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False Greatness.

As cedars beaten with continual storms,
So great men flourish; and do imitate
Unskilful statuaries, who suppose,
In forming a Colossus, if they make him
Straddle enough. strut, and look big, and gape,
Their work is goodly; so men merely great,
In their affected gravity of voice,
Sourness of countenance, manners, cruelty,
Authority, wealth, and all the spawn of fortune,
Think they bear all the kingdom's worth before them;
Yet differ not from those colossic statues,
Which, with heroic forms without o'erspread,
Within are nought but mortar, flint, and lead.

CHAPMAN

WORKS AND AUTHORS.

Of all the accomplishments that shine forth with pleasing lustre in classical English authors, the supreme gift of manliness, the faculty of writing like men is the one that commands our admiration and gratitude. There is nothing dandyish, nothing of frippery or foolishness about them. Whatever they undertake is entered upon with earnestness by them, no matter what passion, what virtue or vice they attempt to unfold they do it with most commendable sincerity. All likes and dislikes, all wrongs and prejudices, and the various workings of heart and soul have each an adopted place and space in their works. The topic of love and border warfare, of long haired cutthroats and love lorn maidens finds but a mere passing notice; they feel that there are higher and more absorbing topics to be dealt with, subjects that require more study and deeper thought than is ever found in persons who are never in their proper element unless they are caressing a fashionable waist or watching the face and motions of some one of the gentler sex. Certainly their time was not or cannot be spent in idle gossip and cheap flirtations; on the contrary, they must pass their time in feeling the public pulse, in studying society in its different phases, in watching closely all the various feelings that sway and control it; by this study alone and the knowledge derived therefrom are they enabled to touch the heart and teach and lead the public mind. Their works are pictures of life in every grade, and the simple pleasures of the humble mechanic's fire-side, the follies and fripperies of fashion's votaries, the disgusting manners of society shams, the political trickster and

the abject miser, together with the feelings and aspirations of all ages of either sex, are painted with a fidelity true almost to nature itself. Every one, whenever an opportunity offers, is sure to speak or write on whatever topic is most absorbing or pleasing. Young persons generally write on love, courtship etc.; but only because such topics are to them the all absorbing factors of their present existence and it would be a difficult matter for them to write on the sterner or more weighty subjects of life which have thus far escaped them. But those days pass and old ideas fade with them; then comes the hour for thought, deep thought, on the vital questions of the day, on the all absorbing topics of the hour; the ocean of time, stretching far out into the unknown beyond brings him face to face with the fact that life is something more than a dream. For him now to look back, to try to retrace his steps, to live over again his dreamy days of youth, to con over old thoughts and customs, to endeavor to renew by force of mind each petty plan and detail of boyish fun and folly is but to waste the sacred hours of study and to call in question the earnestness and worth of true manhood. He steps down from his niche in the world of earnest workers and resumes once more the boyish place which years ago he so anxiously hoped to resign, he casts behind him both his labor and his co-workers, he spurns the world with its busy hum and strife, its tender cares, its earnest necessities, and all the great questions and struggles of the times, and tries to amuse both himself and those around him by traits of nonsense and inability he ought to be more glad to hide than expose, and leaves no effort untried whereby he may show to the world at large his absolute inability to fill a manly part in the literary world. He is indeed unworthy the name of a man who can pass his hours in our day and time, in momentary frivolities, and he is to be looked upon with pity and contempt who can find no higher nor more engrossing subject than a description of dovelike eyes and golden hair, damask cheek(?), and the elegantly disposed make up generally found only in dreamland, or in the imagination of some Byronic brain.

There is not a state in life in which effeminacy is not found to some extent, and writers and authors form no

exception to this rule, and as a result effeminacy will show itself in choice of a subject as also in treating it. Whoever is narrow brained enough to choose a low rate topic and gauzy matter will of course treat them in accordance with the amount of brains and common sense that prompted him to choose them. He will trifle with phrases and play upon words much after the manner of a dude striving to impress the importance of his attitude on some gilly dudelet. He is in fact a literary dude, and the space between literary dudeship and literary manhood can easily be measured without the aid of either Microscope or Telescope.

