Christian Motherhood.

BY M. M. RICHARDSON.

Empress, by right divine, was she who rose
Pale from her couch, and held her boy on high
Before her nobles, with a mother's cry
That won, that hour, the wild hearts of her foes.
Ay, great; but lighted by the beam that glows
Beside thy shrine, great Mother of the sky.
There taught that woman's love and pain can buy
The deepest ministry that Nature knows.

Ah, beautiful young face whose semblance shows
On every canvas of Italia's fame,
How myriad-tongued, through centuries, are those
Who learned their power only with thy name.
A tender strength like even to His who came
To lift the dark world from its bonds of shame.

| Thomas Chatterton |

In the ancient city of Bristol there is a stately and beautiful church, several centuries old, called St. Mary Redcliffe. It may not be true, as the sexton informed me once, that it is "the largest parish church in England;" but it is of great magnitude and very great beauty, and filled with the most quaint and interesting monuments. There are effigies of knights in armor lying flat upon their backs, with their legs crossed, and their hands joined as if in prayer. There are statues of ancient benefactors of the church, noble painted windows, curious and elaborately decorated chapels, and above many an ancient grave there hang the armor, the sword, the spear, and the banner of the hero who sleeps beneath. Among the objects in this grand old church which arrest the attention of American visitors are the armor and banners of Admiral Sir William Penn, father of the founder of Pennsylvania.

In Europe, where they know nothing about rotation in office, or the one term principle, it is not uncommon for places in church and state to descend from father to son for many generations. It was so with the sextonship of this church. For two centuries the office of sexton had remained in a family named Chatterton—the incumbent being generally named Thomas Chatterton. In 1748, when sexton John Chatterton died, he was succeeded by his son-in-law, who appears to have held the office only until John Chatterton's son was old enough to take it.

Thomas Chatterton, father of the wonderful boy poet of the same name, was of this family of sextons, though not himself the heir of the office. Being, however, in the way of church employment, he received the place of singer in the choir of the Bristol Cathedral, and afterward the mastership of a free school. He was a jovial, dissipated man, fond of reading, a composer of music, a writer of convivial songs—one of those good fellows who abound in cathedral towns, the delight of every circle, except that of their own homes, of which they are the blight and the curse. He died in 1752. Three months after his death, his son, Thomas Chatterton, the ill-starred child of genius, was born. His mother, left without property, set up a girls' school, took in sewing and ornamental needle-work, and in these and other ways supported, in an honorable, frugal manner, her aged mother, her daughter, and this marvellous boy. She was a good, kind woman; but as little able to appreciate or understand her son as a hen to comprehend a soaring falcon which she had hatched from the egg.

At five, he went to the free school at which his father had been master. The teacher soon sent him home as an incorrigible dunce. He could not, or would not learn to read. He was wilful, and objected to reading, as he said, out of a small book. But one day his eye was caught by the decorations of an old sheet of music of his father's, which his mother was tearing up for waste paper; and, as she used to say, he fell in love with its illuminated capital letters. He now became interested in his letters, and was taught to read from an old black-letter Bible. From this time, reading was his passion. He read from early morning till bed-time, if they would let him, and nothing pleased him so
much as the quaint letters and curious spelling of old books and parchments.

In one of his father's closets there was a quantity of parchments, ancient deeds, conveyances, and other documents, which his father had taken from some oaken chests in an upper room of the church. He delighted to copy the old letters, decorations and emblazonsions. He would shut himself up, when he was only seven or eight years of age, in his little attic bedroom with a piece of ochre, some charcoal dust, some black lead powder, and there he would remain, hour after hour, copying and imitating the ancient manuscripts, and making drawings in the antique style, issuing at length begrimed and black from his work.

He appeared to pass the whole of his boyhood in antiquity; for although from seven to fourteen he attended a Bristol charity school as a boarding scholar, yet he spent Saturday afternoons at home, roaming about the old church, musing upon its inscriptions, or else shut up in his garret, composing poems, such as he supposed might have been written three centuries before. It seemed as if the good priest Rowley, and his patron Canynge, and other worthies buried in the old church, were the only real persons with whom he associated. These he loved, revered, believed in; but the citizens of Bristol whom he chanced to know were commonplace mortals, indeed, with whom he jested, and whom he deceived and played upon, as an elderly person may with a child. He amused himself once by making out a long pedigree for a pewterer of the old church; and he frequently produced pieces of verse upon parchment, which he said were written by Thomas Rowley, a priest of the city of Bristol in the time of the Roses.

Not a soul suspected that these antique poems could be his own. To show the power of the verse which he wrote when he was a boy of fifteen or sixteen, I will copy a stanza from one of these poems, the spelling of which has been modernized:

"And now the battle closed on every side,
And face to face appeared the Knights full brave;
They lifted up their bills with mickle pride.
And many wounds unto the Normans gave.
So have I seen two weirs at once give ground,
While foaming high, to roaring combat run;
In roaring din and heaven-breaking sound,
Burst waves on waves, and spangle in the sun;
And when their might in bursting waves is fled,
Like cowards steal along their oozy bed."

Chatterton wrote many a finer stanza even than this, when he was a lad of fifteen. There is no trace of the boy nor of the young man in them. There is a maturity, a strength and finish in many of his antique poems which have never been so much as approached, before or since his time, by so young a person.

Why, then, should he have chosen to hide his powers in this disguise? Some writers have thought it was a mere whim of genius, a fancy, a wish to mystify and surprise, such as has induced many authors to write in the style and manner of other days. Others have conjectured that the great success of Ossian may have suggested to Chatterton the idea of Thomas Rowley and his ancient poems. The first portion of the Ossian poems appeared in 1760, when Chatterton was a child of seven; and in 1762, when the great Ossian hit was made by the publication of Fingal, the boy was little more than nine. All the world was talking of Ossian in those years, and nothing is more likely than that MacPherson's success led poor Chatterton to the impostures which prevented his recognition.

After leaving school, he was bound apprentice to a Bristol attorney to learn the art of a scrivener. During his apprenticeship, this most gifted boy that ever lived, and one who was almost as proud as he was gifted, was obliged to take his meals with the servants and sleep with the foot-boy. His master was a limited, ill-tempered man, who held poetry and literature in savage contempt, and who, if he caught his apprentice writing verses, would tear them up and throw the pieces in his face. One advantage, however, he had in the office of this man: he had plenty of time to pursue his studies, and manufacture his documents.

Among his acquaintances was a pompous, shallow antiquary named Barrett, who was engaged in writing an elaborate folio history of Bristol. No antiquity was ever more gullible than this one. Chatterton supplied him with an abundance of ancient records, descriptions of old churches, castles and crosses, wholly his own composition, but which, he said, he had found in the ancient chests of the church. Barrett incorporated them into his history without questioning, rewarding the boy occasionally with a few shillings. From his tenth year, Chatterton sent poems to a weekly paper in Bristol, and occasionally palmed them up and throw the pieces in his face. One advantage, however, he had in the office of this man: he had plenty of time to pursue his studies, and manufacture his documents.

