

POEM

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BY JAMES P. BOYD, CLASS OF '59.

Greetings, my friends, in name of all
That make these places loved;
What heart refuses to recall,
And yet remains unmoved,
The thousand joys that once impregnated
The generous soul of youth,
The myriad hopes that dawned and reigned,
The truth unfolded truth?
A span seem all the rushing years:
'Twas yesterday we stood,
Strong in resolves, weak in our fears,
Amid the wide and good,
Who, heaven ordained, watched o'er our minds,
Taught us, and with us hoped,
Tore down from thought the dark'ning blinds,
And Reason's portals opened.

Beyond the realm of home and parents' care
The palpitating students humbly dare
A life unknown, but which is guarded well
By faithful, honest, upright sentinel—
Men who by training early learn to know
What to withhold for good, what to bestow,
When to encourage thought, when to restrain,
How to expand that subtle substance—brain,
Their wisdom weighed, their qualities all told,
The home now offered brighter than the old,
The halls are entered, now the race begins—
Will it be run unmurder'd by petty sins?
But witness now the mighty transformation,
And see how tumbles every youth's creation—

Grim as a confessor
He stalks to his task,
Gapes at the professor
As much as to ask:
"Are you he that stands
In loco parentis?
If so, then to mischief,
My mind fully bent is:
How pleasant to rattle
That face all suavely,
With what anie and shuntie
Upset all that gravity!
I can't bear to be chilled
By example so frigid:
I shan't hearken to precepts
So threadbare and rigid."
This doctrine announced,
He soon learns to be sly,
And the battle that follows
Is fought with the eye.

Then feebly, firmly now, a line is drawn
Around a science ancient as the dawn
That woke on chaos. By its man is taught
How worlds are formed, how firmaments are
wrought:

The sun is weighed, the planet finds a place,
The meteor's guarded in erratic race;
Seasons are counted, waves recede and flow,
Mountains are leveled, enterprises grow;
Nothing too great—it can the world unsway:
Nothing too small—it builds the watch's spring.
All power, save what Omnipotence reserves,
Obedience yields to man, his will observes.
O blessed science, key to nature's plan,
That opens all her mysteries to man!
Thus Newton, junior, with his heart elate,
On mathematics went with eager gait,
But when down with such ease,
Or a fit of home sickness,
Dimension soon loses
Its length, breadth, and thickness.
What cares he for the moon,
How it waxes or how waxes,
For its phases and lazies,
And sharp parallaxes?
He prefers not to join
In a solar flirtation;
So, "by your leave, sir,"
Declines declination;
And though 'twere a delicate
Subject to mention,
He believes all is wrong
About right ascension.
A heart broke in pieces
Might enlist his affections,
But not black-boarded fractures
Called conical sections.
How horribly dry and
Unmeasured is the chant
About axis and angle,
Sign, tangent, and secant!
Then what sense in correcting,
With nice calculation,
That orbital ferret?
Yeicest perturbation!
Will there never be an end
To these spheres and ellipses?
How imperfect the system!
That suffers ellipses!
Why sine theories spin
On the matter of light,
grow dull o'er a subject
So cheerful and bright?

The once favored science
That filled him with rapture
Loses much of its glow
In the strife for its capture,
Yet the difference is so common—
So common, in fact,
That without the ideal
Men seldom would act.
Without ultimate hope,
Without object or aim,
Life's heavy, cold logistic
Would be limitless pain.
Dream on, then, O youth,
And murmur and toil—
The blaze will grow steady,
Let the lamp but have oil.

Another view:
As that, so this its quarter stages hath;
The first decade of manhood is the year
With freshmen spent, the period of essay,
When thoughts, and busy, try
Empire's walls, and cast about for points
To pierce the weakest, salient most to mount.
The second, sophomore, when habitude
Of business settles o'er the man, drives him
Within himself, and throws oblivion o'er
The thousand sweets which give to life a zest,
And make the prize enjoyable when gained.
The third is junior—now fruition crowns
The years well spent; a moment's leisure here
And there, remission argues from the toll
Which now its freight of consequences brings,
But woe to him who opportunity
Hath lost! The fourth decade, the senior year
Of life, upon him rushes like a stream
Whose waters, by obstruction angered, tear
Along, and to the tumult rain add,
For him there is no ease, no quiet step
Into the tomb. The silver hair, the form
Bowed down, two-handed clinging to its staff,
Are not premonitors of death, so much
As Nemesis's vengeance glittering by;
Recall of years that idleness consumed;
Who hath contentment earned by guardianship
Of self, by duties rightly fulfilled,
By strict observance of the laws which God
Imposes, full of honors glides along
Towards the commencement of eternity.
A folding of the hands; a prayer, his speech—
The dread ordeal passed; and he stands
A graduate of the school of life.

