THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

A pretty deer is dear to me,  
A hare with downy hair;  
love a hart with all my heart,  
But hardly bear a bear.  
The plain that no one takes a plane  
To have a pair of pears;  
A rake, though, often takes a rake  
To tear away the lane.  
All rays raise thyme, time raises all;  
And, through whole, hole wears.  
A writ, in writing "right," may write  
It "right," and still be wrong—  
For "write" and "rite" are neither "right,"  
And don't to write belong.  
Beer often brings a bier to man,  
Conquering a coffin brings,  
And too much wine will make us all,  
As well as other things.  
The person lies who says he lies  
When he is but reclining;  
And, when compulsive folks decline,  
They all decline declining.  
A quail don't quail before a storm—  
A bough will bow before it;  
We cannot rain the rain at all—  
No earthly powers reign o'er it.  
The dye dyes awhile, then dies;  
To dye he's always dying,  
Until upon his dying-bed  
He thinks no more of dyeing.  
A son of Mars mars many a sun;  
All days must have their days,  
And every toil should pray each night  
To Him who weighs his ways.  
The meek that man should meet out meat  
To feed misfortune's son;  
The fair should bare on love alone,  
Else one cannot be won,  
A loss, alas! is something false;  
Of fault a mail is made;  
Her waist is but a barren waste—  
Though stayed, she is not staid.  
The springs spring forth in spring, and shoots  
Shoot forward one and all;  
Though summer kills the flowers, it leaves  
The leaves to fall in fall.  
I would a story here commence,  
But you might find it stale;  
So let's suppose that we have reached  
The tail end of our tale.  

ANON.

COMMENCEMENT DAY.

Fair skies and fresh breezes ushered in the most interesting, perhaps, of commencement days that the College has ever seen. In addition to the usual events which give character to these anniversaries and assign them importance in the estimation of collegians, the presence of Alumni from all portions of the country, assembled in response to an invitation to attend “the first annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Georgetown University,” gave the 23d of June a prominence which the graduates of ’81 are not likely to forget.

The exercises were held in the adelpha maxima of the new building, although the room presents the same unfinished look familiar to visitors of the two last commencement days. Very Rev. Robert W. Brady, S. J., Provincial of Maryland and New York, presided. On the stage were seated the Faculty, headed by the reverend President, the graduates of ’81, professors of the medical and law departments, and Alumni of the institution, beginning with W. W. Corcoran, Esq., of ’81. In our notice of the Alumni meeting we propose to mention those present, so we omit their names from this place.

An interesting feature was the presence for the first time of all the prize-donors. Hon. R. T. Merrick, LL.D., Martin F. Morris, LL.D., Charles W. Hoffmann, LL.D., Jos. M. Toner, M. D., A. M., and George P. Goff, A. M.

The audience was, as usual, large, appreciative and fashionable. Donch’s band furnished the music, and the selections were fresh, well-chosen and finely played. The floral offerings, though neither so numerous nor so elaborate as already been seen, numbered eight, well set up with the average of recent years, though not by any means what Georgetown is destined to have in years to come. There were also three graduates as Bachelors of Science—Charles Henry Jourdan, Emmitsburg, Md.; Master of Arts—J. Thomas Scharf, Esq., Baltimore, Mt. Bachelors of Arts—George Donworth, Maine; Daniel W. Lawler, Wisconsin; John Ledyard Lincoln, Ohio; James Dudley Morgan, District of Columbia; Alexander Harrison Semmes, District of Columbia; James Huppmann Sloan, Maryland; Prosper E. Thian, District of Columbia; James M. Willcox, Jr., Pennsylvania. Bachelors of Science—Charles William Hamilton, Nebraska; Charles Pourgeaud McPherson, South Carolina; Edward Leslie Mellen, New York.

The regular graduating class, it has already been seen, numbered eight, well up with the average of recent years, though not by any means what Georgetown is destined to have in years to come. There were also three graduates as Bachelors of Science, indicating a course of studies which is rapidly growing and developing in importance. Among the honorary degrees were Doctor of Laws conferred in sounding Ciceronian phrase upon Judge Richardson, of the Court of Claims, a lecturer in the University’s line Law School; and Doctor of Philosophy upon Dr. Thomas Antisell, principal examiner in the Patent Office. As the Georgetown Faculty has always been chary in conferring these degrees, and confined them to men to whom they would be really appropriate, they are justly considered a high honor; as is shown, in fact, by Judge Richardson re-
receiving again the degree which he was already entitled to wear by the diploma of another institution.