The dream of his life was to go to London, get his poems published, and become a great and famous author. As preparatory to this, he wrote to Horace Walpole, author of a work upon painters and painting, offering to supply him with "several curious manuscripts" relating to ancient Bristol painters, and enclosing a few as specimens. At first Walpole was delighted, and cordially thanked his correspondent. Soon, however, with the aid of some of his literary friends, he discovered that the "curious manuscripts" were manufactured, and refused to have anything further to do with the lad—as was natural. There never lived but one Chatterton, and Walpole cannot be blamed for not understanding at a glance, and at a distance, so strange and difficult an enigma. He ought indeed to have been startled at some of the Rowley poems which Chatterton sent him. He was not insensible to their merit, but his indignation at the attempt upon his credulity closed his heart against the poet.

To London, however, Chatterton went when he was seventeen years of age, in quest of fame and fortune, full of confidence in himself and in his future.
Boy as he was, he had an appearance of maturity beyond his years. His best and kindest biographer, Dr. Daniel Wilson, of University College, Toronto, describes him as having a proud and frank bearing, a manly presence, an air of spirit and self-reliance. He wrote home to his mother in the highest spirits, and plunged into literary life with amazing vigor and buoyancy. He wrote essays for the political papers in the style of Junius; he wrote satirical poems and political squibs; he wrote the words of burlettas played at the theatre; he wrote anything and everything that he could sell; holding, however, his Rowley poems in reserve for a time when he could bring them out in becoming style. His habits were perfectly temperate and regular, and when he had an occasional piece of good luck, the first use he made of it was to send home presents for his mother, his sister and his grandmother. He loved his mother dearly, and wanted fame and fortune as much for her sake as his own.

For a few months he lived by his pen, frugally and precariously, it is true, but still he lived. Literary labor then was most meanly compensated indeed. He would get eight pence for writing a song, and a shilling for a long essay. The only considerable sum he ever received was five guineas, and not that of a common carrier. A common carrier of passengers who occasionally and free of charge receives some luggage for the accommodation of a passenger, is not answerable as a common carrier of goods. He is considered a gratuitous bailee merely.

The liability of an innkeeper for damages arising out of his negligence in regard to his guest’s goods is much the same in character and extent as that of a common carrier. Unless he can prove that the loss or damage arose from the act of God, or the public enemy, and was not attributable to the negligence of his other guests, if the goods are stolen or swelled and disappeared, and he was found the next morning with limbs and features distorted, a frightful corpse. At the time of his death, he was seventeen years and nine months old.

His poems were published some years after, and they yielded a sum of money for the benefit of his sister, who was living in extreme poverty. A monument has been erected to his memory in the churchyard of St. Mary Redcliffe. But his best memorial is Dr. Wilson’s work, named above, in which the mystery of his life and genius is interpreted with equal charity and acuteness.

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Negligence.

(CONCLUSION.)

Common carriers of passengers are not answerable as insurers for the safety of their passengers, as common carriers of goods are. And hence they are liable only for discoverable defects in their conveyances, horses, or appliances, and not for such as could not have been discovered by any degree of intelligence, prudence and skill. But they are bound to the very highest degree of care and watchfulness, and are answerable for the least negligence and want of forethought, not only in using their conveyances and appliances, but also in determining that they are safe for transportation.

Common carriers are not exempt from liability for negligence, because the passenger does not pay fare. Even in the case of a drver accompanying his cattle on a pass, the terms of which limit the liability of the carrier for injuries done to the holder, the carrier is not relieved from liability for his own or his servant’s negligence. It is otherwise in England, and in the State of New York. The carrier’s liability for injuries caused by his own or his agent’s negligence extends over the entire distance for which he has contracted to carry; and it matters not whether the destination is reached over connecting lines. Carriers are liable for reasonable damages arising out of their negligence in delivering passengers within reasonable time. For the numerous special regulations respecting the conduct of steamers and sailing vessels, the disregard of which is culpable negligence on the part of the master. Passenger-carriers are considered as common carriers as regards their passengers’ luggage; and they cannot relieve themselves, even by express contract, for damage caused by their own or their servant’s negligence. Steamship companies are an exception to this rule. And the liability for negligence of the owner of a tug-boat to his tow is not that of a common carrier. A common carrier of passengers who occasionally and free of charge receives some luggage for the accommodation of a passenger, is not answerable as a common carrier of goods. It is a gratuitous bailee merely.

The liability of an innkeeper for damages arising out of his negligence in regard to his guest’s goods is much the same in character and extent as that of a common carrier. Unless he can prove that the loss or damage arose from the act of God, or the public enemy, and was not attributable to any negligence on his part, he is responsible for the chattels deposited in his inn by any person who is his guest. The goods need not be delivered into the immediate personal custody of the innkeeper to make him responsible. It suffices that they are brought to the inn in the usual manner. The innkeeper is responsible for the negligence of his domestics and servants, as well as for the negligence of his other guests, if the goods are stolen or lost.

The principal is civilly liable to third persons for the negligence of his agent in the course of the agency. He is also liable for the negligence of sub-agents who are retained by his express or implied direction. Also in cases where he controls and directs the mode and manner of doing the work. These principles rest on the very reasonable ground that, where one of two innocent persons must suffer through the negligence of an agent or sub-agent, the principal who employs the former, and is accountable for the retention of the latter, should suffer rather than he who neither directly nor indirectly occasioned the loss.

The liabilities of agents arising from negligence on the part vary according to the nature of their employment, and the relation in which they stand to their principal. If the agent be one whose profession, employment, or business implies the pos-
session of certain skill or experience, an omission to exercise that skill and experience will leave him liable in damages for gross negligence. However, when his agency does not imply any particular skill, and he acts gratuitously, he is not answerable if he act bona fide and to the best of his ability. With regard to the liability of agents for negligence in their dealings with third persons, the general rule is that the agent incurs no personal responsibility as long as acting within the scope of authority.

The cases discussing the liability of telegraph companies for negligence are rather conflicting. In many of them telegraph companies have been held to the extraordinary diligence of common carriers. In others they have been held responsible only for gross negligence. The better opinion would seem to be that they are analogous to common carriers, and are bound to more than ordinary care and skill in the transmission of messages. Telegraph companies, though they may limit their liability by special notice to the sender, as in the case of unrepeated messages, can in no manner protect themselves against the consequences of negligence of themselves or agents.

When one person, in managing his real property negligently, causes injuries or damage to another, it is obviously only just that he should be the party to suffer. He is bound sic uti suo ut non alienum. Thus, where a person allows wells or mining shafts to remain on his premises unguarded and unprotected, he must respond in damages to all persons who are injured by falling into them, provided they were not trespassing, and were exercising ordinary care. As regards the right of support of land and buildings, every one has a right to such a degree of lateral support to his own land from the adjoining land as will sustain it in its natural state without being weighted by buildings. It is obvious, therefore, that a neighboring owner cannot excavate his soil on every side to the boundary line to an indefinite depth. If he should make the excavations, and thus cause the adjoining soil to break away, he is responsible for the injury to the land, but not to the building, unless he has acquiesced in the benefit of lateral support from his land to the latter for more than twenty years. As regards houses so built together as to require mutual support, the owner of the house which is being pulled down is liable to make compensation in damages for the consequences of his negligence in conducting the work.

