college friends through the largest candy establishment in the State, and presented them with as much choice candy as they could conveniently carry away.
—Among the welcome visitors during the past week was John L. Inderrerden (Prep.), of '79, who came to enter his two young brothers in the Minim Dep't. John is now chief clerk in his father's wholesale house in Chicago. His many friends here were glad to see him.

—Our esteemed former President, Very Rev. W. Corby, is building a new presbytery at Watertown, Wis. He reports the parish and college there in a flourishing condition. In his new home he will have two or three good rooms reserved for his old pupils and confreres of Notre Dame who will find time to visit him.

Local Items.

—Louis XI.
—Blue glass!
—Examinations!
—Our punster has returned.
—Dudeism diminisheth daily.
—Those are the "boss" specs!
—"Ma, I haven't any SCHOLASTIC!"
—Skating still continues to be STOod.
—The Spring-Dude has returned at last.
—Who said I have red hair?—It's blonde!"
—Twenty-four new students arrived within the last week.
—Volumes are being constantly added to the Law Library.
—The Junior Crescent Club will have a reception this evening.
—The fine skating has been greatly enjoyed during the past week.
—There are five regular classes in penmanship with a large attendance.
—The Astronomy Class were out gazing upon the comet the other night.
—That fiddler had better bring another "G string" with him next time.
—There are a number of expert Indian club-swingers among the Juniors.
—It is rumored that Louis XI will be produced by the Thespians on the 22d.
—The usual recreations will be a half hour longer during examination week.
—There are seven classes in German taught here, with an aggregate of nearly one hundred students.
—The members of the Juniors' reception-rooms are under obligations to Master W. Barschulze for favors received.
—Master H. Foote showed himself quite a proficient violinist in the duo with Prof. Paul, on Wednesday evening.
—We were pleased to see the genial B. Lawrence, who has been laid up with a severe cold, on duty again as Prefect.
—The examinations will begin on the 25th and end on the 30th. Everything for the new session will be in working order on Feb. 1st.
—To-morrow will be the Feast of the Most Holy Name. The festival to which the month is consecrated will be solemnly celebrated.
—The Minims are right into business preparing for the Semi-annual Examination. Father Gen-
eral, they think, will have some knotty problems in Arithmetic on hand.

—The Curator of the Museum acknowledges the receipt, from Master Curtis, of a black flint arrowhead from the Yellow Stone Park; and from C. Barrows, trophies of a hunt in Kansas.

—Our astrophysicist's predictions thus far have been verified. The sharpest weather came "about the 7th." The thaw began on the 13th, and, with an intermission of a few days, continues more or less.

—The Theology Classes are in a flourishing condition. The lectures on Moral are delivered by Rev. J. O'Hanlon, at St. Joseph's Novitiate, and those on Dogma by Rev. Father O'Brien, at the University.

—The publications of Prof. Lyons are receiving very favorable notices from the press. He is constantly in receipt of demands for copies of the "Annual," the "Malediction" and the "Life of Joseph Haydn."

—Manager Booth, of the South Bend Telephone Exchange, was at the College last Tuesday morning to make arrangements for the establishment of private telephone lines between the various buildings of the University.

—Through the kindness of the College Librarian, the Seniors have some of the best magazines placed in their reading-room. After a certain length of time the magazines must be returned to the Library or no more will be lent.

—Our friend John says the Semi-annual Examination has a bad effect upon the sanitary condition of the environments (!) of Notre Dame. We think John belongs to the "misty past"—though we may say transseat to his observation.

—The Crescent Club is in a flourishing condition this season. A public reception will be given soon by the Directors and members of the Club to all those students who have distinguished themselves in their classes during the present session.

—Rev. President Walsh has presented to the reading-rooms a beautiful sketch in water-colors representing a collection of bric-a-brac and curios. The picture is the work of Signor Pio P. Gregori, and was presented to Father Walsh by the mother of the young artist.

—Bro. Sebastian has a veritable art gallery in the steam-room at Mount St. Vincent's. There may be found pictures of ecclesiastical dignitaries, celebrated generals, distinguished statesmen, representatives of famous battle scenes, great events in the world's history, etc.

