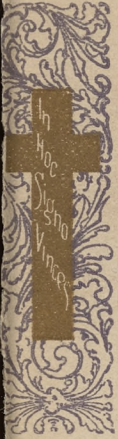


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WANTED,—AN ORIGINAL GENIUS.

Probably nothing is as much in demand in the world as originality. At this very moment, no longer in a candle-lit garret, but in revolving office-chairs, there are versifiers and novelists and essayists and writers of every class, vainly striving to shift the various scenes before

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their mind's eye into some new and strange picture. Advertisers, purveyors of amusement, preachers, teachers, merchants and mechanics, scientists and inventors, honest men and rogues, are all endeavoring to compass originality, in hope of influencing the great public for their own immediate purposes. The intense rivalry between newspapers and magazines to keep abreast or even ahead of the times will be found to spring from the same desire. It is clear, then, that a glorious triumph awaits him who can bring originality out of the regions of chance and place it in the certain reach of all.

Many of course have attempted, with varying degrees of success, to reduce originality to rule or to define it more accurately. A writer in a recent number of *Literature* says, "The matter of a literary work of art may come from nature, from life, from another book, while the form is created by the author." The specific cause of originality is here set forth, but it amounts to nothing more than what we have heard so often, *non nova sed nove*. Hartley Coleridge says, "There are few synonyms in any language; but there is in the English a perfect synonym to the word original: it is—the scarcely less abused word—natural." He transfers the discussion from original to natural and at the same time admits parenthetically that he has not lessened the difficulties. He has, however, given a test, a standard, by which all the counterfeits of originality may be detected. The same author goes on to say that "every sentiment that proceeds from the heart, every thought that emanates from the individual

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mind or is suggested by personal observation is original, though, in all probability, it has been thought and felt a thousand times before." Here is a more definite statement tracing originality more clearly to its source. To the same effect is the opinion of Mr. Mabie: "Personality is the divinest thing in the world, because it is the only creative thing; the only power that can bring to material already existent a new idea of order and form." The subject matter may then be old if the presentation be individual and personal, but how the subject matter is to become personal we are not told. Mr. Mabie quotes from Goethe: "People are always talking about originality, but what do they mean? As soon as we are born, the world begins to work upon us, and this goes on to the end. And, after all, what can we call our own except energy, strength and will? If I could give an account of all I owe to great predecessors and contemporaries, there would be a small balance in my favor." It is evident that these words but reiterate the fact that what we write of is, and must be borrowed in many ways. They do not enlighten us how the borrowings become personal property; for all borrow, few impress their individuality on what they have received. Hazlitt affirms most of what has already been stated, but puts the question in a new light when he writes, "Originality is the seeing nature differently from others and yet as it is in itself," and again, "This is the test and triumph of originality, not to show us what has never been, but to point out to us what is before our eyes and under our feet,

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though we have had no suspicion of its existence, for want of sufficient strength of intuition, of determined grasp of mind, to seize and retain it."

All these opinions are undoubtedly of great help to us, if not positively at least negatively. They give us rules and directions which will enable us to start on the right path and avoid many of the pitfalls which lie thick along the way to originality. We have but to recall the epithets applied to these pitfalls and they will call to mind many a dismal failure. What a history is conveyed in the terms, novel, fanciful, affected, strained, odd, eccentric, grotesque and sensational. The associations which surround "sensational" would fill a volume by themselves.

It may also be said of the opinions cited that they agree to the extent of not requiring originality in the subject matter. We may transform what we acquire or inherit, but inherit or acquire we must, and cannot create except in a metaphorical sense. Just as the energy which does all the work in this world is always the same in quantity as it has ever been, but is variously transformed from coal into heat, from heat into steam, from steam into momentum, from momentum into collision, so the great body of thought, which is our heritage from antiquity, undergoes many a change as it passes down the ages. It is, of course, a commonplace in philosophy that man acquires everything by imitation. By imitation we first learned to talk and to gesticulate and to walk. As time went on, these actions, because of the texture of chord and

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muscle, by reflection and practice and habit, became individual. What is true of bodily actions is true as well in matters of the mind. We are not born with ready-made ideas. We must acquire them; we must bring them through the senses; we must get them from outside, and for the most part from books.

Here, however, we meet with a difficulty. Hartley Coleridge denies that books promote originality, and asserts that original knowledge is to be gained from life and observation. The statement has of course much truth in it, but we cannot now stop to separate the true from the false. Is it, however, a fact that there is no life or observation of nature in books? What are the thoughts, the hopes, the fears, the emotions, the passions of man, but life, and the most intense and truest life? Is not the nature of man, if no other nature, set forth for our most earnest observation in the best books of all times? The ancients, we believe, had the right theory and practice when they subordinated nature to man. There is no meaning, we also believe, in the word nature, except as it is ordained to man, and interpreted by him. The writers of the world reveal to us this interpretation, and teach us how to look on nature and understand it.

Having now established the necessity of deriving ideas for the most part from books, it remains to consider what is the method by which those ideas become original. Cardinal Newman defines originality as the power of abstracting for one's self. "Our opinions," he says, "are

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commonly derived from education and society. Common minds transmit as they receive, good and bad, true and false; minds of original talent feel a continual propensity to investigate subjects and strike out views for themselves—so that even old and established truths do not escape modification and accidental change when subjected to this process of mental digestion." To become, therefore, original, passive reception of truths is not enough. There must be investigation, there must be expeditions in various branching ways. We must strike out views, we must cut innumerable facets on the rough diamond of truth, transmitted to us from others. There must be a mental digestion, the substance of the thought must be assimilated. Thus it will become personal and individual. Let us remove here an opinion which would perhaps prove misleading. Reading has been defended and insisted on, but it must be borne in mind that if all the books in the world were read, transferred to notes and committed to memory, originality would not be the outcome, were the work to stop there. It is thinking, not reading, which produces originality. To read is a necessary means; to think is the all-important cause. We are championing thought, and we feel that we are waging a hard battle, because thought is labor. We must, then, think, each one for himself; we must have, according to Hazlitt, that quality of mind "into which the quality of the object sinks deepest, where it finds most cordial welcome, is perceived to its utmost extent, and where again it forces its

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way out from the fulness with which it has taken possession of the mind of the student."

By such mental work the imagination is warmed, and it is commonly agreed that the imagination is an all-important factor in originality. When the thought is turned over and over again in the mind, its different phases present themselves, their connection with each other and with other thoughts is made manifest, various analogies are suggested, new combinations are formed, a development along given lines begins to grow and branch, here losing itself in darkness, there stretching on in vistas under brighter light. Have you ever seen a jumbled mass of iron filings range in line, as obediently as soldiers, under the unseen spell of magnetism? You had then a picture of the way ideas group themselves along new lines, under repeated applications of the power of the mind. Have you watched the electrolysis of water? Let the influence of mind work on the commonest of ideas, and in the agitation some new combination will result. Subject the oldest of ideas to the steady gaze of the mind, and newly made crystals of brilliant truth will gradually evolve.

By thought, therefore, we turn information into knowledge; we assimilate the substance of what we have received. What was foreign becomes native; what was common becomes personal; what was strange becomes familiar. Habit grows into second nature. The ideas become natural to us. We say what seems to us to be known by everybody, and we are surprised

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to find that we are original. The ease of original works, the absence of all traces of workmanship, the freshness of life without pretence or false gloss are all so many witnesses to the completion with which the matter has been domiciled in the mind. Can we not, however, be more definite than merely to say, "Think, and you will be original?" Are there no lines along which our thinking should go?

Man is ever the same. The Homeric hero never spoke through a telephone or rode on an electric car; he never read a newspaper or smoked a cigarette, but he had the same heart, the same impulses, the same virtues and failings as we have. The same considerations which moved him move us. If, therefore, we would touch and influence men, we must use the same means, essentially, as have been powerful hitherto. The underlying principles which make the heart glow and the mind active, though they vary accidentally in their presentation, will ever be fundamentally the same. If, then, after familiarizing ourselves with the ideas of an author, we separate what is essential from what is merely accidental, if we place our esteem where it is due, we shall find the fundamental thought "force its way out from the fulness with which it has taken possession of the mind." If we admire what is really worthy of admiration, if we have right principles guiding us in what we think much of, if, in a word, we comprehend why one thing is good and why another is not, we shall in our imitation—for imitate we must—reproduce, not any modifica-

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tions which previous writers may have brought about, but essential truths, as they are perceived by ourselves, and in so doing we shall be original. Surely, he who knows the secret of another's power, the real cause of his success, neglecting unessential details, will put that cause into action, and will produce like results.

An example will make this process clear. He who thinks he will be well dressed because he has the same cloth or the same cut as someone whom he admires, makes, of course, a mistake. He may have the exact reproduction of another's apparel, and yet because he has not understood why his ideal was well dressed, he may succeed in turning himself into a clothier's model, but will fail in his efforts at elegance. How much different the result would be if he perceived the principles upon which his friend selected his articles of dress. In that case he would imitate his friend by putting his principles of taste into practice, and though the material and style might be altogether different, the effect would be tasteful and original. A great author, too, will have his followers. Some will be of small intellect and little application. They will fasten with joy on a turn of a sentence or a trick of style, and, of course, in striving to imitate, write parodies. Others will think their favorite author is powerful because of a peculiar vocabulary or dialect, and we shall have reams of unintelligible provincialisms. How many copied Tennyson's peculiarities, how few really imitated him. It was Tenny-

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son's misfortune to have had peculiarities of vocabulary, of style and of metre, and his short-sighted admirers, failing to see the fitness of all this in Tennyson, thought to win renown by carefully alliterating or by doubling their adjectives or by using old English words and luscious sounds and rhymes.

They lyriced hopes and tongued sweet lays,
And held it very truth, I ween,
To weave a subtle shot-silk sheen,
With warp and woof of metric maze.

Cardinal Newman, on the other hand, has told us that if he had any model it was Cicero, and yet, who can detect any of the mannerisms of Cicero in his style. That he admired Cicero on principle, and so succeeded in imitating him with originality, is evident from his acute criticism of the excellencies and defects of Cicero's style.

It is, perhaps, rather unfortunate that what has been written here cannot be exhibited as an example of the theory expounded, but this article can lay no claim to originality. We have been endeavoring to interpret what has been well said before. It may have been stated too pompously, but it surely has proved helpful and suggestive. We refer to a passage occurring in Samuel Taylor Coleridge's *Biographia Litteraria*. We call attention especially to the most suggestive, though apparently paradoxical, epigram with which the citation closes. "In energetic minds truth soon changes by domestication into power; and from directing in the dis-

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crimination and appraisal of the product, becomes influencive in the production. *To admire on principle is the only way to imitate without loss of originality.*

D. F. N.

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MY GUIDING STAR.

