If thought or word of mine, transcribed or spoken,  
Hath ever cost one heart a needless pain;  
If but one tiny bond, thereby, were broken,  
Which love and trust can ne’er make whole again;  
If tongue or pen hath erred from their high mission,  
Or zeal’s bright arrows missed their lofty aim,—  
Believe me, friends, I crave, with deep contrition.  
(After my God’s) your pardon for the same.

But, if the cause of Truth and Right demanded  
Strongest of words to warn my fellow men:—  
If outraged Justice, stern and even-handed.  
Thrilled her bold message thro’ my tongue or pen,—  
Certes, good friends, mine office should go scathless.  
Rather than Christ’s dear charity grow cold;  
’Twere cruel kindness, ’twere a friendship faithless.  
Not to cry Wolf! if wolf were in the fold!

The Study of History.

But, to be more practical, let us compare the benefits to be derived from the perusal of history with those we receive from the pursuit of other sciences whose utility is acknowledged by everyone. Sciences, so far as their study is concerned, may be divided into two classes: those which are pursued for the sake of the culture and discipline they afford, and those which are chiefly practical in their results.

Of the first, are Mathematics, Metaphysics, Rhetoric, and the ancient languages. These are, to some extent, practical also; but they are chiefly of value for the mental and moral culture given by them. Metaphysics and Mathematics are generally considered as most suitable for the improvement of the reasoning powers; but in both the reasoning is principally concerning necessary and unchangeable things; and, consequently, the tendency of these sciences is to make the mind rigid, inflexible, and therefore, to a certain extent, unsuited to the affairs of practical life—which is ever changing, according to various wants or caprices of mankind. The stern influence of these sciences must therefore be modified by the more practical lessons of history; otherwise our minds would be in straight-jackets, moving in fixed grooves, neither to the right nor to the left, so that we should be unable to adapt ourselves to the special necessities and wants of our time and the country in which we live. The laws of society and of government are not constructed after the exact patterns of the metaphysicians and mathematicians, but according to the temporary or peculiar wants of each class or nation of people. A well-known illustration of this is furnished in the grand model of government framed by the celebrated philosopher, John Locke, for the colony of Georgia. The people tried to make use of this elaborate constitution formed for them by the wise man, but in the end they were compelled to throw it aside and draw up one for themselves, which answered very well. The exact sciences teach us how to reason concerning the necessary and general laws of things, but they fail to guide us in matters of detail in the every-day affairs of life. To reason well on these practical matters, we shall find that the lessons of history will be of much greater assistance.

Of the second, or practical class of studies are the natural sciences, from which we draw so many interesting lessons concerning the power and wisdom of God in the creation and government of the world, and all the wonders of animate and inanimate nature around about us. What sublimities in the ages and grand catastrophes of Geology! What mysteries in Chemistry and Mineralogy! What beauties in Botany and Zoology! In the small and in the great, through the microscope and through the telescope, we learn to look through nature up to nature’s God; and certainly it is hard to see what studies can be more instructive, as well as entertaining, than these of the pleasing science of external nature.

But grand as are the results of geological science, and interesting and instructive as are its details—especially in connection with its notice of the gradual preparation of the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms for the coming of man—still, taken at best, Geology is but the science of the earth’s crust, the science of the habitation of man; and as man is of more consequence than the house in which he lives, is the history of man of more importance to us than the history of the rock upon which he walks, with his head erect, looking towards the
heaven which is his destined home. The history of Mount Vernon—the home of Washington—is, no doubt, both pleasing and instructive; but it is not for a moment to be ranked in importance with the history of Washington himself.

So of Zoology. An account of the habits of the animal kingdom—of beasts, birds, fishes, and insects—may be very entertaining, as Goldsmith has shown in his fairy book, "Animated Nature;" and also very instructive, as many learned men have shown, time and again. But yet the actions of these creatures cannot be so worthy of our attention as are the deeds of men. The habits of the kangaroo cannot be of so much consequence as are those of the men of Australia. The history of the Arabian horses must be of less moment than the history of the Arabians themselves. No animal, nor all the animals together, can concern us so much as man—the king of the animals.

I have no wish to detract a particle from the importance of these studies; they are all good, useful, and even necessary, for the accomplished scholar, the educated lady or gentleman; but I wish to fix in your mind a conviction of the truth that man himself is the most important, as well as the most entertaining, of all studies. The old maxim, "Know thyself," contains a mine of wisdom, as does that oft-quoted line,

"The proper study of mankind is man."

To come still closer to our subject, let us examine the study of history in reference to the various avocations of life. In the learned professions it is simply a matter of necessity. Strip the lawyer of his knowledge of history, and he is no longer a lawyer but a very indifferent sort of pettifogger. The law itself is, indeed, but the wisdom of history, arranged in the form of rules and regulations adapted to the settlement of every case of controversy amongst men in good society. The wise and good of all ages have collected the wisdom of time for the guidance of men in regard to justice, and the lawyer who is ignorant of these results, and of the historical sources from which they come, is but a child in his profession, who has not yet learned his simplest lesson. All the holy years of Christianity give him the volumes of the canon law. From the Roman Republic, with its wars, its courts, its orators, and its statesmen, he has the precious legacy of the civil code, enlarged and supplemented with the experience of modern times, stamped with a magic name, and handed down to us as the code of Napoleon. Medieval history—especially that of England—will point out to him the secret springs of that other celebrated code under which we live ourselves—the common law. For an American lawyer not to seek to understand at least English history as well as American would be preposterous. It is, indeed, quite impossible for any one to appreciate and apply the principles of these various codes without understanding the history of the times during which they were formed—that is, at least the history of the Christian Church, of the Roman Republic, of the Middle Ages, and of England and America. Principle is always interwoven with fact, and the law is so connected with the event which brought it forth that without a knowledge of the latter we cannot have a clear perception of the former.

As Christianity is intimately blended with all modern history, and, by prophecy and tradition, directly connected with Jewish and all other ancient history, I need hardly say that a complete knowledge of history is of incalculable value in assisting the minister of God in the teaching of Christian truths.

Medicine, too, is a collection of the wisdom of time regarding all that is known of the healing art. The systems of allopathy, homoeopathy, hydrotherapy, and the rest, originated in different ages, and their different remedies of disease belong to the history of the various diseases, epidemics, plagues and other visitations that have marked the ages of the world with their baleful presence.

