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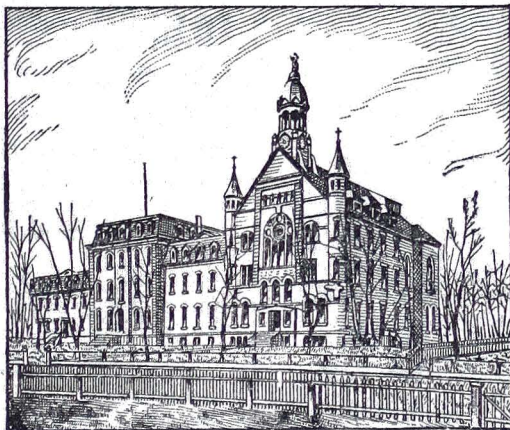
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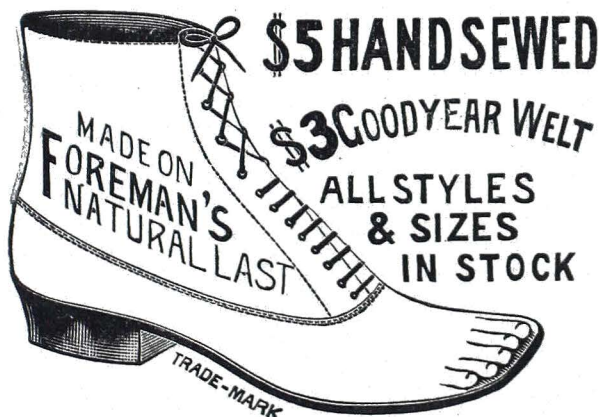
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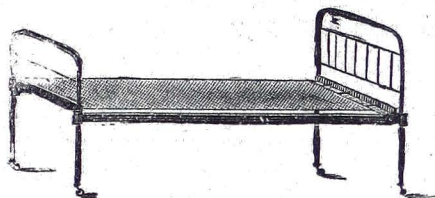
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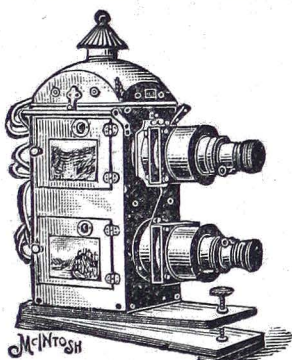
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EDITORIALS.

It is with keen delight, not unmixed with a sense of responsibility, that we open the first pages of this, the tenth volume of ST. VIATEUR'S JOURNAL.

To chronicle the doings of this great Columbian year will be a pleasant and important office. And why do we say this centennial year? Because the JOURNAL must be the natural expression of the great interest and lively part taken by the students in the Catholic educational exhibit. The JOURNAL will mirror forth the results of more active work in all the departments of the college. Hence, the zest with which we enter upon our editorial duties.

Again, this is Silver Jubilee year. The college paper is the most direct channel of communication between

the old and the new students. It will report the doings of meetings, of committees, and will spread far and wide the laudable enthusiasm which fires those who conceived the beautiful idea of feasting alma mater.

Even if the college journal had never existed, it seems to us that the circumstances herein mentioned would make its existence now a necessity.

The editors of '92 and '93, therefore, flatter themselves with the hope that their work will be beneficial in many ways to former students as well as to those who are now tasting their first draughts of the Pierian spring.

The drama, Columbus, as played by the Thespians, attired in their splendid Spanish costumes, was a useful and enjoyable object lesson on the life and works of the illustrious discover.

Says Emilio Castelar (and it is a noble sentiment): "If there had been no Western continent, God Almighty would have created one to reward the faith and sublime perseverance of Columbus."

ODE TO COLUMBUS.

Invocation:

O Thou, whose way is on the sea,
Make known to me
The path thy dread archangels keep
Across the awful deep.
Flash o'er the shadowing main
Light from those stars that wane
Beyond our welkin's space
That I, a man, may trace
Upon adoring knees
God's highway o'er mysterious seas.

Voyage:

Christ, on these shoulders rest,
While I the billows breast.
My only care
Christ and his truth to bear
To shores unknown,
Where God is not
In his own works forgot.
Queen, on thy starry throne,
Cheer, with thine eyes benign,
This lonely quest of mine.

Landing:

Glory to God on high!
Thine be the praise
Through lengths of days.
Fly, royal banner, fly;
Christ to his own is nigh.
For on this flowery strand
The cross doth now victorious stand.
Sovereigns of mighty Spain,
Joy to your reign.
Castile's most gracious queen
Await serene
Thy future's double crown
Of just renown.

Death:

Hush, o'er that bed of death,
Swayed by the falling breath,

A clank of chains.
"Peace to the noble dead,"
With tears by men is said
While angels sigh, "God reigns."

Fourth centenary:

To-day what peans sound
The glad earth round.
"Colombo," chime the bells;
Each breeze "Colombo," swells.
O'er land, o'er sea
One burst of melody,
"A new world found!"

—*Eliza Ellen Starr.*

COLUMBUS.

HIS BIRTH AND EDUCATION.

It is a grand year which now dawns upon a world already disposed to recognize the greatness and appreciate the value of the services rendered to mankind by one whose memory has waited four hundred years for the fulfillment of merited justice. The fitness of eulogizing this great benefactor will be readily seen after a short survey of his character, of his action and of his death. Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, of Domenico Columbus and Susana Fontanarossa, in the year of our Lord, 1436. At this period the battles of Christian Europe against the Turks and Mussulmen and contests with the Mediterranean pirates fired the hearts and aroused the spirits of every spirited Genoese youth. Thus, the very atmosphere which young Columbus breathed; the tales of seafaring adventure; the daily sight of the sea; the great maritime age in

which he lived all united to inspire the mind and heart of Columbus with a love of water. But there was another training which Columbus received during the first fourteen years of life, which was never forgotten during his period of maritime adventure, which won for him the admiration of a world and which made the first Christian discoverer and admiral. He was baptized in the ancient Benedictine church of St. Stephen, which is still pointed out to travelers as a venerable relic, and here the future discoverer received the name of Christopher, the Christ Bearer, a name which was truly prophetic of the great services he afterwards rendered to humanity, to Christ and his Church. Christopher and his brothers assisted their good father in his trade as a wool comber. But he was not always occupied thus as his good father took every opportunity to give him a fair education. He was sent at the tender age of ten years,



