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# The Valedictory Address Delivered at the Semi-Annual Commencement Fo-day.

On an outside page are given the proceedings at the Semi-annual Commencement of the Central High School, held to-day. Below we give in full the Valedletory Address, delivered on this occasion by Robert E. Pattison, who spoke as follows:-

Gen. lemen of the Board of Control:-The members of the 55th class would fail in the discharge of share duty if they separated from an institution to such duty if they separates from an instantion to their sin-they over so much, without returning you their sin-orre thanks for the interest which you have taken in the prosperity of the Central High School, and of every other department of public instruction in this city. It is owing chiefly to the enlightened and judicloss supervision which you and your predeces-every base a series and the the number schools of Publicors have exercised, that the public schools of Phila-sciphia occupy the high position which they have attained. While much is due to the learned and deipkia occupy the high position which they have stained. While much is due to the learned and faithful corps of teachers who are daily imbuing the youthful mind with the principles of knowledge and virtue, much also is due to the care with which they have been selected, and to the well-devised plans and the constant oversight which have rendered their labors effective. If it had not been for your add, the experience and knowledge which the four-teen hundred teachers in the public schools of this city hourly bring to their task would have been dis-pensed without system in poorly-furnished and un-suitable school-rooms. No buildings for educational purposes would have arisen to adorn our city and their comfort. How different the associations connected with the places where we have received our education from the places where we have a received text-books and improved methods of instruction have also been added to the other means which are employed to assist youth in storing their minds with knowledge and in preparing to discharge with ability and attrifutiness the high daties which will devolve upon them as American citizens. We this day go forth to take our stand among those whose have had the advantages of a liberal education, and we feel that those advantages are greater and that educa-tion nearer to perfection in consequence of the isbor, the zeal, and the wisdom of those who have devised, directed, and sustained the admirable system of instruction the zeal, and the wisdom of those who have devised, directed, and sustained the admirable system of in-struction now pursued in our public schools. May that system of instruction always diffuse its ele-vating and purifying influence. May our public schools unccasingly continue to be what they now are—the pride and glory of our beautiful diy. Long may they assist the coming generations of youth to prepare for the responsible duties which await them; and long may the present Board of Controllers be cheered by the reflection that they aided to erect one of the strongest bulwarks which has ever been reared for the defense of liberty, order, and right. *Esteemed Professors:*—The interesting relation of teacher and pupil, which has subsisted between us during the last four years, is now about to be dis-solved, and we will shortly go forth to practise the precepts and employ the knowledge which you have imparted. To us the present is an important mo-ment—s moment joyots with anticipations of the stage of active life, bat we feel in taking that stand we lose the friendly guidance of those on whom we have so long relied for assistance in every difficulty and swengthy in every failure. The trangould scenes of directed, and sustained the admirable system of have so long relied for assistance in every difficulty and sympathy in every failure. The tranquil scenes of the school-room must be exchanged for the always exciting pursuits of mechanical, commercial, o professional life, and although amid the stirring employments which await us we will often look back to the hours which have oeen pleasantly and profitably spent under your direction, yet those hours and those opportunities will never return. We part from you and scholastic retirement, but it is, we trust, to show by our success and use-returns that we have nyofited by the lessons of wisfulness that we have profited by the lessons of wis dom which you have imparted. We yield our places in order that others may enjoy the advantages which have fallen to our lot, and prepare themselves to uphold and sustain the honor and reputation of their Alma Mater with the zeal and ability which their Aima Mater with the zeal and ability which our predecessors have exhibited. They have real-ized to some extent the advantages derived from the knowledge which you are daily imparting, and feel that gratitude to you and duty to others require them to foster an institution which is diffusing the benefits of liberal learning among the masses of this errort of the matting among the masses of this benefits of liberal learning among the masses of this great city. But time would fail me in an enumera-tion of the advantages which have been, and it is to be hoped will long continue to be, derived from the Central High School, and I can only, gentlemen of the faculty, tender you the thanks of the fifty-fifth class for your faithfulness, kindness, and disin-terested weal for our future welfare.

