Cupid and the Pansy.*

The pansy, loveliest of the violet kind,
Was once in color white as dropping snow-
Till Cupid shot a dart from out his bow
At a fair Vestal who with love ne'er pined.
It missed, and swiftly as the winter wind
It fell on this fair flower, and changed it so
That its snow-white was gone, and lo!
A blushing purple was to it assigned.

Our life doth differ from a pansy thus:
That when our souls are touched with Satan's dart,
And purpled o'er with sin's deceitful hue,
The leprous tints may be removed by us
If we but turn with truly contrite heart
To Him who heals all sin-sick souls anew.

N. E. C.

A Few Words About Tennyson.

Alfred Tennyson, poet-laureate, the greatest of living English poets, stands to-day in the full effulgence of his power. No poet in the history of letters has reigned with such splendor. He has thoroughly experienced the two extreme phases of the world's regard. His writings entitle him to take the first rank among English poets; and it was only a "matter of course" that after the death of Wordsworth, in 1851, the privilege of wearing "the laurel greener from the brows of him who uttered nothing base" should be offered to him. Indeed, no poet has kept the popular heart beating in unison with his magic pen; no poet at the advanced age of eighty years wears the mantle of superiority so worthily as the subject of this sketch.

Alfred Tennyson was born in 1809 at his father's parsonage at Somerby, Lincolnshire. He was educated by his father, who was rector of Somerby; and in due course proceeded to Trinity College, Cambridge. His early life in Lincolnshire had fitted him well for the beginning of what ended well—his college education. In his younger days his character was industrious, his principles manly and his intellect bright. His first works were a volume of poems published in conjunction with his brother Charles, when they were boys, and also a prize poem whilst undergraduate at Cambridge. It was during the year of 1829 that he wrote a poem in blank verse, entitled "Timbuctoo," which gained for him the Chancellor's medal—a prize then offered for poetry. In his younger days, Tennyson's favorite poet was Thompson; but as he grew older, Byron's "fiery, volcanic, furious and lurid" language produced an effect upon him which he was forced to acknowledge in his writings.

In 1830 his first volume of poems, chiefly lyrical, appeared. In this volume we readily recognize Tennyson's ambition of becoming a poet, and his ability to succeed. This volume contained "Claribel," "Lilian," "Recollections of the Arabian Nights," and "The Dying Swan." The appearance of this volume was not received with great favor by the public, but it contained a fineness of art which in no indefinite manner announced the coming of a true poet.

Two years later, 1832, his second volume appeared, containing "The Miller's Daughter," "Locksley Hall," "The Talking Oak," and the allegory, "Lady of Shallott." In the "Lady of Shallott" we have the representation of poetry; "Locksley Hall" is considered by many a poem wherein thought, passion and imagination help to enrich it with those qualities that are essential to good poetry. Another of the poet's famous poems, entitled "Maud," contains beau-
tiful stanzas which eat themselves into our memory. "Maud" is a love-story which, on its first appearance, was not received enthusiastically, and it seemed to have puzzled the critics. It is very poetical and suggestive of beauty; for instance:

"A million emeralds break from the ruby-budded lime
In the little grove where I sit. Ah! wherefore cannot I be
Like things of the season gay, like the bountiful season bland,
When the far-off sail is blown by the breeze of a softer clime,
Half lost in the liquid azure bloom of a crescent sea,
The silent, sapphire-spangled marriage-ring of the land?"

After the publication of his second volume, it is said that, owing to the criticism passed on his writings by the literary journals, he printed nothing for ten years. In 1842 his third volume appeared. His reputation, however, had not lessened; on the contrary, after the appearance of his second volume, it slowly but surely extended itself. His third volume was called "English Idyls and Other Poems." It contained, among the most important poems, the "Morte d'Arthur," "Saint Agnes," "Sir Galahad," and others. In this volume we find all the characteristics of the poet. The art he displayed in the choice of words, his vivid paintings of English country life has been equalled by no modern poet. Tennyson's "Morte d'Arthur" is undoubtedly the finest poem ever written in any language. In 1847 "The Princess" appeared, and in 1850 "In Memoriam." After the publication of "In Memoriam," Tennyson's popularity increased considerably. The subject of this poem was Arthur Hallam, a son of the eminent historian, and a chosen friend of the poet in his earlier days at Cambridge. It is a series of elegies, and is a tribute of affection to the memory of his dear friend.

The "Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington" was published in 1852; and since that occurrence few events of more than ordinary interest in the eyes of Englishmen have taken place without eliciting from the laureate some poem worthy of the occasion. The "Idyls of the King," published in 1859, were suggested by Sir Thomas Malory's "Legend of King Arthur's Round Table." It is an epic poem—the title of which was taken from Theocritus, a Sicilian poet, who wrote in Greek, and greatly influenced Tennyson. The word "idyl" means a small pastoral poem. The "Idyls" are complete, though scattered through several books; they follow each other in this order: "The Coming of Arthur," "Gareth and Lynette," "Eneid," "Sivien," "Elaine," "The Holy Grail," "Pelleas and Ettarre," "The Lost Tournament," and "The Passing of Arthur." The "Idyls of the King" at once took rank as one of the noblest poems in our language. Everywhere it was received with enthusiasm, and it may be considered a heresy to question the perfection of its poetical expressions. Among Tennyson's dramatic compositions are "Queen Mary," "Harold," "The Cup" and "The Promise of May." Great credit can be given him for these excellent dramas. His clear style and life-like personages are worthy of giving his plays a high and deserving standard. Tennyson's new volume of poems contains "Demeter and Persephone," written in his noblest manner, and pictures "Demeter" as "bringing her lost daughter back to Enna that the local influences might dispere the mists that seem to cling about her soul."

"Child, those imperial, disimpassioned eyes
Awed even me at first, thy mother—eyes
That oft had seen the serpent-wanded power
Draw downward into Hades with his drift
Of flickering spectres, lighted from below
By the red race of fiery Phlegethon."

As a specimen of Tennyson's mechanical manner we have "The Ring," the longest poem in the book. It is a ghost-story told in the form of a blank verse dialogue. There are other poems, entitled "Merlin and the Gleam," "Romney's Remorse," and a few charming little lyrics: "The Roses on the Terrace," "The Snowdrop," and the much-quoted "Throstle." "Crossing the Bar" is the title of a poem which contains verses among the gems; and it is touched with a rare grace:

"Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea;"

"But such a time as moving seems asleep;
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home."

"Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark;"

"For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

There are songs yet to be sung by a voice that has still such notes in it, by the voice of one who represents the spirit of our time, who has ministered to the natural appetite for poetry in the people; who has given the reading world more and keener delight than any other author,
and one whose place in the literature of the English language ranks first as an English poet of the present generation. "May the great poet of our time drop slowly down

'Below the kirk, below the hill,
Below the lighthouse top,"

and may we hear his voice again and again ere he reach the silent sea."

E. C. PRUDHOMME.

The Relation of Poetry to Morality.

"Poems are the gates of Heaven or Hell;
And God's or Satan's face
Looks through their every word into your face
In blessing or in blight.
And leaves upon your soul a grace or trace
Of sunlight or of night."

The influence which poetry exercises over morals cannot be overestimated. All art, indeed, is a powerful incentive to good or evil; for art is but the expression of the beautiful; and to the beautiful the souls of men are drawn as irresistibly, and would feign cling as tenaciously, as the iron filings are attracted and adhere to the magnet. In like manner, the power of the visible manifestations of the beautiful to attract and influence man's free-will will be greater or less according to the degree in which, by the finer qualities of his genius, that expression of the beautiful is made more perfect.

No matter in what field of poetry we may wander, whether in the lofty strains of the epic or in the simple melody of the lyric; in the passionate lines of tragedy or in the ridiculous passages of comedy, all tend toward exercising in man a more or less greater moral influence. The ultimate end of all poetry should be to make some useful impression on the mind. This impression is made by indirect methods; as by fables, narration, by representation of character, or by imparting instruction.

In this respect poetry differs from a moral or philosophical treatise, and it is by means of its form that it has several advantages over prose. By the charm and versification of its numbers, by the descriptions, embellishments and episodes which it weaves, it detains and engages our fancy. It fixes also useful circumstances in the memory. Hence it is a field in which a man may gain great honor displaying his genius and knowledge.

A poet does not set himself to work, like a philosopher, to form the plans of a treatise on morality; his genius is fired by some great enterprise which appears to him noble and interesting, and which therefore he selects as worthy of being celebrated in the highest strains of poetry. There is no subject that does not always afford some general instruction. In the immortal epic of Homer there is what may be assigned as the moral of that poem that God avenges those who have suffered injustice; but when they allow their resentment to carry them too far, it brings misfortunes upon themselves.

The end of an epic poem is to extend our ideas of human perfection, or to excite our admiration. This is accomplished by representations of noble and virtuous characters and heroic deeds; for exalted virtue is the object which all mankind are formed to admire. Therefore it is plain that epic poetry is favorable to virtue.

Valor, truth, justice, fidelity, piety, friendship are the objects which are presented to our minds in such grand compositions. The mind is purified from sensual and mean pursuits, and accustomed to take part in great and heroic enterprises. Were it in the power of skeptical philosophers to weaken the force of those reasonings which establish the essential distinctions between vice and virtue, the writings of epic poets alone would be sufficient to refute their false philosophy, showing by that appeal which they constantly make on the feelings of mankind in favor of virtue, that the foundations of it are laid deep and strong in human nature.

Dramatic poetry exerts a most powerful influence over morals; and in tragedy, the higher form of the drama, the effect that it produces on the mind is truly wonderful; no kind of writing has so much power, when happily executed, to excite the strongest emotions. It is a mirror in which we behold ourselves and the evil to which we are exposed; a faithful copy of the human passions, with all their direful effects, when they are suffered to become extravagant.

As in epic poetry our admiration cannot be raised, so neither in tragic poetry can our passions be strongly moved unless there is virtuous emotion awakened within us; and although dramatic poets may be guilty of improprieties, though they may fail to put virtue in precisely its proper point of light, yet no reasonable person can deny that tragedy is a moral species of composition.

There is in the literature of our language—in fact, of all languages—a style of writing which appeals to the baser passions, and which is not worthy of the name of poetry. True poetry is the language of the heart, and excites the most sublime and beautiful feelings in the soul. But this feeling of sublimity and tenderness cannot be felt unless our minds are susceptible to vir-
tuous emotions. He whose heart is indelicate and hard; he who has no admiration of what is noble and praiseworthy, nor the proper sympathetic sense of what is soft and tender, must have a very imperfect relish of the higher beauties of poetry. He may see what is cold, coarse and palpable, while the chaster and simpler ornaments escape his notice.

"Virtue, the flower ethereal, whose home Is laid in fields Elysian, oftentimes Culled by the hand of angel forms that roam The fragrant walks of bliss, will waltzed be Down on the blighted earth. Its scent diffused Entrances; mortals call it poesy."

P. E. Burke, '93.

Survey for a Railroad.

BY E. M. HOOVER.

I.

RECONNAISSANCE AND PRELIMINARY SURVEY.

When the poet’s soul found expression in the thought “Science moves but slowly, creeping on from point to point,” he little dreamt of the wonders the future would unfold. We live in an age of progress. The light of science is advancing, but its noonday is not yet. The discoveries and inventions of the past are to the advancement of to-day “as is moonlight into sunlight.” Time presents no account, either in the records of history or the annals of tradition, that is as prolific in resources or as fruitful of inventions as our own. Every department of physical knowledge has received a new impetus. A generation has not passed since the possibilities of the electric fluid was an unknown quantity; now we have electric lights, electric cars, and it is simply impossible to say how far its usefulness will be extended. The time is not long passed since this State, now crossed and cut with its numerous railways, had no other means of transport save the stage. Now every hour we may hear the whistle of the locomotive as it tears along with lightning speed upon the great public thoroughfares. With these few preliminary remarks I will pass to the discussion of my subject—railroads.

Having decided to build a railroad, and also where to build it, as far as the terminal points are concerned, the next question that presents itself is: What gauge is to be used, Standard or Narrow? By gauge is meant the distance between rails. There are many points which can be urged in favor of both Standard and Narrow gauge; but, on the whole, the advantage seems to be with the former, as all the leading roads of the country have adopted this system.

This of itself is of the greatest importance, as it facilitates and makes possible the transfer of the rolling-stock of one road to another. The terminal points and gauge having been decided upon, the next thing is to carefully study the resources of the country through which the road is to pass, in order to form an exact idea of the amount of future traffic that will probably be done by the road. Traffic may be divided into two kinds: Through Traffic, or that which goes directly from one terminus to the other; and Way Traffic, or that which goes from the terminal stations to intermediate points, and vice versa. The amount of traffic depends upon the connection with other roads at the terminal stations and the resources of the country passed through. The class of traffic and the direction in which the bulk will have to be carried will, to a great extent, determine the location, cost of construction, establishment of grade, and operation of the road.

