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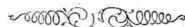
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EDITORIALS.

"THE MAN DIES, but his memory lives." Many are the marks, which, during man's earthly career, distinguishes him from his fellowmen. Sometimes they are those of wealth, station, intellectual or social acquirements. If these characteristics are properly developed, and wisely directed by him, he sheds a luster, a beneficial influence, on all around him. Whether his life be most serene, or whether reverse circumstances seize and harass him, he always has the consoling thought that, his ideas were well intended and that they were the result of firm conviction. Such being his condition, he is able to meet and buffet the trials which may arise. If success crown his efforts all is well—if the contrary, all is not lost, for he has "acted well his part. And when his mortal life is ended, and he descends to the silence and inaction of the tomb, his name and memory will animate others to follow his footsteps. His career being worthy of consideration and imitation no greater fortune can be left succeeding gen-

erations, than the privilege to know his character, to ponder over its worth, and keep his memory and name alive in their hearts, and finally bequeath it as a rich legacy to their offspring.

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WE LEARN FROM THE PROFESSOR OF TELEGRAPHY, who recently called at our "Sanctum" that the number of students studying Telegraphy and Short hand, is continually increasing. We are delighted to notice the business spirit manifested by these young men. These studies are daily receiving new impulse, in educational institutions. We know many that were, formerly our classmates, that are now holding responsible positions and receiving good salary as Operators, Stenographers, or as Professors of these branches. Telegraphy is a study in which, if proficiency is aimed at, a fair knowledge of the English language is necessary. For a young man that is well posted in English, what can be easier or more pleasing to him than to master the study of Telegraphy? To every student we would suggest that, whether his stay at college be long or short, not to fail to acquire proficiency in this subject. Short hand also is a most useful and important branch. It is, in fact, often a recommendation for a situation. It is now considered not alone necessary for the scholar, but the general business man is greatly relieved, and wonderfully assisted by it.

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He that successfully conducts an extensive business must, necessarily, pay the closest attention to its minutest details. Where this care is, ever, strictly observed, we usually find the road open to wealth and prosperity. On the other hand, with truth may we say it, that the numerous failures in business circles often result from negligence, on the part of those in charge.

MY SOUTHERN GIRL.

Down by the bright Rappahannock,
Down where the sun shines always,
There sit my love in a hammock,
There does she carol all day.

Warm are the breezes around her,
Bright'ned by the sun's sparkling beams
Above her sings many a fine songster,
Below rolls the crystalline stream.

The joy on her face is as bright,
The music of her voice is as clear,
As if she took a fond delight
In thinking some dear one was near.

Her face is her heart's sweet mirror,
Her voice speaks well of a life,
Which is by far much dearer
To her God, than to this earthly strife.

Then sing there, my love, in your glory,
A true Southern girl always be,
Your name will live long linked in story
And you'll be far dearer to me

The above piece is to be sung by Col. Rubens in
Gus. Ricou's latest melodrama "The Wrong Cause."

HAS AMERICA A POET WORTHY TO RANK AMONG THE THIRTEEN GREAT AND IMMORTAL POETIC LIGHTS?

NEGATIVE.

As I have been awarded the honor of maintaining the glory of the immortal Thirteen from being tarnished by the admission of those who do not belong to their rank, I will endeavor to the utmost of my ability to persuade you that my opponent has been given a subject which he cannot sustain, although we all would wish that he could, as we are all true-hearted and loyal Americans. But honor must be given to whom honor is due, so let each take his place in the arena of poetry and let those who have ascended the almost impregnable mount of Parnassus not be dishonored by being compared to those who have been unable to reach its summit on account of the craggy and immense rocks which they could not surmount for lack of that strength—Genius.

It is true America has produced a poet, but whether she is able to rank him among the glorious Thirteen of

British immortals is what I am going to answer. First of all we must notice who the Thirteen are. I have no doubt you already know them, for where is he who speaks and reads the English tongue who could not have heard of Chaucer, Spencer, Shakespeare, Milton, Dryden, Pope, Gray, Burns, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron, Shelly and Keats? Where is he who does not know that when England's name shall be written in the history of the past, these illustrious sons shall be read and commented upon by industrious students as Horace, Virgil, and Homer are being masticated to-day? Where is he that says English Literature shall die with the scenes and actions it represents? I am not afraid to boldly state, there is no one who dares to answer my question. Has American literature yet produced a poet whose harmonious verses shall exist when future generations shall read of that glorious United States which had disappeared from the face of the globe thousands of years in the past? Where is that American Poet who can shine through ages and ages as Shakespeare, Byron, Milton and Shelly have done? I will give you the answer of one competent to judge—Bishop Spalding—who said, "as yet America has given but a page in the history of English Literature," and he has spoken truly.

My opponent would necessarily bring before our view, Emerson, Longfellow and Poe, as those whom we place on the topmost niche of American poetry. It is true they have made their mark, or as a poet would say,

"They have left their footprints on the sands of time," but can their productions claim that immortal renown which is due to the masterpieces of English verse? Listen to what Chambers, that standard among critics says: "None of the larger poems of Longfellow are considered great. He has composed many minor pieces which are finished with taste, but they are not enough to form a lasting memorial of the author's genius."

He fails to mention any of Emerson's poetical works thus showing by his silence that Emerson has not produced any worthy of notice. Again, of Poe he says, "His poem of the 'Raven' colored by a diseased imagination was hailed as the most original and striking poem that America has ever produced." Remember, that America has ever produced, not that was ever produced in the English language. You must notice that this criticism does not enhance the honor of Poe very much. Can this single poem, short, morbid, and gloomy as it is, rank its author with those who claim the admiration of the world? Certainly not. In these few sentences I have shown you the value of the great productions produced by America's supposed immortals. Do not think I am trying to lower our authors in the estimation shown to them by us, their fellow citizens of a glorious republic. No, I am merely stating the just worth

of their compositions. On the other hand must I give the opinion of different persons concerning the great English Poets, when all unite to give praise and glory to those towering geniuses? Must I mention Shakespeare, the highest pinnacle of that huge fabric—Poetry; Chaucer, the illustrious father of the English tongue; Spencer, whose glowing pen pictured the flowing thoughts of the Faire Queene, which called forth the genius of Byron to imitate; Byron himself, whose works are a standing memorial of his elevated genius; Milton, whose *Paradise Lost* has rivalled Homer's *Illiad* in sublimity and grandeur of conception. Must I criticize these when the whole world with one acclamation gives them the palm?

