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Original Poetry.

Parting Ode of Class of 1871.

In these sacred halls of learning,
We a happy year have spent;
To our tasks each day returning,
On improvement still intent:
Gathering stores of useful knowledge
To apply in after time,
When we leave our much loved College,
For the work of life sublime.

CHORUS.—Now, to God our thanks we offer,
For His blessing through the year;
And to Him commend each other,
While we shed the parting tear.

Varied as the passing seasons,
Are the pleasures we have known;
And we feel that there are reasons
For regret that they are flown;
Yet, though days that have departed
Never can return again,
We may still be joyous-hearted,
For the fruits of toil remain.

CHORUS.—So, to God our thanks, &c.

In the future that's before us,
Wheresoe'er our lots be cast,
Constantly there will come o'er us,
Precious memories of the past.
"Western Maryland!" *Alma Mater!*
May she long be prosperous,
And her name be sweet to thousands
As it is this day to us!

CHORUS.—Now to God our thanks, &c.

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DISTINGUISHED MEN,

Who Have Honored the Literary Societies of Western Maryland College with Their Services on Public Occasions.

- James Frame, Esq., lecture, Feb. 26, '68
Rev. John J. Murray, D. D., sermon, June 13, '69.
Rev. Lawrence W. Bates, D. D., lecture, June 16, '69.
Rev. Lawrence W. Bates, D. D., sermon, June 17, '69.
Rev. David Wilson, M. D., U. S. A., poem, June 16, '69.
Rev. David Wilson, M. D., U. S. A., sermon, June 13, '69.
Rev. Daniel Bowers, sermon, June 12, '70.
Rev. Henry C. Cushing, A. M., sermon, June 12, '70.
Rev. Henry C. Cushing, A. M., sermon, June 11, '76.
John G. Saxe, Esq., poem, June 15, '70.
Rev. J. Thomas Murray, D. D., sermon, June 15, '70.
Rev. John G. Morris, D. D., readings, Feb. 10, '71.
Rev. William S. Hammond, sermon, June 11, '71.
Rev. William S. Hammond, sermon, June 15, '73.
Rev. James W. Reese, A. M., Ph. D., oration, June 14, '71.
Rev. James W. Reese, A. M., Ph. D., oration, June 17, '74.
Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D., sermon, June 16, '72.
Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D., oration, June 19, '71.
Rev. Augustus Webster, D. D., sermon, June 15, '74.
Rev. T. D. Valiant, sermon, June 13, '75.

- Edward W. Bates, Esq., oration, June 16, '75.
Hon. Charles W. Button, oration, June 14, '75.
Rev. Thomas Henderson, A. M., oration, June 20, '77.
Rev. Alexander Clarke, D. D., sermon, June 16, '78.
Rev. R. Scott Norris, sermon, June 15, '79.
Hon. John V. L. Findlay, oration, June 18, '79.
Rev. Samuel T. Graham, sermon, June 13, '80.
Rev. Samuel V. Leech, D. D., oration, June 16, '80.
Rev. Samuel V. Leech, D. D., lecture, Jan. 27, '82.
Rev. J. S. Killgore, D. D., sermon, June 12, '81.
Hon. Henry W. Hoffman, oration, June 15, '81.
Rev. Thomas Guard, D. D., lecture, Jan. 19, '82.
Prof. S. F. Ford, reading, Feb. 21 and 22, '82.
Rev. Charles M. Giffin, sermon, June 11, '82.
Major John I. Yellott, oration, June 14, '82.
Rev. D. L. Greenfield, sermon, June 17, '83.
Col. Henry Page, oration, June 20, '83.
Hon. Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., oration, June 18, '84.
Rev. C. B. Middleton, A. M., sermon, June 15, '84.
Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, oration, June 17, '85.
Rev. T. J. Ogburn, sermon, June 15, '85.
Rev. Walter R. Graham, sermon, June 13, '86.
Gen. Joseph B. Seth, oration, June 16, '86.

The Outlook Was Good.

Miss Joy—"Madame, Mr. Foster has come to take me out for a drive; may I go, madame?"
Madame—"You know, Miss Joy, the rules of Vassar do not allow it, unless you are engaged—are you engaged to Mr. Foster?"
Miss Joy (doubtfully)—"N—no, but if you will let me go I shall be by the time we get back."—*Life.*

"Sir," said the master of Balliol, in his parting address to a distinguished alumnus, "your fellow-students think highly of you, the tutors and professors think highly of you, I think highly of you; but no one thinks more highly of you than you do yourself."