The dude believes that woman and love, and kindred subjects, are the only ones in this world fit for the pen of the poet or novelist; but general opinion inclines rather to the contrary if we may trust to such writings as Shakespeare, Scott, Dickens, Thackery and a host of others; in these and kindred works we find that the principal characters, and the most interesting as well as the most important events related are those in which love and its concomitants have but a very small space.

If introduced it was subordinated to something higher and more important. It was the solid, sincere, and consistent manhood of these writers which has made them great and popular. Had they spent their manhood's hours in dreamy leisure and effeminate thoughts, had they ignored the stern and impressing realities of life and their necessary relations to those with whom they came in daily contact, they would undoubtedly hold place to-day amid the great throng of the unknown and forgotten.

Literature, like art, can never be effective in engaging and holding the interest of those who study its works if it strays from the natural fountains of feeling and life, of truth and honesty. The rose is a beautiful and fragrant flower, but a field of them, taken in any point of view, would make but a sorry show by the side of a wheat field where every stalk is weighed down with its sweet burden watching and filling the substantial wants of man. Which is the better production the wheat field or the rose-field? We acknowledge the beauty and fragrance of the rose, but we are compelled to admit the necessity of the wheat. So in the same light do we look upon literary dandies and writers of merit. If a man's ability or genius is not equal to the setting forth of the moral or idea he wishes to convey, (he surely must be aware of the fact for he ought to know the scope of his subject as well as the precise manner in which it should be handled,) and if he finds on close scrutiny of his work that he does not reach the standard of his own conception, then he is not entitled to the name of author.

The land to-day is teeming with bound up trashy

writings of such kind that to call them novels, or works of any kind, were to confer too great honor on those who foolishly wasted valuable time upon them. Many vices, many evils, oppress the country to-day; but we strongly doubt if all the vices and all the evils combined, have gone so far, or done so much towards enfeebling the intellectual, and enervating the moral and physical character of the youth and manhood of the nation, as have the thought and writings of the effeminate and worthless writers and novelists of the present century.

Public and private libraries, the young and old of both sexes seem to vie with each other in their eager desire to devour this mental poison, this heart corroding literature. The merchant in his office, the student at his desk, the wife and mother in the household; all are equally ready and anxious to scan the pages of the latest novel where the action of the specious villain and the weak but too willing victim of his viles are painted in colors well calculated to enwrap the thoughts of the weak and feeble. The carefully worded sentences, with their glaring immoralities but too boldly implied, the languid air of pleasure and sensuousness, the luxurious surroundings, in a word, all that can touch the passions or the imagination is placed before the readers mind in most improbable and exaggerated ways; reason and common sense are allowed to go by the board and the mind revels and the heart luxuriates in the mire of an imagination conjured up by such reading.

Like some huge reptile or immense mastodon this wretched species of literature works its way through heart and mind leaving in its track naught but sorrow and destruction. Many a broken heart and many a gloomy fire-side can trace the cause of their misery to ideas engendered in the reading of dreamy, trashy and effeminate works: fortune, wealth, ease and luxury have been the dream of their whole life; manhood and womanhood were all cast aside; but the dream is ever short and the awakening to the reality terrible. For all this there seems to be no real remedy; the trashy works of our day constitute a deep seated consumption for which there is no real remedy, and is slowly but surely sapping the mental life and vigor of all classes of the present day. Fathers and mothers of families do not hesitate, in the presence of their children, to show an all engrossing interest in a work that modesty and manliness should forbid entrance to the family circle, and when the fountain head is muddy, how can the stream be otherwise? There seems to be no positive relief, the minds of men will doubtless go on exhaling and imbibing this debilitating mental pabulum while the world lasts, but there is much consolation in knowing that we can turn

to those whose works and teachings awaken in our hearts and minds pure thoughts and noble aspirations, who can teach us to love the sunshine of purity and domestic honesty and happiness, to rejoice in earnest labor, and revel in the bright reflections of true manhood. When we read such works our hearts are raised, our minds refreshed, our thoughts attracted upward to the real and ideal good, and we thank God that from amid the dross we at times can sift the gold.