History is not, therefore, a mere chronicle of names and dates, of wars and treaties, but a review of the state of the human race in all ages; and whatever our occupation to-day may be, we shall find that a knowledge of what men have done in other times and in other places is absolutely necessary for our own best success, be our toil of high or low degree. Does it seem strange that modern agriculturists have found much to interest them, much to copy after, in what is written in history of the old Roman farmers, the way they tilled their ground and planted their crops? Yet many think that surely a farmer could learn nothing from the study of history. But if a knowledge of history is thus important to every one, it is to us Americans—the heirs of all time, the product, as it were, of the ages—that the history of all that has gone before is of pre-eminent importance.

"Westward the course of empire takes its way.

Time's noblest offspring is the last."

We are not only the offspring of all time, but of all nations. Almost every people of history is represented here, either by colonists or by immigrants; and the history of the American people runs back into the history of those mother nations from which we have all come. We are not only Americans, but also Europeans—Spaniards, English, French, Irish, Germans, Poles, Swedes, and the rest; and from all these we draw our customs, our institutions, and our laws. This is true in a particular manner of England: not that the majority of Americans are of English descent, but that, on account of the original British settlements and the consequent political connection of the colonies with the British government, our laws have grown out of the Constitution of England, her Canon Law and her Magna Charta; and, to understand our own Government and Constitution, we must be acquainted with the history of the rise of free institutions under the English government. The laws of Alfred and of "The Good King Edward," the conquest of the Normans, the revolution which culminated under Cromwell, and its more important continuation, which brought Wil-
liam and Mary to the throne, must all be understood by us before we can appreciate the political heritage which we derive from these sources. Indeed, it may be said that for us English history is but a part of American history; a part, too, which we must first read before we can read our own with profit.

But, notwithstanding all this, there is a great and ever-present objection to the study of history; it is full of lies—we know not what author we may take up with safety; for, as Napoleon was said to organize victory so that he was certain of success before his campaign began, so have these authors organized error, so that they are sure to deceive us. If, indeed, that were true, it would be a sad state of affairs, and we should be wise not to read at all. But it is not true. The truth is never without its defenders; and it is one of the objects of the study of history to learn to choose the teachers of truth from those of error. The truth exists, and it is our duty to find it, to use it, and to make it known to others.

How, then, shall we pursue this interesting and useful study? To start with, many books are not necessary. We read too many books nowadays. The old rule was, “Much in little;” but we make it “Little in much.” We read many books carelessly, and, consequently, learn very little. One book well known is worth a whole library skinned over. There is a wise old maxim that comes just in point here,—“Fear the man of one book.” Whoever thoroughly masters one book has positive knowledge, and is certain to prove superior to one whose information is loosely scattered, without system or arrangement—such historical information being almost useless. One book at a time, then, and that book one of those that Bacon says are to be “chewed and digested.”

In the next place, the universal history of mankind—that is, the outlines of ancient and modern history, should be first taken up, that our knowledge of history may be connected and systematic. We may thus fix the most important events, names and dates of all time, to which we may afterwards refer the particular incidents in the history of each nation, and so have a comprehensive and satisfactory view of the whole history of the world.

It is not to be pretended that we can obtain at school or in college a complete knowledge of history. But by mastering the outlines of general history, we can afterwards direct our special reading with intelligence and profit into the different departments we may wish to explore more thoroughly and in detail. The general knowledge of history which we obtain in youth may thus become both chart and compass to guide us over the boundless ocean of historic lore, into the narrower seas, over which we may wish to move with more care. General history will, as it were, teach us the latitude and longitude of the different events in the history of each country, each event being connected in time with some grand epoch in universal history.

The three great epochs of history are, the creation, the birth of our Lord, and the present time. To understand the significance of any event, or to remember with ease the time of its occurrence, we must refer it to one of these dates. Subsequent epochs are, the flood, the founding of the great republics and monarchies, the crusades, the discovery of America, the Revolution, etc. By fixing well in the mind the dates of these more prominent events, we can remember with greater ease the time of an event of less consequence, and also be able to understand better its bearing on human affairs; for some events naturally spring out of others, and should, therefore, be remembered in connection with them; the central or ruling action being grasped by the mind, the others cluster around it, as by one stem hangs a bunch of grapes.

To make an example: In 1215, the English-bishops and barons gather around King John at Runnymede, and compel him to sign the great Charter; liberty continues to gain ground in the English Constitution; it is transplanted to the New World; the American Revolution; the French Revolution; the breaking up of feudalism by Napoleon; the emancipation of the Russian serfs; the abolition of American slavery—are not these and many other events clearly traceable to one cause,—that cause even prior to King John,—namely, the spirit of Christianity, as slowly but surely developed in modern politics? Thus does general history give us a mastery over a grasp of events, which we can never have so long as we read at haphazard the history, first of one nation and then of another.

You have, then, a pleasant task before you when you engage in the study of ancient and modern history of the world. As scholars, whose peculiar object it is to search for the truth, it will be a source of pleasure for you to seek out the facts in the history of your own kind, and to weigh their importance on the welfare of humanity. You will also find many lessons in the lives of noble men and women which will teach you to admire greatness of soul, bravery, integrity, and every heroic virtue. You will find, too, enough to teach you to despise what is base and degrading in human nature, and also to enable you to look upon men with charity, while you make allowance for the short-comings incident to their state.

You will learn to entertain broad views of things, not to think that the only great deeds are confined to this age and this country. Neither will you imagine that this is the worst age of the world. History will teach the great lesson of our common humanity—that, in different ages and in different countries, men are about the same—now, better, and now, again, worse; that no age, no people is altogether bad; none altogether good—our own being no exception: we are good in some things, bad in others, just as the rest of mankind, from Adam to our own day. More than all this, you will see the hand of God in the affairs of men, and learn the great truth, that Providence rules in the history of nations. These are some of the moral lessons you will learn.

As scholars, you have also something else to look
to. You want information; you want something noble to think of; something good to talk of among yourselves, and, afterwards, in society; something to give you thought for your essays, or even for your lighter conversation, or, afterwards, in real life, when you may be called upon to defend the right or to oppose the wrong. Now and then you wish to be, and to be known as, intelligent persons; you wish for subject-matter for your writings and discourses as students; and afterwards, in your more serious essays and speeches, in your most playful correspondence, you will have the same want;—in a word, you want information, practical and interesting information, at hand for every occasion, both now, and still more when you take your place in the great school of society. Now and then you want what you can find in history, and only in history,—to be ignorant of which, according to a great moralist, is to remain in perpetual childhood.

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Salutation.*

Permettez que ma voix,—un écho de la France—
Exprimant nos souhaits avec simplicité,
Rende un public hommage à votre piété,
Et célébre en Joseph le Patron de l'enfance.