—The regular meeting of the Senior Archconfraternity was held Sunday evening, Jan. 15th, Rev. President Walsh presiding. A very interesting religious address was given by Rev. Father Fite. J. A. Solon read a well-written paper on "Canonization." The papers for the next meeting are to be read by T. Fenlon and G. Smith.

—Editors have their troubles everywhere. One of them in Australia thus reminds delinquent subscribers that it is time to pay up:

"Some of our subscribers must be fast asleep and snoring. If they could manage to wake up to a sense of their indebtedness to us we should be glad. Unless they pay promptly, we will ask the Salvation Army to pray for an earthquake!"

—Very Rev. Father General paid the Princes quite a long visit on Wednesday, and noted with marked satisfaction that they all looked healthy and bright. He added to their happiness by telling them that he would, at his next visit, bring oranges for the best boys, and that the largest would be for A. Grimes, who arrived here last week from Denver, Col.

—We think that our musical department was never on a better footing. We are glad of it. There is nothing that imparts life to an entertainment so much as vocal and instrumental music when judiciously interspersed among the numbers. While speaking of this subject we would ask if some means cannot be devised to accelerate the "tuning up" process of our Orchestra?

—At the 1st regular meeting of the Sorin Literary and Dramatic Association compositions were read by Masters W. Welch, V. Rebori, J. M. Studebaker, W. McPhee, F. Const, E. Thomas, L. Scherrer, and C. Spencer. The following members delivered declamations: W. Dewle, F. Nester, and B. Lindsey. The meeting closed with a speech from the President, who expressed his satisfaction at the talent the Sorins are developing for composition.

—The Scholastic Annual for the year 1884 is a pamphlet of about eighty pages, issued by J. A. Lyons, at the University of Notre Dame, Ind. The publication is now in its ninth year. It contains besides the usual Catholic calendar, and a variety of miscellaneous matter, religious and otherwise—astrological predictions for the current year, not only covering the weather during the several months, but also giving a minute personal description of the individual who will be elected President of the United States on the 4th of November next—Chicago Tribune.

—The first regular meeting of the Notre Dame T. A. U. was held Thursday, Jan. 17th. Rev. T. E. Walsh, C. S. C., opened the evening's exercises with a very interesting ten-minutes' address. After this followed music and dancing. Mr. McKinnery next read an able oration, which was followed by a recitation from Mr. Ramsay, which was well received. Mr. Solon closed the evening with a very good speech, and all seemed to have spent a very enjoyable time. Messrs. Rudge, Farrell, Ancheta and J. T. Carroll were appointed to address the Society at its next meeting. The members offer a vote of thanks to the Crescent Club Orchestra for their excellent music.

—The Star is indebted to Professor Joseph A. Lyons, of the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, for a copy of the Scholastic Annual for the year 1884. Besides the matter usually found in almanacs, it contains a large number of articles in prose and poetry on interesting and instructive subjects; among these are the following: a short sketch of Father Tom Burke, O. P.; "The Law, its general application and salutary influence"; A chapter from the life of Haydn; "To Ireland (Poetry);" etc.
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—We are glad to see that our remark in last week's issue anent the sending of "Personals" has been kindly profited by. Let it be understood that all are invited to contribute to our "Local" and "Personal" columns. As remarked once before, ye local Ed. is not ubiquitous, and cannot be expected to know everything that is going on. Many events of interest occur each week which we should be glad to record, for the entertainment of our readers; but we are oftentimes left in the dark concerning them, until, perhaps, a month or two after the occurrence, when a little "hint" is given us. We know that some of our friends have felt themselves slighted; we think they will find in what we have said a satisfactory explanation. If all in whose interest the Scholastic is published were to manifest their appreciation by contributions, what a lively paper it would be!

—The Inter-Ocean, of Chicago, says of the "Life of Joseph Haydn," by Franz von Seeburg, translated by Rev. Vice-President Toohey, and published by Prof. J. A. Lyons:

"It is one of the most charmingly interesting biographies that has at any time come to our table. The little incidents of the every-day life of the great musician, while they are concisely and simply told, have, by the magic of the biographer, been woven into a history as charming as the unadorned novel. 'Upton's Life of Haydn' is simply a prosy biography, given up to dates and history, told in "Erin's Flag"

—The exercises of the Euglossian Society (4th winter series), assisted by the Orpheonic Society and the University Orchestra, were given on Wednesday evening, Jan. 16th. The following is the programme:

Music—"Overture Enchantment"...Herman N. D. U. Orchestra.