There is a star that shines for me
In the firmament of love,
Far brighter than the lights that live
In the deep, blue vault above.

And may it shine unceasingly,
Till my life's race is run,
To guide my faltering footsteps on
From dawn to set of sun.

Still may it shed its lustrous beams
Upon my earthly life,
And touch with radiant hope my heart,
Oppressed with worldly strife.

O mother love, unfailing light,
You, you alone can be
The star of love and hopefulness
That sweetly shines for me.

JOS. F. X. MURPHY, '00.

THE HUMOR OF THE LAW.

That there is a distinctly humorous side to the law, even the most finely developed sense of the ridiculous will find it difficult to admit. The fundamental principles, the statutory enactments and the decisions based upon sound judgment, logical reasoning and well proved facts are cold, bare statements, interesting only to the logician, the student and the lawyer. Entirely devoid of the graces of speech and the play of imagination, the literature of the law is mathematical, serious and even sombre; hence it has been aptly said, perhaps, that "Law hath no humor, but rejoiceth in an abundance of grief. It was begotten by trouble, born of dispute, bathed in the tears of misfortune, nurtured in passion and tyranny, and has long fattened on woe and disaster."

If we look at laws and statutes in themselves, there have been, without doubt, many enactments in our past history which are wont to tickle the risibilities of the present day lawyer, as, for instance, that "blue law" which made kissing a relative on Sunday a criminal offence, or the Kentucky law which made horse-stealing a capital crime, or that old law of some western state college, which decreed "that no student shall make assault on any member of the faculty, with intent to kill." We must remember, however, that at the time such laws were in force

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the people truly and sincerely believed them to be just and necessary. Generations yet unborn may regard many of our cherished enactments as ridiculous and absurd.

Passing from the laws themselves to their application, we find a rich field for humorists and satirists. The "law's delay" is named by Shakespeare as a just provocation to suicide. Everyone will recall Dickens' caricature of the legal formalities observed in the "Circumlocution Office," and his humorous description of the everlasting delays in the Court of Chancery. Here at home we are not without humorists who have set themselves to satirizing "the law's delay," or its painfully exact phraseology. In Mark Twain's "Beef Contract," which is somewhat boisterous in its fun, we have a contrast to the sly, creeping humor of Dickens' descriptions. This element of slowness in the law has ever been an unfailing mark for humorous attack. It is said that the progress of law in China goes many laps behind the same in more civilized countries; and Chinese rulers defend this on the principle that when people are disgusted with legal proceedings they will fight less.

The maker of laws often furnishes grim amusement to the wise and shrewd old lawyer. This is especially the case if the law-maker be a layman, ignorant of all rules of practice and principles of jurisprudence. Desirous of showing his constituents that they have made no mistake in electing a man of great intellect and marvelous ability, the legislator, misguided and misinformed, develops a noble ambition to frame

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some enactment which will remedy all the ills of human nature in twenty-four hours. He succeeds in having his law passed, is elated at his success and returns triumphantly to his district to receive congratulations and take a much-needed rest. One of his constituents is forced to bring an action under the statute, and is informed by his representative that he will surely win. The lawyer who is retained has serious doubts about the correct construction of the brand-new law, and is forced to look to the Supreme Court for the proper interpretation. Its opinion is adverse to the luckless lawyer. The determined client heaps blame and imprecations on his stupid attorney and endeavors to saddle on him the costs of the action; and yet the public continues to wonder why so many young lawyers are prematurely gray.

If the study of the law and the law itself are comparatively free from mirth and humor, by the rule of compensation the practice affords exceptional opportunities for the display of one's wit and power of repartee. Still, whether this power should be cultivated to any great extent is very questionable. Raillery and jest at an important stage of an action have been known to impress the court and jury very favorably, but the immoderate use of these qualities have often proved fatal to the owner; as witness the confession of Jeremiah Keller, the celebrated Irish King's Counsel, before Mr. Edward Mayne. Edward Mayne by his solemnity of manner and dignity had so impressed everyone with his ability that he was raised to the bench, while

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Keller remained at the bar. One day, upon coming into court, Keller remarked, as though talking to himself, yet audibly to all, "Well, Mayne, there you are; there you have been raised by your gravity, while my levity keeps me here."

Although the law tries to throw about the court of justice fitting dignity and even majesty, yet who is ignorant of the fact that in the court room have been enacted the most ridiculous, the funniest scenes which have enlivened this dreary world. From the time of the old English judge, who, when the poor criminal appealed to the last great Judgment, prosecuted him for appealing to a foreign jurisdiction, down to the present time, the humorous side of human nature has ever been displayed in the court room. Endless stories are told of our typical justices of the peace, generally laymen, wholly ignorant of the rules of procedure, and elected by admiring voters. Thomas Marshall of Kentucky, a great lawyer, scholar and orator, referring to them once said: "I believe in the providence of God; but in my opinion there are two things Providence knows nothing of,—whom a woman will marry and how a justice of the peace will decide a law case." That they will take absurd suggestions seriously is illustrated by the following story: One of the first citizens of a certain township was elected justice of the peace. He was serenaded, called "Judge," and invited to make a speech. When the election festivities were over, the new justice was installed with great ceremony. A case having been brought before

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him, and the suggestion having been made that he settle the whole thing himself, he mounted his throne and heard the facts of the case. He then swore himself in as a jury, went into the box and listened to the evidence; he then returned to his throne and overruled a demurrer, after which he retired as jury to consider the verdict. He ordered himself to be locked up in the jury room by the constable. After remaining out six hours, he returned to the box and announced that "the jury was unable to agree."

Who can remember the endless stories told of the tilts between lawyers and witnesses, particularly Celtic; of the custom in Texas of obliging witnesses to hold up both hands while giving testimony; of the Arizona justices who brandish two revolvers while delivering sentences, and the like? These stories and this literature are found in every book of wit and humor; they are the staple of backwoodsman and border tales,—and to these tales I refer my readers. I must not conclude, however, without a local and modern instance. Not long since, a well-known lawyer, a resident of South Worcester, asked a defendant: "What is your reputation in South Worcester for truthfulness?" The defendant, looking knowingly at the lawyer, his neighbor and congressman-elect, answered, "I guess it's about the same as yours." By the retort the standing of the witness was immediately known to the amused court, lawyers and spectators.

C. E. MCGILLICUDDY, '91.

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A SAD REMEMBRANCE.

On the lower corridor
 Stood I one bright day,
Watching weary students
 Bracing for the fray.
Silently reflecting,
 Standing there alone,
All their joys, and sorrows
 Seemed to be my own.
See the stately Senior
 Looking deathly white,
Logic crammed and jumbled
 In a single night.
Prospects for his sheepskin
 Now are pretty blue;
Certainty and evidence,—
 Shakespeare, what a stew!
Checkers, cards and novels,
 What a fool I've been!
Exam., how can I face it?
 Heavens! what a sin.
Light and hydrostatics
 Haunt my midnight dream,
Till I hail with pleasure
 Morning's placid gleam.

Next a rhetorician
 Comes along the way;
Head erect and haughty,
 Striving to look gay;
Inwardly bemoaning
 Greek Analysis,
And the dreaded horrors
 Of the Latin quiz,
Syllogistic arguments
 Gambol in his brain,
Followed by an outburst
 From the fated Dane.

A SAD REMEMBRANCE.

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Everything's a jumble,
Head is rent with pain
As he hears the class bell
Toll its sweet refrain.
But I'll draw the curtain,—
Scenes like these should be
Kept secure from gossip
Of Society.

BEN THERE, '99.

STUDENT CELEBRATION ON THE OCCASION OF FINAL VOWS.

On the 2d of February an event of unusual importance was celebrated at the college. On that day Frs. Hanselman, Doherty, Kelley and McDonough took their final vows of Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience. It was an intensely solemn ceremony to the casual observer,—one of those scenes whose solemnity flows from its simplicity.

In the evening the students assembled in Fenwick Hall to pay their tributes of respect to the above mentioned Fathers. The programme consisted of several addresses of a congratulatory nature, interspersed with clever musical selections, both vocal and instrumental. The occasion was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Purbrick, provincial of this province of the Jesuit order in America. At the conclusion of the evening's exercises, Fr. Purbrick in a few well-chosen remarks congratulated the lately received members, and expressed in eloquent terms the pleasure it gave him to welcome them into the Society of Jesus.

The program, whose get-up evinced a novelty of conception and exquisite good taste, ran as follows:

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The Vigil

at Montserrat,

Poem

JOHN E. WICKHAM, '99.

"My younger knight, new made, in whom the flower
Waits to be solid fruit of golden deeds."

Fulfilment.

The Vigil

of Years,

Greetings from Past Students

JOSEPH H. GAINER, '99.

"And afterwards they shall enter into the tabernacle
to serve me. And thus shalt thou purify and conse-
crate them for an oblation of the Lord."

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PIANO, "'Les Rameaux,"

Leybach

JAMES P. MOORE, '00

SOLO, "The Heavenly Song,"

Grey

EDWARD M. FARRELL, '00.

DOUBLE QUARTETTE, "Sweet and Low," *Barnby*
"The Snorer," *Steele*

Type.

The Vows at

Montmartre,

Poem

JAMES W. FITZ PATRICK, '00.

"I made them lay their hands in mine and swear
To break the heathen and uphold the Christ,
To lead sweet lives in purest chastity."

Fulfilment.

The Vows of

To-Day,

Greetings of Present Students

FRANK M. MONAHAN, '00.

"Put thy feet into her fetters, and thy neck into her
chains. Then shall her fetters be a strong defence for
thee and her chains a robe of glory."

* * *

DUET, "The Serenade,"

Schubert

CHARLES A. GREENE, 'Cello.

EDWARD M. FARRELL, '00, Piano.

SOLO, "The Hills of God,"

Nevins

THOMAS F. MCKOAN, '00.

DOUBLE QUARTETTE, "Lead Kindly Light," *Buck*
"One Solemn Thought," *Ambrose*

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Type.

Xavier, - - - Poem

MELVIN E. TOLMAN, '01.

"And in the strength of this I rode,
Shattering all evil customs everywhere,
And passed through Pagan realms, and made them
mine,
And clashed with Pagan hordes, and bore them down."

Fulfilment.