Retiré loin du bruit, modèle de silence,
Et voilant vos grands bais dans votre humilité,
Zélée, prudent ami de la sincérité,
Et des âges du ciel surpassant innocence,
Joseph, de l'Enfant-Dieu fidèle serviteur,
Oh! de notre maison soyez le Bon Pasteur;
Soyez le sauveur de nos faibless vertus!
Et, bercés dans vos bras, vénérable Protecteur!
Puissons-nous tous ici réjouir de tout cœur:
"Honoré Saint Joseph c'est posséder Jésus!"


Sidon.

It is by the light which the Sacred Volume sheds on that remote period of history, when the children of Noe, having separated in the plains of Senaar, were scattered abroad to people the different countries of the earth, that we discern in the dawn of eastern civilization, the rise of the ancient capital of Phœnícia. Coeval with Babylon and Ninive, if Sidon attained not to an equal degree of power and magnificence with the former cities, and became the nucleus of a mighty empire, yet it must not be forgotten that to the genius and enterprise of its inhabitants was the world indebted for the first development of the fundamental arts of civilization, and, moreover, for the creation of that spirit of maritime adventure which maintained the equal intercourse between the sea-divided members of the human family, and cradled that science which, after the growth of three thousand years, has enabled the navigator to guide his bark with certainty over the billowy expanse of the pathless deep.

According to Justin, the first people who settled upon the eastern coast of the Mediterranean built there a city which they called Saida (Sidon), signifying fish, owing to the quantity of the latter that abounded in the neighboring waters.* After the lapse of time, their city having been captured by an Assyrian prince, a great part of the Sidonians sought refuge in their ships, new home, and, landing southward on the same coast, founded the celebrated city of Tyre. The latter grew so rapidly in wealth and importance, that within a very brief period it became the head of the Phœnian confederacy, and subsequently the emporium of eastern commerce.

In the songs of Homer we find frequent mention of the Sidonians as skilful in the arts and manufactures. The character of the Phœnian merchants, gathered from the same source, represents them in general as prudent, deceitful, treacherous and hard-hearted.

We may form an idea of the perfection to which the Phœnicians attained in the mechanical arts from the letter of Hiram, King of Tyre, to Solomon, who had requested that prince to send him a skilful artificer to assist in the erection of the temple: "I therefore have sent thee, my father, Hiram, a wise and most skilful man, the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, whose father was a Tyrian, who knoweth how to work in gold and in silver, in brass and in iron, and in marble and in timber, in purple also, and in violet and silk and scarlet, and who knoweth how to make all sorts of graving, and to devise ingeniously all that there may be need of in the work with thy artificers."

In the time of Cyrus, Sidon, with all Phœnícia, submitted to the Persian yoke; but towards the close of the reign of Artaxerxes Memnon, it joined with the other provinces of the empire in the revolt that was brought about through the tyranny and rapacity of the satraps. On the accession of Ochus,—detested for his cruelty and despotism—Phœnícia was invaded by an army of 500,000 men. The Sidonians were prepared to defend their city to the last extremity; but the treason of their leaders opened the gates to the enemy, and, perceiving there was no possibility of escape, either by sea or land, a considerable portion of the inhabitants in despair shut themselves up in their houses, and setting them on fire, perished in the flames.

The Persian monarch having withdrawn his forces for the subjugation of Egypt, a number of the Sidonians that had escaped the general slaughter rebuilt the city. On the approach of Alexander the Great, after the battle of Issus, the inhabitants of Sidon, desirous to escape from the Persian yoke, sent to offer their submission to that conqueror. Alexander accordingly dethroned their king Strato, who had declared in favor of Darius, and or-

* Tyriorum gens condita a Phoenicibus fuit; qui, terra motu vexato, relicto patris; solo, Assyrum stagnum primo,
quam a piscium ubertate Sidona appellaverunt: nam piscem Phœnices Sidon vocant.—Justin, lib. xviii, cap. 3.
Hered his followers not to abandon thus the dead amid the ruins, descending from his horse, he exclaimed to the newly-chosen monarch. After surveying the latter for a long time, he remarked that his appearance did not belie his royal extraction, but that he was anxious to learn how he had borne his former state of poverty. Abdolonymus replied in these remarkable words: "Ultimam odem animo regnum pati possim. Hic nonus suffecerem desiderio meo. Nihil habenti nihil defit!"

"Would that I may bear the crown with equal fortitude! These hands have supplied my necessities. Whilst I possessed nothing I wanted nothing."

At the period of the Crusades, Sidon still retained some vestiges of its former greatness. At the commencement of the twelfth century, it was defended by two forts of considerable strength: one seated on a rock commanding the entrance to the harbor, and connected by a bridge of nine arches with the shore; the other crowned the highest summit of the eminence on which the city is situated.

In 1252, the hordes of the Mussulmans, issuing from the neighborhood of Damascus, invaded the city, and, having massacred great numbers of the inhabitants, pillaged the town, and demolished the ramparts. At the news of the disaster, the French monarch, St. Louis, who was then at Tyre, set out immediately for Sidon, routed the infidels after an obstinate encounter, and commenced the reconstruction of the fortifications. It was here he set that brilliant example of Christian charity when, beholding the numerous corpses of the faithful lying scattered in every direction, and putrefying amid the ruins, descending from his horse, he exhorted his followers not to abandon thus the dead bodies of their comrades, and hastened to commence with his own hands the work of giving them Christian sepulture.

The aspect of Sidon is highly picturesque, rising on a gentle slope above the blue waters of the Mediterranean, surrounded with orange, citron, and olive groves. The gardens in the suburbs of the town abound with the richest fruits to be obtained in Syria; the soil being especially favorable to vegetation.

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Books and Periodicals.

The April Century contains five profusely illustrated articles, and a biographical paper—"Sidney Lanier, Poet"—with two portraits. Among the unillustrated papers is George Alfred Townsend's account of "How Wilkes Booth Crossed the Potomac." In addition there are other articles of interest and poems of merit.

St. Nicholas for April, with its varied table of contents, reminds us, like the month itself, both of the winter that is past, and of the summer that is to come. An account of the first ice-palace, that built by the Empress Anna Ivanova, of Russia, with a picture by Blum, is offset by Mary A. Lathbury's pleasant summer sketch, called "Fairy Lodge," which the author has charmingly illustrated. Among other interesting articles are: "Historic Boys," "Spinning Wheel Story," "Girl Noblesse," "Land of Fire," and "Winter Fun."

