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1:20 P M (lve)..	Gilman Passenger. (lve)	7:25 A M

## MIDDLE DIVISION.

ARRIVE.		LEAVE.
.....	Passenger.....	11:05 A M
5:20 P M.....	Passenger.....	
11:55 P M (north)..	Bloom. Pass. (north)	12:10 P M
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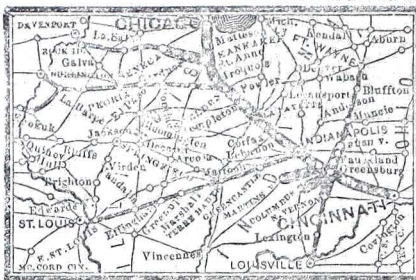
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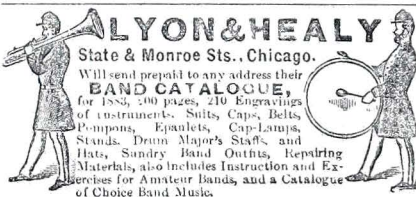
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## VIOLETS.

Meet tribute, Blest mother, I bring,  
Thine altar of May to adorn;  
Since Flowers have voices to sing,  
I'll give them at night and at morn.  
But flowers and songs cannot last,  
Their beauty dies out with the day;  
White lilies, red roses fade fast,  
Too fast to weave chaplet of May.

## II

These little mountain gems I bought,  
Are symbols, Virgin mild, of thee;  
Their deep blue eyes concealing thought,  
This pray'r repeat, "Remember me."  
The sun and rain that saw them bloom,  
Foretold their native modest worth:  
As thine, of old, in Nazareth's Room,  
Archangel voic'd to hosts of earth.

## III

Oft gifts are blest from scanty store,  
The widow's was who gave her mite;  
So man gives love, God asks no more,  
For love wins grace in Heaven's sight.  
Take then, these blue violets I bring,  
Thine altar of May to adorn;  
With humble voice they sweetly sing,  
*Magnificat* from night till morn.

## H.

## ACCURATE STATEMENT.

If speech were less common and utterance defined by certain periods of time, possibly the rank and file of human kind, might employ both more judiciously. Speech confined to certain classes and occasions

would attract discriminating audiences, in which case great and wholesome truths might perhaps underlie the generality of human statements. But speech, like water, in distribution, is general and promiscuous. Abundance increases with the population. Speech too, like water it easily disturbed. Foul conveyance will vitiate the one and the other. More than this. What men find it impossible to do with water, viz. make it run above its source—they easily do with speech—they run it counter to its natural fount, truth, accuracy. And this, a hundred ways a hundred times a day, from no apparent motive, with little scruple, sometimes from sheer force of habit and generally speaking, with more or less fatal results.

Inaccuracy in speech or statement, arises from many causes. Be it remarked, we are not emphasizing that inaccuracy which is, so to speak, downright lying, or, that wholesale perversion of truth which springs from distorted knowledge and malice aforethought. The inaccuracy here referred to has exaggeration for starting point and base of supply, wrong impression of of truth either in itself or, its influence on others; misconceived notions of one's own importance and the relative insignificance or overpowering greatness of one's fellow men. This kind of inaccuracy is common in our country and it is the logical result of that system which permits all kind of people to read all kinds of literature, and talk on all sorts of topics. It is the logical result of a system which borrows deep inspiration from hearsay and superficial teachers. Naturally it induces men of little minds, with perverted or half digested knowledge, to become vehicles for spreading what, by a wild name, in our day, is called inaccurate statement, but, what in our forefathers' time, would have been called, falsehood. Inaccurate statements invade all professions without exception. From the pious, half-read, mountebank who, from his pulpit imposes both himself and his preaching on the simple faith of a too confiding congregation to the designing shyster who takes your shekels for justice—sake; from the oily tongued pill pounder who doctors your best friend as he would his mother in law, to the impecunious calculating scribbler who reviles your name and character for pelf in his immoral newspaper, all



through the range—down to the tradesman who deprecates any law against oleomargarine, inaccurate statements hold sway and their far-reaching influence for evil is measured by the amount of importance their exponents invoke and the proverbial gullability of the American public. Careful attention to every day life will convince the most skeptical that what we state in this instance is accurate. How bold soever the statement may appear, yet, it is true and the first weak-kneed brother who rises to explain for his class, thereby proves that something is radically *inaccurate* in his organism. In this case, silence would be a master stroke of eloquence and the sooner he remembers that “Qui se excusat se accusat,” the better.