Having fully considered the theoretical part of the subject in all its various bearings, the next and most important thing to be done is to make a careful reconnaissance of the country through which the road is to pass; the object of this reconnaissance is to find where the best line for a railroad lies between the terminal points chosen. In this examination, the purpose must be to get a good general idea of the topography of the country passed over, the position, size and direction of all the water-courses, the height of all such controlling points as will have any bearing on the proposed line, and the location of such towns as are of enough importance in themselves to make it advisable to include them in the projected route. Having become thoroughly familiar with the country, by means of the reconnaissance, the Locating Engineer has in mind one or more lines which appear to him to present the fewest obstacles to the construction of the road.

The preliminary survey, one of the objects of which is to actually put on the ground as many of these lines as may be deemed expedient, should now be made. The engineer in charge must use care never to pass over what might be the best line. If there is any doubt at all as to which is the most available, they should all be surveyed, and from the data obtained an exact comparison can be made of their relative merits. Another object of the survey is to obtain such data on each side of these preliminary lines, in order that an exact map of the country can be made of such a width as to include within its limits the best line for a railroad, in all its details between the terminal stations. This
map should show all the topographical features of the country, and should also have on it the contour lines, in order that a paper location can be made if desired.

The next thing is to make the practical survey. This is done by a corps of engineers consisting of one Transitman, two Chainmen, two Rodmen, two Stakemen, two Axemen, under the direction of a Chief of Party, who is responsible for the amount and class of work done and who reports directly to the Chief Engineer. The Chief of Party receives full instructions from the Chief Engineer, as to the lines to be run and the methods to be used in the field. He must be well acquainted with the country, and have a clear knowledge of what he has to do and how to do it. With this understanding, the work commences and proceeds as follows: The Chief of Party shows the Transitman the point from which the line is to start; if this point is not well defined, it must be made so by driving a stake at that station. As an additional precaution, the stake should be tied in, that is, referenced to points on permanent objects in such a way that if it is moved the point can be re-established with accuracy.

When the point is thus marked, the transit is set over it. The Transitman takes his place behind the transit, and the Chief of Party goes ahead with a lining rod, and by means of this rod, which he sticks into the ground at any desired point, indicates to the Transitman the direction in which the line is to be run; the Transitman sights on the rod, and the Chainmen, accompanied by the Stakemen, chains from the starting point to the rod, the Stakemen putting in a stake properly marked at the end of each chain. When the point indicated by the Chief of Party is reached, a plug is put in with a tack point and guard stake.

The Transitman takes the magnetic bearing of the line, and notes it in his transit book; he then takes his transit and moves on to the first transit point, the Chief of Party in the meantime having gone ahead to indicate the direction of the new line. The rear Rodman stops at the point just left by the Transitman. When the transit is set up on the new point and levelled, a back sight is taken on the rod, which is held on the starting-point; if this is all right, the telescope is reversed and the new line run out the same as the preceding one. In running these lines, enough data must be obtained to enable the engineer to make accurate plans and profiles of each line. The data for the plan is obtained from the preliminary survey.

In order to obtain data to plot the profile of the lines and establish the grade lines, a level party, consisting of a Leveller and Rodman, are sent over the preliminary lines surveyed. The object of their work is to get the actual height of each station above some known plane, called a Datum plane. The first thing to be done by the Leveller is to get some point to start from; if the new work connects with some old-established line, then the Leveller should start from some point on this old line, the height of which he can obtain; but if there is no permanent point, the height of which is known, then the Leveller must establish some point and get its height above the sea level; this permanent point is called a Bench Mark. Not only is this starting point called a Bench Mark, but all permanent points which the Leveller may establish along the line for future reference are called Bench Marks.

In getting a Bench Mark, the object is to get some firm point which cannot be moved, and is so situated that it may be readily found again. The most common method of making a Bench Mark is to take some large tree and chop a place on the root and drive a tack in the top of the point; then the point and all around it should be marked over with keel. On the side of the tree, at a convenient height to be readily seen and on the side next to the line, a large blaze should be made, and on this blaze should be marked clearly with keel the letters B. M., the number of the B. M. and its elevation. In running a line of levels on preliminary surveys, Bench Marks should be established every two thousand feet.

The Leveller proceeds with his work as follows: Having a starting-point, or B. M., he sets up his level at a proper distance from this point and, levelling his telescope, sights it on the rod which is held on the Bench; the point on the rod where it is cut by the horizontal hair of the telescope is noted; this is called ax, or back sight; and this reading on the rod, added to the known height of the Bench, gives the height of the instrument. Having the height of the instrument, sights are taken on the different stations. These, or fore sights, are subtracted from the height of the instrument, and give the elevation of each station. From the data obtained as above the profiles of the different lines and the establishment of the grade lines are worked out.

Teach me, my God and King, In all things Thee to see, And what I do in anything, To do it as for Thee. —G. Herbert.
Kingly Rule.

A SCENE.

Dramatis Personae.

HENRY VIII., King of England.
FRANCIS, King of France.
DUKE OF NORFOLK.
DUKE OF ALENÇON.
CARDINAL WOLSEY.
Lords and Ladies, Officers and Attendants.

Scene. Arders, France, Field of the Cloth of Gold.

(Enter FRANCIS, HENRY and WOLSEY.)

FRANCIS: Welcome, good Henry, to our sunny France! In truth, I have long wished to see you; I am certain that our love is mutual; and I assure you that I am not unworthy of your esteem.

HENRY: Your welcome is too kind; I thank you!

FRANCIS: You now have your desire. You wished for France, and if you do not possess it, still you are the master of this ground.

HENRY: Sire, I have not, I can assure you, cast a wishful eye on your kingdom; and have only come to see you in fulfilment of my promise; nor have I ever in my life seen one whom my heart seems more predisposed to love.

FRANCIS: We shall agree admirably, I am sure. But let us go to the valley of the raspberry and the red hawthorn. We shall there see some good sport. But stop! the train comes here.

(Enter French and English Lords.)

NORFOLK: We are come, my good kings, to match broadswords with these French. My gracious sovereign, do you but bless me before my battle with Alengon, and I'll surely win.

(HENRY blesses him.)

ALENÇON: Good Francis, dost thou hear? We shall see if the blessing is infallible. Art thou not ready, Norfolk?

NORFOLK: Yes. To the front!

(They fight, and ALENÇON is wounded.)

HENRY: See, Francis, the English win now as at every time and in every place. My Lord Norfolk, I congratulate you.

NORFOLK: 'Twas your blessing, your Highness. But now twelve English and twelve French bowmen fight.

HENRY: I'll wager anything my men will win!

FRANCIS: Five thousand francs.
FRANCIS: I'll take the wager, cousin!
HENRY: See how well my bowmen fight!
FRANCIS: If I had some of my Bretons here, we should soon see which were the best.
HENRY: No boasts, brother. My English are still the conquerors.