As regards the negligent management of premises, a distinction must be made between the case of customers, or those who enter the premises in the course of business, on an express or implied invitation of the owner, and of those who enter merely as visitors or bare licensees. In the case of the former, it is a well settled law that liability for damages will attach where there is evidence of negligence on the part of the owner. Mere volunteers, or licensees, or guests, or servants, or persons whose employment is such that danger may be considered as bargained for, do not come under this rule. No action can be maintained by them unless the accident has been occasioned by the gross and culpable negligence of the occupier.

In one case the plaintiff, while crossing certain premises, which he was permitted to cross, to reach certain water-closets, accidentally fell near a revolving shaft which was placed across the nearest and most convenient way to these water-closets and which was negligently left partially uncovered. His arm was caught by the shaft, and severely injured. In an action to recover for the injury it was held that he was a mere licensee; that his right to cross the premises was only the right not to be treated as a trespasser, and that therefore he could not maintain the action.

No general principle can be laid down regarding the responsibility of railroad companies for protecting their tracks by fences. In most states this is regulated by statute. In those where no statute exists, and where by the common law cattle may run at large, the railroad company is only liable for injuries to cattle where it has notice of their presence, and fails in the necessary caution and care to avoid the accident. But the fact that there is no fence at all greatly influences the degree of care to be employed by the company in running its train.

As regards negligence in the keeping of animals, a distinction must be made between animals fera natura and animals domita naturae, or such as are vicious by nature and such as are naturally of a mild disposition. The keeper of an animal fera naturae is liable for any injury it may cause, unless he can disprove negligence. Thus, if a man negligently put a dog in such a situation in the way of access to his house that a person innocently coming there for a lawful purpose in the day time may be injured by him, he is liable. But the keeper of animals domita naturae is not liable for the exercise of any dangerous propensities, which are not in accordance with their nature, unless he knew, or ought to have known, of the existence of such dangerous propensities. The gravamen of the action in such a case is not the negligent keeping, but the keeping with knowledge of the dangerous propensity.

Every one is bound to take care that his cattle do not trespass on his neighbor's land. And he is liable for any trespass thereon, whether he has been guilty of negligence or not, unless there is a fence between his land and his neighbor's land, and that fence belongs to his neighbor, and is not kept in good repair by his neighbor; for in that case, though the owner of the cattle is chargeable with a wrong in suffering his cattle to trespass, yet his neighbor has no remedy, because of his own contributory negligence.

The reasonable rule, that the owner of animals must by some means keep them on his land where there is no fence, is in force in most of the states. But local laws and express statutes have in many cases modified or abolished it. In some states the owner of land must enclose it with a specifically described fence before he can sue for injury which was the result of trespasses of cattle upon them.

Public bodies, such as municipal corporations,
county commissioners, supervisors, etc., are liable, like an individual, for injuries occasioned by negligence in discharging their duties. Their duties and liabilities are generally defined by statute, and the extent of their liability must be determined by the terms of the statute which gave them public authority. Thus, where a city negligently had ditches and watercourses cut in such a manner as to wash away the plaintiff's land, it was held that the city was liable for any consequential damages. And a city was held liable for negligently leaving sidewalks and gaslights in a defective condition.

The liability to keep highways in repair is in this country determined by statute, and usually devolves upon the towns. Sometimes the duty to keep them in repair may rest on an individual, or on a corporation. For neglect to keep them in repair the towns, or body chargeable, can be indicted as for a nuisance; or can be made liable, in many cases, to an action for damages sustained by any person by reason of such neglect. The same principle obtains in the case of turnpikes, bridges, canals and docks.

Although there may have been contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff, yet, unless he might, by the exercise of ordinary care, have avoided the defendant's negligence, he is entitled to recover; if by ordinary care he might have avoided the defendant's negligence, he is entitled to recover damages; if by ordinary care he might have avoided the defendant's negligence, he is entitled to recover damages. Thus where the defendant, by his careless driving, runs into and injures the plaintiff's horse, which was wrongfully on the highway with its fore-feet fettered, it was held that the plaintiff could recover. And where an obstruction has been negligently placed in a public thoroughfare by the defendant, and the plaintiff, while riding at an improper pace, or in a state of intoxication, strikes against it, thus injuring himself, he cannot recover damages from the defendant. And the mere fact that one person is in the wrong, does not necessarily discharge another from the due observance of proper care toward him, or the duty of so exercising his own rights as not to do him any unnecessary injury. Thus where the defendant, by his careless driving, runs into and injures the plaintiff's animal, which was wrongfully on the highway with its fore-feet fettered, it was held that the plaintiff could recover. And where an obstruction has been negligently placed in a public thoroughfare by the defendant, and the plaintiff, while riding at an improper pace, or in a state of intoxication, strikes against it, thus injuring himself, he cannot recover damages from the defendant. And the mere fact that a footman crossed a street elsewhere than at the usual crossing is not per se contributory negligence, which will defeat an action against another who injures him by recklessly driving or riding against him. And where an engineer of a passenger train might have jumped from his engine when he saw the danger, and thus probably have avoided much danger, but to save his passengers he remained at his post, and lost his life, it was held that he was guilty of no contributory negligence which would release or lessen the employer's liability.

But where the evidence shows that the plaintiff has been guilty of such negligence that the accident would not have occurred without it, he should be non-suited. Thus, it is negligence per se for a traveller to cross a railroad track without first looking and listening for a coming train. And if his view is obstructed, he must listen the more attentively, and if he is riding with bells attached to his sleigh, and does not stop his horse in order to listen, he is guilty of such contributory negligence that no action can be maintained against the railroad company for any injuries sustained. But when the evidence shows that the plaintiff became frightened by the defendant's misconduct, and in endeavoring to escape the consequences of the defendant's misconduct, rushed into danger and was injured, it is held not to be contributory negligence on his part.

The doctrine, that where the negligence of an adult disentitles him to recover for an injury sustained, the like negligence on the part of a parent or custodian of an infant would also prevent the infant from recovering damages, obtains in Massachusetts, New York, and some other states; but it is denied in others. The question of contributory negligence depends on the circumstances of each particular case, and is one of fact for the jury.

The presumption being that every man does his duty, it always devolves on the plaintiff in an action to recover damages arising from the negligence of the defendant, to produce evidence of the existence of such negligence. The mere fact that an accident has occurred, is not necessarily of itself evidence of negligence, since its occurrence may be quite consistent with due care having been taken. There are certain cases, however, in which the presumption of evidence arises from the very happening of the accident. Thus, as a rule, it will be assumed that if a railroad train runs off a track, there is negligence on the part of the company. So a collision between trains of the same company would be prima facie evidence of negligence, and where a bailee returns in an injured condition an article loaned him, the injury makes out a prima facie case of negligence.