Song—"I am Happy, Mother Darling!"...G. W. Persley F. Garrity.

Address—"Law"...Joseph Farrell

Flute Solo—"Le Streghe"...Paginni F. Fisheil.

"Erie's Flag"...J. J. Conway F. Ryan

Song—"How so Fair!"...W. P. Devine

"Forensic Eloquence"...W. C. P. Devereux


"Our Republic"...J. Rudge


Scene from Shakespeare...D. Taylor


MINOR DEPARTMENT.

Masters Amoretti, T. Cleary, Leon Gibert, Henry Foote, J. Guthrie, Prof. Devoto.

Scene from Julius Caesar...D. C. Saviers Cornet Solo—"Elegy of Tears"...Schubert

—C. A. Tinley Piano...W. Schott, G. Schaefer

—Role of Honor.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT.


MINOR DEPARTMENT.


* Omitted by mistake last week.

—Class Honors.

—MINOR DEPARTMENT.

Much pleasure is expected from the soirée on the 21st.

Oral examinations will be held on the 26th, 28th, and 29th.

The written examinations in the Academic Course will begin on the 22d.

The examination in Christian Doctrine will take place on Sunday, the 20th inst.

The singing of the Nolite on Sunday at High Mass was particularly beautiful and impressive.

The music examinations will begin on the 17th, and will continue every evening until all the pupils have been examined.

In the notice of the beautiful Christmas tree which bloomed so luxuriantly in the Minims' room, the names of the young ladies who generously contributed to its grace and beauty were, strange to say, left out. To make the amende honorable, we acknowledge that Santa Claus was largely indebted to the Misses Rosing and Cortright, of Class '80, the Misses Ashton, Tynan, A. Murphy, B. Johnson, Bruhn, Williams, and Hetz.

Visitors during the past week were: Mr. T. Matthews, L. Matthews, Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. C. Voland, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Geo. Elliot, Portland, Maine; Mrs. Wm. Friel, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. A. N. Hart, Lansing, Mich.; Mr. F. W. Chamberlain, Burlington, Iowa; Mrs. R. R. Reid, Palatka, Florida; Mrs. Ducey, Muskegon, Mich.; Mr. E. W. Darling, M. F. T. O'Connor, Miss M. King, Mrs. Mcewen, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Bertha Legnard, Waukegan, Ill.; Mrs. Wm. McIntyre, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. J. Green, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Geo. Farrell, Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. M. J. Byrne, Newark, N. J.; Mrs. J. Butler, Mrs. Sheckey, Mrs. H. T. Montgomery, South Bend.

Mrs. McEwen, of Chicago, was a guest of the house on Saturday. Her accounts of the arrival of her son, after an absence of eight years in Munich, were of absorbing interest, especially to the artists of the Academy. America may cherish an honest pride in the distinction achieved by Mr. McEwen in his European studies. In a school of five hundred, where but five medals were given, it was his good fortune to merit one. He was also accorded another marked honor, being appointed as one of the judges of American Art. Mr. McEwen is but twenty-four years of age, all the other judges being over forty-five years old. An exhibition of his works will be given in Chicago on their arrival, and we hope they will meet with a favorable reception and the kindly criticism which a young American artist should receive at the hands of his countrymen.

The return from the Christmas visit home and the preparation for the coming examination are the occasions to test the mind and character of a pupil. If she be an earnest student, she will cooperate with the intention of her parents, and not permit her late recreation to turn her mind from the lofty object for which she has come hither. Now she will apply herself more assiduously than ever. Examination days are the harvest of the year. The fruit of five months' study is to be gathered and garnered; now she will make the best of her time. The world is full of people who regret the want of a good education; of those who admit that guardians were too easily persuaded. Study was irksome, and they were permitted to drop it, and enter upon life with but a smattering of knowledge. Now they are left to deplore the loss. Study! Application, earnest effort is now the order at St. Mary's.

Every Cross is a Blessing in Disguise.

The means by which Providence chooses to execute His designs are to our finite faculty of judgment quite incomprehensible. He employs an infinite method of procedure in the execution of His holy will, whereas our created natures view His adorable projects, His means of conferring rewards, and of inflicting punishments, in an entirely different light from that reflected upon them by His unerring justice.