Again must I bring forth the merits of Pope, the composer of those poems, "Essay on Man," "Essay on Criticism," "Translation of Homer's *Illiad*," one of which is enough to sustain the reputation of their author, and all of which are masterpieces calling forth the admiration of the world on account of their strength and rythmic verses? Must I mention Dryden "one of the great masters of English verse and whose masculine satire has never been excelled?" Notice his production, "Absalom and Achitophel." The most vigorous and elastic, the most finely versified, varied, and beautiful of which the English language can boast. Notice his immortal "Ode to St. Cecilia," of which a critic says, "no one has ever been able to qualify his admiration of this noble poem." Are not these enough to give him a place among the poets of towering fame?

Am I obliged to call forth the little poet Burns, "the Shakespeare of Scotland," with his "Task," his "Cotters Saturday Night" and his "Tam O'Shanter," any of which has never been surpassed in popularity? Must I bring before you what a world renowned critic says of him, "that his command of language and imagery, always the most appropriate, musical, and graceful, was a greater marvel than the creations of a Handel or a Mozart." No need for further remarks for no one can deny his rank. Now let us pass to Shelly. First let me ask you if you have ever read him; if not, then follow the belief of all critics who give him unbounded praise; if so, then I fear you not for I know that as soon as you had perused his sweet stanzas your judgement was at once balanced in his favor. Must I mention his numerous productions to convince you, when his pages have carried you to the loftiest pitch of imagination and pleasure? My thoughts now roam towards Wordsworth, who appears in his "Excursion" with all the descriptive powers a pen can trace, a poem which contains passages of sentiment description and pure eloquence not excelled by any poet. This poem is enough to stamp the author's merit, but he has still numerous other works all of which portray the exalted

genius of their writer. We now leave him, being unable to deny his right of claiming our great admiration, and passing farther on we meet Coleridge whose "Chime of the Ancient Mariner," "Christabel," and innumerable other poems re-echo the sentiments pursued in the past and happily enough we find him, on account of the superiority of his productions, one of which would be sufficient to immortalize his name, and the number of which enables us to bestow on him the most unbounded praise; we find him, I say able to cope with Wordsworth and Dryden whose high standard I have mentioned before.

Thence Gray meets us on the highway with "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" and his "Pindaric Odes," together with his other volume of miscellanies. After showing us their careful and elaborate finishing, together with their simple, natural and touching imagery, he hands to us the criticism of his works by the great critic, Chambers, which reads; "A train of moral feelings and solemn and effecting associations, is presented to the mind, in connection with beautiful, natural scenery and objects of real life, while perusing this admirable poem, being convinced that his genius had carried him to the Alpine peaks of Poetry, we pass on our way." As we are turning the last crossroad which leads to our destination whom do we meet but Keats? We notice in his right hand "Endymion," the standard among his many poems, and in his left hand *Hyperion* which called forth from Byron these words of unstinted praise: "That it (*Hyperion*) seems to be actually inspired by the Titans and that it is as grand as Aeschylus." As we were leaving him he handed us a paper, which contained the following article: Keats is a true poet. If we consider his extreme youth and delicate health, his solitary and interesting self instruction, and above all his original richness and picturesqueness of his conceptions and imagery, he appears to be one of the greatest of poets.

Can we deny the brightness of this planet when all criticize so favorably his poems? In these few pages I have summed up for you the merits of the different productions of the Thirteen before numerated. Can you say, after these criticisms, taken from reliable sources that an American poet can be compared with the immortal Thirteen? Can you claim that Longfellow, Poe, or Emerson should be ranked among those illustrious sons of literature? Certainly not, for if you would, would not the comparison be the same as to rank Raphael with our scenic artist?

But if what I have said does not convince, you then to Goldsmith, whose suppliant voice calls to us. "Remember me, are not my productions equal to those of any American author's? Do not my works claim the admiration of the world's greatest geniuses?" Let us examine and see. Is

not Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" or his "Traveller" equal to any of America's poems? Look at their charming and simple style, look at the grand and minute descriptions. Again, look at his overpowering feeling and perfect versification. "The Traveller," says Jenkins, "is exquisitely versified, and in beauty of expression it has never been surpassed." Campbell says of his "Deserted Village;" "His chaste pathos makes him an insulating moralist, and throws a charm of clandelike softness over his descriptions. His quiet enthusiasm leads the reflections to humble things without a vulgar association and he inspires us with a fondness to trace the simplest recollections of Auburn till we count the furniture of its house and listen to the varnished clock that ticked behind the door." These are the words of Campbell, that great poet of the Nineteenth Century.

What can poetry do more than this? Are not these productions, as bright stars in the firmament of poetry as those of Longfellow's *Evangeline* or *Hiawatha* are, as those of Bryant's *Thanatopsis* or his Translation of *Odessey*, as those of Emerson's squibbles are, or as that of Poe's *Raven*? Certainly so. But if any of these poets are allowed that unbounded praise which is given to the immortal Thirteen should not Goldsmith be allowed the same privilege? But he is not allowed to rank among them therefore his protesting voice forbids those not superior to himself, the honor he is unable to enjoy for lack of that necessary power of Genius.

In these few remarks I have plainly shown to you the inability of any American author to rank with the thirteen glorious ones before mentioned, first by comparing them separately, then by introducing one who is equal to any of my exponents supposed genuises and who on account of lesser talents is not able to command that high praise due to the Thirteen far greater ones than he.

Can you now deny that the Herculean efforts of the towering thirteen are rivalled by American Poets? I leave this with the powerful words of Matthew Arnold, certainly the greatest critic of the age, who qualified this country, America, as having absolutely no more poetry than ruins. Yes I leave you with these words ringing in your ears feeling confident that you as well as my learned criticizers will judge impartially and as I have said, give honor to whom honor is due and let not the glory of the immortals be tarnished by the admittance of those unworthy of such unassailed renown. "I have done."