There was special significance in the bestowal of the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Very Rev. President of Mt. St. Mary’s College. It was meant to testify at once the appreciation held of the gentleman as a churchman, and the deep sympathy felt for the venerable in stitution over which he has been called to preside, in the trying ordeal through which she is now passing onward, we trust, to a more glorious and yet more useful future.

An analysis of the roll of awards is hardly possible, nor is it demanded, for the annual register of the College has furnished to all who are interested the fullest information. In the senior year, George Donworth, of Maine, rivalled the success of his predecessor of ’80, Joseph P. O’Brien, of Pennsylvania, and maintained the lead in all the studies of the class, thus winning the three gold medals, which are the highest honors in the gift of the University. Francis A. Brogan, of Kansas, likewise received the three medals in his respective classes, a rare honor. Of the prizes given “out of course,” the first announced was the Merrick medal.

This prize was debated for at Lincoln Hall last spring by advocates respectively of free trade and tariff legislation, and was awarded by the judges in a full and interesting report, highly complimentary to all the contestants, to Mr. Denis A. Shanahan, of Virginia. This decision seemed to cause some surprise, as the general verdict had divided rather between Mr. William A. Lackey, of this District, who did take the College medal for eloquence, and Mr. A. Clarke Wright, of Georgia, who took the premium in same, and made a specially fine legal argument in the debate, which led Senator Ben. Hill to the impression that the debate was really among students of the Law Department.

Daniel W. Lawler, of Wisconsin, won the Morris medal in an essay which was pronounced by the examiner, himself a leading member of the District bar, a magnificent paper and which needed the merest revision to render it fit for publication in any political review of the country. Mr. Lawler also secured the Philodemic medal for the best essay, competition for this prize being confined to members of the society donating the same. The Toner scientific medal was withheld for this year, no one of the contestants having satisfied the requirements of its establishment. The Hoffman mathematical prize was taken by Isaac Nordlinger, of the District.

The literary part of the exercises was pointed and brief. The essay of Mr. Lincoln, of Ohio, on “Modern Skepticism,” was pregnant with thought and full of sound principles, but might have been thrown into a more popular form without losing either depth or strength. The essay on Tennyson, by Mr. Willecox, of Pennsylvania, was a scholarly production, elegant as the subject demanded, and it was delivered in a manly way. It is rare for commencement guests to be treated so masterly an address as that of Mr. Lawler on the “Insufficiency of Purely Intellectual Culture.” Sound in ethics, forcible in logic, graceful in thought and diction, earnest and powerful in delivery, despite the fact that the gentleman left a sick bed to take his place on the platform, this effort was one to make Alma Mater proud of her son.

The valedictory met with just treatment at the hands of Mr. Prosper E. Thian, of the District, and especially was it commendable for the judicious brevity which the concluding portion received.

The commencement exercises proper were closely followed by the first annual meeting of the Society of the Alumni, but of this we give a record elsewhere. Hence we conclude this report by seconding the wish expressed in his closing speech of the day by the Very Rev. Robt. W. Brady, S. J., that the generosity of friends will enable the Commencement of ’82 to be held in a fully completed and ornamented hall.

**THE ALUMNI MEETING.**

Often has the wish been expressed that Commencement Day would bring together at Georgetown more of her sons than usually attend. The fact that her graduates are spread over so immense an extent of territory and are out in the busy world even beyond the confines of our own country, renders any very numerous assemblage difficult to secure. The effort was, however, made this year, chiefly with a view of perfecting the organization of an alumni association; and the first annual meeting of the Society of the Alumni of Georgetown College, held after the commencement exercises, was a grand success, especially considering the comparative novelty of the undertaking on such a scale, and the widely-scattered state of the old students. The organization was effected in May, 1880, by selected delegates from each decade in the history of the college, and a constitution was adopted declaring the objects of the society to be to perpetuate and strengthen college friendships, to collect and preserve materials for college history, but above all to promote the interests of Georgetown College by calling attention to its advantages as a school of learning by endeavoring to secure for it the most favorable legislation, by seeking to obtain for it donations and endowments, and by contributing and procuring for it such material aid as may enable its faculty to carry out successfully their plans for enlarging its curriculum and placing it on an equal footing with other and more favored institutions. Under this constitution the following officers were elected: W. W. Corcoran, president; Hon. Francis Kernan, first vice-president; R. T. Merrick, second vice-president; John P. Hanna, secretary; Rev. P. P. Healy, S. J., treasurer; executive committee: Rev. P. P. Healy, S. J., ex officio, F. P. B. Sands, G. Earnest Hamilton, S. Chapman Neale and George L. Magruder, M. D. At about noon the venerable president, Mr. Corcoran, rapped the meeting to order and then called to the chair Hon. R. T. Merrick, who presided actively during the remainder of the proceedings. Over ninety were present and took part, embracing gentlemen eminent in every rank of life and from various parts of the Union, the eldest being Mr. Corcoran himself, a student of 1811. On taking the chair Mr. Merrick explained the object of the meeting in an eloquent address, which was heartily and repeatedly applauded, showing the earnest feeling pervading the assemblage and responding to every one of his appeals for more fraternal feeling among the graduates and more filial devotion to Alma Mater. The address we hope to reproduce from stenographic reports in this or the following issue of our paper. The executive committee then brought forward several amendments to the constitution, modifying the phraseology, increasing the number of vice-presidents, and reducing the initiation fee, which were favorably acted upon and lie over under the rules of the annual term of office, when the revered President of the University rose and urged that the matter be taken out of the hands of the alumni society. This motion was unanimously carried. Justice Walter S. Cox, who is
The following list contains a correct record of the names of all former students, objects set forth in the preamble cannot, if properly understood, fail to command themselves to every collegian, we exhort all not yet upon the society to forward name and initiation fee to the secretary of the body, F. B. Sands, Esq., Georgetown College, D. C.