class for your faithfulness, kindness, and disin-terested zeal for our future welfare. Beloved Friends and Classmates:-The duty which devolved on me of returning thanks on your behalf to those who had the supervision of our studies, and to those who imparted the instruction of which we have been the recipients during our connection with the High School, has been performed, and there only remains the painful task of bidding adieu to the endeared associates whom I now meet as pupils of that institution for the last time. But how few remain of those who four years ago hastened from the corner of Broad and Green, with joyons countenance and rapid step, to announce to countenance and rapid step, to announce to teachers and parents that they had been admitted to the People's College! The demands of teachers and parents that they had been admitted to to the People's College! The demands of business have withdrawn many, ill health has caused the absence of others, and the siren song of indolence has induced some to linger so long that they have failed to deserve the honors and rewards of to-day. And such will be the expe-rience of all our subsequent life. Those who have shared our joys and our sorrows, and whom we fondly hoped would go with us to the end of our journey, will pass from our side, and we shall de-seend into the vale of years accompanied by few of those whom we wished to share the wealth we may have acquired, or the infuence we may have gained. Change, constant change is marked on everything which awaits us in that world of activity into which we are about to enter. How important everything which awaits us in that world of activity into which we are about to enter. How important is it, then, that we cling to those intellectual acquire-ments and moral principles which are un-affected by the unccasing variations of mate-rial things! Wealth is fleeting, fame the echo of to-day, while power not unfrequently escapes the grasp of the possessor, but integrity and the productions of the mind outlive him who has encoved the inestimable advantages which they enjoyed the inestimable advantages which they afford. What, indeed, are knowledge, civil liberty, and that advanced civilization which is spread around us, but the outgrowth of uprightness of purpose united with industry and high mental endow-ments. The benefactors of the world are those who, when living, were bright exemplars of the truths when living, were bright exemplars of the truths which they tanght, and whose mental powers ena-bled them to enlarge the domain of mind. We are about to take our stand on the stage of active life at a time when the demand for cultivated intellect is greater than at any former period, and when questions in government political economy, and morals, more intricate and more pro-found than were ever presented before, are awaiting a solution. As science and art are uniting mankind and making the great family of man one, corresand making the great family of man one, corres-ponding changes and extensions must be made in order to harmonize, direct, and elevate that great community. The statesman of to-day who legis-lates well must hold in his mental grasp the interests and infuences of countries far removed from his own, and the inventor or discoverer must sustain himself amid all his toils and privations by the cheering reflection that the benefits of his labors will be co-extensive with the earth and lasting as the race. The political economist must never lose sight of the great fundamental truth that labor, mental or physical, is the source of all wealth, and that the community is most prosperous where all are producers and none consumers merely. Such are a and making the great family of man one, corresthat the community is most prosperous where all are producers and none consumers merely. Such are a few of the questions which must be answered by the educated intellised of the age. Are we prepared to take part in these interesting inquiries? Shall we, who have enjoyed opportunities for mental culti-vation which are denied to many, not as-sist in the march of human improve-ment? Shall we take our stand among that band who are weakening the power of tyrants, en-harging the boundaries of science, and gathering un-withering flowers in the field of literature, and whose brows are shaded by hurels gained in snc-cessful battle for the downtrodden and degraded, or shall we take a place among those who have always stood a barrier to the advancement of the great principles which underlie civil and religious liberty? Shall we be the ornaments or the pests of society—an honor of a diagrace to the institution whose numbers na among its alumni? These are an honor or a disgrace to the institution which numbers us among its slumni? Those are questions to which answers must and will be given. questions to which answers must and will be given. Let us resolve now that we will endoavor to purage the path of virtue; that we will preserve and keep bright by useful exercise the learning we have acquired, and prove that we are not unworthy of the advantages which parents, pre-ceptors, and friends have so generously afforded us. At a moment like this, when our better nature is 511.12.8 At a moment like this, when our better nature is aroused, and when joy at the termination of our course is mingled with regret at the separation course is mingled with regret at the separation which it produces, on this day, the remembrance of which will always "occupy the greenest spot in memory's waste," let us consecrate ourselves to duty, to country, and to God. Melancholy is the re-flection that as the voice of him who now addresses you melts into silence, the connection which has bound us together will cease. We part followed by the wishes of the virtuous and learned for our pros-perity. We part knowing that the eyes of those who are watching our course will beam with joy or be suffased with the tear of regret as we falter, rally, triumph, or fall in the great battle of infe. "And oh! when Death's shadows our bosoms