Proofs must be produced that the injury proceeded from, and was caused by, the negligent act of the defendant; but the causation is not to be tested metaphysically, or by any occult principles of science, but rather as persons of ordinary intelligence apprehend cause and effect, and see one fact proceed from another. The amount of evidence necessary to warrant a case's being brought before a jury varies in many cases. Slight evidence may suffice in some cases to make out a prima facie case of negligence. Thus it was held that the act of shifting brakes, or the stretching or relaxing of couplings of cars at the moment a vehicle passes across the railroad, in obedience to a sign from the brakeman, urging the driver to proceed, is evidence of negligence on the part of the company's servant. However, the evidence must exceed a mere scintilla before it is sufficient to give the case to the jury. Cooley, C. J., in 17 Mich., 99, says:

"As a general rule, a question whether a party has been guilty of negligence or not, is one of fact, not of law. Where, however, the plaintiff brings action for a negligent injury, and the action of the two parties must have concurred to produce it, it devolves upon him to show that he was not himself guilty of any negligence; and if he gives no evidence to establish that fact, the court may pro, ex, instruct the jury that they should return a verdict for defendant. Where, however, the question of negligence depends upon a disputed state of facts, or where the facts though not disputed, are such that different minds might honestly draw different conclusions from them, the court cannot give such positive instructions, but must leave the
jury to draw their own conclusions upon the facts, and upon the question of negligence depending upon them. To warrant the court in any case in instructing the jury that the plaintiff was guilty of negligence, the case must be a very clear one against him, one which would warrant no other inference.

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Electrical Notes.

—The Pope is to be offered on his birthday a contrivance by the French engineer Arragon, for ringing church bells by electricity. A similar arrangement is in use in a London church, and it is proposed to use the same method for ringing the large bell at Notre Dame University, Indiana.

—The Royal Commission on Accidents in Mines has condemned as unsafe the historical safety lamps of Davy, Clancy, and Stephenson. The House of Commons confirmed the report, and Government inspectors of mines are now advocating and hoping for the immediate and universal introduction of the electric light in coal-mines.

—The curious fact that the usual heat produced by friction is absent when the articles are magnetized is just now being discussed by scientists who are seeking an explanation. Very striking examples are described in a late number of a scientific periodical. A workman fastened a couple of powerful magnets to his lathe to hold more securely a piece of metal which he wished to drill and turn. The presence of the magnets kept the metal so cool that no water was needed to keep the drill moist and cool. This unusual circumstance may lead to important mechanical advantages.

—Mr. C. J. Woodward gives an account of some experiments by which he demonstrated the well-known fact that the combustion of coal gas for illuminating purposes injures the leather bindings of books. Prof. Tilden, of Mason College, thought that in actual experience the injury was much greater than in experiments, because of the rise and fall alternately of the temperature when the gas was lighted and extinguished. When the gas was lighted a film of moisture containing minute quantities of sulphuric acid was deposited on the books on the upper shelves; when the moisture evaporated the acid remained, and accumulated until it destroyed the books.

—To get an idea of how vigorously electricity is taking hold of the every-day affairs of life, says the Electrical Review, one has but to pay a visit to the American Institute Fair of 1887. Electric lighting, of course, by dynamos and primary and secondary batteries. Electric motors in abundance, driving sewing machines, wood-working machinery, fans, blowers and ventilating apparatus, street car propulsion, etc. And all these in no experimental manner, but in a practical, business-like way, as though the various devices had been grinding away at the same work for years. The new electric welding process is practised regularly, and is particularly interesting.

—A French company has developed a process for electro-plating delicate organic bodies such as flowers and insects. It consists in the employment of an albuminuous liquid, with which the different substances in question are treated, to prepare them for metallization. When thus treated, all organic matter is rendered fit to receive a galvanic deposit, and the galvanic products obtained are far superior in fineness and neatness to those obtained by any other known process. Even the finest and most minute fibres and veins, the smallest unevenness of surface, and hairs scarcely visible to the naked eye are clearly discernible, and come out with great neatness, the metallic deposit being of perfectly uniform thickness and adherence.

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Art, Music and Literature.

—The Catholic World for December will contain several articles in prose and verse which have evidently been inspired by the approaching Papal Jubilee. Among them the most interesting will be generally conceded to be Father Hecker's paper, which is at once characteristically American and profoundly Catholic and Roman.

—The revisers of Webster's Dictionary say that all words of recent origin which convey distinct ideas and are used by reputable authors will be incorporated in the new edition. "Dude" is one of these words, and one of the revisers says: "The word conveys a specific idea expressed by no other word, though it may be hard to give the meaning which the word conveys."

—The French art schools, supported by the state, are found in every large town, and are open free of charge. That of Toulouse contains nearly one thousand pupils. The French schools lay more stress upon the teaching of art as separate from its application to industry than the Germans. The French idea is that the workman imbued with good art ideas will naturally use them in his work. Both the Germans and French attach importance to the value of rapidity in drawing, and claim that it fosters in the workmen boldness and originality.

—Lawrence Barrett said recently: "Mr. Booth and I expect to work together for the rest of our lives. The relations existing between us will remain as they are until our labor is over. Having commenced in this way, it is impossible for either Mr. Booth or myself to draw out and return to the old order. So we shall go on. It is the beginning of a movement for the better, and we look forward to a work which will be in the line of our own endeavor, and will be for the good of the stage. It is in a peculiar sense suitable that we should come together for this work. Our careers were begun at nearly the same period, and our aspirations and sympathies are similar. Much of my own inspiration I have drawn from Mr. Booth. I need not say what he has done for the stage."

—William J. Linton, the wood engraver, has gone to his native country, England, to get out his new book on the history of wood engraving. At his home near New-Haven, Mr. Linton has a printing press, on which he is continually printing dainty
volumes of poetry, much of it original, much of it chosen from sources entirely beyond the reach of ordinary people. The little books are illustrated by Mr. Linton, who engravings the blocks, sets up his type, prints the pages and binds the books. He has printed three copies of his new book; one copy is for his American publisher, one for his English publisher, and one for the British Museum. The book when published will be in every detail precisely like the copy. Not every author knows what his completed and published book will look like before the “copy” goes to his publisher.

