SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMEMCENMENT.

Clouds lowered upon the graduation day of the class of ’85, but all else was propitious, and, though the gloom which the sad death of Mr. Merrick had cast upon the entire community, made its influence felt on this occasion, yet the men of ’85 had an auspicious dismissal from the walks of college life, and a flattering entrance upon the great stage of the world, whereon we look to see them play, each, a noble part.

The orators of the day were Ralph S. Latshaw, of Missouri; Thomas R. Ransom, of North Carolina; and John R. Slattery, of Massachusetts. The first-named, in a well conceived and graphic review of the history of some of the principal nations which have grown to eminence in the world’s existence, enforced his thesis, that morality is the basis of sound government. His delivery was more than ordinarily free from the tendency to dramatic exaggeration which has often marred his oratorical efforts, and his utterance was more deliberate, and consequently more distinct, than on other occasions, we have observed it to be.

Mr. Ransom chose for his subject, The place which the South can claim in our country’s history. His topic was eminently a sectional one, yet he managed to treat it in a manner which only the most captious could take exception to. He was earnest, vehement even, his manner being entirely in sympathy with his subject. The speech which secured most general praise was that of Mr. Slattery, on ‘The Scholar in the Republic. For maturity of thought, force of argument, grace of style and vigor of delivery, it was far in advance of the efforts which such occasions call forth.

Walter N. Kernan, of New York, was the valedictorian, and pleased all by the very neat, appropriate, and reasonably brief address which he gave.

To meet the wishes both of the orator and of the members of the Society of Alumni, the address of Hon. John E. Develin, of New York, was delivered just before the conferring of degrees. At the last moment it was foreseen that the death of Mr. Merrick, which had occurred only the day before, would lessen the number present at the alumni meeting on the evening of June 24th, and it was deemed advisable to postpone the delivery of Mr. Develin’s address until Commencement Day. In another portion of the present issue this address will appear.

The President of the United States was unwilling to depart from the course which he had laid down for himself of declining all invitations to college commencements during the current year, while he gave a voluntary promise to be present next year. The degrees were therefore conferred by the President of the college, and the prizes were awarded by V. Rev. Robert Fulton, S. J., Provincial of Maryland-New York.

The honors in Rational Philosophy were won by Charles W. Seawell, of Virginia, who took the Goff Medal, and Eugene Del., McDonnell, of Baltimore, who carried off the second prize. In Physics the prizes were secured by Thomas Norris Vincent, of the District of Columbia, and Henry J. Latshaw, of Missouri. The latter also took the medal in Mechanics, Charles W. Seawell winning the premium.

In Rhetoric Edgar Kidwell was the honor man, while in Poetry Louis Bush Allain, of Louisiana, obtained the first place, Thomas J. Craven coming next. In First Grammar Rufus C. Garland, of Arkansas, won the medal and Alphonse L. Donlon, of New York, carried the second prize. In the class Benjamin Tureaud was first in English Literature and Composition.

The Medal in Christian Doctrine was won by Charles W. Seawell, Louis Bush Allain coming next. The Medal in Eloquence was not proclaimed, but John B. McPaul, of Virginia, took the premium.

Of the extra-class prizes John R. Slattery, of Massachusetts, won the Merrick Medal; Henry J. Latshaw, of Missouri, the Toner Scientific; Ralph S. Latshaw, of Missouri, the Morris Historical and the Philodemic; Louis Bush Allain, of Louisiana, the Hoffman Mathematical.

The degrees conferred were as follows: That of Doctor of Laws on Charles Denby, of Indiana; John W. Ross, of the District of Columbia; James G. Payne, of the District, and J. Thomas Scharf, of Maryland. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred on Chas. O’B. Cowardin, of Virginia, and William H. Whitley, of New Jersey. The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on Walter L. Kernan, of New York; Ralph S. Latshaw, of Missouri; Francis J. Lawler, of Wisconsin; Joseph C. Lawler, of Wisconsin; Thomas H. Lyons, of Maryland; Eugene Del., McDonnell, of Maryland; Henry D. Malon, of the District of Columbia; Thomas R. Ransom, of North Carolina; Charles W. Seawell, of Virginia; John R. Slattery, of Massachusetts; Robert N. Sloan, of Maryland; Joseph M. Spellissy, of Pennsylvania; T. Norris Vincent, of the District of Columbia; Rignald Woodward, of New York. The degree of Bachelor of Philosophy was conferred on Henry J. Latshaw, of Missouri.