Miles

Chicago Oct. 1883.

Dear JOURNAL.

While reclining on a rustic chair in Lake Park yesterday morning casting my eyes out over Michigan's waters reviewing each succeeding wave crowned with foamy white-caps chasing one another towards the receding shores, memory immediately called up the poet: "Roll on thou deep and dark blue ocean roll." Far out as eye could reach white-winged messengers, filled with human life and various commodities essential to the preservation of the same, could be seen gliding on driven by a fragrant Northwestern gale. Fishing-smacks, sail-boats, pleasure yachts, the ponderous steamer, the expansive barge—all were there floating by in graceful confusion, forming a passing panorama of beauty seldom witnessed by your correspondent.

Turning my attention from this picture I retraced my steps through the principal thoroughfares and found, strange to say, at least so far as other cities are concerned, that self-same principle of activity underlying all business affairs, as in the past, without any apprehensions of fear for the smallest cessation of the same. From Lincoln Park in the North to Hyde Park in the South, from Douglass Park in the West to Michigan's blue waters, can be seen by the stranger the most striking evidences of the continuous advancement of Chicago enterprise, Chicago industry and Chicago skill.

Though Chicago has been termed the Garden City I think it might rather be called the "Future Great City," judging from that magnificence it now possesses compared with its rudeness and barrenness of 40 years ago.

However, no matter how beautiful the city, no matter how many stately mansions appear to gratify our sense of vision, no matter what nature and art may be able to do, to charm our every affection—friends and true friends are those that completely enrapture the soul—and indeed, in the meeting of many of those, our visit was made at a very auspicious period.

Here we had the gratification to meet not a few of my old college associates of days long gone by. Here we had the pleasure to meet an old Canadian college companion Rev. James Crumley of Grand Rapids.

Rev. Fathers S. Sullivan, Fr. Foley and Erman, Notre Dame friends and Mr. O'Driscoll professor of Greek at St. Viateur's last session. To say that our reunion was a glad one would be only to portray the smallest portion of the affection one lavished upon the other.

For kindness and favors bestowed also I can not forget to mention the names of the following prominent citizens—David Wylie; Mr. and Mrs. Brandle; Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan; Mrs. and the Misses Killcoyne; Messrs. Quinn and O'Connor and Mr. and Mrs. Conley, all of whom are thoroughly acquainted with your institution.

Leaving the Metropolis of the west to-morrow, I shall direct my path southward. Sending all sincerest regards and wishing the JOURNAL all possible prosperity I remain

Yours Sincerely

J. P. M.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Marty O. S. B., has secured six Marist Brothers for his Indian schools of Standing Rock and St. Michael's of the Lake.

There are 185,000 Catholics, 118 churches and 162 priests in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

The papal ambassador is now on his way from Rome to Montreal to inquire into the rapid spread of Free Masonry among the Catholics of Canada.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of St. Louis, Mo., has been a priest for thirty years.

There are 150,000 Catholics in the diocese of Providence.

The Rev. Father J. Kelly, who was recently Vice-President of Mount St. Mary's college, Emmitsburg, Md. is now one of the assistants of old St. Patrick's New York.

The Archbishop, coadjutor of his Eminence the Cardinal, Most Rev. Michael A. Corrigan, sailed from the port of New York on Wednesday, the 10th *en route* for the Holy City where he will represent the Province of New York at the forthcoming Conference of American prelates. Among his fellow passengers were Most Rev. James Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, Most Rev. P. A. Feehan Archbishop of Chicago, Right Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, Bishop of Little Rock and Bishop Cleary of Kingston who is making his first visit *ad limina*.

The latest estimate places the Catholic population at 250,000,000.

A Diocesan Synod was held in Kingston, Ont., last week.

The Episcopal See of San Francisco, will not be represented at the conference at Rome.