—The Jubilee gift of Albert, King of Saxony, which has already been presented to the Holy Father consists of a fac-simile reproduction of the celebrated Biblia Pauperum of Constance. We are indebted to the Moniteur de Rome for a fuller account of it than has yet appeared in English. During the Middle Ages the name Biblia Pauperum (Bible of the Poor) was given to manuscript editions of the Bible, which contained wood-engravings of all the events in the Old and New Testaments which were either figurative or real descriptions of the principal acts of the life of Our Blessed Lord. Among the most ancient of these manuscripts that have been preserved is the one at Constance, which dates back to the year 1300. And what gives it an exceptional importance, from an artistic point of view, is the fact that its wood-cuts have served as models for all the paintings and designs that adorn the windows and sacred vessels of mediaeval churches. In the Constance Bible there are seventeen engravings accompanied with their appropriate Scriptural citations. The work of making the fac-simile was entrusted to M. Nieper, who has succeeded in presenting a real masterpiece of art. He has copied faithfully, and reproduced with an exactness which an artist alone could give, the expression of the various figures revealing the grand faith and inspiration of mediaeval art which make it so much superior to modern art, however much the latter may excel in cold mechanical execution. On the first page of the book is a beautifully engrossed dedication to the Holy Father from the King. The frontispiece is an engraving of the arms of Leo XIII supported by angels, and on either side are portraits of their Majesties the King and Queen of Saxony. The binding of the volume, executed after designs made by M. Nieper, is in itself a superb work of art.—Avé Maria.

College Gossip.

—The Hastings family, which has been represented at Harvard in every generation but one for over two hundred years, has given the University $250,000 with which to erect a “Hastings Hall.”

—The “chestnut” about Dartmouth is said to have the largest circulation of any college paper—1,100 copies per issue—has started on its annual round. N. B.—Please credit the Scholastic with 1250, and at the same time remember that the Scholastic appears four, sometimes five times a month.

—Tommy’s Explanation

“Who threw that paper wad?” The teacher pointed up to the ceiling.

“Nobody, sir,” said honest Tommy, with show of injured feeling.

“I went to lay it on the stand, and it just slipped out of my hand.”—Texas Sittings.

—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, Princeton College, on the 10th, Dr. James McCosh resigned the Presidency of the college. Dr. McCosh said the college had reached the point he had been striving for, and being an old man, he thought he had earned release from work. It is believed his only reason for retiring, which is fixed for next February, is to have a younger man at the head of the institution.

—It is said that the professorship of poetry at Oxford is about to be abolished, or merged in a professorship of English literature, which again may be merged in a professorship of Anglo-Saxon. Mr. Palgrave will be the last of the Mohicans. This calamity, says the London Daily News, would not cause a panic in the markets of Europe, but it may be the occasion for a passing sigh or moan from the student of academic affairs. The professor of poetry has held a singular position at Oxford. People have attended his lecture! This is so very unusual that he has received but a small salary, and has probably been quite content with the honor and glory of the thing. If he is abolished, and if his humble emoluments are added to the golden stores of yet another professor of English as it was spoken before the English conquest, Oxford will have one more professor with no audience to speak of. This does not much affect the serious affairs of the world—the great mundane movement will go on much as usual.” Yet a decent regret may spare a tear for the professorship of poetry.—Home Journal.

—Prince Bismarck is still as obstinate as ever, says the London Standard, in his refusal to read any German book or document not written in the ordinary “Gothic” characters, and so far every effort has failed to convince him that the introduction of Latin characters into schools and offices would be a great saving of both time and eyesight. Since, however, it has recently been pointed out and historically proved by Professor Cohn that the “Gothic” letters are nothing but an ornamental form of the old Latin used by the monks in the Middle Ages, the chancellor will perhaps desist from his efforts to keep intact this “unlucky present of the Middle Ages,” as a German scholar calls the present mode of writing in Germany, which can now no longer be supported for patriotic reasons. The great painter, Albrecht Dürer, agitated for the return to the more simple and mathematical form of writing as long back as 1525; France, Italy, and Spain, who for a period adopted “Gothic” writing, have long ago gone back to simple Latin characters; and Germany, in this matter by no means agreeing with her great leader, will be only too glad to follow suit.
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Will Shakespeare down Bacon?

Glancing over the papers of late, one cannot but perceive that every editor of note has had his say concerning Mr. Donnelly's new brand of Bacon, the first lot of which has been sold at $1.50 per piece under the trade mark of William Shakspeare. We feel that our position among eminent littérateurs requires us to pass judgment upon the controversy, and we are confident of our ability to do so, having read Mr. Pope's opinion of Bacon, and having often declaimed to spell-bound audiences William's "To be, or not to be." It is our firm conviction that the author of the plays was evidently a versatile genius. Now, William was well versed in the versatile genius act, as he testified by his equal ability to show scenes, play the big drum or MacDuff, poach, desert his better half, consume Dublin stout and chew cryptograms.

But while we cannot agree with Mr. Donnelly's theories, we must admit that the book possesses a handsome binding and a plot well calculated to shake William from his peerless throne. Mr. Donnelly is evidently trying to make a hog out of Bacon, but we ardentely hope that the lovers of fair play and ham will see that Shakspeare does not receive injustice or too much bacon.

Correspondence.

RICHARDOx, UTAH.

To the Editor:

Where you enter Utah from Colorado west of Grand Junction on the D. & R. G. Western, the surroundings are desolate in the extreme. On the prairies east of Denver, if the landscape is monotonous, the wild vegetation gives some relief to the eye. But on this interior plateau you view a visible desert of alkali and white "doby." Slowly as the light of morning grows stronger, you see the outlines of the Roan, or Book cliffs, then far to the southeast a wavering line of peaks, seeming to turn and alter their position every moment, as the cars hasten toward Salt Lake. This is the Sierra La Sal, and between you and the mountains are some twenty-five miles of dreary plain and the red walls washed by Grand River.

Between the mountains and river lie valleys so favored by climate, so rich in soil, and so endowed with beautiful scenery, that only the almost impassible barriers of nature have kept them from the search of the western home builder.

One Mormon settlement, that of Moab, has been formed for some seven years in Little Grand Valley, but two years ago the first settler of this valley was obliged to hire a guide and horses and proceed after the manner of an explorer. Cisco and Thompson's on the D. & R. G. Western are the nearest
railway stations. From Cisco a man may make his way down the river by boat or trail, but this is not always easy at present. The most common course is to leave the railroad at Thompson's and then go to Moab, from there wind around and up into Little Castle Valley. By wagon, during four months in the year, it is possible to come from Montrose through Paradox Valley. There is another trail from Grand Junction, but which is sometimes dangerous, owing to high water.

The river is full of fish and the mountains abound with deer, while the long, open winters permit a man to work in comfort at times when others are freezing feet and fingers in the biting weather of the North. At the same time utter solitude has been the lot of the first settlers. Within the last week heavy rains have fallen, which serve two purposes: to stop the dry winds, which in spite of irrigation injure growing plants, and to start winter feed for the immense herds of cattle that have been suffering of late for green herbage.

Seven months without frost is the usual season, and now does not fall two inches deep in winter, never lying more than a day or two; spring work begins in February. Salt springs abound, and large beds of anthracite coal have been found in Fisher Valley; gold is washed on the river, and other mines worked on the mountain. There are recent reports of more valuable discoveries, of which I shall say nothing until better informed.

