Achilles.

Why shackled here in bonds of idleness
That sorely chafe ambition's fierce desire,
Lie I, of Greece's how the mightiest arm,
I who through many a well-fought field of old
Led dauntless valor on to victory
And fame! This arm, iron-sinewed once
Whose strength so oft drove death and dire dismay
Through Troy's ranks, now soft as woman's grown
Within idleness, would scarcely fright a child.
It is not meet that fatted sloth should feed
Upon the strength of men, and, as the worm
Within the oak, e'en gaw on the sap
Of mankind till it fall a hollow husk.
An outer semblance of its former self.
In action's soil sprouts Glory's fadeless flower:
Shall raise, hissing a thousand poison'd fangs.
Resistless in its sweep, and little man,
The torrent's force, for fate is as a flood
To Græcia's arms 'o'erwhelms his crested pride.
His craven skull? Ah! Then I should not now,
May Hades whelm his hated shade in gloom.
But he, this dog-fac'd King whose haughtiness
What is my own if but I will the deed?
Wherefore should I stand listless by and see
An outer semblance of its former self.
Of manhood till it fall a hollow husk.
It would drink dry all Heaven's rain, and then
Each one a death; e'en then my great revenge
Hath plac'd upon his tyrant brow in shape
From me by right of power, which sightless chance
By force of this right arm in val'rous fight,
That fearful fly, as scattered autumn's leaves
And turn its gall to nectar: nought there is
Like rusty swords scabbard'd in rustier sheath:
And sought wherewith to wing the heavy hours
To speedy flight; no bright-eyed maid, since she
Was tae'n, Briseis, full and mellow-lipp'd.
To mould lead-weighted cares to lighter thoughts,
Purge from life's atmosphere the bane,
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the truest republican forecastings of the Jeffer-sons."

"Called in 1854 to Washington by Gov. Marey, then Secretary of State, to enter the State Department, Mr. Dimitry was, before he could assume his new duties, unexpectedly offered by President Pierce the position of a commissioner under resolutions of the United States Senate to examine and revise the decisions and awards of the U.S. Commissioners under the new Echota Treaty (including the removal of the Creeks and Choctaws from their old homes). This proved a work of laborsious investigation, requiring unwavering analyses, and he performed with rare ability. These labors ended, his old friend Gov. Marcy assisted upon his compliance with his original request for his assistance in the State Department." Accordingly, from 1855 to 1859, under the Administrations of Presidents Pierce and Buchanan, Mr. Dimitry had charge of a bureau of translation of the diplomatic correspondence of foreign governments with that of the United States. In 1855, while engaged at the State Department, he delivered at the college, at the request of the faculty, Father Maguire being President, a course of fourteen lectures to the advanced students, on the Polity, Arts, and Literature of Ancient Greece, it being the first time the college had conferred an honor of the kind on one of her Alumni.

In 1859, Mr. Dimitry received from his Alma Mater the degree of L. L. D. In the same year he was appointed by President Buchanan Minister Resident at Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and repaired thither with his family. Exaltation, says his biographer, was a success. "He conciliated all Central American interests by his courtesy. He defended all American interests by his pluck and absoluteness of patriotism," and he spoke the language of the country with a precision that made his hearers suppose him "a native of Aragon or Castile." He returned from his mission in April, 1861, at the outbreak of the civil war in the United States. "His sympathies turned towards his native south. His love flowed out to those ranks of struggling heroes which embraced among them sons and nephews. During those four unhappy years, he accepted the position of chief of the Finance Bureau of the Post Office Department of the Confederate States. With the war, ended this office. For some years afterwards he remained in Brooklyn, New York. It was during his stay at the north, that Prof. Dimitry visited his Alma Mater for the last time, in 1867, on the occasion of the first "Grand Triennial" of the Philodemic Society, when he delivered an address which is to be found in the printed pamphlet which records the proceedings of the celebration.