to the famous University of Pavia. Here he imbibed a love for mathematics, physics, astronomy, Latin and philosophy. Although he is not credited as being proficient in all these, yet the very fact of his spending two years at such a famous school of learning proves that he had a love for the sciences which he afterwards perfected. At the age of twelve he returned to assist his father. Writers differ as to when Columbus embraced sea life but it is generally decided that he first embarked as a sailor at the age of fourteen. His seafaring life from the year 1449, to when he arrived in Portugal in 1470, is involved in much obscurity. At least we know he was distinguished for his maritime knowledge and for his edifying practice of the Christian virtues. He also served with great bravery, in the war against the kingdom of Naples and for valuable services rendered in battles against pirates was promoted to captainship. In 1490, Christopher Columbus properly began his career when he arrived at Portugal and took up his abode in Lisbon, then the center of navigation. Here he met many warm friends among whom was his faithful brother Bartholomew. Columbus on his arrival at Lisbon was in the prime of life and a noble type of manhood. Naturally subject to anger, he overcame it by strict discipline. He was at times so charitable that he gave to the poor what was necessary for his own daily

sustenance. He spent much time in prayer; attended Mass every day and recited the Office. The Franciscans were also intimate friends of his. That Columbus should have preserved his great purity and practiced piety to such an extent during twenty years of seafaring life among such immoral characters as sailors generally are, is without doubt, a proof that he was destined by God to be a special laborer in His vineyard. The genius of Columbus and his scientific views would not suffer him to be deluded in that time of maritime excitement; he at once distinguished the illusive from the real; rejected all idle stories of fiery islands and boiling seas in the West and all times applied the strong scientific theory which he discovered. He was quite proficient in the construction of maps and charts and he even supported his aged parents by these means. He was acquainted with all the cosmographical learning of the day and especially in that which concerned the confines of the earth. Washington Irving speaking of the genius and character of Columbus said: "His views are princely and unbounded."

THE ADVENTURES OF MARCO POLO in China also inspired him with hope. Columbus now occupied himself in gathering all the proofs which might further his work. He examined carefully all the works of philosophers and histories of past ages, including the writings of the

Fathers of the Church for traces regarding certain unknown parts of the world. He also heard from the natives of Cape Verde islands of strange objects which appeared after heavy storms, upon their shores. With these and many other proofs collected during his stay in Portugal he finally matured his great plan. He now spent several years in meditation, study and calculations; having visited distant regions he was now ready to do his great work and ask assistance of King John II. for its execution.

THE MARRIAGE OF COLUMBUS.

About the year 1475, Columbus espoused Felipe Munez Perestrella an Italio-Portuguese by birth, a native of Lusitania. Her father, Bartholomew Monis de Perestrella, being renowned as a discoverer and associated with Prince Henry the Navigator, she had an opportunity of learning the latest discoveries. Being a woman of deep thought she readily approved of the great plan of her illustrious husband.

COLUMBUS VISITS THE COURT OF PORTUGAL.

In the year 1481 Columbus made his proposals for the discovery of western lands across the sea, to the King of Portugal. The conduct of the king was peculiar in the extreme. Whether he was captivated by the brilliant prospects laid before him, or secretly intended to discover the western lands himself, or wished to discourage one whom he

considered visionary, is for us to conjecture. He referred the matter to a council of learned men at court, and twice they reported against it. On the last occasion Cazadilla, Bishop of Cenda, was the chief opponent and made suggestions which were as dishonorable to the author as those who made use of them. Columbus and King John disagreed as there was a telling difficulty about the terms, the king being unwilling to grant the exacting ones demanded by Columbus from the beginning. However, the king with Cazadilla and other courtiers, asked Columbus for his maps and charts, in order, as they said, to examine them. He willingly complied with their wish, hoping thereby that the examination would prove advantageous to his cause. Instead, however, these royal frauds made an exact copy of them and having secretly fitted out a fleet, as they said, to carry supplies to the Cape Verde islands, they resolved by following the instructions on the maps and charts to discover the western lands. The voyage ended in a complete failure. The first storm on the Atlantic brought their wanderings to an end, and having arrived at Cape Verde islands they endeavored to cover their shame by ridiculing the plans of Columbus as a dream, an unrealizable idea.

COLUMBUS AT LA RABIDA.

Columbus seeing this ignoble attempt to wrong him, quietly departed from Portugal taking his little

son, Diego. As Columbus was born at Genoa, historians suppose that he visited his native city and that while there he made an unsuccessful proposal of his plan to the government. His long delays and struggles with Portugal, and travels had left him quite impoverished. Imagine a man holding the secrets of unknown worlds of boundless wealth actually begging his way from court to court! What a grand sight to see him in his poverty assisting his aged father. He now resolved to try the court of Spain. That man of genius despised by the learned, ridiculed by the ignorant and famished by hunger and thirst, arrived at the convent of La Rabida, where he and his little son asked for a little bread and water. The hand of Providence may be recognized in his rejection by Portugal and Genoa, and in the very poverty which brought him a beggar to the convent gate. For he had now found a friend under the humble garb of a Franciscan friar, one with more intellect and appreciation of genius than kings had shown, and more heart and generosity than courtiers possessed. While the stranger and his son were refreshing themselves, Father Juan Perez de Marchena, the guardian of the convent, entered and was at once struck with the intellectual brow and learned conversation of the stranger. The beggar now imparted to the good Prior the secret of a new world. He was detained

here for a few days as an honored guest in order to detail his plans to the learned community. The Friar, endued with true missionary zeal for the rich harvest of souls and the future glory of his country which would result from such an expedition, detained Diego at the convent and supplied Columbus with money for his journey to Spain and letters of introduction to the Prior of the monastery of El Prado, the queen's confessor.

COLUMBUS VISITS THE COURT OF SPAIN.

Columbus taking leave of his new friends departed for Cordova where the royal court was held. Ferdinand and Isabella then ruled over the united kingdoms of Arragon and Castile. Ferdinand naturally inclined to be crafty and selfish, would yield to conviction alone. Isabella on the contrary was a model of queenly and womanly excellence, yielding at all times to persuasion. Irving says: "Isabella was the purest and most beautiful character in history." He arrived in Cordova January 20, 1486. The king and queen were then gathering troops for a final blow at Mahommetanism in the peninsula. He sought the presence of Fernando de Talavera, the queen's confessor, and delivered the letters, but was told to wait until later. They were all too busy with war affairs to pay any attention to the discovery of a new world. Columbus again had to resort to