The summer heat, while very intense, so great as to scorch the hoofs of animals on the bare rocky trails, is mitigated by cool nights, and breezes from the river or mountains. The high lands within a day's ride, furnish a place of refuge in summer time. Here the rich green of another climate greets you, the rushing waters, the pines, the thick grass and wild flowers that delight on moisture. Utah is wonderful for her neglected loveliness. Where other places are advertised, with far less charm, are mountains, the pines, the thick grass and wild flowers that delight on moisture. Utah is pre-eminently formed for homes. Her land possesses more than a speculative value. It is good to live on, yielding generously of fruit and wine and corn. Some years ago certain prominent and public-spirited citizens of Salt Lake sent to Denver a magnificent display of Utah minerals. But in minerals Colorado is not easily astonishing, owing to her own great plenty. If a similar collection of agricultural products could be made, Denver would open her eyes. From the grapes and melons of the south to the berries and grains of the north, Utah can manifest a diversity of riches that can hardly be equaled in the West, this side of California. And, for the scenery, lake, river, mountain, and desert, fertile gardens, and barren crags, a world of contrast, of novelty and interest! A population that is not without faults, but is still invested with legendary romance and individuality, slowly awakening, as it is, to the possibility of a newer life and a wider field for its young energy. For to-day Utah, Mormon and Gentile, is in the current of change that is moving over the world. At another time I shall speak more at length on the subject, and till then I remain respectfully,

M. M. R.

Personal.

Alex. Gordon (Com't), '86, is in a flourishing business at Elkhart, Indiana.

Geo. F. O'Kane (Com't), '87, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is on a pleasant visit to the University. He is gladly welcomed by many friends.

Major H. F. Brownson, of Detroit, passed a few days at the College during the week on a visit to his son Philip, of the Senior department.

Students of '70 will be pleased to learn that at the election for city officers held at Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 10, two former Notre Dame boys were chosen to fill two of the most prominent offices, Mr. P. J. Flanigan being elected City Comptroller, and Mr. P. M. Tomble, City Treasurer. Mr. Ferdinand Kuhn, of '81, has for some time been City Clerk of Nashville. Mr. Flanigan is a step-brother of James Dougherty, of the Senior department.

Prof. Hoynes was recently called to Chicago as an attorney in the case of Farrell vs. the City of Chicago and the Chicago & Alton RR. Co. The trial of the case, which began Thursday of last week, in the Superior Court, Judge Gary presiding, was finished Monday afternoon. The Professor, together with the Hon. John Gibbons, of Chicago, appeared for the plaintiff, who was easily successful, the jury returning a verdict in his favor for the sum of $4,000. It is a remarkable fact that Prof. Hoynes has never been on the losing side in any trial in which he has taken part in any court of record.

Among the many visitors during the week were: J. W. Jackson, Denver, Col.; G. W. Bartham, Granger, Ind.; the Misses C and L. Lusk, Battle Creek, Mich.; B. F. Horn, Idaho; E. C. Grever, Cincinnati, Ohio; Miss C. St. Clair, Mrs. V. Reis, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Miss N. St. Clair, Mrs. W. C. Walsh, Mishawaka, Ind.; Mrs. C. A. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Judge A. L. Thorp, Mrs. C. W. Thorp, Michigan; Mrs. F. Townsend, Dowagiac, Mich.; S. Sharpe, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Mrs. C. A. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reithman, P. Frain, Denver, Col.; S. Tudor, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Mrs. M. M. Elkin, B. Goldman, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mrs. M. B. Trainor, Wm. Leitch, James Walsh, Chicago, Ill.; Miss N. Stephens, Morrice, Mich.; Mrs. F. Townsend, Dowagiac, Mich.; S. Sharpe, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Miss C. A. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reithman, Frain, Denver, Col.; S. Tudor, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Ford, Charlotte, Mich.; Mrs. A. L. Thorp, Mrs. D. Lovance, Mrs. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Jernegan, Mishawaka, Ind.; Mrs. C. W. Thorp, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dukes, Mrs. Geo. Douglass, Winamac, Ind.; J. Oakes, Morris, Ill.; Mrs. Judge P. B. Ewing, Lancaster, Ohio; Jno. J. Murphy and daughter, H. C. Murphy and daughter, H. C. Murphy, Woodstock, Ill.; Dr. E. C. Dunn, Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. P. Fairbanks,
Mrs. A. Baker, Kanee, I11.; Mrs. L. Jaquith and daughter, Wright's Corners, Ind.; Major Brownson, Detroit, Mich.; Geo. O'Kane, E. C. Grever, Cincinnati, Ohio; Miss C. R. Dustman, Elkhart, Ind.; Messrs. T. J. and W. A. Meiser, Buchanan, Mich.; Miss C. Minnig, Royalston, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carlile, Jno. ShiekN, Pueblo, Col.; Miss B. Keeney, Crawfordsville, Ind.; A. S. Hughes, Denver, Col.

—The following, from the Chicago Citizen of the 5th inst., referring to former students of Notre Dame, will be read with interest by their many friends here and elsewhere:

THE THREE FRIENDS.

[Metrical translation of "Finn's" Gaelic poem of last week.]

I.
I wish to raise a song of praise
To loyal comrades three;
Dwelling beside Michigan's tide
In Chicago's famed city.
One heals the souls of sinful men,
The second swears by pills,
And the other deals in medicine
That rarely ever kills.

II.
There's Father Tim O'Sullivan,
With forehead high and bald,
And Doctor Patrick Curran
By classic lore enthralled.
And Fitzgibbon, of the Galtee blue,
Who dearly loves the Green—
A rebel true as the mountain dew
That flows in Ballinure.

III.
'Tis comfort on a winter night
To see them by the fire—
Erin's story of gloom and glory—
Their noblest thoughts in-pire:
In the olden tongue their mothers sung
For Ireland's dawn they pray.
Doctor, and Priest, and Separatist*—
Three leaves of shamrock spray.

IV.
For purple or for linen fine
These worthies little care,
No diamonds on their bosoms shine
And careless is their air;
For manly truth and learning wide
Their equals can't be found.
From St. Lawrence's side to Frisco's tide,
Or on Ireland's holy ground.

V.
Had they gone to school with Finn McCoul,
That Fenian leader brave,
Each of the three a king would be.
Yet never rule a slave;
For honor guards their chivalry,
And Freedom is their creed.
And for the poor man's liberty
Each heart would bravely bleed.

VI.
Oh, often 'neath their rafter,
In the city by the lake,
I've split my sides with laughter,
And did many a craicbawn take;
May glory, wealth and jollity
Their footsteps still pursue
And Ireland know, through weal or woe,
Full many as bold and true!

* Mr. John J. Fitzgibbon is President of the Total Separation Society.

Local Items.

—Retreat.
—Toothache!
—118 Minims.
—Thanksgiving!
—Who plays the accordéon?
—Only five weeks to Christmas.
—The retreat begins December 5.
—Brady will lead the football team.
—Next Tuesday is St. Cecilia's Day.
—Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day.
—Prof. S. M. Sperdon next Friday evening.
—Our local Nimrod had bad luck Thursday.
—The tower on the Music Hall nearly completion.