Mr. Dimitry was now an old man, broken in health and in fortune, and he yearned to return to his native city. She tendered him the position of Assistant Superintendent of her Public Schools. He accepted it, and still holds it if his increasing infirmities have not obliged him to resign ere this. The Christian Brothers kindly offered him a professorship in their college at Pass Christian in 1868, but he was, we believe, already in the service of the city, having left the north shortly after his visit to Georgetown. This sketch of our honored alumnus falls far short of the limits to which it might be extended, but the contracted space at our command leaves us no alternative but to brief.

**SANCTUM VISITORS.**

If we may place any reliance upon the oft repeated assertions of our contemporaries, we can intimate to our readers that vacation is almost here. While deeply deploiring this unfortunate fact, we are still compelled by the rules of custom to wear an outward mask of joy; and, to drown the misery which this hypocrisy inflicts upon our simple soul, we plunge recklessly into the midst of a very scanty pile of exchanges.

First advances the Packer Quarterly, and with maddening modesty it stands before us for inspection. The Quarterly, with true female diplomacy, adds to its other attractions a very neat appearance which in a great measure atones for many of its evident faults. We were highly amused at the effort of one intellectual Amazon who confided her brilliant genius to an awful attack upon the "study of the Classics." She is undoubtedly deeply versed in all their advantages and disadvantages, for as her signature indicates, she will graduate next year. Verily, let the adherents of the Classics tremble and grow pale in the presence of this irresistible opponent! Many of the other prose articles, especially one on "W. M. Thackeray," are very credible. The poetry, if poetry "it might be called that poetry had none" is most romantically sentimental, and most extremely ordinary. Speaking of poetry reminds us of the Niagara Index, the Laureate of College Journalism. The last number had an "Ode on Decoration Day," from which, for the benefit of all true lovers of the sublime and beautiful, we culled the following agonizing and expressive stanza:

"Remember the dead, the dead maternal, Remember the dead, the dead paternal, Remember the dead, the dead fraternal, Remember the dead before the Eternal."

Isn't it magnificently pathetic? In order to preserve the enchanting harmony of the piece we would humbly suggest to the excited author to change the reading of the last line as follows:

"Remember the dead, the dead nocturnal."

Of course, the lines would then be as utterly devoid of sense as they are now, but, as no-body expects genius to restrain itself within the narrow bounds of sense, our suggestion would materially improve the sentiment of the Ode!

As we have received no other exchanges that are worthy of the honor of a criticism in these valuable columns, we are reluctantly compelled to imitate the illustrious example of Grandfather's clock by abruptly terminating what would otherwise—we can assure our readers—prove a most interesting and exciting article. Were it not so provokingly common, we would be delighted to bid a tender farewell to our well-beloved readers, and, while gently pressing them to our bereaved bosom, shed upon their raven locks the glistening tear of editorial sorrow. But unfortunately, in the confusion and turmoil of our last examination, we have been unable to deck our main form in "the trappings and the suit of woe," and can, therefore, only shake hands with all in spirit, and give the parting benediction of a sincere wish that you may enjoy the pleasures of a merry vacation.

Since our lively co-laborer left us with his parting notes, above, a number of exchanges have come in. Among those for June, we find our namesake of Milton, Wis., with comments upon certain traits and peculiarities of its college friends which would suit this latitude quite as well as any other: the Kenyon Advance: the Eucleian, a new exchange,—welcome: the Centre College Courant, another new friend from Kentucky: the Vanderhill Austral: the College Rambler: the Morris Aesop: the Dickinson Liberal: Student Life: Richmond College Messenger: Academyn Journal: San Francisco Aesop, a lively literary sheet.

For July, we have our staid and solid friend, the Scholastic, with a picture of the old and the new college: the Earthamite: the High School Journal: the Maryland Collegian: the University Courant: the College Record: the Meteorologist: Robinson's Epitome of Literature. Even the Colby Echo for August is at hand.

We mention among the above a few that are not college papers, and since we have done so, it is but proper to return our thanks to the publishers of these and other periodicals, literary, local, special, and religious, that come to us by way of exchange; especially among the latter the learned and valuable American Catholic Quarterly.

**Commencement Proceedings (concluded from Page 102).**

From the Capital.