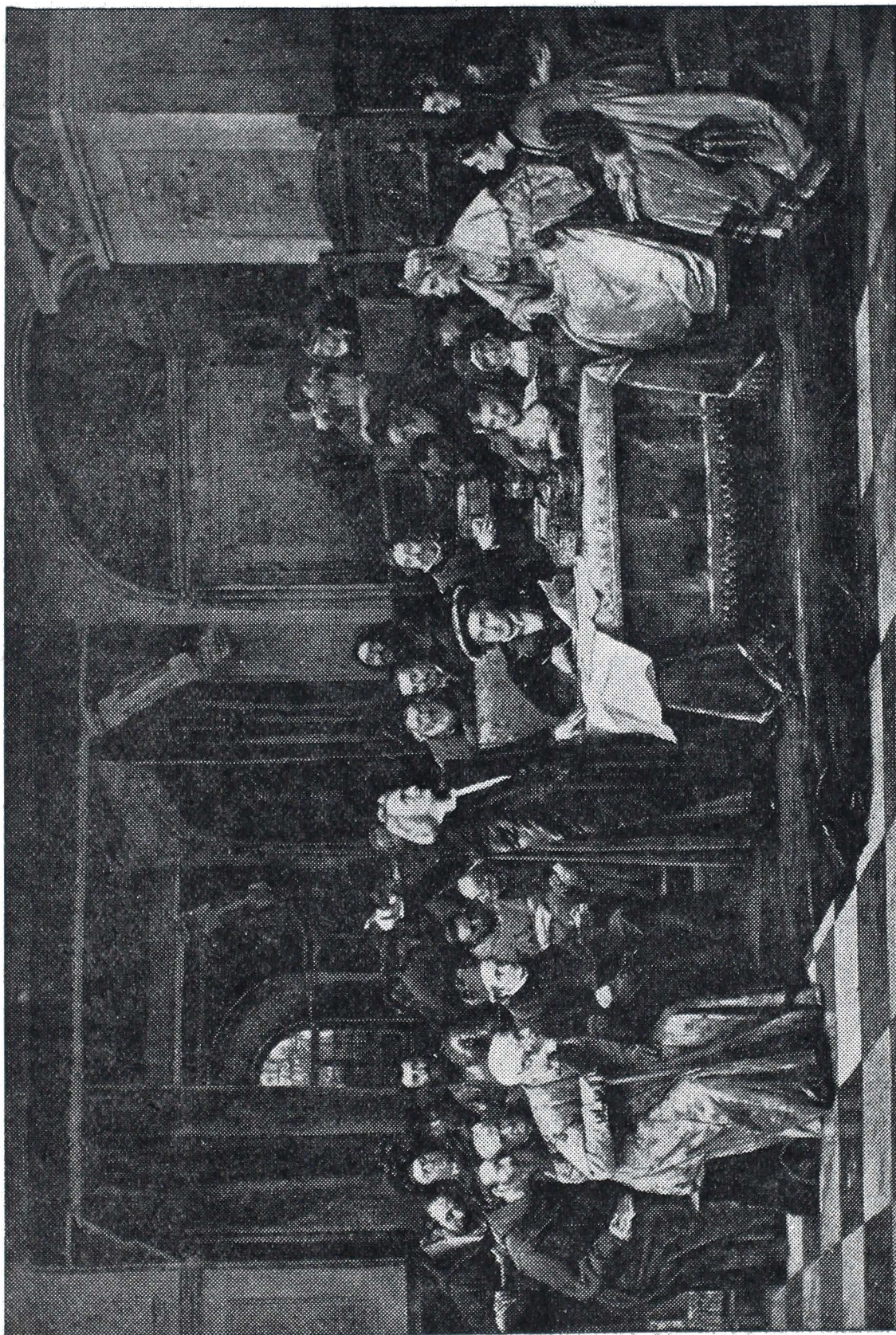
map making for his support. In fact, so great was his poverty that only for the help generously given him by Alonzo de Quintanilla he would have died of hunger. Still he had other admirers at this period besides Quintanilla, the treasurer of Castile; among these were Monsignor Antonio Geraldini, the Papal Nuncio, and his brother Alessandro. Through these friends he was introduced to the powerful Cardinal of Spain, Pedro Gonzales de Mendoza, Archbishop of Toledo, whose learning, deep penetration and judgment enabled him to appreciate the force of Columbus' argument and the value of his intended undertaking both to the Church and to Spain.

Columbus met and espoused Beatrix Enriquez, a member of one of the most distinguished families of Spain, and their union was blessed by the birth of Fernando Columbus who afterwards became his father's historian and by his father's will was to succeed to all royal titles which after the death of Diego, he would receive as a recompense for his great discoveries.

COLUMBUS GAINS AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SPANISH SOVEREIGNS.

At last through the influence of Cardinal Mendoza, Columbus received an audience with Ferdinand and Isabella in the year 1486. Though regarded by the ignorant as an idle dreamer, his impressive appearance, his dignified manners, his elegant language and ready

learning won for him the respect of all the court. In the royal presence he calmly explained the scientific, traditional and practical grounds on which his theory rested; he then pictured the empires he would discover for Spain and the millions of souls that would be saved. He asked for ships and a necessary outfit and then he would achieve a glorious result. The good Isabella at once understood the truthfulness of his sayings. Ferdinand, although deeply moved by Columbus's proofs, referred the matter to a learned body for investigation. The conference under Father Talavera was held in St. Stephen's monastery. Columbus was present and endeavored to frustrate the designs of many of its members who had decided before any meeting was held that the scheme was wild and visionary. What a contrast between this foreign mariner without any ornaments save his genius, and this dignified body of scientists and ecclesiastics. The verdict of the assembly was against the project, but by the influence of Monsignor Diego Deza the assembly adjourned for an indefinite time. Thus the work of this conference was rendered fruitless by neglect, indifference and prejudice. Columbus again followed up the subject with the Spanish court, but was unsuccessful. In 1481 he again sought to promote his cause at Malaga during its siege by the Catholic sovereigns, again at Cordova, then at Saragossa and in



this manner following the court a whole year. He even served in the Spanish army in the campaign against the strong city of Beza. Again Columbus was compelled to live on the alms received from generous friends.

COLUMBUS RESOLVES TO LEAVE SPAIN AND APPLY TO FRANCE.