OUR PEOPLES LOCKS,

During a stroll along the "Promenade" one evening last week, our representative was much interested in contemplating the various manners of dressing the hair indulged in by the students.

The first cranium that engaged the attention of the scribe was Major Grandchamp. This gentleman evidently arranges his blonde locks with a towel. The few remaining hairs that grace the top of his head are carried artistically across to the right side, where they are evenly plastered with cosmetic. On the sides, the hair is brushed to the front in the style of Daniel Webster. Altogether, whether dressed with a towel or a curry-comb, his head is always unique and attractive.

Pursuing our walk Hon. David Culliton next came in contact with our optical apparatus. His well shaped face is surmounted by a luxuriant growth of pig white hair, combed *à la pompadour*. The admirable manner of wearing his hair is the envy of his fellow students. Accompanying Hon. David Culliton was Mr. Harry Baker. Fortunately for Mr. Baker, the theory that a "white horse" is invariably, in immediate proximity to rufescent-haired femininity—otherwise whatever locality was graced by his genial presence, contiguous thereunto would be a milk white steed. Closely following the above named gentlemen was Mr. Jos. Gallet, who wears his locks in the conventional "wild west" fashion. It was remarked that while Buffalo Bill was playing in St. Augustine, he was tempted to do away with Mr. Gallet, through jealousy of his graceful flowing hair.

Patrons let us here put you upon your guard that a lawsuit is to be brought by whatever unlucky wielder of the scissors that happens to have the misfortune to shear "fatty" Enters, if he dares offer the customary quarter in compensation for the job. Whether or not this young man ever took a vow not to have his hair cut, we are uncertain, but appearances would answer that something of this nature had happened.

Lieuts. Wilstach and McCarthy were carelessly strolling along and by their hilarious conversation attracted our attention. Lieut. Wilstach to preserve the centre of gravity wields one of Goodyear's best rubber combs down the center of his brain receptacle. The Lieut. wishes us to mention that the comb he now uses needs a false set of teeth and contributions for the same will be thankfully received.

Lieut. McCarthy, if there is any truth in the saying of combing one's hair with a three-legged stool, evidently uses this instrument in raking his "*capital fuz*." "Mc." however assures us that though there is a thin coat on the outside, the interior is heavily laden with precious stores.

The cold blast here drove us into the senior gymnasium and the rushed before our vision on flying rings, "Athlete" Donnelly otherwise known as the *Prof*, of Elocution. No doubt the many acquaintances of this gentleman have noticed the scarcity of wool on the "*posterior capitis*" and in answer to our queries, he positively denied that he had taken tonsure and

refused to go on; also the absurd assertion that he had been struck by the rear end of a Dakota cyclone, and when we proposed the theory of his having stood on his head too long, he indignantly moved off and refused to renew his subscription for the JOURNAL.

We were just about to look for another victim but a "devil" was after us and pounced upon the information we had gathered before we were afforded an opportunity to accumulate more of what we trust will be pleasing matter for our readers.

WOULD THE ANNEXATION OF CANADA BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE UNITED STATES.

Geo. E. Donnelly.

In civilized countries where governments are regulated to serve the best interests of those governed, questions of vital importance are continually springing up which need the strong arm of patriotic statesmen to guide them to a happy termination. Our country has never lacked these statesmen when trouble was at hand, for neither civil dissensions nor foreign foes have been able to pierce the thick armor of patriotism which America's truest warriors always wear.

The question which is now the theme of the politician, the topic of the stump-speaker, the study of the legislator and I may add—the torture of the collegian is "Would the Annexation of Canada be advantageous to the United States." Reduced to its real meaning, the question is, should we annex to the United States, a country nearly as large, most of which is now uninhabited and much of which is uninhabitable? If this question were put to you, undoubtedly your answer would be, that we should not annex Canada, because we do not need her.

Some of the arguments brought up by those who favor the bill are that it would open a large country for American enterprise and that it would supply us with wheat, mines and forests. That Canada could supply us with these necessities is true, but that we have no need to go out of our own country for them is also true. Our country is as yet but thinly populated, the millions of acres west of the Mississippi need but the sturdy hand of the laborer to develop the unhidden resources which recent investigation proves to lie hidden. Dakota produces the finest wheat in the world and during 1888 over sixty-two millions of bushels. Montana, Idaho, California and Nevada are rich in mines of gold, silver and platinum and the Pacific coast states, particularly Washington Territory, will supply us with

forests sufficient for many years. Again, what kind of citizens would the Canadians make? Pampered in royalty, bred to the slavish institutions of the mother-country, acknowledging blood instead of brains, the criterion by which to judge a man, do you not think that the liberty given them by our government would be shamefully abused and that certain traditions of royalty would clash against the duties owed to their new government? Then since we are not crowded in these states, since our country is young and its wealth not yet discovered and therefore as we do not need Canada why should we go to war for her? After reading the history of the civil war; of that war which has done so much harm to our commerce and manufactures, would you wish these horrors to be renewed and for what? For something which we do not need and which will prove a bug-bear to us in a comparatively short time. But you may say England will not fight us. This may be so but the profoundest politicians will be greatly fooled if England ever refuses to protect herself. Without her continental possessions England would be comparatively nothing, her position in the company of nations would be insignificant, it is only as the British Empire that England is powerful and the man who says that she will stand peacefully by and allow another government to take 40 per cent of her most promising possessions shows little knowledge of England's tactics. That we can whip England is a fact which no one will dare deny. But remember while we would be doing it we would suffer a loss for which a "few acres of snow" will never compensate us. Those who champion the affirmative side of the subject, point with pride to the questions which would be forever settled by the Annexation, viz, our commercial relations would be settled and the all-absorbing Fishery troubles would be a thing of the past. The validity and weight of these arguments I will not question. But it seems to me that these troubles can be easily settled. The difficulties would now be happily adjusted but for the cut-throat policy of a political party.

In viewing this question, then, in its widest sense, in judging future events by past happenings, I think that the annexation of Canada at this period, would be the first serious fault of our government, the first step backward of the American people and a feeble echo of the time when these United States will be no more a great, a united country, but a number of petty republics existing, as do the governments of South America.