Let us
Resolve to no pursue our course that when,
Alumnus of the same great school,
Each one's diploma, sealed with Heaven's seal,
Shall bear in golden letters this—"Well done!"

NEW YORKISMS.

From our Own Correspondent.

New York, July 29, 1869.
That traditional poor author whose brain
have for so many years furnished food to re-
morseless publishers—and very poor gourmands
those publishers must be—has now rejoiced. He
laughed and inviteth all his friends to drink.
An association is being gotten up for his especial
 behoof called

The Authors' Publishing Association.
The design of it is to examine into the merits
of all unpublished works written by its mem-
bers, to decide which are worth publishing, and
to have them published forthwith. If the book
so published succeeds, the author is to receive
three-fourths of the profits; if it fails, he bears
no share in the loss. If this arrangement don't
satisfy "Poor Author," he is an ungrateful beast,
and deserves to have his brains fed upon by re-
morseless publishers. All the Poor Authors of
New York—and their name is legion—are wish-
ing to join this association. The fee is only ten
dollars, and those among the first to join will
enjoy the blessed privilege of having their books
first read and pronounced upon. How many
mute, inglorious M's and village H's
will shell out their ten dollars, it
would take the lightning calculator or the new
patent adder to compute. Old White Hat Greer-
ley is one of the trustees, or legates, or as-
signees—at any rate his position is one of ease—
connected with the movement; but the head and
front of it I understand to be Mary Kyle Dallas.
Mrs. Dallas is the widow of Dallas, the portrait
painter (an artist of no mean merit), and is her-
self one of the pillars of the New York Ledger,
where she is engaged at a salary of twenty dol-
lars per week. She writes admirable little sto-
ries and poems, possesses a truly French fer-
tility of invention, and considerable power in
the individualization of character. These quali-
ties are not apparent in her larger attempts at
fiction, however. Knowing probably what it is
to have her works refused by the remorseless pub-
lishers aforesaid, she is admirably qualified
for the position which rumor as-
signs to her in connection with the Authors'
Publishing Association. She is one of the noted
literary lions of New York. Some years ago it
was with infinite difficulty she could be prevailed
upon to do such plain prose work as that neces-
sary in the fashion article of a weekly paper.
She was sure she couldn't write prose. Expe-
rience has proved since then that her prose, like
most people's, pays better than her poetry, and
she probably does not regret the hour when she
was waited upon and importuned to become a
fashion editress—a department, however, which
she disdain in her flight to loftier levels.

More About Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Stewart, of whom I yesterday retailed a
piece of characteristic scandal, has at length suc-
ceeded in purchasing the two stores which stand
at the northeast corner of Ninth street and
Broadway, and the possession of which by him
was all that was necessary to make the block
complete. When they have been torn down and
built upon in a style uniform with the rest of
his establishment, the latter will occupy the
entire square included between Ninth and Tenth
streets and Broadway and Fourth avenue. This
is a consummation which this pious and palat-
ial philanthropist has been devoutly wishing
for years. The sale has only been effected,
however, within the last day or two. Mr. Stewart
was so pleased that he immediately drew a
check on his cashier for a ten cent postage cur-
rency, saved four cents by getting into a car
instead of one of the Broadway stages, rode
down to the Fulton street prayer-meeting and
stood up to be prayed for.