Victories of
the Future, - Good Wishes of All

DAVID L. JORDAN, '01.

"Such as have borne rule in their dominion, men of
great power and endued with wisdom. And ruling
over the present people, and by the strength of wis-
dom instructing the people in most holy words."

DUET, "Traumerei," - Schumann

CHARLES A. GREENE, 'Cello.

EDWARD M. FARRELL, 'oo, Piano.

PIANO, "Marche Joyeuse," - Jeffry

THOMAS F. MCKOAN, 'oo.

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McKoan, 'oo, James W. Fitz Patrick, 'oo, Hugh J.
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The following are extracts from the literary numbers of the evening:

THE VIGIL OF ST. IGNATIUS.

There, 'neath the gleam at the altar gate,
Ignatius knelt to watch and wait;
And tho' Fear and Doubt, with their shadows dark,
Seemed o'er him to bend, by that glimmering spark
 Stood a Master-Friend.

"What wilt Thou, Lord?" the humble prayer
Was breathéd forth as incense rare;
It softly stole to that listening ear,
And the Listener heard, who had yearned to hear
 That loving word.

The Saviour gazed on the up-turned face;
Was the warrior worthy of His grace?
Yea! out of the darkness the words now dart,
Almost a plea wrung from His heart:
 "Son, follow Me."

Not as the youth in the gospel day,
Who heard this word, but turned away,
Ignatius' heart throbbed an echo meet
To that sacred call; lo! the answer sweet,
 "My God, my All."

The loving knight sought the Master's hand,
And vowed by the Cross of his gleaming brand:
"In every deed, in every breath,
I'll thy vassal be,—yea, to the death
 I'll follow Thee."

JOHN E. WICKHAM, '99.

GREETING OF FORMER STUDENTS.

During the so-called dark period of the middle ages, from out the chaos of barbarism there arose the spirit of chivalry. Spreading out its vast wings like an angel of light, it shed over the

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barbarous ages of its existence a halo of romance and idealism. With it came knighthood, a twin-born offspring, imparting to its sister a concrete form. The dignity and honor attached to knighthood was universally recognized, and the acquisition of the title "knight" was most eagerly prized. From his earliest infancy the child destined for the honor was drilled in a manner suited to his noble calling. The ceremony whereby the applicant was knighted was of the most solemn nature. The evening prior to his reception was spent in the local chapel, in prayerful vigil before his arms. In the morning he assisted at Mass, received the Holy Eucharist, and in the presence of a vast concourse was proclaimed knight. And when, at the conclusion of the final ceremony, he received the sword of his office, his ambition had attained its fondest object.

This evening we have assembled to present our congratulations to the members of the Society of Jesus who have just recorded their final vows. They are now enrolled in a spiritual knighthood, the event for which their whole lives have been a preparation. They have successfully passed through the long night of years of watching before their arms, under the guidance of the order of their choice. With what labors, trials and anguish these years have been fraught they alone can understand. But a few hours ago we witnessed the glow of triumph which overspread their faces as they realized the attainment of their fondest and all-consuming desire,—when the two-edged sword of knowledge and

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religion, with which they are to carry on their spiritual conflict, was formally placed within their grasp.

While we of the present rejoice with them in this, their moment of supreme happiness, a word of congratulation from the boys of the past seems necessary to the spirit of the evening. For the men who to-day severed the last link connecting them with the world, are not strangers to Holy Cross College. They have penned out distinct chapters in its history. Our prefect of discipline served here before for several years in his present capacity. Our prefect of studies and Fr. McDonough were here as scholastics, and the moderator of our college paper obtained his academic education at Holy Cross. Though the boys of other days cannot be present in person this evening, they are here in spirit. The fragrant memories of the past necessarily entwine themselves about to-day's exercises and ceremonies. The heart of the former student overflows with happiness as he contemplates this epoch in the life of his former teacher and companion. He sends out to Holy Cross to-night his most heartfelt wishes for their successful perseverance in the glorious work so nobly undertaken, and exclaims, in the words of the poet:

"What joy is better than the news of friends
Whose memories were a solace to me oft."

J. H. GAINER, '99.

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THE VOWS AT MONTMARTRE.

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The sable draperies of the Eastern night
By sudden hand of gold are reft apart,
And thro' the flaming, whitening breach depart
Dawn's rosy chargers, decked in trappings bright.
His broadening, glancing shafts of ruby light
Like lances o'er the sleeping city dart,
And with his beams men to their burdens start
To breathless struggle in the sweaty fight
For bread. Roused from their weary rest
The countless hundreds of the host of Life
Spring up to take their wonted stations, lest
A tardy answer to the call deprive
Them of a place. For they alone seem blest
Who stand unconquered in the raging strife.

II.

Aloft into the frozen, cerule air
Montmartre raises high its craggy head,
Where once, of old, unnumbered martyrs bled.
In token of the deed, a chapel fair
Is built. Deep down within, to where
From out a tiny silver lamp is shed
A holy brilliance, the chosen band is led,
Their first great vows of severance to declare.
Possessing naught save pilgrim staff and scrip,
Desiring naught, these soul-enflamed seven,
Of what the world calls fame, with steady lip
Pronounce the words divine. The sacred leaven,
God's flowing grace, upraises when they slip
Along the jagged path that leads to Heaven.

JAMES W. FITZ PATRICK, '00.

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THE VOWS OF TO-DAY.

GREETINGS OF PRESENT STUDENTS.

On this holy and happy occasion, when four priests of God weld the last golden link to the chain of their vows, it becomes the pleasant duty of the student-body to try to give vent to its internal feelings of joy and congratulation by outward expressions. It is a time when the tongue can but feebly voice the felicitations of the heart; when the pæans of the soul beggar description.

With the reflection of this morning's exercises, the solemnity of the function bursts upon us: the withdrawal from the world, the giving up of one's life to a labor of love, and the perpetuating of the august sacrifice on Mount Calvary, are the paramount thoughts of this hasty retrospect. Surely, greater love, than this no man hath, that he gives up his life for his friend by selling all he has, giving to the poor, and becoming a disciple of Christ.

And so, as I have said, it becomes our pleasant duty to congratulate you, the watchmen on the battlements of life, who have added the last rivet to the fetters of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience.

And we, rejoicing at the partial completion of your labors in this fleeting vineyard, trust our heart-felt wishes will cheer you on to the crowning result, when the kind hand of the unseen God will transport you to your eternal reward.

F. M. MONAHAN, '00.

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XAVIER.

To Xavier, from earth's trammels free,
Chosen his Saviour's knight to be,
A scourge to sin on land and sea,
 Was knighthood given
By Him who gave to man the key
 That unlocks Heaven.

His heaven-wrought armor glitters bright,
The Spirit's sword throws golden light,
His helmet gleams in sin's dark night
 Like to a star.
Thus armed he goes to war for right,
 In lands afar.

Nor toil nor battle saw him yield;
But gallantly on foughten field
He smote the foe through helm and shield
 With his keen sword;
Aflame his heavenly arms to wield
 For Christ, his Lord.

The ruthless rule of sin is riven,
To him the victory is given,
He rears the saving cross toward Heaven,
 And speeds to bring
The souls for whom he long had striven
 To Christ, his king.

Death, not defeat, bore him away,
At rosy dawn of conquest's day;
He knew that rust would ne'er decay
 His falchion's blade,
Whose hallowed sheen would lead the fray,
 With might unstayed.

MELVIN E. TOLMAN, '01,

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VICTORIES OF THE FUTURE.

GOOD WISHES OF ALL.

The ceremony witnessed by us this morning presented, indeed, an impressive sight; one that inspired our hearts not only with lofty thoughts and pious reflections, but also with unbounded admiration and esteem for those who vowed eternal fealty to their King.

In the final vow, that sacred tie which binds more closely to the Divine King His holy ambassadors, we observe a possible resemblance to the beautiful rainbow that appears, glowing with its resplendent hues, in the heavens. This is the token by which God tells His creatures that He has not forgotten His promise, given long ago. So, this morning, a new promise was not made. You did but tell God that you were ever mindful of the vow you took when first you offered up to Him your hearts, your wills, and your whole lives. It was but the token of your solemn pledge, of your fidelity to Him; it was the beautiful spiritual rainbow that appears above the horizon of the priestly life.

Now, when we turn and look into the mirror of your past, which fairly beams with the lustre of good works performed, of self-sacrifices made, and of loyal devotion given to your sacred cause, we catch a reflection of the future—a future that shall be hallowed by a thousand pleasant memories of this morning's noble act, by a thousand good wishes from friends, and, better still, by a thousand good deeds recorded in heaven.

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Notwithstanding this bright outlook which the future yields, there remains a great part of that journey, already begun by you, yet to be traversed, many hardships to be endured, many battles to be bravely fought, many battles to be nobly won. And of the certainty of victory we feel assured, for we well know the prowess of these warriors of Christ.

Just as the three Kings of old, guided by the bright pilot star, and bearing presents for the new-born King, traveled over the sandy wastes, so shall you, on your future journey through the desert of life, be led on by a radiant star, the star of faith and love; and these shall be your gifts to offer: Your vow of poverty, which is far brighter than the glitter of gold; your vow of obedience, more precious than myrrh; your vow of charity, more fragrant than the odor of incense. These will be the costly gifts that will win you a loving welcome from Christ, your King—gifts for which He will “gird you about with a glorious girdle, and clothe you with a robe of glory, and crown you with majestic attire.”

DAVID L. JORDAN, '01,

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Owing to the kindness of thoughtful friends, THE PURPLE is able to offer for the year of '99, three purses of \$25.00 each, as prizes for a competitive essay, story and poem. The generous donors are Fr. Murphy, '76, Fr. Redican, '79, and Eugene Bickford, '96. As regards the essay, there is no restriction as to subject. The poem must consist of at least thirty lines, and the plot of the story must be drawn from some incident connected with the late war. There is yet a trio of second prizes to be secured, but we feel confident that the want needs but the mentioning for its non-existence.

We have been especially fortunate in securing as judges in our three fields of competition men eminently qualified for the task. For the essay we have selected Maurice Francis Egan, for the story Fr. Finn, S. J., and for the poem James Jeffrey Roche, Editor of the Pilot.

As the prizes are now donated and the judges decided upon, the Editors expect to find the Sanctum for the next few months overflowing with literary productions in song and story. As

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a word of warning, we advise all competitors to begin work immediately. Let every man endowed with any literary ability whatsoever enter the race, and, though your efforts may not be crowned with victory, the mental exercise will be a wholesome one. J. H. G., '99.