The commencement exercises of Georgetown College, held Thursday, attracted a large and fashionable audience from Washington, Balti-
more, and neighboring cities. The programme, an entertaining one, was given as follows: Salutatory, V. Howard Brown of Baltimore; “Bryant Among the Poets,” a neat and beautiful tribute to the father of American poetry, by Thomas C. Blake of New York; “Our Current Literature,” by Thomas C. Lawler of Wisconsin, in which the speaker reviewed with sharpness the standard of our newspaper literature from a moral standpoint; “University Prospects,” by Edward O. Russell of West Virginia, who denounced the idea of its being possible for the Catholics of the United States to found a university according to the present laws—Eugene F. Arnold, Richard Nott Dyer, Clagett, District of Columbia; Thomas Flatley, Massachusetts; John Howard Hickey, Jr., New York, and George W. Salter, New Jersey.


The valedictory was delivered by Francis Duffy of New York.

The special feature of this commencement was that it was held in the new building. Grand and magnificent as this is now, the old students look with that tenderness of soul that ever rises from the heart in thinking of the old college buildings and the days that were. Still, as it stands, this new building is one of the finest collegiate edifices in America. It was designed by our friend Mr. Smithmyer, and is well known to be so in those institutions to which students pass from any of the advanced classes here. Of course, the College cannot be responsible for the scholastic merits or demerits of that large number of students who leave every year from the lower classes, as we believe they do from other Catholic colleges, and whose stay here was too brief to enable any solid impression to be made on them.

We shall have to omit the list of medals and awards, or at least defer it to another number—for we hope to have another,—room being lacking in this. The College is now quite populated, the only residents being Frs. Mulhaly and Curiey, besides the editor and the lay-brothers. The promises are undergoing their usual summer renovation.

MARRIED.

At Raleigh, N. C., July 3d, George Green, Jr., of New Bern (First Grammar ’77–8) to MAMIE T., daughter of Dr. Geo. W. Blackburn of Raleigh.

DEATH OF AN ALUMNUS.

Judge E. M. Lowe, of the Alexandria Corporation court, who was stricken with paralysis on the 18th of last May, died yesterday after noon about 5:30 o’clock at his residence, No. 66 Prince street, Alexandria. He was well known and universally respected, and his death is a serious loss to the judicial bench as well as to the community. Washington Post, June 12th.

Enoch Macbride Lowe, a native of Alexandria, graduated at Georgetown College in 1852, in a class of fifteen, studied law and emigrated to Kansas, where he was assistant United States district attorney during Mr. Buchanan’s administration. At the breaking out of the war, he returned south, and became an officer in the Confederate army. On the creation of the Alexandria City Court, eight years ago, he was made judge, and has ever since served in that capacity with universal acceptance. He was in the 47th year of his age at the time of his death, and was cousin to the Hon. Enoch Louis Lowe, formerly Governor of Maryland. Judge Lowe became a Catholic while at college.
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GEORGETOWN COLLEGE COMMEMORATION.

An immense crowd attended the sixty-second annual commencement of the classical department of Georgetown College to-day, embracing many prominent citizens of the District and distinguished strangers. The grand and massive new college building was greatly admired for its majestic proportions and unique architecture. There were, as usual, many ladies present.

The exercises took place in the spacious and airy hall in the new building, which was crowded with a brilliant audience, and notwithstanding the heat it was pleasant. Among those present were President Hayes and Attorney General Devens, who occupied prominent places upon the stage; also General Lawler and Robinson; Fathers Walter, Jenkins and Ryan; Messrs. M. F. Morss, T. A. Lambert, ex-Mayor Crawford; Drs. Grafton Tyler, Kieleschmidt and Kelly, and so many other doctors as to speak well for the health of the District. The lawyers were also well represented. A large number of old graduates also had seats upon the platform.

The order of exercises was as follows:—Salutatory, V. Howard Brown; "Bryant Among the Poets," Thomas C. Blake; "Our Current Literature," Thomas C. Lawler; "University Prospects," Edward O. Russell; Valedictory, Francis Duffy; conferring of degrees and distribution of prizes. The declamations were up to the usual high standard of this institution, and were well delivered.