"Half the books in this library are not worth reading," said a sour-visaged, hypercritical, novel satiated woman. "Read the other half, then," gratuitously advised a bystander.

Clara (to friend)—"Have you heard the good news?" Ethel—"No, what is it?" Clara (triumphantly)—"Papa has been bitten by a mad dog and we are all going to Paris."

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Class Honors.

- VALEDICTORIANS. SALUTATORIANS.
1871.
Annie R. Yingling; William S. Crouse.
Mary M. Ward; Henry E. Norris.
1872.
Annie Price; H. Dorsey Newson.
Mary E. Johnson; William P. Wright.
1873.
Mary V. Nichols; Thomas B. Ward.
Alice A. Feuby; Benjamin F. Crouse.
1874.
Sarah L. Whiteside; Samuel R. Harris.
Mollie E. Jones; William H. Ogg.
1875.
Ida Armstrong; Thomas H. Lewis.
George W. Devilbiss.
1876.
Laura K. Matthews; R. B. Norment, Jr.
Drucilla Ballard; L. L. Billingslea.
1877.
Lilian N. Young; Winfield S. Amoss.
Jennie M. Starr; Wilson R. Cushing.
1878.
Mary V. Swormstedt; DeWitt C. Ingle.
Lulu E. Fleming; Frank H. Peterson.
1879.
Mollie J. Lankford, Lizzie Trump.
1880.
M. Emma Selby; Lewis A. Jarman.
Flora E. Wilson; Wm. R. McDaniel.
1881.
Laura V. Stahmker; George W. Todd.
M. Kate Goodhand; Jacob F. Somers.
1882.
Laura J. Bishop; Edward L. Gies.
Gertrude Bratt; Calvin B. Taylor.
1883.
S. Nannie James; Harry H. F. Baughman.
Georgie R. Nichols; Joseph W. Kirk.
1884.
Ella G. Wilson; Frank T. Benson.
Ruth H. Edelin.
1885.
Eudora L. Richardson; J. Wm. Moore.
Ida E. Gott; A. C. Willison.
1886.
Hattie A. Stevenson; Leyburn M. Bennett.
Nellie H. Sappington; William E. Roop.

Pedantry Run Mad.

From the Baltimore Sun.

In the last issue of "The Nineteenth Century" Mr. Frederick Harrison has done good service by exposing the pedantry of quite a number of modern writers in dealing with names that history and the Greek and Roman classics have rendered familiar. Mr. Harrison very justly remarks that the rewriting of old familiar proper names, and the renaming of persons and places—"heirlooms of the English language"—have been carried to such an extent as to have become "a pedantic nuisance." Most scholars will agree with him. This practice began with Mr. Grote, the historian of Greece, many years ago, but what in Mr. Grote was but a small offending has expanded since into such proportions as to threaten to become an unmixed evil. Historic and classic names have been so much changed in the spelling, and in what is now declared to be the correct pronunciation, as to be almost unrecognizable by students of old histories and old classical studies. Even

the Bible has not escaped the reforming spirit. The fantastic example set by Grote, Carlyle, Freeman, some of the writers in the new British Cyclopedia, and a multitude of others, have, since followed. We give a few illustrations. The battle of Hastings, which, as every schoolboy knows, gave to Norman William the realm of England, has been changed by Mr. Freeman into the battle of Senlac, of which no schoolboy ever heard. But the most radical changes have been made in proper names. Thus Alfred is Aelfred, Macbeth is Macbeth, and Edward Eadward. All these, however, are mild perversions of familiar names. When we get into the old realm of the classics, and instead of Hercules and Cecrops, Crete, Cleopatra, Coreyra and Circe, we find them spelled and pronounced Herakles, Kekrops and Krete, Kleopatra, Korkyra and Kirke, ordinary readers thus lose the sense of identity, and may reasonably begin to think that such gay deluders as Kirke and Kleopatra must have been commonplace sort of women after all. Who would recognize the Hebrew lawgiver Moses in his appellation of "Mosheth," or of Jesus as "Jehoshua?" When, too, the pendant writer changes Voltaire into Aroult, Napoleon into Buonaparte, Currier Bell into Mrs. Nicholis, what wonder is it that people should begin not only to inwardly dissent, but also to outwardly indorse Mr. Harrison when he scornfully protests against the introduction of this "macaronic piebald" into our noble and time-honored language? When old English names were sometimes spelled a dozen different ways the name that has come down to us through the centuries, as Alfred for instance, is the name to be retained. What do we know of Kikero? To us it will always be Cicero who made that grand speech against Verres and drove Catiline out of Rome. Moreover, in whatever form Latin, Greek and Hebrew names have come down to us, it is doubtful if we have more than the most elementary idea of the way in which they were pronounced.