"Joe's" reminder of childhood's happy days is teething,
—The absence of the marines was remarkable,
—The author of "Stroke, stroke, stroke!" has been discovered.
—No one should fail to attend the first lecture of the new series.
—The imperial beard is now much affected by the military officers.
—They were pretty smooth, but they were caught all the same.
—There seems to be always room for one more
in the Senior study-hall.
—A new walk will be laid from the Junior study-hall to the church.
—The members of the Staff are all "able-bodied" men. Verbum sap!
—The photographs of the boat crews are much admired by the local connoisseurs.
—The monthly competitions have delighted the hearts of the students during the week.
—Prof. J. A. Lyons will entertain the members of the St. Cecilia Society next Tuesday.
—The Boat Club pictures have arrived, and will soon be placed on exhibition in the Music Hall.
—It is somewhat provoking to the "rec" loving student to have Thanksgiving Day come on Thursday.
—Large lithographs have been posted around the University grounds announcing the first lecture of the season.
—Hand painted neckties are now much affected by the brainless dude. We hope they will not become the style at Notre Dame.
—The fence separating the Junior and Senior campuses has been torn down. It adds much to the appearance of the grounds.
—Judging from the earnest and cheerful way in which the Band blows out symphonies, we will have some pleasant band music this year.
—"Sport" is of the opinion that his anglied
ateral appendages are destined to revolutionize the prevailing styles in the art of beard-raising.

—The surviving members of last year's Radiator Art Circle have made several attempts at reorganization, but were obliged, through lack of steam, to desist.

—The handsome painting which adorns the Tailoring Establishment is said to be a representation of three juniors attired in the latest and most becoming style.

—The many friends of Prof. Hoynes will be glad to hear of his recent legal victory in Chicago in which he was pitted against some of the best attorneys of the city.

—Last Saturday was the feast day of Rev. M. J. Regan, C.S.C., Prefect of Discipline. The "Grads," return thanks for the choice cake sent to them in honor of the occasion.

—Students should not forget the necessity of bodily exercise. The gymnasiums are full of apparatus, and are far more conducive to good health than the smoking-room.

—The new football rules were tried for the first time last Thursday. Some difficulty was experienced, owing to the players not having familiarized themselves with the rules.

—Some venturesome roomers have decided to glide over the frozen surface of the lakes this winter on ye festive ice yacht. They hope to lower the record of the last boat race.

—The Thespians now have Shakespearan readings at their weekly meetings. At the last meeting Messrs. Stubbs and Houck recited some good selections in a masterly manner.

—Those who would defile their mouths by the filthy habit of "chewing the weed" should remember that only two creatures use tobacco in that way: Man and the tobacco worm.

—We hope that the Thanksgiving turkeys, now being pastured near the shoe shop and preparing, as Burdette says, for "the necks twirled," will not be allowed near the pile of scrap leather.

—We would remind those who are prone to occasionally manifest levity in church that such conduct is unbecoming and out of place. The church is a place of worship, and in it we should conduct ourselves with respect.

—At the last meeting of the Pansophical Conversational Society, a determined move was made to put the Treasurer under bonds. While he may not love honesty less, it is feared that when the "store" is open he will love pie more.

—Prof. Spedon is a young man of talent, an interesting speaker, skilled artist and clever mimic. In drawing crayon sketches and humorous cartoons before an audience he has few superiors. He will appear before the students in Washington Hall next Friday.

—The new portico over the entrance to the clothes-room supplies a "long felt want." Its graceful design and ornamental finish add so greatly to the exterior appearance of the building that the only wonder is that the improvement was not thought of sooner.

—The long looked-for cement walks between the College and the Presbytery were partly laid during the week. As expected, they are, as far as they go, both ornamental and useful—things of beauty, etc. We hope the weather will continue favorable enough to permit their speedy completion.

—The Debating Society of the Law Department held a very interesting meeting Wednesday evening, and discussed the benefits which would arise from total separation of England and Ireland. The debate was exciting, and the speakers showed themselves well versed with the situation existing in Great Britain.

—The University of Michigan Football team is expected here next Wednesday to play a match game of football with the Notre Dame Association. W. Harless and G. De Haven, former students of this place, are leading members of the visiting organization. The Michigan University team holds the college championship of the West.

—A man who buttonholes a fellow-creature and, for an hour and a half, deliberately pours into his tortured ear every possible kind of wearisome information regarding the science of baseball, not omitting, of course, an exhaustive history of his own remarkable exploits on the diamond, is worthy of the most barbaric torments which have ever been devised.

—The recent improvements made in St. Edward's Hall have caused quite a transformation in that building. By the addition of new lavatories, class rooms, dormitories, etc., at least 150 Minims can now be accommodated. The recreation hall and reading room have been greatly enlarged, and the princes rejoice in the possession of a new armory, "store," and baseball parlor.

—On the evening of Tuesday next, the festival of St. Cecilia, the members of the Englossian and St. Cecilia Associations will unite in an entertainment in honor of the day. The exercises will be both literary, musical and dramatic in character, concluding with the presentation of "The Proscribed Heir—a Melo-drama." The Oration of the Day will be delivered by Mr. T. O'Regan. It is expected that the music on the occasion will be of a high order of excellence.

—The University lecture course for the ensuing season will be inaugurated next Friday, Nov. 25, by Prof. S. M. Spedon. Efforts will be made to have the present course prove entertaining and instructive to all. If the students will cheerfully cooperate with the committee, this can easily be effected. The price of admission is very low and only calculated to defray expenses. It is expected that by the end of the season some of the best attractions in the country will be secured for Notre Dame.

—In accordance with a time-honored custom, the members of the Staff, together with Fathers Regan and Morrissey, gathered in the Junior refectory...
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last Tuesday evening to partake of the annual Staff banquet. The board was graced with turkey and all the delicacies of the season, and the manner in which they vanished was a sight to behold. The Staff members return thanks for the spread, and hope by their efforts to make the SCHOLASTIC what it ought to be—a paper fittingly representative of our Alma Mater.

—The case of Donelson vs. the State occupied the attention of the University Supreme Court last Saturday evening. It was a case brought up on an appeal from the lower Court, and called into question the Constitutionality of an act passed by the Indiana State Legislature. Messrs. Stubbs and Kelly argued the case for the appellant and Messrs. Griffin and Pollock appeared for the appellee. Judge Hoynes spoke at some length in delivering the opinion of the Court, and fully explained the Law bearing on the case. The judgment of the lower court was affirmed with costs.

—The SCHOLASTIC publishes the Latin text of the address of the Catholic Total Abstinence Societies of the United States to the Pope, on the occasion of his Jubilee, accompanied with a translation for English readers. The copy for transmission is printed on white satin in blue and gold, and illuminated by Prof. Gregori. How can Latin be called a "dead language," while we have it employed in its classical purity, in the discussion of modern events and ideas? And, by the way, the Latin student would learn the language much easier, faster, and better, if he could study it in the narration of present occurrences.—Tpsilanti Sentinel.