**PRESIDENT GARFIELD AND COMMENCEMENT DAY.**

EXECUTIVE MANSON,

WASHINGTON, June 21, 1881.

DEAR SIR: The President directs me to say that reply to your polite note of the 3d instant, inviting him to preside at the annual commencement of Georgetown College, on the 23d of this month, has been delayed until now in the hope that he might be able to send an acceptance of your kind invitation. This, however, finds he will be unable to do, as he expects to be absent from the city on Thursday next.

Expressing the President’s thanks for your kindness,

I am, very respectfully,

O. L. PRUDEN,
Secretary.

President Georgetown College.

LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE ALUMNI MEETING ON JUNE 23, '81.

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 11, 1881.

Rev. P. F. HEALY, S. J.,
President Georgetown College.

My Dear Sir: I duly received your invitation to lunch with the College Faculty on the 23d instant, but did not answer it at the time, as I was suffering from a cold, which I was apprehensive might continue and prevent me from doing so; but as I am better, and the indication is I shall continue to improve, I promise myself the pleasure of being with you. I also purpose, health and weather permitting, to be present at the commencement, and the meeting of the Alumni Society. This is prescribing a considerable day’s work for an old man bordering on the 76th year of his age; but as Mr. Corcoran, who is my senior by three years seven and a half months generally puts in his appearance on such occasions, I do not think I ought to exhibit less physique than he does.

With the highest consideration,

I am, very truly yours,

JNO. B. BLAKE.

ATLANTA, GA., June 15, 1881.

President of Georgetown College.

Dear Sir: I have received an invitation to be present at a meeting of the
Alumni in July, and at an entertainment of the Faculty.

It would give me very great pleasure to accept your invitation, but I fear my business engagements will prevent. Such a reunion would afford me, have no doubt, even more pleasure than I anticipate. Please say to my reverend and learned professor and teacher, Father Curley, that the best toast I ever heard in his honor was John Doyle's: "Here's a health to Father Curley, professor of mathematics and the physical sciences; though he hasn't a crook or a quirk in his head or his heart, yet he is Curley all over." Trusting you will have a happy reunion of the Alumni of our old Alma Mater.

I am with great respect, very truly,
W. S. Walkers.

Doughiegan Manor,

Rev. and Dear Father: Deeply grateful for your kind remembrance of me, and delightful as it would be to me to make now and to meet so many old friends at my former college home of thirty-five years ago, I shall be obliged to forego the pleasure as we shall be off to the North travelling before the 23d of June. None the less touched with the kindness and the honor of your invitation, and hope this autumn to be able to revisit the college and thank you in person.

With all love and respect, I am very sincerely yours,
Charles Carroll.

Lexington, Ky., June 14, 1881.

Rev. P. F. Healy,
President Georgetown College.

My Dear Sir: While in receipt of the invitations of the Alumni and Faculty of your Institution for several weeks past, I have delayed answer until now. In vain hope of being able to gratify my desire once more to visit the old College; for to the training and education I there received I feel I owe much, if not all, of my success in life. But to-day I find the unavoidable engagements of my profession will deprive me of a pleasure in which I had anticipated so much of enjoyment.