Columbus now determined to leave Spain and plead his cause at the French Court. He had spent five years in fruitless solicitations and he now turned his steps towards the convent of La Rabida intending to remove his son Diego and place him under the care of his second wife, Beatrice Enriquez, and then repair to France, but God had designed otherwise. Through the pleadings of Father Juan Perez de Marchena and other admirers of Columbus, Isabella not only granted another audience, but also sent him money to buy new clothes so as to make a respectable appearance at Court. Surely now his cause was gained. Who would suppose that he would again have to suffer a delay? When he arrived at Santa Fe the war against Grenada was in its last crisis. Columbus was the happy witness of the surrender of Grenada and of the great celebrations attending the same. The first business of the Spanish sovereigns after these festivities was that of Columbus. They had already determined to forward his cause and they wished to make arrangements

with him. Columbus, aware of the certainty of the expedition, saw at once the many advantages both to Spain and religion that would result and of the priceless value of the work of his genius. He was also aware that he was about to perform all these adventures for the recovery of the Holy Sepulcher and that the world would still be his debtor. Thus we need not be surprised when he demanded as a recompense for all he might discover, the rank and title of Admiral, together with all the rights and privileges belonging to admirals of Castile, and also one-tenth of all gains. Much indignation was aroused at these terms and the idea was about to be abandoned when Louis de Santangel, receiver of the ecclesiastical revenues of Arragon, pleaded his cause so forcibly that the Queen became enthusiastic and pledged her jewels for the success of the undertaking. But this was found unnecessary as the generous treasurer advanced as a loan, a million maravedis, or a sum equal to about fifty-eight thousand dollars. On the 17th of April the royal decrees were drawn. At last, after many difficulties with the citizens of Palos and from other sources, the fleet was manned. It must not be forgotten that the Pinzon brothers rendered very valuable assistance to Columbus at this time.

THE VOYAGE.

On the 2nd of August every man having received the sacrament of



Penance and Holy Communion was found aboard one of the three famous caravels. The Santa Maria was Columbus' ship; the Pinta was under the direction of Martin Alonso Pinzon, and the Nina was captained by his younger brother, Vincente. The feeling of the people on shore was decidedly against Columbus. They recalled all the superstition of ancient times as to the ocean being inhabited by fearful monsters and demons, and thus they never expected again to see their relatives who were on board. Columbus after addressing the crowd a few words to dispel these absurd fears gave the signal and the sails were hoisted, and the fleet moved by a gentle breeze began its western voyage. The very elements of nature seemed to favor the heroic Admiral and his timid followers. We are all acquainted with the many trials which Columbus had with the dissatisfied sailors, especially with the elder Pinzon, so it will be unnecessary to give a minute description of the same.

The constancy of Columbus stood predominant among all these petty troubles; never once did it flag; even when his life was at stake, he plainly told them his intentions, and with the greatest of composure observed every phenomenon of the heavens, took in every situation of the stars and even the currents of the waters.

THE DISCOVERY.

The signs of land increased every moment, and at two o'clock on the evening of October 12th a gun on aboard the Pinta announced to all the sight of land. The entire crew of mutineers now came forward to offer homage to the Admiral. On Friday morning, Oct. 12, 1492, Columbus, accompanied by the captains and officers and some sailors, landed on the shores of an island, a part of the New World and took possession of it in the name of the Saviour and of Spain for Ferdinand and Isabella. After chanting the Te Deum and reciting other prayers of thanksgiving, Columbus raised a large cross upon the shores. How happy he must have been as he beheld the accomplishment of his labors, the work of his genius and the object of his life. Still this happiness was not lasting, as we shall see later. He remained here some time giving instructions to those who were to remain.

COLUMBUS RETURNS TO SPAIN.

After cruising around and discovering other islands he set sail on Friday, January 1493, on his homeward voyage, which was attended with many difficulties on account of the roughness of the ocean. Columbus was driven ashore by a storm in Portugal, and was received with great honors by that court, and finally arrived in Palos, May 15. Here he was received with great demonstrations. He did not

delay here, and went on to the city of Barcelona where he received such honors from the king, queen, nobility and people as never before or since have greeted a hero, conqueror, or discoverer. Everywhere he went he was treated with the greatest deference.

COLUMBUS MAKES OTHER VOYAGES TO AMERICA.

Christopher Columbus made three other voyages to this country. In the second he discovered Hispaniola, Cuba and other islands; in the third he discovered the mainland, and in the fourth he made an attempt to discover a passage from the Carribean Sea to the Indian Ocean. He arrived in Spain broken in health and fortunes and misjudged by those whom he took for friends. He did not long survive the many injustices heaped upon him, and died in poverty at Valladolid in the year 1506, having as a reward for his services a beggar's cot and, as a reminder of human gratitude, a trophy of chains.

THE ENEMIES OF COLUMBUS.

One of the besetting sins of human nature is that no sooner has some great achievement or daring enterprise won high success than the despicable evil of envy begins its work, and Christopher Columbus after he had plainly shown the truth of his theories, and even after he had discovered a New World, he was made the object of malignant

detraction. Such men as Ferdinand Oviedo, Fonseca Angado, Margarte, and Bobadilla heaped upon him all kinds of injustices which hurried the distinguished Admiral to his grave; they robbed him of his titles and would have taken his very life if they dared. They accused him of being too solicitous after gold; but it should be remembered that the first plan he had in view when he meditated the discovery was to devote the proceeds for the recovery of the Holy Sepulcher, and that the first gold sent over to Europe was used for the decoration of churches in Spain and at Rome. Columbus is also accused of ill-treating the Indians. We need only refer to the writers in order to prove the absurdity of this. Bancroft speaking of this, said: "Columbus gave particular instructions to those who were to remain concerning the good treatment of the natives." One of the weakest accusations against the great discoverer is that he lost courage at not seeing land, and wished to turn back. There is not evidence to sustain this charge, nor is there so much to prove the contrary. But the wonderful determination he displayed during his years of court tramping, and the fact of his keeping two charts in order to dispel the fears of his companions are sufficient to convince all well-disposed thinkers to consider this charge as nonsense.

The honors which this grand country, and in fact all the world,

are now paying to his memory, are emphatic rebukes to his enemies. If there are any in the present day who persist in detracting from the pure character of Columbus, let them beware lest the fate which Fonseca and others met may also not be theirs.

THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS.

There are no characters which occupy better or more prominent places in history than the names of the friends of Christopher Columbus. They are few, but still there were enough of them to appreciate his goodness of heart, and to recognize his great powers. And, as Landon has justly said: "There are a few whom God has promoted to serve the truly great." In the list of these faithful friends let us place Queen Isabella, Juan Perez de Marchena, Diego Deza, Alonzo de Quintanilla, and Louis C. Santangel. These names are placed side by side with that of Columbus, and they have made their names immortal.

COLUMBUS AND HUMAN PROGRESS.

Columbus was next to Christ, the

greatest benefactor of mankind, and he endured very many hardships in order to accomplish his great idea. Little did he think, when with those three frail vessels he discovered a continent that it would one day rival the grand old European countries. Nor did he imagine that he was founding a nation which would be the freest nation of the world. Let us then admire these effects of the discovery: It has opened communication between all the countries of the globe, it has civilized a great portion of the aborigines of America, and it has furthered the progress of a great portion of the human family, in arts, sciences, and literature. Then it has found a home for the most progressive nation in the world, a nation which now offers its homage upon the altar of his memory.

Truly, he deserves the reverence which the old and new worlds are now united in giving him. His glory survives his enemies. Let free and grateful nations celebrate this event which four hundred years ago was achieved by Christopher Columbus. C. E. McCABE.