There are extant twenty different ways of spelling Shakespeare's name, half of them written by his own hand and many of them requiring a change of pronunciation. We have largely in modern times clung to "Shakespeare," and the sound follows the spelling, but we have no reason to suppose, beyond Green's satire, that his contemporaries did not call him "Shagsper," as the name is written by him in the marriage bond of 1582. "All this combative revival," says Mr. Harrison, "rests upon the curious delusion of antiquarians that bits of ancient things can be crammed into the living organism of modern civilization. Any rational culture must be wisely subordinate to organic evolution. Gross lumps of the past are not to be stuck down our throats like a horse drench. A brick or two from our father's houses will not really testify how they built their homes, and exhuming these buried words may prove but a source of offense to the living."

"Yes," replied Brown, "you always find me with a pen in my hand. I am a regular penholder, my boy. 'Let's see,' said Fox, musingly, 'a penholder is usually a stick, isn't it?'"

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LAW.

It has not been very long since the country was entertained by animated discussions on the Jury-system. Now, however, the discussion should be about law or justice. For whom is the law? For the rich or for the poor? Lately we have had some decisions that go very far in answering these questions. The trouble is that the answers have been somewhat few though emphatic, and are some of the rareties of the courtroom. A stiffening process is taking place in our courts. This is one of the best signs of the times. Nothing is more discouraging to the honest citizen than to see crime go unpunished. When crime is laughed at or allowed to go by default the force of the law is broken. The recent trials in New York and the results of these trials will do good even if there be a question among legal minds as to the exact justice in a certain case. That the courts needs a little starch to stiffen them up is acknowledged everywhere. It is more than likely however that the Judges are not to blame. We believe the United States has as fine a Judiciary men of as much honor, conscientiousness, and probity—as can be found in the world. The fault is not with the bench, nor with the bar but justice like mercy fails where least expected. We are glad to see the turn taken in this matter, and we hope it will continue. The Pennsylvania courts are taking a firm stand in matters of local interests—greater and firmer than has been known for years and years. These are certainly good signs for the future. With such a position there is little probability of an occasion for another Cincinnati riot. Rather will the scales balance equitably.

Hazing.

The brutal and cowardly treatment of new students, so prevalent in American colleges, and unfortunately sanctioned, in many cases, by bad traditions and a vicious scholastic sentiment, is unknown in Western Maryland College. Hazing, if it dared to show itself, would be promptly and very effectually suppressed by the Faculty; but the gratifying truth is that the baleful practice rests on no traditions and is not tolerated by the public sentiment or the school. A rowdy, assuming his presence there as a possibility, would be a pitifully lonesome and morally "boycotted" individual on the "College Hill."

Dr. Porter and Dr. Dwight.

Dr. Noah Porter, for fifteen years President of the Yale College has resigned, and his successor has been elected. Dr. Porter is one of the educational leaders in this country, and his retirement from the Presidency of Yale College will not take him from the foreground of education in this country nor from Yale as will be seen from his letter of resignation.

YALE COLLEGE, May 20, 1886.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CORPORATION: In accordance with the announcement made to you at our last session. I hereby resign the office of president of Yale College, to which I was elected some fifteen years ago. I resign with the understanding that my resignation shall take effect at the inauguration of my successor, and I propose to retain the Clark Professorship of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics, to which I was elected in the year 1846. My reason for resigning this honorable office is my age, which must necessarily soon disqualify me for the satisfactory discharge of some of its duties, if it does not already; at least in the view of those who for any reason are disposed to judge the college or myself unfavorably. The labors and cares incident to the office are also steadily increasing. I think I can measure and appreciate them better than any man living and I cannot expect to perform them with comfort, or with self-respect under added disadvantage. My family and near relatives unanimously and urgently approve my decision.