Inaccurate statement is a subject demanding perhaps more space than the columns of a college journal afford and consequently its treatment can only be literal and suggestive. Indeed, if this or any other kind of journalism succeed to-day in being suggestive, it attains the first degree of merit for such of the thinking public as do not desire, and will not be imposed on by, platitudes. Long windedness may be a good quality in a race horse, but, like inaccurate statement, it is equally out of place in a newspaper and a pulpit. Confining ourselves therefore to suggestion from respect for the intelligence of the Journal's readers, we leave to their consideration the remarks made with regard to inaccurate statement.

We might in conformity with our view of the subject have classified under this head the supporters of the “*Suppressio veri*” also, such kid gloved professional gentlemen as see a difference “by a large majority” between well dressed illiterate, rich people, and respectably poor, educated, but unfortunately, very *poor people*. But enough said to illustrate this fact that truth is a jewel of rare price and deserves being set in every man's life. Some men's lives are a lie from beginning to end. They know it. If they do not, the badge of folly they wear, which the world discovers, in threadbare cloak for their pretensions. But we stop. Too much truth, like too bright jewel, is apt to blind weak eyes. The moral for college men, for all men to learn is, to be honest, truthful and natural; to stand on God's scales and weighing themselves and what they do, by His justice, defy whilst despising, the double dealer and the hypocrite who, will one day learn that not inaccuracy, but, “*Veritas et Justitia Domini manent in aeternum.*”

S. M. H.

SIC ITUR AD ASTRA.

An American Citizen in the broadest and best sense

of the word went to his reward, when Charles O'Connor breathed his last. From no common clay did life go out here. A *Vir*, according to the noblest Roman designation, died and his last words, “My God,” were a fitting farewell to this and a becoming salutation to that other life upon which he was entering. Crossing the threshold of a new court with the well told *brief* of a worthy life wherein he had written “duty,” what better passport did the stranger advocate need at the august tribunal before which his first and last plea was called than the acknowledgment of his life's supreme faith, “My God.”

The press of the country has sufficiently covered for the present, the story of the great lawyer's life. With time, no doubt, something more lasting and becoming than a newspaper tribute will find its way into the hands of the public, and especially, it is hoped, into the hands of youth, to determine in the minds of old and young that, our country has another representative enrolled among the immortals, that our country too shall live, if the example of such men as Charles O'Connor, be made a standard of imitation by the rising generation.

The deceased was a man in the noblest acceptance of the term. As a lad, innured to poverty, performing the humble duties of carrier for his father's modest publication, there was a willingness, a candor, a diligence and a dash expressive of American mind and American heart, which even then, stamped him to those who knew him best, with more than ordinary ripeness and sagacity. The fair promises of youth developed with his manhood, until at twenty five, he already stood confessed at the bar of New York, an eminent young lawyer. What dreams of ambition and future greatness swelled the breast of this young attorney, more than fifty years ago, no one perhaps will ever tell. That he had such dreams no one may doubt, who knows anything of American character, especially, if it has been moulded from Celtic stock and embalmed in the liberty-inspiring atmosphere of this new world. But if Charles O'Connor's aims were high, his methods were just, his motives pure. What his ideal was, no man may have contemplated, but death, at last, which reveals at once much and little, frames his own life the veriest reality, the guinea stamp of nature's nobleman. Many men may wear a crown of years as did he who, but a week ago, rested from the burthen of four score, yet, how few may look through the dim passage beginning for most of us at ten and well nigh complete at half this Patriarch's yield, who may not discover, if they will, sad breaches in the walls of life, rents that might not have been, wide gaps where selfishness and greed and meanness have entered, and entering, destroyed the rich harvests



