#### LITERATURE.

OF NEW BOOKS.

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-The June number of Leisure Hours contains portraits and sketches of General C. H. T. Collis and M. Hall Stanton, Esq., with a variety of other interesting matter.

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-From the Central News Company we have received the latest numbers of Punch and Fun.

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### LA SALLE COLLEGE.

The Annual Commencement-Address to the Graduates by John P. O'Neill, Esq. At the annual commencement of La Salle College, held last evening at the Academy of Music, John P. O'Neill, Esq., made the following address to the graduates:-

Gentlemen Graduates:-With the degrees and honors just conferred upon you the scholarship of La Salle ceases. You are assembled to-night, as they were of old in the temples of Olympia, to receive the laurels of the victor. High honors, proud distinctions to be carefully carried by you through life. With them the rivalries of the class cease, ambition wears its wreath. The little cares, too that now and then have vexed you, are lulled to rest forever. These, as Æneas said to his companions, you may delight hereafter to re-

"Forsan et hœc olim meminisse juvabit," As children who leave their home to try the fortunes of the world, you are about to part yours, this, the school of the mind. Fondly must you ever cherish the memory of Alma Mater, the fair nurse of your thoughts, the guide of your reason. Well, indeed, will it be if you carry with you the lessons she has taught, and preserve that discipline to which she has trained you. Safely will they guide you through the trials and adventures of life. as Mentor did of old the youth of Ithaca. Her eye and her heart will ever follow you. Your success will be to her the harvest of her own hope. To each of you she has given his portion, which, with care, can never decrease through all the treacheries of fortune. Your own industry can add to it. She has given you the power of acquiring true wealth, the wealth of knowledge. What greater treasure could she have given you? Theft cannot take nor cheat abstract it from you. By it you will prosper in life, and when you die the piety of the grave will give you the deathless name of which Horace sang.

"Non omnis moriar; multaque pars mei Her great care has been to fit you for the world, that you should eccupy with honor the places you are to fill, and discharge with fidelity the duties you are to assume. Hence she has unbosomed to you the secrets of art, carefully withdrawn the veil from the very temple of science, and offered you as votaries to be blessed by its divinity. How tenderly has she led you through the old and rich nur-

series of literature, where labor like the

flower, has its blossom, and the sunshine of

genius its fruit! In that spirit of study which she has infused, she has given you the hopes and promised distinctions of the scholar. Cherish it forever. Without study you are as the rough and rugged soil, untouched by culture. By it alone can the mind, like the quarry by labor, be enriched. Without it are unopened the deep mines of thought, where lie the treasures of learning.

What is the canvas without its artist, or the marble without its sculptor? What is there to care for in the barren and unblasted rock? Labor alone can give it those features of life for which it is prized. What the strings of the Thracian lyre without the touch of Orpheus? Aristotle tells us that education is marble.

Gentlemen Graduates:-If, now that your collegiate course is ended, you can say that you have learned how to study, well indeed have you spent your time, and richly have you been rewarded. It is then with yourselves to acquire knowledge. Genius, no matter how brilliant, effects but little without persistency of purpose and steadiness of labor. From the dust of the Isthmean did the victor of old pick up the pine leaf, or the wild olive cut with the golden sickle. To acquire learning you must labor.

"Nil sine magno, vita labore dedit mortalibus," Over rough and rugged ways is it to be sought. To is there is no royal road, as Euclid said to his imperial pupil. Let not sloth deceive or divert you from the pursuit. Listen not to its voice. Like the song of the sirens, its music is death.

Be chaste, too, in the learning that you acquire. Do not debauch the mind with that which is now called literature. Go back to the fountain of pure streams. The Nymph and the Naiad will lead you to the groves and the springs where thought is divine and language inspired. A purer style cannot be formed than on the models you have been studying. They have been preserved for you through all the revolutions of time, accident, and change. Avoid scribblers; scribbing is the malady of our day, and is hard to be cured. Forget not the satire of Juvenal:—

"Tenet insanabile multos scribendi caco:thes." Printing is a great art; and as great a blessing. Never use it to diffuse ignorance or

propagate error. Gentlemen, with the light of to-morrow the dreams of the schoolboy will pass away, and you will look upon the world where you will have to choose pursuits. Lose not a moment in seeking that place for which you

are best fitted. Make good use of time, as its golden stream sweeps by you, for like the torrent it cannot stop. Think of the beautiful words of Ovid:-

"Neque enim consistere fiumen, Mec levis hora protest."

Let not ambition beguile you, and, as the phia" for 1871, compiled and published by W. clown in Horace, stand by the river 'till its White Smith, gives the boundaries of each waters have passed, and die without having

tion in its destructive flame caused to mind and body! Take that road in life which nature has figured out to you. There you will find happiness, and in that you have true wealth—a contented heart. Some of you will seek the arts; others wander away into the regions of science. Some will perhaps combat for fame in professional life. Whatever be your aim, closely adhere to it. The advice of Horace to the post I may in a manner give to you:-

"Servetor ad imum Qualis ab incepto processerit, et sibl constet." Cling to your purpose as Ulysses did to the mast, and steadily pursue your course. Thus you will succeed, and do be content with that necess to which you may reach. Remember all cannot be first. Nature is generous, not often prodigal. We have but one Homer, one Plato, one Demosthenes, one Cicero, the sacred fire of whose genius the world like a vestal watches to-day.

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Gentlemen, a word more at parting. You are now about to separate, and take, perhaps, different roads in life. Forget not the friendship of this night, nor the generous heart of the schoolboy.

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