And while expressing my regrets at my inability in some measure to renew my youth by revisiting the scenes of my college life and remingling with the old friends associated with me in the rivalries and pleasures of those old days when the heart was young, and hope, "like the bird in the story," held before the glittering talisman of the fruition of ambitious dreams, I cannot refrain from expressing my earnest and kindliest regards for the institution to which I owe so much, and of which and of those associated with it, I think so often.

The kindliest memories of my younger days are inseparably associated with recollections of Father Lynch, the rhetorician and linguist, whose impulsive and kindly heart led him so often to forget and forgive my boyish errors; of Father Curley, venerable even then, to whom the heavens with all their wonders were more familiar than the earth, and who was beloved alike by all who knew him; of Father Maguire, the eloquent orator, the courtly gentleman, who was at once our admiration and our exemplar; of Fathers Ardea, King, and Duddy, and of gallant old Father Clark, whose soldierly brusqueness hid as warm and generous a heart as ever beat; and of all the others who rise in procession when college life passes in review, and the half-forgotten past is revived in the daydream of the present.

And to the old associates of those days—Alex Loughborough, Henry Wooton, Bob Combs, Leo Armandt, Ed Zane, the Hullihens, and the long list of others with whom were formed the ties that bind youthful lives together, my heart turns as warmly as it did over a quarter of a century ago. To me they are still boys as I then knew them, and the years that have trodden out the buoyancy of my youth and readily broken many a golden dream of hope, has left its memories untouched, and to me they are as they were when we parted, each to pursue his own path in the race for life. And when I have met any of the "old college boys" even though clad in hospital garb and on the field of battle, they were neither strangers nor enemies, but old companions of my boyhood.

But twenty-six years must have brought great changes to the old band. Yet in spite of bald heads or gray beards a reunion of such of us as are left would be like a dip into the fountain of youth, and though the fires of youth may have died and the light of hope gone out, and on our hearts and in our hearts all is ashes, such a meeting would rekindle even the dull gray embers and rekindle the charred and wasted torch.

You will pardon me for a prolixity uncommon for a mere response to an invitation, but I could not deny myself the pleasure of recalling memories and reverting to events which my heart must be as cold as death can make it, before I will forget.

And now, my dear sir, to you and through you to the Faculty and to the Society of the Alumni of Georgetown College, permit me again to tender my acknowledgments of the invitations received and my sincere regrets that unexpected and inexorable engagements prevent my acceptance.

With kindliest remembrances to any of the class of '55, to the students who still hold my name in memory and to the members of the Faculty, with assurances of my personal regard for yourself and with a love for the old college, which knows no variability nor shadow of change.

I am very truly, etc.,
F. Waters, '55.

Alexandria, La., June 5, 1881.

Rev. P. F. Healy,
President Georgetown University.

Rev. and Dear Sir: Your very kind invitation to lunch with the Faculty of Georgetown College on the 23d instant was received yesterday; also, under the same enclosure, an invitation to the first meeting of the Alumni Association.

Nothing in this world would afford me greater pleasure than to be present at two such occasions, recalling so many pleasant recollections of the happy past, but the stern realities of the present will prevent me from accepting your kind invitation. Though I do indulge the hope of paying the dear old College a visit during the present summer, and may at the commencement of the next session leave my boy to reprint the footsteps trod by his father nearly thirty years ago.

With assurances of high regard for yourself, and ever increasing devotion to Alma Mater, I am yours truly,
John W. Prescott, '56.

Charleston, S. C., June 7, 1881.

Rev. P. F. Healy, S. J.

Rev. Dear Sir: Your kind invitation to me to lunch with the Faculty of the College on the 23d of this month was regretfully received. I was all the more surprised and flattered, as I thought that the many years which have elapsed since I was a small boy at the College had erased my name from the memory of Alma Mater.

If wishes had wings I might be present, but as it is I regret that I cannot accept your kind invitation, and enjoy the hospitality of your table, at which I sat so many years ago.

With best wishes, &c., I am sincerely,
In Christ,
H. P. Northrup, '61.
YAZOO CITY, MISS., May 31, 1881.
REV. P. F. HEALY, S. J.,
President Georgetown College.

DEAR FATHER: I received this day your kind invitation to lunch with the Faculty of dear old Georgetown on the 23d prox. I can assure you that I appreciate the compliment, and that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be with you on that most interesting occasion, but the fates are against me, and I must be denied what would be to me a most enjoyable meeting with many whom I greatly respect and love. I am absent from my home, which is Canton, Mississippi, attending court as the State's attorney for the ninth judicial district of Mississippi, and will be here necessarily until about the middle of June, and then have to be at Jackson, the capital of the State in July. Commend me most affectionately to all that may care to know of me, and believe me, dear father, with sentiments of the highest esteem, your friend and obedient servant,

H. S. Foote, '81.

LA FAYETTE, IND., June 10, 1881.