AMERICA TO COLUMBUS.

O little Andalusian fleet,
Whose swelling sail the August sun
Looks forth from heaven to warmly greet,
As though he saw the battle won!
Let angels' wings the breezes fan
That carry thy good ships across the sea—
Of the whole world they lead the van
And bear the sacred ark of Liberty.

Let stars that gleam above the Western world
 Upglow with new delight,
 When o'er the waves thy whitening sails unfurled
 First break upon their sight,
 Startling most ancient night
 With secret thrill
 Of the new day,
 Not far away,
 When vale and hill
 Of this broad continent from East to West
 Shall give to weary millions home and rest.

More blessed then the ships that bore
 Æneas from the Trojan shore,
 Wafting to far-off Italy
 The seed of God-like destiny,—
 The fortunes of eternal Rome,
 Above all nations lifted high,
 As towers St. Peter's cross-crowned dome
 O'er meaner things that round it lie,
 Was thine, Columbus; bearing Mary's name;
 Hopeful as is the light
 That gleams through starry night
 And on the wanderer's path throws its pure flame.

—From "America" by Hamilton.

TENNYSON.

"But O, for the touch of a vanished
 hand,
 And the sound of a voice that is still."

The death of Tennyson has removed one of the most conspicuous landmarks of the Victorian era. Prominent among the poets of his day, a day which was full of years and of honors, he has left a lasting impression upon the art of England and of America. No poet, unless perhaps Byron, has filled so large a place in the hearts and minds of the men of his time as Alfred Tennyson.

The third son of an Anglican minister, he was born August 6th at Somerly in Lincolnshire, England, of which parish his father was the incumbent. At the age of seventeen, Alfred, together with his brother Charles, published a little volume of poems, the title page of which bore the modest motto: "Haec nos novimus esse nihil." This valuation of their own work was not far wrong, as all the pieces lacked originality. This work only serves to show the influence which Byron exercised over the mind of

the young poet. Many years after, Tennyson told how Byron's death affected him. "Byron was dead," he said, "and I thought the whole world was at an end." In October, 1828, Tennyson entered Trinity College, Cambridge, the alma mater of so many of England's pride, and in the following year he bore away the Chancellor's medal with a poem entitled "Timbuctoo," which afterwards obtained the honor of being burlesqued by Thackeray. A year later there appeared a second volume of his works entitled, "Poems, chiefly Lyrical," which attracted the attention of Wordsworth, the then Poet Laureate. In quick succession followed a second volume, containing such poems as "The Lady of Shalott," "The Lotus Eaters," and "A Dream of Fair Women." This last volume received rather rough treatment from the hands of the reviewers, but the criticisms, although generally unfair, proved very beneficial to the aspiring poet. The year 1842 introduced "Poems by Alfred Tennyson," and from thenceforward his career was assured. In this work we meet with such poems as "The Talking Oak" and "The Rape of the Lock"; here, too, are to be found "Lady Clare" and "The Lord of Burleigh." "The Princess" made its appearance two years later; then followed in 1850 his masterpiece, "In Memoriam," which expresses all the pathos of which the human heart is capa-

ble, and which raised its author to the summit of his earthly glory.

On a beautiful day in June, in the same year, he married Miss Sellwood, at Shiplake, and in November following he received

"The laurel, greener from the brows
Of him who uttered nothing base."

in succeeding Wordsworth as Poet Laureate of England. The death of his old friend the Duke of Wellington, now gave him the melancholy task of fulfilling the duties of his poetic office. The ode written on this occasion was the first of his patriotic lyrics, and the most important, although not equal to some of his more sustained works. In the following year he changed his residence to the picturesque Isle of Wight, and from thence he issued "Maud," "Idyls of the King;" "Enoch Arden," and "The Holy Grail." The year 1884 saw him created Baron Tennyson, a title which he had twice refused. Two years later appeared "Locksley Hall," his musical farewell to a world which he had embellished with his song.

Looking back over Tennyson's career, we see nothing that mars the even excellence of his works since the appearance of his third volume, and few poets can be named in whom passion and purity have been so happily tempered. What rank he will take in the eyes of posterity remains to be seen. His verse may perhaps be found too labored for the coming generation. However

this may be, the loss of his works would create an irreparable gap in English literature.

And now Tennyson is dead; and as we weep when a life at its silvery dawn is stricken by death, so we grieve when the fury and strength of the tempest lays low the pride of the forest. However, his works will live for all time; his voice is stilled, but his works will remain as mementos of him as long as English literature has admirers.

F. J. B.

SILVER JUBILEE NOTES.

The following letter addressed to old students by committee on preliminary organization will explain the reason of the large and enthusiastic reunion held on the 18th inst. at Columbus Club Rooms:

CHICAGO, Oct. 11th, 1892.

Dear Sir:—In May, 1893, will occur the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Viateur's College.

Some of the old students in meeting assembled have thought it well to call a meeting of all the old students, to be held on October 18th, at 2 P. M., at the Columbus Club Rooms, 119 La Salle street, Chicago, Ill., for the purpose of discussing and determining a suitable manner of celebrating that Silver Jubilee.

You, in common with us all, have a deep sense of the gratitude, which never can be repaid, that you owe to the college and the professors who made it possible for you to be

what you are today. This is the first and only grand occasion that has presented itself for the boys of old to meet and renew acquaintances, to spin old yarns again and make friends with the students of later years.

Earnestly requesting that you be present and lend the assistance of your judgment and enthusiasm, we cordially invite you to join us.

If you cannot be present at the meeting, please inform by letter whether or not you can be with us at the May celebration and give your views on the project.

Rev. G. LEGRIS.

" D. E. McGRATH.

" A. J. MCGAVICK.

" A. D. GRANGER.

" P. C. CONWAY.

" F. N. PERRY.

" P. C. FOSTER.

" JOSEPH BOLLMAN.

" JOHN S. FINN.

" JOHN P. DORE.

Mr. JAMES MAHER,

" THOMAS GIBBONS.

" P. CLIFFORD.

" JAS. WALSH.

" JOS. P. RAFFERTY.

" THOMAS CANAVAN.

Rev. A. D. GRANGER, Sec.
15 Sibley street, Chicago.

At the meeting held the 18th inst., Mr. James Maher was elected permanent chairman, and Rev. A. D. Granger permanent secretary. Mr. Maher will appoint a committee whose business it will be to draw a *schema* of the celebration. This

will be submitted for debate, correction and sanction of general meeting to be called on Jan. '93.

ST. VIATEUR'S DAY.