While the results of the examinations have undoubtedly caused some to look back with misgivings of their sense of duty, in the line of work unperformed and opportunities neglected, still we feel that these are few, as universal satisfaction prevails upon the outcome of the first half-year's work. The averages in all the classes were highly creditable, and were substantial arguments of painstaking endeavor and earnest application, typifying traits of the students of our college. To stand the crucial test that a thorough examination imposes, and attain distinctive success, implies no laggard acceptance of the duties incumbent upon the student, or wilful disinterestedness in the matter laid before him. Not a few have this year taken this position of remarkable excellence. This fact should be an inspiration to those not so fortunate, and an incentive to apply themselves with more zeal during the coming term. We are now on the threshold of that important period, all eager to embrace the possibilities it affords, all ready for new difficulties to surmount, all capable or new successes to achieve. Let us be mindful of our duty.

Not from the fact that Senator Hoar is a resident of Worcester, not because he is one of our

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warmest friends, not merely because he has taken a remarkable position on a momentous question, do we feel particularly interested in his great speech, recently delivered in the United States Senate. It is more because of the fact that by this powerful argument has been sufficiently answered the mooted question of the decadence of the oratory of the law-makers of our nation—that oratory, chastened by the genius of such men as Webster, Clay and Calhoun. It is safe, we think, to recommend this resourceful production from the fertile mind of the senior senator from Massachusetts as one, of the best pieces of rhetorical composition and finished bits of eloquence that has come from any American statesman in years. It has attracted many admirers, not merely by its brilliant character, but by its soundness, and the earnestness of purpose which is discernible in every moulded phrase. From the many new phases of thought that he opened up on the question of expansion, from the lucid and extraordinary treatment of the Constitution, and its underlying principles, aside from its originality, power and other beauties, this speech of the Worcester senator commends itself to a careful reading by every student of our common history.

If there is one person in this world more obnoxious than another, it is the continual fault-finder. There is nothing in life, however good, noble or elevating, which is exactly acceptable to this oddity. His whole life is one long murmur of discontent. Seen through the eye-glass

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of his disordered vision, all the world seems awry.

Here at college we have a particular phase of this strange combination of animality and rationality. We have no recognized English term which fits him exactly. We must draw his cognomen from the realms of slang, and dub him in vulgar parlance "knocker." His most effective work is accomplished in the field of sports. Usually unable or unwilling to participate in athletic contests himself, he finds an exhilarating pleasure in picking flaws in the work of his companions. Whenever his college is compelled to bow to the superior prowess of an opponent, realizing his opportunity, he mounts the rail of his disgusting hobby and in cynical utterances cackles sadly over the decadence of athletic sports in his Alma Mater. No man is exempt from his sweeping criticisms. No matter what an athlete's previous reputation, should he unfortunately make a misjudgment at a critical moment he is immediately placed upon the anvil of "the knocker" and battered mercilessly by our hero before his little coterie of followers.

That such conduct on the part of college men has a depressing effect on the athlete scarcely needs remarking. No one feels more keenly than the athlete himself the biting sting of defeat. His only solace in such moments is the soothing and encouraging words of some kind friend. But when he is greeted with derisive taunts in return for his best efforts, defeat becomes unbearable. That a being capable of such actions should exist in a community surrounded

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by the ennobling environments peculiar to college life, seems a humiliating admission.

We imagine, however, that the character which we have been discussing could, with a little attention on the part of the average student, be eventually exterminated from the college precincts. The confirmed "knocker" does not become so all at once. The habit creeps on him by degrees. Now, if the bitter criticism were forced in the beginning to give way to the encouraging remark, the progress of the evil would be effectually checked. And that it is an evil which needs eradication no college man will deny.

J. H. G., '99.

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Holiday. On account of the prompt return of the students after the Christmas holidays, the pleasures of a half holiday were granted to them through the kindness of the Rev. President. Everybody enjoyed the rest after the worry and excitement of the written examinations, which began Thursday, January 5th, and terminated Monday, January 9th.

Oral Examinations. Repetition in class matter was resumed immediately after the written examination, and continued until Saturday, January 21st, when the orals began. During the entire following week there was a high state of tension in this neighborhood, which did not relax until January 30th. The following day was the regular mid-year holiday, which was passed chiefly in breathing freely.

Class of 1900. Mr. James E. Brennan, of Danbury, Conn., has left college and intends to pursue a course in dentistry. The loss of "Jim's" well-known ability in all our future musicales, during the present century, will be much felt. The class regrets the departure of such a popular member, but wishes him the best of success in his new field of labor. We hope that Mr. Brennan will not devote himself so exclu-

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sively to his new profession as to prevent him indulging now and then in poetical composition and forwarding results to THE PURPLE.

Class of 1902. Mr. Thomas Hayes, of Waterbury, Conn., has left Holy Cross and matriculated at Villanova College. From latest reports, he is doing very well. Mr. Hayes has our best wishes.

Private Elocution. The private elocution classes, which were suspended during the examinations, were resumed Monday, February 6th, and will continue from now till the end of the scholastic year, when the prize elocution contest will take place. Saturday, March 11th, is the date assigned for the monthly elocution.

Infirmary. Dr. Fallon, '85, the attending physician of the college, has suspended all his professional duties in Worcester, and has left for New York, to pursue an advanced course in surgery. Dr. Fallon anticipates returning to Worcester about the first of July. Until then, Dr. Stapleton, '87, will perform the duties of attending physician.

Br. Mackin. Students of the past few years will regret to learn that Br. Mackin has been transferred to another Jesuit house. The boys will miss the familiar presence of Br. Mackin, who, during his stay at Holy Cross, endeared himself to everyone, by his attention to the sick. Br. Hunter has taken charge of the

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infirmary, and is fast becoming a favorite with the students.

Choir. On account of the inability of Mr. Chas. Craig, the regular organist, to return to college after the holidays, on account of sickness, Mr. Edward Farrell, 1900, the assistant organist, very ably performed the duty of supplying the chapel exercises with music. The students sincerely thank Mr. Farrell for kindly tendering his services in time of need.

**Changes
In Faculty.** Rev. Fr. Condon has relinquished the professorship of geometry, and will devote himself exclusively to teaching Section A of Freshman Class. Mr. Byrnes, S. J., has been appointed to fill the vacancy. The two sections of the trigonometry class have been consolidated, and hereafter Mr. Rochfort, S. J., will teach, unassisted by Fr. O'Hara. Rev. Fr. McDonough has been obliged, on account of illness, to retire from Section A of Sophomore. The two sections are now combined under Mr. Becker, S. J.

New Students. Mr. William F. Troy, a graduate of the classical department of the Providence, R. I. high school and a former student at Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmetsburg, Md., entered Holy Cross at the beginning of the new term and has become a member of the Sophomore Class. The large delegation of Holyoke boys has been augmented by the arrival of two more gentlemen, Messrs. Thomas Walsh

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and Patrick Carney, both of whom have entered a special class. The opening of the new term was marked by a large increase in the number of students, due to the arrival of many new boys, who are now fast becoming full-fledged collegians.

A Visit. Old boys who were here in '97 were delighted to have among them again the popular manager of the '97 base ball team, Mr. Edward L. Devine, of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. "Ed" is home on a vacation; he returns to the seminary Thursday, Feb. 9.

Knights of Columbus. A council was instituted in Gardner on Jan. 29th, with thirty-seven charter members. The installation exercises were impressive and elaborate. There were about 350 visiting knights, coming from New York and Rochester, N. Y., Brattleboro, Vt., Nashua and Concord, N. H., and Fitchburg, Clinton, Ayer, Pepperell, Concord, North Adams, Greenfield and Webster.

The candidates and visitors attended the 10.30 Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. An eloquent sermon was delivered by Rev. J. F. Lehy, S. J., president of Holy Cross College.

Macbeth. During the past month the members of the dramatic society, through the kindness of the president, had the pleasure of seeing and listening to the famous Polish actress, Modjeska, as "Lady Macbeth" in Shakespeare's famous drama.

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Lecture. On Sunday evening, Jan. 29th, the members of the Junior Class listened to a masterly address on "Socialism," given in Worcester by Rev. Richard S. J. Burke, '74. Fr. Burke's fame as a speaker attracted a large and cultivated audience to St. John's new hall. Needless to say, Fr. Burke held the rapt attention of the audience for an hour and a half.

Societies and Clubs. The Philomathic Debating Society resumed its weekly meetings on Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st, after a recess of six weeks, which was due to examination reviews. Officers were selected for the present term, as follows: President, Eugene McGuire, '01; vice-president, Harry Austin, '01; recording secretary, John F. Reardon, '02; corresponding secretary, Edward Degnan, '01; treasurer, James Noonan, '01; censors, Francis Murphy, '02, and John Nelligan, '02. It was decided to hold four trial debates during the month of March, the winners to be eligible for the prize contest.

The B. J. F. has issued a call to its members for a very important session on Tuesday evening, Feb. 7th. Besides the election of officers, matters of much moment will be discussed.

The Camera Club held its first assembly for this term on Jan. 23d, and besides transacting minor business initiated seven new members.

Sympathy. We desire to express the warmest sympathies of the student body to Rev. J. Condon, S. J., on the death of his mother. Also, to John J. O'Rourke of the preparatory

school, on the death of his father. To Thomas Gibbons, on the death of his brother, James, who graduated from Holy Cross in the class of '94. A delegation from the Senior Class attended the funeral services at Clinton on Feb. 7, and the Senior Class received Holy Communion that morning for the repose of his Soul.

**Vacation Shoes
on the
Corridor.**

Dame Gossip has it that certain newsy letters were recently received by the manager which could several tales unfold. One from Berkshire County expounds the reasons for the tardiness of the Bard of Lee, and a new light in the athletic world—a very frank fellow; another gives a graphic account of why Frank was late and Tim staid over. After much deliberation, however, the manager has decided not to publish these missives, as the divulging of their contents might cause complications in the city.

No credence is placed in the report that the plucky little captain was detained at home by his important interests in a pearl industry; yet, it is said that he has photographs of some rare specimens that would grace a page of any Vermont weekly.

Spike denies that he spent his vacation memorizing the different railroads one would necessarily travel over on a trip to Texas.

Booza, although the third-rail system is not in vogue between Springfield and Hartford, declares that a magnetic attraction towards the latter city existed during the holidays.

Joseph T. asserts that he did not utilize his

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spare time by learning certain psalms; yet, his friends are mystified at the dramatic recitations he gives in his room.