### The Walls of Constantinople. From the Fall Mail Gazette.

If we are to believe the latent intelligence from the Bosphorns, one more of the great subsisting relies of the grandeur of times and nations gone by is doomed to destruction. The walls of Constantinople are to be demolished, or are already in process of demolition. It seemed to present a pictorial summary of a long tract of history—five or six volumes of Gibbon at least—that grand line of double and triple rampart, with its numerous towers and gates, extending four miles, from the Golden Horn to the Propontis-the "long long walls that stretch from sea to sea," as Charles Kingsley describes them in one of his most spirited ballads. For a thousand years, from their completion under Theodosius until the capture by the Turks, they had served as a barrier between effemi-nate wealth within and rapacious barbarism without. For no invader had succeeded in penetrating them. The Latin conquerors arrived by sea. But they were even more dear to the lover of the picturesque than to the antiquarian. The ancient walls of Rome, venerable as they are, but irregular in out-line, often sunk in deep hollows, masked with houses and with gardens so as to be generally invisible until close approach, and nowhere presenting any long and imposing front, were not to compare in point of grandeur of ap-pearance with those of her daughter capital. Shattered with earthquakes, breached by enemies, robbed of material by encroachers, that magnificent range still remained in substance unbroken, with even its towers standing in regular succession. The Turk resembles the Englishman especially in three things-fondness for horses, for young children, and for trees; and he has indulged the latter passion all along the leeward face of this ancient fortification. The broad open space, or glacis, which follows its outline—what ride in Europe can equal it ?—is fringed on one side by splendid vegetation protruding from the old ditches and ruinous slopes, on the other by the cypress groves of one cemetery after another. All this monument of forgotten story will soon cease to exist. The stones, it is said, are to serve for new erections, and part of the material has been dutifully presented by the Sultan to his mother, to dispose of as she may think proper. Some Oriental Haussmann, or, more probably, some com-pany of ingenious Western adventurers, rejoicing in concessions, will replace it with bran new boulevards and barracks and suburban walks, with their due proportion of cafes chatants and casinos. No question that Constantinople presented a fine field for the modern improver. But, considering the extent of waste or neglected ground within its walls, the lanes of ruinous huts to be demolished, the grand sites to be utilized, one cannot help fancying that its imperial ædile might have begun by making clean the inside of the cup and platter, and that there was enough to occupy him and a successor or two within the walls before they were called on to assail that venerable fabric itself.

But it must be confessed that there is a good deal of allowance to be made for the embarrassing circumstances in which the Commander of the Faithful is placed. Were he really master of his own land he would no doubt follow the customary instincts of his unprogressive race. The monuments of antiquity scattered over his dominions would only excite in him philosophic disdain. His Turkish subjects would not take the trouble to do them any damage, unless when a load of stones was particularly wanted, or when some irregular soldiers fancied using them as targets for their fire. Allowing for such casualties, they would be left to moulder away for some peaceful centuries more. But the unhappy potentate has in truth no will of his own; he is at the mercy of foreign diplomates, upstart Rayahs, who beard him under diplomatic protection, meddling consuls, protected usurers, speculators, traders, and Western intriguers of all kinds. In this matter of antiquities, he is like the old man with his donkey, in the good old fable. If he touches them, the tribe of travellers and antiquaries are down upon him as an obsolete barbarian, who ought to be driven into the remotest parts of Asia, in the name of taste as well as religion. If he leaves them alone, a host of sanitary reformers and administrative reformers and architecturel improvers are at hand, ready to insist each on his separate scheme of demolition. Many love these remnants with a passion far exceeding their desire for progress of any kind. Others — not apathetic unbelievers, but bustling Christians-hate them with a kind of abstract sentiment, as if they stood in the way of better things. "The devil take the Turks," said the Cavaliere Mustoxidi, who rejoiced in the title of Royal Archeologist of Greece, "for not destroying the antiquities of Athens when they had the power." The improvers, we suppose, have really the best of it. But our own sympathies are rather on the side of the traveller who would enjoy one more solitary ride "from sea to sea" along the face of those weird ramparts, were it possible, rather than a drive in some new-fashioned equipage round the Constantinople of the future, brilliant with its endless rows of uniform flat-faced houses in uniform straight streets.