That best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, unremembered acts,
Of kindness and of love.

LOCALS.

— Zero!

— Mamps.

— Measles!

— Examination.

— Don't play off.

— Up behind the chair.

— Great Scotts! What a face!

— Alas, for the "Ex's" victims.

— Give me next on that letter.

— There was handwriting on the wall.

— Are you all prepared to face the music?

— A question of the hour.—What time is it?

— "Mac" dont say *Deo Gratias* any more. He waits.

— The infirmary is full. (P. S. This is to be taken literary.)

— "Well if I cant do it, I've got a brother at home that can."

— Read the "Southern Girl." A charming piece of composition by—whom?

— Baker's gestures strike Granger as being more forcible than his words.

— St. Patrick's Day comes this year on Sunday. Washington's Birthday on Friday.

— The Juniors scorn the idleness of the Seniors. They dont retire until ten nowadays!

— There has been very fair sleighing. Why not toss in for a good old fashioned straw-ride?

— P. Wilstach, James Carney, Stanley and Russel Brennan, are visiting at their respective homes.

— Every one look out for the publication of the "Life of the Hon. Richard Bradley," member from Peoria.

— WANTED.—No. 19 Vol. III of the College Journal If desired, other numbers will be exchanged. Address Editor Wilstach.

— All our sick boys are getting along as well as could be expected and we hope before long to see them all up and around.

— Mr. Brady of Chicago spent Monday last at the College with Rev. Bro. O'Callaghan C. S. V.

— Josephus Ariovistus Zace is lulling away the weary hours of time to the sweet strains of the fiddle.

— Mrs. Enters who has been visiting her son Frank during his recent illness has returned to her home.

— The rope ladder is up in the *Gym.* again. Needless for us to say that *Jim* is again up in the the rope ladder. 1, 2, 3, s-m-i-l-e.

— Van Loon stole a march. Went to sleep at nine in the hopes of being awakened at half after. But he was'nt. Still, he isn't kicking.

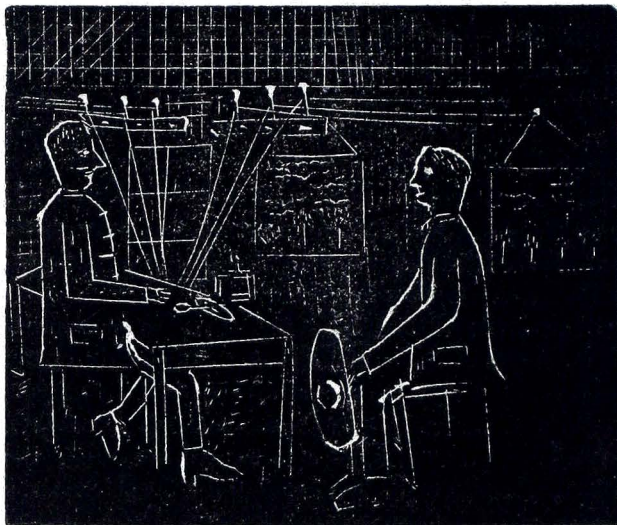
— Mr. Alex Granger '87 has assumed the control of the large law practice of Hon. Daniel Paddock who has taken his seat in the legislature.

— William Moreau who broke his arm before Christmas is now able to use it without pain.

— That immense coil of hose in the outer office looks mighty suspicious. Something must be in the air for the Juniors edge in and out letting hints drop of "Flooding the yard," "Great skating." Hope it gets real cold," and the like.

— Encouraging word comes to us of our young friend Master Wm. Tynan whose recent sickness has been watched so anxiously by his many friends at the college. We are pleased to say he is gaining strength every day and trust he will be with us ere long.

— Rev. Chas. O'Brien preached his first sermon at High Mass last Sunday. It was a most entertaining instruction, replete with beautiful figures and comparisons, strong and forcible arguments to bring us to a more sincere and pious love for the name of Him, who is the All-loving.



AUTHENTIC.

Professor Gastine is going to give his first lesson to Jeremiah.

P.—Well now, I suppose you can spell good in English.

Y.—Yes Sir, g, double o, d.

P.—I mean, you can can spell well.

Y.—Yes, Sir, w, e, double l.

P.—Please to understand me. Can you spell correctly?

Y.—Yes, Sir, c o double r e c t l y.

P.—.....!.....?.....;.....!!!!

We think that he is the highest mark of perfection that man who could embrace all opportunities.

— Alphonsus Caron, '83 was united in marriage to Miss Langlois, of Manteno, on the 22nd inst. Our best wishes to the new couple, who have made their home in St. George, Ill.

— Rev. Alex. J. McGavick '87 of All Saints' Church, Chicago, has contracted a very severe cold which has settled on his chest. His physician has ordered him to

a milder climate for a short time. Although the Rev. Father regrets to be absent from the scenes of his labors and his friends will miss his presence, it was for the better and he left last Monday, for Sante Fé or Denver where he will strive to build up his system.

— A corps of stone cutters have begun dressing the stone for the new Chapel. The mildness of the weather is very propitious for a speedy beginning on the foundation. The frost has not gone deep and a few days of spring weather would see the foundation begun. The old trees which were cut down last week are much missed, but a more fruitful tree is being planted in their place.

— Tony Pendergast, 85, brother of Tom, whose death is recorded in this issue, is now living in Kenesaw, Nebraska. The West seems to have great enticement for him and no doubt he will succeed in those prosperous regions.

— A. J. Brosseau, 86, is now Cashier of the First National Bank of Doland, Dakota, his own home. We always rejoice with such pleasing news and success generally speaks favorably.

— The Parisian Dinner promised by Father Marsile when we should count 175 students in our study-hall was spread on Thursday. The lay out was sumptuous and was enjoyed not by 175 but by 186 students, the seminarians, faculty, and a number of visitors. Father Marsile, proved himself a generous host and his kindness was heartily appreciated. The orchestra rendered a number of pleasing selections in the course of the meal which formed a pleasant diversion on the general hum of conversation which spread through the gaily decorated refectory. The following was the:

MENU

175!

Consomme a la princesse.

Rabbit a la Maintenon.

Pomme de terre a la crème.