FRANCIS: My Bretons would beat them as if they were children.
HENRY: You talk but idly. Brother, I challenge you to a contest.
FRANCIS: I accept, but it must be on horse that we fight.
HENRY: Agreed! Come on! (They mount two chargers and take lances.)
FRANCIS: I am not your equal, but will give you good battle. (They fight, and FRANCIS breaks his lance). Hold! Henry, let us cease. I have broken my lance.
HENRY: I have you at my mercy, cousin; but I will yield to your request. (They dismount.) Let us rest, Francis, and discuss our affairs of state together. (Enter WOLSEY.) I am glad to see you, my Lord. Where were you these past weeks?

WOLSEY: I have but just returned from Guynes where I did leave the Duke of Buckingham.
FRANCIS: Welcome, good sir! We have missed you from our sports.
HENRY: And now, do you ask Francis what he'll pay for a neutrality.

WOLSEY: What if the Dauphin and the Princess Mary wed? Would you pay one hundred thousand crowns annually?
FRANCIS: Provided that their issue be seated on the English throne, I would.
HENRY: Then, Wolsey, have the papers made and signed, and quickly, too; for it is late, and we must be off to Guynes to see his royal Dukeship. Good night, Francis! Do you accept this necklace in my remembrance?

WOLSEY: I'll see you anon. Farewell! (Aside.) And this is the peace of kings,—thus with their whims they juggle with the life of subjects!

(Exeunt omnes.)

H. C. MURPHY, '93.

The Vicar of Wakefield.

Among the many books in the English language there are few as well known as "The Vicar of Wakefield." It is a book which every man of a liberal education should have read; and one that every student of English literature should read—not for the story, but for the language it contains. The style is simple and at the same time interesting. There is but one sentence in the whole book which any schoolboy cannot understand; and that is in the letter written by Mr. Burchill to Lady Blarney and Miss Skeggs, when he says: "As I would neither have simplicity imposed upon, nor virtue con-
taminated, I must offer it as my opinion that
the impropriety of such a step will be attended
with dangerous consequences." When a person
reads this he does not know whether the writer
meant that the two Misses Wakefield are not
respectable, or the company in which they are
about to go.

The most perfect character is the Vicar; but
while we love him for his benevolence, his
resignation, we must smile at the contrast be­
tween the sense of his conversation and the
simplicity of his conduct; also at the wise max­
ims he utters on every occasion and which are
always overruled by the pertinacity of his wife
and daughters.

This story, when it was first published, was
as not as highly valued as it is to-day. When
it was first published Garrick said that there
was nothing to be learned from it; and Johnson
called it a mere fanciful performance. If Gar­
rick were to live to-day, and were teaching a
class of English literature, no doubt he would
recommend it as one of the first books his class
was to read. Johnson, when he said that it was
a mere fanciful performance, meant, perhaps,
that the construction of the story is full of
improbabilities.

Happiness.

How blessed is he who is happy! His wealth
transcends all computation. Kings would gladly
give riches, honor and glory to come and share
it with him. Man's life is but one continued
effort to reach that bright goal—happiness;
for the brief taste he had of it in the beginning
implanted in his soul an insatiable yearning
which ceaselessly impels him onward in his
search from generation to generation.

The greatest minds the world ever possessed
labored from youth to old age to find the golden
road which ends in happiness. Countless have
been their rules and precepts. No way was ever
too dark or rough or wearisome for them to
tread, and no danger was ever too great for
them to brave.

What strange thing is this, then, that has ever
exercised so great a charm over all mankind,—
so wonderful a charm that in its fascinating
light all other treasures of earth are dwarfed
until they sink to nothingness? It is a fairy­
dream in which a veil of beauty is thrown about
this rugged life of ours, and which, as one looks
through it, softens and obscures the lurking­
place of pain.

But the happy man sees not as in a vision.
His sight is only deeper and farther reaching
than that of his fellowman. For our earth is
beautiful, and was not made for the abode of
sorrow; that was brought into it by discon­
tented man. See how the happy look with ever­
growing gladness upon the providence of God.
To such all nature, happy with them, wears a
smile of quiet 'joy. And the destroying flight
of Time brings no distress, because when it
shall have overtaken them they will realize but
the consummation of their felicity; for true
happiness must go hand in hand with virtue.

J. F. S.

College Gossip.

—The College of the Sacred Heart, Water­
town, Wis., opened on the 8th inst. with a very
large attendance, and the brightest prospects
for one of the most successful years in the
history of the institution.

—The German Government recognizes the
new Catholic University of Freiburg in Switzer­
land as on the same footing as the other German,
Austrian and Swiss universities, and so allows
terms kept there to count as with the rest of
the universities.

—Father Curran, a young priest of the dio­
cése of Bathurst, has secured $25 and a medal
from the Royal Society for the best paper
on "The Microscopic Structure of Australian
Rocks." The contest was open to geologists all
over the world. Father Curran has recently
been appointed Government lecturer in geol­
ogy, and resides in Sidney, N. S. W.

—The Signal is the title of a new bright little
paper just issued under the auspices of the
Academy of St. Mary's of the Woods, Vigo
County, Ind. It will be published quarterly by
the Ladies of the Alumnae Association, and
edited by Miss Frances Howe, so well known in
literary circles. It has our best wishes for the
long and successful career, of which the opening
number gives such bright augury.

IN KENTUCKY.

A rope he found
That lay around,
And took it home, of course.
It chanced that the
Extremity
Was fastened to a horse.

The neighbors bound
A rope around
A tree's convenient limb.
It chanced that the
Extremity
Was fastened on to him.

DE FUNIBUS.

Rure Titus funem portavit forte repertum:
Accidit ut funem subsequeretur equus.
Arboris e brachio strinxit vicinia funem:
Adnexum funi contigit esse Titum.

—Stonyhurst Magazine.
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The year '91-'92 thus opens under the brightest auspices, and bids fair to be the happiest and most successful in the annals of Alma Mater.

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We are grateful to be able to say that there has been a marked improvement in the condition of Very Rev. Father General since our last issue. Despite the extreme heat which prevailed during the week, the venerable patient has rallied, and gives every assurance that the happiest results will soon reward the care and attention which he is receiving, and be a blessed response to the many fervent prayers offered in his behalf. We hope that all friends will continue their prayers to Heaven that the coming patronal festival of our Father Founder, the 13th prox., may find him restored to health and strength, and that he may be spared to celebrate many another St. Edward's Day with his devoted children in this grand old home of Religion and Science which he has established.

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**DUTIES OF STUDENTS**

"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

—Ps. 126, 1.