I can say sincerely that I assumed the duties and honors of the office with no special elation or satisfaction, but rather as an act of loyal devotion to my alma mater and the great interest and the solid principles for which Yale College is loved and honored in all this land. These interests and principles I have endeavored to enforce and defend within and without her walls in no uncertain or faltering words. The duties of my office, various and incessant as they have been, I have sought to discharge with little regard to my convenience, or health, or life, and in so doing have forgone many personal interests and enjoyments.

I desire to express my grateful sense of the value of the sympathy and patience and aid which I have received daily and almost hourly from your treasurer and secretary. I hardly need say that in my future relations to the institution I hope to serve it in the same loyal spirit as long as my health and life shall be spared.

NOAH PORTER.

The successor of Dr. Porter is Dr. Dwight. Timothy Dwight, D. D., LL. D., the new president, is the son of the Rev. Dr. Timothy Dwight, at one time pastor of the Congregational Church in Greenfield, Conn., and the grandson of Timothy Dwight, who was president of Yale from 1795 to 1817. He was born in Norwich, Conn., November 16, 1828, and was graduated at Yale in the class of 1849. Among his classmates who have since acquired wide reputation are the Hon. W. D. Bishop, of Bridgeport, ex-president of the Consolidated Railroad, and a former member of Congress.

Dr. Dwight enters Yale Presidency at an auspicious time. Yale has always held a front position in the ranks of American institutions and Dr. Dwight will see to it that she maintains her old position and more two.

Something to be Proud Of.

Very few towns, honored by the presence of a College in or near them, are free from occasional annoyance, more or less serious, growing out of violations of the public peace by the uproarious students. Night is made hideous by ingeniously inharmonious noises, gates are taken from their hinges, rows occur between town roughs and disorderly collegians, signs are removed from stores and offices. Even when mischief is rife which cannot be traced to its perpetrators, public opinion, without waiting for evidence, charges it against "these wild college boys." How about Westminster? Well just this: during the twenty years of the existence of Western Maryland College, not a single case of disorder in the streets of Westminster has ever been traced to, or charged on, a student of the College. In twenty years, not counting leap-years, there are seven thousand, three hundred nights. On no one night, of all these thousands, has the slumber of the most nervous or timid old lady in Westminster been disturbed by the noise of the students. These sound like bold statements, and we can easily fancy the incredulous smile which would play over the superior features of a citizen of Princeton or New Haven, if he should chance to read them. But the blank amazement which would take the place of that skeptical smile, when he found out the truth of these statements, goes a little beyond fancy's farthest flight. Now as to the truth, we challenge the most searching investigation, and are willing to rest our case on the testimony of every man, woman and child in Westminster. Next: how do you account for it? First: the College has a good class of patrons, and most of the boys come from christian homes. Secondly: the presence of young ladies in the College exercises a refining and humanizing influence over the boys, all the more potent because it is silent and unconscious. Thirdly: the discipline of the school, while firm and strict, is modeled after that of the home and the family. The President and teachers are the friends and advisors of the boys, not task-masters and tyrants: neither are they so awfully dignified that their pupils never know or see them, as in some Institutions, except in their official, rhadamanthine capacity. Western Maryland College boys are not milk-sops; they are just chuck-full of fun, health and animal spirits,—but they are not rowdies masquerading in a scholastic gown.

The Two Sexes in College Together.

Such a heading as this would have been printed in sensational capitals and followed by a row of exclamation marks an inch tall—fifty years ago. Now our people, than which none more intelligently conservative anywhere exists, so far from being shocked at the idea, like it. Why? Because the successful and beneficent career of Western Maryland College has been showing to them, for twenty years, the advantage of allowing the two sexes to get their College training together, and the futility of the venerable, moss-grown objections which

used to be urged against it.

To be sure, co-education, in the strict sense of the word, is not practiced in that Institution, for although both sexes have the same instructors, yet they are kept in two entirely separate departments, the students meeting only at chapel services and in the dining-room with members of the Faculty, and at no other time unless under similar supervision. Still, they are often present at the lecture, they feel a common stimulus in the pursuit of learning, and the effect of the presence of the one sex upon the intelligence and deportment of the other is good, only good, and good all the time.