which might have ripened for our own, for our country's good. The dead Advocate, whom the city of New York mourns in common with the country he loved, could look back with rare satisfaction to all his years of service. He could count them one by one and as each year or decade of years passed in review, and like the well read pages of a goodly volume were turned down forever, he could affix the golden seal of approval, for they had been prefaced in honesty, bound in rectitude, completed in justice, and his country men, in anticipation, let us trust, of "My God," stood ready to pronounce the judgment, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Charles O'Connor's fame as a lawyer belongs not to a single city or state, but, to the whole country. The record of his practice was as open as the day. Integrity marked his footsteps in the courts of men, because he recognized it a chief purchaser of mercy in that day, when defendant defenceless, man must stand before the Supreme Arbiter of life and death. Though a lawyer and jurist of the first rank, yet he never forgot that, mercy was a fitting ingredient wherewith the severest sentence might be tempered, whereby the rudest punishment imposed by legal code might be modeled upon that divine tribunal which seeks rather the life than the death of the creature. He knew the frailties of men, but, despising the littleness of human judgments, he knew also, that when Heaven forgave, judge and client stood on a level, and repentance became medicine for both in view of infinite purity. His industry his perseverance, his unswerving regard for principle made him what he was and crowned him as noble a type of man, as worthy a representative American, as this generation has seen. His charity, his simple, unostentatious life, his patriotism, combined to make him a model for the best in the Republic. No sentiment of defiance of the wise Creator and His laws rose in his heart or *ingersolled* with blasphemy his lips, to the scandal of age, to the peril of youth; but in gentle submission to divine truth he lived, a christian, a scholar, a gentleman. So he died. Was his life in all things faultless? His nature was not angelic but human. He had little guile he deserves small blame. The best that may be said of him, enough for human praise, is: "Go thou and do likewise." *Sic itur ad astra.*

S. M.

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#### LOCALS.

- Ball bat!!!
  - Who crossed the Rubicon?
  - "Now the robins nest again."
  - Who is now to mourn for the Indianapolis team?
- Not F. R—
- All information concerning the eastern summer resorts will be kindly received by our friend from

Rockford. But John beware of the Niagara Hack men.

— Notice is hereby given that my name is not Martin Luther but Francis A. Kehoe.

— Fay and Sullivan sustained their reputation as an immense battery with the K. K. K's. and Baker's work with the grounders showed that boys can act the part of men.

— The great question as to when we will "get out" is now pretty generally known to be solved and if the sun shines brightly June 17th. the emancipation proclamation will be read.

— The shoes have not returned as yet but our friend Pete informs us that the Michigan detectives are on the scent and are sure of success. If captured they will come via the Grand Trunk.

— Ball bats being broken the Actives could no longer make doubly plays, so they lost. Gallet who has entered the fish business says the first day's haul consisted of a crawfish and one bull-frog. Go back to your double plays and the ball-bat, Gallet.

— The Dean is now studying hieroglyphics that he may thoroughly understand the puzzling cards of Mr. Cusack who procured them not in Egypt but in Kentucky.

— Capt. F. J. Q.—has been slightly disfigured of late but is now convalescent and acknowledges himself an infallible authority on base-ball rules. He will not be considered second to "Grande" Fox.

— He certainly has a fertile and blooming genius who says that one of our rhetoricians is a well browed peanut now but when he came here a few years ago he lived in the odor of waving corn and cabbage.

— Many suppose that the expression "In the first round" is the invention of modern pugilism—Frank Quinn says it is a very ancient expression, and that Dante in his XI canto in *Inferno* says "He in the first round must aye deplore

With unavailing penitence his crime."

Leaf by leaf the roses fall

Drop by drop etc.

— Last Wednesday was a day of rejoicing with us. Juniors and seniors, professors and faculty—all laid by dull care for one day and joined in the universal merriment. The day of Fr. McGrath's visit was long expected and when at last it came and all the fond anticipations of a "grand congé" and shaking again the hand of him who had endeared himself to all were realized, one day seemed but too short to honor his first visit.

In the morning Rev Fr. McGrath gave his blessing to us all and made a few touching remarks on the happiness he felt in being again with so many friends whom he loved so dearly. The band then played the



welcome after which "Cong?" was proclaimed by Rev. Fr. Marsile in honor of Fr. McGrath, which was greeted by all the students with every manifestation of good will. Thursday morning Solemn High Mass was celebrated. Fr. McGrath celebrant assisted by Fr. Marsile as deacon, Mr. Deveney sub-deacon and Bro. Dandurand master of ceremonies.