THE VALEDICTORY.

Byron draws a pathetic picture in his Prisoner of Chillon of the attachment which gradually came over the old hero of his famous poem for his chains and his prison walls. This attachment was so great that when his day of deliverance arrived he could with difficulty be persuaded to exchange his dreary prison for freedom. In this we have a striking, though in accordance with the license allowed poets, an exaggerated example of that feeling of sadness which every man experiences upon leaving a place where he has for any length of time lived. Perchance at times he may have tired of it, the surroundings occasionally may have seemed disagreeable, the associations possibly distasteful, yet at the moment of leaving, as he pauses to take a last glance around at the places which have been for so long the scenes of his happiness and of his sorrow, that feeling of sadness, akin to the regret which Byron so graphically describes, will arise within him. If, however, around those places are clustered only happy recollections, if they are linked in our
minds with only pleasant reminiscences; if they were the scenes of a life free from care, void of sorrow and disappointment, destitute of strife and turmoil, of a life full of pleasant memories, of bright hopes and sweet ambitions, then all the more painful will be the leaving, all the more sorrowfully will those ties of association be broken, that have for so long united us. This thought is the only shadow to cast a gloom over my classmates and myself, the only cloud that darkens the brightness of this our commencement day.

We can scarcely realize that it is now four years since we entered upon our college course. Swiftly have the years flown by, and now we find ourselves upon that platform, where, year after year, in each succeeding June, we have watched our predecessors as they went through the last duties of their college career; perhaps we envied them and wished that we too were free to enter upon those pet ambitions, which then in the distance seemed so attractive. But now when we too have reached the goal it seems that all too soon have we come to the end, all too soon must we leave a place where life has been so calm and peaceful. Comparisons naturally arise in our minds between that life which we are leaving, the disappointments and defeats of which fade into the background before the many-colored tints of peace and happiness, and that life which we are about to enter upon—that life of which we know so little and expect so much.

Such are the thoughts that present themselves to us as we pause to bid a last farewell to our college home, that home which can never be the same to us in the future that it has been in the past. For as the years pass on, and we one by one return to revisit our Alma Mater, although we shall find the old college, with the peaceful river flowing silently onward at its foot, still the same, can we hope that we shall be the same then as now, unchanged by time, still gay and light-hearted? Shall we still view life with eyes eager and hopeful, undimmed by defeat; with hearts still confident of success, unscarred by the battle of life; with minds untainted with the selfishness and corruption of the world, and as we wander through the well-remembered scenes, the grounds, the walks, the buildings will resound as of old with the merry voices of the boys, but shall we be known? Shall we even be remembered? Shall we find even one familiar face? To all these inquiries of the heart the mind gives a faltering answer.

Yet always shall we hold Georgetown in grateful remembrance for the many benefits which we have received at her hands, for the numerous advantages so generously extended to us, for that preparation which will enable us to worthily perform our part in the world. And whether successful or not in the pursuit of our separate ambitions we shall always strive to remain faithful to those principles which we have imbibed from the teaching of our Alma Mater.

To you, Reverend President and professors, words can but poorly express how deeply we appreciate your unceasing efforts in ever striving to aid us, your kindness, consideration, and good-will ever shown to us. To you we owe a debt of gratitude that we can never repay, but which we can never forget.

You, fellow-classmates, understand my feelings toward you, and know how impossible it is for words to express them. Let us but remember that that friendship formed on our first entering college, cemented by years of intercourse, strengthened by so many acts of kindness, now that we separate shall not be broken, nor shall time itself destroy it. In saying farewell to you I add but the heartfelt wish that success may crown your every undertaking; happiness and prosperity your life.