Bishop Chatard, of Vincennes, Ind., has gone to Rome as a representative of Archbishop Elder.

The Rev. Bishop O'Hara of Scranton sailed for

Rome on the 3rd. inst. He will represent the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at the coming conference.

Mgr. Capel will lecture in Detroit next November, on the subject "The church and its relation to Art.

Very Rev. Wm. Byrne, V. G. President of Mount St. Mary's College Emmetsburg has returned to Boston of which Diocese he will be administrator during the absence of Archbishop Williams in Rome.

Right Rev. Monsignor Leonard Batz celebrated his Silver Jubilee on last Sunday at St. Mary's Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

LOCALS.

— If not; why not?

— St. Viateur's day is passed.

— Who won the "Nightmare walk?" Ask prof. Murphy.

— Morrissey continues to bang! bang! bang! the base drum and Sullivan to sang! sang! sang! the T. E.

— Ed. Knieri speaks only Parisian French.

— What noble looking men you are!

— Who didn't win a game in the tournament?

— Arragh! man walk down the street till we see you.

— The Rockvilles failed to appear on the day appointed for the game. I guess they heard of our work at Wilmington.

— McA. says his "Guardian Angel's story" will not appear for some time. Its place will be supplied by "Quinn's Detective."

— Glenn honored K. K. K. with his presence for a few hours last Saturday. We are informed that his visit was of a purely business nature. We'll lose a cigar on the new "tog."

— The fractious students who lately "went only as far as the gate" returned to the time of "Father forgive me for I have sinned."

— The late retreat was of the greatest importance to many of the students who had not yet decided what vocations they would pursue. We understand from good authority McA. will follow the stage, Quinn has resolved to farm in Nebraska, Glenn Park will enter the regular army, Pat Sullivan will manipulate the spheres, Willstach and Baker will travel as a parody on the Siamese twin's."

— Professors Toomey and Murphy spent the past week in Chicago. They report every thing serene and lovely in the "Garden City."

— Messrs. Dooley and Jennings received the habit last Sunday morning. The JOURNAL wishes them success and happiness in their holy calling.

— It is now time for reorganizing the various Literary associations. We hope that each one will join some society and avail himself of this opportunity for amusement and instruction.

— Professor Toomey was last week presented with an elegant penholder of ivory and gold by some of his pupils.

— The military company is progressing. Company movements will shortly be the order of the day.

Our Military Company is now organized under the directorship of Prof. Toomey. At the last meeting the following officers were elected.

Prof. D. B. Toomey, Drill master, Frank J. Quinn, Capt. Glenn Park, 1st. Lieut., P. J. Sullivan, 2nd., Edward Knieri, 1st. Sergeant, — 2nd., P. J. Tierney, 3rd., Jos. Kelly, 4th., James Quinlan, 5th. Chas. Fay, 1st. Corporal, E. Foxx, 2nd., James Donahoe, 3rd. John Morrissey, 4th.

— As "St. Viateur's Day" fell on Sunday this year it was not celebrated until Monday. The morning dawned clear and lovely, dispelling all the fears which were entertained lest it should not be a good day. At 8:30 A. M. Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the chapel. Rev. M. J. Marsile celebrant, Rev. J. Lesage deacon, and Mr. M. A. Dooling subdeacon. The altar was very neatly decorated and brilliantly lighted. Rev. Fr. Oser's Mass excellently rendered by the Philharmonic Orchestra together with the well trained voices of the choir rendered the ceremony grand and imposing. After Mass the sports of the day commenced which were very well patronized by all the boys. The games consisting of base ball, hand ball, foot ball, walking, jumping, running, kicking, sack racing and various other amusements continued until dark.

In the evening Prof. Murphy arranged an impromptu entertainment which was highly appreciated by all and reflects great credit on the manager as well as the professors and students who took part in it. Thus ended St. Viateur's Day and we all wish with Fr. McGair that it will come around three or four times a month. The following are the names of those who distinguished themselves in the various games.