St. Viateur's Day which in preceding years has always been celebrated on the 21st inst., was this year postponed on account of the Columbian exercises in Chicago and Kankakee. The feast was religiously observed by the whole community Sunday 23rd., when all went to confession and holy communion. The grand celebration took place on the 26th and 27th. On the evening of the 26th an English drama and a French comedy were played by the students. The cast of characters was as follows :

COLUMBUS

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Ferdinand, King of Arragon and Castile,

John B. Suprenant.

Christopher Columbus, P. A. Bissonette.

Diego, his son, 10 yrs. old, R. DeLaplante.

Bartolomeo, brother of Columbus, J. Lamarre.

Ferdinand de Talavera, astronomer
Counsellor to the King and Queen
of Spain, F. A. Moody.

Count Piedro Quintanilla, Royal
Treasurer, Jos. Sullivan.

Don Juan Perez de Marcena, Prior
of Convent of the Franciscans of
St. M. della Rabida, T. Pelletier.
Martin Alonzo Pinzon, A navigator,
A. Granger.

P. Gonzales, captain of the Portuguese vessel, F. O'Reilley.

Perez, confessor to the Queen, Chas. O'Reilley.

Ernea, sailor, D. Murphy.

Rodrigo, sailor, D. Carroll.

LE DOCTEUR OSCAR.

Mr. Morrisseau - P. Bissonfiette.

Oscar Morrisseau, fils, J. Richard.

Briquet - - - T. Legris.

Grosloit - - - A. Michel.

Jolibois, artist - J. Suprenant.

Narcisse - - - St. Aubin.

MUSIC.

Columbian March - Wagner.

Overture, Tancredi - Rossini.

Tres Joli, waltz - Waldteufel.

The actors are certainly to be complimented on their fine rendering of their respective parts. The music was furnished by St. Cecilia's orchestra of this institution. It is always a treat to hear the orchestra. Their selections were well appreciated as was also the singing of the glee club.

The day, Oct. 27, was opened by High Mass, Rev. F. X. Chouinard, C. S. V., acting as celebrant ; Rev. M. A. Dooling, as deacon, and Mr. J. Huot, as sub-deacon. The choir sang a mass prepared for the occasion, and showed that they have been well trained. The sermon was delivered by Rev. E. L. Rivard, C. S. V., on St. Viateur, his life and virtues.

The chapel was beautifully decorated, showing a refined taste on the part of the artists.

After Mass, the field exercises were

in order. The principal races were: The mile race, the hundred yard dash, the hurdle race, sack race and many others too numerous to mention. In every race the contest was close. At noon the students went to the refectory where a grand banquet awaited them. The refectory was well decorated for the occasion. The music was furnished by the college orchestra. In the afternoon the battalion gave a dress parade and the famous Ford Exhibition Squad gave a fancy drill.

In the evening an impromptu program was arranged which put a fitting climax to the celebration of 1892.

Lack of space and time prevents us from saying more at present. November JOURNAL will contain lists of winners of prizes. L.

ST. VIATEUR'S DAY WITH THE MINIMS.

The following programs speak for themselves of the enjoyable time to which the Minims treated themselves and their guests last Thursday. Much of the success of this brilliant fete of childhood is due to the untiring exertions of Bro. Williams and his committee-men. They are good organizers.

The field sports took place in the following order Thursday morning:

RACES—PREMIUMS.

Race, 50 yards.....Album.
Three legged race, 25 yds., Penknife.
Jumps.....Masks.

Throwing base ball.....Ball.
Hop-skip-and-jump.Desk.
Blind man's race.....Indian Clubs.
Tug of War.....Penknife.
One legged race.....Book.

Rev. Frs. Legris and Cregan, Mr. Leising and other friends and admirers of the Minims were on the grounds and acted as judges. The results of the races will be published in extenso in November.

AFTERNOON EXERCISES.—PROGRAM

1. Apollo March.....Orchestra.
 2. Address.....W. Lennon.
 3. America.....Minims.
 4. Tender Recollections, T. Moross.
 5. Banquet.
 6. Our Feast Day.....Rev. E. L. Rivard.
 7. Columbus Gavotte....Orchestra.
- Distribution of prizes.

VIATORIANA.

- Put her down to Moody!
- Our new catcher is a daisy.
- Tear up the questions—We won!
- “We’re the people!” exclaims Bronco.
- “Can the Kankakees play indoor base ball?”
- Dan says he has big feet, but he can run just the same.
- Barnum is studying French to visit the World’s Fair.
- Will no one jump from the top of the clock with Smith?
- “I’ll wear that straw hat all winter, weally,” says Noble.

—"I may be a descendant of the ape family, but not of the monkey."

—"Oh! my nose!" "What is the matter?" "The gipsy monkey bit me!"

—Tony Kenny is learning the fancy step. His next step will be his application for membership of the Ford Exhibition Squad.

—The Columbian exercises held at Notre Dame Academy, Friday the 21st, were marked by a high degree of excellence, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who had the privilege of assisting.

—The retreat preached by Rev. Father Weber, O. S. S. R., was very edifyingly followed by the the students, and the good results of it are visible in the excellent conduct and work of all.

—The cadets of St. Viateur's College, says the *Chicago Tribune*, covered themselves with glory at the Columbian exercises, held Kankakee, Thursday the 20th. So they all say. What laurels will not the cadets reap when they have drilled another month!

—Rev. J. Laberge, D.D., preached the sermon on Columbus last Sunday. It was an eloquent tribute to Catholic genius. The Rev. Father brought out the rare virtues of the great discoverer, and invited us to imitate in our private and public life the manliness, the perseverance, patience, forbearance, faith, piety and zeal of the matchless mariner.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR SEPTEMBER.

Classical course: Gold medal equally deserved by P. Kelly, J. La Plante, and Chas. McCabe. First Silver, equally deserved by J. Casey, and Thos. Kelley, sr. Second Silver, equally deserved by J. Hayden and J. Halton.

Commercial course: Gold medal, equally deserved by Jos. Sullivan and Thomas Lyons. First Silver, equally deserved by J. Convey, and J. Mortimer. Second Silver, equally deserved by R. Gregoire and M. Babin. Conduct medal, Seniors: E. Dolan; Juniors: T. Sayre.

MINIM DEPARTMENT.

Excellence Medal, awarded to Master Frank Hagan. Conduct Medal, awarded to Master George McCann.

IN THE ARMORY.

The following officers have been appointed to take charge of the minim department:

Co. E., Captain, E. Legris; 1st Lieutenant, F. Gazzolo; 2nd Lieutenant, S. Olf. Co. F., Captain, W. Lennon; 1st Lieutenant, R. Brennan; 2nd Lieutenant, H. Sullivan.