Golden Words.

"It certainly would seem natural and reasonable—unless some very serious objection to it is discovered—that the two sexes, growing up together in the family, studying together in school, associated together all the rest of their lives in the work and play of society, should also receive their liberal culture together. It would seem an obviously unwholesome contrivance that should, for this single period of four years out of a lifetime, compel an artificial separation into two flocks: a scholastic monastery on the one hand, a scholastic memory on the other. As if history had not plainly enough declared the results of such unnatural contrivances! And the question forces itself on the mind. Is not this whole superstition of a separate sex education a relic of the dark ages? Is it not a part of the mediæval plan of shutting women up in towers; a modified form of the Mohammedan custom of forcing them to muffle up their heads, or peer out upon the world with one eye?"

E. R. SILL.

An Eloquent Fact.

Western Maryland College has graduated about one hundred and seventy students. Of this number *not one* has dishonored Alma Mater by an immoral life. Wherever her Alumni are found, they are the brightest jewels of Christian homes, as daughters, wives and mothers, or they are filling positions of varied usefulness as ministers of the Gospel, physicians, lawyers, teachers, farmers and business men. So far the College has turned out no butterflys of fashion among the female, and no drones or duds among the male graduates. And this is true not only of the Alumni, but it applies equally to the many hundreds of other young people who, without graduating, have received their education in Western Maryland College.

A Sound Mind in a Sound Body,

Says Juvenal, is something well worth praying for. Such must have been the opinion of the founders of Western Maryland College, when they selected the commanding eminence at the West End of Westminster for the site of their institution. There is no lovelier spot in the State, and the young man or young woman who is so fortunate as to drink at the fountains of learning there, is breathing at the same time the purest, healthiest, most tonic air in America.

Re-Unions.

The Alumni Association of Western Maryland College, met in the parlor of the College yesterday at 9.45 a. m., after a separation of one year. The Society was called to order by Pres. C. Baughman, A. M., '71, and the minutes of the last meeting was read and adopted. The regular order of business was transacted and at the proper time the class of '86, were elected as a body after which, the association proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year as follows: Pres. W. R. McDaniel, A. M., '80; Vice Pres. Mrs. Dr. C. H. Billingslea, '75; Sec. Miss Hattie Bollinger, A. M., '81, (re-elected); Asst. Sec. J. H. Cunningham, '86; Treas. Miss Lulie Cunningham, A. M., '81, (re-elected). The Orator for '87 is Mr. Lynn R. Meekins, '82, of the *Baltimore American*, and the Essayist, Miss Kate M. Smith, A. M., '81, at present instructress in our College. Among those present at the meeting were Miss Sadie Kneller, '85, A. C. Willison, '86, Miss Mamie McKinstry, '79, Miss May Nicodemus, '81, and Miss Mary Myers, '83.

BROWNING REUNION.

The Browning Literary Society held their reunion in College parlor. Miss Ada Trumbo, the President of the Society, delivered a neat little address of welcome, after which Miss Nichols gave an instrumental solo. Miss Florence Wilson then read an essay, subject, "What Shall We Read?" Mrs. Lewis followed with a reading, after which Miss Sadie Kneller recited "Kit Carson's Ride." Mrs. Charles Billingslea read "The Match Boy," which was succeeded by an instrumental solo by Miss Jennie Wilson. Miss Katie Smith then read "The Burning Driftwood." Miss Mary Rinehart closed the literary part of the programme with an instrumental solo. After a little intermission refreshments were in order, and a general good time followed. Old students were as much at home as were the present ones, and after two hours pleasant intercourse with their successors they took their departure, well pleased and wishing their old Society joy and prosperity.

PHILOMATHEAN.

The Philomathean Society held its fourth annual commencement reunion in College Chapel, June 16th, at 2 p. m. The following is the programme:

1. President's Address, Miss Stevenson.
2. Instrumental Solo, Miss Mamie Nicodemus.
3. Essay—"The Drama"—Miss Rena Hill.
4. Reading—"Never Give Up"—Miss Carrie Clayton.
5. Reading—"Youthful Experiences"—Miss Nannie Powell.
6. Instrumental Duett, Misses Dodd and Pillsbury.
7. Recitation—"Smith's Will"—Miss Nannie Thompson.
8. Essay—"The Atlantic Telegraph Cable"—Miss Hattie Walmsley.
9. Reading—"Popping the Question"—Miss Jennie Burroughs.
10. Recitation—Selection from Owen Meredith—Miss Sadie Abbott.
11. History of the Society—Miss Blanche Pillsbury.
12. Instrumental duett, Misses Beeks and Whittington.