SENIORS.

F. E. McAuliffe

1st. Premium in

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2nd. " "

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E. Gallet.

1st. Premium in

" " "

2nd. " "

F. Conroy. 1st.

" " 2nd.

Standing jump.

High Kick

Base Ball throw.

Tug of war.

Foot ball

Base ball.

Running jump

Running jump.

$\frac{1}{4}$ mile race.

Throwing ball.

In throwing weight.

Standing jump.

Chas. Baker,	1st.	Mile race.
" "	2nd.	$\frac{1}{4}$ " "
Glenn Park.	1st.	Consolation race.
P. Sullivan.	1st.	Hand ball.
E. Kniery.	2nd.	Consolation race.
P. Terry.	1st.	Wheelbarrow race.

JUNIORS,

T. Walsh.	1st.	Standing jump.
" "	"	Three legged race.
" "	2nd.	Running jump.
J. Roach	1st. in	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile dash.
" "	"	Three legged race.
" "	2nd. "	Mile race.
Connors	1st. "	Running jump.
Legris	1st. "	High kick.

MINIMS.

Forvilley	1st. in	Sack race.
" "	" "	Throwing weight.
" "	" "	Three legged race.
" "	" "	Team race.
McKay	" "	Potato race.
Ed. Foster	2nd. "	Potato race.

—Mrs. Joseph Maloche of Kankakee started for Detroit on the 22nd inst. to see her old father and mother father-in-law both of 75 odd years. A reunion of the whole family is anticipated.

—Very Rev. C. Fournier Provincial C. S. V. preached at Muskegon Mich. on Sunday the 14th inst. on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the French Canadian Church of which Fr. Letellier, well known in this vicinity is the appointed pastor. B'p. Richter preached in English.

—Prominent visitors at the college since our last issue were as follows; Rev. Fathers Paradis of Kankakee, McShane of Wilmington, O'Gara of Wilmington, McGair of Gilman, Lesage of St. George, Bergeron of Manteno, Clement, Langlais C. S. V. of St. Mary's Chouinard C. S. V. of Aurora, Dr. Bergeron of Concordia Kansas, P. P. Periolet of Chicago and Miss Dee of Chicago

WILMINGTON GAME.

On Tuesday, 8th inst. our boys played a game of base ball with the gentlemanly club of that city. The day was all that could be desired both as to weather and amusement. The morning was dark and threatening, but at about 10 o'clock the clouds broke and at noon all was lovely and the field ready for action. After partaking of a substantial meal, consisting of all the good things of the season, with a plentiful supply of Jim Walsh's "Havanas" by way of refreshment, the students called on Rev. Fr. McShane by whom they were entertained in his usual large hearted and generous manner and invited to partake of an oyster supper in the evening.

Game was called at about 2:30 P. M. and lasted till 5 when the innings were declared in favor of the college nine. The score stood 32 to 9. Cap. Dize of the Wilmington club proposed three cheers for the "Bourbonnais boys" which were given with a hearty good will. Cap. Conway called on the college team to respond which they did with an earnestness and sincerity that spoke volumes in favor of the earnest and friendly feelings they cherish for their Wilmington friends.

After arranging for another game to be played on the college grounds, in the near future, and taking leave of the many large hearted friends in the town, all once more wended their way to the residence of Rev. Fr. McShane where an excellent oyster supper was in waiting and to which, all including Brother Bernard, did justice.

The Rev. gentleman never does things by halves; he has ever proved, himself a warm friend of learning. The students and St. Viateur's cannot but feel grateful to him for the kindly interest he ever manifests in its well being.

In his temporary absence, during the evening, the wants and pleasures of all were attended to with a care and solicitude that were truly pleasing.

To the Wilmington base ball club and their many friends we tender our sincere thanks, also to the Rev. Fr. McShane, for their earnest encouragement and kindly treatment.

We regret the absence of Rev. Fr. O'Gara whose earnest grasp and kindly smile we had hoped would recall to some of us the days of Auld Lang Syne. We ever bid the Rev. gentlemen and our Wilmington friends a sincere and heartfelt welcome to our college home.