While these words of the Psalmist, implying the worthlessness and instability of all projects from which is excluded the idea of God and His providence, are especially applicable when there is question of the weightier undertakings of men, they are not without their fitness as a motto for the beginners of any work, however seemingly commonplace; and they form an apposite text for the few plain, practical reflections which I purpose making this morning on the occasion of the opening of a new scholastic year. All that I shall say to you is comprised in the formula: "Be well with God." This is but a variation of St. Augustine's, "Love God and do what you will," and it is, therefore, the embodiment of a thoroughly adequate rule of life. As most formulas, however, are the better for explanatory comments, it may not be amiss to discuss with some particularity the line of conduct which you must pursue in order to be well, and to remain well, with God; to specify what you will be impelled to do if you love God; to tell you, in short, how you should set about building this house of your education at whose inception this morning we fervently invoke the blessing and co-operation of the Lord, so that your labor in building it may not be vain.

Your lifetime, of which the year now beginning will form one stage, and possibly the last one, has been granted to you that you may devote it to the service of your Creator; hence your chief concern during the coming ten months should undoubtedly be to preserve God's friendship, to lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, to safeguard the interests of your immortal souls. True, you will have to do much that is not purely spiritual; you will have to perform many duties which apparently have no immediate bearing on your eternal destiny; you will, in a word, be solicitous and be troubled about many things; but bear in mind that in your case, as in that of Martha, the sister of Lazarus, there is only one thing necessary. In a relative sense, of course, many things are necessary: your physical development and mental culture, for instance; but remember that, before and above all else, you are Christians, children of God, heirs to the kingdom of heaven; and that the only thing absolutely necessary is

* From the sermon on the occasion of the opening of the scholastic year 1891-'92, by the REV. A. B. O'NEILL, C. S. C.
that you do not forfeit your rights to that inheritance.

You have repeatedly heard that education in the true sense of the word—such an education as you have come hither to seek, and as we, with God's blessing, will help you to attain—consists in the harmonious development of the physical, the intellectual, and the moral faculties. Now, were there any clashing, any conflict, any incompatibility among the elements of this triple culture of body, mind, and heart; were the attainment of one possible only by the abandonment of the other two, there could be no question as to which element should receive your attention; which one should be chosen, which two rejected. From the Christian point of view, it is unquestionably far better to be a pious blockhead than an impious scholar; a righteous dwarf than a scoundrel of splendid physique,—far better to be deformed in body, and a dunce in mind with a virtuous heart, than to be what the graduates of many an educational gymnasium in our day and country not infrequently are, physical and mental athletes, but also spiritual starvelings and moral cripples. In a word, if there were, in the cultivation of the moral faculties, in the education of the soul, anything antagonistic to physical training or to mental discipline, it would still be your paramount duty to "seek first the kingdom of God and His justice."

Fortunately, however, no such antagonism exists. On the contrary, the physical, intellectual and moral faculties admit of simultaneous development; and so complete is the harmony among them that they reciprocally aid one another in the formation of the thoroughly educated man. It is quite possible to be physically strong and active, mentally quick and brilliant, and, at the same time, spiritually good and holy; quite feasible to form concurrently habits of healthful exercise, of intellectual labor, and of Christian piety; quite within the power of each one of you to acquire, during the next ten months, abundant stores of strength for the body, knowledge for the mind, and virtue for the soul. The attainment of these blessings should be your aim; and your endeavoring to secure, not simply any one or two of them, but all three—strength, knowledge and virtue—will be the best evidence that you have arrived at a just conception of the purpose for which you have come to college—that of being formed into vigorous, scholarly, and Christian gentlemen.

This being your ideal, how shall you best attain it? To speak first of your moral training, or of the religious side of your education, I need scarcely tell Catholic young men that the two great means of preserving yourselves in the grace of God, the best possible aids in the acquisition of virtuous habits, or in the destruction of vicious ones, are prayer and the sacraments. Prayer is absolutely essential to the well-being of your souls. No Christian man, much less boy, can afford to live his life independently of God, to order his daily actions on the principle that he is sufficient unto himself. As for the sacraments; it is hardly too much to say that a young man or boy who frequently approaches the sacred tribunal of Penance and the Holy Table where our Lord offers Himself to be the food of our souls, is, if not a model student, at least the material from which such a student can be readily moulded.

From the consideration of these obligations incumbent on all Catholic young men, whether in or out of college, let us turn to those which peculiarly affect the student. The perfection of man consists in the complete conformity of his will to that of his Creator. We are well with God when we habitually do what God wills us to do. One of the most poignant griefs possible to souls desirous of leading worthy lives is the state of doubt or uncertainty as to what is God's will concerning them. This grief need never be yours, assuredly not during your career as students. God's will, so far as you are concerned, is "writ large," so that he who runs may read. He desires you simply to fulfill perfectly the duties of that state in life to which His divine providence has led you. You will be acting in conformity to His sacred will just so long as you deserve the comprehensive name of "good students." Now the determining cause, or at least one of the determining causes, of your coming to college is presumably your own or your parents' desire for your mental culture. The development of your physical powers might be accomplished at home fully as well as in college; the same thing is true, though in a lesser degree, perhaps, of your moral training; so that you are here principally for the cultivation of your intellect. Hence, considered merely as students, your first duty is undoubtedly diligent application, is continued study, is real, earnest labor in storing your minds, with knowledge. To neglect this would be a palpable injustice to your parents and to yourselves. You are unjust to your parents when by habitual idleness and laziness you fail to profit by the time allotted you for study. Students, especially the younger ones, are apt to look upon want of application as a very light matter. Some seem to imagine that, if they can loaf or read novels
without the knowledge of Professors or Prefects, there is no harm done. Let us see whether this be the case.

Your maintenance in college for a year costs your parents from three to four hundred dollars. They intend, we will suppose, that you shall complete some one of the regular courses. Now if, on account of your idleness, you are forced to remain in that course a year longer than would have been necessary had you applied yourself thoroughly, it is clear that you have constructively robbed your parents of the amount paid for that extra year. . . . No, no; it is not a light matter, this indolence; and the student who habitually wastes his time, or a considerable portion of his time, is guilty of an injustice towards his parents that amounts to a very grievous sin.

The idle student is, moreover, unjust towards himself, and chiefly for this reason: his neglecting to profit by the opportunities afforded him in college may, and not rarely does, lead to the loss of his vocation. God has some place in the world marked out for each one of you; there is a particular position, business or calling that is peculiarly yours. If, through your own fault, you remain incompetent to fill that position, or, in other words, if you culpably lose your vocation, you immeasurably increase the difficulties of your life, and materially lessen the chances of its success.