During the performance of this selection the appointed waiters repaired to some unknown place, and in a few moments returned, bringing refreshments, and then ensued the most pleasant part of the program. We were all much pleased with this part of our commencement exercises, and felt that next year all our members can return, bearing in their bosoms only the most pleasant feelings.

IRVING RE-UNION.

Annual re-union of the Irving Literary Society was held in the society's hall yesterday afternoon. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Gill, after which Mr. E. C. Winbrough, president of the society, in a neat and graceful speech welcomed all who were present. Mr. Myers, in behalf of the society, welcomed in an earnest and pleasing manner the ex-actives. He was responded to by Mr. A. C. Willison, Dr. Fenby, of Baltimore, Rev. J. Gill and others. Mr. P. W. Kuhns then read an essay on "The new system of Education." It was then the duty of Mr. H. D. Mitchell to bid farewell to the seniors on behalf of the society, amid much feeling. Messrs. Grow and Erb, of the graduating class responded, and with many regrets, bade "good-bye" to old Irving. Mr. John Naile read a very fine selection after which there was a free discussion, participated in by most of the ex-actives and actives. Hand shaking was then in order and the society congratulating itself on the success of the present scholastic year, adjourned to meet next September.

WEBSTER.

The reunion exercises of the Webster Literary Society were held in its hall yesterday afternoon from 2½ to 5 o'clock. At the time appointed the hall was well filled with the many friends and members of the Society, and after a very appropriate address by the President of the Society, Mr. Paul Coombs, in which he imparted the true reunion spirit, a short and somewhat humorous literary programme was introduced, the principal features of which were a recitation by Mr. Chester Ames and an oration by Mr. L. I. Pollitt. A burlesque business session was then held, in which many participated, making them feel greatly at home again and creating much amusement. Voluntary speeches of a witty and pathetic nature were delivered by Prof. Simpson on the part of the Faculty, and Messrs. Meekins, Billingslea, W. Dumm and other ex-active members. At the conclusion of the exercises in the hall all were invited to repair to the dining-room of the College, where refreshments had been plentifully provided. Various toasts were offered and replied to, and in reply to one proposed to the Faculty Prof. Simpson responded in a very interesting and instructive speech. Merriment and warm greetings characterized the occasion, making a most enjoyable evening to all present.

Arrivals.

Miss Nora C. Hayman; Mr. Lease, Frederick county, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Jarboe, Mr. Lemar, Washington, D. C.; Misses Myers and Jones, Union Bridge, Md.; Miss Clayton, Catonsville, Md.; Mrs. Baker, Buckeystown, Md.; L. R. Meekins, '82, of *Baltimore American*, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Sutherland and Dr. J. J. Murray, of the M. P. Conference; Mr. Henry Swope, Liberty, Frederick county, Md.; Dr. Ed. B. Fenby, '77, and wife, formerly Miss Martha Smith, '76, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. W. P. Brooks, '88, Woodberry, Md.; Mr. Harvey Grow, Frederick, Md.; Rev. T. O. Crouse, Centreville, Md.

The corps of the GAZETTE for the first six months of next year will consist of Messrs. H. D. Mitchell and Philip Myers as editors, and Mr. P. W. Kuhns as business manager.

Examination Day. Committeeman—"What animal is the most capable of attaching itself to man?" Head of the class—"The leech!"—*Boston Bacon*.

Good music has been furnish us this week by the Westminster Band.

COMMENCEMENT.

To-day the sweet girl graduate
In elegant prose,
Will write a long essay
On how much she knows.
She'll tie it with ribbon,
Of red or of blue,
This screed on the Beautiful,
The Good and the True.
She'll read it serenely,
With smiles here and there,
And gracefully careless
Will fix her black hair.
Then every old lady
Will turn up her nose,
And say "Good Gracious,"
How little she knows.

List of Distinctions and Awards.