Thursday evening Fr. McGrath returned to Chicago accompanied by the prayers and good wishes of his many friends at St. Viateur's, who will long remember him as a kind professor and a pleasant companion. Trusting that his visits will be frequent we wish him a life rich in years and happiness.

— The annual debate for the "Hagan Debating Medal" took place before a small but appreciative audience, Wednesday evening May 7th. Rev. P. J. Madden D. D. Profs. J. P. Murphy and J. J. McCann acted as judges. After a selection by the band, the chairman Rev. D. B. Toomey called the meeting to order and stated the question for debate:—Resolved that Christopher Columbus was a greater man than George Washington. Mr. Quinn the first affirmative then arose and in a masterly manner analyzed the lives of both men and though he praised the Father of our country with great frankness he did not fail to encircle the brow of the brave Genoese with a halo of imperishable glory and eloquently proved his superior claims to greatness.

Mr. McAuliffe next took the floor and treated his audience to a gem of argumentative discourse. With the tact of a master, he refuted any false imputations cast upon the character of his hero, and eloquently reviewed the many proofs of his greatness in private life, on the field of battle and in the senate hall, closing with a well drawn parallel between the discoverer and the Father of Our country.

The second affirmative, Mr. Lesage was second to none in earnestness and eloquence and manfully sustained the superiority of the much maligned and much praised Columbus. His arguments were logical and convincing and manifested a wonderful acquaintance with the two great landmarks in the history of the world.

Mr. Tierney, second negative, was last but by no means the least: coolly and dispassionately he considered the arguments of his opponents, conceded and denied with the judgment of a philosopher, and then launched out into a bold stream of argumentation.

The debate was one long to be remembered by all who listened to it and reflects great credit on the debaters, who though young in oratory manifest that talent which insures success.

— Boys you must not forget your annual picnic. Last year the excursion up the K. K. K. on the Minnie Lilly was a grand success and we would say try it again.

— The following are some of the visitors at the college the past week.

Revs. Galligan and D. E. McGrath, Chicago. Gonant, Chebanse. Chief Police Doyle, Chicago. Messrs Klaner and Bonfield, Chicago. Mr. Fritz, K. K. K. James Walsh, Wilmington. Mr. Flynn, Danville, Mr. M. McLean (Ed. K. K. K. Times.) J. Gelino and R. Lavery of the K. K. K. board of education. Mr. and Mrs. Reaume and family Indianapolis. Mrs. Flanagan, Chicago.

## OBITUARY.

On Thursday morning May 8th at the residence of his brother-in-law, Dr. P. L. Monast, Frederick Le Vasseur departed this life at the early age of 32 years. He was the son of the late Noël Le Vasseur who was the first settler in Kankakee county. His studies were made at this college and during his course he was beloved of professors and students. Never very robust, he took a trip to California in 1878, thinking to improve his feeble health. He came back not much improved, and in '81, entered the store of John K. Knecht, where he was employed until last December. But consumption pursued him and his demise on the 8th. inst. was no surprise to his many friends. The funeral service took place at Bourbonnais, Rev. A. Belanger acting as celebrant, Rev. D. B. Toomey and Mr. Thos. Deveney, respectively Deacon and Sub-deacon. The interment took place at Mount Grove cemetery. *Requiescat in pace.*

Seldom have we been called upon to chronicle a more sorrowful event than the death of Patrick Byrnes at Gillman, Ills., Sunday morning April 27th. But a short time ago he was one of our happiest students, his robust form and ruddy cheek promised him many years of life, his superior talents and virtues insured a glorious career and his jocund laugh and affable manners won him the love of all. Alas! there is no day without a cloud and a life of promise and early brilliancy is soon changed even for the brightest to darkest night. During a lingering illness of nearly two months no murmurs of complaint escaped his lips and when, at last, he felt the end approaching, he did not fear the dread summons but welcomed it as a harbinger of sufferings ended and heaven gained. The funeral services were performed by Rev. Fr. McCartney of Gillmar, after which the remains were taken to his home, Lima N. Y. for interment.

When we reflect on his talents and sterling traits of character we must sympathize with his grief stricken friends, but when we consider his pious life and holy death we can rejoice in Heaven's victory.