A notable loss of time is, then, grievously sinful; and any loss of time is sinful to some extent. You are doing your duty as good, conscientious students only when, in the study-hall, you apply your own will to prove genuinely and permanently useful. One mathematical problem worked out by yourself is worth a dozen which you can solve because you have been told the method of solution; one page of fair English, wholly yours, is worth a score appropriated from a volume in the library; five lines of Latin or Greek which you have translated by dint of study and thought are worth a hundred which, in college cant, you have “got up” with a “pony.”

Study, then, serious, continued study, is your first duty,—study during the time given for that purpose; and, let me add, during that time and no other. Recreation is quite as essential as is mental application. If you work conscientiously during working hours, it is eminently natural, right, and proper that you should play heartily and well during time of play. Do not look upon the student who encroaches on his hours of relaxation, in order to continue his studies, as a model whom you should imitate. Such a young man has more ambition than judgment. If he persists in studying during all the regular study hours and a portion of those allotted to recreation, he will defeat his own aim; for, as a natural consequence, his overtaxed brain will be unable to do as much real work in the ordinary and extraordinary hours combined, as it could do, were it sufficiently relaxed, in the ordinary hours alone. The ambition to please your Professors and to be first in your class may be laudable and good; but if you cannot be first without endangering your health, be content to remain second or third. . . .

Another duty of the student is obedience. One of the conditions of youth is its continual submission to the control of superiors, its obligation of always obeying somebody. At home, you owe obedience to your parents; in college, to the rules of the institution, and to the Professors and Prefects who are the exponents of those rules. Without obedience, there can be no progress, order, peace, or happiness; and consequently this duty is a very important one. Jesus Christ Himself has taught us its importance. He lived thirty-three years on earth; and the record of thirty of those years is written in three words: *Erat subditus illis—“He was obedient to them.” He was submissive to His Mother Mary and to His foster-father, St. Joseph. His glorious example should inspire you, and lead you to obey always and everywhere; not servilely, because you are under the observation of superiors, but voluntarily and manfully, because it is right. Taking even the low ground of expediency, it is surely best for you to observe the rules. Granted that you find them severe; common sense dictates that you should
make a virtue of necessity, and obey with good
grace, since obey you must. For—and it may be
well here and now to emphasize the fact—the
regulations of the University must be observed,
and any infractions will entail a punishment
proportioned to the seriousness of the offense.
Nor should there be any difficulty in observing
these rules. They are the results of experience;
they have been formulated by men who have
in view no other object than the promotion of
your interests; and they are no stricter than has
been found necessary for the accomplishment
of the purpose which has brought you to Notre
Dame. Let me add that those who would not
be injured by more relaxed disciplinary regula-
tions, experience no difficulty in observing
the rules; while those who complain of their severity
are invariably students who would turn to their
own detriment the fuller freedom which laxer
rules would give them.

Speaking of complaining, let me counsel you
to beware of developing into that most unlovely
of all characters in the student world, that
pestilential nuisance, the chronic grumbler. It
is scarcely necessary to describe him. You all
know him as one who seems to have but one
opinion, just the right thing is never done;
or should it occasionally be accomplished, it is
never done in just the right way. He is never
without a subject of complaint—this Professor's
methods, or that Prefect's harshness,. the too
short recreations, the too long prayers, and so
on ad infinitum. Don't, let me beg you, don't
stultify yourselves by imitating such a character
as that. If you have any real grievance—and
since we do not claim absolute perfection either
for our system, or for the men who enforce it,
it is quite within the range of possibility that
you may have—go to the properly-constituted
authorities, ask for its redress, and then—hold
your peace. That is the manly way of acting.
The unmanly, the cowardly way is to foment
dissatisfaction among a number of your com-
panions till something serious results from it,
and then to cringe before the authorities, make
hypocritical professions of satisfaction, and
endeavor to sneak out of the difficulty, as the
chronic grumbler invariably does. . . .

To summarize, this year is a portion of a life-
time all of which you owe to God; it will prove
a success if, during its progress, you are faithful
in accomplishing God's will; that will is that
you fulfil well the duties of a student; and those
duties are the practice of virtue, earnest study,
Personal.

—Charles C. Kolars, '86, is meeting with great success in his law practice at Le Sueur Centre, Minn.

—Thomas Dillon, '71, and wife, John J. Fitzgibbon, '62, and Charles T. Cavanagh, '91, were very welcome visitors to the college on Tuesday.

—William F. Devine, '88, made a brief visit to Notre Dame last week, and received a cordial welcome from his friends and former students. Mr. Devine is engaged in real estate business with Leander J. McCormick, Oxford Building, Chicago.

—The numerous friends of Bro. Philemon, C.S.C., the genial Director of St. Pius' School, Chicago, were agreeably surprised by a flying visit from him last Wednesday on business connected with the Community. He and his efficient corps of assistants are meeting with distinguished and well-earned success in their work, and the prospects of the school which they conduct are brilliant.

—We are pleased to state that Mr. George E. Clarke, '84, has accepted the Chair of Oratory in the University. All at Notre Dame cordially endorse the sentiments expressed in the following, from the South Bend Tribune of the 24th inst.:

"President Walsh, of Notre Dame, was in the city last evening, and proffered the chair of oratory at that institution to Mr. George E. Clarke, the rising young attorney. The offer came wholly unsolicited and unexpected, and Mr. Clarke, after being assured that it would not materially interfere with his law business here, accepted it. He will spend two evenings each week at the College, and the rest of his time in his office in this city. The position has been practically vacant since the death of the lamented Prof. J. A. Lyons, who filled it so acceptably for more than a quarter of a century. The selection of Mr. Clarke is a high compliment to his abilities. While a student at the University, through a full course, he was always prominent in dramatic and oratorical contests, and one of Prof. Lyons' favorite pupils; and, being thoroughly familiar with the art and the needs of the College in this direction, is peculiarly adapted to fill the important place as a member of the Faculty. Mr. Clarke's many friends in the city and elsewhere will be pleased to hear of his promotion."

Local Items.

—That squirrel hunt!
—Salute to the feast!
—Navigation has opened.
—Benny acted as executioner.
—"Smile" has two pairs of —
—"Sport" still holds his watch.
—What's the matter with the sun?
—The military companies have begun to drill.
—This month of September is a "scorcher."
—Are we going to have a boat race on Field Day?
—Where, oh! where is the promised box of "two furs"?