Zim was remembered in a fitting manner by the conductors of the New Worcester branch, at Christmas; but whether they gave him the whole line or just a car, the writer has been unable to find out.

It is reported that John Drew, recognizing the qualifications necessary for his company in Norwich Jim, endeavored to secure his services for the New York engagement of "The Liars."

The Duke is not well, but reports a lively vacation.

To conclude, Albert denies that he made arrangements with a well-known publisher, during the holidays, to bring out the first part of his treatise on "Skunks."

"Old Top" is responsible for the story that "Spitz" was detained by an attraction at a Gypsy Camp in Pennsylvania. More about this later.

Rheims Testament. In a former number a short notice was given of a very valuable present made to the college library by Rt. Rev. Bishop Healy, '50, of Portland, viz., copy of the first edition of the Rheims Testament of 1582. This (Rheims) Testament was translated by Dr. (afterwards Cardinal) Allen and others, all Oxford men, who founded the famous English College of Douay in 1568. Owing to political troubles they were forced a few years later to go to Rheims. Here the New Testament was printed

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in 1582 and the Old in 1609; when printed together they are called the Douay Bible. There have been eight editions of this Bible. In 1750 Dr. Chaloner published his revision of the Douay text. Another revision was published in 1791 by Dr. Troy of Dublin. These English texts are the ones now used. The copy (first edition) presented by Bishop Healy has had a strange history. It was originally the property of Rev. Denis Ryan, the first priest ordained for New England. It is thought that Fr. Ryan received it from Fr. Thayer, the Apostolic Boston priest who had been a Congregationalist minister. Fr. Thayer went to spend his last days in Limerick, Ireland, of which city Fr. Ryan was a native. Fr. Ryan gave the book to a Mr. Keating of North Whitefield, Me., from whom Bishop Healy received it. Cardinal Newman (*Tracts Theological and Ecclesiastical*) expressed great admiration of this version, and Dr. Westcott, the great Protestant biblical scholar, praises its fidelity to the original texts as remarkable when compared with the King James version.

Honor Men. The mid-term examinations ended on Monday, Jan. 30th, and the results were announced on the following Wednesday in Fenwick Hall, when the new term began.

The leaders in the different classes were : Junior A, John J. McCarthy; Junior B, Andrew J. Brennan; Sophomore A, Geo. H. King; Sophomore B, John E. Dignan; Freshman A, William B. Lawler; Freshman B, William F.

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Smith; Second Humanities, Stephen J. Horgan and Joseph A. O'Connor; Third Humanities, Charles Donnelly and Mark Scott; Special Greek, Cornelius J. McCusker; Special B, James F. Cronin; Special A, Aloysius J. Doonan; Academic, Charles Sweeney; First Mathematics, Terrence F. McNulty; Second Mathematics, John E. Dignan; Third Mathematics A, William J. Baldwin; Third Mathematics B, William F. Smith; First Algebra A, William Walsh, First Algebra B, Eugene Sullivan; Second Algebra A, Jeremiah J. Moynihan; Second Algebra B, Charles Sweeney; Arithmetic, Joseph P. Murtaugh; Chemistry A, Terrence F. McNulty; Chemistry B, Edward Crowley and James Shields; General Chemistry A, John E. Dignan; First French, William F. Smith; Second French, James Creamer; Third French A, Louis A. Derry; Third French B, William J. Baldwin. The roll of honor resulted as follows: Junior A, James Sullivan, Terrence McNulty; Junior B, Frank M. Monahan; Sophomore B, John E. Dignan; Freshman A, Louis A. Derry; Freshman B, William F. Smith; Second Humanities, William J. Baldwin.

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'72. Fr. Cummings, '72, paid a visit to the state prison the other day, shedding sunshine and gladness in the cells. Among the prisoners he recognized an old parishioner, who was also an old offender in the eyes of the law. The good priest thought he would do some quiet missionary work, so he spoke to the fellow kindly, urging him to turn his back on the past, to take new heart of hope and to consider the temporal rewards of a virtuous life and the eternal reward hereafter. "Reflect, my dear friend," said Fr. Cummings, "that we are here to-day and gone to-morrow." "You may be, but I ain't," replied the convict.

'73. Rev. R. S. J. Burke, '73, of Holyoke, gave a brilliant lecture at St. John's Hall, Worcester, Jan. 29th, on the subject of "Socialism," and a large audience evinced great interest in his scholarly address. Fr. Burke declared that the methods advocated by the Socialists for remedying the so-called social evils are not accomplishing the desired results, and the only true solution of the question is to be found in the Catholic church. His treatment of the question was logical and thorough, and showed deep study of a subject which he said concerned the church, the state and the individual.

'75. Dr. Thomas A. O'Callaghan, the first chairman of the staff of St. Vincent's Hos-

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pital, Worcester, and for many years its presiding officer, has resigned his place on the surgical staff, and has been chosen as consultant of the hospital.

Much of the success of the institution in its early days was due to his earnest interest, thus fittingly referred to in the last report, submitted at the close of the year:

“ Dr. Thomas A. O’Callaghan was obliged on account of ill health to resign from the hospital staff during the year, but it is the wish of every member of the staff that the hospital may for many years to come have the benefit of his good counsel and willing service. In consideration of his faithful service, the staff recommends that he be elected to the staff of consultants.”

Dr. O’Callaghan sails in a few days to Porto Rico, to seek relief from the ill health against which he has long and bravely struggled.

’76. Two hundred and fifty representative Irishmen gathered around the banquet board at Sherry’s, in New York city, on Thursday night, Jan. 19th, at the annual dinner of the American-Irish Historical Society, to attest their loyalty and devotion to the cause of truthful historical research affecting the prominent part played in American history and the upbuilding of the great republic since the Declaration of Independence.

The banquet hall was tastefully decorated with Old Glory and the green flag of Erin. The guests came from almost every part of the Union, and all walks of life and all shades of political and religious belief were represented.

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At the head of the table were seated Vice-President Gen. James R. O'Beirne, Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, Thomas Dunn English, Hon. Thomas J. Gargan of Boston, John D. Crimmins, ex-Justice Joseph F. Daley, Rev. J. P. Bodfish of Canton, A. Fred Brown of Boston, Judge Wawhope, Lynn, Rev. John J. McCoy, '76, of Chicopee, J. I. C. Clarke, Hon. John C. Linehan of Concord, N. H., and James Jeffrey Roche of Boston. Among the many notable addresses made was that of Fr. McCoy, who discoursed in his eloquent way of the Irish strain in the soldiers of the old "Bay State."

'77. Death has been busy since our last issue, and the sympathies of THE PURPLE go out to Mr. John E. Sullivan, '77, whose father died in the early part of January; to Rev. James J. Howard, '87, and Dr. E. Henry Howard, '94, on the sudden death of their father on Jan. 29th; and to Mr. Denis F. Murphy, '97, whose father died suddenly one month ago.

Fr. J. Curtin, '77, of Waterbury is making a great fight against granting of liquor licenses on Washington Hill. Success! Fr. Curtin should call on some of his old friends to help him out,—for instance, Fr. McCoy, who has been many years in the fray.

'80. Dr. P. J. Finnigan of Cambridge, spent Tuesday in Worcester, as the guest of his brother, Mr. M. J. Finnigan of Franklin Street, and started Wednesday morning for a six or eight weeks trip to Florida and Porto Rico. His health is somewhat impaired by over-work, and

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he hopes to derive much benefit, as well as recreation, from his vacation. Mr. Finnigan accompanied the Doctor as far as New York.

'81. The funeral of Dr. Thomas H. O'Connor, who died abroad, was held from his late home in Clinton on Friday, Jan. 27. The entire community was in mourning for the sad event.

The body lay in state, from Wednesday until Friday at the home of the family, on Summit Street. The town observed a holiday in honor of the deceased.

At 9 o'clock, Gibraltar Council, Knights of Columbus, met at its rooms, and under Grand Knight William J. McGlinchey marched to the home and escorted the body to St. John's Church. Every seat was occupied, and delegations were present from every section.

Seated in the sanctuary were a score of clergymen from all over the state. In the seat of honor was Monsignor Thomas J. Griffin of Worcester, and at his right Rev. John Lehy, S. J., president of Holy Cross College. Other priests in the sanctuary were: Revs. William P. McQuaid, '64, of St. James' Church, Boston; Fr. Maher, '80, of Stockbridge; Fr. Welsh, '90, of Trenton, N. J.; Fr. Kenney, '84, of Pittsfield; Fr. Brosnahan, '81, Fr. Sullivan and Fr. O'Brien of Worcester, '85; Fr. Finneran, '81, of Cordaville; Fr. Galvin and Fr. Powers of West Boylston, T. J. McLaughlin of Huntington.

Solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. R. J. Patterson, '63, assisted by Rev. Fr. Kittredge, '75, deacon; Rev. E. J. Fitzger-

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ald, '88, sub-deacon; Rev. W. C. McCaughan, master of ceremonies.

The soloists were Newman Harrison, who sang "The Cross and Crown"; Miss Helen J. O'Gorman of Worcester and John F. Finnerty.

The eulogy was preached by Rev. Thomas J. McLaughlin, an intimate friend and classmate of the deceased.

The honorary pall-bearers were Town Treasurer J. E. Harrity, Superintendent Thomas Burns, Alderman John McQuaid of Pittsfield, Dr. C. H. Stack of Boston, who accompanied the deceased abroad, and Dr. Delehanty and Dr. Kelley of Worcester.

The ushers were Town Solicitor T. F. Larkin, W. H. Fay, Dr. J. J. McLaughlin, James H. Carr, Henry F. McKnight, W. H. Dietzman, P. H. McIntyre, Dr. Coyne, M. T. Dwyer and Dr. John McLaughlin of North Adams.

Seated in the audience in reserved seats were the town officers, business men, hospital staff, Clinton Medical Society, Worcester County Medical Society, Gibraltar Council, Knights of Columbus; state board of Ancient Order Hibernians, Widows' and Orphans' Fund, of which Dr. O'Connor was state medical director; members of school board, school teachers, professional men, Democratic town committee and other organizations.

There were fully 2000 people in the church. Seated in the auditorium were leading physicians from Boston, Worcester and Fitchburg. Other friends were present from Ayer, Leominster, Pittsfield, Northampton, Worcester, Westboro,

Fall River, North Adams, and almost every part of Worcester County.