Chicken-pie farci aux huitres.

Cornichons verts.

Dessert.

Lady Fingers.

Oranges.

Candy.

— During the last fortnight we received visits from the following; Rev. Frank Perry, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, Rev. M. J. Fitzsimmons, Rev. A. D. Bergeron Chicago, Rev. L. Langlais C. S. V., St. Mary's, Rev. John, McCann. Rev. Fr. Slattery, Messrs. Brennan, Lehman and Enters, Chicago, Mr. Normoyle, Rock Island, Mr. Taylor, Boston, Mass. and Mrs. Westney, Chicago.

— The semi-annual examinations are now going on in the Seniors and Minims Study Halls. Rev. Father Rivard, Director of Studies is conducting the examinations of the Seniors and Juniors, while Rev. James

Cregan is attending to the Minims. Father Rivard said to a *Journal* reporter last night, that during the long time that he has been in the house, he has never seen any February examination to equal the present one for general excellence of averages. A full list of the averages will be published in our next issue.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas,—From out our number sickness for several weeks passed with-held from our midst the presence of our genial fellow-clnblmen, Joseph Duffy and Jno. Murtaugh, and

Whereas,—They have undergone much suffering during the past fortnight, therefore be it

Resolved,—That we do heartily sympathize with said Pickwickians, also we do hereby express the pleasure it gives us to know of their convalescence, and we do hope that not many more meetings will be held with the obligation of their absence, furthermore be it

Resolved,—That a copy of these resolutions be published in the COLLEGE JOURNAL.

Committee. { James J. Condon.
T. J. Normoyle.
George Ehrich.

A FRAGMENT.

Earth with robe of shining whiteness,
Glistening with night queens brightness,
Aided by the chorus, swelling
From the voices that are telling
Of the midnight hour at hand
Ushers in with royal splendor
Our New Year. While yet we ponder
On those days we've left behind us
Many thoughts in vain remind us
Of the joys we through them tasted
Of the precious moments wasted
Of our deeds both small and grand.

OUR CADETS.

"Ford Rifles!"

Capt. Kerr of Co. E is on the sick list again.

The Major has secured a medal for the members of Co. D exclusively.

We are glad to hear that Capt. Tynan is rapidly convalescing. We hope to see him in command soon.

Lieut. Wm. Roach of Co. D. has resigned and his successor will be appointed at an early date.

Latest recruits are Messrs. McHugh, Brady, McAndrews, Hughes and Kelly.

Capt. C. H. Ball commands the Ford Rifles this year

This organization takes the place of our old exhibition squad.

The new swords for Companies B, D, and F are a long time coming. Never mind boys they will be here soon?

Rev. E. L. Rivard C. S. V. our esteemed Chaplain, and Rev. J. P. Dore, our Drill-Master, and Captain C. H. Ball of Co. A, attended the exhibition drill of the Chicago Zouaves at Battery D, Chicago, on the evening of the 18th. of last month. They were cordially welcomed by Capt. Ford and speak in the highest terms of the Drill.

A new company of minims was organized last week and will be known as Company F. Capt. O'Connor who has been resting for some time assumes command. His voice now rings through the hall as usual and he is determined to bring his company somewhere near the top round of the ladder.

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Headquarters S. V. C. Battalion.
Jan. 22. 1889.

Private John Coyle of Co. C, Bernard Light Guards, is hereby appointed Commissary with the rank of 1st. Lieutenant, Vice, Sampson resigned.

Major Louis Grandchamp,
Commanding.
S. V. C. Battalion.

Acting Adjutant.

Lieut. W. B. McCarthy.

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Shreveport, Jan. 15th. 1889.

Major Louis Grandchamp,

Dear Sir;

Having sought medical advice in regard to my returning North, and being advised to remain at home I am forced, and indeed with regret, to tender my resignation as Adjutant of the S. V. C. Battalion. Wishing a long continuance of the present prosperity of the Battalion and trusting that owing to the circumstances, my resignation will be accepted,

I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Denis Ricou.

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That the College might boast of a company, and a "crack" one at that, one that will be able to meet all College competitors and leave the field, bearing the palm of victory, a select company was formed last week. The best drillers in the Battalion were selected, and in order that success might be attained, with soldier-like superstition, the boys decided to call themselves the "Ford Rifles" in honor of Capt. Thos. J. Ford, of the famous Champions, the Chicago Zouaves. Now boys the

name is a good one and must be upheld. Hard work will do it. The following is the roster;

FORD RIFLES.

EXHIBITION COMPANY.

SAINT VIATEUR'S BATTALION.

Capt. Chas. H. Ball.

1st. Lieut. T. J. Normoyle.

2nd. Lieut. Viateur Lamarre.

1st. Serg. Harry Baker.

2nd. Serg. George Graveline.

Privates.

McCarthy, Conway, Condon, Bissonette, Wilstach, Gallett, Saindon, Coffey, McCann, H. Donnelly, Shea, Moody, Falley, F. Baker, O'Connor, Coyle, G. Donnelly, McNamara, Bonfield, McKernan, Knisely, Maher, Lennartz, Cyr.

— We clip the following from the *Kankakee Times* of Jan. 23rd.

ST. VIATEUR'S COLLEGE.

On Tuesday, the 22nd. inst., Master John Coyle, of the Junior department, was elected a member of the Dooling Knights of the Sword, with the rank of Commissary of the Battalion. Notice of the elevation was read by W. B. McCarthy, 1st. Lieut., and for the present acting as Adjutant.

The society known as the Dooling Knights of the Sword, was formed about two years since, in honor of Rev. M. A. Dooling, C. S. V., Vice Rector and Master of Discipline, and consists of the commissioned officers of the battalion.

Master Coyle is the son of John Coyle, one of the most successful and enterprising wholesale merchants of the city of Peru, Ind. John Coyle, Jr, entered St. Viateur's on the 18th. of last September, and by his unassuming disposition, amiable manners and close application to study, has won the respect and esteem of all who know him. A more worthy candidate for the position could not be desired. St. Viateur's motto is "Pal-mamqui Meruit ferat."

IN MEMORIAM.