Whether the United States are to regain their former pre-eminent rank as a commercial and naval power on the seas, is a question that no American can contemplate with indifference. The subject is discussed with marked ability in the North American Review for April, by the Hon. Nelson Dingley, M. C., who opposes the project of admitting foreign-built ships to American registry, and by Capt. John Codman, who is well known as a zealous advocate of that measure. Judge J. A. Jameson, in the same number of the Review, discusses the question, "Shall Our Civilization be Preserved?" pointing out the means that are at hand for withstand the various agencies, physical, moral and intellectual, which threaten to overturn our existing civil and social institutions. Dr. Felix L. Oswald writes of "Changes in the Climate of North America," with special reference to the increasing frequency of disastrous floods. Prof. C. A. Eggert offers "A Plea for Modern Languages" in the higher education; and Julian Hawthorne discourses of "Literature for Children." Dr. Philip Schaff displays his bigotry in a paper on "The Development of Religious Freedom," a notice of which we reserve for a future number.

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give their time and services to the instruction and spiritual direction of the men, women, boys and girls employed in the vast manufactories of France. They are called Les Petites Souris de l'Ouvrier, and their history and work, as told by Miss O'Meara, will repay perusal. The writer concludes with the words:

"These gentle pacemakers will probably do more towards softening the irritation of the operative, and disarming antagonism between him and his master, than all the measures of politicians."

R. H. Clarke, LL. D., continues his review of the new edition of Bancroft's History of the United States. Dr. Clarke considers the subject of "Maryland Toleration" and shows how Mr. Bancroft, after five or more editions of his history have been given to the public, has now "caught the infection of a temporary flurry of anti-Catholic sentiment," and "goes back on his own history, sentiments and convictions." The writer proceeds to show that the changes made are contrary to history. The other articles are "The Wisdom and Truth of Wordsworth's Poetry, Part II," by Aubery de Vere; "By-Ways," by Marion A. Taggart; "New Mexico and her Pueblos," by Very Rev. J. H. Dufour; "Armist," by Christian Reid; "An Impudent Fabrication Exposed," by Rev. George Deshon; "The Delicacy of Shakespeare," by R. M. Johnston. Published by The Catholic Publication Co., 9 Barclay St., N. Y. Price, 35 cents. $4 a year.

Scientific Notes.

—An English invention, by which gas jets may be lighted by an electric battery, contained in a small portable tube, has made its appearance in this country.

—A correspondent of the Liverpool Mercury declares that one ounce of cream of tartar dissolved in one pint of boiling water, drunk cold at short intervals, is a sure prophylactic and cure of smallpox.

—An attempt is about to be made to acclimatize sponges on the shores of France and Algiers. The chief difficulty will be in the transplantation of the plants. It will be about three years before the transplanted sponges will be fit to cut for sale. Sponges fetch high prices, and the project is expected to pay well.

—An interesting experiment is to be made by Dr. Zinctraf, who, in company with Dr. Chavanne, is about to visit the Congo and the interior of Africa. He takes with him a phonograph where-with to fix the speech and melodies of hitherto unknown tribes, which, thus received by the instrument, will be forwarded to scientific men in Germany.

—The plan of using the enormous water power of the Alps for working electric railways in Switzerland appears to have taken a definite shape, the idea being to connect the towns of St. Moritz and Pontresina by an electric railway, four and three-fourths miles long, the motive power to be supplied by the mountain streams, the line, in case the plan proves a success, to be extended a considerable distance.

—The British Royal Astronomical Society has awarded Mr. T. Ainslie Common its gold medal for photographs of celestial bodies, mainly bestowed on account of a magnificent photograph he has succeeded in taking of the great nebula in Orion. It is not often that a non-professional astronomer has gained the honor of gold medalist. Since the award to Mr. de la Rue, in 1862, for his photographs of the solar eclipse, Messrs. Huggins and Miller received a joint medal for their researches in astronomical physics, in 1867, and Baron Dembrowski one for double star work, in 1878; the fourteen other medals going to professional astronomers.

—Among the prizes offered by the French Academy of Sciences are several of peculiar interest to American investigators. In applied mechanics, for example, there is the Fourneyron prize, to be given for the best study, both theoretical and experimental, of the different methods of transplanting force to a distance; also a medal prize, valued at three thousand francs, to be awarded in 1884 for a mathematical solution of the problem "to perfect in some important point the theory of the application of electricity to the transmission of power." The Borden prize, to be awarded in 1885, is also a medal of the above-named value, and is offered for a research into the origin of electricity in the atmosphere and the causes of the great development of electric phenomena in storm clouds. As usual, these prizes are open to all nations.

—The excavation of the St. Gothard tunnel cost many lives. On coming out of the tunnel the men described the sensation as being like a sudden plunge into icy cold water. The hot, humid air affected the digestive organs very much, and produced intestinal worms, which caused the deaths of a great number of workmen. Horses were similarly affected, and died rapidly. Several eminent doctors who studied these peculiarities pronounced them as being due to the want of aeration and the poisonous gases evolved from the blasting operations. And they reported that during the working hours the men were always in a high state of fever, which was succeeded, when the work was done for the day, by cold shivers and collapse. With these experiences to guide them, the engineers of the Simplon have necessarily made the question of ventilation one of serious and anxious study.

—Prof. Hull, who has returned with his party from Palestine, brings with him materials for the construction of a geological map of the Holy Land very much in advance of anything which could hitherto be attempted. The Professor is of opinion that at the time of the Exodus there was a continuous connection of the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. As regards the Dead Sea, he has discovered that it formerly stood at an elevation of 1,400 feet above its present level—that is to say,
150 feet above the level of the Mediterranean. The history of this gradual lowering of the waters will form a special feature in Prof. Hull's forthcoming report. He has also found evidences of a chain of ancient lakes in the Sinai district, and of another chain in the centre of the Wady Arabah, not far from the watershed. The terraces of the Jordan have been examined, the most important one being 600 feet above the present surface of the Dead Sea.

**College Gossip.**

—Harvard, Yale and Cornell are the only institutions which have successful daily papers.

—The probable coxswain of the Yale University crew weighs only sixty-four pounds.—*Spectator.*

—Amherst has adopted "knee breeches.—*Ex.*

—They are about to volunteer for the infantry, perhaps. We wish them success.

—One of our exchanges announces to an admiring public, that the motto of one of its female literary societies is "arma virumque cano."—*Ex.*

—There is an unusually strong boating interest at Cornell. Crews have been entered at Saratoga, and in competition for the Childs cup.—*Ex.*

—There is a $100,000 libel suit pending against the *Wooster Collegian,* a college paper published at Wooster College, Ohio. That looks like business.

—The largest observatory dome in the world is being made for the University of Virginia. It weighs ten tons, and measures forty-five feet at the base.

—Ex-Governor Chamberlain, of South Carolina, is to reply to the Phi Beta Kappa oration of Mr. Adams, at the 53d annual meeting of the American Institute of Instruction.—*Herald-Crimson.*

—Dr. Chandler has presented the Mineralogical Department of Columbia College with a crystalapatite twenty-two inches long and fifty inches in circumference. They would soon get a better appetite in the mines of Colorado.