**THE FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE SOCIETY OF ALUMNI.**

The brilliant prospects of a large and enthusiastic meeting of the society, which had encouraged the executive committee in their labor of preparation, would undoubtedly have been realized had not the death of our lamented first vice-president, Richard T. Merrick, one of the founders of the society, turned the thoughts of all from festivity and pleasure. The reunion, though smaller in point of attendance than some that have preceded it, was marked by the presence of much good feeling, the very sad occurrence, which was on the lips of every one, serving to draw the members into closer sympathy, by reason of the common loss.

The business meeting was held on Wednesday, June 24, in Memorial Hall, Dr. James E. Morgan, the first vice-president, calling the assembly to order at 5:30 P. M. The reports of officers and committees were presented and accepted, and the following gentlemen elected for the biennium, which will close in 1887: President, Thos. J. Semmes, of La.; first vice-president, Martin F. Morris, D. C.; second vice-president, J. Taber Johnson, M. D., D. C.; third vice-president, Charles N. Harris, N. Y.; fourth vice-president, James V. Coleman, Cal.; fifth vice-president, Harry Walters, Md.; secretary, Eugene D. F. Brady, D. C.; treasurer (ex-officio), Rev. James A. Doonan, S. J.; executive committee: Francis J. Kieckhefer, T. A. Lambert; G. Ernest Hamilton, and Rev. James A. Doonan, S. J. (ex-officio).

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I am going to a land where I am told that at some point of attendance some that have preceded it, was marked by the presence of much good feeling, the very sad occurrence, which was on the lips of every one, serving to draw the members into closer sympathy, by reason of the common loss.

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...or as he may be, Dr. Toner, and the distinguished gentleman who represents the late President of the United States, and who expresses his sentiments in the following language:

"I give you a sentiment:—
Health, happiness, and success to the descendants of Loyola."
and others of those intellectual giants, whose mighty eloquence reverberated along the walls of the Senate chamber, and resounded through the land. These are among the recollections of my early days here which rush back upon me, and such are called forth undoubtedly by the ceremonies, and through the inspiration of the day and place.

Let me summon from the shadowy past the forms that once were upon the scene; our governors and our guides: President Mulledy, portly of form, pleasant of countenance, rapid and warm in speech, beloved of the students; Father Fenwick, precise but genial, warm in speech, capable of winning the hearts of many; the eloquent Dr. Ryder, the philosopher of the classics; Father Stonestreet, precise but genial, warm in speech, beloved of the students; the eloquent Dr. Ryder, the philosopher of the sciences; Father Ward, zealous, impressive, and ardent in the pulpit, quick in disposition, fervent in speech, the aspirant for the right, devotion to mankind and the service, meekest in manner, sweetest in speech, revered by the students; Father Curley! Who of us but has known thee? How many of us have sat at thy feet, whose heart does not overflow with respect and love for thee, venerable man, permitted to impart their skill.

There is abundant evidence of a returning healthy tone in this condition of society, which is an acknowledgment of error that had prevailed, and an acceptance of the stand-fast position to which we have been reared, and which glorifies the mother that reared us.

There is another and still more widespread public evil, of which only such teachings as our mother affords can stay the growth or destroy the existence. It is the spirit here and abroad of skepticism and infidelity. There are those, and their number is legion, who are laboring to stifle all religious sentiment and cult of God, and who acknowledge no allegiance to any laws, human or Divine, except such as promote their own material interests, and who repudi ate all modes and customs in which religion or a recognition of a Supreme Being or of His ministers forms a part.

How far this spirit has gone is shown by a recent occurrence abroad, where a temple of the Most High God was lately, by a decree of State, desecrated and secularized in deference to a commu nistic cry and a threatened outbreak. A Christian church of yesterday is to-day a pagan pantheon.

We cannot ignore, we must recognize, the existence of this irreverent and iconoclastic spirit, against which must battle, not only the minister in the pulpit, but the layman wherever it confronts him in the varied walks of daily life. What are the arms of defence and attack—whence do they come to be drawn? The weapons are all within the armory of truth and revelation. Such unctiring champions as the professors in this and other institutions, in which education and religion—twin sisters—walk hand in hand together, will give us practice and impart their skill.