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consequence of the floods the past season, and the large accumulation of fresh water in the bay, the oysters have been killed in some of the most tamons beds.

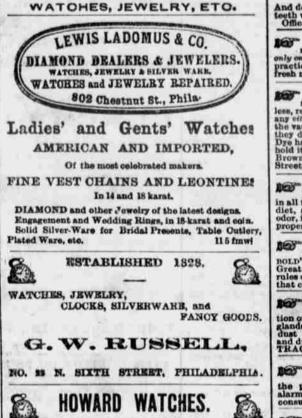
-Napoleon III has been elected an honorary member of the Antiquarian Society of the Rhine. In acknowledging the favor, he said that his German education was a guarantee for his esteem

and sympathy with Germany. —Some very fashionable ladies in New Or-leans hung a yellow ribbon to their door knob New Year's day, as an indication that they would receive calls. The callers didn't come, and they afterwards found that it had been considered a sign of smallpox.

sign of smallpox. —The Massachusetts General Court having failed to pass the customary appropriation bill, the clerks at the State Honse in Boston are in trouble about their salaries. On Thursday last it was publicly announced that they would attend at one of the city sonp houses, in a body, at noon on Saturday, but it was afterward suggested that a better course would be to peti-tion the Legislature to establish a soup house in one of the committee rooms.

tion the Legislature to establish a soup house in one of the committee rooms. —At a very successful seance in Cincinnati the other night, a man burst into tears when the medium described very accurately a tall, blue-eyed spirit standing by him, with light side whiskers and his hair parted in the middle. "Do you know him?" inquired a man at his side, in you know min? inquired a man at messae, in a sympathetic whisper. "Know him? I guess I do," replied the unhappy man, wiping his eyes. "He was engaged to my wife. If he hadn't a died he would have been her husband instead of me. Oh, George, George," he murmured, in a voice choked with emotion, "why, why did you peg out?"

-This is the latest story from Paris .- M. Blanc, a millionaire, who came within an ace of being elected deputy, was returning from Bur-gundy by a night train. A lady, young and pretty, occupied the same compartment. Now M. Blane, who, in spite of his naturally small feet, tries to make them smaller still, was suffering terribly from tight boots. All at once he noticed that the lady was asleep and he could just as well take off his boots, which he did. uddenly the station lights begin to appear in sight. One boot is quickly put on, but the other, alas! does not go on so easily. He pulls and pushes; finally the foot goes in, but is terribly pinched. Once at the station, M. Blanc hides himself in a cab, and thinks his troubles at an end. When he reaches the house, imagine his surprise at finding his right foot in a lady's boot. The lady had been in a similar situation with himself. Madame Blanc refuses to believe a word of his story; she cries, goes into hysterics, and finally returns to her father, refusing to hold any communication with her unfortunate husband. But think of the reception accorded to the lady of the train when her husband saw her predicament!



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Specimens of the stamped envelopes and wrap-pers now in use may be seen at any of the principal post offices, but these specimens are not to be re-garded as the style and quality fixed by the depart-ment as a standard for the new contract; bidders are therefore invited to submit samples of other and different qualities and styles, including the paper proposed as well as the manufactured en-velopes, wrappers, and boxes, and make their bids accordingly. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose accordingly. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose proposal, although it be not the lowest, is con-sidered most advantageous to the Department, blotter into account the prices, quality of the sam-ples, workmanship, and the sufficiency and ability of the bidder to manufacture and deliver the envelopes and wrappers in accordance with the terms of this advertisement; and no proposal will be considered unless accompanied by and satisfactory guarantee. 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Extra letter size, (ungummed, for elroulars) No. 5. Extra letter size, (ungumme -343,500. No. 6. Extra letter size-4, 204,500. No. 7. Official size-604,650. No. 7. Official size—604,650. No. 8. Extra official size—1700. Wrappers-3,585,250. Bids should be securely enveloped and scaled, marked "Proposals for Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers," and addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Post Office Department, Wash ington, D. C. JOHN A. J. CRESWELL, Postmaster General. 111 eodtM1 OFFICE OF THE SOUTH STREET BRIDGE O'FFICE OF THE SOUTH STREET BRIDGE COMMISSION, No. 284 S. FIFTH Street. PHILADREPHIA, Jan. PJ, 1879. 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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ERECTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17, 1870.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received for the following work and materials required in the execution of the WALNUT Street portion of the PUBLIC BUILDINGS, to wit :--

For all the excavations, including the trenenes for the foundations. The price to be stated per cubic yard, which is to cover all digging, hauling away the surplus earth, and cutting down and removing whatever trees may come in the way of the excavations, without extra measurement or allowance.