—One of the best Greek scholars in the country, during a recent lecture on the benefits of a classical education, said that there does not exist a graduate of an American college who can properly affix the acccents to a page of printed Greek.—*Niagara Index.*

—Yale College, which was about a year ago the recipient of $50,000 from A. E. Kent, of San Francisco, has received $25,000 more from the same person. The whole amount is to be used in the erection of a Chemical Laboratory for the Academy Department.

—The Senior prep's are glowing in the fact that they are to be initiated into the elements of chemistry. “A little learning is a dangerous thing,” and we are afraid our small friends will soon learn enough to blow up themselves and their neighbors.

—*College Chips.*

—Hamline University, Minnesota, dedicated two new buildings, January 30th, University Hall and a finely appointed laboratory. The former takes the place of the building that was burned last year. A debt of $27,000 was provided for by subscription at the dedication.—*College Rambler.*

—By the death of the late President Packer, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Lehigh receives $2,000,000, $500,000 of which is to be devoted to the library. After twenty-one years it will receive $3,000,000 additional. President Packer is a son of the founder of the University.—*Tech.*

—The advantages of attending an Episcopal-institution are highly appreciated. Ash-Wednesday is always welcomed with pleasure.—*Columbia Spectator.*

We wish we could say as much here. Our empty stomachs groan for Easter, and, oh dear!—it is Lent, won't return for three weeks.

—The will of the late Hon. L. J. Knowles, in addition to a large number of bequests to the public institutions in New England, gives $10,000 to Carlton College, at Northfield, Minn., and $25,000 to the American Board of Foreign Missions. After the death of his widow $5,000 goes to Doane College, in Nebraska, and $5,000 to W ashburn College, at Topeka, Kansas.

—The students of St. Laurent College, near Montreal, had a grand celebration on the festival of St. Patrick. Solemn High Mass was sung at 10 a.m., during which an eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. P. Moran, C. S. C., one time Professor at Notre Dame. In the evening, a very interesting and creditable entertainment was presented by the boys of St. Patrick's Literary Society.

— “The poor boys of Michigan,” can enjoy the advantages of the University, if they have rich fathers who can ante up for their canes, class hats, ball expenses, secret society dues, and assessments for building club halls, and running them; for treating the girls; sprees and billiards; testimonials to keep up the shaky reputation of Professors, and other et-ceteras, too numerous to mention. Otherwise the "poor boy" will see these boasted advantages, "so near and yet so far."—*Tpsilanti (Mich.) Sentinel.*

—Miss Alpha, though she led her class, was yet a most unlovely lass; she had a little sister σ, and she would often hang and σ, and push, and pinch, and pound and pelt her and many a heavy blow she σ; so that the kitten e'en would μ. When σ's sufferings she υ, This Alpha was so bad to θ, that every time she chanced to meet her she looked as though she longed to ρ; and oft against the wall she jammed her, and oft she took a stick and θ; and for the pain and tears she brought her she pitied her not one; Then θ cried with noisy clamor, and ran and told her grief to ρ; and ρ, with a pitying ψ, would give the little girl some ζ, and say: “Now, darling mustn't χ,”—*Varsity.*
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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The following item, published in the general college notes of the Herald-Crimson of the 15th, misstates the fact:

"The students of Notre Dame University recently gave a representation of the 'Edipus Tyrannus,' rendering the lines in English."

The play was given in the Greek text—not from a translation. As there was not a word of English spoken throughout the play—even the "Minim" giving his short epilogue in Greek—we cannot understand why the newspapers gave the false report that the play was in English. We hope the Herald-Crimson will help to do us justice in the matter.

—Dr. McCosh has issued a circular setting forth the demands for a course in Fine Arts as a part of the College curriculum.—Columbia Spectator.

In this respect Princeton is about a quarter of a century behind Notre Dame,—Drawing, Painting, and Music being taught here for at least that length of time, and we know not how much earlier. Besides the ordinary collegiate studies, drawing, painting, music, telegraphy, phonography, etc., have been taught here for years, and yet "they say" Catholic educational institutions are behind the times! In what, we ask, are we behind the times? And yet the State of Indiana has not given one dollar to aid educational work at Notre Dame, while pitiful little mushroom institutions, not worthy the name of a College, are dubbed "University" and plentifully helped out of the State treasury. We move that Notre Dame be put on wheels and moved out of the State, into a more congenial clime. Who seconds the motion? If we go we should like to take St. Joseph County and St. Joseph River with us.

Spring Statistics.

The first hepatica was found on the river bank March 23d this year. Last year these little harbingers of spring did not appear until April 9th. The first plowing was done March 19th. Last year it was April 4th.

Frogs were first heard croaking this year March 21st. Last year not before April 3d.

The Lakes free of ice this year on the 23d and 25th March, respectively. Last year it was April 5th and 8th.

From all which it doth appear that the present season is at least two weeks earlier than the late spring of 1883.

But the most conclusive sign that spring has come to stay is the cry of the wild water fowl—ducks, geese and brants, as they fly at night, migrating from the South to their summer homes amid the great Lakes. Their unerring instinct guides them through the dark, and determines the time of their journey.

The Lastare Medal.

We are permitted to publish the following letter from Mr. P. V. Hickey, the able editor of The Catholic Review. It gives an interesting description of the conferring of the Lastare Medal on Mr. Patrick C. Keely, the distinguished Architect:

NEW YORK, N.Y., March, 25, 1884.

Dear, Very Rev. Rector:

I send you a brief record of the performance of the duty you charged me with, in the name of Notre Dame University.

Mr. Keely was absent from home, attending to important work in Baltimore, but a telegram from his family recalled him. On Saturday morning, I saw the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Brooklyn, and, in the name of the University, asked him to be present, and decorate Mr. Keely with the Medal. He was much pleased with your recognition of Mr. Keely's merits and distinguished services. He heartily entered into the spirit of the compliment, and promised, if he could arrange his other appointments, to attend; but he observed that there were many previous engagements which might keep him until too late. Indeed, the shortness of the notice given Monsieur made it exceedingly difficult for him to arrange his time.
Mr. Keely's modesty being as great as his merit, it was deemed best to make the presentation with as little formal-ity as possible. Many who gladly have been present to do honor to this eminent master were, on this account, not invited. According only to Mr. Keely's feeling of respect, the clergy of the Cathedral Chapel, Father P. F. O'Hare and his assistants, the Very Rev. William Keegan, Vicar-General, were present. The Vicar-General presided, and the messenger of Notre Dame made a brief explanation of the origin and character of the Lastaré Medal, sent on this occasion to the distinguished master of Christian Architecture—P. C. Keely, of whom Catholic America, and more particularly Brooklyn, is so proud, to the which he was honored with his first as well as with that which will be the greatest of his works, had so much reason to be proud. The messenger then explained the intention of Bishop Loughlin to be present, and in his absence requested the Vicar-General to decorate Mr. Keely with the Medal. Father Keegan did so, having previously paid Mr. Keely some admirably phrased compliments, which must have been highly appreciated, for they came from a venerable priest who has known Mr. Keely for more than forty years. It is no exaggeration to expect the beauty and poetic address which the Laureate of the University sent with the Medal. All who have seen the address are warm in their expressions of admiration for the beautiful work of illumination, which so creditably reflects the best of the other artists of Notre Dame. Similar praise is given to the Medal.