The salutatory by V. Howard Brown, of Maryland, was delivered in a graceful and easy manner and with a distinct enunciation. The speaker congratulated himself and class upon being the first graduates from the new hall, and predicted a glorious future for the college. He suggested that all graduates and friends give tangible proofs of their affection for the institution. The next speaker, Mr. Thomas C. Blake, of New York, took for his subject "Bryant Among the Poets," and in a pleasing manner spoke of Bryant as a poet, giving him the honor of being the founder of American creative poetry. The speech was carefully written, and its sentences well worded. At its conclusion the speaker was congratulated by President Hayes. Thos. C. Lawler, of Wisconsin, spoke upon "Our Current Literature," speaking mainly of American newspapers and periodicals in the moral aspect. He made some caustic remarks upon newspapers intruding into homes and sending abroad private misfortune, &c., and feeding the sensational appetite of the times, which he thought the press was in a measure responsible for. His remarks were especially severe upon the weeklies. "University Prospects" was the theme of Edward O. Russell, of West Va., and displayed much thought and good sense. He spoke of the difficulties in the way of a university education. American people want the most education in the least time, and want its value in dollars and cents stamped upon it. Mr. Francis Duffy, of N. Y., delivered the valedictory, and was greeted with much applause.

The above notice (omitting the list of medals and premiums) is from the Evening Star of June 26th. The next is from the Washington Post.

THE LAST OF COLLEGE LIFE.

Exercises of the Graduating Class of Georgetown College Yesterday.

Sixty-one years have passed since the Georgetown University held its first commencement in a small hall in the northern building of the present quadrangle, now divided up into rooms for the accommodation of the Jesuit fathers. In contrast to this quiet beginning was the scene yesterday at this old and honored institute of learning. In the large hall of a new building costing over $100,000, was assembled an audience embracing official dignitaries, men renowned in science and literature, and ladies whose prominence in the social and fashionable world is no less marked. It was in every way a gala day for the college. The long-cherished dream of the faithful fathers was realized, and a graduating class was being sent from a building which stood a just monument to the name and worth of Georgetown college. There was no attempt made to hide the yet unfinished appearance of the hall by any decorations. A temporary gallery had been prepared from the band, and the hastily erected stage was merely covered with carpet. On the platform was seated Mr. Hayes, Attorney General Devens, Postmaster-General Key, Gen. Lawler, of Wisconsin; Drs. Tyler, Toner, Murphy, Kelly and Kieleschmidt, Mr. Smithmyer, the architect of the building; Fathers Shannon, of Philadelphia; Jenkins, president of Gonzaga college; Scaffini, of the District. The lawyers were also well represented. A large number of old graduates also had seats upon the platform.

The programme opened with a salutatory by Mr. V. Howard Brown, of Maryland, who referred especially to the honor enjoyed by the class of '79, it being the first to graduate from the new building. He was followed by Thomas C. Blake, of New York, whose theme was "Bryant Among the Poets." With an earnestness and clearness of thought that showed he appreciated his subject, he eulogized the great poet of nature, and would have him placed among the immortals. "Our Current Literature" was the subject which received able treatment at the hands of Thomas C. Lawler, of Wisconsin. He spoke with few gestures, but clearly and distinctly, and endeavored to give a liberal review of the present tendency of literature. He was followed by Edward O. Russell, of West Virginia, who, in an oration entitled "University Prospects," contended that a college could not give a man all the educational facilities which are offered by universities. His remarks were loudly applauded. The honor of delivering the valedictory, which devolved upon Mr. Francis Duffy, of New York, was not misplaced. He was the most graceful of all the speakers, and his well-chosen words were spoken with an ease and fluency that would have been creditable to an older person. Mr. Duffy is about twenty-three years of age, with a full, round, rather handsome face, and black hair and moustache. He was listened to with more than usual attention, and received merited approbation from the distinguished audience.

From the National Republican.

Recruits for the Army of Bachelors of Arts.

The commencement exercises of Georgetown University, that time-honored institution of classical lore, were held yesterday forenoon in the spacious and lofty hall of the new building. A large and aristocratic audience assembled to witness the interesting ceremonies, while not a few were attracted by the additional desire to inspect the new college edifice. The hall wherein the exercises were held is located in the third story, and is in an incomplete condition. Massive trestle-work were yet visible to the casual observer, while the bare walls and unplastered ceiling presented a cooling aspect not at all unpleasant to the majority of heated spectators.