*Requiescat in pace.*



## ROLL OF HONOR.

**CONWAY MEDAL**—merited by Messrs. Edward Gallet, Glenn Park, James Quinlan, Miles Lancaster, James Cusack, Edward Kniery, Thomas Hughes, drawn by Mr. Glenn Park.

### CLASSICAL COURSE.

Messrs. Philip Lesage.....Gold Medal.  
Leon Page.....1st. Silver "  
William Convey.....2nd. " "  
Francis Quinn.....3rd. " "

**Distinguished**—Messrs. James Donahoe, Florence McAuliffe, Edward Kniery, John Morrissey, Edward Brady, Patrick Tierney, Alexander Granger, Joseph Kelley, James Cusack.

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**GUILFOYLE MEDAL** for English composition,—merited by Messrs Florence McAuliffe, Patrick Sullivan, John Morrissey, Phillip Lesage, Francis Quinn James Cusack, Patrick Tierney, Thomas Hughes; drawn by Mr. Philip Lesage.

### GOOD CONDUCT.

Mr. Maximilien Fortin.....Gold Medal.

### POLITENESS.

Mr. George Bergeron.....Gold Medal.  
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Kankakee's knights knocked. On Sunday afternoon the 14th. inst. the Kankakee base ball club crossed bats with a picked nine of the college, and were defeated by a score of 21 to 6. The first part of the game was very exciting not a man crossing the home plate till the 5th. inning. From then the game was a walk away for the boys the visitors out-field was somewhat weak, and they were poor at the bat. Alpine played "short" very well picking several "hot grounders" throwing men out at first. Sullivan and Young both caught well, and old timers smiled knowingly when they saw Conway and McGavick take their old stands.

The following is the score:

College Boys	A	R	B	P	A	E	Kankakees	A	R	B	P	A	E
Moysant 1 b	6	3	1	0	0	1	Ersinger m f	4	0	0	0	0	1
Fay p	6	2	1	2	9	3	Young c	4	1	0	7	2	2
Baker ss	7	4	1	3	7	1	Redd 1 f	4	0	0	0	0	1
Conway 2 b	6	2	0	2	2	1	Willis 1 b	4	0	0	5	4	3
McGavick 1 b	6	3	0	11	1	0	Norman 2 b	4	2	0	7	3	1
Tierney 3 b	6	3	1	1	2	0	Alpiner ss	4	0	0	2	4	2
Gallet c f	6	1	0	0	0	0	Paradis p	4	2	1	2	7	1
Bertrand r f	7	2	1	0	0	1	St. Peter c f	4	1	1	2	2	2
Sullivan c	7	1	1	0	4	1	O'Neil 3 b	4	0	0	1	2	2
Totals	57	20	6	27	25	8	Totals	36	6	2	26	25	15

### Score by innings

	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	8	9
College Boys	0	0	0	0	5	6	2	2	6
Kankakees	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0

Sullivan called out for interfering with a fielder.

Earned Runs College Boys 5 Kankakee 1.

Left on bases College Boys 9 Kankakees 4.

Struck out Fay 8 Paradis 5 St Peter 2.

Bases on Balls College Boys 2 Kankakees 3.

Pass Balls Sullivan 1 Young 2.

Wild pitches Paradis 1.

Two Base Hits Moysant, Bertrand, St. Peter, Fay.

Double play Willis to Norman.

Time of game 2h. 6m.

Umpire Frank Quinn.

### NOTES ON THE GAME.

The question where is Sullivan? the rounds in quick style.

The Kankakees played well until they began to move their men—a bad sign.

When the left fielder brought the ball from the next field Young remarked "He has found it."

Come again boys! you may be able to do better next time. Remember we laid Wilmington out 33 to 9.

Willis who is known by the name of "sweet violets" made a splendid "one hand" catch of a high fly.

Do you live in Kankakee? let me see! didn't I see you at Grand Crossing or Momence!

Conway and McGavick played well notwithstanding that it was their first game this year.

Father Bélanger did the proper thing after the game. Such encouragement is always in season and appreciated; he has the best wishes of all the players.

The captain of the Kankakees, at the close of the game, thanked our boys for the gentlemanly treatment



they received, and complemented the umpire for the impartial manner in which he decided the various plays, and the students gave three cheers for the K K Ks as they drove off.

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Among the visitors were the Rev. Fathers Poulin, Langlais, Galligan, Toomey, McGrath.