Another topic not inappropriate to the occasion is the unexpected growth and development of our country. An hundred years have not passed since the first President, George Washington, was installed in his exalted place. Only sixteen successors had followed that illustrious man, when in our presence and in view from these hills Grover Cleveland was inaugurated. Yet during that period our country has increased in population, wealth, power and territory until it stands in the van of all civilized nations. New modes of transportation have been discovered and practically applied, and even lightning, once a terror, has been made a vassal and messenger of men; and drawn first from the skies by Franklin, now alternates with the god of day in illuminating the highways and households of the people.

This very college then stood alone on the hill, solely occupying the domain of the highest Catholic education. Now where else was there an institution of learning like unto it in the scope and character of its teachings. The classics were thoroughly learned, the sciences cultivated, Christian philosophy imparted and illustrated, and the Catholic religion honored and enforced as the controlling influence within its walls. Now kindred institutions dot the land; but then, O Alma Mater parent of them all, hast not grown weak or decrepit through age, but hast more than the freshness and vigor of thy earlier days. As the years pass over thy head, thou expandest and stretchest further forth thy hands, bearing the treasures of the older and replenished with the discoveries and inventions of the later times.

It would not meet your just expectations or fulfill the requirements of the occasion to omit all mention of the noble body of men who founded and have always upheld the sterling character of Georgetown College. The world knows them not, but is full of slander and scandal of the order. But to us who do know you, how honored and dear is the name of the Society of Jesus. It is instinct with infirmity, education, courage, self-sacrifice, suffering for the right, devotion to mankind and homage to God.

Concluding, permit me to express my sense of obligation to the order by repeating and adopting the sentiment of the old lyric poet:

Quod spiro et placeo, si placeo, tuum est.
THE ACADEMY OF THE VISITATION, GEORGETOWN, D. C.

The usual combination of bright sunshine, beautiful flowers, a crowded attendance, and very lovely, very happy school-girl faces set its seal of favor on the Distribution of 1885. While each successive occasion of this kind offers to the visitor, who may chance to have no one in the assemblage of school girls to give it personal interest, little that is novel, yet is the coming of the day of Distribution always greeted with pleasure by hosts of admiring and delighted visitors, and scant room in the Exhibition Hall is left the tardy comer.

To go over in detail the elaborate programme in which so many young musicians and vocalists gained praise for themselves, while they gave delight to their listeners, would be as impossible as to announce here the names of all the deserving winners of Convent prizes. We must be eclective.

The Mendelssohn overture—Sommer nachstraum—was beautifully played by Misses Kate Gardner, Ida Ryan, Lillie Seep, and Minnie McMahon, though its tranquil, dreamy melody did not awaken much sympathy among the eager, impatient auditors. The second movement of the fifth symphony, which was played by Misses Seep, Hornibrook, Gardner, and McMahon, could not but be both soulful and lovely, even had less skilled and appropriate performers given it. Kowalski Galop was played in a spirited style by Misses Lessie Hornibrook, Gleason, Ryan, and Roberts. The grand finale of the programme, so far as the instrumental numbers concerned, was Chopin’s Berceuse, op. 57, which Miss Kate Gardner rendered in an exquisite manner. Lovers of this class of music know that many very excellent performers fail to catch the spirit of Chopin; and it is rare to find one who can be called a faithful interpreter of this wizard of the modern piano-forte. Miss Gardner succeeded to an extent that was surprising.

The vocal numbers were bright and well sung, notably the Rossini chorus and Ahi’s trio, “Waldlandacht,” Miss Josie Endom, who sang “La Fioraja,” by Bevignani, has a rich, full voice, pleasing in tone and already showing the results of careful training. Miss Causten gave the Shadow Song from Dinorah, and succeeded well, considering the ambitious character of the selection, which calls for the cultivation and voice of an experienced artist.

The distribution of premiums proceeded at intervals during the rendering of this programme, and all seemed to have won rewards for hard labor in the year then closing.