Will. Mington.

LITERARY NOTES.

The "Princess," the famous poem of Tenneyson, has just been issued in exquisite shape by J. R. Osgood & Co.

Mrs. J. R. Green, the widow of the historian, has herself been completely revising her husband's "Conquest of England" according to his last instructions. The book carries on the story of England up to the period of the Roman Conquest.

Mr. Edgar L. Wakeman, the well-known correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal is about to begin the publication here of a weekly literary journal. It is to be called the Current, and the first issue will appear Christmas day, 1883.

"The Voyage of the Jeannette," containing the ship and ice journals of Lieutenant Commander George W.

De Long, has been published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., in two octavo volumes, numbering over nine hundred pages each.

"A Dictionary of Quotations from English and American Poets" has just been issued by Thomas J. Crowell & Co. It is a book of about 750 pages and is an American production of Bohn's "Dictionary of Poetical Quotations," revised and corrected with the addition of 1,200 quotations from American authors.

Mr. Henry James is about to publish a new volume of travel speeches, entitled, "Portraits of places."

"Adventures of two youths in a journey through Africa" is the title of the fifth part of Thomas W. Knox's "Boy Travelers in the Far East, and two more instructive and fascinating juvenile could be scarcely imagined. The volume has been lately published by Harper Brothers.

Mr. G. S. Macauley will soon publish a monograph of Francis Beaumont, one of the specialties of which will be an endeavor to ascertain and separate the share of Beaumont from that of Fletcher in the composition of the tragedies and comedies which were produced during their lifetime, and have since lived as the joint work of both.

"The Raven" Poe's immortal poem, has been issued by Harper Bros., in a large square folio, superbly printed, and illustrated with twenty-five full-page engravings. This poem is one of the earliest, and still remains one of the most remarkable of American literary works. It possesses the rare quality of seeming better, the more it is read and the more we become familiar with it.

ROLL OF HONOR.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Patrick Tierney.....	Gold Medal.
Glenn Park.....	1st. Silver "
John Meagher.....	2nd " "
Paul Wiltach.....	3rd " "

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Thomas O'Kieffe.....	Gold Medal.
Edward Gallet.....	1st. Silver "
James Quinlan.....	2nd " "

Lesage Medal merited by Philip Lesage and Ambrose Granger.
 Good Conduct—Gold Medal.....Ambrose Granger
 Politeness— " ".....Edward O'Connor
 Distinguished in Deportment—Charles Baker, Michael O'Byrne,
 James Cusack, Patrick Conroy, Frederick Dandurand, Philip Lesage,
 John Larkin, Horace Mathieu, Michael Naughton, Patrick Tierney.

EXCHANGE.

Owing to a scarcity of exchanges, this department has been absent from the three numbers of the "JOURNAL" published thus far during this scholastic year.

Our table is being rapidly filled up, however, and hereafter, whatever our abilities for discharging the duties incumbent on us may be, we shall at least guard against this column being totally neglected. In our criticisms during the present year, we shall endeavor to treat our contemporaries with as much moderation and fairness as justice will allow and hope that the "JOURNAL" will receive similar treatment at the hands of our brother editors.

Besides our old friends of the past year several new exchanges have found their way to our sanctum; we bid them welcome, and extend a cordial invitation to all others who may wish to form our acquaintance.

The first number of the "College Message," Cape Girardeau, is dated Oct. 1st. Two lengthy, but interesting essays, which were delivered on Commencement Day, last June, fill up most of the columns of this number. The exchange man on the "Message" in speaking of an article entitled Science and Revelation, which appeared a short time ago in the JOURNAL, is of the opinion that such subjects should be left for older and wiser heads, and sagely advises the youthful writer, not to soar too high lest his wings should be clipped at the outset.