Music by Donch's band was the first thing on the programme, and after the pleasant strains had ceased reverberating through the spacious hall, Mr. V. Howard Brown stepped gracefully forward and delivered the salutatory. The young gentleman paid a glowing tribute to his alma mater, and said that while his classmates appreciated the honor of being the
first to graduate within the new building, they
nevertheless esteemed as a great honor the fact of
being graduates from Georgetown. He said
that with the new building a new era of pros-
perity and a system of higher education would
be inaugurated for Georgetown University,
which, because of its favorable proximity to
the National Capital, was destined to be the
head centre of Catholic learning in this coun-
try.

At the conclusion of the address, which won
for Mr. Brown a host of bouquets, music suc-
cceeded, and then Mr. Thomas C. Blake, of
New York, made his bow to the audience.

"Bryant Among the Poets" was the interest-
ing theme chosen by Mr. Blake, and the out-
pouring of fine sentiments in language adequate
to the memory of the departed poet, proved
that Bryant can claim few admirers more ar-
dent than this young graduate. Mr. Blake
said that previous to the appearance of Bryant
our American poets were characterized by non-
originality, and that the venerated author
of "Thanatopsis" was the first to throw off
the shackles of literary servitude. Music then
followed this entertaining theme, and Mr.
Thomas C. Lawler, of Wisconsin, was intro-
duced to the assembled spectators. "Our Cur-
rent Literature" was discoursed upon by the
gentleman from the Badger State with a spirit
characteristic of Western practicability. Mr-
Lawler was rather severe on American jour-
alisists could not refute. He, however, hoped
that a lofter tone would be speedily imparted
to the American press. Music was again the
welcome variation of the programme. The
literary exercises were concluded by Mr. Ed-
ward O. Russell, of West Virginia. "Univer-
sity Prospects" was his theme. Mr. Russell at
once won the good will of the audience by his
pleasing delivery, and his interesting remarks
were rewarded by the closest attention. Mr.
Russell, in explaining the difference between a
university and a college, said that the former
was a school of universal learning, while the
latter was devoted to some particular branch
of education. He eulogized the inestimable
importance of universities as educators of
every faculty of the mind and expressed his
gratification that his alma mater was now
justly ranked as the leading Catholic college
in the United States. But the completion of
one of the finest college buildings in the world,
and one of the handsomest even of the many
splendid structures at the National Capital,
will, I believe, inaugurate a new era of pros-
perity. It must be confessed that the methods
of instruction at this college have parted
somewhat of the venerable character of the
roof under which knowledge was imparted.
That is to be all changed, however, now. With
the entrance into the new college building
will come new methods. The latest improve-
ments that have been found successful in modern
college life are to be introduced. The scientific
course especially is to be made fully equal to
that of the best institutions in the country.

There is no reason why Georgetown should
not now develop into that Catholic university
which has been so much discussed of late years.
It is, in fact, already a university, having its
law and medical colleges in this city. Its lo-
cation at the capital of the country is pro-
minently suited to the requirements of such an
institution. There is a decided advantage in
a young man being educated where he can listen
to the debates in Congress, or the arguments
of distinguished lawyers before the Supreme
Court, and have at his command the National
Library, and the collections of the Smithsonian
Institute and the Patent Office.

Mr. Edward O. Russell, of West Virginia,
not only carried off the most honors of the
Georgetown graduates of '79, but also deliver-
ed by far the ablest address; his theme, con-
cerning the prospects of the university. He
possesses a very low, pleasant voice, and his
delivery is smooth, easy, and in every way na-
tural. The subject, barring the mistakes
which every young graduate makes about the
important part which Greek and Latin play in
every-day life, was well handled. Mr. Russell
is a brother of the young gentleman who, a
year or two ago, wrote "The Fall of Damas-
cus"—a novel that is surprising, when the age
of the writer and his opportunities for obser-
vation are taken into consideration.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGETOWN. D. C.

[Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.]

GEORGETOWN, June 26, 1879.

The last Thursday in June is fixed by the
statutes of the University of Georgetown as
the close of its academic studies, and as the
commencement day of the three schools of
which the University is now constituted—old
Georgetown College, with its many chairs of
letters, science, philosophy and mathematics, and
the newer schools of law and of medicine.

From the Washington Republic (J. Brisben
Walker.)

FOR MANY YEARS Georgetown College has
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course especially is to be made fully equal to
that of the best institutions in the country.
For nearly a century the closing exercises of the college have made a gala day in Georgetown, and an occasion of very much interest in all this section of the country. Its foundation was coeval with that of the present government of the United States.

The present is the sixty-second annual commencement, and the first which has taken place in the magnificent hall of the new university building, which is already one of the ornaments of a district specially noted for the variety and magnificence of its buildings. The building is still far from complete, and the hall in which the exercises took place has just been roofed in, and the seats, stands, &c., were all temporary. The absence of every sort of adornment only made more striking the size and solidity of the room, its unusual height being especially noticeable. No available place to stand or sit was unoccupied when, shortly after 10 o'clock A.M. the students entered, and were followed by the faculty, escorting the President of the United States and the Attorney General.

A grand opening march by Donoh's Band preceded the exercises, which were opened with a pleasant salutatory by V. Howard Brown, of Maryland. After music, from "Pinafore," Thos. C. Blake, who had selected "Bryant among the Poets" as his subject, handled the theme in a manner that became the subject and was not inappropriate to the occasion. Music, "Romance from L'Eclair," followed, and then Thos. C. Lawler, in commenting in a scholarly manner upon "Our Current Literature," found the daily newspaper press of the country far below an ideal standard, many of its weeklies enervating, even when they do not corrupt, and the shelves of the booksellers flagrant with poisonous influences. A cavatina from 'Neubuhadnazer' was given by the band, and Edward O. Russell discussed "University Prospects," which he concluded were quite gloomy for the proposed "National Catholic University." He made a handsome plea for liberal education, but thought that a Catholic university in this country must grow by degrees from some existing institution.

The band then gave "The Wanderer," from Fesca, and the vice-president of the university announced the award of degrees. President Hayes delivered the diplomas to the graduates.

The band played a selection from "The Chimes of Normandy," and Francis Duffy pronounced an appropriate valedictory. President Hayes then officiated silently in the delivery of the medals and prizes of the year.

Correspondence of the Exeter (N. H.) Gazette.

The order of the day here for the past fortnight has been the public and private school commencements, prominent among which was the Commencement of the old College at Georgetown which took place on 28th inst. It was founded as a college in 1789 and raised to the rank of a university, by act of Congress dated March 1st, 1815. It is to the District of Columbia what the far-famed Phillips Academy is to Exeter and all New England. Among its graduates may be numbered many of the distinguished scholars and statesmen of the past and present day, while its students are not only from every section of our own country but also from foreign countries, such as Russia, Spain, Ireland, Cuba, &c.

The new building, of which I have before written, is among the grandest college edifices in the world, and the commencement on Thursday last was held in the new house which, although far from being completed, shows its adaptation to the purposes for which it is to be used. Among the distinguished visitors present at the exercises were President Hayes and several members of his Cabinet, who occupied seats on the platform, the President himself assisting in the distribution of honors and awards to the students. The addresses were each and all creditably delivered, and gave evidence, not only of the careful and competent teaching of the faculty, but also of great intelligence on the part of those who delivered them. The students of the scholastic year just closed numbered 156, of whom about twenty were from the New England States.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.—The old friends of this venerable institution will soon cease to recognize it, except from the rear. A magnificent new building, more than three hundred feet long and five stories high, built in the most solid manner, of stone, now connects and completely hides, from the front, the two lines of old buildings, which, thus become merely temporary. The absence of every sort of adornment only made more striking the size and solidity of the room, its unusual height being especially noticeable. No available place to stand or sit was unoccupied when, shortly after 10 o'clock A.M. the students entered, and were followed by the faculty, escorting the President of the United States and the Attorney General.

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