I am quite certain that when Mr. Keely said he was grateful to the University for the compliment it had paid him, he did not exaggerate his feelings. He is a man of great deeds and few words, but it was evident that he felt and appreciated the honor of the Medal. I need not say that the spirit of the University in founding this Medal, its generosity and charity in not making it an object of beauty, and its elevated judgment in selecting such men as its present medalists, have all attracted admires and well-wishers of the great, progressive and far-seen Catholic University of the Middle West. Among these friends and admirers, but not of yesterday or to-day, I am sure you count him who had the great honor of being on this occasion the messenger of our Lady's University.

I am, dear Father Rector, Your friend and well-wisher. P. V. Hickey.

The Dome.

The appended communication from Very Rev. Father General sets forth a plan for the perfection of the Dome of the University which will be of interest to the friends of Notre Dame:

NOTICE TO OUR FRIENDS.

The exterior of the beautiful Dome of Notre Dame is now finished, thank God! and not a dollar expended on it will ever be regretted. It is the grand feature of the place—one of the chief ornaments of the West. But beautiful as it looks, it is scarcely anything compared to what it will soon be, when covered, as originally intended, with the heavy and imperishable gilding of the purest gold which will reflect magically through the day the rays of the sun, and at night turn darkness into a bright light, from the electric crown of twelve stars with which the whole figure of the Blessed Virgin is to be clothed, typifying the prophecy: And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a Woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars (Apoc. xi. i). What a beautiful sight!—one that has never been seen in this country. And yet, we trust, it will be seen at Notre Dame by thousands on the 14th of Sept. next—the double Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and of the Holy Name of Mary, and the 43rd anniversary of the 1st Mass celebrated in this New World by a priest of the Holy Cross. Truly, the designs of Providence are inscrutable! On the first arrival here in the “forest primeval” of seven poor foreign Religious, without any human means of success, who could have foreseen such a change? But the spot was already dedicated to the Blessed Mother of God. To clear the ground she asked the Bishop of St. John beyond the Atlantic, rich only in faith and confidence in her protection. But let no one imagine the solemnity of the 14th of September is intended to celebrate their success in Indiana. It would be an insult to their real feelings! To Our Blessed Lady they return due thanks—to her, after God, they give all the glory.

A grand festival (D. z.) this year will mark the 14th of September, the Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin. I am quite certain that when Mr. Keely said he was grateful to the University for the compliment it had paid him, he did not exaggerate his feelings. He is a man of great deeds and few words, but it was evident that he felt and appreciated the honor of the Medal. According only to Mr. Keely's feeling of respect, the clergy of the Cathedral Chapel, Father P. F. O'Hare and his assistants, the Very Rev. William Keegan, Vicar-General, were present. The Vicar-General presided, and the messenger of Notre Dame made a brief explanation of the origin and character of the Lastaré Medal, sent on this occasion to the distinguished master of Christian Architecture—P. C. Keely, of whom Catholic America, and more particularly Brooklyn, is so proud, to the which he was honored with his first as well as with that which will be the greatest of his works, had so much reason to be proud. The messenger then explained the intention of Bishop Loughlin to be present, and in his absence requested the Vicar-General to decorate Mr. Keely with the Medal. Father Keegan did so, having previously paid Mr. Keely some admirably phrased compliments, which must have been highly appreciated, for they came from a venerable priest who has known Mr. Keely for more than forty years. It is no exaggeration to expect the beauty and poetic address which the Laureate of the University sent with the Medal. All who have seen the address are warm in their expressions of admiration for the beautiful work of illumination, which so creditably reflects the best of the other artists of Notre Dame. Similar praise is given to the Medal.

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quickly the attention of everyone is fixed upon the glorious sign! "I have raised my eyes and seen," and out of the abundance of my heart an expression springs to my lips—_Bannu est vos rue esce!_ "It is good for us to be here."

We write this on the eve of our glorious St. Joseph’s Feast. Whether ever felt more interested in the Blessed Virgin than he, her faithful and devoted Spouse? Can we suppose for a moment that he will feel unconcerned in the new triumph we are now preparing for our Heavenly Queen—especially when we take into consideration the fact that this glorious crowning is the work of his own hands from the beginning? Yes, he will truly rejoice at his glory; and, in the words of the heavenly messenger Gabriel,—"Thou art, indeed, blessed among all women!" while we ourselves repeat with the Archangel: "Hail, full of grace! Ave! Ave! Ave Maria!"

As I was sending the above to the printing-office a purse of $500 in gold was presented to me, in the name of St. Joseph, for the Dome, wholly unexpected and unasked—a surprise; or, rather, a sanction. A few dozen more will soon prove that I was not mistaken.

E. SORIN, C. S. C.

Exchanges.

[The Exchange-editor sincerely hopes he is violating no confidence in stating that the "Convention of Exchange-Editors" will be called to order in Washington Hall, next Monday afternoon. The College authorities do not feel authorized in granting any "rec," but a number of invitations have been issued to people in South Bend and Chicago, and some tickets placed at Father Maher’s disposal. These may be obtained this p. m. Students bearing tickets can enter the hall at 3:30, and be excused from further recitation. The front door, by the way, will be the only one open.]

—The Haverfordian for March, we are very sorry to say, falls below its usual high standard.

—The Portfolio, edited by the young ladies of Wesleyan College, seems almost too heavy for a college paper; its best work seems to be done in the Exchange department.

—College Chips, from Decorah, Iowa, is really an excellent paper; if, however, we were allowed to make a remark it would be, that the mince-pie advertisements are a little too prominent.

—The University Press, from Wisconsin, is ever open to the charge of having too much local matter. We think the editors are making an especial mistake in having no Exchange department.