DEAR FATHER HEALY: I regret very much that I cannot accept your kind invitation and be present at the College on Commencement Day. It would afford me great pleasure, I assure you, to be with you on that day, and to mingle with my old schoolmates, many of whom I know will be there.

Out here alone and all or many of the others renewing their friendship, I will certainly feel as if I am in "jug," a feeling new to me, as may be shown by Father Loague's jug-book, and to which fact John Agar, Ned Griffis, Bell Etheridge and others can testify. Don't ask them, please. I hope the class of '74 will be well represented, and that they can all give flattering accounts of their success in life. The above letter-head shows my business, to which I am very closely tied on account of my father's poor health. There is one growing Ball, but he is too young yet to go away to college. When his time comes I, or any other college boy, can advise him as to how to make use of his time—it is an old story. How many realize it too late! This is your busy time, and I fear I have taken up too much of it, and tired you with this which I know will be there.

My kind regards, please, to all my friends amongst the fathers and teachers at the College and to enquiring friends.

Trusting that your health has been fully restored, and that you are gratified with the closing school year, and that you may open in September with increased numbers,

I remain sincerely yours,

WALTER J. BALL, '74.

ZION SCHOOL OF BALTIMORE.
FRIDAY A. M., May 27, 1881.

REV. FATHER HEALY: I am in receipt of the kind invitations extended by the Society of the Alumni and the Faculty of Georgetown College to be present at the annual meeting of the former society June 23d next. Be assured that nothing but urgent affairs will prevent me from attending. Family matters and more arduous duties have left me little freedom necessarily until about the middle of June, and then have to be at Jackson, the capital of the State in July. Commend me most affectionately to all that may care to know of me, and believe me, dear father, with sentiments of the highest esteem, your friend and obedient servant,

EDW. SCHERI, '72.

THE MERRICK MEDAL.

The interest yearly manifested in college circles over the contest for this prize justifies us in thinking that the following elaborate report of the honorable judges for the present year will be read with appreciation.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.,
May 6, 1881.

The undersigned, a committee to decide between the young gentlemen, students of Georgetown College, who contended for the Merrick Medal for excellence in forensic oratory, May 5, 1881, submit the following REPORT:

The speakers were Mr. D. A. Shannah, of Virginia; Mr. A. C. Wright, of Georgia; Mr. W. A. Lackey, of the District of Columbia, and Mr. J. M. Willcox, of Pennsylvania. At the outset we desire to express the sincere pleasure which all the speeches afforded us. We have never heard from college students better ones, if so good. They were all thoughtful, well considered, argumentative, fair and courteous, and there was a marked and commendable absence of florid declamation, and a more proper reaching after the plain and the practical. We thought that in the ease and accuracy of declamation Mr. Lackey excelled: that in the free flow of language and the continuous and appropriate connection, one with another, of his ideas, Mr. Wilcox excelled; that in logic and the exposition of the legal principles involved in the question, Mr. Wright undoubtedly did best; but in the aggregation of those and other qualities which go to make up the excellencies of the true orator and debater, we cannot refrain from adding a remark: Let not him who gained the prize be too much elated, nor let those who missed it be too much disappointed. Ours is only the judgment of three gentlemen who have had but one opportunity of forming that judgment. We may be mistaken. But the people among whom they go to live, the great audiences before whom they shall contend for the grand rewards of a noble life, will judge them with an infallible judgment. And to him who labors hardest and lives most uprightly will these rewards assuredly be given.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. B. VANCE,
HOWELL E. JACKSON,
WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON.

LOCAL.

On behalf of all the "examined," we wish to give expression to the feelings of gratitude that must pervade the College for the very correct way in which the weather conducted itself during examination week. Perhaps there never was an examination in the history of the College conducted under more favorable circumstances, (so far as the weather was concerned,) than the one just over.

Our nine met the Alexandria boys on the grounds of the latter on Tuesday, the 21st of June. We haven't the score at hand, and so cannot give the record in full. It is perhaps sufficient to know that our boys were victors with a score of 9 to 5.

The printers in the JOURNAL office wish that "commencements" would "end" in cool weather.
devoted to matters of local interest, it must rely for its support chiefly upon the students and alumni of the College and its Departments, and their friends. These and all former students are exhorted to sustain it by their patronage.

Address,

COLLEGE JOURNAL,
Georgetown, D. C.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE, JULY, 1881.

EXCHANGES.