If the only rule sinned against in the article mentioned be the age, or rather the non age of the author, we see nothing very deplorable in it, as time will correct the fault. The young gentleman who wrote the article begs the Ex. Ed. of the "Message" to forbear, to have pity on his

youth, not to sit down on him too hard just yet, thus cruelly smothering his high aspirations, and in time his hair may be as grizzly as the Ed's own.

The September and October numbers of the "Philomathean Review" have made their appearance on our table. The "Review" is neat in appearance, contains excellent reading matter, and we cordially welcome it among our exchanges. Among other articles contained in the above mentioned numbers, we notice excellent biographical sketches of Gen. W. T. Sherman and J. S. Black, the late eminent jurist.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL our Sanctum has been brightened by a visit from the "Sunbeam," of Whiby, Ontario. The "Sunbeam" is a neat little sheet, and evidences the care bestowed on it by its publishers, we shall be pleased with a continuance of its visits.

The State as Supreme Educator is the title of an essay in the last number of St. Mary's Sentinel, Marion Co., Ky. In this article the writer admirably portrays the incompetency of the state as Supreme Educator, and traces the majority of the crimes committed in the land to the immorality with which our youth are impregnated by the Godless schools of our day. In the same number of the sentinel is a biographical sketch of Hawthorne, the great American novelist and an interesting philosophical essay entitled the Life of Man.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY.

The little village of Bourbonnais has crept out from its solitude and retirement during the past week and has put on its holiday attire, the consequence of a "Fair" being in progress for the benefit of the above named institution, which has lately been completed according to the original plan, and has thereby become an ornament to Kankakee County. A representative of the "JOURNAL", at the kind invitation of Sister Joseph, paid the "Fair" a visit a few evenings since, and if full justice could be done in describing the neatly arranged tables loaded down with choicest delicacies in the Notion as well as the Confectionery line, if our hands could not tire, at least our little paper could not contain a full account of the same. The tables were presided over by the various Sisters of the institution ably assisted by the young ladies of the Academy. A lover of the *fine arts* ourselves, what gave us the most satisfaction was our visit to the "Art Gallery."

Entering with our friend Mr. Perolat of Chicago, the taste and delicacy displayed immediately attracted our attentions. The young artists in charge, the Misses Duggan and Cleary, acted as interpreters of the various collections of curiosities gathered from afar and portrayed with real artistic language the beauty of each scene. We stood with amazement at the picture of "Bonaparte crossing the Rhine." But while endeavoring to catch a striking resemblance between the great French commander and the sketch, our soul was enraptured with true Byronic fire as we were shown the "Sunset in Greece," and while waiting to catch a last lingering ray of that gorgeous sunset, we were suddenly hurled back to the "Scenes of our childhood" muttering to ourselves, "come again bright days of hope and pleasure gone." The climax, however, was not reached till we were crossing the "Andes" when suddenly and abruptly we tumbled down against the "Blarney Stone" situated opposite the "Red Sea," adjacent to Lot's wife's Finger and the "Great Salt Lake." Rising and endeavoring to recoil from the dazzling scene, we found the task impossible, as our impression should be left, if not on the sands of time at least on a 'Cabinet Photo', according to the new system, no negatives preserved.

The principal young ladies of the Academy who have taken such an active part to make the "Fair" a success and whose efforts are certainly worthy of commendation are the following: Misses A. Beaudoin, N. Eagle, V. Gravelin, D. Bergeron, C. Betourne, E. Sweetland, A. Manni, J. Lanoue, K. Cleary, M. Duggan, M. Payment, C. Lesvegne, A. Keegan, M. H. Boisvert, L. Fleming and Miss Herroin.

What will be the financial results of the "Fair" we can not at this hour state, but we trust a considerable sum shall be realized,

The Sisters of Notre Dame are worthy of all possible assistance. They came to Bourbonnais a few decades past with little means and started to build an institution, which has within that period educated many a catholic lady. And now when the dream of their labors is realized, the completion of their lovely convent home, their efforts should certainly be appreciated and that appreciation, on an occasion like this, should be manifested in a very substantial manner. We hope the "Fair" held at the Academy has been a success.

J. P. M.

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