Quartermaster W. Saindon keeps the armory in an excellent condition. We take this opportunity to compliment him on his good work.

The idea of the Ford Exhibition Squad getting new uniforms, is one which should be encouraged, because it will add much to the

effectiveness of their appearance. The uniform proposed is one much resembling that of the French marine. It is of a pure black, trimmed in gold.

Col. F. A. Moody has received a copy of Power's Display Movements for the Ford Exhibition Squad. It is certain that with these movements and those that they have learned last year they will be able to make a grand show in exhibition drills.

The competitive drill for permanent membership in the Ford Exhibition Squad was one of great interest. The struggle was a hard one. The judges were Rev. Bro. Williams, C. S. V., Major P. A. Bissonette and Capt. L. Legris.

Col. Moody went to Chicago a few weeks ago to visit some of the prominent military houses of that city, in order to obtain different military articles for the battalion.

The drum corps will soon be re-organized. It is a thing which is almost indispensable for the battalion and the members should go to work as soon as possible, so that we may have them for battalion drills.

Camping should be the next thing in order, because this would give the members of the battalion a more general knowledge of the military branch and increase their zeal for hard work afterwards.

The armory will be painted in the near future and new gun racks will be added. This will make our

armory look neat, and will be a suitable room for the reception of our military guests.

All the companies are doing good work, notwithstanding the many difficulties and inconveniences under which they labor. From the present proficiency of the different companies it appears that the battalion of '92-'93 will surpass all previous battalions of the institution.

J. D. L.

BASE BALL.

The Shamrocks have commenced their games for the season '92-'93, and have so far played five games with an average of 600 per cent.

The Maroons were the first to defeat them, and this was caused by the Shamrocks' failure to hit the ball.

The following is the score:

Maroons..... 0 0 2 0 1 2 0 1 0—6
Shamrocks..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—1

Batteries Lesage and Kunz;

Bissonette and J. Sullivan.

The second game was played at the hospital and was again a defeat for the Shamrocks, on account of bad errors at critical points. Charles O'Reilley, of the Shamrocks, carried off the fielding honors in this game by a marvelous catch of a hot liner with one hand.

Hospital..... 0 0 2 0 3 0 2 0 1—8
Shamrocks..... 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 3—6

Batteries Calkins and Kunz;

Bissonette and Sullivan.

The Shamrocks next played with the Mantenos in the presence of

about 700 spectators. The Shamrocks changed their players in different positions from the previous games and placed their points in the "Sullivan battery." Towner and Breen were in the points for Manteno, but the twirler was not effective, and as a result the game was one-sided, the Shamrocks winning easily by the following score:

Manteno..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1
Shamrocks..... 0 2 0 2 0 1 1 0—6

Base hits: Mantenos, 1; Shamrocks, 10.

After winning this game, they desired to win lost laurels and again faced the Maroons on the college diamond. A large crowd witnessed the game, which might be called a pitcher's battle between Sullivan of the Shamrocks and Lesage of the Maroons, the former getting the better of it and winning. Score:

Maroons..... 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0—4
Shamrocks..... 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 3—6

Batteries Lesage and Kunz;

J. Sullivan and Sammon.

Base hits: Maroons, 3; Shamrocks, 9.

The fifth game was played at Manteno and was dead, as no plays were made on either side. The batting of Bissonette and Sammon were the features. The diamond there was so rough a ball could not be judged,—hence the high score: Shamrocks, 14; Mantenos, 12.

NOTES FROM THE DIAMOND.

Mr. John Donlan, the new umpire, acquitted himself very cred-

itably in his judgments and decisions during the last few games.

Corcoran, the phenom. fielder, is making a reputation as a hunter.

Louis Legris' catch was loudly applauded during the Manteno game.

The Shamrocks now number thirteen members. Who has been the Hoodoo?

During the games at the Asylum and here, O'Reilley and Smith have also had clean records.

Dan McCarthy is again on the first bag for the Shamrocks, and his playing is always first-class.

The same stone wall infield of last year is up again, and not many holes are found in it. It is made up of McCarthy, Moody, Kelly and Bissonette.

Mr. Sammon, the new catcher of the Shamrocks, is a great player, having convinced us all of this in his first game against the Maroons. His throwing to bases is most admirable.

Joe Sullivan, the old catcher, has developed into a pitcher, and his games so far have been excellent. During two games he has shut out the opposing nines sixteen out of eighteen winnings.

Bissonette and Sammon each secured home runs at Manteno, while all the rest came in for good batting also. Dan Sullivan, Moody, McCarthy and Legris getting some two and three baggers.

Frank Kelly, the new short-stop, has had but one error in all the games played; a record that is not to be equalled every day.

On October 16, a game was played on the college grounds between the Kankakees and the famous Shamrocks.

The visitors had with them the strongest nine that could be collected in this vicinity. They put up a good practice, but they could not do much playing together when the game was in progress. On the other hand, the Shamrocks played an almost perfect game, many beautiful catches being made by Bissouette, Dan Sullivan and Corcoran.

Joe Sullivan, the Cherokee phenomenal, again was in the box for the Shamrocks, and pitched one of the most effective games ever witnessed on the college grounds. The visitors could not find him at all, and only for an error, they would have been treated to another shut-out. Sammon, the star catcher, again distinguished himself, especially by his throwing to second, as only one Kankakee player saw second during the whole game. Every one of the college team hit the ball hard and often, and earned most of their runs. The score:

Shamrocks... 1 2 0 4 2 1 2 2 0—14
Kankakee... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1

Batteries Joe Sullivan and Sammon, Lesage and Kunz. Base hits: Shamrocks, 17; Kankakee, 3. Struck

out by Sullivan, 10; by Lesage, 10. Umpire, John Donlan.

EXCHANGES.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome *St. Mary's Sentinel*. The September number contains a choice of selections among which, "Youth the time to gain knowledge, and form religious habits" is especially deserving of praise. The writer plainly shows the great necessity of acquiring knowledge, and forming good habits while young. We extend our greetings to the *Sentinel*.

The Illini in its commencement issue is hardly as good as should be expected. "A Chapter from College Life" is entirely too light for a State University journal, being only fit for a children's paper. We may excuse the editors by the fact that they were busy preparing examinations, but a better showing will be expected in the future.

The Record from St. John's University came to us bright and early. The contents are all deserving of mention especially, "Origin of Language." Many thanks for your kind greetings, and in turn we wish the *Record* every success.

"The Baptism of the Novel" and "Modern English Poetry" are the principal pieces in the June edition of the *Owl*. The subjects were well treated and we shall be pleased to see the *Owl* of '92 and '93.