Messrs J. Gelino, Lavery, members of the Board of Education Kankakee, and Mr. McLean of Kankakee Times, Mr. and Mrs. Reaume Ind. Mrs. Devine and Mrs. Smith, of Chicago.

Miss A. Mallon '83 spent a few days at the Academy previous to her departure for Wisconsin.

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**ON THE QUESTION** of the classics we have been favored with a few letters from some of our senior students. Opinions are surely allowable in students and we publish them, persuaded they will stand or fall on their merits. In our next issue another batch will furnish variety on the same subject.

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MR. EDITOR: A knowledge of the classics contributes to impart keenness of perception and sound judgment and also helps largely in almost everything concerning solid education. Abolish the study and we must seek in translations for the first knowledge concerning the monuments of antiquity. Theological, philosophical and historical truths of great importance come by way of Greece and Rome. Would it be well to trust to other than the original text for such knowledge. For my part I say, keep Latin and Greek but make them thorough.

Classic.

MR. EDITOR: If the American student who spends six or seven years, in acquiring a superficial knowledge of Latin and Greek would turn his thoughts to English Literature, study Milton, Shakespeare, Pope, Dryden and our best prose writers he would find himself far more benefited, and his knowledge of English would be far more complete. Do away with Latin and Greek. Let us have the language which we can use in every day life, let the arts and sciences be more of a specialty, and our Educational system, will be in 30 years the most profitable heretofore known in the annals of American history.

Positive.

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MR. EDITOR: Whether Latin and Greek should be retained or not in colleges and universities is a question highly debatable, for and against which many good reasons may be advanced.

At the present day, any one who has not a knowledge of the classics is not considered educated. He is called *trained* if he has studied the sciences, but if he has not read Livy, Tacitus, Cicero, Virgil, Xenophon and Homer his knowledge is said to be limited. To uphold this it is claimed that the classics are sources of much knowledge from which great writers have continually been drawing: for in no place have art and literature flourished more than in Rome and Greece; and even to-day is it not to these same places that those who wish to attain any perfection in the arts and sciences go to complete their studies?

By translating the classics we have abundant means of training our minds; it is through them that we become acquainted with the historical events of ancient times; it is through them that we can form an opinion of the masterpieces of art and literature which Greece and Rome have presented to the world; it is through them also and only through them that we are able to attain an almost perfect mastery of the English language, for more than a third of its vocabulary is of Greek and Latin origin. Such then are the advantages derived from the study of the classics.

But notwithstanding this, there are many who are strongly opposed to their retention in colleges. Could we not, say they, employ our time on matters of more importance? After we have spent seven or eight years in the study of the classics, of what benefit are they to us? They help to train the mind "it is true" but would we not derive as great a mental training from the study of the various sciences such as mathematics and astronomy as from that of the classics? Perhaps. Again some maintain that the Latin and Greek languages give a good idea of the ancients and that they are sources of



great knowledge. This is so, and I would also admit that the literary world would suffer a great loss by their abolition had not all the most important works of Greek and Latin authors already been translated into our own modern languages. It is of no use to spend time in translating the classics for we would derive more advantage from their beauty in the languages into which they have been translated and which we already understand. But by this, I do not mean that the classics should be entirely abolished. We should know them enough to answer the purposes of our situation and profession. But we should not make them our principal studies, for they are dead languages and consequently of not much practical use to us. Let us rather apply ourselves to master those languages which are spoken at the present day, such as the English, the German, the French and others,—languages which we can learn in a much shorter time than the classics and from which we derive more, or at least, as many advantages. Let us devote ourselves to the study of the various branches of the sciences, the arts, and literature, and surely at the end we will be as well off, or rather better off, than if we had wasted years in the translation of Greek and Latin authors.

A Doubter.

#### LITERARY AND OTHER NOTES.

##### "CHINESE GORDON."

General Gordon, mainly through the bungling policy of the British government, is having his name published in a far more effective manner than it can be by any author or by any publisher. It is natural, however, that the public should be anxious to get hold of the leading facts of his life. There are two authoritative works on General Gordon's career—Dr. Andrew Wilson's "Ever Victorious Army" and Mr. Berbeck Hill's "Colonel Gordon in Central Africa." In addition there is a volume by Egmont Hake, and the volume before us is by Archibald Forbes. The two latter volumes are in the main digests of the two former. This little volume by Forbes, who is evidently a warm admirer of Gordon, treats of Gordon's career in a very full and satisfactory manner, and the facts, while agreeably presented, are compressed into a small space. (S. W. Green's Son.)