It is our sad duty to record in these pages another painful occurrence, the death of Tomas Pendergast, who was almost instantly killed by the cable cars of Kansas City, on the 22nd. of December last. Taken up from the scene of the accident he was brought hurriedly to the hospital of the Sisters in that city and had time to prepare himself for the last sacraments, after receiving which, he breathed his last, an hour and a half after meeting with the accident. His remains were brought

to the afflicted family in Streator, Ill. and were buried there on the 26 Ult. It was the first death in the family of the deceased and from that may be conjectured the sorrow it caused. We sympathize with the bereaved family and pray that the soul of the dear departed one may rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM.

We have seldom been called upon to chronicle a sadder event than the sudden demise of our dearly beloved companion, Georgie Smith, which took place on the 29th ult. From a severe cold he contracted pneumonia which soon took such a strong hold that he became out of reach of medical aid. During his sickness which lasted but a few days he suffered much yet patiently, placing his entire confidence in Jesus, Mary and Joseph which names he frequently pronounced; in his dying agony he called upon them and breathed his last endeavoring to pronounce those holy words. He made his first communion a few days before he died. This was his only desire and after receiving his God he was satisfied to give up life. This same piety he showed when in full health, always being a source of edification to his fellow students.

As a student he was always in the first rank, frequently winning the Gold Medal in the commercial course. Scrupulous about the use of time, he applied himself to his tasks in earnest, and indeed had God in His wisdom permitted him to live, a bright future was in store for him. All in all he was a model Catholic student, joining piety to his intellectual pursuits.

The community all learned of his death with sorrow for he was an affable companion and sincere friend.

He was laid in state in the music hall where some of his fellow students watched all night. At the head of the casket the American flag hung draped, at the foot, a stack of guns was placed.

The funeral service took place from the College Chapel on Wednesday morning. The Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Jos. Laberge D. D. assisted by Rev. B. J. Flood as Deacon, Rev. A. D. Granger as Subdeacon, and Mr. John Kelly as Master of Ceremonies.

The services were purely military and were so impressive and sublime in their character that scarcely was there a dry eye in the Chapel. The Ford Rifles under command of Capt. C. H. Ball acted as an escort and accompanied the body to the end of the village where the funeral procession passed them.

The remains were conveyed to his home, Wadena Ind. for interment.

R. I. P.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

BY JOSEPH E. GALLET.

On the 17th. of January, 1706, in the little city of Boston, was born a child who, without fortune, family connections or patronage, self-prompted and almost self-taught, was to play an important role in the history of the early days of our country. This child was the great Benjamin Franklin. His parents were poor — his father was a tallow-chandler—and were in the humblest circumstances. He could not, as Jenkins says, "boast of any other nobility than nature's heraldry of honest labor." He was early apprenticed to his father's trade and it was while engaged in molding candles that he found time to read a few of the best English authors. His first literary effort was a small collection of poems which were consigned to the flames and as he says "it saved me from being a poet and probably a very bad one."

When seventeen years of age he went to England and for a year worked at the printing trade. He published in 1732, his *Poor Richard's Almanac* which soon became famous in consequence of the sound sense and practical hints it contained. It is related of Franklin that one occasion while on his way to school he was met by a man with an ax on his shoulder. He stopped young Ben by inquiring if his father owned a grindstone and on receiving an affirmative reply he asked Franklin to turn it while he sharpened his ax. Ben manfully tugged at the stone while the blisters on his hands grew larger and larger. The school-bell rang but there were no signs of quitting. At last it was done and Benjamin, who expected a shilling for his services, was surprised when the man turned to him and told him to hie to school or he would pay dearly for it. Says Franklin several years later when relating this story; "This event made a great impression on my mind. Now when I see a merchant over-polite to his customers, I say to myself, Look out good people, that man has an ax to grind." It is to Franklin we owe the discovery of the fact that lightening and electricity are the same. This discovery was made during a thunder-shower by sending up a kite with a silk handkerchief for a cover. In 1768, Dr. Franklin was elected a member of Congress and served in that capacity until 1775, when he was appointed Minister to France. In public life he always labored for his country's best interests and was always foremost in any undertaking by which the country would prosper. In private life he was retiring and "liked nothing better than to sit by his own fireside and tell stories." Franklin's character was remarkable for

its sweetness and purity. His face expressed his goodness of heart which shone in all his actions.

In the Autumn of his years he retired from active life and lived the remainder of his days in peace surrounded by his books, his household and his dogs. He died on the 17th. of April 1790. He passed away so peacefully that those around his bedside thought he was sinking into a deep slumber. Yet death had laid its icy hand on him, but so gently that it appeared that the King of Terrors seemed loth to clasp him in its cold embrace. Thus lived and died one of the greatest of America's statesmen. Surely the good which he did lives after him.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS.

Our

First

Meetings

For this year

Were held last week.

Everything is prosperous.

One more new society in the ranks.

What are we going to call the *protege*?

Let us have snow for the usual society sleigh rides.

Who says Canada should be annexed? Ask *eyether* Murray or Condon.

All meeting rooms once more present scenes of life and activity. Keep it up boys.

At the last meeting of the Pickwick Club, Mr. Chas. H. Ball was elected an honorary member of that society.

In the Dooling Knights of the Sword the resignation of Lieut. Ricou as Secretary of that society was read and accepted.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the recovery of Master William Tynan, Mentor of the Immaculate Conception society, from his recent sickness.

Among the new members of the Altar Society are William Moreau and Robert Doudelson. This society, so small at its beginning, now numbers fifty three and four more names now under consideration for membership.

At a late meeting of St. Patrick's society, Messrs. Frederick Dandurand and Mark Wiseman were admitted as members.

Commissary John Coyle was recently admitted as a member of the Dooling Knights of the Sword. We can assure the "Knights," that they have in Mr. Coyle, a member who will in no way detract from the admirable reputation which the society has hitherto borne, but on the contrary, will help much in sustaining this reputation.

Serg.^t at Arms Cleary, of St. Patrick's society is detained at home undergoing treatment for his eyes. All members of the society wish him a speedy recovery as they sadly miss his genial presence from their meetings.

The Altar Society is preparing to sing vespers from the sanctuary. They are under the direction of Rev. Bro. O'Callaghan, who has had a great amount of experience in this line as he was for some time connected with the Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago.