—The Scholastic has lately been receiving flattering notice all along the line. We will speak more at length in the future, deeming it at present sufficient to say that the editorial on "Tom Paine," Mr. McIntyre’s masterly "Louis XI," W. H. J.’s "Vivisection," and Miss C. M.'s charming article on "The Command of Language," come in for especial praise.

—The Bethany Collegian for February is, both inside and outside, a rather dull-looking paper. There are a considerable number of correctly enough-written essays, but none at all striking in either matter or style. "Death," by Mr. Wm. S. Payne, contains trite ideas, tritely stated; but it is admirably fitted, by its many short sentences, for declamation. We must, by the way, object to the following misstatement from an otherwise fair essay on "Suicide":

"Indeed, no one of the ancients seriously objected to it (suicide); and it was not considered a sin by Christians until it was canonically pronounced as such at the Council of Arles, in 457."

—The Volante, from our great sister-metropolis, is, both in matter and style, a very fair paper; and we are, therefore, the more surprised that in its editorial columns should appear a scurrilous attack upon an old student, whose only offense seems to have been his late preference for a rival college. Is it anybody’s business if he preferred to graduate at the Northwestern? Surely, the University of Chicago must be hard pushed for money to so lament over one student. For our part, we recommend the old student—if he is able—to give the Volante-man a good drubbing; if not—well, he’d better treat him with silent contempt. That’s very cutting, very!

—The College Index says: "Students applicants for registration in Kalamazoo are questioned very closely," which speaks well for Kalamazoo in this respect. A great many colleges seem glad to fill up, without question, with the riff-raff that choose to apply. N. M. C.’s article on the revised version of the New Testament is a sensible one, and well written. He shows the need of the revision, from the fact that King James’s translators “sometimes sacrificed accuracy, and even consistency,” and reasonably wonders why such an edition, produced in about two and three-fourth years, should be preferred to one which occupied two committees of eminent scholars and literary men a period of ten and a half years. M. Y.’s article, "Sculpture in America," although not remarkable for a good style, is nevertheless readable owing to the care taken in gathering facts.

—The Queen’s College Journal seems to share the innocent delusion—so prevalent at Vassar—that egregious mistakes in orthography and grammar constitute the highest form of wit. On this principle, we are presented with a very comical column, opening thus:

"I haven’t seen no prize fite (it’s very funny, indeed!), nor a battle, but I seen a game of Rugby. It’s lots no fun! My brother Bill see it’s a bully game! I think so, too—a bully game to stay out no’! Bill he play Rugby, the other day; and Snookey—that’s my sister, Snookey is,—Snookey said she guessed he was aLibrary Bill when he got down; for nobody used her took him fer the same Bill that com- menced playin." (1)

We pause here to give our readers time to laugh—time to realize the side-splitting and original humor evolved by spelling was w-w-e; time to realize what a funny man to take to spell have without the final e. Acting under the delusion we have already mentioned the Journal grows still more witty in the "clipping" from its exchanges; but we cannot well afford to reproduce further such very peculiar humor. Our own copy we have forwarded to the "Indiana Asylum for Imbecile Youth," where it has been warmly welcomed by the inmates, who regard it as a very funny paper, indeed!

—The Earlhamite for March, as usual, is filled
with a number of well-written productions. The "Reading of Shakespeare" is marred by answering silly objections, and giving too familiar (we might almost say hackneyed) quotations. A "John Brown Reminiscence," we presume, is not written by one of the students; but "General St. Clair," by Miss Helen V. Austin, is really a remarkable paper. Indeed, all the Earhartite's prose is very good; we only object to its verses. L. D. H. (whoever that is) has given us, in Maud-Muller metre, some very queer lines, entitled "February," which, we suppose, is his (or her) own peculiar orthography for the second month of the year. We simply give some of the stanzas, leaving our readers to judge them at their just valuation. We quote:

"There is a rustle in last year's leaves Floating on morning's balmy breeze—"

"Pleadings for blossoms folded down [who folded them?] Under the leaves of sobrietest brown.

"Symphonies low of forest winds Greeting, we know, for winter-long sins."

"Promising now, in tender tone. Never to shatter a single one—"

One what? a winter-long sin? Or does the bard refer to his ingenious rhymes,—winds with sins, and tone with one?"

"Trembling they hear the wild winds coming Thro' the aisles of the forest rooming."

In case anyone now yearns to see this brilliant author, we will say: Do him no violence ("Integer vitae," etc.); his address is Richmond, Ind.

A Society for the Restoration of Solemnity.

It has been well remarked that we live in an age of burlesque, and it must be therefore a consolation to every person of a serious turn of mind, to know that the Faculty of Notre Dame are about to take active steps for the revival of solemnity. We have been kindly informed by the venerable Secretary of that august body that meetings are to be called in the Rotunda at the solemn midnight hour, at which all students of a serious character are invited to assist. No special costume will be required, but black kids and the bronchitis will be looked upon with favor.

The proceedings will be conducted in blank verse; and the minutes taken in the blank-blankest kind of verse. An energetic undertaker with a neat hearse will be in attendance, so that those wishing to attend funerals in the intervals of business can be accommodated. Letters from distinguished poetesses will be read, and conundrums propounded by the more antique members of the Faculty. In short, nothing will be left undone to cast a gloom over the assembled throng. Solos on the triangle, cymbals or grinding organ will vary, without diminishing the monotonous. Weather prophecies of the gloomiest character will then be promulgated, and the end of the world will be calculated mathematically, and assigned to the earliest possible date. We wish every success to the good work, and shall do all in our power to help it on. If we cannot attend ourselves we will send the Scholastic "devil."

P. Q. Liar.

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Personal.

—Sol. H. Waixel (Com't), '83, is a prominent business man in Chicago.

—Mr. J. J. McGinnity, of '71, accompanied by his brother, the Rev. E. McGinnity, of Janesville, Wis., made a brief visit to the College and Academy on Wednesday last.

—Among the welcome visitors to the College during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. W. Hake, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. O'Kane, Cincinnati, Ohio; P. L. Garrity, Chicago; Richard Gammon, of '64, and wife.

—Rev. J. A. Zahm, accompanied by a party of ten students, arrived yesterday afternoon from his tour through Mexico. The trip was made on the first railway opened between the city of Mexico and the States. Father Zahm looks well and hearty, and promises delightful accounts of observations made during his journey. We welcome him to our midst.

—Mr. James F. Blaine, a nephew of the distinguished statesman, Hon. James G. Blaine, formerly a student at Notre Dame, but now following a course at the University of Michigan, is spending the week at the College visiting relatives and old friends. Mr. Blaine, we believe, does good work wherever he goes, and we heartily wish him continued success at Ann Arbor.