St. Mary's Chimes is the name of

the latest arrival in the journalistic field. It is edited by the pupils of St. Mary's Academy, Notre Dame, Ind. Its contents abound with choice selections among which, "Aubrey De Vere," and "We are heirs of all past ages" are very interesting. Our sister journalists have our best wishes for success.

The October issue of *St. James' Alumni Journal* is not what it should be. We know the alumni of St. James will not be slow to come to the front with a journal worthy of their great city and of the glorious times we are now traversing.

The Santa Maria appears to us with a smiling face. The essay, "Dramatists and the Drama" is well written. You are always welcome.

The October number of the *Niagara Index* is one of great interest. "Filial Piety in Shakespeare" is a remarkable paper. We heartily concur with the idea that college students should take a more active interest in the welfare of their respective journals.

The Young Eagle made its appearance in our sanctum last month. It contains nothing of much importance. Wake up, editors, and retain in the future your past record.

"Diffused Knowledge Immortalizes Itself" is the motto adopted by the *Normalia*. The editors seemed to have forgotten this in the September number. We sincerely trust they will infuse more readable matter in their paper.

The Sacred Heart Review of Boston, contains some very interesting pieces on religious subjects; it will always receive a hearty welcome at St. Viateur's.

The Buchitelite of October, although nicely gotten up, contains no essays. We shall be pleased to hear from the essayists in the near future.

"A Sketch of John Greenleaf Whittier" appeared in the *Delphic* of September. This was evidently the *pièce de résistance* of the issue, the rest being of decidedly light nature.

"Metre and Measure" are well treated in the September number of the *College Review*. It also contains a cleverly written "editorial."

From St. Mary's, Kansas, comes the *Dial*. It is an intellectual treat. Notable in the September issue are the article on "Daniel Dougherty," and a pretty poem on "Sleep."

The first number of the fourth volume of the *Purdue Exponent* is before us. We find it quite interesting and its article on, "The Ultimate of Right" is of particular merit.

The *Highlander* is to be congratulated on the excellence of its Commencement number; it abounds with many instructive pieces. A very interesting article is upon "A Day in the Mountains."

The October number of the *Chronicle* presents a very neat and attractive appearance. The essays, "Some Beauties of Electricity,"

and "Under the Streets of Paris," are quite entertaining.

The *College Chronicle* comes to us full of good things. The editorials are well written and evince a keen sense of judgment. It also contains a beautiful poem on Whittier.

REVIEWS.

The Century for October has a good portrait of Columbus and a brief outline memoir. The contents also include an article entitled "Money in Practical Politics," by J. W. Jenks, which is a very important subject, dealing as it does with the causes, effects, and remedies of vote buying.

The supplementary issue of the *Ecclesiastical Review* contains what might be called an open letter to Commissioner Morgan and those of his ilk. It is an exhaustive study of the Indian school question in Montana, which clearly proves that the policy of the present administration aims at the extinction of the Indians.

The Globe, a quarterly periodical of but recent birth, is in every respect creditable to its judicious author, Mr. Thorne, who continues to crowd a good deal into a small space, and gives his readers both quantity and quality. The editor just previous to this issue had entered the Catholic church, and in this number he writes his personal reminiscences, in which he pays his respects to his former co-religionists.

The October number of the *Catholic Reading Circle Review*, the first of a new volume, contains an article entitled, "Agnosticism in the Modern Novel," from the able pen of Condé B. Palen. The contents of the number are varied and good.

Donahoe's Magazine for November, which has just come before us, contains a portrait of the famous Irish-American Bandmaster, together with a sketch of his life under the title of "Gilmore, Living and Dead." There are other interesting articles, such as "Christopher Columbus," "Points about the Irish Crisis," and "A Glance at Ireland's Poets and Poetry."

Ave Maria. A very bright and diverting number is the October issue of this little periodical. The light notes and extracts are as usual full of interest to its readers.

"A Memorial to Congress." The author has put together with great pains a large collection of sayings on the utility of making an exhibit of road construction and maintenance at the World's Columbian Exposition.

Books Received: Father Thein's "Christian Anthropology," "Cromwell, of Harpers' Classic Series," Fr. Dufour's "French Grammar," White's "Beginner's Greek Book."

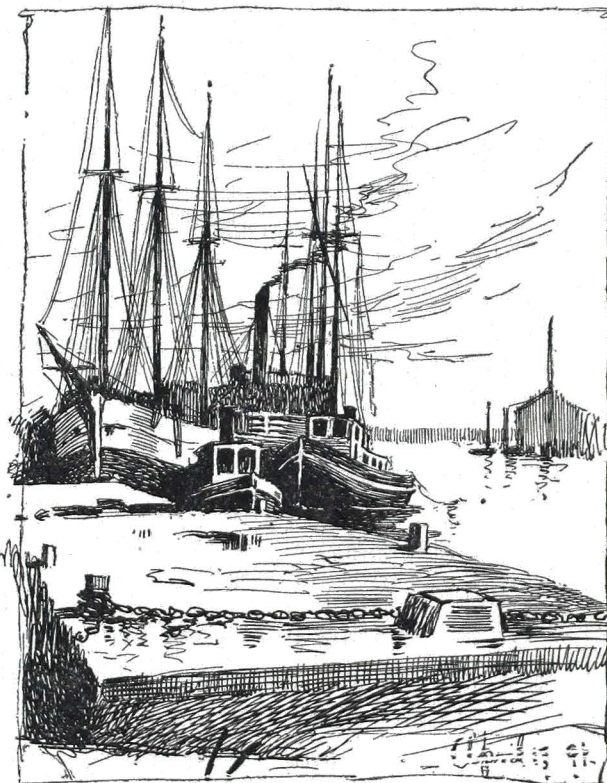
We beg to remind our readers, especially our predecessors in these halls, that it is now time to renew their subscriptions. We are incur-

ring expenses for the beautifying of the JOURNAL, and in this enterprise we look for aid from those for whom we cheerfully do the work.

HOW TO REACH THE COLLEGE— NORTH KANKAKEE ELEC- TRIC RAILWAY.

The college is practically as near Chicago or Cincinnati and St. Louis as are the immediate suburbs of these cities. A line of electric cars now

joins the village of Bourbonnais with Kankakee and North Kankakee. The best way for visitors to reach the college is to stop at North Kankakee station and take the electric car there for the college. The Bourbonnais street car leaves the city of Kankakee every half hour at cor. Court street and Schuyler avenue. Car from North Kankakee every half hour for college.





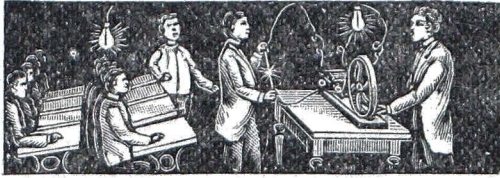
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