As we are about to vacate, for a season, the sacred places of the past, and betake ourselves to various joyful scenes, we will allow our severity to melt a little before this sunny prospect. Contemplating the pleasing outlook before us, we are unable to deal harshly. Yet, if lenient, we must be just. This latter being the case, we are compelled to enter a solemn disapproval of a poem in the
Student's Life, entitled "A Grievous Fate of Two Hats." It is humorous and punny; a great deal of the latter is supposed to devote itself extensively to art; it has a profusely illustrated title-page. Why, then, does it seek fame in an entirely different department? It would seem, from the production of which I speak, that it can never wear the two-fold crown. Let it, then, devote itself to art. Poor humor is really painful.

Our namesake, the College Journal of Wisconsin, of some time back, has a poem on Carlyle. Poor man! He has been written up in all sorts of prose, good, bad and indifferent. But one degradation remained, and that was to be emblazoned in halting verse. He has now met this severe fate in the poem just spoken of. Notice the grand prelude of the effusion:

"Great Prophet! Herald hour of new-born day, With bold and earnest," etc.

And so it goes on. That first line would inevitably damn any poem. Some studious and scientific youth has given vent to some ideas on "Platinum" in this month's Haverfordian. Well, every one to his own taste, but when we reflect on the unutterable agony caused once by chemistry, we look on the writer of "Platinum" working either as a demoted enthusiast, or a walking wonder. Beside, no reader of a college paper wants to hear anything about platinum. So, gentlemen of the Haverfordian, go back to your old poetry, and let platinum alone.

And now, brother editors, good-bye for three months. May your intellects wax strong in the meanwhile, and your discretion increase; so that when you resume your duties your work may partake of both intelligence and wisdom.

THE STUDY HALL.

The study-hall is a study for a painter. Looking around as we write (for we have not yet contracted the habit of writing in that office of ours) a sight meets our eyes which for scenic effect (we are not quite sure that word is correct, but we are of a bold and daring spirit, and so hazard it) is hard to beat. The desks all decapitated—if we may consider the books that surmounted them as heads; the chairs all gone; the boys all gone; bits of paper torn and scattered all over the floor like snow that has been trampled under foot. It makes us feel sad, and we have a spark of poetical fire in our breasts, there would be found somewhere in this issue of the Journal some lines of poetry entitled "The Study Hall Deserted."
District of Columbia; the first-named carried off the highest honors of the studies of the senior year. To catalogue the names of the successful contestants who secured rewards would exceed the space at our disposal. Gold medals were awarded in Christian Doctrine to Miss Alice Hayes, of Washington, and Miss Grace Claggett, of Maryland; in arithmetic, to Miss Mamie Callahan, of Chicago; in music, to Miss Evelina Heap, of Washington. Rev. P. F. Healy distributed the prizes, and Rev. Robert Fulton, S. J., the newly elected president of Gonzaga College, addressed the audience in a humorous vein, commenting incisively upon the sphere of woman’s activity.

We conclude this report by noticing more briefly than it deserves, what was perhaps the most attractive feature of the day, the magnificent display of painting and fancy work from the hands of the pupils. Admiration and delight were expressed on all sides on the array of beautiful articles tastefully arranged in one of the halls of the Academy. The most elaborate piece of work in the room was an easy chair, done in Kensington stitch by Miss Rosa Macias. A banner screen, embroidered on old gold satin with crimson puff border and richly mounted in ebony, was exhibited by Miss Lillian Saunders, of Richmond. Exquisite specimens of needle work were a screen by Miss Nannie Sloan and Miss Emma Callahan; foot- rests by Miss Helen Sloan; an ottoman by Miss Mamie Callahan; sofa cushions by Miss Nona Myers, Miss Emma Mims and Miss Lizzie Johnson; chair covers and elaborate tidies by Misses Macias, Fannie O’Brien, Lillie Claggett, Mims, Annie Gleason, Emma Callahan and Nettie Thompson. Some lovely table-covers, the work of Miss Helen Sloan, Miss Lilian Saunders and Miss Grace Claggett, displayed great taste in shading, and represented an amount of work little appreciated by those unacquainted with the art. Of drawing and painting beautiful exhibits were made. One specimen that elicited universal admiration was a fire screen, a cluster of calla lilies, done in oil upon black satin, by Miss Josie Duffy, of Pa. The same young lady had some exquisite pieces of tile decoration. A fire screen, in oil upon black satin, by Miss Mamie Callahan; tile painting by Miss Emma Callahan and water colors by Miss Fannie Bogue showed marked excellence.