Among the prominent persons present were Judge and Mrs. J. W. Corcoran, Chairman P. J. Philbin of the board of selectmen, and Selectmen Dr. P. T. O'Brien, Henry Richter and C. H. Shedd; Town Physician Dr. G. L. Tobey; School Committeemen A. W. Wiesman, W. R. Dame and Dr. C. H. Bowers; Town Solicitor T. F. Larkin, Town Clerk S. W. Tyler, Dr. J. J. Goodwin, Dr. W. P. Bowers, Dr. G. J. Ott, Postmaster J. W. McNamara and P. F. Cannon, state secretary of Ancient Order Hibernians, and Town Accountant C. H. Gentsch.

The stores were all closed during the forenoon.

Among the diocesan changes of the past month are the appointment of Rev. Thomas J. Fitzgerald, '81, to Milford; the promotion of Rev. John F. Fagan, '83, to a pastorate at Housatonic; the transfer of Rev. Edward J. Fitzgerald, '88, to Clinton, and of Rev. William A. Gilfillan, '91, to Chicopee; and the recall of Rev. John P. Phelan, '92, from Brighton, where he has been stationed since his ordination, and his assignment to the Church of the Sacred Heart, Holyoke.

'82. Rev. J. H. Looby, '82, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Sandwich, has been transferred to North Easton, and will take charge of his new parish at once. Fr. Looby has been in charge of the Sandwich and Wareham parishes for two years, and has endeared himself to the hearts of not only every one of his parishioners, but the

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townspeople along the Cape as well. He has taken a deep interest in the welfare of the parish and has assisted greatly in discharging some of the debts of the churches.

Dr. Michael J. O'Meara, '82, has been chosen as a member of the staff of the Worcester City Hospital, and assigned to the out-patient department.

Holy Cross graduates have contributed many physicians to Worcester, but this is the first instance, if we mistake not, in which they have been recognized by a place on the staff of its hospital, and we congratulate Dr. O'Meara on his election.

Dr. O'Meara has been for some years on the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital.

'84. At the January meeting of the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, Dr. Michael F. Fallon, assistant surgeon, was elected surgeon, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. O'Callaghan.

Dr. Fallon's duties at the hospital do not begin until the latter part of the year, and he has utilized the intervening time by securing a place in one of the New York hospitals, where he will remain until the end of June.

'86. During the absence of Dr. Fallon, Dr. Richard H. Stapleton takes his place as physician at the college.

'93. The congratulations of THE PURPLE are offered to the secretary of the Worcester County Alumni Association, Mr. William I. McLoughlin,

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whose election as clerk of the joint legislative committee on constitutional amendments is thus recorded by the Worcester Spy:

“Lawyer William I. McLoughlin, representative to the Great and General Court from Ward 3, was elected clerk of the joint committee on constitutional amendments. This is one of the more important committees of the Legislature, and while there have been several candidates for the clerkship, which requires a man of legal experience and ability, when the election came up Representative McLoughlin won, hands down, and his friends were congratulating him yesterday on the handsome endorsement which was given him.”

'94. Mr. John P. O'Brien, now practising law in New York, visited the college during the past month, in company with Mr. John Delaney, who came to Worcester to lecture in aid of the building fund of the Notre Dame Convent.

Incidentally both gentlemen participated in the initiation of the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Delaney being chief officer and Mr. O'Brien secretary of the organization in the state of New York.

Mr. O'Brien speaks of the early organization of a New York alumni association.

Rev. Thomas P. McGinn, '94, whose ordination we recorded in our Christmas number, has been assigned to St. Columbkille's Church, Brighton.

Mr. Jeremiah S. Sullivan, '94, was one of the

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successful legal candidates at the state board examination in January.

'94. The funeral of James F. Gibbons, '94, took place at St. John's Church, Clinton, February 7th. For two years after graduation from Holy Cross, Mr. Gibbons attended Brighton Seminary, until ill health forced him to discontinue his studies. The funeral ceremony was rendered extremely impressive by the fact that Rev. William F. Grady, of New Jersey, a classmate of the deceased, celebrated the Solemn High Mass of Requiem. Rev. P. A. McQuillan, vice-president of the college, and a delegation from the class of '99, of which Thomas F. Gibbons, a brother of the deceased, is a member, attended the ceremony.

'95. The announcement of the state board of examiners upon the examination in law, held January 7th shows that George F. Kerrigan of Haverhill and Peter J. McLoughlin of Worcester were among the successful fifty-six out of 101 candidates.

Admission to the bar will follow the report of the examiners, and we wish the new lawyers a large practice. Mr. McLaughlin was on the first staff of *THE PURPLE*, and Mr. Kerrigan was manager of the baseball team of '95.

'97. Mr. Joseph W. Reilly stopped at the college a few weeks ago, on his way to the Adirondacks. Owing to the ill health which compelled him to forego the pleasure of receiving in person on commencement day the diploma and class medals he had won, he was compelled

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to pass last winter in the Adirondacks, where the treatment for weak lungs largely consists in spending several hours daily seated out of doors. Old friends would hardly recognize the invalid of eighteen months ago, and in returning to the winter cold of the mountains Mr. Reilly hopes to remove the few remaining traces of his illness, a hope which will be shared by all who know him.

During his vacation from the seminary, Mr. Edward L. Devine paid a visit to his brother, now a student at Holy Cross. He brought pleasant news of the H. C. C. boys at Baltimore, especially of his classmate, Daniel J. Carey. Though he has gone through a siege of the "grip," Mr. Devine has been one of the "defenders" at both of the public disputations held since September.

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The new college at Washington which the Congregation of the Holy Cross is about to build, in order that its students may have the benefits of the Catholic university, with which institution the college will be affiliated, promises to be a splendid structure, and will add materially to the group of university buildings.

The late ex-Attorney-General Garland made his collegiate studies in Catholic institutions, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's College in Kentucky, which were the leading institutions of higher learning in the central West in the days of his youth. Mr. Garland was not by any means the only graduate of these institutions to win renown in subsequent years.

It will be nothing new for our Catholic colleges to have Cuban students, and some of them now offer to receive and teach gratuitously a limited number of Cuban youth, acting on Gen. Wheeler's suggestion. Holy Cross, Fordham, Georgetown and other Catholic colleges have frequently had Cubans as students, and probably have some at the present time. Cuban girls have frequently been found, too, among the pupils of our Catholic academies, and it is safe to say that the larger number of Cuban youth of both sexes who came here in past years and who

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are here now in search of education are in Catholic institutions.—*The Republic.*

Pope Leo by a *motu proprio* has granted a constitution to the new English College of St. Beda for English Roman Catholic converts who intend to go back to England as missionaries.

Hon. Martin H. Glynn of Albany, N. Y., the youngest member of Congress, representing the Twentieth New York congressional district, lectured before the students of the senior department of Boston College in the college hall on James Street last Tuesday afternoon on "Cardinal Woolsey." The audience was large, and the number of ladies present was especially noticeable. Mr. Glynn prefaced his talk with a few reminiscent remarks about his student days at Fordham College, where he had as instructors Rev. W. G. Read Mullan, S. J., president of Boston College, and Rev. John F. Quirk, S. J., the present prefect. Mr. Glynn paid a high tribute to the Jesuit fathers, and declared that the education to be obtained in the Catholic colleges conducted by them was an education second to none, and that he made the assertion after a careful comparison of the men trained by the Jesuits with the graduates of every other class of colleges.

A country summer home for Chicago school teachers is expected to be a certainty before the next summer vacation, sufficient financial encouragement having been received to warrant the choosing of a suitable site. That has been found near Berlin, Wisconsin, where a farm of

four hundred acres, with a large colonial house, can be bought for \$40,000. A railroad company whose line runs near the farm has agreed to give \$10,000, and the town of Berlin, in consideration of the expected local benefit from the home, will give \$10,000 more.

Professor William Conrad Roentgen, the discoverer of the form of radiation that bears his name, has received the offer of a generously endowed professorship in the University of Leipsic. He has taught in Strasburg, Hohenheim, Giessen and Wurzburg. Since his discovery of the X-rays he has been made a baron by the Emperor of Austria.

Mr. Jamsetsji Tata has offered the Indian government \$1,250,000 for the establishment in India of a university for research on the model of Johns Hopkins.

The first woman the University of Berlin ever granted the doctor's degree, Miss Elsa Neumann, was awarded that dignity *cum laude*. Her special study was in physics, with mathematics and philosophy as secondary branches.

Mr. Balfour's proposal of a Catholic university in Dublin is, of course, very strenuously opposed in England by men in both the Liberal and Conservative ranks, who never can seem to understand the justice of Catholic demands for equal rights and privileges; and who are always ready to raise the old cry of "no popery" whenever they think it will defeat any measure for the benefit of Catholics, without regard to the

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merits of the case. On the Liberal side the Nonconformists are dissatisfied, while many Unionists, Orangemen and Tories are far from being favorably disposed to such a radical departure from the old Protestant ascendancy idea. It looks at present as if the university question would cause a split in both parties.

The Catholic University of Washington has received, by the will of Daniel T. Leary of Brooklyn, \$10,000. No conditions accompany the bequest.

The formal inauguration of Mr. Frank P. Graves as president of the State University of Washington, Seattle, occurred Nov. 22d. Mr. Graves is the youngest college president in America. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1869. The principal speaker on the occasion was President David S. Jordan of Stamford University.

The number of undergraduate students at Oxford for the present term is 3412, four more than last year. The B. A. was conferred on only 554 students, as compared with 580 in 1897.

The number of students enrolled in the departments of the University of California is 1565, 150 more than last year. The graduate department has 149 students.

The museum of the University of Michigan has been enriched by a collection of musical instruments presented by Mr. Frederick Stearns. This collection of nearly 1000 pieces illustrates

the evolution of several musical instruments from primitive times down to the present.

The number of resident students of Cambridge University, both graduates and undergraduates, is 3524, a decrease of 21 as compared with last year. The present condition of the two great English universities, when compared with the increase in the American and German universities, is partly due to the establishment of provincial universities.

The Columbian University, Washington, D. C., has established, in connection with its well-known Law School, a department known as the School of Comparative Jurisprudence and Diplomacy. The course covers two years. It provides a post-graduate course leading to the degrees of Master of Laws, Doctor of Civil Law, and Master of Diplomacy. President McKinley honored the school with his presence at the inauguration, as did also Sir Wilfred Laurier, Premier of Canada; the latter addressed a large and distinguished audience that had assembled. The enrollment of students in this course has been large, there being already 75 registered.

The study of sugar engineering at Tulane College has received a new impulse as a result of the Spanish war.

According to the new academic circular of Yale, 1225 students are registered in that college—300 Seniors, 320 Juniors, 272 Sophomores and 333 Freshmen; the latter class has an increase of 33 over Freshman class of last year.