—There are enough wheelmen to form a good club this year.
—The "Awkward Squads" will begin to drill on October 1.
—The two "Blokes" were visible to the naked eye last Tuesday.
—"Why don't you get a team that can play ball to come here?"
—It is feared that the football men will be few and far between.
—"Is it possible that you, barbarians, do not know your Horace?"
—Fatty G. says that he'll get that diamond ring, or die of starvation.
—Philosophers, remember that a bush in the hand is worth two in the —
—"Stroke! stroke!" is the sound that is now wafted o'er the rippling waters.
—A game with a picked team from South Bend has been arranged for this week.
—The wound has healed, and the Sorin Hallers are once more united to their fatherland.
—The Sorinites are practising for Field Day. The Brownsons' had better look to their laurels.
—Note.—Teamsters should not drive faster than a walk while passing around the Presbytery.
—Some interesting games of handball are played in the Brownsons' gym. Many of the new-comers have learned the meaning of "hand out, hinder," etc., and have, moreover, developed into good players.
—The continuation of Sammy's "Sketches" has been crowded out this week. We are obliged also to defer until next week the publication of a very interesting communication received too late for insertion in this issue.
—A new system of appointing the officers of the military companies will be followed this year. Only those deserving promotion will be promoted. If an officer neglects his duty, he may see others pass up that were far behind him.
—The second regular meeting of the St. Cecilians was held on Wednesday evening, September 23. At this meeting a large number of names were proposed for membership, voted on and duly elected. At the next meeting the Constitution and By-laws will be read and discussed, after which the regular program for the weekly meetings will be inaugurated.
—The regular semi-annual meeting of the Notre Dame Athletic Association was held Thursday, September 24. The following officers were elected: President, Col. Hoynes; Vice-President, P. Coady; Secretary, N. J. Sinnott; Treasurer, T. H. Coady; Corresponding Secretary, P. Fleming; Field Reporter, H. C. Murphy; Directors, Father Kelly and Bro. Paul; Captain Special team, Chas. J. Gillon; Captains first nines, J. C. Combe and —; Captains Football Teams, D. Cartier and T. H. Coady. The election of a captain for the 'Varsity football team was postponed until later in the season.
—The greatest game of ball ever known in the history of Sorin Hall, was played between the "second and third flats," Thursday afternoon, on the Manual Labor grounds. The game was rather tame and uninteresting for the first four innings, as the "second flat" men had a picnic with the "old settlers'" delivery, and stole enough bases off Dacy to make his hair gray. At the end of the fifth Captain Gillon, of the second floor, went from the box and put in his pony battery, P. Murphy and Scherrer. The third floor men scored five runs before Murphy succeeded in striking the "greaser" out. In the next half the second floor men pounded Dacy, who had gone in to pitch, for six runs. "Fitz’s" men then got enough runs to bring the score up to 13-18. The game was called at the end of the 7th inning on account of general "tiredness."

The features were the fine playing of T. Boland at first base, and the battery work of Gillon and Hannin. The newly-discovered "ephemera," McGrath-pitcher and Dacy-catcher did poor work. The second flat men took kindly to "Mac’s" curves, while Dacy threw to bases like the "wild man of Borneo" on a tar. Umpires, Schaad and Lancaster. McAuliff and Combe did good work.

—On Wednesday evening, September 16, the Philopatarians held their first meeting in their elegant new society room for the purpose of reorganizing for the present scholastic year. After an appropriate address by the President, who congratulated the members on their new quarters, and spoke in an encouraging manner of the bright prospects for the Society, a Secretary pro tem, was appointed, and the election of officers took place with the following result: 1st Vice-President, W. E. Bates; 2d Vice-President, R. Slevin; Treasurer, W. Gerlach; Recording Secretary, J. Hack; Corresponding Secretary, H. Yingst. The election of the other officers was postponed to the following meeting, which was held Wednesday evening, September 23. Seven officers were then elected and nine new members admitted. The officers chosen are as follows: Librarian, P. Wellington; Historian, O. Bergland; 1st Censor, E. Dorsey; 2d Censor, A. Leonard; 3d Censor, H. Cheney; Sergeant-at-Arms, F. Kleekamp. The subject chosen for discussion at the next meeting is: "Resolved, that the Jury System has outlived its usefulness and should be abolished." The disputants on the affirmative are: Messrs. L. P. Chute and T. Ansbury; on the negative, Messrs. H. O’Neill and L. J. Whellan. The chair then delivered a speech on the relative advantages of city and country life in the practice of the law. The Colonel is always eloquent; but he never rises so high as when touching any subject bearing on the dignity of the bar. He spoke for an hour, and held the attention of his audience with his appropriate aphorisms, practical suggestions and realistic descriptions of the lawyer’s life at the city and country bar.

—Base-Ball.—A one-sided game was played on the college campus, on the afternoon of September 20, between a team from South Bend and Sorin Hall, assisted by Messrs. Combe, Chassaing and Fleming. The Sorins won by a score of 14 to 4. But for a few costly errors in the second and third innings South Bend would have been shut out. The feature of the game was the battery work of Gillon and Combe, who are in excellent practice after a summer’s sojourn in Wisconsin. Gillon pitched a phenomenal game, striking out seventeen men. His delivery was a puzzle insolvably by the South Benders, who only made three safe-hits. He was ably supported by Combe who caught an errorless game, and did not let a South Bender steal a base. The playing of "Fitz" at first is also worthy of mention. The following is the complete score:

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**Summary:** Earned Runs: 0; Two Base Hits: Cartier and Fleming. **Base on Ball:** off Tesky, 10; off Gillon, 3. **Hit by Pitched Ball:** by Tesky, 4; by Gillon, 1. Passed
**NOTRE DAME SCHOLASTIC.**

**St. Mary's Academy.**

*One Mile West of Notre Dame University.*

—Miss Maud Clifford, '89, spent a few days last week at the Academy where she is ever a welcome visitor.

—Now that Very Rev. Father General is improving in health, hopes run high that he may soon honor St. Mary's by at least a short visit. Every day at recreation time, many eyes turn longingly towards the avenue leading from Notre Dame to see if his carriage is not in sight.

—The first reunion of the Children of Mary was held on Monday last, at which the appointment of the following officers took place: President, Miss L. Norris; Vice-President, Miss J. Zahm; Secretary, Miss Nacey; Treasurer, Miss Fitzpatrick; Librarian, Miss Adelsperger; Sacristan, Miss M. Robinson. The regular election for the scholastic year will take place on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

—Very Rev. Father Corby, Provincial, C.S.C., presided at the academic meeting of Sept. 20, on which occasion he made a few timely remarks of kind counsel, the remembrance of which must insure earnest endeavors in the path of school-life. After the usual reading of good notes, Miss Linnie Farwell recited one of A. Froster's beautiful poems, and L. Dreyer told, in a charming little recitation, a story called "The Sermon in the Stocking."