The annual letters of the Quinquinites will soon be rolling in and we hope that all the members will be prompt in fulfilling this obligation. Boys persevere in the work you have begun, and the day when you will unite in '92, will be reckoned as one of the most pleasant of your whole lives.

We see amongst the new books in the library belonging to St. Patrick's society, Prof. Bryce's "American Commonwealth." It is with great pleasure that we observe the boys displaying a taste for such reading as this book affords. It is one of the late publications and is pronounced one of the best works of its kind in print.

At the last meeting of the Dooling Knights of the Sword, Prof. James Solon was elected an honorary member. This gentleman since the first day he entered the house, has shown himself to be a most generous friend to the society and this acknowledgement of his zealous labors to lead the "Knights" on to perfection, is an honor worthily conferred.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 16th., Rev. Ambrose Granger, who fills the Chair of History in the Collegiate Department, lectured before St. Patrick's Association. He chose for his subject, "Orestes A. Brownson." It was a most able effort and deserves more than a passing notice, and indeed we hope that we will, in the near future, be able to publish the lecture in full. For the present, suffice it to say that the interest with which the young gentlemen of the society listened to every sentence which the speaker uttered, shows how entertaining and intensely absorbing the lecture must have been.

At a special meeting of the Dooling Knights of the Sword, held Jan. 22nd., a great deal of important business was disposed of, amongst which was the appointment of a committee to draft a new constitution. The committee is composed of the following "Knights;" Pres. C. H. Ball, Capt. O'Connor, Lieut's. Wilstach and Shea. Another committee was also appointed to draw up suitable ceremonies to accompany the admission of a new member. The gentlemen appointed for this work were Col. J. P. Dore, Major Louis Grandchamp and Capt. Thos. J. Normoyle. Resolutions were also passed sympathizing with the sick members of the society. Col. Dore also made a few remarks on the honor which this society

should give to St. Michael, the patron saint of our Spiritual Director. The resignation of Secretary Ricou was accepted and Lieut. W. B. McCarthy fulfilled the duties of Secretary. Hereafter meetings of this Society will be held every other Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

In the revised edition of Andrews and Stoddard's Latin Grammar we have an entirely new book. In matter as well as appearance the change is complete, somewhat radical too, as in the rejection of the letter *J* and also in pronunciation on which there are so many theories and inconsistencies. We are inclined to think however that this will not prove detrimental but on the other hand must meet the approval of scholars. The arrangement of the declensions is more simple than in the old work and in the conjugations a substantial change has been made in grouping together the four conjugations by which the student soon learns the really slight differences that exists between the four forms of the verbs. A considerable part has been given to difficulties that are usually found in the Subjunctive Mood. The author does this by comparison, the most effective way. A chapter is also given to indirect discourse, a knowledge of which is so essential to the student. On the whole it is a very decided improvement on the old work, which as the reviser hints in the preface could be best improved and simplified by a complete renovation. The edition is no smaller, but this is due to the large type used. (Houghton Mifflin & Co.)

For good wholesome reading, as well as for late news none of our Catholic papers lead the *Catholic Standard*. Its make up is attractive, but in the solid and instructive matter which fills its columns consists the chief merit of the paper. Neither the calumny of foes nor the misleading statements of pseudo-friends fail to pass its notice or to receive its correction. Such papers are the true guardians of public opinion and are a power for good when guided by faith and intelligence. In the *Standard*, the Catholic Church has such a guardian, and Faith such a defender. May the circle of its power widen and its friends multiply. \$2.50 per year. (Catholic Standard, 505 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, Pa.)

EXCHANGES.

The first number of *The Collegian* has reached us. This new venture in College journalism comes out under the auspices of the New England Intercollegiate Association and has a large field for its labors. It is to be devoted to the interests of undergraduates, by whom the Editor hopes it will be creditably maintained. The

initial number has articles by E. E. Hale and others, as will also the Feb. number; but it is hoped that contributions for the March issue will be received from Students, who are cordially invited to contribute. The move is no doubt a good one. The novelty of writing for an outside Journal and especially one particularly devoted to his interests may spur the student to greater exertion and a great deal depends on effort. For our part we have nothing but words of encouragement and wish the enterprise and its promoters the full realization of their expectations. The *Collegian* is published at 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass.

The Adelpian for Jan. has a story in 8 chapters; by the way it is a *study*, what kind of a study we are not prepared to say. The title of the tragedy is "Mary Dare" a sort of a dare-to-do-right kind of a heroine, who with proper care could be made to do service in a big novel. Well Mary has a bad aunt who frowns continually on Mollie. Now May can't stand that to a great extent and she elopes with herself and turns up as a preacher. We began to think of Robert, when, the writer brought us up to this, but no *Bob* in this thrilling story. As a preacher our Mary, now Mr. Trevellayan does great work, even causes some of the young ladies to fall in love with him. But alas! he hears of the death of a former friend, which friend had thought Mary dead, and eaten up with despair Mary Ann comes down to chapter (?) 8. Prussic acid, nobody got married, no moral, the *study* was written at the head of the story, but.—We think that it was not nice to make Moll take prussic acid, it has always been considered as a deadly poison. Why not keep her over and make her an exponent of Woman's Rights particularly after she had learned to wear male attire? There are eight chapters we said, and if we may be permitted to ask the question, what part does chapter one take in the yarn? We are pretty sure that remorse has done its work by this time and that the writers, (two of them if you please) are sorry and—. We will let them take their own resolutions.

The Young Collegian is a spicy and interesting monthly, published by the young ladies of the St. Katherine's Convent, New Orleans. The last number contained some very pleasing articles.

We cordially greet *The Independent*, a monthly devoted to the interests of Catholic young men's societies. It has a good end in view and it ought to receive the full support of every young man. The present number contains "The Chariot Race" from Wallace's Ben Hur, the most interesting part of that celebrated book. The selection is well adapted, only the really interesting part being given. Many other pieces of interest may be found in its columns. It is published at Ivanhoe, Hamilton Co. Ohio. P. O. Box 30.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

A new college is to be erected at Detroit Mich, by the Jesuit Fathers at the cost of \$100,000, \$35,000 has already been subscribed.