##### "THE CALUMET OF COTEAU."

Mr. P. W. Norris, whose name is unfamiliar to the readers of poetry, has made a collection of his pieces and published them in book form and named his volume after the first and principal piece. Some of the poems reveal vigor as well as facility in versification, and in every page of the volume you feel that you are in the hands of a man who thinks and feels and acts like a strong son of the West. Many of the poems were

written while Mr. Norris was superintendent of the Yellowstone National Park, a post which the author held for five years. It is a characteristic volume, and it will no doubt find admirers. (J. B. Lippincott.)

##### "EMERSON."

"Ralph Walde Emerson" was the subject of a paper read before the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, December 14, 1883, by William Hague, D. D. Dr. Hague, it seems, was an early and intimate friend of the sage of Concord. The lecture is published at the request of the society. It sheds some light on Emerson's mental history. In what he calls "Afterthoughts" Dr. Hague takes Matthew Arnold to task for some of his utterances regarding Emerson. We doubt not, however, that the English critic will be quite able to vindicate himself and his judgments.

##### "BOATING TRIPS & C."

It has been the habit of Mr. Henry Parker Fellows for some years to make boating excursions—inland voyages as he calls them—on New England rivers. These have been in a high sense pleasurable excursions; and as Mr. Fellows is at once a keen observer and a clever writer they have been made the subject on more than one occasion of newspaper articles. These articles, he has now collected, and having added to them some fresh matter he has made quite an elegant little volume. The book is made more useful and instructive by maps and illustrations. The rivers described are mainly the Sudbury, Concord and Merrimac, the Housatonic and the Nashua. Mr. Fellows would have added to the value of his book if he had scattered over his pages a little more of the gold dust of historical reminiscence. These New England rivers ought not to be unsuggestive. (Cuppies, Upham & Co.) *N. Y. Herald.*

#### OUR EXCHANGES.

It is pleasing to note the number of new exchanges constantly arriving at our Sanctum. This past week however has been exceedingly conspicuous as the bearer of a few of the leading Journals of the land.

The University Monthly all the way from Fredericton N. B. has come to hand this week. Its get-up is tasty and substantial while its matter is good and digested in a scholarly manner. We admire it specially for its apparent classical tendencies.

The Ave Maria of Notre Dame Ind. is a handsome magazine devoted to the lovers of the Mother of God. Though there are not a few Journals, the world over, whose labor of love is to stimulate the masses to seek the Blessed Virgin's protection, her care, her never failing influence with her Divine Son, we know of none that accomplishes that mission among English



speaking Catholics so well as the Ave Maria. Its columns are always filled with the choicest literary essays, the choicest catholic sketches and notes from the pens of the most prominent writers at home and abroad. We thrice welcome the Ave Maria to our sanctum.

The "University Reporter" of Athens Georgia is a neat educational Journal; "Centralization of Power" in the last issue was a thoughtful article and one that

merits the highest approbation: our friend "Reporter" of the sunny south is gladly placed on file.

We note with pleasure the reception of the "Scientific American" since our last issue. This Journal whose reputation is so well established among lovers of science and letters in both continents, needs no praise that we could bestow upon it. We feel rejoiced if not flattered at being recognized by one of the foremost of Scientific organs.

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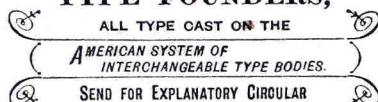
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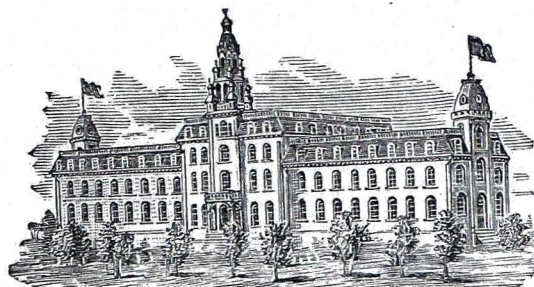
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