The graduating honors were conferred upon Miss Kate Gardner, of Alabama; Miss Lessie Hornibrook, of Arkansas; Miss Minnie McMahon, of North Carolina, and Miss Louise Cole, of Tennessee. Academicians in the first class were won by Miss Kate Clark, Missouri; Miss Maggie Gleason, Arkansas; Miss Lydia Wagaman, District of Columbia; Miss Joseph A. Ryan, Ohio; Miss Sarah Stoughton, New York; Miss Lillie Seep, Pennsylvania; Miss Salie Roberts, Maryland; Miss Kate Peal, Arkansas. Medals were awarded in polite deportment to Miss Lillie Seep; in Christian doctrine to Miss Josepha Ryan and Miss Grace Dammann; in arithmetic to Miss Josepha Ryan; in German to Miss Louise Cole; in French to Miss Josepha Ryan; and on the piano to Miss Lillie Seep.

The display of fancy work, painting, and embroidery, though not so large as in some former years, was fully up to the excellence for which this Convent school is noted. In water-color painting there was a fire-screen, Alpine flow- ers, done by Miss Lessie Hornibrook, who had other sketches in water-color, as well as an elaborately-embroidered piano cover. Miss Fitz Simons, of New York, exhibited a mirror, mounted in blue satin, wheat and morning glories done in water-color. An ideal head, in water-color, by Miss Wright, of North Carolina, was much admired, as was a companion piece by Miss Stella Divine, of North Carolina. Miss Kate Peal, of Arkansas, exhibited, in free-hand crayon drawing, the portrait of one of our revered professors, excellent both as a likeness and for its finish. A fire-screen, done in oil, was displayed by Miss Cora Semmes, of Louisiana, the three panels representing, respectively, scenes from Virginia, Colorado, and Florida—the latter, a moonlight effect, was particularly fine. In embroidery we noticed an olive-green lambrequin, done in pink roses, by Miss Phillips; and a wine-colored prie-dieu, by Miss Peal. An umbrella-stand, done in lustra painting on lucrasta, by Miss Fitz Simons, was much admired, as were also a study from nature, by Miss Divine; and a moonlight scene, by Miss Keogh. A table-cover, old gold and green satin, painted in water-color, by Miss Ilia Boynton, was very handsome. Miss Phillips had an elegantly-embroidered piano cover, and Miss Peal a ten- a-tete chair.

We find it impossible to note all the beautiful objects which charmed the eye in this display; but we must remark that the fair lady, who kindly aided the Journal reporter in this, to him, novel task of inspecting fancy work, failed to mention any work done by herself, though we recall some, and that it was beautiful, the fact of her having received the first premium for it will sufficiently declare.

ROBIN RUFF.

THE RECIPIENTS OF HONORARY DEGREES FOR 1886.

Charles Denby, of Indiana, on whom was conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, spent three years at Georgetown in the “forties,” going hence to Paris, where he continued his education. The choice of Mr. Cleveland for the mission to China, no diplomatic appointment that the administration has yet made has been received with so much and so great favor. James G. Payne and John W. Ross, who were also proclaimed Doctors of Laws by the University, are at present professors in our Law School. Mr. Payne was the choice of the bar of the District for the position on the bench, to which Judge Wm. Merrick was elevated on the retirement of Judge Wylie. J. Thomas Scharf, of Baltimore, the fourth gentleman to receive the title of LL. D. on this occasion, is well known, not only as a lawyer, but as an historical writer, his works in this field of literature being everywhere accepted as authoritative. He was commissioner from the State of Maryland to the recent New Orleans Exposition. Charles O’B. Cowardin, who received the degree of Master of Arts, is not only one of the most popular men who ever passed through College, but holds an enviable position as a member of “the fourth estate.” He is president of the Richmond Dispatch Publishing Company, and is not only a shrewd and energetic business man, but is also a writer of force and a man of keen intellectual powers. Dr. W. H. Whitley, who also received the title of M. A., is a graduate of the Medical School of the University, and a successful professional man. He resides in Paterson, N. J.

ALUMNI HONORED BY OTHER COLLEGES.