For the first time since 1870 a Pope gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Peter's when Pope Leo XIII gave it on December 31st. at the close of his Sacerdotal Jubilee.

There are in England and Wales 15 dioceses. The total number of priests is 2,380 who serve 1,306 churches, chapels and missionary stations. In Scotland there are 341 priests; the churches etc. served by them being 324. In Ireland there are 4 Archbishops with 28 Bishops under them.

On the feast of Epiphany, Bishop Keane, rector of the Catholic University, at Washington, preached by invitation of the Holy Father in the church of St. Silvester, Rome.

The Pope, through Cardinal Lavigerie, has sent to Cardinal Manning a large gold medal as a token of the share which he desires to take in Cardinal Manning's episcopal jubilee.

The fund for the new Catholic seminary in New York has reached \$25,000. The site of the old building at Troy will be sold for \$300,000. The new structure will cost about \$400,000. The Sulpicians will have charge of it.

The gifts recently presented by the Pope to the Irish churches are valued at \$50,000. Among the gifts is the stole which was worn by the Pope on the occasion of the services in celebration of his jubilee.

The sanctuary at Lourdes was the centre of special solemnities on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Over two thousand received Holy Communion. The Bishop of Tarbes officiated in the morning and Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco, in the evening.

Cardinal Newman made his first public appearance since his recent illness at the Oratory Church, Edgbaston on Christmas Day, when he assisted at the High mass in his Cardinal's robes. Though evidently very feeble and tottering in his gait, His Eminence appeared to be otherwise in fairly good health and spirits, and insisted on entering and quitting the tribune by the flights of steps that is approached through the church, instead of by the private door at the back of the high altar.

Cardinal Manning has prepared an exhaustive paper on the American public school system based on the statistics of Hon. Zach. Montgomery. The Cardinal strongly favors parental as opposed to public school control. The paper will shortly be published.

As consultants to the new Superior, the Rev. Augustine F. Hewitt, the Paulist Fathers have chosen the Rev. Geo. Deshon, the Rev. Geo. M. Searle, and the Rev. Walter Elliott. Their term of office will last nine years. Father Deshon is also assistant-superior of the Order.

The Holy Father, in a letter to the Bishops of America states that he has established in the See of Piacenza a seminary for the education of priests for Italian emigrants. His Holiness says: "But we think it would be an excellent thing if in those dioceses where the Italian emigrants are so numerous there were established communities of priests who should set out by turns for various points in neighboring regions, so that the whole should be traversed in time."

Pope Leo has sent to each of the French Dioceses a present commemorative of his sacerdotal jubilee. The Chapter of Paris has received a magnificent ciborium which His Holiness desires shall be used in giving Holy Communion on Easter Sunday to the men who follow the annual conferences at Notre Dame. At the same time Leo XIII grants a special benediction to those engaged in organizing this Paschal Retreat, the magnificent Catholicity of which becomes more evident, year by year as the atheistic propaganda becomes more violent.

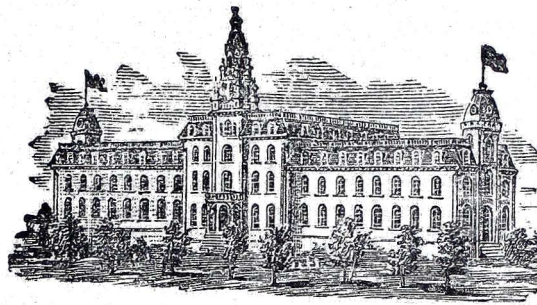
According to the Catholic Directory for 1889, the Catholic population of the United States, is 8,157,656. One hundred years ago the population was 44,500. The number of priests is placed at 8,118-2,008 regulars, and 6,110 seculars. They attend 7,353 churches, 2,770 stations, and 1,480 chapels. There are 13 archdioceses in the United States with 60 suffragan sees, 7 vicariates, and 1 prefecture apostolic. These are governed by 13 archbishops and 73 bishops, a few of the latter being coadjutors, who, with the vicars apostolic, have titular sees in infidel countries. Administrators rule in the vacant sees of Natchez, Miss., and Richmond, Va., and 8 mitred abbots have sway over that number of religious communities.

The progress of Catholicity in Australia is remarkable. In the diocese of Sydney alone, which is ruled by the Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney, there are 140 churches and chapels, nearly 130 priests, over 300 religious teachers, 428 nuns, 79 religious brothers, 120 schools, four colleges, one University college, one Ecclesiastical Seminary (costing nearly \$80,000), three hospitals, three orphanages, one industrial school, two Magdalen Refuges, two Homes for the Aged Poor, one Nursing Home, one Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. The Catholic population of the diocese is about 120,000, and there are 20,000 children attending the Catholic schools.

The first American pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land is being arranged to leave New York on February 22nd. by the Hamburg steamer Wieland, under the auspices of the Very Rev. Chas. A. Vissani whom the Pope has made curator of the interests of the Holy Land. If possible the party will number 150, of which the names of 75 have already been secured, including Bishops Wigger and Rademacher and twenty-nine priests. The cost is estimated at \$650 a head. The party will go first to Paris, thence by way of Nice, Florence, Pisa, and other places of note to Rome, where the Pope will give them a special audience. They will embark for Egypt at Naples, and expect to reach Jaffa, in Palestine, about March 7th. Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, the Jordan, and all the noted spots of Holy Writ will be seen before the return home is made. Privileges have been granted the pilgrims. By special apostolic indult Mass will be permitted to be said at sea. (Catholic Columbian.)

Letters Apostolic received from Rome announce that Rt. Rev. Rupert Seidenbusch having on account of prolonged ill-health, petitioned to be freed from the duties of Vicar Apostolic of Northern Minnesota, the matter was by the Rt. Rev. Secretary of the Propaganda brought before the Holy Father in the audience of November 15th., and the Bishop's resignation of his title and office of Vicar Apostolic was duly accepted. Other Letters Apostolic make known that, until other provision shall be made, the Holy Father entrusts to the Most Rev. Archbishop of St. Paul the administration spiritual and temporal of the Vicariate of Northern Minnesota.

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