Central Park has become

The Suicide's Paradise.
The "rash" and "determined" people who
commit the "fatal" deed have begun to discover
that its cool retreats and isolated grottoes
are among the most charming spots in the world
to shuffle off the mortal coil. In some weeks
ago I had occasion to mention a Central Park
suicide. Another one occurred there yesterday
—at least it is believed to be a suicide. His body
was found floating on the surface of the lake,
and some sentimental poetry was discovered in
his pocket-book. The idea of poetry in a
pocket-book! Poetry and pocket-books are the
very last things to have a connection with each
other. The name and history of this last suicide
remain unknown. Why don't the Park Com-
missioners enact a law forbidding such things?
Mrs. Stanton, in the last number of the *Revo-
lution*, says that one reason why women ought
to wear a dress identical with that of men is the
Perfect Disguise of Sex
that would ensue—a sound (or is it an unsound?)
woman's argument. Let Mrs. Stanton, if she
returns to New York in time, go up to Pike's
Opera House any evening and determine
whether Miss Lucille Western disguises her sex
or not as *Satan in Paris*. Did pantaloons and
a frock-coat ever disguise Dr. Mary Walker?
Miss Anthony in clerical costume might possibly
be taken for a dyspeptic divine; but then dys-
peptic divines are so like old maids that there is
no telling the difference, excepting by the cut of
their clothes.

At Wallack's Theatre
there has been a mess which has resulted in the
withdrawal of the Sylwyn combination com-
pany. Report says that one of the managers
there—and report don't specify whether there
refers to Wallack's or Boston—took his revenge
upon certain of the players, who put on entirely
too many airs, by striking them from the pay-
roll of the establishment. Some of the old
members of Wallack's company and Miss Edie
Germon have appeared in the place of these un-
fortunate strikers, over whom the inexorable
waves of the Wallackian regime have closed,
and New York knows 'em no more.

The "Champion" Palace Car.
The Wahsatch, which last week made the first
through trip from California, will commence the
repetition of that performance. Until its depar-
ture, it is open to the inspection of the public
from ten in the morning until six at night. A
crowd is always there, and the observer goes
away feeling that he has been part of the way to
San Francisco, and that he bears off with him a
sniff of California climate.

There is some talk of starting here a company
similar to the one already started in Chicago,
which has for its object

The Manufacture of Alcohol
from the contents of the sewers. I hope the
project will be abandoned. I have heard of
whisky bringing a man to the gutter; but in this
case the whisky would bring the gutter to the
man.

Mr. Bergh has gained a great victory; which
is no other than

The Disentombment of a Live Cat.
As late as nine days ago some workmen, while
constructing the iron front of a new building at
No. 49 Walker street, a cat, for no other reason
than the satisfaction of feminine curiosity (it
was not a tom-cat), crawled into the hollow part
of the iron girder that formed the base of the

front. Once enticed, she found it impossible
to get out again, and the workmen built on,
heedless of her cries. The Berghian detectives,
however, are ubiquitous. The news—or rather
the news—of the cat came to their ears; they
took the matter to court; and there it was de-
cided that the cat must be liberated even though
it became necessary to tear down the entire
front of the building. This alternative was not
necessary, however. A small portion only was
removed, and when puss was found her ninth
life was found all but ready to depart. She
was at once taken to Mr. Bergh's headquarters,
where, under proper restoratives she recovered,
and subsequently gave birth to an interesting
family of kittens. Mr. Bergh could not restrain
his tears. He has had a large quantity of fecu-
lent trides poured upon him by a vengeful press,
but he hopes this act will immortalize him, or at
least save him from all further purgatorial abuse.
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APPEGATE.—On the 27th instant, DAVID G. AP-
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The relatives and friends of the family, also Lodge No. 3,
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residence, No. 313 1/2 Market street, on Friday afternoon, at 4
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Vault.

FOSTER.—On the 27th instant, CAROLINE, wife of
John Foster, in the 50th year of her age.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully
invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her
brother-in-law, No. 214 McAlpine street, West Philadel-
phia, on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

GREEN.—On the 26th instant, ANNIE ETTIHAN,
daughter of William R. and Frederick R. Green, aged 17
years and 6 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully
invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her
parents, No. 129 N. 5th street, on Friday afternoon, at 3
o'clock. Interment at Ebenezer M. E. Church Vault.

HAGERTY.—On the 26th instant, ELLEN HAGERTY,
daughter of Patrick and the late Hannah Hagerty, aged 24
years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully
invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her
parents, No. 344 Market street, on Saturday morning at 8
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ROCK.—On the 27th instant, Mrs. ELINOR, wife of
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