Alexander Porter Moore, L.L. B., of Georgetown, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Princeton College at the late commencement of that institution; and Conde B. Pallen, A. B. and A. M., of Georgetown, was honored with a like distinction by St. Louis University.
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The year is done. The members of the class of '85 have received their parchment titles to literary fame; the orators of '85 have contributed their units to the sum of academic wisdom and eloquence which ages have been increasing; our undergraduates are already refreshing worried powers of mind and body on mountain height or the 'ribbed sea-sand' along the ocean's front. The contests of eight months are ended; the victors rewarded, the vanquished consolored for their loss of prizes by the gain of knowledge which their striving brought them, and for a brief two months the College halls are given over to silence, the College quadrangle, to the now obtrusive wren and catbird. It is a time for moralizing, only moralizing is so fruitless an effort. Cut bim! Not to the moralizer, surely: even more certainly not to the one moralized at. Be this, then, the word which the Journal sends after the scattered world for which it lives: if the year just closed gave what it pleased you to have, see that those to follow do not less: if, through no fault of the year itself, it has left you empty handed, hearken to the monition that comes of failure, and when the summer of '86 is at hand the regrets of to-day will have no place in your glad hearts. An adieu.

AUTHORS AND THEIR WORKS.

The weary round of life, with its manifold duties, its strides and defeats, is always made more bearable by resorting to the works of fiction and poetry which the masters of our language have left as a rich boon to us. Perhaps were we to consider the past, it would be found in many instances that the happiest part of our existence was the time spent in following the footsteps of the gifted of our race who point the way to the scenes which delighted their imaginations, and which, in turn, they invite us to enjoy. Though we find it a grateful occupation so to do, it must be with a relish far less keen than that which was the privilege of the authors themselves. It is with a feeling almost akin to envy that we must regard the appreciation which they had of the beauties of their own productions. I think it was of his masterpiece, David Copperfield, Dickens wrote that no one in the reading could believe more firmly the spirit of the description, but it reflects, nevertheless, the mind of the writer, and illustrates the ardor with which he pursued his way. At no time do we approach so nearly to the mind of the novelist as in the uncritical period of youth, when the narrative is the main object of interest, and the style of composition is overlooked. It is then that the real thoughts of the author come to us unimpeded by the scrutiny of after years. The pleasurable effect intended is produced, though, of course, the profitable effect is wanting. The ardent manner of pouring over an interesting tale so common among young readers is clearly traceable to the appreciation which they have of the merits of a skilfully-constructed plot, and which is seldom found in such a high degree among their seniors. The study of poetry requires a more mature mind, as it deals with thoughts rather than facts; but even in this case the enjoyment is greater in proportion as the reader is less critical. It is true that even in criticism enjoyment may be found; but this is not so much on account of the merits of the work criticised as on account of the pleasure experienced in perusing their pages. After laying down their books, although we have appreciated them, we may experience a less degree the feelings of Byron towards Horace expressed in his farewell upon "Socrates' ridge":

"It is a curse
To understand, not feel thy lyric flow;
To comprehend, but never love thy verse."

PROF. JOHN P. LAWRENCE.

It is gratifying to us to see that our well-esteemed professor of music has recovered from his severe illness and is once more able to appear amongst us. His convalescence was more rapid than it, at first, promised to be.
THE DEATH OF RICHARD T. MERRICK.

On Tuesday, June 23d, a few minutes after 10 A.M., the suspense of days was brought to its term, and the soul of Richard T. Merrick, which had lingered for more than a week without giving sign of consciousness, was parted from its mortal clay, and the brilliant career of a gifted, a distinguished, and an honorable man was ended. It was on the evening of June 1st, at the commencement of the Law School of the University, that Mr. Merrick appeared for the last time in public, and for the last time addressed an audience. To those who enjoyed his intimate acquaintance it was then apparent that the terrible mental strain which the extreme illness of a favorite daughter had put upon him, was making itself felt; and a constitution which had received permanent injury in the ordeal to which it was subjected during the memorable period of the star route cases, was but too fatally predisposed to yield to an illness which grief and anxiety for his suffering child, joined to the hardy importunities of office-seekers under the new administration, was to bring upon him.