Students are graded on the year's work to a scale of 10, and certificates of distinction are given to the three in each study having the highest grades above 9; and honorable mention is given to the three standing next above 9. Certificates of distinction were awarded as follows:

In Mental and Moral Science—Messrs. Bennett, Mowbray, Roop, Coombs, Downing and Wilson; Misses Richards, Stevenson, Wilson, Barkdoll, Galt and Hill.

In Belles Lettres—Messrs. Bennett, Burgee, Dumm, Mowbray, Coombs, Downing, Wilson, Mitchell, Veasey, Radford, Baker, Owens and Pollitt; Misses Richards, Stone, Wilson, Barkdoll, Handy, Hill, Beeks, Nicodemus and Parker.

In Ancient Languages—Messrs. Coombs, Radford, Mitchell, Winbrough, Pollitt, Michael and Owens; Misses Richards, Stevenson, Hill, Mourer, Wilmer, Nicodemus, Parker and Wamsley.

In Mathematics—Messrs. Bennett, Roop, Coombs, Downing, Mitchell, Veasey, Winbrough, Baker, Michael and Pollitt; Misses Barkdoll, Richards, Sappington, Hill, Mourer, Harlan, Nicodemus and Walmsley.

In Physical Science—Messrs. Burgee, Mowbray, Roop, Coombs, Downing, Wilson, Radford, Mitchell, Veasey, Lease, Owens and Pollitt; Misses Richards, Stevens, Wilson, Hill, Mourer, Pillsbury and Parker.

In French—Misses Richards, Stevens, Stevenson, Hill, Mourer and Pillsbury.

In Music—Misses Richards, Wilson and Whittington.

In Preparatory Department—In English—Messrs. Ames, Crockett, Mace and Woolford, and Miss Thompson.

In Mathematics—Messrs. Crockett, Mace, and Masten and Miss Thompson.

In Latin—Messrs. Ames, Mace and Woolford, and Miss Garrison.

In Department—Messrs. Baker, Coombs, Crockett, Koontz, J. Kuhns, Lease, Mitchell, Mowbray, Owens, Pollitt, Radford, Roop, Shipley, W. Smith, Whaley and Wilson; Misses M. Galt, N. Galt, Handy, Mourer, Parker, Powell, Reaver, Richards, Sappington, Stevens, Stone, Wilmer and Wilson.

Those receiving honorable mention were as follows:

In Mental and Moral Science—Messrs. Burgee, Dumm, Grow, Slifer and Stockdale; Misses Sappington, Stevens, Thompson, Harlan and Pillsbury.

In Belles Lettres—Messrs. Roop, Slifer and Winbrough; Misses Sappington, Harlan, Mourer, Wilmer and Walmsley.

In Ancient Languages—Mr. Veasey, and Misses Barkdoll and Whittington.

In Mathematics—Messrs. Owens, Watson, Thompson, and Miss Stone.

In Physical Science—Messrs. Bennett, Dumm, Grow, Slifer, and Miss Stone.

In French—Misses Handy, Harlan and Wilmer.

In Music—Misses Beeks, N. Galt and Stevens.

In Preparatory Department—in English—Messrs. Masten, Koontz, C. Stutely and Shipley.

In Mathematics—Messrs. Koontz, Rhinehart, Snyder and Crockett.

In Ancient Languages—Mr. David Crockett. The Dr. Benson Belles Lettres Gold Medal was awarded to Mr. Paul Coombs.

The Kuhns Freshman Gold Medal to Mr. L. Irving Pollitt.

The Ward Freshman Gold Medal to Miss Hattie E. Walmsley.

PRIZE ESSAYS.

1, Paul Coombs, Concentration of Consciousness; 2, Lorenza Hill, Life a Stage; 3, Irving Pollitt, Chinese Gordon; 4, C. A. Veasey, Labor has Sure Reward; 5, Miss Lily Barkdoll, Yesterday, To-day and To-morrow.

Oration Before the Literary Societies

The annual oration before the literary societies was delivered last evening by Gen. Joseph B. Seth, of Easton, Md., Speaker of the House of Delegates. His address was full of good advice to the students, and the speaker sketched the life, character and attainments of Joseph Graham as an example for their emulation. His address closed with the following tribute to woman:

The influence of woman on public affairs, while generally queer, is yet powerful. They unconsciously purify our conscience and mould our opinions, and thereby form the national character. To woman is assigned the control of home and infancy, and from the gentle but mighty influences of her training comes what is most potential in men's lives.