For taking down the terrace wall cleaning the bricks, and piling them up adjacent to the buildings, taking down the iron railings, the gate piers, the coping of the wall and the stops, and depositing them on the grounds, and removing all the rabbish occasioned by the same. The price for this portion

of the work to be stated in gross. For concreting the entire foundation of the buildings with small broken stone, and coment, mortar, and grout, in conformity with the specifications. The depth of the concrete to be three feet, and the lateral dimensions to conform to the plans. The price to be stated per cubic foot, and to include all materials and labor.

For furnishing and delivering large-size building stone, the price to be stated per perch of 22 cubic feet, measured in the walls. Also, for select building stone, averaging 3 by 5 feet, and from 12 to 18 inches thick ; the price for the same to be stated per cubic foot, delivered on the ground.

For building all the cellar walls, and the outside walls of the basement story, as high as the level line of the pavement, according to the plans and specifications. The price to be stated per perch of 22 cubic feet, laid in the walls, without extra mea-surement, and to include all labor and all materials excent stone.

The envelopes to be thoronghly and perfectly gummed, the gumming on the flap of each (except for circulars) to be put on not less than half an inch in width the entire length. The wrappers to be gummed not less than three-fourths of an luch in width across the end. All envelopes and wrappers must be banded in parcels of twenty-five, and packed in strong pasteboard or straw boxes, each to contain not less than two hundred and fifty of the letter or extra letter size, and one hundred each of the offl-The contract or contracts will be awarded to the best and the lowest bidder or bidders, who will be required to give approved security for the faithful performance of the same.

The plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architect, Mr. JOHN MCARTHUR, JR., No. 205 S. SIXTH Street.

The proposals to be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Public Buildings," and addressed to JAMES V. WATSON, Chairman of the Committee on Contracts, and to be left at the office of the Commissioners of Public Buildings, in the new Court House, SIXTH Street, below Chesnut, on the 14th day of February next ensuing, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock A. M., at which time the bids will be opened, in the presence of such bidders as may wish to attend.

By order of the Committee on Contracta.

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### Incidentals.

- Ohio built 663 schoolhouses last year. -New Mexico is talking woman suffrage.

-Kansas has 3,500,000 acres of timbered land. -The richest gold mine in California last year vielded a profit of \$340,000.

-Notre Dame (Ind.) University has a profes-sorship of the Irish language. -The Republican State Convention of Oregon

is called to meet on the 7th of April. —A California farmer raised four crops of watermelons in one patch last season.

There are said to be four times as many cat-

tle in Texas as there were before the war. -Seven Americans, who are making a tour

round the world, have arrived at Calcutta -It is contemplated in Russia to build bar-racks for the army, which numbers 820,000 men. -In France there is 1 Jew to 240 of the popu-

lation; in England, 1 to 728; and in Austria, 1 to 31. -The total value of the taxable property of

the city and county of Charleston, S. C., amounts to \$10,085,073.

-The Baptists have a college at Harper's Ferry, whose chapel bell is heard in Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The population of St. Petersburg on the 10th of December last was 667,026, of which 376,523 was male and 290,503 female. The inundation of the Nile has this year taken the proportions of a flood. It was never known to be so high, and has caused damage to

the extent of nearly \$40,000,000. -During the year 1869 four hundred cannon of improved construction have been distributed to the Russian fortresses, and by April next the army will have been all supplied with new rifles.

-In view of the probable early ratification to the fifteenth amendment, a call has been issued for a convention of the colored men of Ken-tucky, to be held in Frankfort on Wednesday, 28d inst.

23d inst. —Count Frankenburg intends to move in the Prussian Chamber of Deputies that a tele-graphic apparatus shall be used for registering the votes. Members can vote by it without leaving their seats.

-The Lavaca (Texas) Herald says that in

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