The end came, and throughout the land sorrow and regret greeted the news of Mr. Merrick's decease. In this community, where the mature years of his manhood had been passed, and where the highest laurels of professional honor had been gathered, the loss was especially felt and most deeply and universally appreciated; but the one to whom that loss meant more than to the world combined, the wife of his love and the proud sharer of his best renown, lay unconscious of her fearful bereavement, an illness closely resembling that which had proved fatal to her devoted husband having prostrated her almost as soon as its deadly touch fell upon him.

To give only a brief synopsis of the public and professional career, which was ended in the death of Richard T. Merrick, would be impossible here. In lieu thereof, we collate from the papers of the day, such notice of his. life as may help our readers, should they have been unacquainted with Mr. Merrick, to an appreciation of his talents, his labors, and his success. It was in the trial of John H. Suratt that Mr. Merrick first came before the whole country as the eminent lawyer his friends knew him to be. As one of the leading counsel before the electoral commission in behalf of Mr. Tilden's right to the Presidency, his argument was masterly, eloquent, and unanswerable. Later still, himself a Democrat, he appeared, by appointment of a Republican President, as prosecutor of the star route frauds; and it was but a just tribute to his well-known honesty and integrity that this selection gave to the country the only ground it had for supposing that the Government was sincere in its efforts to bring these notorious criminals to justice.

As an alumnus of Georgetown, Mr. Merrick was loyal in his love and ever ready of his service for "Alma Mater," and she, in her turn, gave him every proof she could bestow of the esteem and affection in which she held him. His name will be kept before her students in years to come in the prize which his generosity provided over ten years ago; and the good work he did in helping to establish the law school of the University will endure with the existence of the College.

From the Baltimore Sun:

DEATH OF MR. R. T. MERRICK—CLOSE OF A BRILLIANT LEGAL CAREER—QUIETLY PASSING AWAY AFTER TEMPORARY IMPROVEMENT—HIS LIFE AND CHARACTER AND TRIBUTES FROM BENCH AND BAR.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The alternate hope and fear which beset the relatives and friends of Mr. Richard T. Merrick have kept him from the bedside where he lay for two weeks almost without speech or motion, and came to an end this morning shortly after ten o'clock, when soul and body parted. The wonderful vitality of Mr. Merrick was shown in the protracted struggle between life and death, lasting for so many days when the enfeebled body had not the support of the intellect in the unequal contest, and it was this vitality which encouraged anticipations of his recovery despite the fact that the symptoms were all to the contrary. The estimation in which he was held was well shown by the constant inquiries as to his condition through all the period of his illness, the messages of sympathy which came from near and far, and the personal calls daily made by the most prominent officials and citizens. The sketch recently published in the Sun of Mr. Merrick's life and character, and the many and ready expressions of sympathy from the friends in his active and busy life, must have come as a surprise to many of his admirers, and to the personal calls daily made by the most prominent officials and citizens. The sketch recently published in the Sun of Mr. Merrick's life and character, and the many and ready expressions of sympathy from the friends in his active and busy life, must have come as a surprise to many of his admirers, and to the personal calls daily made by the most prominent officials and citizens.
The Baltimore Sun said editorially:

Mr. Richard T. Merrick, whose death will be widely regretted, was one of the brightest ornaments of the American bar, and a worthy member of a family which has supplied several public men of exceptional ability to Maryland and the country at large. Although occupying no public office he has for some years been a prominent figure in public affairs. A thoroughly unlimited lover of extensive learning and acute analytical faculty, a graceful and polished orator, and a singularly close and cogent reasoner, Mr. Merrick was called to the trial of esses of national gravity and importance, and always so acquiesced in his own to increase his reputation among his brethren at the bar and with the standing great of the body of the people. As one of the leading counselors before the electoral commission and one of the principal attorneys in the star-case cases, as in many other great causes, Mr. Merrick was subjected to the severest physical and mental strain, and overwork is believed to have prematurely robbed the country of the services of one of its ablest and purest lawyers. Mr. Merrick's abilities were well known and his influence throughout his native State, and particularly here in Baltimore, where he had many warm friends. He was a loving, reverent son of Maryland, and one of the most interesting and scholarly of his orations was that which he delivered in May, 1884, at the celebration of the two hundred and fifty anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims at St. Mary's — a thoughtful, tender, and beautiful discourse, in which he, the prophet of the new world, first planted the seeds of religious toleration.