Picture to yourself a channel, as it were, through which blessings are conveyed from Heaven to earth. On leaving the Hand of the Almighty and beneficent Donor, the blessing is in a most perfect state, but gradually, in its descent, its apparent form changes, and it partakes of the dark hues of earth as it approaches its destination. Little by little, the celestial radiance vanishes, and, to our careless, mundane sense of vision, it wears but a commonplace aspect. The original beauty is quite obscured to some; there is nothing acceptable in the gift; while to others the mystic covering is easily penetrated, and they behold the treasure which it contains. The former are skeptics, the latter are believers. Which is the happier of the two? Experience decides always in favor of those who own their weakness, and who trust the wisdom of the All-wise. To the cynical skeptic, poverty is a curse; he will not view it in any other light. Sickness is an unendurable misfortune; age and its decrepitude arouse all the bitterness of his rebellious nature, and he complains of "Dragging the crosses Too heavy for mortals to bear."

How different are the vicissitudes of life to one possessed of strong and lively faith! "Blessed be God!" he cries, in every misfortune. Crosses gather 'around him; but they all are radiant with the light of a cheerful acceptance. Angels, pure and loving spirits, are drawn by the sweet atmosphere of submission, and they lift the heavy burdens, and the king on his throne bears not a greater power than has fallen to his lot. He has found the true Philosopher's stone which turns all grosser substances to gold—the fine gold of broad, genial, cordial Christian charity. Silently he may walk in his path of light; the sunshine of God's smile may rest warmly upon him, and yet he may.
be so obscure that his reputation does not go beyond the portal of his homestead. Yet the proudest of earth might well envy his happiness.

The Infinite Cross-Bearer, in His last momentous passage from the council hall of Pilate to the mount of Calvary, has shown us the only safe way through this earthly life. Had the path strewn with flowers been equally meritorious, no doubt He would have chosen it, that we might follow where He led.

But in that Via Crucis the lesson of His Incarnation was made complete. Salvation to a fallen race was the ineffable blessing disguised in the Holy Cross, and at the feet of Him who died thereon the human heart can find the solution of the mystery of sorrow—yes, there and nowhere else! Here, and here only, each cross, each calamity, each affliction will be transformed, and will reveal itself as a blessing in disguise.

The ignorant man, were he to behold the rough, dark stone which conceals the diamond, would spurn it and cast it from him. Not so with the skilful lapidary. He knows the concealed gem, even from the very roughness of its exterior. He preserves it, and treasures it as a precious thing; but to the untrained, diamonds are never known till they are polished.

So it is with the impatient and irreverent. They walk in the dark maze of earth's sorrows, and, spurning the guidance of Heaven, are led by their own narrow human prudence, and their end is disaster. The good there is in life is soured to them, because it is not better. The misfortunes met at every turn wear a darker gloom, because of the pride that chafes, since they are obliged to bear them.

Even in school duties we can mark the advantage of the principle in question. Has the persevering, diligent student no cross to bear? Does she labor under no disadvantage? Far from it! She must apply herself constantly, and, "By the sweat of her brow," secure the treasures of science she labor under no disadvantage. Far from it! She must apply herself constantly, and, "By the sweat of her brow," secure the treasures of science which she came hither to garner. Crosses come of the principle in question. Has the persevering, diligent student no cross to bear? Does she labor under no disadvantage? Far from it! She must apply herself constantly, and, "By the sweat of her brow," secure the treasures of science which she came hither to garner. Crosses come every day, and in a thousand forms. The only difference between her and the wavering, indolent scholar, is that she lifts her daily cross and bears it bravely.

Could we but read the interior history of many of those with whom we daily come in contact, we might find many a heroine under the guise of a simple, studious school-girl. It is not the magnitude or the acknowledged success of our good actions which constitute their merit. It is rather the generosity and whole-heartedness with which we perform them. The young lady at a boarding-school, who denies herself in order to maintain respect for the rules of the house, or to encourage others in the pursuit of learning, or to do what is even more praiseworthy sometimes—that is, to study, or accomplish some difficult duty when not in the mood for it—performs no slight act of courage, and by her example leads others to do likewise.

She is, to say the least, preparing herself for the future, which may demand of her all the self-de

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