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At the University of Pennsylvania a new series of lectures has been arranged for the students of the Law School. The first lecture was given by Hon. William W. Howe of Louisiana, Jan. 5th. These lectures are upon "Roman Law and Its Influence in England and America."

The library of the late Otto Ribbick, Professor of Classical Philology in the University of Leipsic, has been presented to McGill College. The library contains about 4000 volumes. This valuable gift was presented by Mr. W. C. McDonald.

The Harvard library has been enriched by an addition of 1800 volumes of nineteenth century Jewish literature, and the corporation of the university has given to the library \$100,000 from the unrestricted bequest of Henry L. Pierce. The Jewish literature was brought together by the efforts of Mr. Leo Wiener, instructor in Russian.

The present academic year has been marked at Princeton by a change important to undergraduate instruction. Latin has been introduced as a required study in the Freshman year of the School of Science, and as an elective in the Sophomore year.

The standard of scholarship required for admission into professional schools is being raised from year to year, not only in the East but in nearly all parts of the country. Lately the trustees of Columbia University have decided to

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make the Columbia law school a graduate department. After the fall of 1903, none but those holding a degree obtained from a college or university will be permitted to enter upon the law course.

A valuable library of 500 volumes, largely consisting of costly text books of the highest class, was given to the German department of Yale University by A. L. Ripley of Andover, Mass.

The total registration of Harvard College is 3901; 2246 are from Massachusetts and 48 from Connecticut. The number of foreign students is: 5 from Hawaii, 3 from Japan and 12 from other foreign countries.

According to the recently-issued catalogue of Yale University for the year 1898-99, the total number of students registered is 2511, an increase of 11 over last year. The number of professors, lecturers and instructors in the university for the current year is 260, which is an increase of 5 over that of last year. Yale leads in the number of foreign students, as it received, besides 8 from Hawaii, 15 from Japan, 8 from Turkey and 20 scattering. There is also a slight increase in the number of women students. At present there are forty-one enrolled, an increase of three over those of the preceding year.

President Harper has taken a decided stand

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against the evils of plagiarism and cribbing, and the penalty in Chicago University hereafter is to be the loss of one year's work for a single offense.

George A. Armour, of the class of '77, has given \$10,000 to Princeton University to found a classical department in the university library. To ensure its success, financial at least, Mr. Armour will give annually for the next three years \$2700.

Harvard and Cornell will not meet this year, either on the diamond or on the grid iron. The failure to arrange matches between them is due to a misunderstanding in choosing a location of battle field. Harvard declines to meet the Ithacans in New York, and no other place is acceptable to Cornell. For the same reason no contests with the oars will take place between Cornell and Harvard or Yale.

The Chicago Alumni Association will present Yale University with a \$1000 scholarship. The same amount will be presented annually by the executive committee of Chicago alumni to some worthy and indigent student, preferably a resident of the state of Illinois.

By the will of the late Henry C. Warren of Cambridge, the president and fellows of Harvard College came into the possession of a large estate, valued at many thousands of dollars. The Indo-Iranian or Sanscrit department, in

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which Mr. Warren was always interested, will come in for a substantial remembrance. Other departments will receive a generous share of the liberal money gifts which are made.

M. E. TOLMAN, '01.

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OUTLOOK FOR OUR TRACK-TEAM.

A visitor to our gymnasium any holiday afternoon might see our sturdy representatives of track and field faithfully training for the winter meets. A special interest in each individual member of the team is taken by Trainer Brennan, who is fast developing them into Holy Cross standard form. They will make their initial appearance on Feb. 10; this meet will be held in our own gymnasium, where, besides contesting in the open events, our crack relay team will try conclusions with the strong M. I. T. quartette. Feb. 15 will find a few of our sprinters and "shot-putters" at Harvard's indoor athletic gathering.

The next meet in which the team will take part will be the B. A. A. annual carnival, where in years previous we have won such fame. This will be on Feb. 18. A little later on we will run at Boston College, there finishing the season. Fully conscious of what is expected of it in all these events, the team is working hard and keeping in good trim. In placing Holy Cross' relay team in the first class at her annual meet next April, U. of P. has given a high tribute to our prowess on the cinder path, and may we in the future, as in the past, prove ourselves worthy of this prestige.

JOS. F. X. MURPHY, '00.

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THE HOLY CROSS A. A. INDOOR MEET.

The college gymnasium, on Friday evening, February 10th, presented a scene which will ever be remembered by everyone that was present. In the presence of 700 persons, the third annual meet of the Holy Cross A. A. was run off, and in every sense of the word, it was a success. The enthusiasm manifested by the spectators clearly showed that the large and appreciative audience was thoroughly interested in every event. Before the events began, and during the intermission, the Worcester City Band discoursed sweet music. Fears had been entertained that owing to the cold and snowy weather, the crowd and the enthusiasm would be slight; but the event proved that New England love of manly sport can overcome wind and weather.

The 30 yds. novice brought out 17 competitors. Those who qualified in the trials were all H. C. men except one, while none but H. C. men qualified in the semi-finals. J. F. Sullivan's (H. C.) running was the feature. He won easily in the 30 yds. novice and in the 30 yds. handicap. These short rushes were very exciting. In the 35 yds. hurdle (handicap), Johnson, (Worcester High School,) disdaining to jump the hurdles, ran through them like a warrior of old and was disqualified therefor. Powers (H. C.) came in on the heels of the veteran, Potter (Williams). In the 440 yds. handicap, Manager J. F. Murphy, (H. C.) came in first like a hero, and he did not throw his arm out. In the 600 yds. handicap, Maxwell, (H. C.) won by what seemed one fourth a lap; E. Murphy lost second place at the very finish.

The chief interest of the evening centred in the special 1000 yds. match race between James J. McLaughlin, a former member of the H. C. C. Track

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Team and Jere J. Moynihan, the sturdy little runner who still wears the H. C. monogram. Intense rivalry has for a long time existed between these two fleet-footed athletes, and as they both live in the city almost every lover of sport in town was present to see the race. Moynihan was the favorite with the greater number, yet all admitted that he would have to make the fastest race of his life. The two started at a terrible pace, which proved to be too fast for J. McLaughlin; Jere kept forging farther and farther ahead till at the finish he had a half a lap to spare. Tom Burke, Harvard, gave a fine 440 yds. exhibition race.

The relay race between Holy Cross and M. I. T. proved to be the event which evoked the greatest enthusiasm of the evening. There was a short delay before this event, which served to make the eager audience a little impatient, and when J. F. Sullivan, (H. C.) started with a rush which gave him the lead, there was a wild cheer which seemed to send him farther ahead. He gave C. Conway about a quarter lap of a lead. This lead was nobly increased by the other H. C. men, till C. O'Connor finished three-quarters of a lap ahead.

The summaries:

30 yard novice, first trial heat—Won by J F Murphy, H. C. A. A.; 2nd, C. Sweeney, H. C. A. A., time 4s.

Second trial heat—Won by J. F. Sullivan, H. C. A. A.; F. Maxwell, 2nd; time 3 4-5s.

Third trial heat—Won by D. O'Donnell, H. C. A. A.; J. Powers, H. C. A. A., 2nd; time 4s.

Fourth trial heat—Won by L. T. Bernstein, B. E. H.; H. Batters, H. C. A. A., 2nd; time 4s.

First heat in semi-finals—Won by D. O'Donnell, H. C. A. A.; J. Powers, H. C. A. A., 2nd; time 4s.

Second heat in semi-finals—Won by J. F. Sullivan, H. C. A. A.; F. Maxwell, H. C. A. A., 2nd; time 3 4-5s.

Final heat—Won by J. F. Sullivan, H. C. A. A., F. Max-

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well, H. C. A. A., 2nd; J. Powers, H. C. A. A., 3d; time 3 4-5s.

35 yard high hurdles—Won by P. Potter, Williams A. A.;

J. Powers, H. C. A. A., 2nd; time 5 1-5s.

30 yard dash, handicap; first trial heat—Won by N. Scanlan, B. C.; 2nd, W. Moran, W. H. S.; time 3 1-4s.

Second trial heat—Won by M. Branniff, C. T. A. A.; 2nd, J. Doyle, B. H. S.; time 4s.

Third trial heat—Won by C. Sweeney, H. C.; 2nd, E. Murphy, H. C.; time 4s.

Fourth trial heat—Won by W. J. Holland, B. C.; 2nd, H. Batters, A. C.; time 3 1-4s.

Fifth trial heat—Won by J. A. Lobe, C. T. A. A. A.; 2nd, J. Powers, H. C.; time 3 1-4s.

Sixth trial heat—Won by W. J. Bernstein, Harvard; 2nd C. Conway, H. C.; time 3 1-4s.

Seventh trial heat—Won by J. A. Reilly, B. C.; 2nd, J. F. Murphy, H. C.; time 4s.

Eighth trial heat—Won by F. Maxwell, H. C. and J. F. Sullivan, H. C.; time 4 1-4s.

First heat in semi-finals—Won by J. Doyle, B. H. S.; time 3.4s.

Second heat in semi-finals—Won by W. J. Holland, B. C.; time 4s.

Third heat in semi-finals—Won by M. L. Bernstein, Harvard; time 4s.

Fourth heat in semi-finals—Won by J. F. Sullivan, H. C.; time 3 1-4s.

Final heat—Won by J. F. Sullivan, H. C.; time 3.4s.; 2nd, W. J. Holland, B. C.

Team race, Worcester High School vs. Boston English High—Won by Worcester High School; time 3.42s.

1000 yard match race, James J. McLaughlin vs. J. J. Moynihan—Won by J. J. Moynihan, H. C.; time 2m. 30s.

440 yard run—Won by J. F. Murphy, H. C.; time, 60 1-5s.; 2nd, C. Sweeney, H. C.

1000 yard run—Won by J. Hennessy, W. H. S., (55 yds. hand.); time 2.34s.; 2nd, J. Powers, H. C. (50 yds. hand.)

440 yard exhibition run, T. Burke, H. A. A.; time 57 4-5s.

600 yard run—Won by F. J. Maxwell, H. C., time 1m. 24s.; 2nd, A. Perry, W. H. C.

Match race, one mile, D. C. Hall, Brown University, vs. J. Deedy, St. Anne's A. A.—Won by D. C. Hall, Brown University; time 4m. 49 4-5s.

Team race, St. Anne's A. A. vs. C. G. A. A.—Won by Cambridgeport G. A. A.; time 3m. 49s.