While delighted visitors lingered over this array of beautiful work, which deft fingers and artistic hands had woven and traced during the quiet hours of the year just done, hasty good-byes were being spoken by parting pupils. In a short time the doors were closed upon the last loitering guest and soon there remained of a bright day but the flowers, which had been piously left by the fair hands that had received them to breathe out their fragrance before the convent shrines, while those to whom the beautiful offerings had been made were being borne far from the consecrated home that for months had sheltered them.

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

For the tenth time since this the latest born of the university schools began its career of usefulness, a graduating class presented itself to receive from the Faculty their hard-won degrees; and on the evening of June 16th a highly intelligent and appreciative audience assembled in Ford’s Opera House to welcome the young gentlemen just quitting the lecture-room for the halls of justice.

It may be said that the graduating exercises of the classes of ’81 from the Law school of the venerable university were a model in all respects of what such affairs should be. There was no excess of anything, while all was in the best of taste, so that, as seldom happens, the general audience departed as pleased as the graduates, regretting only that there was not more, instead of less. The floral decorations of the stage, under the efficient charge of J. H. Small, consisted of a stand of growing plants on each side, together with a mammoth shield of white flowers, bearing the device, “Law—’81—U. of G.” tastefully disposed in red, and suspended by evergreen garlands in the centre. The floral gifts to the graduates were arranged along the front, and being large and of emblematic design, horseshoes, ladders, scales of justice, and a great white owl, done to the life, made a splendid show. On the stage were seated the senior and postgraduate classes, and facing them the Faculty, Rev. P. F. Healy, S. J., President of the University; Hon. B. T. Merrick, LL.D.; Judge Richardson, of the Court of Claims, and Professors Hoffman, Morris, Lowndes, and Dennis, and the invited guests. Justice Harlan, of the Supreme Court; Solicitor General Phillips, Commissioner Morgan, Admiral Alden, Dr. Toner, F. P. B. Sands, Esq., and other citizens. The proceedings were opened and diversified throughout with some of the finest music ever heard from the Marine Band, Sousa leading in person, and encored being frequent and hearty, especially for the cornet performances of Jaeger.

Mr. Merrick gracefully introduced the orator of the evening, Hon. Samuel Shellabarger, who delivered an address remarkable for its originality and force. Arresting the attention of the audience instantly by his recital of homely details in the early life of the great Chief Justice Marshall, he gradually carried them with him into the highest flights of eloquence, impressing upon the young men before him the watchword of Fidelity: not merely to client but to self, to honor, and to God. Mr. John H. Holt, of the senior class, son of Judge Holt, of West Virginia, followed in a striking valedictory address upon “The American Jurist,” which elicited frequent outbursts of laughter and applause at its argument and satire, and drew the warmest congratulations from the distinguished gentlemen present.

A ladder surmounted by a great key of red and white flowers was handed to the young speaker from Maj. Gaines, of the same State. Father Healy then formally conferred diplomas of Masters of Law upon Messrs. Jackson, Newman, O’Connell, Power, and Shoemaker, and of Bachelor of Laws upon Messrs. Clements, Conghlin, Fallon, Harrison, Holt, Joyce, Keer, McMullen, McNeir, Russell, and Taylor, the last named the well-known justice of the peace. An inimitable little speech from the genial and cultured president, which put every one in a good humor, closed the evening, though all the large and fashionable audience lingered during the last galop, and afterwards, as if loath to leave the scene of so much real pleasure and enjoyment.

PERSONAL.

It was with genuine pleasure that we wrung the hand of our ex-editor, Mr. H. C. Walsh, a few days before commencement. He came to see the end of the year, which he was unable from ill-health to follow up with his class. With a spirit of true appreciation he came several days beforehand, in order that he might look around and chat around. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Win. Walsh.

Mr. CHARLES A. DECOURCY, of Lawrence, whose graduation last fall with brilliant honors at the Boston Law School, we took note of then, has been examined by the committee of the Essex Bar upon his application for admission to practice as an attorney in the courts of the Commonwealth, and the
committee have made a favorable report. Mr. Ives, the chairman of the committee, states that the examination of Mr. DeCourcy was by far the best of any previous candidate for admission. We understand that Mr. DeCourcy will enter upon the practice of his profession in Lawrence. His talents and honorable character should win for him early success.

The briefest word of ours is sufficient to convey to our young Esquire the Journal's hearty congratulations on the brilliant opening of his legal career.