This tribute is from the Washington Post:

The death of Richard T. Merrick is a public calamity. He had not outlived his usefulness; on the contrary, he was in the prime of his intellectual development, and at the height of his beneficial influence. A beautiful and upright life like that of Mr. Merrick cannot be untimely closed without loss on every side. He was a friend and advocate of all desirable and good things, the type of manly rectitude, the exemplar of sweet charity. There is not a worthy object or noble purpose in the whole community in which he never championed a cause, or, when he died; no fainting soul or struggling heart that did not lose its surest refuge and its firmest prop.

There will be no hypocrisy in the lamentations, no affectation in the regrets that make themselves heard to-day. A man who always had a kindly word for the young, a helping hand for the old, the widest and most spontaneous sympathy for the afflicted and forlorn—such a man must surely gather to himself the gratitude, the confidence and the love of all. We have these things, and far more potent than any other aspect of the chapter which he has contributed to history, Richard T. Merrick's simple and unostentatious life must stand supreme. What he has done to help him forward, who has owned the marks of his devotedness, and strengthen and encourage them, rare and beautiful and honorable though it be, must pale before the unconscious and intrinsic nobility of his daily life.

It came natural to him to be kind and gen- erous and considerate, but it is given to few to affect without effort and without departure from his highest ideals, the thought, the purpose, and the ambition of an entire community. We feel how inadequate and unequal any spoken tribute to the worth of Richard T. Merrick must inevitably be. We do not, we cannot undertake to do more than express, in another language, what he so long and so well and so strongly loved and revered the dead, our immediate sense of the loss we have incurred. History will give the record of his achievements in the memory of thousands will embalm his virtues.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Richard T. Merrick took place June 24th, at 4 o'clock from St. Matthew's Church. Long before the hour announced for the services almost every seat in the church was occupied, and many persons who could not gain admission stood about the church door. The members of the Supreme Court and District Bar Associations were shown to seats in the centre aisle. Mr. W. W. Corcoran, accompanied by the members of his family, occupied a pew directly behind the space reserved for the immediate family of the deceased.

The services were conducted by Rev. John J. Murphy, S. J., of St. Aloysius' Church, a number of the clergy assisting.

Father Murphy, in a brief but eloquent, address paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the deceased. He said:

Though funeral processions meet us daily on the highways, and though experience has borne home to us the fact that disease can shatter the powers of the strongest, yet it seems ever a new scene when we stand beside the bier of a strong man fallen. And, my dear brethren, it is a new scene, insomuch as it flashes before our minds an old truth in a new light. It powerfully and pointedly bids us remember that the worn way of death must be trodden once by all, and that beyond the boundaries of time each one must pass into the broad expanse of eternity. More than this, it reminds us that earth and time are the field of eternity, in which we are to sow what must be gathered into the broad expanse of eternity. More than this, it reminds us that earth and time are the field of eternity, in which we are to sow what must be gathered into the broad expanse of eternity. More than this, it reminds us that earth and time are the field of eternity, in which we are to sow what must be gathered into the broad expanse of eternity. More than this, it reminds us that earth and time are the field of eternity, in which we are to sow what must be gathered into the broad expanse of eternity. More than this, it reminds us that earth and time are the field of eternity, in which we are to sow what must be gathered into the broad expanse of eternity.

DEATH OF FR. STONEastreet.

Besides paying its tribute to the memory of Hon. Richard T. Merrick, it becomes the sad duty of the Journal to chronicle this month the death of another distinguished son of Georgetown College. Rev. Charles Henry Stonestreet, S. J., a student, and afterwards president of the University, departed this life at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., on the 12th Instant.

Our space does not permit us to make at present any more than the briefest mention of an event which will bring grief to a wide circle of devoted friends.

Charles S. Schoolfield, A. B. '78.

Except the brief obituary announcement which appeared in the Baltimore papers of last week, we have no information of the death of our alumnus. He was a member of the large class of '78, and after graduation, he went to New York to engage in business. At the college he was esteemed for his upright and pure life, and affectionately regarded by all his acquaintances for his amiable qualities.
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