—The following prelates have visited Notre Dame at various times:—Before the founding of the University, Bishop Plaget and Bishop Bruté visited the Indians, and said Mass in the small log church which stood near the old farm-house. Since the founding of the University by Father Sorin, Archbishops Purcell, Spalding, Elder, Henni, Archbishop Lynch, of Toronto, Archbishop Kenrick, of Baltimore, Archbishops Lamy, Perché, Riordan, Bishops de Hidandiere, de St. Palais, Chatard, Cretin, Grace, Ireland, Timon, Bishop Ryan, of Buffalo, Bishops Kappe, Gilmour, Luers, Dwenger, Moack, Lefebre, Borges, Marty, Machevaut, Bishop Spalding, of Peoria, Bishops Vande Vilde, Regan, Foley, Rosecrans, Watterson, Young, Dufal, Bishop Whalen, of Nashville; Bishop O' Connor, of Pittsburgh; Bishop O'Connor, of Omaha; Bishops Pollicier, Toebbe, Kain, Bishop Sweaney, of St. John's, New Brunswick; Bishop Montes d'Oca, of Monterey, Mexico; Bishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, Canada, were guests of the College. The following visited the University before their consecration: Archbishop Ronchetti, Papal Legate; Bishops McMullen, Martin, and Fink; Archbishops Heiss, and Wood; Bishops Flash, and Rademacher. Besides these, Monsignor de Neve, Rector of the American College at Louvain; Mgr. Benoit, of Port Wayne, and Mgr. France, also visited the Institution.
Local Items.

—K. B. S.
—Phenomenon!
—Spring-blossoms.
—Lent is on the decline.
—Bright was the morn!
—The proportion is as 3 to 7.
—Who are the fresh-air fiends?
—Where is our weather-prophet now?
—A rain is sometimes very opportune.
—He was surprised, but not dismayed.
—The next soiree will take place after Easter.
—The Academy will soon have another disputation.
—Competitions next week in the Collegiate Course.
—The Society reports have been crowded out this week.
—The "Roll of Honor" was unusually well filled, last week.
—Some of the Seniors are beginning to trot out their "candy pants."
—The "Gym." is a favorite resort on drizzly days like last Tuesday.
—Lost—An umbrella. The finder will please leave at Father Maher’s office.

—Navigation has opened at last! The crews were practising, last Thursday.
—The Philopatarians are coming out this time with "The Virginian Mummy."

—What is the difference between the "stamping-out" and the "poco-curante" process? —The Seniors’ reading-rooms are being painted, and undergoing other improvements.
—The north side of the promenade on the Juniors’ Campus is altogether too sandy.
—The meetings of the St. Cecilians are greatly enlivened by debates, Moot Courts, etc.
—Bros. Leander and Lawrence have the thanks of the Junior Baseball League for prizes.
—Tickets for the Exchange-Editors’ Convention at Students’ Office. Try to get one.
—The Minims went fishing last Thursday. Quite a number of little beauties were caught.
—The Philopatarians will celebrate Shakespeare’s birthday. We all anxiously await their appearance.
—The Minims return thanks to Rev. President Walsh for the handsome picture which adorns their study-hall.
—The excavations for the western wing are finished. Work on the foundation will commence next week.
—Football and baseball appear to be the favorite exercises of the Juniors during recreations since the fine weather came.
—The Vocal Classes are preparing Rossini’s "William Tell" for Commencement. May success attend their efforts!

—B. Augustus has received a new stock of spring goods, and is prepared to suit the most fastidious. Give him a call.
—The reaction from aestheticism to indiscriminate physical culture is becoming alarming. Umbrellas, even for ladies, are no longer in fashion.
—Who are the fresh-air fiends?

—Some of the Juniors have procured Cadet uniforms, and many others have been ordered. The gray color and brass buttons look neat, tasteful, and handsome.

—The Crescent Club entertainment, St. Patrick’s night, was a grand success. The musical morceau of the evening was the "Irish Patrol," by Elbel’s full orchestra.

—The Mendelssohn Quintette Club, of Boston, will be here on the 15th of May. The organization is highly spoken of, and their concerts are well worth attending.

—Last Thursday, the Juniors took one of the old-time excursions to the banks of the St. Joe. One of "ye old boys" thought of the time when they used to "play Indians" in that neighborhood.

—Last week, the Commercial students had a competition in rapidity in writing. The greatest speed attained was 35 words (182 letters) a minute. W. Cartier, W. Ramsay and E. Gerlach came out first.
—The members of the Crescent Club are greatly indebted to Bro. Lawrence for the interest he took in the late banquet. The greater part of the success of the entertainment was due to his energetic management.
—The new mural painting of "Columbus Knocking at the Convent Gate" has been commenced and will be finished soon. This is the tenth painting of the series of twelve, all of which will be finished before Commencement.
—One of the "weather-prophets" up in New Hampshire frankly says that he sits down and thinks, and then "predicts what happens to come into his mind." Some other weather-wise people are not as candid, but certainly not more scientific.

—The altar-boys were agreeably surprised on last Tuesday—the Feast of the Annunciation. Very Rev. Father General sent them a basket of choice fruit—oranges, bananas, etc. The kind present was greatly enjoyed, and many thanks are returned to the venerable donor.
—Those who assisted at Solemn High Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph say that Very Rev. Father General Sorin’s singing was unusually grand. His powerful voice came out in thrilling tones, as if his whole soul went forth to honor the great Saint to whose aid and protection he attributes many of the blessings that have been so lavishly bestowed on Notre Dame for the past forty-two years.

—The Juniors recently held a successful and enthusiastic meeting for the purpose of organizing a Baseball League. The balloting for officers resulted as follows: President and Director, B. Albert; Vice-President and Assistant-Director, B. Ju-
*Omitted last week by mistake.*
Health, the Great Treasure.

What is life when health is gone? Humanly speaking, it is a weary burden which is rendered endurable only because God has permitted the affliction. We may admire one who wears upon his breast the scars of a hundred battles, but the dignity of those honorable wounds arises from the patriotism—the services rendered to humanity which they represent. The same may be said of those glorious heroes of many a silent conflict against sin and sorrow in the world, who toil day and night for the good of others, regardless of their own comfort and health—as in the case of many a hero-priest, contracting contagion in the performance of his holy duty, and dying a martyr to his divine trust; nevertheless, we come back to the old conclusion, that, for the larger proportion of mankind, if they would take stock in the bank of happiness, they must invest largely in health.

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Jealousy, envy, and a disposition to underrate the talents and good qualities of others are sure proofs of an almost hopeless moral disease. To be pitied is the individual who has the misfortune of receiving such an one for an associate; but however much he may suffer at his hands, if the dreadful malady be not communicated to him, he is far better off than his jaundiced neighbor.

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