All ideas, religious, moral and political, must of necessity have their commencement and progress. It is a question of degrees; narrow and incomplete at first, they enlarge themselves and their influences insensibly until they reach the stage of public welfare.

The point of departure is the family, and under domestic influences the ideas are first nurtured; thence enlarging from the household to the state, they soon proclaim themselves to the nation. I often recall the words of James Montgomery in his glowing tribute—

"There is a land of every land the pride,
Beloved by heaven o'er all the world beside,
Where brighter suns dispense serene light,
And milder moons emparadise the night."

There is a spot of earth supremely blest,
A dearer and nearer spot than all the rest.

Here woman reigns, the mother, daughter,
wife,
Strew with fresh flowers the narrow path of life.

In the clear heaven of her delightful eye
An angel-guard of loves and graces lie;
Around her knee domestic duties meet,
And fireside pleasures gambol at her feet."

In conclusion, let me beg pardon for interjecting serious thoughts into your pleasant commencement exercises. It is all well for you as you now stand and look forward to the western horizon of your lives to see nothing but the bright and rosy tints, when your suns have reached their meridian things will have changed to some degree; but I shall cherish a hope that you may each have few disappointment.

LOCALS.

By mistake, the name of Mr. H. D. Mitchell, '88, who was entitled to a distinction in Physical Science was not read on yesterday, but appears properly in this issue.

Miss Julia McKellop, daughter of Col. McKellop, a prominent citizen of this town, took one of the gold medal prizes for deportment at Hannah Moore Academy this year.

Quite a stir was created on the campus last evening owing to a horse becoming frightened by the music of the band.

The Board of Trustees had a long meeting last evening.

The largest audience, that has assembled in the pavilion this year, was that which gathered to hear the oration before the Literary Societies on last evening by Gen. Jos. B. Seth, of Talbot. It was impossible to report the oration in full, but below will be found extracts.

Gen. Jos. B. Seth, is the guest of Hon. Chas. B. Roberts.

To-night the Commencement exercises will close.

Hon. Chas. B. Roberts was among those on the stage last evening.

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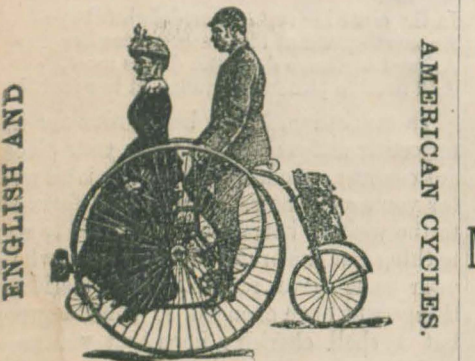
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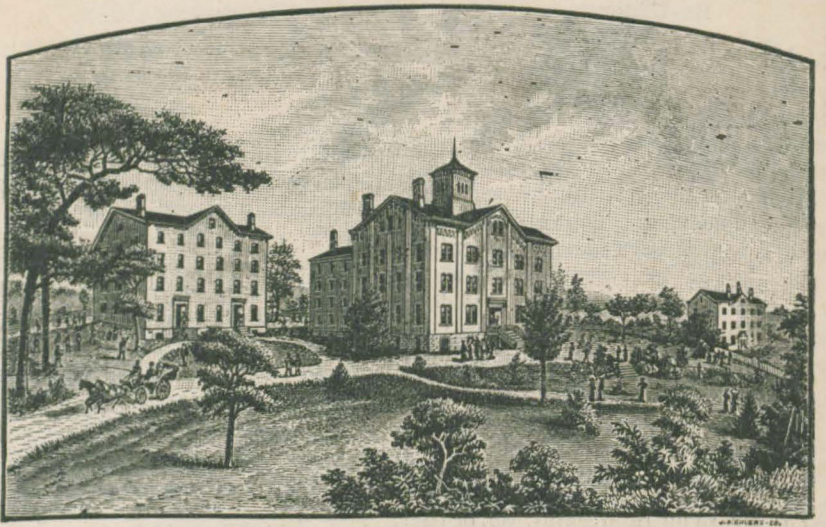
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