—Sunday, the Feast of the Compassion, a festival especially dear to the Sisters of the Holy Cross, was duly solemnized at St. Mary's. At the Community Mass, which was offered by Rev. Father Corby, all the Catholic pupils approached the Holy Table, the Children of Mary wearing their blue badges for the first time this year. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at eight o'clock by Very Rev. Father Corby. Rev. J. French, C. S. C., delivered a touching and practical sermon on the words: "All you who pass by the way attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow."

—The second Tuesday of the scholastic year was chosen as the day on which to reorganize the various literary societies. The Graduates and First Seniors, forming St. Teresa's Society, met in the Library and elected the following officers: President, Miss S. Wile; Vice-President, Miss C. Gibbons; Secretary, Miss K. Morse; Treasurer, Miss M. Hess. Even the Juniors took part in the practical sermon on the words: "All you who pass by the way attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow."

—**Balls:** Leps, 5; Wild Pitches: Tesky, 3. **Left on Bases:** Notre Dame, 7; South Bend, 7. **Double Play:** Tesky to Hanley. **Struck out:** by Tesky, 11; by Gillon, 17. Umpire: H. Carroll. Scorer: A. E. Dacy.

—Very Rev. Father Corby, Provincial, C.S.C., presented at the academic meeting of Sept. 20, on which occasion he made a few timely remarks of kind counsel, the remembrance of which must insure earnest endeavors in the path of school-life. After the usual reading of good notes, Miss Linnie Farwell recited one of A. Froster's beautiful poems, and L. Dreyer told, in a charming little recitation, a story called "The Sermon in the Stocking."
The blessing that a mother’s heart then gave,
The tender, last farewells,
Those memories that live beyond the grave
Where love eternal dwells;
All, all awake when “Auld Lang Syne” he hears;
He feels his mother’s kiss, he sees her tears.
And to the mother’s heart how dear the song
That tells of other days!
Ah! how the thoughts of joy and sorrow throng
Before her spirit’s gaze.
She sees no more her sons as stalwart men,
The song has brought their childhood back again.
Nor time nor space can bid the heart be still,
For memory knows not years;
And loving thoughts the spirit gently thrill,
Forgot are griefs and fears,
When o’er the harps-strings of this weary life
The hand of Time is swept, and hushed is strife.
Our youthful hearts have felt no touch of woe,
Ken not the face of grief;
They have not learned the vain and idle show
Bound up in life’s bright sheaf;
And “Auld Lang Syne” to us brings not the past,
But bids the pulse with longings beat more fast.
Ah! days will come when ‘neath the touch of care
The world will darksome be,
And ought of life that then is bright and fair
In memory’s glass we’ll see;
While thro’ our tears the happy past will shine,
Our school-days then will be our “Auld Lang Syne.”

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot?” We hear
The whisper in our heart;
Shall we, who’ve lived as friends for many a year
Forget because we part?
Ah no! our happy school-days we shall shrine
Forever in our souls for “Auld Lang Syne.”

Duty, Life’s Pole-Star.

Numerous as the stars that form the Milky-Way are the allurements that invite man as he traverses the vale of life; but as there is but one pole-star, so duty alone can lead him aright. An abiding sense of duty is the distinctive mark of a strong character; it is the light which guides man through the darkness of adversity; without it, the individual falls at the first temptation; whereas, led on by its brightness, the weakest becomes strong and courageous. True to his star, as is the magnetic needle to the north, he pursues his way unmindful of the false beacons that invite to ruin.

To the lonely traveller on life’s devious paths many a Will-o’-the-wisp flickers in the distance, luring to repose when the star of duty beckons him to labor. For one, political preference may be the light which leads to paths of danger; he listens not to warning voices, but, lured on
and on, he follows the light, regardless of the pain he may inflict on the hearts over which his ambition carries him. Gold may be the star of another; he follows with unwavering footsteps the narrow gleam which it sheds, and sacrifices love, honor and truth,—all, at the shrine of avarice. How many around us follow the little pleasure lights, the butterflies of social life, whose wings glisten with an alluring but false brightness, and dedicate their energies to the cause of dress and fashion! Science, too, may lead astray; for when not the outcome of Christianity, it is but a reflection from the torch of truth, and leads man from God instead of guiding him towards the Author of science.

What, then, is to insure our safety in our passage through Time's domain? Are we to be without guide or defence? No! a merciful Providence has given a light to our feet kept burning by the teachings of a God; and this beacon is Duty, the star of life. In all walks its influence is felt, whether we study man in his relations with his Maker, or with his neighbor. While we follow the voice of conscience, we know that that voice but expresses the positive law given to Moses on Mount Sinai, which comprises our whole duty; and, with faith as our animating motive, and the Church as our guide, ever pointing to the star of duty, it is impossible that we should be led astray.

Duty to our neighbor often includes duty to our country, in the fulfilment of which sacrifice is always more or less involved,—sacrifice of comfort, of affection, and, indeed, not infrequently of life. What nobility of character and what unselfishness is exhibited in him who adheres to duty! We cannot but admire and respect a man thus strongly animated.

The sense of duty may not be stronger in him who is elevated in rank than in him whose position is lowly. Patriotism reigns not more strongly in the heart of the valiant commander in the thickest of the fight than in that of the sentinel on duty who must pace slowly up and down, though his soul be burning with the desire to meet the enemy in the field. All may not be called upon to show great heroism in the execution of his sons, but duty means sacrifice whether its requirements be few or many.

Strength comes with burden; and, dark though the clouds of adversity may be, brightly shines the pole-star of life, the star of duty, which bids a struggle on in the narrow way; and if we but follow its guidance, then shall our pathway lead to a haven of rest where the demands of duty shall yield to its rewards exceeding great.

**CAROLINE HURLEY (Class '97).**

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**Roll of Honor.**

[For politeness, neatness, order, amiability, correct deportment and observance of rules.]

**SENIOR DEPARTMENT.**


**JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.**


**MINIUM DEPARTMENT.**

Misses M. Ahern, K. Buckley, J. Dysart, N. Finnyert, H. Girsch, M. McCormick, A. McCarthy, L. McKenna, M. Wormer.

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**The advocates of compulsory education, or the right of State interference, find but little support from Herbert Spencer:** "It is surprising," he writes to the newspapers, "with what light hearts people are led to abrogate the order of nature and to substitute an order of their own devising. All life on the earth has risen to its present height under the system of parental obligation. The process has so worked that the best nurtured offspring of the best parents have survived and maintained the race; while offspring inadequately nurtured have failed to leave self-sustaining posterity. And now it has come to be thought that these strong parental feelings which in billions of creatures throughout millions of years have worked so beneficially, may, with advantage, be replaced by public sentiment working through State machinery. The replacing of parental responsibilities by social responsibilities will inevitably cause degradation and eventual extinction."