High jump—Won by Wm. Connor, H. C. ; 2d, W. J. Holland, B. C.

One mile run—Won by W. T. McCarthy, B. C., time 4m. 45s. ; 2nd, A. McDonald, Cambridgeport Gym.

Team race, Holy Cross vs. M. I. T.—Won by Holy Cross by half a lap; time, 3m. 40 1-5s. Teams.

M. I. T.

HALL, (Capt.)
McMASTER,
EMERY,
GARRET,

H. C. C.

SULLIVAN,
E. O'CONNOR,
CONWAY, (Capt.)
C. O'CONNOR.

H. C. won in three fourths of the events.

The officials were: Referee, Eugene Buckley, B. A. A. ; judges at finish, John F. Moakley, Dr. M. P. Higgins, Wachusett Boat Club, C. J. Carmody, St. A. A. A. ; timers, P. H. Hurley, Wachusett Boat Club, Thos. P. Conneff, Wm. F. Donovan, trainer at Worcester Academy; clerk of course, M. F. O'Connell, Boston University; assistants, J. F. Donnelly and Thos. H. McCole, H. C. A. A. ; starter, Harry L. Dadmun; field judges, W. Sweeny, St. P. A. A., Dr. Maurice W. Quinn, and Ed. J. Kerns of Worcester; announcer, Jere. Corkery of Cambridgeport; assistant, J. H. Gainer, Holy Cross; inspectors, David Walsh, Clinton, Dr. Wm. Devereaux and M. A. O'Rourke of Worcester; marshal, E. J. Hussey, H. C. C. A. A. ; assistants, J. McTigue and J. P. Coleman, H. C. C. A. A. ; scorers, T. H. Houlihan and A. J. Brennan, H. C. C. A. A. ; custodians of prizes, W. C. T. Sullivan, Dudley M. Handley, and Allan Brosmith of Holy Cross.

The officers of the Holy Cross Athletic Association who were in charge of the games are: Moderator, Rev. Joseph F. Hanselman, S. J. ; president, James F. Donnelly; vice-president, T. H. Houlihan; treasurer, E. J. Corcoran; secretary, Thos. J. Norton. Manager of Track Team and of the meet: J. F. Murphy.

H. McCORMICK, '00.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

The Reviews. Atlantic.

The February *Atlantic* has a brilliant article by Hon. A. Lawrence Lowell on "The Colonial Expansion of the United States." The author argues that the United States has always had colonies, and the question now confronting us is not "Shall we now begin a system of colonization?" but "Shall we continue an existing system in a new direction?" The other articles in this magazine are eminently readable.

The Forum.

The *Forum* has an excellent number for January. Sir Charles Dilke gives a very interesting paper on "The Future Relations of Great Britain and the United States." Adjutant-General Corbin contributes an article on "The Army of the United States"; and Mr. G. E. Hill, private secretary to the late Col. G. E. Waring, gives the substance of the Colonel's report to the United States government, "On the Sanitation of Havana."

The American Review of Reviews.

The *American Review of Reviews* has a fine New Year's number, as usual. "The Progress of the World" is most interesting. "The Red Cross in the Spanish War" is very pertinent, though we must confess we do not agree with all the author's views, some of which are not conclusively proved.

Donohoe's.

Donohoe's for January has an excellent article, "Tissot's Famous Paintings"; it has several good illustrations of this renowned painter's work. "A Dramatic Treasure Trove" will be very acceptable to lovers of the stage and stage-folk.

The Chautauquan.

The *Chautauquan* for February contains an article by John W. Hardwick, "The United States and Her New Possessions," that will be hailed with joy by the lovers of expansion

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But whether its readers are conservatives or the opposite, the article will appeal to every thinker as a good defense of the expansion principle.

Mosher's Magazine.

In *Mosher's Magazine* for January, Dr. O'Hagan has an admirable criticism of Browning's "A Death in the Desert." "The Professor and the Bicycle" by Marion J. Brunowe, is an amusing "wheel" story.

The Bookman.

To all students of English who wish to keep in touch with the times, *The Bookman* is indispensable. The January number is especially good. Besides a resumé of current literary notes, "A Century of American Illustration" and "A Literary Curiosity from Charles Lamb's Library" will hold the attention of the reader. The Bookman's Table and the Book Mart are by no means the least interesting parts of this magazine.

Demorest's.

Demorest's for February has an entertaining "talk" about John H. Dolph, the well-known painter of cats and dogs. The best story is "The Tramp's Christmas," by Julia Magrudel.

The Catholic World.

The opening article for February is an exhaustive account of the work of the religious orders in the Philippines, by Rev. W. A. Jones, O. S. A. Rose Hawthorne Lathrop gives a cheery description of her Apostolic work for the poor and the wretched. New and interesting traits are given of Gen. Lafayette and John Mitchell, the Irish patriot. John J. A Becket has a touching story, descriptive of mining life.

The Catholic University Bulletin

Easily takes rank with the great reviews of our language. Prof. Egan says many new things, and true things about the ode, poetic rhyme and Coventry Patmore, to whom E. C. Stedman does scant justice in "Victorian Poets." All the other articles are of more than passing interest.

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The Bibelot.

The reading of the *Bibelot* is like a deep draught from the "Pierean Spring." Nothing but classics get between its quaint little covers. Give us Burke's "Letter to a Noble Lord," sometime, Mr. Mosher, and Poe's theory of poetry; and don't give much more about Omar; you might close the Omar revival with Andrew Lang's letter to Omar, which, we are ashamed to confess, pleases us more than Fitzgerald's original Omar.

The Critic.

We beg leave to say that the *Monthly Critic* has found the secret of making a literary review very interesting. There may be danger, however, of the *Lounger* growing too Bohemian and too gossipy; and then, there are the everlasting Thackeray letters and poems, and pen-and-ink-sketches!

The Weekly Bouquet

Devotes the pages of its February number to the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the coming of the good Brothers of Charity to Boston, to take charge of the House of the Angel Guardian, founded by the apostolic Fr. Haskins. There are biographical sketches of Fr. Haskins, and of the first six brothers who came to Boston, with beautiful half-tone pictures. Success to the dear *Bouquet*.

Our Young People

From Milwaukee, coming so regularly every other week, and containing matter of such varied interest, must bring real enjoyment to many homes. The opening story for February 1st introduces a heavy villain; we will follow him up.

The Dawn.

From the "Connecticut Schools for Boys" is a paper which grown people can always read with profit. Whoever makes the selection of articles has excellent good taste.

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College Exchanges.

The best story that appeared in the January exchanges was "At the Eighth Tee," in the *Morningside*. As is evident from the title, it is a golf story, but, unlike most of its kind, it is perfectly intelligible to the less fortunate of us who are not acquainted with the subtle ways of this game.

The essay, "Women of Tennyson's Poems," in the *Niagara Rainbow* is particularly good, and though its briefness detracts from its appearance, it is the best article in the journal. The several illustrations are all good.

"Resignation," a religious poem in the *Salve Regina*, is worthy of high praise. The tendency of college poets when dealing with such subjects is to triteness, here the idea is entirely new and the author has developed it in a truly poetic style.

The *Student* is a new exchange, which we gladly welcome. "The Priest of God," in the January number, is an excellent piece of verse. "My Corner" is very entertaining, and its precepts give matter for earnest reflection.

From India's coral strand comes the *Mangalore Magazine*. The descriptions of local scenes and customs are most interesting. Mangalore ranks, it appears, as the only first-class college in the district. It has five hundred and fourteen pupils on its rolls; three hundred and ninety-eight native Christians, ninety-seven Hindoos, fifteen Eurasians, two Mahomedans, and two Parsees.

The *Dial* has three prize stories in the Christmas number that are very creditable. "A Sigh Amid the Revel" is the best bit of verse that has appeared in the *Dial* for some months.

Many of our exchanges, we regret to say, seem to give little attention to their exchange departments; in fact, it may be affirmed that this department is the vulnerable spot in their make-up. The remarks are commonplace; the diction, to put

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it mildly, is not striking; the general tone is weak. The *Mt. St. Mary's Record* is a constant rebuke to all such; its exchange notes are capitally written. The observations are always to the point, and are expressed in the choicest of English. There is never even a suspicion of carping criticism; everything is viewed in its happiest light. We extend our congratulations to the *Record*.

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Books Received.

"Peasants in Exile," Sienkiewicz.

"Peasants in Exile," by Sienkiewicz, is a pathetic tale of the wanderings of two Polish peasants in America. Lorenz Toporek and his daughter Marysia leave their home in Lipinska, to seek their fortune in "the land beyond the ocean." The rebuffs and misfortunes which meet them on every hand in our metropolis induce them to move westward to the colony of Borowina, then being established in Arkansas. Their adventures in the wilderness are rehearsed in a manner indicating a minute knowledge of human character in such surroundings. The conclusion is forcible. The book abounds in powerful descriptions. The sunset at sea, followed by a vivid pen portrayal of a storm, and the forest fire, are passages well worth reading. The book sells at 75c. a copy. [The Ave Maria, Notre Dame, Ind.]

"Christian Education in the Dark Ages," by Rev. Eugene Magevney, S. J., is a revival, in pamphlet form, of an essay which appeared in the *American Quarterly Review*, October, 1898. Its new appearance, in dark green garb, is decidedly attractive. Notwithstanding the fact that the subject is rather worn, the author presents a very readable article to the public. It is pregnant with facts interesting to the student of those so-called dark ages, and stands out as able refutation of the pessimistic opinions which claim only a retrograde movement for those times. The author acknowledges that the methods and systems then in vogue were necessarily crude, yet, as he aptly remarks, "the principal object of education in an age so barbarous was not so much cultivation as civilization—finish as production." The work is quite extensive, and will amply repay perusal. Its price, 5 cents per copy, places it within the reach of all. [The Cathedral Library Association, 123 East 50th Street, New York.]

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"Let No Man Put Asunder," by Josephine Marié, is the title of a very fascinating work which has found its way to our "sanctum." Nothing thrilling, nothing blood-curdling crowds its pages, but its simple narrative of a brother's jealousy, and the disastrous results therefrom, is charmingly interesting. Its moral is a noble one, putting before the reader in all its solemnity the sacred inviolability of the marriage vow. The constancy of the heroine to her husband, after the discovery of his perfidy, is a lesson which society would do well to take to itself to-day. Once or twice the author drifts into the sermon, but this minor fault is lost sight of in the host of good qualities which the book possesses. Price, \$1.00. Benziger Brothers, New York.