—Among the visitors at Notre Dame last Sunday was John J. Murphy, Esq., of Woodstock, Ill. Mr. Murphy is regarded as one of the most intelligent and enterprising business men and bankers in the Northwest. Very seldom does one meet in the busy marts of trade a gentleman so well informed, so deeply interested in the advancement of education, so amiable and kind of heart, and so conscientiously upright in all respects as Mr. Murphy is. He was accompanied by his son Henry, whom he intends to have enter the University as a student next year. Miss M. F. Murphy, his daughter, and Miss Estelle Horn, bright and accomplished pupils of St. Mary's Academy, also accompanied him.

—The Carnoy Microscopical Society held its first meeting of this scholastic year on Thursday evening for the renewal of last year's proceedings by active resident members. F. Long and H. Rother were voted to the honorary list in accordance with constitutional requirements. Wm. McPhee was elected to membership. Communications made to the society at its last meeting are under consideration for publication, and subjects for investigation and donation at the next society meeting are given. The society did good practical work last year, and may rightly pride itself on accomplishing its end—the furtherance of biological knowledge amongst its members—and on being the only active society in the house whose facta non verba counts.

—The Columbian Society held its sixth regular meeting last Saturday evening. The meeting was called to order by the President, Father Morrissey, and the regular business attended to. The program of the evening consisted of selections and an interesting debate. The selections were aptly chosen, and ably given by Messrs. Joyce and White. The debate is the same argument wrestled with at the preceding meeting, when neither side was able to score a throw. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Hull, Mengher and Jewett; the negative by Messrs. Fisher and Prudhomme, who, their fellow-worker, Mr. O'Regan, being unavoidably absent, were well compensated by the favor of a short address from Father Morrissey in their behalf. A decision was rendered in favor of the affirmative, the Judges being out but a few minutes. A criticism of the preceding meeting was given by Mr. W. L. urkin. The Columbian Society is now well started upon its year's work. In the course of the meetings held, many of its members have "been up," and from the showing we may with confidence look forward to their appearance, and expect the C ulumbians to be this year, as in previous years, one of the first societies in the college.


—The Total Abstinence Society.—This society, which, ever since its formation, has ranked among the very best in the University, not only as regards numbers, but more especially with reference to quality, was reorganized on last Sunday evening. Previous to its reorganization, Rev. President Walsh addressed to the students a few but forcible remarks on the alarming strides which intemper-
ance has taken in latter days; the wholesale ruin and devastation which it has everywhere wrought; the necessity for noble examples of self-sacrifice by those who, realizing the destructiveness of the plague, deplore the evils it has brought and is still bringing on the human race; and, finally, the beneficial effects produced in both soul and body by total abstinence. The words of the Rev. speaker were listened to with rapt attention, which was no doubt heightened by the reflection that he had been but recently honored for his unswerving devotion to the noble cause, by being unanimously elected to the Vice-Presidency of the National Union. At the conclusion of his remarks, those who desired to take the pledge and become members were invited to the society room. Here, after the usual preliminary explanations, the pledge was duly administered to all, after which the real organization of the society was effected. The following officers were elected: Director, Rev. President Walsh; President, T. O'Regan; Vice-President, J. A. Burns; Corresponding Secretary, J. Heinemann; Recording Secretary, P. Burke; Treasurer, F. E. Henderson. The members of the society are determined to make it at least as fruitful, if not more so, in good results as it has been during three years since the society was first organized; but if zeal wanes, the society will not be as large as it may have been at various times past. The membership at present, it is true, is not as large as it may have been at various times since the society was first organized; but if zeal and earnest work count for anything, it is safe to predict that the Total Abstinence Society for 1887-88 will be inferior to not even the palest of its predecessors.

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Roll of Honor

[The following list includes the names of those students whose conduct during the past week has given entire satisfaction to the Faculty.]

SENIOR DEPARTMENT.


JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.


MINIJ DEPARTMENT.


Class Honors.

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

COLLEGIATE COURSE.


List of Excellence.

[The students mentioned in this list are those who have been the best in the classes of the courses named—including the competitions, which are held monthly.]

DIREetor OF STUDIES.

were welcome visitors last Sunday.

she, till at length it enlarges and spreads

that, to all appearance, an ox could drain it dry in

birds of Paradise will be at home in the sunny

in the important study of music, and her efforts

are arranged, but we defer a description until the work

by the serious illness of one of her brothers. His

were L. Farwell, M. Campbell, L. Reeves and

—Mrs. Ewing, of Lancaster, Ohio, is at St.

—Mr. J. J. Murphy and son, of Woodstock, Ill.,

and, cultivated farms, until its waters are merged

in the great Mississippi, which, in its turn, takes

into the ocean, the majestic symbol of eternity,

which will not cease to roll, until

are appreciated by all.

The fancy-work room is now where the

The influence which we exert is like that small,

It is a trite comparison, we know, but who has

is all. No! It is not all.

If we speak a hasty, or an unkind word, it seems

produce but a momentary depression, and that

of a lake? It sinks noiselessly into the clear,

as it proceeds, till, like the

the mighty ocean, it becomes resistless in its course.

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of *My Father,* to those who were sure that they had fulfilled the precepts of charity, but rather to those who never dreamed that their unconscious acts were garnered away in the Divine memory. *When saw we Thee endangered?* they ask, and to their glad surprise they find that their little acts of humble devotedness have earned for them eternal blessedness.

Careful, indeed, should we be not to draw upon ourselves the disapprobation of Heaven by our evil influence, but rather distrusting ourselves we should strive to invite the smile of God, so that when the records of our lives are read before an assembled world, we shall merit to hear the consoling words: *Well done, good and faithful servant. Because thou hast been faithful over little things, I will make thee ruler over many. Enter into the joy of thy Lord.*

The interior voice heard by St. Augustine, *"Take and read,"* seemed very trifling in itself. He obeyed; he read; not as many read, regardless of what they read, and without the least endeavor to enter into the sentiments and purpose of the author, but with attention and the reverence due to the mysterious mandate. What was the result? Not only his own wonderful conversion, but that of innumerable others, who were drawn by his example and eloquence to turn from evil deeds, thoughtful words, gentle courtesies, are the small change of social intercourse. Let them be despised, or transmuted to their opposites, and, however dry and trite the words we have been writing, they contain a most important suggestion where be found.

However dry and trite the words we have been writing, they contain a most important suggestion which each one would do well to learn; but each one must take it to heart, for Father Faber well says of another axiomatic lesson:

"*Twas as old as the hills: but it is so with youth. It must find out as new, the most primary truth: No wisdom, self has not found out, is our own; Truths taken on trust are oft cold as a stone."

*Nellie Brady. (Class '87)."