One of the most distinguished alumni present at the meeting of the association was the Hon. Chas. James Faulkner, of Va. The following notice is clipped from the Washington Post:

Hon. Charles James Faulkner, of Virginia, an alumnus of Georgetown College, was present at the recent commencement. He is remarkably well preserved, and would readily pass for not more than sixty years of age. He was a member of the Senate and House of Delegates of his State and of the convention of 1850 to revise her constitution. He represented Virginia in Congress from 1850 to 1860, when he was appointed Minister to France. He returned home in 1861, and became chief of Gen. Stonewall Jackson's staff, whose confidence and friendship he fully enjoyed. In 1872 he was a member of the convention that framed the constitution of West Virginia, and was elected to the Forty-fourth Congress.

**PROF. NEWCOMB'S LECTURE.**

An illustrated lecture on "The Development of Astronomy" was delivered before an audience of the College students and faculty and a large number of invited guests, on Tuesday, May 10th, by Prof. Simon Newcomb, LL.D., the celebrated astronomer. The lecturer started with the first systems of astronomy and showed, that though they had much error in them, they also embodied much truth.

The system of Ptolemy was explained in full and also various other systems. After the audience were conversant with the notions of the early astronomers, and after the lecturer had pointed out the fact that our present system of astronomy was derived from the first systems, the errors having been rejected, the lecturer described a number of the early and medieval instruments. Views of these were shown to the audience by means of the stereopticon. The modern telescope was then taken up, but the lecturer was unable to explain it in full, as it would occupy too much time. The lecture was remarkably interesting throughout and derived an additional interest from the fact that it was delivered by so eminent a scientist.

**THE MATERIALIST'S RHyme.**

Darkness o'er all; a darkness in the air,
And in my heart a treble darkness there.
Why is their splendor blurred, O, mid-day sun;
Earth's glory fled, life's music gone!

The chords that at my touch brought sweetest sound
No more respond, their tones in wailing drowned;
And all that Beauty's brush once painted fair,
Ashes, deep sepulchred in my despair!

The earth but dust beneath my heedless feet,
A chaos heaven, where lawless, through the void,
Systems are hurled, and world on world destroyed.

Ay! heedless, I could see it all
In chaos universal order fall;
For what to me is planet, sun, or star;
O, what to me if all be peace or war;
If element with element wage strife,
O, what to me, who finds but death in life?
And man! supremest, highest, and most fair,
Who comes and goes, who knows not whence or where;
A flash of light within the sum of things,
A sound that passes trembling on the strings,
A thought enjeweled within a fleshy shrine,
A beast that owns a brother in the swine;
Upon the threshold Hope lies, cold and pale;
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**MEETING OF CREDITORS OF MT. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.**

Pursuant to a call issued by Rev. Father Byrne, president of Mt. St. Mary's College, about seventy creditors, representing in person or by proxy nearly the entire indebtedness of the institution, assembled at the Western Maryland Hotel, at Emmittsburg, June 17th, and organized a meeting by selecting Joshua Biggs as chairman, and Henry Williams, of Frederick, secretary.

Captain James McSherry, the receiver, introduced Father Byrne, who stated that the object of the meeting was to devise some plan for the benefit of the college and the relief of the creditors. He gave a history of the origin and growth of the indebtedness as far as it could be ascertained from the fragmentary memorandum to which he had had access, and said that he had accepted the presidency with a twofold purpose: First, the rescue of the college, and second, to protect the creditors as far as he could.

There was but one of two things to be done: either to allow the college and all its property to be offered at auction to the highest bidder or for the creditors to propose a compromise that could be accepted and carried out. A sale would realize scarcely more than sufficient to pay the lien creditors, whereas a compromise would enable the friends of the institution to contribute a reasonable sum, which, when added to the amount that will be realized from the sale of the surplus land of the college and the amount already received from the sale of the personal property, would produce an aggregate for distribution among the creditors ratably.

As the representative of Gen. Jas. Cole, one of the largest individual creditors, Captain McSherry then proposed a compromise of 38½ per cent.

An amendment offered by Jos. Byers to make it 75 per cent. was voted down, whereupon Mr. Rhodes, of Baltimore, proposed 50 per cent.

Mother Byrne, at this juncture, stated that he did not think he could answer for his ability to raise an amount sufficient to pay that dividend.

Considerable discussion here ensued, after which Dr. Elder, of Emmittsburg, moved to accept a compromise of 35 per cent., and this was accepted, the proposition being strongly advocated by Joshua Biggs and others.

The creditors then adjourned to meet on Thursday following, at the same place, for the purpose of signing the necessary papers to carry the compromise agreed upon into effect.

It is now believed that the continued existence of the college is assured beyond doubt, and that its troubles will soon be adjusted. According to Father Byrne's statement, contributions to the amount of $25,000 have already been received from the friends of the institution.
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